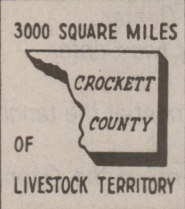


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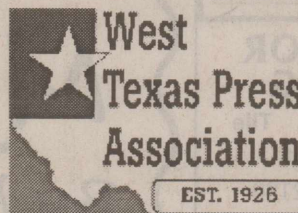
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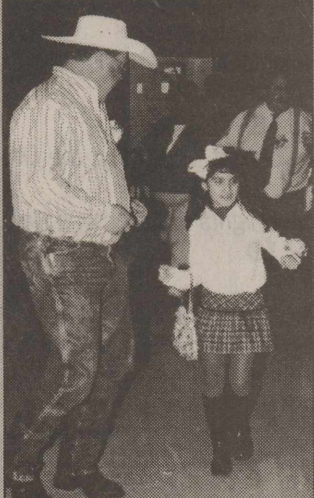
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Commissioners discuss rules for skateboard, paintball parks

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Rules for the skateboard and paintball parks were discussed during Monday's Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting.

The basic rules for both parks include liability waivers to be signed by parents, as well as going through educational programs before getting to use the parks.

A Crockett County Youth Program will be formed to oversee the creation of both parks. Michael Bullard has expressed interest in being part of the program.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga said they want more parents and students to be involved.

The rules include helmets being worn for the skateboard park, with a recommendation of using elbow and kneepads.

Signs will be placed stating "Skate at Your Own Risk" as well as other rules to be posted.

At the paintball park, an adult will be present at the park when it is open. Participants also

have to have guns set at a certain level.

County Attorney Jody Upham said that the rules and waivers are good, but they need to be expanded upon a little bit.

She also recommended calling other governments, such as the City of San Angelo, in looking into the rules and regulations.

Commissioner Pleas Childress III said he wanted to see how the rules and waivers work for the county's insurance company, as well as visit with the City of San Angelo.

"I recommend you look at this process like the swimming pool, which is a similar recreation park you are familiar with," Upham said.

Four local skateboarders asked the court that until the park is open, where they could skate.

"They've been telling us not to skate on the streets or the sidewalks, so where are we suppose to skate? On the roof?" said Caden Rutherford.

Sheriff Shane Fenton said that Ozona National Bank, the First Baptist Church and other

businesses have reported damage to property. Tickets have not been issued, just warnings.

"The sidewalks that are down in front of houses, businesses, the Senior Citizens Building, the Visitor Center, whose are those? If they are for the public then it's fine for them to be on there," Fenton said. "I'm getting chewed out on this. We're telling them to stay off."

"Right now they just don't have nowhere to go. These kids need a place. They're just being kids. I think we should give them a break," said Commissioner Alfredo Tobar.

Tambunga said they want the skateboarders to help design the park.

The group of skateboarders recommended businesses they know in San Angelo that design or work with skateboarding.

A suggestion was mentioned by several commissioners to go ahead and fill up the south swimming pool, where the park will be located, with dirt to enable the skateboarders to use part of the facility right now.

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STATE BOUND



Submitted photo

OZONA HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM MEMBERS: (left to right) Barbara Caperton, Justine Fielding, Levi English, Barrett Richie, Brady Granger and Iris Vergara all placed during the recent district UIL Meet. Levi, Justine, Barrett and Brady will be competing in the state meet on

Debate teams headed to Austin

The Ozona High School Cross Examination Debate Teams have four members heading to state.

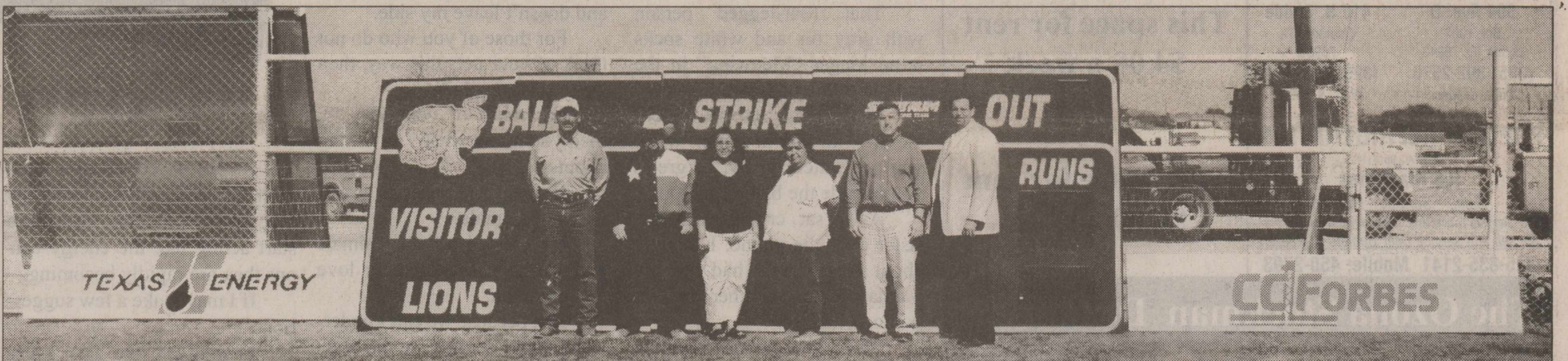
Brady Granger, Barrett Richie, Justine Fielding, Levi English, Iris Vergara and Barbara Caperton all competed in the District Cross Examination Debate Contest on Feb. 5 in

Kermit.

Brady, Barrett, Justine, and Levi all advanced to the finals where they decided to flip a coin to determine first and second place since all of them qualified for the state meet. Brady and Barrett won the flip. Iris and Barbara placed fifth.

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TEXAS ENERGY DONATES NEW SCOREBOARDS



Photos by Melissa Perner

TEXAS ENERGY and **CC FORBES COMPANY LP** donated a new scoreboard for the Ozona High School Baseball Field and the new county softball field located south of town. **TOP:** Pictured with the new OHS scoreboard are (left to right) Texas Energy Employees Victor De La Garza, Justin Davis, Melissa De La Rosa and Sara Estrada, OHS Baseball Coach Ronny Clayton and CCCSD Superintendent Abe Gott. **RIGHT:** Joining the Texas Energy employees in front of the softball field sign are Crockett County Commissioner Pct. 4 Alfredo Tobar and Commissioner Pct. 1 Frank Tambunga.

Ozona High School, Crockett County receive the new additions

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Texas Energy and their sister company, CC Forbes Company LP, have donated two new scoreboards in Ozona.

The first is for the Ozona High School Baseball Field and the other is for the Crockett County Softball Field located on the south part of town.

Those attending the dedication of the two new scoreboards were Texas Energy Employees: Victor De La Garza, area manager, Justin Davis, office manager and

secretaries Melissa De La Rosa and Sara Estrada.

Also attending were: OHS Baseball Coach Ronny Clayton, CCCSD Superintendent Abe Gott and Crockett County Commissioners Alfredo Tobar and Frank Tambunga.

Texas Energy and CC Forbes want to express their appreciation for being accepted into the Ozona community.

Texas Energy and CC Forbes are proud to donate these scoreboards to the Ozona Lions Baseball Team and Crockett County.

Strumming along

OHS guitar class has students playing to their own tunes

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Tammy McWilliams is use to spending her day drilling students in how find subjects, verbs and predicates in their English classes.

Her students are also use to this teaching style.

However, when the bell rings for classes to begin after lunch period, McWilliams finds herself and her students in a more creative and free setting.

Guitars strumming are the sounds that come out of the Ozona

High School band hall during this time period.

"This class is so good and all the students are so motivated," McWilliams said. "In English we have to drill. In guitar, it's more of the individual working with their instrument."

The OHS guitar class started two years when a group of students approached McWilliams with the idea. The students, many of whom had never touched a guitar before, wanted to learn more about the instrument.

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Photo by Melissa Perner

GUITAR CLASS STUDENTS (left to right) Cat Sessom on bass, Aaron Pearl and Freddy Fierro play an original tune that they wrote during the class on Feb. 8. The Ozona High School class has 16 students and it taught by Tammy McWilliams.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

All pets go to heaven

It has been a hard past two weeks in our lives when it comes to family pets.

As far as the family is concerned, we lost a member this past Friday.

My sister's cat, Pepper, had to be put to sleep due to ill health. My sister has had the cat for 18 years, which is quite remarkable for a cat.

Naturally, she didn't want him to suffer but it's hard to say goodbye to a pet you have had for 18 years.

She keeps thinking that he'll just be around the corners of her house, or that he'll come jump on her lap at night for their usual routine.

In our office, my ad director Susan had to put her cat Boo Honey down as well due to ill health.

While Susan has four other cats, as she puts it "there will only ever be one Boo Honey."

For those of us who love our animals like they were our children, losing them can be devastating at times.

As my sister put it, it's almost like losing a limb. A part of you is gone.

That four-legged person with gray fur and white socks is no longer "Meowing" in the middle of the hallway at 5 a.m.

He no longer comes to cuddle up with you at 8 p.m. while you are watching TV, or greets you outside the bathroom door.

As I sat crying with my sister over the phone, I thought about a discussion I had with my Sunday School teacher on pets going to heaven.

After what happened in the past two weeks, along with other animals that have been lost in my family's lifetime, I believe that there are pets in heaven.

Of course, there is the argument that animals cannot go to heaven because they have no soul.

Who says?

According to the Bible, there will be no animals in heaven except for horses. And those horses, the book of Revelation tells us, will be used solely as a means of transportation.

Okay, that's a pretty good reference, but I'm afraid I have to argue with God on this in order to comfort my own soul.

For I see pets being different than just regular animals.

Pets receive love and attention. They become part of our families and often travel with us.

If anyone walks into our office they will our dog Jade sleeping under my husband's desk, or waiting by the door because my husband has left the office and she didn't get to go.

At my house, my cat Yertle greets me at the door and often spends the evening in my lap.

He sleeps in between us in our bed, and when that food or water bowl is empty we get tons of attention.

As humans we love these animals. We show them affection and they respond back.

My cat always knows when I am not feeling well, for he immediately curls up next to me and doesn't leave my side.

For those of you who do not think of your pets this way, then it is hard to explain.

For those of you who do, then you know what I'm talking about.

If God can raise up grass, why not animals?

He created all the animals and we have shown them love and affection.

Just because we can't understand them, doesn't mean they couldn't talk to God.

I'm afraid this will have to be one of those questions that can only be answered when we get to heaven.

Until then, I still believe that Pepper and Boo Honey are in heaven with the rest of the beloved pets.

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, Feb. 14**
- Valentine's Day
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Line Dancing Classes, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, Feb. 15**
- Ozona JV Tennis Team at the Ozona Tournament at the tennis courts.
 - Monthly Diabetes Support Group, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Friday, Feb. 16**
- Ozona Schools end of the 4th Six Weeks.
 - OHS Lions Golf Team at the Fort Stockton Boys Tournament.
 - Ozona Varsity Tennis Team at the Ozona Tournament at the tennis courts.
- Saturday, Feb. 17**
- OHS Lions Golf Team at the Fort Stockton Boys Tournament.
 - Ozona Varsity Tennis Team at the Ozona Tournament at the tennis courts.
 - Ozona Lions Varsity Baseball team scrimmage against Grape Creek, noon, at the baseball field.
- Sunday, Feb. 18**
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, 2 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
 - Senior Parent meeting, 5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
- Monday, Feb. 19**
- President's Day
 - FAFSA Internet lab, 6-8 p.m. at Ozona High School.
 - Ozona Lions JV Baseball Team vs. Eldorado, 6 p.m. at the baseball field.
- Tuesday, Feb. 20**
- Ozona Lions Varsity Baseball Team vs. Eldorado, 4 p.m. at the baseball field.
 - Ozona Lady Lions Softball Team vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m. at the softball field.
- Wednesday, Feb. 21**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Line Dancing Classes, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building at 797 Avenue D.
 - Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Corn Kings

As the price of corn flirts with four bucks it dawns on me that it's time for corn farmers to start acting like the energy barons they are rapidly becoming.

If I may make a few suggestions...

First of all, the corn states should form an OPEC-like cartel and hold secret meetings in exotic locales, like Des Moines, to set the price for corn. Members of the new OPEC, the Organization of Producers of Ethanol and Corn, should meet at a five star hotel to establish quotas for each member state. Which you should then go home and cheat on, producing more corn than you were supposed to. No doubt, Nebraskans will complain that Iowa farmers are producing 50,000 more barrels of ethanol than their quota and so an emergency session should be called, at yet another five star hotel, to stabilize production and engage in further price fixing.

You corn farmers are simply not acting like cartel members. For instance, there are plans on the drawing board to build at least thirty more ethanol refineries. This is totally against corn-grower's self-interest. You should be tearing down some of the plants you already have to limit production so that ethanol prices will remain high. I know it's a difficult concept to grasp but you get filthy rich by gouging people.

Your entire pattern of behavior should change to be more like cartel members. You should no longer wear overalls, Carhart jackets and seed corn caps to the coffee shop. They should be replaced with long flowing robes and head wraps. I know what you're thinking, you're going to look funny on a tractor in a white robe but cartel members DO NOT frequent coffee shops, nor do they ride around in tractors but in bulletproof limousines with bodyguards and tinted windows. From now on consider yourself a target for assassination by jealous vegetable farmers, oil field roustabouts and crazed cowboys.

As members of the all new OPEC you are all going to have to become more religious, grow more facial hair and change your names. Cartel members simply aren't called Bill, Bob, or Fred. I'd suggest you consider names like the Sultan of De Kalb, Sheik of South Dakota, Emir of Elkhart, Osama bin Plantin' or some other unpronounceable name, like Crown Prince ally-wally-ibn-frazzle. This will drive the poor people nuts trying to cuss you out while they fill up their Hummers with E-85.

You are also going to want to move out of that shack you've been living in and upgrade to several mansions with pure gold bidets in all the bathrooms. These corn palaces should have pedicure salons, imported chandeliers and ugly art on all the walls. You'll also want sumptuous boudoirs with mirrors on the ceilings to keep all your new young wives happy. Oh, that's right, I forgot to tell you that henceforth you Corn Kings will need harems of beautiful multiple wives. Sure, your old wife is not going to like going backwards to the middle ages and having to hide her face all the time beneath a wild rag, but she'll weigh your platinum, unlimited credit cards against the pleasure of your company and decide to spend all her time shopping at Nordstroms.

You corn kings should also start spending your newfound wealth on foolish things like lazy family members, Congressmen and terrorists. You are also going to want to form an army to fight off the enemies of corn, like Brazil, who possess weapons of mass destruction: ethanol made from much cheaper sugar cane.

As the international center of finance shifts from New York to the headquarters of Monsanto you'll want to buy up luxury hotels, the state of Montana and Exxon. But even though the balance of power will shift from the Midwest to the Midwest it's important for you Corn Kings to remember that to avoid a backlash or a populist revolt it's good public relations to occasionally let a few crumbs dribble down to the less privileged classes, people like gas-guzzling-SUV-owners and cattle feeders.

Letters to the Editor

Fowler moves to Eyemart

Dear Editor,

I want to let all my Ozona friends and customers know that I will no longer be at Vision Value eye wear.

On Feb. 12, I will begin working as the manager of the new Eyemart in San Angelo. It is located by the new Town & Country store on Sherwood Way. The Town & Country is across the street in front of Academy.

I hope you will come in and let me continue to help you with your glasses. I'm looking forward to seeing you at our new location.

Sincerely,
Keith Fowler
San Angelo, Texas

West Texas REHAB says 'Thank You' to Ozona

Dear Editor,

On Jan. 20, Ozona residents stepped forward once again in support of West Texas Rehabilitation Center—and once again, we are deeply grateful.

This year's telethon raised approximately \$1,260,000, and Crockett County friends of Rehab joined donors from across the country in making that total possible.

For Ozona phone bank coordinator Kay Stewart, other local volunteers, Rehab staff, Rehab board members (especially Carmen Sutton, Jo Davidson and Susie Black) and—most of all—the patients we serve, I offer sincere thanks to all who said "yes" to Rehab 2007. Your friendship is a special gift!

Gratefully and sincerely,
Ellen Brown
WTRC Staff

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Soil and water conservation poster and essay winners

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District and Ozona National Bank co-sponsored conservation essay and poster contests for the sixth and seventh grade classes at the Ozona Middle School.

Students were presented with information concerning conservation and then given the themes for this year's contests.

The two themes were "What Soil and Water Conservation Means to Me" for the essay topic, and the poster contest addressed one of the following subjects "Water Wise" or "Today is the Day to be a Part of Conservation's Power" in the poster division.

There were some very nice posters and essays submitted with great ideas and art work this year.

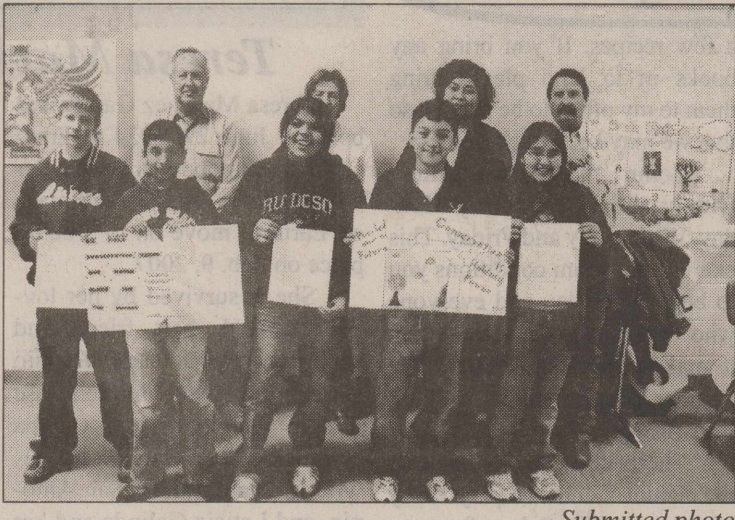
POSTER CONTEST:

First place was awarded to Hector Gonzales, second place to Bethanie Trevino and third place was Alex Borrego.

ESSAY CONTEST:

First place went to Lane Hale, second place to Kelsie Ramirez, and third place to Jennifer Venegas.

Cash prize awards in both categories were presented by



Submitted photo

2007 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POSTER AND ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS ARE: (front row, left to right) Lane Hale, Hector Gonzales, Kelsie Ramirez, Alex Borrego and Jenifer Venegas. Not pictured is Bethanie Trevino. Also pictured are: (back row, left to right) Pleas Childress III, Carol Yeager, Claudia Carrizales and Jack Baggett Jr.

Pleas Childress III, and Jack Baggett Jr., directors of the Crockett SWCD, and Claudia Carrizales, Junior Loan Officer from the Ozona National Bank.

Prior to the awards presentation, Jack Baggett Jr. presented a very informative question and answer session about conservation for the students.

Essay and Poster winners

posed with their entries for pictures after the awards ceremony.

Crockett SWCD and the Ozona National Bank would like to congratulate these students for their efforts and accomplishments. We really appreciate their interest and participation in our contests, and would like to encourage their continuing interest in soil and water conservation.

Crockett County 'Building Connections' Leadership Program is off and running

By MELISSA PERNER

Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County "Building Connections" Leadership Program started Feb. 8 at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

Participants in this 10-month program are: Hasu Patel, Best Value Inn; Melinda Valdes and Clay Engdahl, Ozona National Bank; Marta De La Garza, Crockett County Care Center; Kay Shaffer, Crockett County Extension Office; Wade Rinehart and Barbie Myers, DCP Midstream; Kat Pagan, Crockett National Bank; Dianne Lott, Ozona Chamber of Commerce; Dee Montanez, West Texas REHAB; Brandon Asbill, Double T Ranch and Sylvia Longoria, Crockett County Public Library.



Photo by Melissa Perner

PARTICIPANTS IN THE CROCKETT COUNTY "BUILDING CONNECTIONS" LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ARE: (back row, left to right) Kay Shaffer, Wade Rinehart, Barbie Myers, Dee Montanez, Marta De La Garza, Dianne Lott, Clay Engdahl and Brandon Asbill. Front row: (left to right) Hasu Patel, Sylvia Longoria, Melinda Valdez and Kat Pagan.

During the next 10 months, participants will meet once a month to develop community knowledge and leadership skills.

Some of the sessions include learning about county government, the legal system, transportation, health care, volunteers, agriculture, education and other aspects of Crockett County and Ozona.

Other sessions also include developing critical thinking and leadership skills.

"Graduates of Leadership Ozona

will become a part of a new community resource, capable of joining responsibly in community leadership," said Shanon Biggerstaff, chamber executive director. "They will have seen how Ozona works, know its areas of need, and feel challenged to work together for solutions to the challenges that face Ozona in these times of massive change."

The program is sponsored by the Crockett County Extension Office and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

Paige Tambunga to study law at Texas Tech University

An official notification received by Paige Tambunga confirms that the Admissions Committee of Texas Tech University School of Law has approved her application for admission to the Fall 2007 entering class.

Tambunga is a 2003 graduate of Ozona High School and is a senior at Hardin-Simmons University. She is a May 2007 graduate candidate at HSU and is pursuing a degree in political science.

While attending HSU, Paige has been involved in university activities. As a freshman student she was a member of the HSU Cowboy Cheerleading Squad. Her sophomore and junior years, she competed as a member of the HSU Moot Court Team as well as joining the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity. As a senior she has continued competing with the Moot Court Team as well as serving as treasurer for the HSU Student Congress and President of Phi Alpha Delta.

Paige is currently completing an internship with the City of Abilene; City of Attorney's Office and also works as a student assistant to Dr. Alan Stafford, Dean of HSU Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts.

Paige is the daughter of Robert and Wendy Tambunga and the granddaughter of Gene and Doris Hood and the late Santiago and Albina Tambunga.

Congratulations Paige!



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Feb. 15 - Jovita Perez, Jon Sanchez, Darolynn Webster and Desa Ray Goff

Feb. 16 - Lana Sanchez, Abbie Hubbard, Willa Perry and Abby Zamarripa

Feb. 17 - Ray Martinez Jr., Chris Gregory, Lacey Sanchez, Debbie Long and Margaret Villarreal

Feb. 18 - Joseph Hernandez, Jackie Johnson, Idalia Adame, Leslie Flores and Phillip Munoz

Feb. 19 - Inez Ortiz, Lando Pena-Alfaro, Raedene Flores, Gavino Flores and Jeffrey Dylan Sanchez

Feb. 20 - Ray Don Myers and Michael Maldonado

To place a birthday on the birthday list, call 392-2551

Senior Parent Meeting Sunday

Second Senior Parent Meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

All Seniors wanting to participate in the senior graduation dance are asked to have their parents at the meeting.

For more information, call Romie Fierro at 392-2838 or Frank Tambunga at 392-2827.

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Ozona Address Books available at the museum

Ozona Address Books are now available to purchase at the Crockett County Museum.

The cost is \$10 per book. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

The books contain local

mailing addresses for residents, businesses and organizations.

All proceeds go toward exhibits and maintaining artifacts for the museum.

For more information, call the museum at 392-2837.

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Sunday

The Knights of Columbus annual Free Throw Contest will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at the Davidson Gym.

Free throw sign up forms can be picked up at the Ozona Intermediate or Middle schools or from Frank Tambunga.

Participants can also register on the day of the event before 2 p.m. The contest is open to boys and girls ages 10-14.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH Senior Center Director

Our Valentine decorations are up for your enjoyment during the month of February. I want to wish all of my readers a fun filled Valentine's Day.

Lupe Gonzales recently lost her sister-in-law Teresa Garcia. Our condolences go out to all of her family.

There were a couple of birthdays recently. Buster Miller celebrated his 95th on Feb. 4 and Connie Powell also had a birthday on Feb. 8. A big happy birthday goes out to both of you from all of us here at the Senior Center.

Something new has been added here at the Crockett County Senior Center. Rick Storms made a beautiful from for one of our special 1,500 piece puzzle that was glued together. Elliott Barrera and his crew helped hang the picture up. Thank you for doing this and believe me it is wonderful and adds so much

to our East wall.

Gwynel Wells was visiting us here at the Senior Center. We always enjoy you visit and when I see you remind me of your late father Lefty Walker who came to this center for several years.

The Womans Forum will be meeting here on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 3:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

I visited with J.R. Kenley at the grocery store Friday. She said that her mother Zelma Johnagan was doing alright. We miss Zelma coming to the Senior Center.

E.A. Wadsworth R.N. has scheduled line dancing lessons for 3 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Senior Center. Come out, have your blood pressure checked and give line dancing a try.

We have recently added, for your use, a computer that has DSL. Please feel free to come in and use it even if you only want to play computer games.

We have a number of books to select from in our bookcase. We also have magazines and

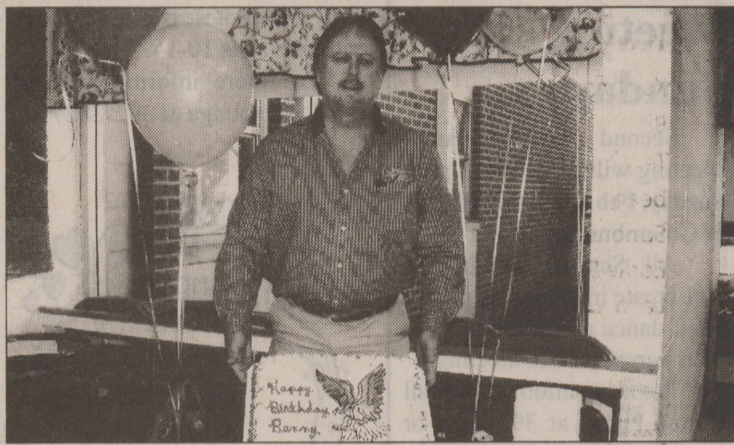
a few recipes. If you bring any books in to lend please bring them to my office to be labeled so that we may keep track of them.

Come "Walk Two Miles" with us at 8:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This exercise program conditions you to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel better. The number of participants walking is growing.

The bridge players come to the Senior Center to play every Monday and Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. These ladies have such fun. They bring smiles and snacks with them. We had three tables of players on Thursday. Playing bridge last week were Gwynel Wells, Sandy Bebee, Jean Odum, Katherine Russell, Marolyn Bean, Diane Phillips and Eileen Childress.

Our activities are for those of you over 50 years of age (We are flexible). Come out and see us soon and see what you are missing.

Care Center Chatter



Submitted photo

CARE CENTER ADMINISTRATOR BENNY GIBBS celebrated his birthday with a party on Feb. 7.

Monday is Reading Day with E.A. Wadsworth R.N. She has been having more members in her group each week.

Our residents love to read. Some of them go around with a book in their hand and that keeps your brain in tip-top shape.

Tuesday, we play one of their favorite games, volleyball. Residents get so excited they don't want to stop and can't wait until we play again.

On Wednesday, we had a surprise birthday party for our Administrator Benny Gibbs.

The residents love bingo on Fridays. Maria Arredondo, Jana Harrison, Josie Mendoza and Dr. Fuller donate money to play.

Nana Fierro and Rachel Ybarra helped us do beautiful hair for our lady residents this week.

Our lovely lady of music, Judy Reagor sang for us on Friday to close off the week with joy.

Thank you all and have a good week.

By ELSA VASQUEZ Assistant Activity Director

Wonderful weather we have been having. It seems like spring is just around the corner and we welcome it with open arms.

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Obituaries

Teresa Martinez Garcia



Teresa Martinez Garcia was born on June 29, 1924 to Francisco and Sapopa Martinez. After a brief illness, she left her place on Earth to move on to a better place on Feb. 9, 2007.

She is survived by her loving husband, best friend and soulmate of 60 years, Evodio Garcia; and their children Jose Evodio Garcia, Sylvia Campa and Sam, Noe Garcia and his wife Margaret, all of San Antonio, and Leticia Galindo and her husband Andrew of Ozona. She is also survived by a very special person who was like a daughter to her, Hortencia Martinez of Ozona, and caregiver Paula Lozano, also of Ozona.

She is also survived my numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, infant son Juan, and brothers Catarino, Elpidio and Lionel Martinez, all of Ozona. Also preceding her in death

were granddaughter, Anna Lisa Gregory and great-granson Issac Seth Campa.

Services was Monday, Feb. 12 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Pallbearers consisted of her grandsons: Mark and Michael Garcia, Ben and Roland Campa, Emilio Garcia, Chris Gregory, Josh Gregory and Andrew Sean Galindo.



Photo submitted by Tina Jarvis

LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS CELEBRATED BIRTHDAYS at their recent dance. Those pictured are: (left to right) Danny Monzino, Leroy Adcock and Tom Harrison.

Levis & Lace Square Dance News

By TINA JARVIS Levis and Lace Square Dancer

Tuesday night club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Neil Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Raul De La Rosa, Jim Couch, Danny and Tammi Monzino, Lucy Hinde and Tina Jarvis had lessons with Freddie and Mickey Leija and their daughter Lauren Miles.

When lesson were over we had a plus workshop.

Saturday night caller Tom Harrison from Abilene called for us.

Tom had many new songs that he had worked up and did very well on keeping us moving.

Line dancing and lots of food kept us busy between tips.

This is the first dance we have had since the beginning of December due to holidays and bad weather so we had 6 birthdays to celebrate, Nell Wester Dec. 1, Danny Monzino Dec. 7, Telsa Caperton Dec. 24, Maria De La Rosa Jan. 1, Leroy Adcock Jan 23 and our caller Tom Harrison on Feb 16.

We had a lot of candles burning for this birthday celebration. We would like to thank Tom's wife Debbie for coming and joining the fun.

Guests tonight were David Turicchi and Buster Miller.

We have lessons will be on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Senior Building.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

Helping Hands News

The Helping Hands Board Members wish to thank all of you who have responded to the needs of this organization.

To those of you who have donated money you will never know how much it is appreciated and what good use has been made of it.

We still have people who struggle to pay for their meals, both here at the center and those being delivered.

This board is asking if any of you would be interested in sponsoring some of our needy elderly.

To sponsor a person would be to provide them with a lunch ticket.

We are not allowed to take money from the general fund

and pay for someone's meal, but if they had a sponsor who would pay for their lunch, it would never go into the general fund and be used only for the designated person.

Fifty dollars will buy lunch for one person for one month.

If you or your organization would be interested in sponsoring one or more of our elderly, please contact Bertha Rivera at Helping Hands at (325) 392-5026.

We are also in desperate need of people to deliver meals. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the elderly and our community.

This board thanks you for your help, your love and your consideration.

Helping Hands Board Members

Card of Thanks

The family of Teresa Martinez Garcia would like to thank the community for the love, prayers, and kindness that was shown throughout her illness. The flowers and food after her death were very thoughtful and we all appreciate what was done. Special thanks goes to Roland and Lori DeHoyos and the High School cafeteria staff. There are too many people to name individually.

One again thank you all very much, Evodio Garcia and the rest of the family

Card of Thanks

Words will not ever be able to express the love and warmth and companionship that our family was shown through all the hugs, cards, donations, food, phone calls, plants, flowers and all the offers to anything we needed done in the time of Carl's illness and death. The people of Ozona and surrounding areas came together like no other to help us through this incredibly hard time. You all have gone above and beyond for us and I wish that I could thank each and everyone of you personally for all the love and support you have shown our family. What you have done will not ever be forgotten. We truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Leaning forward, The Family of Carl Mayfield

CHEDDAR CHEESE

It has been around for a long time because King Henry 11 of England purchased over 10,000 lbs in 1170 AD. Its natural color is white but an extract from the Achiote tree is added to give it the yellow color. It varies in flavor from mild to sharp or extra sharp. I have had some that was so sharp that I could hardly eat it. Cheddar cheese reminds me of a problem that we all encounter time and time again in life. It is the problem of forgiving others. I came in from work the other evening tired and hungry. My wife asked me a question and my response was sharp. The next morning the first thing I did was apologize to her. The Bible teaches us not to take every word so seriously, (Ecclesiastes 7:21). Second, it instructs us to forgive, (Matthew 5:7 & 6:12, 14, 15). Many times I find it hard or impossible to forgive and I have to call upon God to help me, (Philippians 4:13 & Galatians 5:22, 23). Do we just forgive once? No the Bible says time and time again, (Matthew 17:4 & 18:22). The Bible also teaches if we are unwilling to forgive others God will not forgive us, (Mark 11:25). With Christ's help we can become tenderhearted, merciful, forgiving and not hold grudges, (Romans 12:17, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Table with 3 columns listing church services: First Baptist Church, Ozona Church of Christ, Ozona United Methodist Church, Templo Bautista Jerusalem, Faith Lutheran Church, Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church, Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, Church of God of Prophecy, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Calvary Baptist Church, Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday, Apostolic Church, New Beginnings Church, Iglesia de Cristo.

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COURT: County to pursue bids on courthouse

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"We have a good idea going. We still have some more planning to do on this. Until we have a plan it's hard for me to prematurely open something up. Be respectful of other people's property. We will move at this. It will not seem fast to you all, but it will be faster than you think. We just want to build you a quality facility," said County Judge Fred Deaton.

The commissioners did vote to table any action on approving the rules on both parks to the March meeting.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATIONS

Deaton said Lyman Labry with Texas Historical Commission suggested the county repair the air conditioning system and patch the roof. The THC plans on having a meeting around September to approve the 2008 courthouse renovation projects.

Labry said the county should take their \$500,000 budgeted for the courthouse to be used to update the master plan to a construction plan.

"They want complete control of the project," Deaton said. "(Labry) said he felt very sure that we were going to get it."

Deaton said the air conditioning system could be ready for bids and fixed by summer.

New equipment would need to be replaced the system. Deaton said he recommends a 20-ton condensing unit.

"Whatever we do, do it right," Deaton said. "I'm just use to doing things one way and doing them the right way. We have the blessing to do what we do."

The commissioners suggested contacting the Garland Company to come and look at both the jail and courthouse roof.

"We've got to have something done by this summer. I just have a real major problem with someone telling us what we can do and can't do with our problem," said Commissioner Randy Branch.

SIGNAGE IN THE DRAWS

The commissioners discussed placing signs in the draws in town to prohibit driving in draws.

Childress said that the use of four-wheelers and other off road

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O'Ryan Oil & Gas	\$24,516,260
University of Texas	\$24,500,370
Bluegrass Energy Inc.	\$22,035,800
Tom Mitchell	\$20,129,320
FIML Natural Resources	\$17,949,100
Ozona Gas Proc. Plant	\$15,735,190

Source: Crockett County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office

vehicles is destroying the water flow capability of the draw, and that the county could be subject to pretty heavy fines from the Natural Resource Conservation Commission if the draw is not taken care of.

"This is not a county road down that draw," Childress said. "I don't want to write tickets to a whole bunch of people, I want to stop the erosion. They are supposed to drive on roads and streets."

Fenton said that the county commissioners cannot evoke the lake or make law, but they can make rules and regulations.

If people violate those rules they can be warned and then if they violate again, the sheriff's office goes to the next step, Fenton said.

"I think we need to look into this more and do some research. We need to see what kind sign we need," Tambunga said.

The item was tabled to the March meeting due to more research needed.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

- Dolores Ramirez appointed to the Library Board.
- Bid of \$80,000 on three used dump trucks from Corley Freightliner LP in Abilene.
- Purchase of three new dump beds at \$20,000 for all three.

• High bids and tie-breakers for the sale of surplus, used county equipment excluding the four dump trucks.

• Appoint the members of the Historical Commission. They are: Chairman Claude Hudspeth; Vice Chairman Bob Childress and members Carmen Sutton, Patsy White, J.R. Kinley, John Fluth, Shirley Kirby, Bill Phillips, Celia West, Linda Moore and Janie Everett.

• Addition of \$12,500 to the budget for Crockett/Sutton County Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

• Not to endorsement of map by Liberty Marketing.

• Authorize engagement letter with Beyer and Co. for yearly audit.

• Newly elected officials' bonds.

DEBATE: State meet to be held March 12-13

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Levi was substituted for Heather Thompson the day of the meet and had never done CX debate before.

"He obviously caught on quick and did a great job," said

Coach Wendy Justiss.

The state meet will be held March 12-13 on the campus of the University of Texas in Austin.

"I am really proud of

all the debaters. They have worked hard and have given up alot of their free time to practice," Justiss said. "Making it to the state meet definitely made it all worth it."

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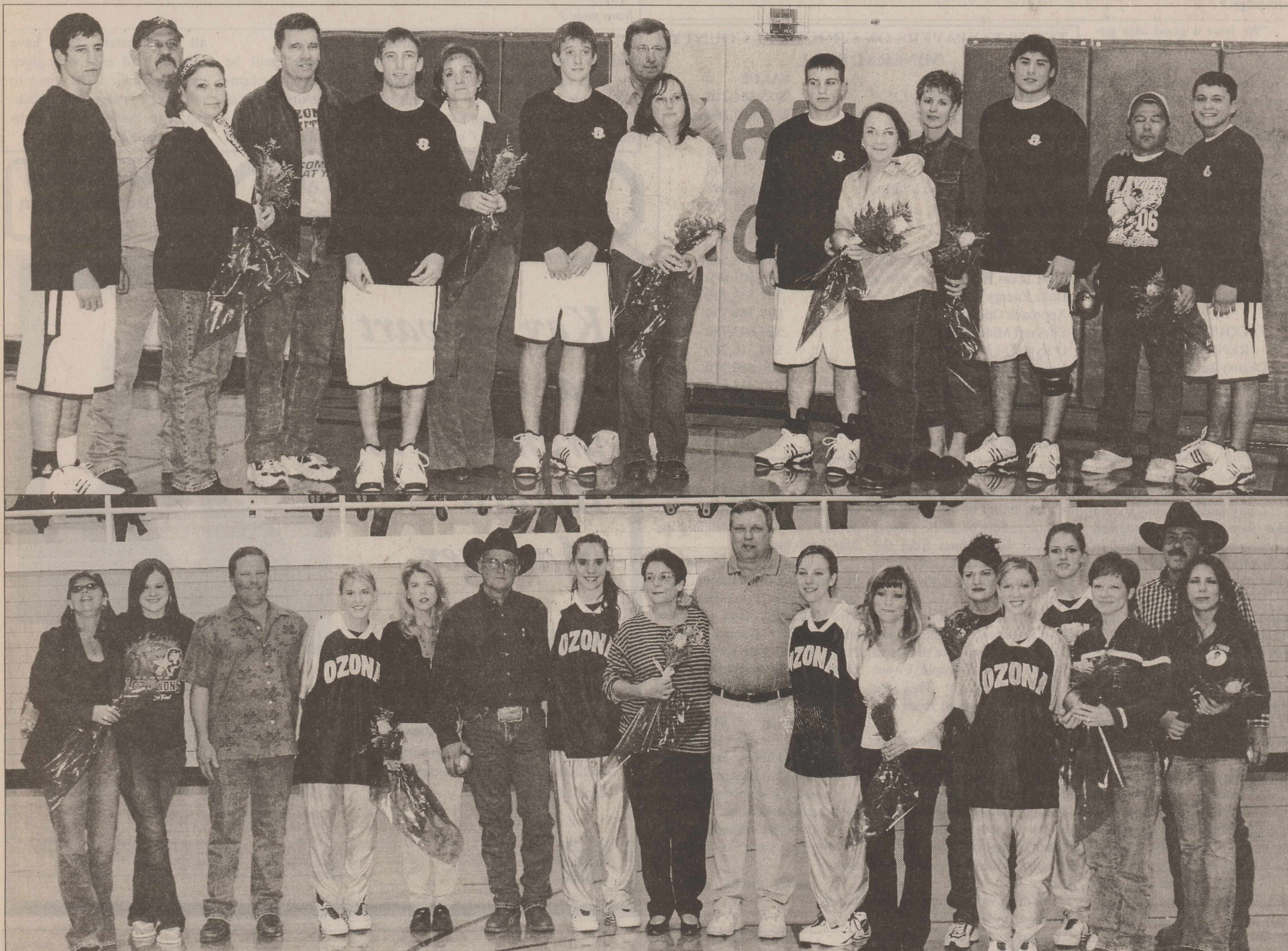
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OZONA LION AND LADY LION SENIOR PARENT NIGHT



Eighth Grade Ladies grab last second win over Lady Owls

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

Through team effort, the Eighth Grade Lady Lions defeated Reagan County 18-16 on Feb. 8.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Melanie Miller 2; Makayla Badillo 2; Jennifer Allen 2; Chelsea Moore 1 and Kristin Mendoza 11. Also playing was: Rebecca Ramos, Brenda Venegas, Gaby Rodriguez, Britni Mitchell and Kellie Pilcher.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 0 2 7 - 18; RC - 4 0 5 7 - 16.

"The girls played better than they have played all year. It came down to a last second shot, put in by Kristin. What really won the game was every player played as hard as possible when they were in the game," said Coach Kristie Williams. "Half the team doesn't have a number behind their name, but if there was a score for defense and sportsmanship, they would all have scored. Congratulations girls!"

Eighth Grade Lady Lions 'B' Team defeat Reagan County

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions "B" Team defeated Reagan County 12-9 on Feb. 8.

Scoring for the Lady Li-

ons was: Kaylie Perez 6; Layla 4 and Jadyndexter 2. Also playing was: Roxanne, Rebecca Pierce, Mariah Gallardo, Leandra and Alma.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 6 - 12; RC - 5 4 - 9.

Seventh Grade Lions 'B' Team fall to Reagan County Owls

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions "B" Team fell 2-13 to the Reagan County Owls on Feb. 8.

Scoring for the Lions was Erik Carrizales 2. Also playing was: Brendan Perez, Kramer Hall, Craig Fluth, Mario Sifuentes and Austin Perez.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 0 0 0 - 2; RC - 3 4 6 0 - 13.

"This isn't the way that we

wanted the season to end. We just had one of those nights where we just could not make a shot. We may not have one our last game, but this has been an awesome season," said Coach Levi Box. "I have enjoyed working with this set of guys. Everyday these guys walked into practice with a smile on their faces and were ready to work."

The Lions finish 2-2 for the season.

Lions fall to Owls

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions lost to Reagan County, 54-47, on Feb. 6.

Scoring for the Lions was:

Josh Santos 4, Colby Mayfield 4, Rylee Ramos 3, Justin Maldonado 17, Tate Colliş 8, Matt Turland 4 and Levi Vargas 7.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 12 13 16 - 47; RC - 20 17 2 14 - 54.

Lady Lions finish with loss to Reagan Co.

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lady Lions finished the season with a 26-56 loss to Reagan County on Feb. 6.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Meagan McDaniel 3, Jayci Miller 1, Frankie Skin-

ner 4, Farran Wilson 2, Peyton Fenton 1, Celia Rivera 5, Adrienne Bendele 3, Alysha Lara 5 and Alexa Cervantez 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 6 7 8 - 26; RC - 13 10 16 17 - 56.

The Lady Lions finish the season 2-8 in district play.

JV Lions fall short to Reagan County, Alpine

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lions lost to Reagan County 43-68 on Feb. 6.

Scoring was: Steven Silva 14; Johnny Flores 7; Able Villarreal 7; Tommy Longoria 7; Randy Galindo 2; Josh Smith 1 and Kyle Sewell 5. Also playing was: Jordan DeHoyos, Devon Diehl and Anthony Medrano.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 12 15 5 11 - 43; RC - 16 22 12 18 - 68.

The Lions lost to Alpine 57-65 on Feb. 9.

Scoring for the Lions was: Fabian Onate 1; Steven Silva 15; Johnny Flores 8; Able Villarreal 12; Tommy Longoria 7; Randy Galindo 7; Josh Smith 4 and Kyle Sewell 3. Also playing was: Jordan DeHoyos, Devon Diehl and Anthony Medrano.

Score by quarters: 12 4 16 15 - 57; Alpine - 10 14 16 25 - 63.

The JV Lions are 4-12.

Eighth Grade Lions finish season with victory over Reagan County

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Eighth Grade Lions finished the season with a 31-27 win over Reagan County on Feb. 8.

Scoring for the Lions was: Abey Lara 5; Chris Rendon 12; Jose Aguilar 4; Josh Gonzales 7 and Andrew Sanchez 2. Also playing was: Eric Talamantez, Stefan Wilson, Richard Borrego, David Perez, Kyle Dean, Anthony Gonzales and Russel Komechak.

Score by quarters: OZONA - 7 6 8 10 - 32; RC - 4 4 10 9 - 27.

"This was one of our best de-

fensive games all year, our shots weren't falling so we really had to pick it up on defense, and this guys came through big time. We were able to do a bunch of little things like diving for loose balls and creating turnovers when we needed them," said Coach John Esparza. "It has been an awesome year for this bunch of young men, they worked hard everyday and never settled they always want to do better. The future of Ozona athletics is bright with this young men, it has been an honor to be able to coach them this year. A special thanks goes to the parents for all their support."

Seventh Grade Lions end season with win over Owls

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Ozona Lions defeated Reagan County 22-19 on Feb. 8.

Scoring for the Lions was: Ruben Galindo 6; Adriel Zamarripa 6; Mark Gallardo 5; Alejandro Mendez 3 and Lane Hale 2. Also playing was: Steven Rubio, Kent Fluth and Marty Moran.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 3 8 7 - 22; RC - 6 5 6 2 - 19.

"It is great to end with a win. So many times this year we came close to winning and somehow the other team found a way to beat us. The guys came to me after the Iraan game and asked me if we could press against Reagan County, so for the last week and a half we have worked on

our press every day. It is a good thing that they asked because our press is what won us the game. The guys came out and played aggressively the entire game. The first half we could not get a shot to go in, but we played good enough defense to keep us in the game. As soon as the second half started I knew that we were going to win. The guys started to play with an intensity that I had never seen from them before and our shots started to go in," said Coach Levi Box. "I am very proud of the team. They never gave up during the season when things were not going very well. This is a great group of young men and I really enjoyed working with them this year."

The Lions finish the season 3-8.

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COMMUNITY CENTER VALENTINE DANCE



Photos by Joe Hernandez
MOTHERS and SONS and DADDYS and DAUGHTERS danced the night away at the Ozona Community Center's Valentine Dance on Feb. 9 at the Civic Center.

CLASS: Music ranges from Christian to country to rock

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Senior Freddy Fierro is taking his second year in guitar.

Freddy said that since the class he is become a lot better.

"My rhythm has improved a lot. I came in knowing nothing. I had no rhythm," he said. "I think I've become 10 times better."

Most of the students taking the class had no idea how to play a guitar.

Abigail Zamarripa chose to take the class so she could learn how to play at her church.

"It's fun," she said.

Fellow guitarist Adrienne Bendele said her and Abigail are part of the "super beginners" group.

"Until this year I had never touched a guitar before in my life," Adrienne said. "After we learn how to play a song, it's so exciting."

The range of songs the students play varies from traditional to modern.

During Christmas, the class played "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manager."

Adrienne and Abigail's group, which also includes John Tom Tijerina, Brady Granger and Arty Gonzales, play Praise and Worship Christian tunes, such as "Here I Am to Worship" and "I Can Only Imagine."

Manny Tijerina, Matthew Bullard and Nick Perez strum away to Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire," while Freddy, Cat Sessom and Aaron Pearl take on the modern tune "Drive" by Incubus.

Caleb Mitchell, Barrett Richie and Roman Tambunga attempt to play and sing James Blunt's latest pop song "You're Beautiful." However, the lyrics threw them off and bursts of laughter

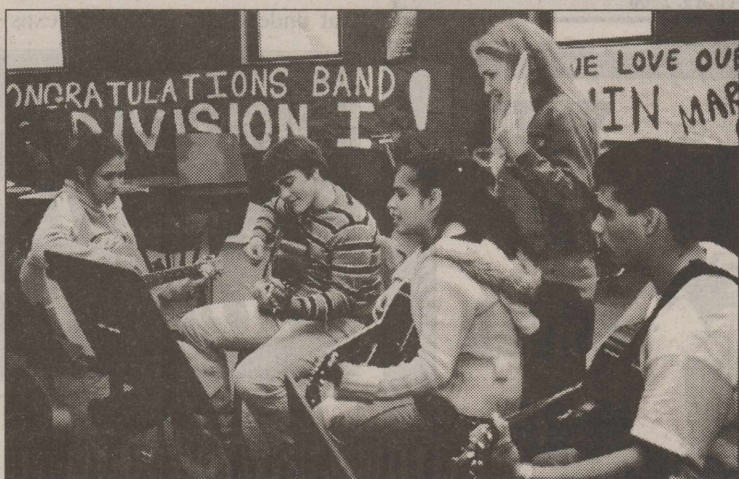


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GUITAR CLASS STUDENTS (left to right) Adrienne Bendele, Brady Granger, Arty Gonzales (in back), Abigail Zamarripa and John Tom Tijerina get help from teacher Tammy McWilliams on the song "Here I Am to Worship" during their Feb. 8 class.

come out from everyone.

"Everybody has their own type of music," Cat said.

"We like that fact that Mrs. Mac let's us play whatever we want," added Matthew.

McWilliams said that she has never heard a lyric that she shouldn't hear.

"Some of the students wanted to know how to play. Some wanted to know how to improve. Everybody does their own thing," she said.

McWilliams has been playing guitar since her college days. A musician since her elementary school days, she began with the flute at age 8.

In college, the flute wasn't all that cool so she switched to guitar. After a couple of basic lessons, she quickly got the hang of it.

"So much of it is self-paced," she said.

There are some aspects of the guitar that she does empha-

size to her students, including scales, keys and chords.

Manny said he knew how to play bass guitar before the class, but wanted to learn more about a regular guitar. His band experience has also been helpful in learning to play.

"My friends told me I have an ear for music," he said. "I like to play anything."

John Tom, who also said his band experience has helped him, has wanted to take the class since last year.

"I've become better on my chord progressing and soloing," he said. "She (McWilliams) has taught me more than I knew."

Members of the class have performed at several community events, including the Katalyst Ministries, events on the town square, the OHS Baccalaureate and at Sheffield Boot Camp.

"I'm just so proud of all of them," McWilliams said.

Free FAFSA Internet lab Feb. 19 at high school

Attention parents of the Senior Class of 2007: Need an internet connection to file your student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid?

Better known as the FAFSA, this is the application that must be on file before a student can receive any type of educa-

tional financial assistance from the federal or state government. This includes grants and certain types of loans.

Ozona High School will have the internet lab in the library open on Monday, Feb. 19, from 6-8 p.m.

We encourage you to take

advantage of this opportunity. Any student who is planning on attending college next fall needs to complete the application soon, as funding availability will change as time lapses.

For further information, please contact Amanda Jackson, OHS Counselor at 392-5711.

Venegas chosen for Homecoming Queen pageant

Miss Erica Venegas, daughter of Felix and Maria Venegas of Ozona, has been selected as a finalist for Texas' 27th annual Homecoming Queen Selection to be held April 14 and 15 at the DFW Airport Marriott North in Irving.

She is the 2006-2007 Ozona High School Homecoming Queen.

If selected as Texas' 2007 Homecoming Queen, Venegas would receive a cash scholarship plus and expense paid trip to the National Finals to compete with queens from other states for America's Homecoming Queen.

America's Homecoming Queen Inc. is a non-profit organization promoting education, educational travel and community service for high school homecoming queens in all 50 states.

America's Homecoming Queen Inc. selects a homecoming queen from each state to participate in America's Homecoming Queen Selection.

Miss Texas Homecoming Queen is listed in the International Directory of Pageants.

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OHS HOMECOMING QUEEN ERICA VENEGAS has been selected as a finalist in the Miss Texas Homecoming Queen Selection to be held in April in Irving.




Youth Center Calendar of Events

Feb. 15 - OHS Movie Night, 7-10 p.m. Feb. 19 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.
Feb. 26 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m. Feb. 27 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

THE CROCKETT COUNTY YOUTH CENTER IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR ITS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.




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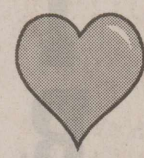
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Animal control, Livestock Complaints	6
Civil Complaints	1
Civil Service	4
Criminal Activity Complaints	11
Disturbances, Domestic, Loud Noise etc.	9
Juvenile Complaints	2
Locked Vehicles	6
911 Medical calls	1
Motorist Assistance	3
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	4
Security Alarms	3
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	31
Sheriff's Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	5
State/County Road Calls	1
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle	1
Minor Vehicle Accidents	1
Traffic Citations Issued	25

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

The following persons have outstanding Crockett County Warrants. It is recommended that these persons surrender into custody at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office as soon as possible.

- Rhonda Cerda, of Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check
- Yuri Saenz, address unknown, 112th District Court- Delivery of Controlled Substance-State Jail Felony
- Jack Grannis, of Ozona, Crockett County Justice of the Peace-Theft by Check.
- Lacy Fleming, of Odessa/Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check
- Brandon O'Neil, of Barnhart, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check
- April Alvarez Dominquez, of Ozona/Del Rio, Crockett County Court- Theft
- Valentino Castillo, of Ozona - Crockett County Court making alcohol available to minors and evading arrest.
- John Mansell Clark, of Ozona-Crockett County Felony Warrant of Burglary of a Habitation.
- Apolonio Morales Damian, of Ozona- Tom Green County Warrant for driving under the influence of liquor.
- Fernando Nino Fernandez, of Ozona/Midland-Attorney General's warrant for failure to appear/child support.

and liability insurance. He paid fines and was released.

2-10-07

- Noe Valencia Perez, 28, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for evading arrest and no liability insurance. He posted bail and was released.
- Ricardo Prieto Verastequi, 53, of Del Rio, surrendered into custody at sheriff's office to serve two-day DWI jail sentence. He was released after serving sentence.
- Forencio Abila Garcia Jr., 38, of Ozona, arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while intoxicated-first offense. He posted bail and was released.

2-11-07

- Daniel Gonzalez, 25, of Ozona, arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while intoxicated-first. He posted bail and was released. Incident Reports

2-07-07

- Sheriff's office filed a dog bit incident - following report from citizen on Avenue G, of a small child bitten, as she cross another person's property.

2-09-07

- Sheriff's office filed an unattended death report - Hospice employee reported the death of a person on Blas St. Justice of the Peace was notified.

2-10-07

- Sheriff's office filed an evading arrest report - following traffic stop at 200 block on Avenue E. Suspect was located and arrested.

2-12-07

- Sheriff's office filed an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle report. Suspect(s) stole a vehicle from a business lot on Hwy 290 east. Investigation continues.

ARREST REPORT

2-06-07

- Jesus Heriberto Soto, 19, of Ozona, was arrested by DPS Trooper for no drivers' license

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Junction Stockyards Market Report

Sheep and Goats

Feb. 12, 2007

We sold 1,685 head of sheep and goats today. Kids were steady.

#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.20-1.30
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.10-1.20
#1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs.	95-1.00
#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs.	65-80
Fat ewes	45-60
Thin ewes	25-35
Bucks	30-50
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies	40-50
Stocker Angora muttons	55-65
Angora Kids	1.20-1.40
Angora Kids-shorn	1.00-1.15
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	15-25
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	30-40
Stocker Spanish nannies	55-65
Fat Spanish nannies	50-65
Fat Spanish muttons	90-1.10
Fat Spanish billies	75-85
Fat yearlings	1.10-1.20
Fat Spanish kids	1.35-1.45
Small kids	1.35-1.60
Thin kids	1.05-1.20
Spanish nanny & kid pairs	40-45/hd

Next goat sale - Feb. 19, 2006

Perry cites growing economy in State of State address



AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 6 delivered the State of the State address to the state Legislature, exclaiming "Texas is perched at the forefront of a new era of prosperity."

Perry said the economy is growing, tax collections are on the rise, frivolous lawsuits are down and so are the costs of insurance for homeowners and doctors. He also said teacher pay and student achievement have improved.

The pluses aside, Perry said nearly 4 million Texans are living in poverty, so during the next four years his goal will be to spread opportunity to more Texans "who are willing to take personal responsibility for their lives."

Perry indicated, nevertheless, that poverty is not necessarily tied to a lack of personal responsibility, saying the rising cost of health care is "one of the greatest obstacles to personal prosperity."

"Of the 5 and one-half million uninsured Texans, 2 million are adults with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level," Perry said. "Most are working Texans whose jobs offer health-care benefits they can't afford, or no benefits at all."

So, Perry announced "the launch of 'Healthier Texas,' his program to redirect unspent federal health-care dollars to a pool that would serve Texans 200 percent below the federal poverty level.

Perry touched on other subjects, such as a Human papillomavirus vaccination program for girls entering sixth grade, his proposal to sell the state Lottery, and his plans build coal-fueled power plants and a statewide matrix of toll roads.

Perry also talked about border security, literacy, prisons, and a get-tough stance with the bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.

STATE OF STATE: RESPONSE AIRED

Austin News Channel 8 broadcasted via cable and Internet a Democratic response to the governor's State of the State address.

The response, by state Rep. Garnet Coleman of Houston, took Perry to task for not doing more to fund public education, the big increases in college tuition, and "teaching to the test" in the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

Coleman also pointed out that under Perry 200,000 Texas

children lost coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program, leading to \$893 million in cuts in federal matching funding.

He also criticized Perry's fast-tracking of coal-fired power plants instead of moving state policy further toward clean wind and solar power options.

And, Coleman called the governor's "Trans Texas Corridor" proposed highway project "unwanted, unwarranted and fiscally irresponsible."

SOME DON'T SWALLOW HPV PROGRAM

Dozens of members of the Texas Legislature have come out in opposition to the governor's Feb. 2 executive order requiring Human papillomavirus vaccinations for girls entering sixth grade.

Chief among the opposers was Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, who chairs the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. Nelson, said she would seek an attorney general opinion on the executive order, to see if it is legally binding.

On the other hand, Chris Bell, the Houston Democrat who placed second to Perry in the race for governor, lauded the governor for "getting it right."

LOTTERY SALE PRICE CLIMBS HIGHER

A couple of weeks ago, when Gov. Perry sent up a trial balloon on his idea to sell the Texas Lottery to a private company, he estimated the value at \$14 billion. Now the amount has been estimated as high as \$20 billion.

If sold, what would Texas do with the money? Perry said he would divide up the billions of dollars into educational and cancer research and health insurance endowments.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick don't seem to have warmed to the idea of selling the Lottery. Selling it would require a constitutional amendment.

BILL TARGETS CROWING ROOSTERS

Rep. Ana E. Hernandez, D-Houston, filed House Bill 1225, legislation that would make it a public nuisance to allow the crowing of a rooster outdoors in a neighborhood if a reasonable person would find the noise objectionable.

HUNDREDS PROTEST COAL PLANTS

A crowd reportedly in the hundreds gathered at the Capitol Feb. 11 to protest the proposed construction of more than two dozen coal-fired power plants around the state.

Sheriff explains 'hard decisions' that are needed about the jail

By SHANE FENTON
Crockett County Sheriff

however, TCJS has set our total inmate population at 17.

Texas Commission on Jail Standards is the state governing body that enforces the standards sets by the legislature for all county jails in the state of Texas.

This number is derived based on square footage of our current jail. TCJS takes all of these numbers plus county population and calculates an "Incarceration Rate" for Crockett County.

TCJS is also responsible for inspecting and certifying each jail, therefore, every jail must meet minimum standards to remain operational. Over the years the Crockett County Jail has been "grandfather" because of the age of the jail, however, this exemption has been slowly disappearing.

Crockett County has the third highest incarceration rate in Texas set at 5.03.

This incarceration rate simply means that the court system and law enforcement in Crockett County is very pro-active in keeping the citizens safe.

The past 30 years has seen the standards change and become stricter. One of the strictest standards is inmate population and square footage of the jail cell.

In order to maintain this proactive response towards persons whom would violate the law in Crockett County we will need to make some hard decisions concerning our current jail.

Anyone interested in discussing those needed changes are encouraged to contact me at the Sheriff's Office, County Judge Fred Deaton or their County Commissioner.

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As of Feb. 9, 2007

***Crockett County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Bp America Prod/Mid	13200	8950	Brown Bassett Pecos Unit #11	Helmerich & Payne(A) 214 Drig Ahead
Fiml Natural Res	11000	9000	Ward #216	Grey Wolf Drilling/M 627 Drig Ahead
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	9000	Perry -21- #23	Patterson Drilling/A 189	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	J R Bailey -A- #505	Patterson Drilling/A 710	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8975	Clayton -2- #3	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Drig Ahead
Chevron/Midland	8500	J H Scheuber -B- #20	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
Chevron/Midland	8500	Scheuber West -LJ- Unit -2- #1	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Assigned
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8500	Laura Hoover Estate -51- #8	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
New Fiml Natural Res	6200	Seaborn -K- #413d	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead

***Sutton County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9850	Morris Brothers Ranch -M148-	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9800	Morris Brothers Ranch -B120-	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9550	Duke Wilson -21- 112- #8	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9500	Duke Wilson #186-8	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9050	Duke Wilson -21- #17	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8850	Gerald Nicks -5- #1	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8850	Mayer -19- #10	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8600	Richardson -138- #17	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drig Ahead
Great Texas Crude	7000	Sammie J Epy #1	Heart Land Drilling 8	Drig Ahead 2265'
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6800	Cauthorn -86- #9	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6750	Kelly -115- #23	Helmerich & Payne(A) 302	Moving On
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6700	Reed -101- #29	Helmerich & Payne(A) 301	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6650	Reed -101- #27	Helmerich & Payne(A) 301	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6650	Jones -118- #26	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6650	Morris -83- #9	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6600	Ben Mittel #14	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6550	Creek #97-2	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6450	Galbreath -78- #12	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6400	Galbreath -47- #6	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Drig Ahead

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Pioneer Natural/Irv	10500	University 2-4 #1	Patterson Utl/Midlan 472	Moving On
New Pioneer Natural/Irv	9500	University 10-10 #4	Patterson Utl/Midlan 474	Drig Ahead 650'
Prime Operating/Mid	9000	South Silas Spraberry Unit	Aldice Drilling/Mulesk	Drig Ahead 8406'
New Pioneer Energy	8650	North Silas Spraberry Unit	Lariat Services/Ode 15	Drig Ahead 4176'
Mariner Energy	8550	Shaw #14	Lariat Services/Ode 13	Drig Ahead 8084'
Mariner Energy	8550	Sau Mariner -8- #1c	Lariat Services/Ode 17	Drig Ahead 8084'
New L & M Operating Inc	2650	University 49-6 #10	Heart Land Drilling 2	Drig Ahead 816'

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Everage Production	13900	Slaughter -63- #1	Nabors Drilling (O) 420	Drig Ahead
Encore Operating Lp	12900	Brown Bassett Goode Unit #5-11	Nabors Drilling (O) 641	Drig Ahead
Conocophillips/Odes	12500	Culbertson -16- #5	Patterson Utl/L 481	Drig Ahead 10142'
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Sundown Energy, LP; 13455 Noel Rd., Ste. 2000; Dallas, Texas 75240 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Queen Formation J.M. Shannon Estate -C- Lease, Well Number 7. The proposed injection well is located 32 Miles SW of Big Lake in the Shannon Field, in Crockett County. Fluid will be injection into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2000' to 2060' feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792). 1p03

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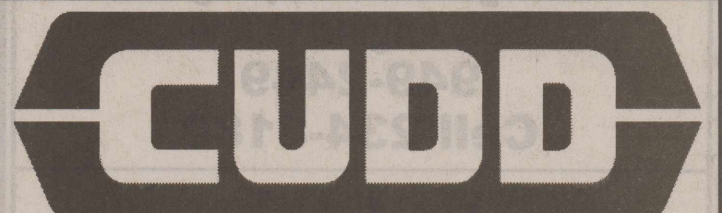
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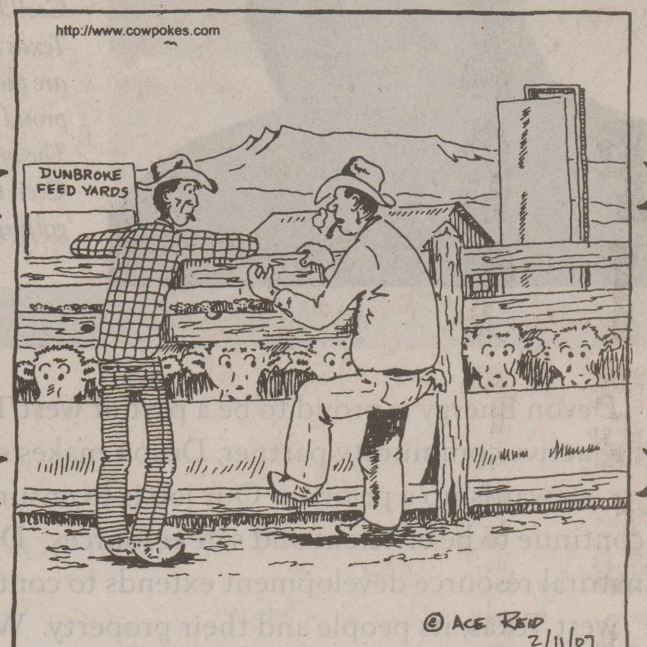
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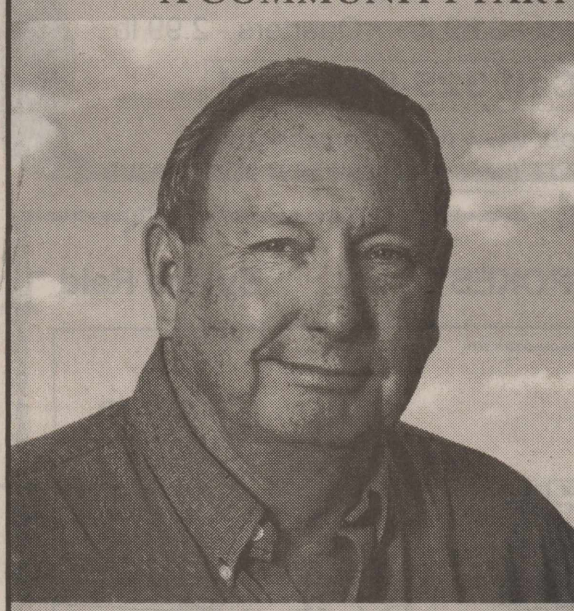
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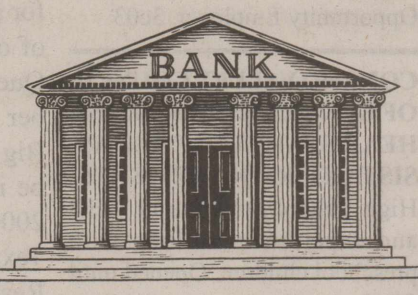
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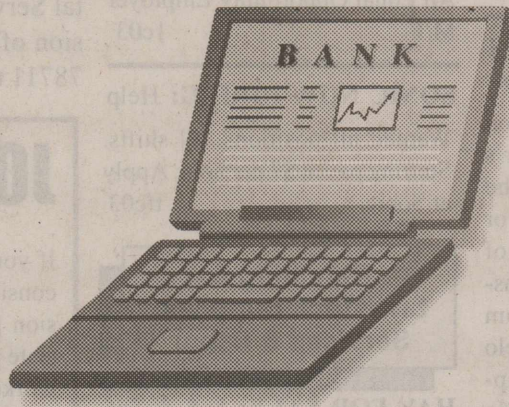
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