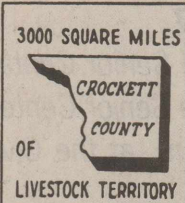


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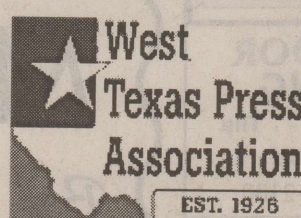
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Judge approves Wool Growers plan

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Creditors in the Wool Growers Central Storage Co. will soon have a chance to vote on the bankruptcy plan.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert L. Jones approved a supplemented disclosure statement on Monday, after reviewing documents from a March 1 hearing, which stemmed from an objection filed to the original disclosure statement by a group of Sutton County Ranchers.

Now the plan will be prepared and sent out to the more than 100 creditors that have filed since Wool Growers filed for bankruptcy in April 2006.

Creditors can vote in favor, against or object to the plan. Standard bankruptcy policy calls for a 25-day review period, so it will be April before a ruling is made.

If a creditor objects, then the judge has to rule on that separately, said Byrnie Bass, attorney for Wool Growers.

For the plan to be approved, half in number of those voting and holding two-thirds of the dollar amount of claims of those voting must vote in favor of the plan.

The group of Jack David Wardlaw, Jesse Lem Wardlaw and Warlaw Brothers, which is composed of Jack David Ward-

law III, Mack Miers Wardlaw and William Chase Wardlaw objected to the original plan.

The Wardlaw Group was not part of the process in preparing the disclosure statement, and no one was shown an advance copy, said Richard Miller, attorney for the Wardlaw Group.

The disclosure statement was put together by the creditors' committee, made up of Bill Pfluger, San Angelo, Duery Menzies, Fredericksburg and Beverly Ann Short, Pipe Creek, along with attorneys.

The Wardlaw Group stated that it did not contain enough information concerning the potential liability of the directors for the claims of unsecured creditors in the case.

By the March 1 hearing, an agreement had been reached on the directors' liability.

However, the Wardlaw Group also requested for board of directors George Bunger Jr., Bill Black and John Allison to submit personal financial statements.

According to court documents, Bunger, Black and Allison have contributed \$2.625 million toward the reorganization plan that was filed in early January.

This money will go toward the payout of some of the \$3.5 million in claims to the more than 100 creditors that have filed

since Wool Growers filed for bankruptcy in April 2006. This number does not include the estimated \$500,000 in claims filed belong to the board of directors, which will be subordinate to the claims of the other unsecured creditors.

The dividend to be paid to the holders of unsecured claims should equal about 60-70 cents on the dollar, depending on the total amount of claims by the court, documents stated.

Documents also stated that the payments from the Board of Directors shall be in forms of loans to Wool Growers Central Storage Co.

Instead of the financial statements, the three men submitted affidavits that stated Bunger and Allison have the financial means to pay the \$3.5 million in all claims filed if a judgment was obtained to do this. In his affidavit, Black stated he has the financial means to pay at least one-third of all claims.

"The decision to not file a financial statement is not one taken lightly by these directors. All three directors come from old ranching families in Ozona, Sonora and Menard areas. They are known on a personal basis by 80-90 percent of the people who have filed claims," said Morris Reese, attorney for Bunger, Black and Allison.

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County Commissioner, son indicted on charges

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

A local grand jury has indicted Crockett County Commissioner Alfredo Tobar on two counts of obstruction and two counts of unlawful restraint.

The grand jury also indicted Tobar's son, Timothy Joe Tobar, 26, on two counts of aggravated assault and one count of intoxicated assault. The indictments were handed up on Feb. 23.

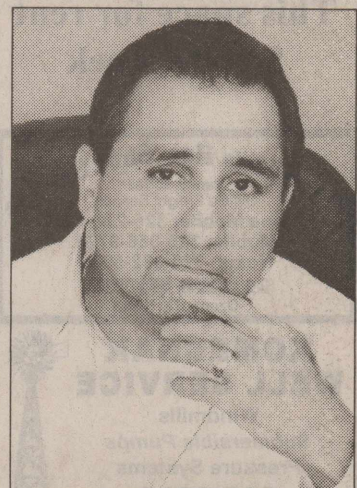
According to the indictments, Alfredo Tobar allegedly restrained a teenager, Nick Perez, without Perez's consent.

The indictment also alleges that Alfredo Tobar recklessly exposed Perez to a substantial risk of serious bodily injury by keeping Perez at Tobar's house.

The indictment states that Perez was injured and needed medical attention after being involved in a car accident on July 29, 2006.

A second indictment of unlawful restraint involved Lyndsie Crawford. The indictment alleges she was also taken to Tobar's house without her consent.

A third indictment charges Alfredo Tobar with two counts of obstruction. The indictment



COMMISSIONER ALFREDO TOBAR

alleges that Tobar allegedly did intentionally and knowingly threaten to harm Perez and Crawford and prevent the two teenagers as serving as prospective witnesses.

Timothy Joe Tobar was the driver during the accident in which Perez and Crawford were injured.

According to the indictments, Timothy Joe Tobar allegedly was intoxicated when the vehicle veered off the road and rolled causing Perez's ribs to break and Crawford to cut her forehead. The indictments do not state where the accident occurred.

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ALL DISTRICT BASKETBALL



Photo by Joe Hernandez

ALL DISTRICT BASKETBALL MEMBERS: (front row, left to right) Alexa Cervantez, second team, Levi Vargas, first team, Meagan McDaniel, second team, Frankie Skinner, first team, Tate Collis, second team and Alysha Lara, second team. Back row: (left to right) Colby Mayfield, second team, Rylee Ramos and Josh Santos, both honorable mention, Justin Maldonado, newcomer of the year and Matt Turland, honorable mention. Not pictured: Celia Rivera, second team, Farran Wilson, honorable mention and Caleb Mitchel, honorable mention.

New roof approved for jail

Commissioners are also seeking bids

on a new air conditioning system for courthouse

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Jail is on track to receive a new roof.

During a special Feb. 28 meeting, the county commissioners unanimously voted to advertise for bids to replace the current jail roof with a roof that will last 30 years.

Estimated cost for the new roof is expected to be around \$53,000, according to quotes from the Garland Company. The Garland Company is the same company that is working on new roofs for the school district.

Date and time to open the bids will be set at the March 12 commissioners' meeting.

Sheriff Shane Fenton said that the jail has needed a new roof for more than 10 years.

Rain ruined 43,000.00 worth of 9-1-1 equipment, which at that time the 9-1-1 people

paid for the repair, Fenton said. However, if it happens again the county would be responsible.

Rain also ruined the carpet in the sheriff's office worth about 2,000 and two computers at 2,500 each, Fenton said.

"I don't see us tearing that building down. We need to fix it right. All it takes is one good leak and lose another \$40,000 worth of equipment," said Commissioner Randy Branch.

"I know we will probably build new jail some day, but that is our building and we will be using it. We are going to have need for it," added Commissioner Pleas Childress III.

The commissioners also voted to authorize advertisement for bids for a heating and venting air conditioning system for the courthouse. The bids will be opened at a March 19 called meeting.

County Judge Fred Deaton

said he spoke to officials at the Texas Historical Commission and they said Crockett County should take charge and repair the air conditioning system and the courthouse roof.

THC officials also said the repairs should be done cheaply and the rest of the money the county has set aside should be used for a set of construction plans for a courthouse renovation project.

Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Engineering firm, who have been working with the county and THC, said the cost for the construction plans would be around \$372,000. The county has budgeted \$500,000 for courthouse repairs.

THC officials also told Deaton that an entire courthouse renovation project would cost up to \$3 million with Crockett County having to put up \$600,000 for the matching costs.

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STOCK SHOW WINNER



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LUCINDA BIRKENFELD won Reserve Grand Champion Full Buck and Senior Showmanship in the San Angelo Junior Breeding Goat Show at the San Angelo Stock Show. More results, page 7.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Spring break humor

I needed some laughs after a busy week. Since so many in our town were out for spring break, here's some humor for those of us who had stay home and work.

SPRING BREAK JOKES

Spring break—that's when kids work on their tans and teachers work on their sanity.

Spring break—that's when kids go wild someplace other than school.

Spring break is when the only thing kids study is each other.

The college kids call it spring "break." Their parents, however, call it spring "broke."

Spring break is when teenagers give their swimsuits a dry run.

Spring break—that's when students take time off from football games, basketball games, dances, parties, and hanging out in bars, and go to Florida and relax.

Thousands of college kids head south to vacation on a shoe-string. Or at least that's what they wear on the beach.

Spring break is that annual

ritual when college kids flock to the beach, get drunk, and try to swim upstream.

Spring break is when the nation's college kids demonstrate to the world how much they've learned.

Spring break is when the nation's breweries go all out to teach another generation how to throw up responsibly.

TOP TEN AMISH SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

10. Drink molasses 'til you heave
9. Wet bonnet contest
8. Stuff as many guys as you can into a buggy
7. Buttermilk kegger
6. Blow past the Dairy Queen on a really cool Clydesdale
5. Get a tattoo: "Born to raise barns"
4. Cruise streets of Belleville shouting insults at people with zippers
3. Sleep 'til 6 AM
2. Drive over to Allensville and kick some Mennonite butt
1. Churn butter naked

'Business Tips' BY PEDRO RAMIREZ

Key business traits: determination, resourcefulness

Perhaps it is the idea of being your own boss, or the thought of earning large sums of money. Whatever the reason for opening your own business, the one thing you should not lack is determination and resourcefulness.

People will tell you there are other characteristics which are required to run your business, but to me, these two are by far the most important.

Essentially opening or managing your own business is about knowing where you want to go and how to get there.

The first part most people have, but the second portion is where individuals struggle.

The main reason why they struggle is not for lack of intellect, but for lack of knowledge.

During the process of determining how to grow a business, individuals will first look in house to see if they have the necessary resources to determine the best course of action.

If they determine they do not, people may become disillusioned and even stressed. This is the time when entrepreneurs need to reach out and be resourceful.

Relatively inexpensive or free resources are everywhere.

If you need a business plan, marketing strategy, operational help, or bookkeeping tips, the Small Business Development Center can provide advising sessions free of charge.

If your goal is to educate yourself on tax issues, a large quantity of questions can be answered online at www.irs.gov.

Other great sources of information include the U.S. Census Bureau website if you want to determine the demographics of a market.

Your local chamber of com-

merce can help you if you would like to network with other business owners.

County clerks and city officials can provide knowledge of rules and regulations which need to be followed.

Whatever your struggles or goals there are usually seminars, library books, and credible websites that can provide answers or direction.

Yet, all these things do have a price: time. It takes time to research questions and business owners may want to utilize that time to manage their business or personal affairs.

In fact the usage of time should be budgeted to meet your most important goals first.

In the short-term that may require you to meet with a client or train your employees.

On the other hand, in the long-term, the acquisition of knowledge and strategic planning will be responsible for keeping your business growing and healthy.

No matter what type of business you are in, determination and resourcefulness will always play a key role.

Whether it entitles the start-up, expansion, or fending off competitors, usually the most resourceful person holds the edge.

Sometimes it is only a matter of realizing that you need help and being able to see where to find it.

"Business Tips" was written by Mr. Pedro Ramirez, Business Development Specialist of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For more information on the topic of this article or the services of the ASU • SBDC, contact him at Pedro.Ramirez@angelo.edu.

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Community Calendar

- Monday, March 5 - Friday, March 9**
- Ozona Schools closed for Spring Break.
- Wednesday, March 7**
- 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, March 8**
- Lions Varsity Baseball Team at the Bangs Tournament.
- Friday, March 9**
- Lady Lions Softball Team vs. Junction, 5 p.m. at Junction.
 - Lions Varsity Baseball Team at the Bangs Tournament.
- Saturday, March 10**
- Lady Lions Softball Team at the San Angelo Tournament.
 - Lions Varsity Baseball Team at the Bangs Tournament.
 - Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Tuesday, March 13**
- Lady Lions Golf Team at the Sonora Tournament.
 - Lady Lions Softball vs. Kermit, 5 p.m. at Kermit.
 - Lions Varsity Baseball vs. Miles, 4 p.m. at Miles.
- Wednesday, March 14**
- 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.

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Cowboy Courage

The job of a ring man isn't for sissies. I'm not talking about those guys who wear silk ties, eat free barbecue every day and stand outside the ring taking bids at purebred sales. I'm referring to those brave souls who stand INSIDE the ring at your local auction market. To me there's nothing more entertaining than watching an agile ring man match wits with a killer cow. Although the auctioneer usually gets top billing we all know the real star is the ring man who risks his life so that the show may go on.

I've never seen the ring man profession listed as one of the most dangerous jobs but I guarantee it's a widow-makin' profession. I've never been to a bullfight either but I doubt it could be as entertaining as watching a daring ring man take bids while opening a gate as a mad bull tries to gore him. Unlike a bullfight, the ring man stands a greater chance of getting killed than the bull. Attend a commercial cattle auction and you'll often see a ring man put himself in harm's way by acting as a decoy merely to get a raging bull or huffy heifer to vacate the premises.

I've seen ring men wade into a herd of pairs to sort off a cow and calf without the aid of armor or mandatory ID. I once saw a ring man in Texas walk across the backs of a bunch of steers and I'll never forget the time in South Dakota when a rancher in the crowd asked if the outlaw horse in the ring was broke to ride and darned if the ring man didn't answer the question by hopping on that stumpsucker and giving the crowd a six second answer. I guess not.

There's more to being a good ring man than being half-crazy. Although that certainly helps. If a buyer wants to "take one off" a good ring man knows which animal to sort off even before the buyer does and he can give a gate cut when the whole herd is heading for the exit. The best I ever saw was a friend of mine by the name of Tommy. Tennis Shoe Tommy I called him because he wore manure stained tennis shoes for extra speed and traction.

a ducker and a dodger of unequaled skill, a man among men, with more guts than Buzzard Bill the tallow man. Tommy was an athlete with the agility of an NBA star, only without the attitude. Okay, so maybe he had just a little attitude but that's what made him well worth watching.

Many an old bull had tried to boost Tennis Shoe Tommy over the fence but he was always just fast enough to escape unscathed. He could outrun a hard chargin' cow and jump behind the pipes just as the cow rung her own bell upon impact.

Tommy was a born performer and he executed his feats of daring to a cacophony of catcalls from the cow buyers in the cheap seats. Despite his local notoriety I never once saw Tennis Shoe Tommy get swept off his feet or seriously injured.

Although still bold, Tennis Shoe Tommy got old and no longer had the agility to dodge wild animals and outrun crazed cows. Most great ringmen quit when it finally dawns on them that they are risking life and limb and putting on a show for the customers while getting paid the same as the old geezer on the out-gate whose only activity is pulling on a rope and puffing on a cigarette, all while safely planted behind some cement-filled pipes. The only danger the old pro is in is from the cigarettes.

I realize that things must change and the show must go on but can you imagine my dismay when I attended a sale at a brand new, million-dollar auction barn with gates that were opened and closed when the auctioneer pushed a button?

There were no ring men and the only creature stirring the animals was a dog running around outside the ring. The dog wasn't getting day-money or workman's comp and I suppose that's what progress looks like. As for me, I'll always cherish those days when a deadly cow would match race a ringman for pink slips, a pointy-horned slaughter bull would get one last stab at immortality, and Tennis Shoe Tommy would show us all that you don't have to die with your boots on to have real cowboy courage.

Tennis Shoe Tommy was

Sheffield Boot Camp hosts wheelchair basketball games

By JANE HARBER
Community Relations
Coordinator

If you weren't here, you missed it! On Feb. 24, Sheffield Boot Camp hosted the San Angelo Tumbleweeds in two games of skill and daring ... basketball played out of wheelchairs.

The Sheffield Boot Camp Spartans (cadets) challenged the Tumbleweeds, who then played another game against the boot camp staff.

The Tumbleweeds were led into the contests by their Captain, Larry Evans, Director of Home Medical Equipment, West Texas Rehab Center, San Angelo. Larry brought his team with him: Mike Hooker, Amy Chumney and Jessie Jackson, all from San Angelo. The public was invited.

Sponsored by the Sheffield Community Resource Council (SCRC), the games were held as a fundraising event for the Council. The SCRC is a 501(C)3, non-profit group of volunteers, whose purpose is for the benefit of the boot camp cadets. Texas Youth Commission (TYC) provides all of the physical needs, such as housing, food, clothing and medical care, for the youth incarcerated in their facilities. Area Councils, such as the one in Sheffield, provide additional resources that benefit the youth, such as holiday treats and gifts, Family Day Seminars, recreational equipment and Color



Submitted photo

THE TUMBLEWEEDS and THE SPARTANS competed in a wheelchair basketball game at Sheffield Boot Camp on Feb. 24. The Tumbleweeds were made up of employees of the West Texas Rehab in San Angelo and the Spartans were cadets at Sheffield Boot Camp. The event was a fund-raiser for the Sheffield Community Resource Council.

Guard supplies.

The SCRC secures donations through fundraising events such as this one, facilitates activities and projects, and helps inform the surrounding communities of Sheffield Boot Camp's programs, goals, accomplishments and needs.

All game participants had a real workout. It was believed that the Tumbleweeds would have the advantage, since the entire team is wheelchair bound and is used to challenging other teams in events similar to this one. But the boot camp cadets

and staff alike fought their battles bravely.

The Spartans managed to top the Tumbleweeds, 22 to 18. But the Tumbleweeds then bounced back and defeated the boot camp staff, 30 to 26.

A lot of fun was had by all - including the public!

For further information about becoming a member of the Sheffield Community Resource Council, contact Jane Harber, Sheffield Boot Camp's Community Relations Coordinator, at (432) 836-4624, ext. 2215.

Crockett County Library News by Louise Ledoux

Happy Birthday

Tax forms available at the library

It's that time again! The April 15 deadline is fast approaching.

Find all the tax forms you need at the library. CCPL has all the information and schedules you will need to make quick work of the dreaded chore of filing your taxes.

Whether you need the long Form 1040 plus all the schedules for deductions and reporting various income, or whether you can use the short and fast Form 1040-EZ, CCPL has them.

We have the Earned Income

Credit form and the new Credit for Federal Telephone Excise Tax, and of course, the Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File for all you procrastinators!

We have the information you need on What, When, and Where To File your IRS Tax Forms.

Remember, Librarians are not trained tax professionals, but we can help you find the information and forms you need to file your taxes properly.

Come check it out!

March 7 - Esmi Barrera, Jim Crowder, Betty Fields, Aaron Pearl and Rojelio Longoria

March 8 - Kim Tambunga, Audrey Gandar, Marie Pierce, Murray Logan, Layla Perez Alexander Bean, Brooks Long and Anthony Tambunga

March 9 - Destiny Perez, Sandra Childress, Jeannine Henderson, Teresa Yeager and Noel Alba

March 10 - Perry Hubbard, Evelio D. Mata, Lillian Payne and Jolissa Payne

March 11 - Madison Reid Fierro, Gary Mitchell, Marivel Mata, Amelia Tambunga, Anthony Gonzales, Ryan Bean, Steven Dorrough and Emily Moore

March 12 - Kaleb Borrego, Billy Tom Turland, Andy Wilson, Anna Lara, Andres Macias and Leandra Benson

March 13 - Morris King
To place a birthday on the birthday list, call 392-2551

Ozona Woman's League News

By MELISSA PERNER
Ozona Woman's League

Members of Ozona Woman's League toured The Ozona Stockman on Feb. 27.

Owners Melissa and Paul Perner demonstrated how the printing press worked as well as answered questions about the printing and newspaper business.

During the regular business meeting, Jody Upham gave the treasurer's report. Members also voted to set a new policy regarding the use of league money on trips. Receipts must be turned in and money not used must also be turned in.

The group also discussed the

success of their annual Krispy Kreme doughnut sale, as well as voted to help with the West Texas REHAB telethon next year.

Members also voted to reimburse Vicki Childress for the use of her storeroom to store the "Diamonds in the Dessert" cookbooks.

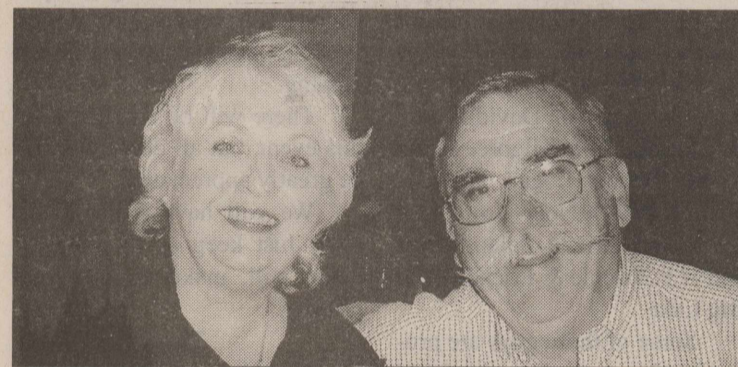
Members attending were: Kayla Davidson, Jody Upham, Camille Dammon, Susie Bishop, Leigh Ann Dannheim, Melinda Moran, Vicki Childress, Heidi Williams, Melissa Perner, Connie Crenwelge and Kristie Williams.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. March 13 at the Crockett Room.

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Van Shoubroueks celebrate anniversary

Fred and Jan Van Shoubrouek and some Ozona friends, celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on Feb. 19 at one of California's greatest seafood restaurants, "Sea Chest" by the Pacific Ocean near Cambria.

Fifty-two years ago, "Freddy Van, the ladies man," and beautiful Jan Jones, as they were called, were married, and departed Ozona with a cloud of dust in a fully loaded 1953 green Chevy coupe.

After Fred finished his schooling at the University of Oklahoma, he soon became head engineer on "the space station," and moved to California. Thirty-two years later, three kids, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, they returned to operate Jan's ranches in the Ozona area, and supposedly retire. After being back from California fourteen years, retiring is totally out of the question.

When asked what their success was to this very long and successful marriage, their comments were, "good friends, good food and time to enjoy all."

Levis & Lace Square Dance News

By TINA JARVIS
Levis and Lace Square Dancer

Building.
Thursday night we will dance at the Care Center at 7 p.m.

Tuesday night club members; Leroy and Carol Adcock, Lucy Hinde, JoAnn Babbitt, Jim Couch, Nell Wester, Tammi and Danny Monzingo. Barbara Jean and Tesla Caperton and Tina Jarvis had a workshop at the Senior

Saturday night we will have a dance at the Senior Building at 7 p.m. featuring caller Bill Prichard from Eagle Pass.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

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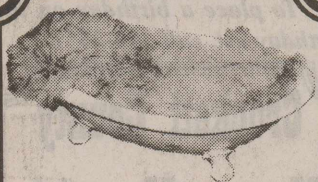
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Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director

This week I am back at the Senior Center and believe me it is good to be here. I have missed each and every one of you.

March is upon us which should merit us some warm weather although it was 27 degrees Monday morning.

Betty and Bob Hartley are finishing up the puzzle that Norma Carson brought to us. It is beautiful with the rolling hills and wild flowers. It has been a rather difficult puzzle but well worth the effort. Thank you so much Norma for an interesting puzzle.

The Angel Food Ministries boxes are on sale until 4 p.m. March 15. The distribution day is March 31.

The Concho Valley Com-

munity Action Council was here on Tuesday. This organization helps those who qualify with utility cost.

Line dancing will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesdays. E.A. Wadsworth R.N. and company will be instructing. We had four here last week and they had a fun time. E.A. checks your blood pressure before the line dancing starts.

We have a computer here for your use. It 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 at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. These ladies have such fun. They bring smiles and snacks with them. Playing bridge last week were Liz Williams, Sandy Bebee, Jean Odom, Katherine Russell, Marolyn Bean, Eileen Childress, Sadie Davidson, Marilyn Cox, Nell Wester and Celia West.

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

By **ELSA VASQUEZ**
Assistant Activity Director

March came in like a Lion with strong winds and cold temperatures. We still don't get too bad of weather like other states because we live in the middle of nowhere. We have a good climate and just right on everything else, with

Ozona Woman's Forum News

By **LINDA MOORE**
Ozona Woman's Forum

Ozona Woman's Forum members met Feb. 20 at the Crockett County Senior Center where they enjoyed a program given by Nancy Smith, owner of Texas Star Candles.

Mrs. Smith demonstrated candle making and challenged everyone to identify 10 candle fragrances. "Celebrate Each Day's Challenge" is the president's theme for the club year.

During the business portion of the meeting conducted by president Jean Odom, members voted to award two scholarships to Ozona High School Seniors this year. The Forum has given

happy and friendly folks.

Monday, we had bingo followed by Mexican bingo. Tuesday, we had volleyball followed by services with members of the First Baptist Church.

Wednesday was bingo followed by Dancing Chicken. On Thursday, there was beauty shop with Rachel Ybarra, Nana

one scholarship annually since 2003. The organization also presents the honorary Best Citizen Award to a member of the senior class, a tradition that began with the 1952-53 school year.

Hostesses for the meeting were Virginia Hubbard, Bobbie Bird and Betty Harrell. Also attending were: Marolyn Bean, Norma Carson, Crystelle Childress, Marilyn Cox, Lynn English, Janie Everett, Bobbie Griffin, Jimmie Jacoby, Dorothy Montgomery, Linda Moore, Brenda Newton, Jean Odom, Willa Perry, Katharine Russell, Mary Sellers, Ann Shaw, Louise Taliaferro, Nell Wester, Patsy White, Rosalind Williams and guest Roberta Schoenhals.

Fierro and Nell Wester.

Friday was bingo followed by singing with Judy. On Saturday, we had music by Ron Valdez from Sanderson. He came to sing to Mrs. Couch for her birthday and she had tamales made by Mrs. Solis.

Thanks to all the people that come out of our busy schedule to help and visit.

Care Center Employee of the Month



LVN ROSEMARY NELMS

Rosemary is a hard worker, has a good personality, is always ready to work, does a good job, helps fill in the gaps when we are short-handed and appreciates others. With that in mind we are proud to announce she is our Employee of the Month.

Obituaries

Niva Palmer

Niva Sorrells Palmer, 91, passed away on Feb. 27, 2007 at the Crockett County Care Center.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 28 at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Niva married Bob Palmer, who was in the grocery business and worked for L.B. Adam.

Niva met her best friend, Opal Forehand, when she moved to California after her husband's death.

Her father ran the barber shop and her mother ran the beauty shop in Ozona. There were in the building that now houses The Ozona Stockman. She used to ride to San Angelo with Buster Miller while she went to beauty school herself.

Preceding her in death was her husband and her daughter.

Niva enjoyed singing and listening to the piano at the Care Center. She always appreciated what everyone did for her.

Solomon said "I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor - it is the gift of God. I know that everything God does will remain forever; there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing to take from it, for God has so worked that men should fear Him."

We will grieve Niva because she was an active part of our Sunday Service. Today, makes the day that she will never return to her place which she always would say is this where I go "Hon."

Freddie Factor

Freddie Factor, 75 of Big Lake, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2007 in Big Lake.

Graveside service was Saturday, March 3 in the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery in Brackettville, Texas. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include two daughters, Josie Goodloe of Big Lake and Rose Mary Brothers of Warner Robins, Ga.

Helping Hands News

By **BETTY BULLARD**
Helping Hands

Keep us in mind when planning your St. Patrick's Day.

When Irish eyes are smiling, and tenors singing Danny Boy.

A lot of this will be going on March 17 at the senior citizens building. Those singing and playing for us will be, Greg Jones & Co., David Pagan, B.C. Smith, Don Kilgore, Jamie Knox, Benny Logan, Willena Holden, Marty Noah, Joy Frost, Joe Warren Friend, Allen Stover and H.F. Ritchie & Friends from Big Lake.

Some of these guys are professionals, some just good old

country people who get a lot of enjoyment out of getting together and doing a little picking and singing.

This get together is a benefit for Helping Hands for the Elderly.

We will be doing Gospel, country and western, sing alongs, dancing hand clapping and toe tapping.

There will be no charge for this event, but all donations will be greatly appreciated.

We will have more details later, Just keep us in mind, or better still, make us your first priority.

Thanks to you all. Helping Hands Board Members

LET US INTRODUCE



- NAME: Melissa Ybarra
- JOB TITLE: Care Center Accounts Payable Clerk
- HOW LONG WITH PRESENT EMPLOYER: 4 months
- ORIGINALLY FROM: Ozona
- FAMILY: Edmundo B. Vargas Jr., of Ozona, daughter Claressa Tambunga who resides in San Angelo and attends Howard College, son U.S. Marine Jacob Tambunga and wife Yessica Tambunga of Camp Pendleton, Calif. and granddaughter Kaitlyn Brooke Tambunga of Ozona.
- HOBBIES, ORGANIZATIONS, OTHER INTERESTS: I like spending time with my family, fishing, camping, traveling and watching chick flicks. I attend Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, I am part of our local Military Support Group and attend as many activities as possible with my granddaughter.

WASHING DISHES

My wife is gone to a women's conference and this morning while washing the dishes I found myself whistling a Christian tune that my grandmother used to sing years ago. As she would wash the dishes she would sing songs to the Lord. If she was out watering her plants or feeding the chickens or the dogs, you could hear singing away. She had to deal with and live with lots of problems. My grandfather was an alcoholic and came home drunk almost every night and she had to help him to bed. They were farmers and ranchers and were in a severe drought and were about to lose everything. How could my grandmother find a way to sing? I noticed that she did not focus on the problems but would find the things to be thankful about. One song she would sing was, (Count Your Blessings). It was not till years later that I got on my knees and accepted Christ that true joy came into my heart, (John 1:12). Even then I still could still find lots of things to complain and gripe about but God tells us to be thankful, (Philippians 4:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:18). I found that being critical or a gripper wasn't much fun. So I started trying to look at the good and give thanks, (Psalm 9:1&2, 1 Timothy 6:8, Hebrews 13:5&6). Guess what, joy came into my heart? See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Tuesday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Tuesday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Serafin Avenido Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>		

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Dog wakes family, saves them in fire

Submitted by Diana Lewis

After a week full of hustle and bustle, Diana Lewis and her family were glad that the weekend had finally arrived.

The normal routine was that when her husband John was away at work, the two younger children's treat was to sleep in bed with mom.

In the middle of the night, a nagging voice in Diana's head told her to make a pallet on the floor. She put the young ones down on the floor and decided to take a sleeping pill.

Sometime, in the early morning hours of March 4, Maggie, the family's 4-year-old black lab, made a funny bark.

The owner told her to go back to bed. After several funny barks, and then pouncing on the

owner's legs, Diana awoke to a blaze in the bedroom.

In panic mode, she pulled the younger children out of the bedroom, yelled to the other family members sleeping on the other side of the house and put out the fire with fire extinguishers.

No one in the house heard the smoke detectors. Those that did thought they were alarm clocks.

The pet owner and two young children were sent to the emergency room where they were treated for smoke inhalation and released.

Members of the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department said the family slept through 45 minutes of the fire.

If it hadn't been for Maggie, there would have been more damage and injuries.



Submitted photo

MAGGIE, a 4-year-old black lab, woke up her family early Sunday morning when a fire broke out in their house on 308 Hillcrest.

TOBAR: Commissioner can remain in office

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"Only in the upside down town of Ozona, perhaps better named the Land of Oz, is it possible to be indicted on sworn statements made by drunken minors. As with all lemons in life that are thrown in our direction, to Commissioner Alfredo Tobar, I say, turn it around on them and make some lemonade. I believe that this lemonade is going to be exactly what the people of Oz have been thirsting for. The well-kept secret ingredients of this drink will finally be exposed and no longer only privileged to those of Oz. I can only speculate that the ingredients will consist of the following: greedy, gold-digging folks, a dash of a corrupted legal system, a splash of people who lack any hint of integrity and a lot of individuals

who lack moral values. To the tainted citizens of Oz, you know who you are, enjoy your drink, you asked for it," said Alfredo Tobar.

Alfredo Tobar has been released on three personal recognizance bonds of \$1,000 each.

Three of the charges against Alfredo Tobar carry third-degree felonies, which is punishable up to 10 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000, according to the Texas Penal Code. The fourth charge is a class A misdemeanor, which is punishable up to one year in jail and a fine not to exceed \$4,000.

Timothy Joe Tobar is out on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond, with the condition that he does not operate a motor vehicle while on bond.

Two of the charges against Timothy Joe Tobar are second-degree felonies, which is punishable up to 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000, the penal code states.

Alfredo Tobar is currently serving his first term as commissioner of Precinct 4.

County Judge Fred Deaton said that Tobar can remain in office until he is convicted, if he is convicted.

According to the Texas Local Government Code, the conviction of a county officer by a jury for any felony or for a misdemeanor involving official misconduct operates as an immediate removal from office of that officer.

Pete Gomez, judge of the 112th Judicial District, has recused himself from both cases.

COURT: Decision on courthouse roof tabled to March 12 meeting

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Currently, the money for the THC Courthouse Renovation Program is controlled by the Texas Department of Transportation. THC officials are hoping legislation will pass to allow the funding to be moved back to the THC.

However, it could be 2008 before the funding could be used or distributed. There is also the possibility that the THC may not get the funding, Deaton said.

Deaton said the new construction plans would give the county 10 extra points toward being considered for the pro-

gram, but none of the money the county would spend on plans or repairs would count toward funding the THC project.

"If we just patched this, it would only last a year, and we would be sitting there with no money for a roof and a set of plans. The historical commission says we have to start now and just gamble on drawing set of plans and waiting. I'm not much of a gambler," Deaton said. "Obviously nothing is going to be done this year unless we do something."

"We need to put out for bids and see what we get," added Commissioner Frank Tambunga. "We can sit here and out guess the historical commission all we want."

As for the courthouse roof, the commissioners decided to table the item until the March 12 regular meeting. The commissioners all said they wanted numbers, costs and plans on types of roofs available.

The next commissioners' court meeting will be at 9 a.m. March 12 at the courthouse annex.

WOOL: Wardlaw Group has a decision to make

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"Their personal financial information spread across the Internet and in front of everyone is something these directors are not willing to do."

The Wardlaw Group also submitted an objection wanting to know what happen to the wool and mohair that was sold without the creditor's knowledge.

Attorney David Langston, who represents the creditor's committee that worked on the disclosure statement, said the files containing the information on the missing mohair are in the FBI office in Lubbock.

The files are handwritten, making them difficult to read, Langston said.

The FBI is investigating the cases against former manager Donnie Laughlin and former secretary Tonya Stalcup, were arrested and charged in May with misapplication of fiduciary property over \$200,000, which is a first degree felony that is punishable up to life in prison and a fine up to \$10,000.

"The information is available, but it is a monumental task," he said.

Miller said his clients were

going to have to decide whether to go along with the plan, spending the money to object to the plan or asserting their state court lawsuit.

The Wardlaw Group filed a lawsuit against the board of directors, current manager Mike Edinburgh, Laughlin and Stalcup in district court in Tom Green County.

"We got half of what we wanted. I think we are satisfied with that," said Richard Miller, attorney for the Wardlaw Group. "We wish they'd tell us what happened with the mohair."

USDA Rural Development provides no money down loans for rural housing

By RANDY VERNER
USDA Rural Development

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Varsity Lions win second at Ozona Relays

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Varsity Lions took second place at the Ozona Relays on March 3.

The Lions had 112 points. Other team totals - 1. Wall, 149; 3. Crane, 94; 4. Sonora, 66; 5. Grape Creek and Irion County, each 62; 6. McCamey, 46 and 7. Eldorado, 13. Also participating was Reagan County.

Results are:
Shot put - 2. Freddy Fierro, 47-feet, 8.5-inches and 3. Matthew Payne, 43-4.

Discus - 1. Ely Silva, 131-9, 2. Payne, 129-10 and 4. Caleb Mitchel, 128-2.

High jump - 3. Felix Ven-

egas, 5-8.
Long jump - 3. Jordan Long, 20-5.

3,200-meter run - 2. Roman Tambunga, 11 minutes, 27.9 seconds and 5. Ethan English, 11:56.9.

400-meter relay - 6. Ozona, 47.37.

100-meter dash - 3. John Tom Tijerina, 11.51.

400-meter run - 6. Long, 59.87.

300-meter hurdles - 4. Mitchel, 44.82.

200-meter dash - 1. Silva, 23.88.

1,600-meter run - 1. Tambunga, 5:05.3 and 6. English, 5:24.7.

800-meter relay - 1. Ozona, 1:37.30.

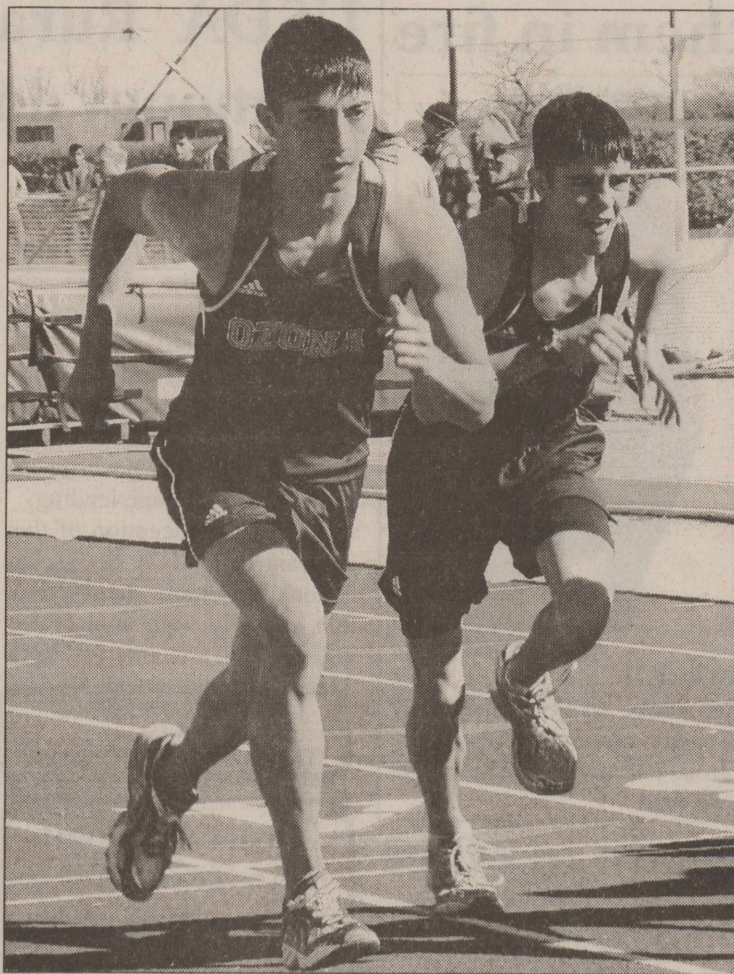


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ROMAN TAMBUNGA AND ETHAN ENGLISH (r.) won the 1,600 meter run with Ethan English placing six at the Ozona Relays. In the 3,200 meter run Tambunga was second and English was fifth

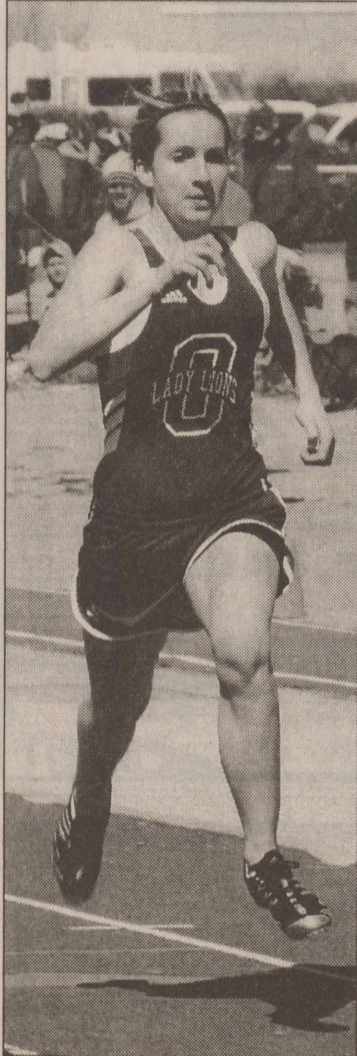


Photo by Joe Hernandez
KELSEY CHILDRESS hits her stride while competing for the Lady Lions at the Ozona Relays.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
FREDDY FIERRO placed second in the shot put for the varsity Lions at the Ozona Relays.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
SARAH LOTT



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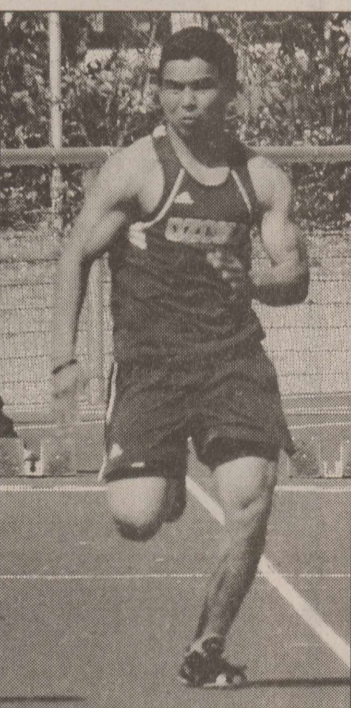


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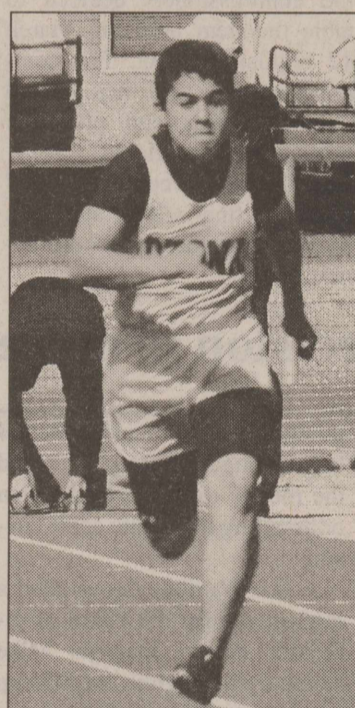


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ANTHONY VILLARREAL

Cervantez takes first in discus at the Ozona Relays

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Varsity Lady Lions took fourth place at the Ozona Relays on March 3.

The Lady Lions had 46 points. Other team totals - 1. Wall, 196; 2. Sonora, 102.5; 3. Crane, 92.5; 5. Reagan County, 45; 6. McCamey, 44; 7. Irion County, 40; 8. Eldorado, 28 and 9. Grape Creek, 24.

Results are:
Shot put - 3. Alexa Cervantez, 28-feet, 3-inches.

Discus - 1. Cervantez, 88-3.

Long jump - 3. Vanessa Rodriguez, 14-2.5.

Triple jump - 3. Rodriguez, 31-6.

3,200-meter run - 3. Vicky Treto, 13 minutes, 33.4 seconds.

400-meter run - 6. Sara Dorrough, 1:11.5.

1,600-meter run - 3. Treto, 6:08.6.

1,600-meter relay - 6. Ozona, 4:49.9.

800-meter relay - 6. Ozona, 2:03.4.

JV Lions take second at Ozona Relays

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lions took second place at the Ozona Relays on March 3.

The Lions had 123 points for the meet. Other team totals - 1. Wall, 202; 3. Eldorado, 107; 4. Grape Creek, 89.5; 5. Sonora, 60; 6. Irion County, 16.5 and 7. McCamey, 5. Also participating was: Crane and Reagan County.

Results are:
Shot put - 2. Steven Silva, 36-feet, 5.5-inches and 3. Ruben Rivas, 34-8.

Discus - 1. Silva, 122-4 and 5. Rivas, 96-3.

Long jump - 6. Johnny Flores, 16-9.

Triple jump - 1. Matias Gandar, 36-3.75; 3. Jesse Badillo, 35-8. 5. J. Flores, 35-2.5.

3,200-meter run - 5. Badillo, 12:08.7.

400-meter relay - 4. Ozona, 49.28.

800-meter run - 3. Fabian Onate, 2:27.0 and 4. Lalo Longoria, 2:28.0.

100-meter dash - 2. Silva, 12.07.

400-meter run - 4. Stanton Najar, 1:01.7.

300-meter hurdles - 3. J. Flores, 50.52.

1,600-meter run - 2. Badillo, 5:26.50.

1,600-meter relay - 2. Ozona, 3:59.50.

800-meter relay - 2. Ozona, 1:44.0.

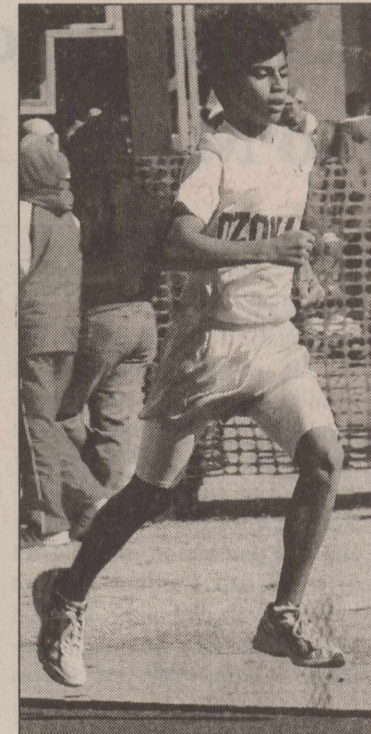


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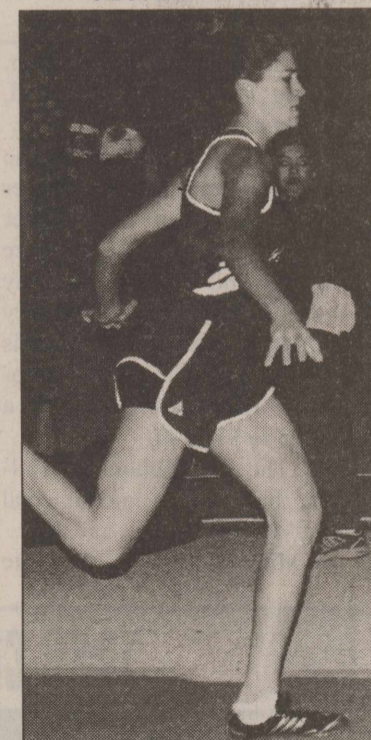


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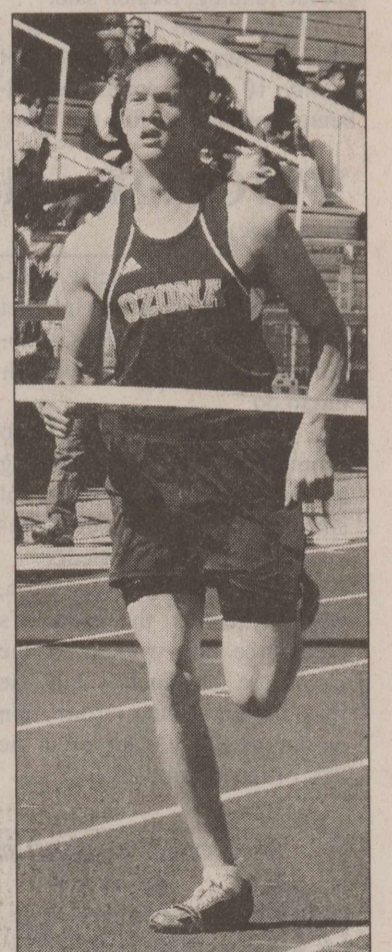


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2007-2008 OZONA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS Varsity Squad:

(in alphabetical order except for head cheerleader)

Julia Henderson - head cheerleader

Kara Bird

Alexa Cervantez

Kelsey Childress

Kasey Gray

Alysha Lara

Alex Macias

Cassandra Salazar

Adrianna Tijerina - Mascot

JV Squad:

(in alphabetical order)

RaeLynn Arredondo

Makayla Badillo

Melanie Miller

Britni Mitchel

Chelsea Moore

Rebecca Ramos

Youth Center Calendar of Events

March 12 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

March 13 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

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RUSSEL KOMECHAK won the 300 meter hurdles and came in third in the 110 meter hurdles in the 8th grade division of the Ozona Relays held March 2.

Seventh Grade Lions win second at OMS Relays

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Ozona Lions took second place at the Ozona Middle School Relays on March 2.

Ozona had 142 points, only two points behind first place Crane at 144. Other team results: 3. Sonora 136; 4. Grape Creek 53; 5. McCamey 47; 6. Reagan County 34; 7. Eldorado 14 and 8. Irion County 11.

Results are:
Discus - 3. Mark Gallardo, 74-feet, 6.5-inches.
High jump - 1. Gallardo, 4-10.

Long jump - 2. Aron Aguilera, 15-7.5; 4. Lane Hale, 13-

11.5 and 6. Alejandro Mendez, 13-10.

Triple jump - 1. Adrial Zamarripa, 31-9; 2. Aguilera, 31-3.5 and 6. Mendez, 29-10.5

Pole vault - 2. Hale, 7-0.
110-meter hurdles - 3. Aguilera, 21.06 seconds and 5. Zamarripa, 22.31.

100-meter dash - 1. Gallardo, 13.38.
400-meter run - 2. Zamarripa, 1:04.60.

300-meter hurdles - 2. Hale, 56.3 and 5. Gallardo, 59.99.
400-meter relay - 5. Ozona, 57.38.

1,600-meter relay - 1. Ozona, 4:29.2.

800-meter relay - 1. Ozona, 1:55.3.

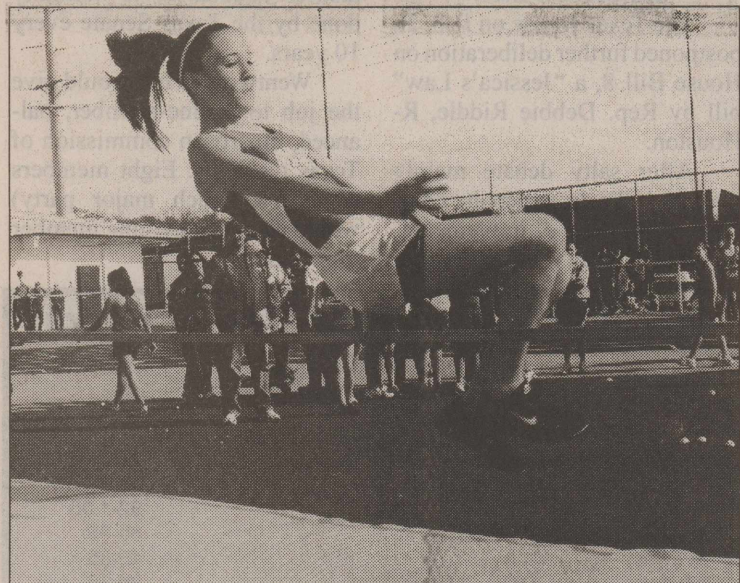


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MELANIE MILLER was fourth in the eighth grade girls' high jump competition at the Ozona Relays.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions win third OMS Relays

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions took third at the Ozona Middle School Relays on March 2.

Other team totals - 1. So-

nora, 175; 2. Grape Creek, 133; 4. Irion County, 84; 5. Eldorado, 31; 6. McCamey, 21; 7. Reagan County, 17; 8. Crane, 8 and 9. Rankin, 5.

Results are:
Shot put - 4. Mariah Gallardo, 23-feet, 8-inches.

Discus - 4. Britni Mitchel, 65-0 and 6. RaeLynn Arredondo, 61-6.

High jump - 4. Melanie Miller, 4-6.
Long jump - 1. Chelsea Moore, 14-2.5.

Triple jump - 4. Miller, 29-3.

Pole vault - 6. Moore, 6-0.
400-meter relay - 1. Ozona, 54.74.

800-meter run - 3. Rebecca Ramos, 2:48.40.

110-meter hurdles - 2. Miller, 18.06 and 5. Makayla Badillo, 19.70.

100-meter dash - 5. Brenda Venegas, 14.70.

400-meter run - 1. Moore, 1:06.94.

300-meter hurdles - 2. Miller, 55.70.

1,600-meter run - 4. Gabriela Rodriguez, 7:17.90 and 6. Mitchel, 7:33.40.

1,600-meter relay - 1. Ozona, 4:42.40.

800-meter relay - 5. Ozona, 2:10.40.



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REBECCA RAMOS took third place in the 8th grade girls' 800 meter run at the Ozona Relays.

Eighth Grade Lions win OMS Relays

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions won the Ozona Middle School Relays on March 2.

The Lions had 145 points for the meet. Other team totals - 2. Sonora, 128; 3. Crane, 93; 4. Grape Creek, 52.50; 5. Irion County, 51; 6. Eldorado, 44; 7. Reagan County, 38.50 and 8. McCamey, 35.

Results are:
Shot put - 2. Anthony Gonzalez, 34-feet, 5-inches.

Long jump - 3. Gonzalez, 16-10.25.

Triple jump - 1. Gonzalez, 34-1.5; 5. Jose Aguilar, 30-6 and 6. Abey Lara, 30-3.75.

Pole vault - 2. Russel Komechak, 9-6.

2,400-meter run - 2. Stefan Wilson, 9 minutes, 7.4 seconds and 4. Richard Borrego, 10:14.6.

400-meter relay - 6. Ozona, 53.24.

800-meter run - 2. Lara, 2:23.90; 3. Eric Talamantez, 2:40.20 and 4. Kyle Dean, 2:40.70.

110-meter hurdles - 3. Komechak, 19.57.

400-meter run - 3. Talamantez, 1:01.90 and 4. Lara, 1:01.90.

300-meter hurdles - 1. Komechak, 48.14.

1,600-meter run - 2. Wilson, 5:41.00 and 3. Dean, 6:03.00.

1,600-meter relay - 1. Ozona, 4:10.7.

800-meter relay - 2. Ozona, 1:51.20.



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CHRIS RENDON takes to the air while competing in the eighth grade boys' high jump at the Ozona Middle School Relays.

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800-meter relay - 2. Ozona, 1:51.20.



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RICHARD BORREGO AND **STEFAN WILSON** (r.) pace themselves in the 2,400 meter run. Wilson placed second and Borrego came in 4th.

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Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions took fourth place at the Ozona Middle School Relays on March 2.

Other team totals - 1. Crane, 196; 2. Sonora 133; 3. Eldorado 69; 5. Grape Creek, 56; 6. Irion County and Reagan County, 24 each. Also participating were McCamey and Rankin.

Results are:
Shot put - 5. Christina Quiroz, 22-feet, 11-inches.

Discus - 6. Emalee Hamilton, 44-3.75.

Long jump - 3. Alex Rodriguez, 11-8.5.

400-meter relay - 2. Ozona, 58.95.

110-meter hurdles - 4. Adrienne Sanchez, 20.67.

100-meter dash - 6. Gaby Gutierrez, 15.26.

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1,600-meter run - 1. Rodriguez, 6:26.30.

800-meter relay - 3. Ozona, 2:13.80.

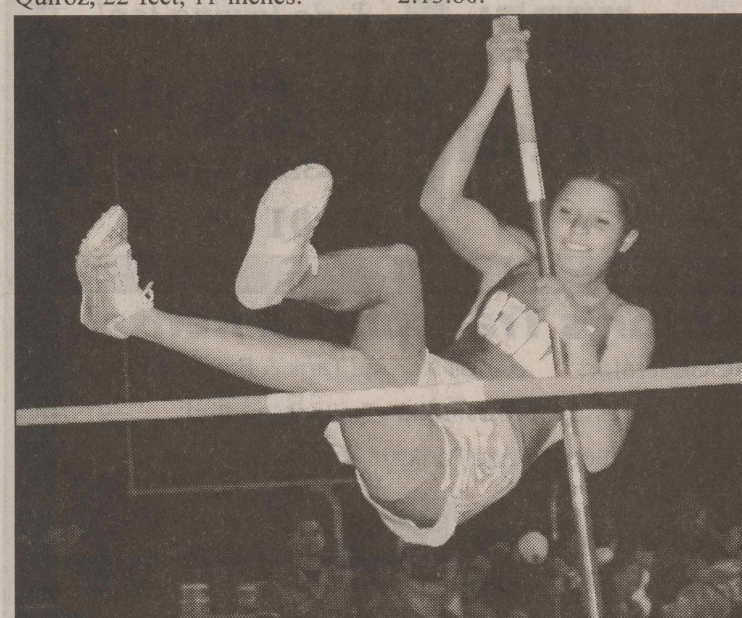


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MAKAYLA BADILLO is really enjoying competing in the eighth grade girl's high jump.

Card of Thanks

We are so blessed to live in Ozona. We would like to thank each and everyone for your generous donations, brisket benefit, gun raffle, cards, care packages and prayers for Adison. We deeply appreciate your generosity from the bottom of our hearts.

God Bless,
Adison Aaron & Family

FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

By Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG/NR

Local 4-Hers participate in San Angelo, San Antonio stock shows

Crockett County 4-H members participated in the San Antonio and San Angelo Stock Shows last month.

Traveling to San Antonio in the goat show were Adrienne Bendele, Kara Bird, Lucinda Birkenfeld, Allie Black, Murphey Black, Cuatro Jones, Corey Kelley, Matthew Komechak, Russel Komechak, Abby Newton, Taylor Newton, Lexi Poindexter, Kelbie Renfro, Stormi Rinehart, Lane White and Wilson White.

In class 1 Kara Bird placed third, Jayci Miller sixth and 12th, and Adison Aaron placed 10th. In Class 2 Taylor Newton placed 11th and Adrienne Bendele placed 14th. In Class 3 Abby Newton placed ninth. In Class 4 Kara Bird third, Murphey Black seventh. In Class 5 Kelbie Renfro second, Murphey Black fourth. In class 7 Kelbie Renfro first, Allie Black ninth. In Class 8 Lucinda Birkenfeld 15th.

Participants in the Market Lamb Show were Lakin Aaron, Wes McGuire, Chelsea Moore, Lane Hale, Allie Black, Murphey Black, Kelbie Renfro, Jadie Marshall, Latham Ducote, Kramer Hall, Taylor Newton, Logan Glaspi, Erik Carrizales, Lucinda Birkenfeld and Adrienne Bendele.

In the Finewool Division Class 1 Adrienne Bendele placed 10th, Wes McGuire placed 11th. In class 4 Allie Black placed ninth, Lane Hale placed 12th. In class 5 Murphey Black placed second and Latham Ducote placed 11th.

In the Finewool Cross Division Kelbie Renfro received first place in class 6 and received Breed Champion of the show.

In the Wool Judging Contest in San Antonio the team of Kraig Chandler, Laura Stapper, and Lane White placed third overall. The team of Erik Carrizales, Linda Stapper, and Wilson White placed ninth overall. Individual Kraig Chandler placed third, Laura Stapper placed 12th, Lane White placed 18th, Linda Stapper placed 31st, Wilson White placed 36th, and Erik Carrizales placed 44th.

At the San Angelo Stock Show exhibiting swine were Kodi Glosson, Morgan Glosson, Brandi Glosson, Frankie Skinner, Lexi Poindexter, Jady Poindexter, Noel Fierro, Stormi Rinehart, and Tell Churchill.

Brandi Glosson placed ninth in the Middle Class Black OPB.

In the goat show, participants included Adison Aaron, Lakin Aaron, Jennifer Allen, Wade Allen, Adrienne Bendele, Kara Bird, Lucinda Birkenfeld, Allie Black, Murphey Black,

Alex Hopper, Cuatro Jones, Matthew Komechak, Russel Komechak, Jayci Miller, Abby Newton, Taylor Newton, Lexi Poindexter, Justin Pullig, Johnna Pullig, Kelbie Renfro, Stormi Rinehart, Lane White and Wilson White.

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In the Finewool Division Class 1 Allie Black fourth, Murphey Black 13th, Lane Hale 14th. Class 2 Kelbie Renfro first, Lucinda Birkenfeld seventh. In Class 3 Allie Black 12th, Murphey Black 13th, and Lucinda Birkenfeld 15th.

In the Finewool Cross Division Class 1 Kelbie Renfro third, Allie Black ninth, and Lucinda Birkenfeld 15th. In Class 3 Murphey Black sixth and Kelbie Renfro 12th. In Class 4 Murphey Black also placed.

In the Creative Arts Youth Food Division participating 4-H members were Mathew DeWolfe, Jadie Marshall, Candace Weddle, Tamra Karles.

Mathew DeWolfe-11th grade- placed 1st with Banana Bread and 3rd with Freddie's Vanilla Wafer Cake.

Jadie Marshall-4th grade- placed 1st with Pumpkin Cake, 2nd with Disappearing Tea Cakes, and 3rd with Microwave Peanut Brittle. Candace Weddle-7th grade-placed 2nd with a decorated cake. Tamra Karles-5th grade- placed 3rd with a decorated cake.

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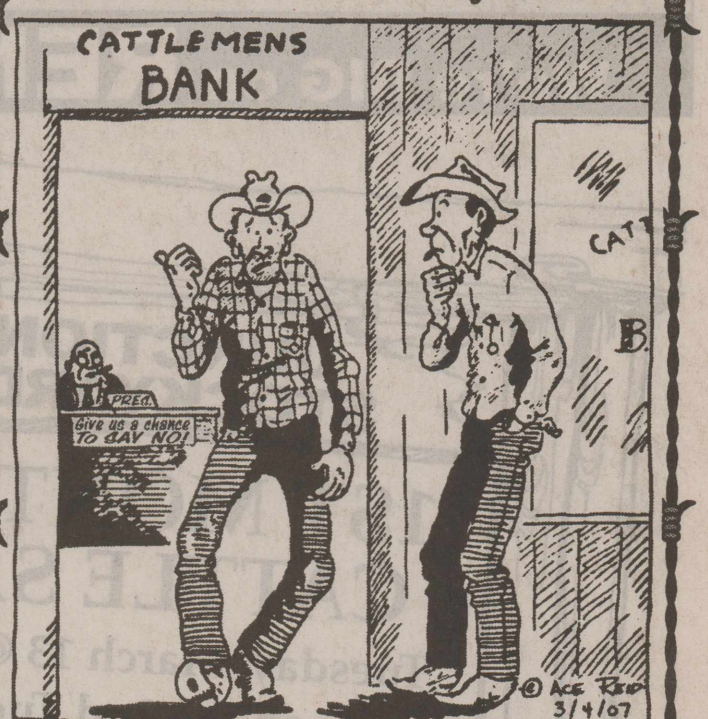
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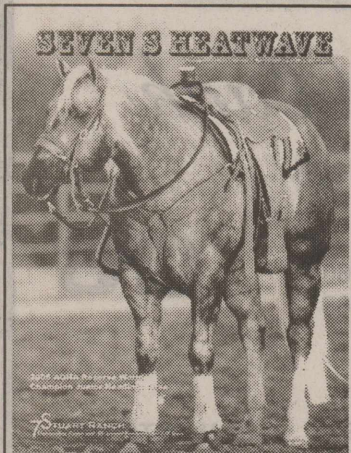
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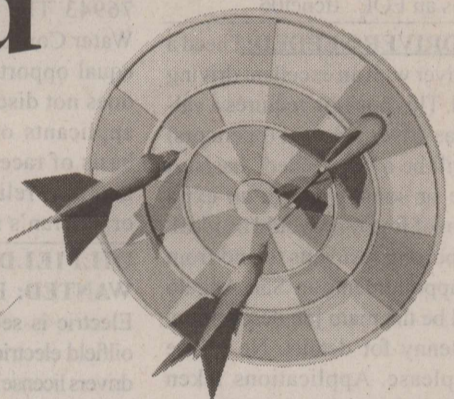
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