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Special H2S gas equipment needed to kill well

## Gas well blowout east of Ozona closes I-10

by Scotty Moore

A section of Interstate 10 between Ozona and Sonora was closed to through traffic Tuesday night and most of Wednesday as a result of a poisonous gas well blowout seven miles east of Ozona and one-half mile south of the interstate on the Hemphill Ranch.

J. Cleo Thompson No. 1 Clayton-Hemphill was reported to law enforcement officers as having ruptured at 10:30 p.m. Jan. 3. Poisonous H2S gas was spewing into the atmosphere causing Department of Public Safety and Crockett County Sheriff's Department personnel to stop the flow of traffic at Ozona and Sonora. "All traffic was diverted through Eldorado," said Chief Deputy Jim Wilson. "We set up headquarters at the DPS office, and we all worked together."

People on ranches as far as 10-12 miles north of the well were notified of the possible danger, and many left their homes voluntarily.

Ozona Volunteer Fire Department members with training in H2S rescue procedures were called to the scene

to make sure H2S equipment was being used correctly by law enforcement personnel and company officials.

"H2S gas is very deadly. It has the odor of rotten eggs, and when you stop smelling it, you're a gonner," said Fire Chief Dorris Haire. "The only protection from it is using the proper breathing mask and air supply, or just staying as far away as you possibly can."

The rupture at the well head was reported to have been caused by an ice ball in the tubing hitting the well head and causing threads to strip.

Well blow-out specialists from Odessa, employees of Boots and Coots of Houston, were called to the scene to give technical advice to company officials and Haliburton employees on the proper method of shutting down the well.

A 200-foot line was laid to the wellhead, and brine water was pumped at 8,000 pounds pressure to overcome the 2,700 pounds gas pressure escaping from the rupture. The escaping gas caused the brine

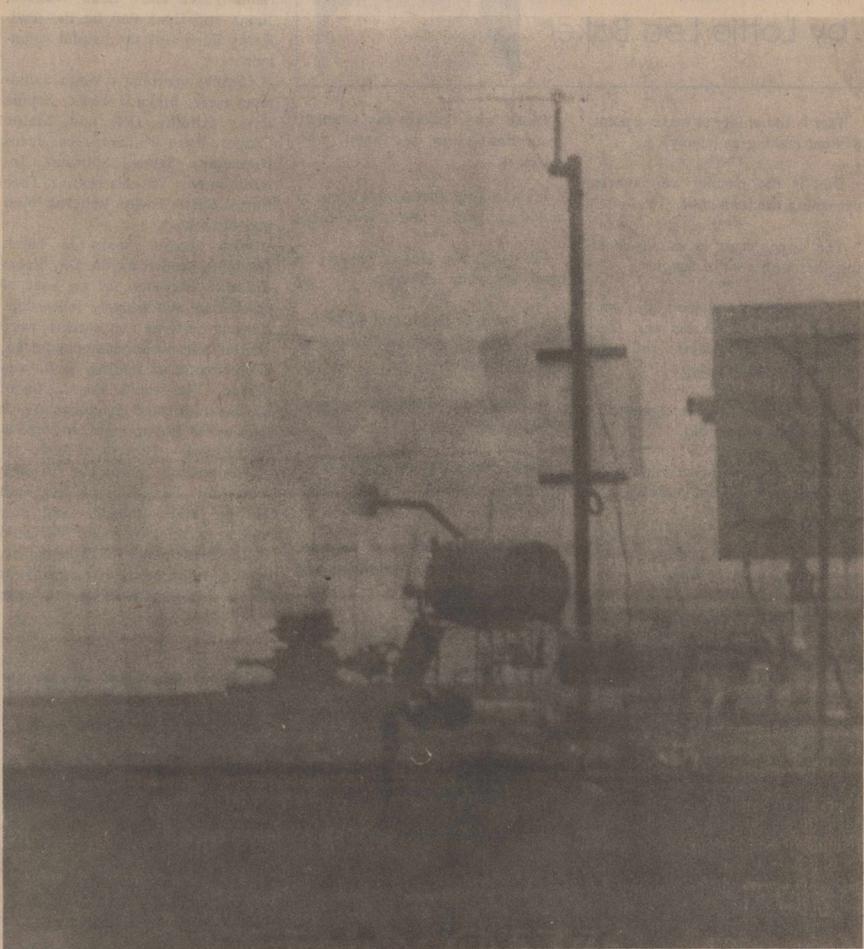
water to be forced outward into the air, resulting in a 200 foot high gas mist cloud above the wellhead.

Around 1 p.m. Wednesday, the remaining threads holding the well-head gave way, opening the well completely into the atmosphere.

After a change in wind direction, all but a skeleton crew left the Circle Bar Truck Corral.

The well was finally capped Wednesday afternoon with a blowout preventer which was bolted into place by a crew from Lilly Construction.

"I cannot over-emphasize how well the DPS, Sheriff's Department, firemen, game warden and county officials all worked together. Everyone knew what to do and when to do it," said Chief Deputy Wilson. "We all worked in unison. Company officials provided us with anything and everything that we needed without question. If we hadn't had those guys in the fire department, I don't know what we would have done. They really know their stuff."



J. Cleo Thompson's Clayton-Hemphill well #1 developed a high pressure H2S leak Tuesday night, Feb. 3. Nearness to I-10 required rerouting of Sonora-Ozona traffic through Eldorado. Gas can be seen escaping from the Christmas tree at the well site.

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## Baggett announces for trustee Counties to split money Sutton asks re-election to board



Penn Baggett, Crockett County rancher and businessman, has announced that he is a candidate for trustee of the Crockett County Common Consolidated School District.

A lifetime resident of the county, Baggett is a 1963 graduate of Ozona High School. He earned a B.B.A from the University of Texas at Austin in 1967.

He is the son of a career Crockett County teacher and the father of two school-age children.

"My purpose in filing is to try to serve the educational system and community that provided me with good public education," says Baggett. He is interested in hearing from anyone with comments regarding the school and trustee position.

Tax money in escrow pending settlement of a Harris County suit will be split between Crockett and Harris Counties, County Attorney Tom Cameron told commissioners Monday.

The suit stemmed from Harris County's attempt to recover tax money paid in Crockett County by Hollywood Marine, a barge company which claimed Crockett County as its headquarters.

A fourth discrimination suit has been filed against the county by a former employee, Cameron said. The three previous suits filed by the same individual have been decided in Crockett County's favor.

Cameron and Bill Boswell, interim hospital administrator, were in Austin last week on to testify regarding legislation to form a hospital district here. The bill, titled Bill 88, was well received according to Cameron. The Ozonans met with Sen. Bill Sims and Rep. Gerald Geistweidt.

Commissioners agreed to pay a fee of \$500 which had been submitted in connection with a livestock theft case. The county cannot give a reward, but can pay an informant fee for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone accused of livestock theft.

This is only the second time in 50 years the fee has been applied for according to Judge A. O. Fields.

House Fuel was low bidder on gasoline for the county vehicles. Other firms submitting bids were Sonora-Ozona Oil Company and Shelton Oil.

Bids were also opened from Crockett County National Bank and Ozona National Bank for depository of county funds. No decision was reached during the regular session of court. The two bids will be compared by Jim Dudley, county treasurer, and a selection made.

The court passed a resolution commending members of the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department for their superior work in containing the Skains Garage fire last month. The department was praised for its service to the community.

During the reports by various department heads, commissioners heard updates from County Road Supervisor Eddie Moore, Parks Supervisor Onecimo Ortiz, Librarian Louise Ledoux, Hospital Administrator Bill Boswell, Helping Hands representative Jerry Hill and Civic Center Director Garland Young.

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"I am very interested in the youth of Crockett County and will make every effort to continue to support our quality education," said Sutton. "I feel that having served six years on the board of trustees and having served through the implementation of House Bill 72, I am qualified for another term on the Crockett County school board."

"Thank you for the support and confidence you have given me in the Past. The future of our public school system is more important than ever. I would appreciate your consideration on April 4th."

## Circle Bar Racing makes clean sweep at car shows

by Scotty Moore

Tom Mitchell's NAS car, boat, Cobra, Bronco and '47 Ford Sprint T pickup have been making clean sweeps at car shows with first place trophies and four plaques to show for Circle Bar's expertise in building engines, body work and overall appearance.

Central High School in San Angelo has the NAS racing car on display at this time, said Ed Reneau.

This car recently won first place in its class at the M & M Production Car Show held Jan. 9-10 at the coliseum in San Angelo.

"We literally had to drag the Bronco away from Tom and left him afoot," said Reneau. "Tom built the engines in the Cobra, Bronco, and '47 Ford Sprint T pickup, and we are extremely proud of them."

The Cobra body came in kit form and took 90-95 eight hour working days to finish. Tom built the engine and Reneau did all of the body work which included painting, fitting the hood, doors and instrument panel.

The Cobra is a registered show car of the Winston Corporation Automobile Shows, which is a division of the Inter Show Car Association.

All of the Circle Bar Racing show cars and boat have Ford engines engineered and built by Tom Mitchell.

"We are very proud of our first place wins over stiff competition, and we have entered other shows coming up to help add to our trophy collection," said Reneau. The next big show is the Inter Show Car Association to be held in Dallas Feb. 20-22.



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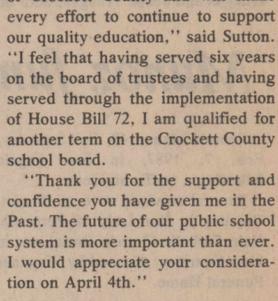
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**Weather Forecast**

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THURSDAY THRU SATURDAY:

Fair with little temperature change. The highs in the low to mid 70's with lows in the low to mid 40's.

PAST WEEK

	RAIN	LO	HI
Feb. 3		38	77
Feb. 4		48	65
Feb. 5	.95	46	53
Feb. 6		35	45
Feb. 7		36	64
Feb. 8		38	76
Feb. 9		33	62
Feb. 10		51	

# This-n-That

## Snips, Quips, & Lifts

by Lottie Lee Baker



Tact is the ability to make a point without making an enemy.

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Diet is the penalty we pay for exceeding the feed limit.

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The upper crust is usually held together with a lot of dough.

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A person complained he was having trouble with his car. The engine wouldn't start and the payments wouldn't stop.

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Some people never exaggerate - they just remember big.

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Looks are deceiving - a dollar looks the same as it did ten years ago.

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What we really need is a soap powder that would prevent a telephone ring in the bathtub.

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Old Maid's Lament: Whenever I find a man that would make a good husband - he is.

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Most of us carry our own stumbling block around with us, we camouflage it with a hat.

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There's always free cheese in the mousetraps, but the mice there aren't happy.

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Those who criticize the younger generation seem to forget who reared it.

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It's a toss-up whether it is worse to be old and bent or young and broke.

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For many the idea of poverty is black and white television.

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The dove of peace still finds the world covered with the waters of hate and jealousy.

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Nothing is something many people are good for.

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Never before has the world had so many big problems and so many little minds.

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If gossips would tend to their knitting they wouldn't get tangled up in so many yarns.

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When a man marries he gets sixteen wives: four richer, four poorer, four better, four worse.

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Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's little nut that just stood its ground.

### A LIFT FOR THE WEEK

No man ever got lost on a straight road.

Door decorations were made in Monday morning's craft class. Residents designing fancy hearts were Lucia Rios, Juana Hernandez, Tomasa Ramos, Doris Robnett, Edna Wallace and Moriana Perez. We would like to thank volunteer Doris Karr for her assistance.

Exercise class was followed by a game of basketball Monday afternoon. Residents attending were Juana Hernandez, Elzy Bishop, Samuel Martinez, Jesus Hernandez, Lucia Rios, Maggie Crawford, Moriana Perez and Edna Wallace. Juana and Edna tied for the lead. Kathy Bortz was the helpful volunteer.

Tuesday morning's bingo volunteers were: Melinda Hokit, Sophie Kyle, Dorothy Doll and Mattie Cooper. Prize winners were: Jesus Hernandez, Samuel Martinez, Tomasa Ramos, Virginia Hoover, Theo Burns, Emma Taylor, Rebekah West and Alice Ross.

With crochet hooks in hand, residents headed for the Day Room Tuesday afternoon for an hour of crocheting and friendly fellowship. Various patterns and stitches were shared, and homemade pound cake, compliments of Dorothy Doll, was served. We would like to invite anyone interested in crocheting or who would like to learn, to join us next Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 3:30.

Wednesday morning's ceramic workshop was assisted by Ruth Hester, Marie Pierson, and new volunteer Janet Wellman. We would like to thank Janet for dropping by, and we hope to see her again next week. Residents participating were:



## Care Center News

by JoAnne Marshall  
Activities Director

Juana Hernandez, Moriana Perez, Tomasa Ramos, Edna Wallace, Hazel McDaniel and Theo Burns.

Thursday morning's beauty shop volunteers were: Melinda Hokit, Lola Rios, Joann Williamson, Vivian Hughes and Clara Byrd. Clara demonstrated her ability to play not only the piano but the organ as well. Residents were delighted.

Mid-week Bible study was presented by Jim Gray of First Baptist Church. Glenda Henderson played the piano. A short visitation followed.

Mass was conducted by Father Albert Tijerina Thursday afternoon during the Spanish Hour of Priase. Afterward, Herbierto Gutierrez played the guitar.

Virginia Hoover won the special game played in Friday's bingo for a perfumed talc donated by Anna Bell Patrick. Other winners were: Francisco Lopez, Samuel Martinez, Tomasa Ramos, Edna Wallace, Moriana Perez and Rebekah West. Volunteers were: Melinda Hokit, Lillian Tambunga, Dorothy Doll and Mattie Cooper.

Friday afternoon, Wheel of Fortune was played. Vanna White was played by volunteer Vivian Hughes. She wore a long evening gown, wine in color, with a matching lace jacket. Other helpful volunteers were Dorothy Doll, Melinda Hokit and Clara Byrd. Contestants were: Theo Burns, Hazel McDaniel, Emma Taylor, Myrtle Post, Lucia Rios,

Bertha Miller, Juana Hernandez, Tomasa Ramos, Moriana Perez and Doris Robnett. Three games were played. Hazel solved one of the puzzles and Theo solved the others.

Sunday worship service was presented by members of Our Lady of Perpetual Hands Catholic Church. A number of hymns were sung.

## Community Calendar

Feb. 11  
Mac Users Club, 7 p.m., computer room, OHS

Feb. 12  
Helping Hands spaghetti supper, 5-7 p.m., Civic Center  
•Progressive Extension Club, noon, Civic Center

Feb. 13  
Ozona boys varsity, J.V. vs. Reagan Co., H, 6:30

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## Letter to the Editor

I want to take this opportunity to publicly commend the Crockett County Fire Department. I have felt for a long time that we are really fortunate to have a professional organization of firefighters. Recent events have, again, shown the quality of our fire department.

I am really surprised that the Skain's fire did not turn out to be a much greater tragedy than it was. The high winds, and the rapid burning of the fire led me to believe that we would lose numerous buildings in that neighborhood. The fact that we didn't is due, totally, to the fast action of our firemen.

This past week, when the gas well blew east of town, our firemen were there to help. Expecting that we might have this kind of problem, many of our firemen have received certified training in handling H2S gas. You can imagine the relief I felt, knowing that we had these men on the scene to deal with the problem and advise law enforcement.

Over the years, whenever I have called on the Crockett County Fire Department for assistance, they have always responded in a friendly and professional manner. I appreciate this.

You know, firemen are sworn to protect life and property in much the same manner that a peace officer is. The amazing thing is that we receive such fine professional service from a fire department that is made up completely of volunteers who serve with no pay.

I hope the citizens of Crockett County will join me in paying our firemen with our sincere thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,  
Billy Mills  
Sheriff

## Dudley services

Lovella E. Dudley died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1987, in San Angelo at the age of 89. She had been residing in Concho Manor East.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday in Ozona United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Dudley was born Jan. 9, 1898 in Graham. She was a former piano and organ teacher and a member of

Ozona United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Ms. Gem Ella Stokes of Austin; one son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Maridel Dudley of Ozona; four grandchildren, Sheri Gem and Jay Stokes of Austin, Bill Dudley of Dallas, and Mark Dudley of Ozona; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruby Eddleman Heath of Fort Worth and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Yruegas rites Saturday in Catholic Church

Maria N. Yruegas died Saturday, Feb. 7, 1987, in Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital in San Angelo. She was 66.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Burial followed in Lima Cemetery under direction of Wagoner Funeral Home.

Mrs. Yruegas was born May 15, 1920 in Ozona and was a lifetime resident. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Albino Yruegas and Jesus Yruegas, both of

Ozona; six daughters, Mrs. Jesusita Ybarra and Basilia Castillo, both of Ozona, Mrs. Juanita Salina and Mrs. Refugia Castillo, both of Odessa, Carolina Galindo of Crance, and Mrs. Ofelia Castanida of Midland; six sisters, Christy Nerviaze and Marcelina Solona, both of San Antonio, Frances Hernandez, Consuelo Padilla, Mercedes Monteavaro and Diana Salas, all of California; two brothers, Frank Nerviaze and Fred Nerviaze, both of Ozona; 34 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

## Munoz funeral

Ricardo Munoz, 40, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 1987, in San Angelo following a traffic accident.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Burial was in Lima Cemetery directed by Wagoner Funeral Home.

He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include three brothers, Abel Munoz of North Carolina, Leonel Munoz and Eddie Vitiela, both of Ozona; and two uncles, Johnny Ramirez of San Angelo and Alfonso Ramirez of Ozona.



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## Life Among a Den of Lions



Making selections at the Ozona Primary School Book Fair are Ben Forehand, Jamie Porter, Rusty Bishop, B.

J. Cooke, Lillana Ortiz, Amanda Maldonado and Tino Ybarra.

## Lions lose one, win wone

By Allison Larisa Schoenhals

Jan. 30 proved to be one memorable day for the Lady Lions. On this day, the Ladies challenged Forsan to a head-on battle and wound up beating them by one point. This game was truly one of nervousness, suspense and anxiety.

Going into the first quarter, the Lady Lions showed dominance on their home court. The Forsan Queens had been beaten once before by the Ladies in the first half of district play. The Queens showed a vengeance for Ozona, but that didn't seem to bother the Lady Lions. By the end of the first half, the Ladies

had gained a sizeable eight point lead, ending the half at 25-17.

Coming back into the game after the usual half-time break, the Queens started to power in some points. In the third quarter the Queens scored 18 points over Ozona's 13. This high scoring put Forsan only three points behind the Lady Lions, ending the third quarter at Ozona 38, Forsan 35.

Determination to win was most evident in the final quarter. Each team wanted this victory so badly that the players were willing to give whatever it took. Quite a few fouls occurred in this quarter because everyone wanted the ball.

With only a few seconds left on the clock and the score tied, Stacy Lay was fouled and had an opportunity to put the Lady Lions up by two. She missed the first shot, but nervously put the second one in.

If that wasn't enough, Kelly Williams was called for an intentional foul, and Forsan had the winning opportunity. However, Forsan missed both shots, and Ozona won the game 46-45.

Several of Ozona's players had an exceptionally good scoring game. Lydia Pena put 16 points through the hoop, Kelly Williams 11, Vickie Reagor 10, Stacy Lay 7, and Adriane Wilson two points.

## Lions lose one, win one

By T. C. Tucker

The Ozona Lions suffered yet another defeat, their third, Tuesday, Feb. 3. However, they won their first district game of the second half against Rankin last Friday.

The Lions came back from a huge deficit in Tuesday's game. The Stanton Buffaloes pounded on Ozona in the first quarter and moved out to a 23-8 lead going into the second.

Then the fire ignited. The Lions stormed back in the second and although down by 11 at halftime, they now were in a good position as well as the flow of the game.

Ozona outscored Stanton once

again in the third quarter and edged closer by five points. In the fourth, the Lions again scored more points; however, Stanton held out, winning 54-53 as the Lions' last shot failed to fall in.

"We got back on track and played a good game," Coach John Curry said of the Lions' performance.

Scott Denman and Roger Flores led the Lions in scoring with 19 and ten points respectively. Denman also pulled down eight rebounds.

Friday night, Ozona completely mauled Rankin. Opening the first quarter with a nine point lead, the Lions had stretched it to a 20 point difference by half.

The Lions continued their pace

into the third and fourth quarters as they scored an additional 39 points, winning 77-46.

Again Denman led in scoring as he sank 23 points. Sam Hightower and Abel Lara each had 10. Denman and Oscar Payne had 11 and seven rebounds respectively. Danny Sanchez stole the ball three times while Hightower had three assists.

As to the rest of the regular season, Coach Curry looks toward the team finishing strong so as to prepare them for the playoffs.

The Lions will play their final game for the regular season against Eldorado next Tuesday. This Friday, the Lions will host Reagan County. Both games begin at 8 p.m.

## JV Ladies stampede Buffalos

The Ozona J.V. Lady Lions took on the Stanton Lady Buffalos Feb. 3 and came away victorious for their second district win of the second half.

The Ladies took advantage of scoring by Kriss Corley and Dottie Gonzalez to put Stanton on ice 37-30. Ozona wasted little time in taking the lead as they grabbed a three point, 7-4, first period lead.

In the second period, Ozona

exploded for 15 points and held the Lady Buffs to six. With their lead increased to 12, the Ladies returned to the dressing room for halftime.

In the third quarter, the Ladies upped the margin to a whopping 16 points, outscoring Stanton 10-6.

With eight buckets separating the two teams, Stanton began a fourth quarter rally. Ozona could manage a mere five points and gave up 14 to the stampeding Lady Buffs. However, Ozona held on to win, 37-30.

Corley and Gonzalez combined for 28 points, 16 and 12 respectively, to

lead the Ladies in scoring.

The J.V. Ladies are now in a position to win the second half of district play as they have only two losses and two wins.

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## Lady Buffs defeat Lady Lions

By Allison Larisa Schoenhals

The Lady Lions' varsity basketball team was defeated by the Stanton Lady Buffs Feb. 3. This loss set their record at 4-1 for the second half of district.

Stanton gained early control of the ball and didn't give the home-standing Ladies much of a chance for a comeback. However, in the second quarter, the Lady Lions showed some hostility and almost overcame the Lady Buffs. At the end of the first half, Ozona was leading by one point, 17-16.

The girls from Stanton came back in the third quarter to overpower Ozona by scoring 15 points to Ozona's four. The game ended Stanton 48, Ozona 27.

Scoring for the Lady Lions were: Lydia Pena 10, Adriane Wilson 7, Stacy Lay 6, and Kelly Williams and Vickie Reagor with two points each.

## 8th grade cubs win 7th lose

By T. C. Tucker

As the basketball season winds down for the Cubs, both the 7th and 8th grade continue to improve whether winning or not. Monday, Feb. 2, the Cubs played host to Iraan

and were victorious in one game but lost the other.

The 7th grade started the action slowly in their game. Iraan gained the lead in the opening quarter and would go on to hold onto it for the remainder of the game.

However, the Cubs rallied somewhat in the third quarter to pull within nine after being down 12 at the half. Their pace continued in the fourth quarter, yet they could do nothing about the clock which ended with the score 22-30 in favor of Iraan.

Adam Alba, Mario G. Mendoza, Randel Wilson and Mario F. Mendoza each had four points. Alba led in steals and rebounds with six each while Adrian Vargas pulled down five rebounds.

The Cubs changed hands in the 8th grade game where Ozona overpowered Iraan in the first half to pave the way to a 35-25 win.

Mingo Perez led the charge, with eight points. The Cubs grabbed an eight point lead in the first quarter, then extended it to 16-2 by halftime.

Although Iraan rallied in the third and pulled to within two, the Cubs easily took control again and recorded another victory.

"Everyone played a quarter," Coach Don Payne said. "All 20 played well."

Other scorers for the Cubs included Danny DeHoyos and Anthony Vasquez with six and four points respectively.

## Ladies defeat Rankin

By Allison Larisa Schoenhals

The Lady Lions brought home a victory Feb. 6 when they defeated the Rankin Red Devils. This win, the second in the second half of district play, put the Ladies' record at 2-4 and their overall record at 9-16.

The Lady Lions had a slow start against Rankin. The Red Devils were ahead of Ozona by two points at the end of the first quarter with a score of 8-6. After this surge from Rankin, the Ladies came back in the second quarter scoring 12 points to Rankin's four. The halftime score ended at 18-12, Ozona's favor.

The second half of the game was the most crowd pleasing from an Ozona fan's point of view. In the third and fourth quarters combined, Ozona scored 37 points. This high scoring could have been because of Rankin's poor defense and Ozona's keen sense of offense. Whatever the reason, Ozona showed a lot of spirit and enthusiasm for pulling off the win.

The game ended with Ozona 55, Rankin 34.

Scoring for the Lady Lions were Kelly Williams 14, Stacy Lay and Lydia Pena, who was an outstanding player that night, with 13 points, Vickie Reagor, Vickie Flores and Adriane Wilson, four points each and Janet Diaz, three points.

Also playing for the Lady Lions was Stacie Winkley. The reserves, Janet Diaz, Stacie Winkley and Vickie Flores, did an outstanding job of coming in and upholding the score.

## Stanton takes district

By Cople Davis

The Ozona Junior Varsity took on the Stanton Buffalos Feb. 3 in a game that would decide the J.V. district 6-AA championship. Stanton won the first half and entered the game 3-0 for the second half, as the Lions were. Stanton, with a 51-46 victory, for all practical purposes sealed the district championship.

Ozona led the game in the early stages outscoring Stanton by two, 12-10, in the first period. In the second quarter, Stanton took advantage of extremely bad defense and lackluster offense to grab an eight point, 30-22, lead at the half.

The second half began as badly for the Lions as the first half had ended. Stanton pumped in a steady 10 third period points while Ozona was held to a disappointing five points.

In the fourth period, the Lions made a run which closed the margin to three points at one time. However, Stanton kept the momentum on their side and managed to hold on and win by six, 51-45.

Chris Denman and Wolf Rutherford led Ozona in scoring with 12 points each. Oscar Galindo and Lalo Rodriguez each added six points with these four players accounting for 58 percent of Ozona's points.

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Kelly Williams, #32 Dottie Gonzales, #42 Vicky Flores and Coach Debbi Porter.

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MEMBERS OF THE 1986-87 VARSITY LIONS BASKETBALL TEAM: top row, l to r, Derold Vargas, Chy Flores, Danny Sanchez; middle row, Rick Gray, Will Seahorn, Rodney Beasley, Scott Denman, Roger

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The Pecos County Extension Livestock and Natural Resource Committee is arranging the program which opens with registration at 8 a.m. The morning session will follow at 8:45 a.m. with the introduction and welcome.

Glenn McCorkle, Pecos County rancher and chairman of the host committee, will moderate the morning session which begins with a talk on cow/calf versus stocker steer and heifer operations. Presenting the talk will be Don Keeling, San Antonio rancher who is active in the stocker trade.

Also giving cow/calf related talks during the morning will be Hayden Haby, former county Extension agent and presently a Uvalde rancher and noted Angora goat breeder; and Bill Ed McKenzie, Fort Stockton area rancher. Haby will present the pros and cons of the cow/calf operation versus Spanish and Angora goat production, and McKenzie will discuss cow/calf versus sheep business. McKenzie is a third generation rancher whose operations use a combination of sheep, cattle and goats with main emphasis on production of lambs and wool.

The morning session will conclude with a talk by Del Rio rancher L. D. "Bubba" Whitehead on wildlife management versus domestic animal units.

Next, Leon Miller of Eagle Pass, president and general manager of Alta Verde Industries, will discuss "Marketing Options and Opportunities". He operates a diversified

## Favorites elected at OHS

Class favorites were elected at Ozona High School Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Chosen by the Senior Class were Jena Allen and Doug Snyder.

Junior favorites are Tanna Bixby

and Danny Sanchez. Dee Frazier and J. J. Ramirez were the choices of sophomores. Freshman Class favorites elected were Judy Fierro and Lalo Rodriguez.

## Tambunga kidney transplant date set

Mrs. Renal Tambunga will have her kidney transplant Feb. 26 announces daughter Shio Tambunga. The mother/daughter team have been waiting for the transplant date to be determined.

The surgery will be at Humana Hospital in San Antonio. Friends have held several fund raisers to help the Tambunga family with expenses.

## Woman's Forum program on health

The Ozona Woman's Forum met Feb. 3 at Crockett County Civic Center with Georgia Kirby and Madeline Stokes as hostesses.

Lillian Brown opened the program with a prayer and Crystelle Childress led the pledge to the flag.

Roll call was answered with members relating old wives' tales they were familiar with.

The program for the day was "Enjoy Good Health", and members of the Ozona EMS, Doug Meador and Della Moore, outlined and demonstrated the qualifications and procedures that make this a most successful organization for Ozona.

After a question and answer

period, the Forum members expressed their gratitude to the EMS for their help at anytime they are called.

The 27 members present were: Jewel Bailey, Jane Black, Lillian Brown, Louise Bunger, Crystelle Childress, Geniece Childress, Rachel Childress, Arlene Clayton, Ella Clegg, Elizabeth Dudley, Joycelyn Graves, Glenda Henderson, Alleane Jones, Mary Lee Jones, Georgia Kirby, Lois Locke, Louisa Pearson, Bernice Phillips, Katharine Russell, Madeline Stokes, Blanche Walker, Barbara Wallace, Mary Agnes Ward, Bonnie Warth, Modene Whitaker, Totsy Hagelstein and Ethel Miller.



The weaving of Mrs. Jocelyn Graves is on display at Crockett County Public Library during the month of February. The longhorn wall hanging is her first effort

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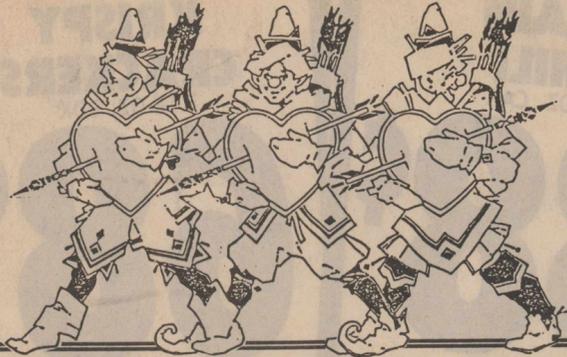
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Wednesday: Prayer Serv. 7:30 p.m.

### Assembly of God

Rev. Bekie Diaz  
Sunday: Bible Classes 10 a.m.  
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Tues., Thurs., Fri. Service 6 p.m.

### Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Rev. Norvell Allen  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.  
Second Sunday Joint Service  
Big Lake at 3 p.m.

### Ozona United Methodist Church

Rev. Ken Harrison  
Sunday: Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

### Church of Christ

Ralph Moore, Pastor  
Sunday: Bible Study 9:45 a.m.  
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Wednesday: Midweek Service 7 p.m.

### Calvary Baptist Church

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# Tom Powers: All-Around Cowboy in anybody's book

by Linda Moore

When Tom Powers left his Norton home as a youngster, little did he know how completely his dreams of becoming a cowboy would be realized.

As the son of a Baptist minister who was also a farmer, Tom got his fill of farming at an early age. "We got very little schooling," says Tom of himself, five brothers and nine sisters. "We had to stay home until near Christmas and get the crops out. Then we quit two weeks before school was out to start chopping

brought her to Ozona and his ranch home.

Tom became foreman of the Davidson Ranch during World War II. There were two or three cowboys there most of the time with as many as 10 or 15 during heavy work periods.

Hilda did the cooking for the crew. "The cowboys ate in the house until we leased the Couch country and got a chuck wagon," Powers says.

In addition to "cooking for a bunch", Hilda Powers worked 15-20

The ranch provided three meals a day for everyone and feed for the horses. Cowboys would bring their bedrolls and camp out. Some came a week ahead to help bring in the steers and to practice.

"Joe would get out at night and plow up the arena," says Powers.

"The nice thing about Joe's roping was the family feeling and everyone visiting," Hilda says. Families stayed at the hotel in town and got together in the hotel lobby. Motels have changed that aspect of

Fort Worth, Tucson, Yuma and Phoenix were on Powers' circuit.

The September 1950 issue of The Cattleman magazine records the best match roping Powers has to his credit as being at Hobbs that year. In a contest between four New Mexico and four Texas ropers, Powers led the field of eight at the finish with a total time of 84.2 on six head.

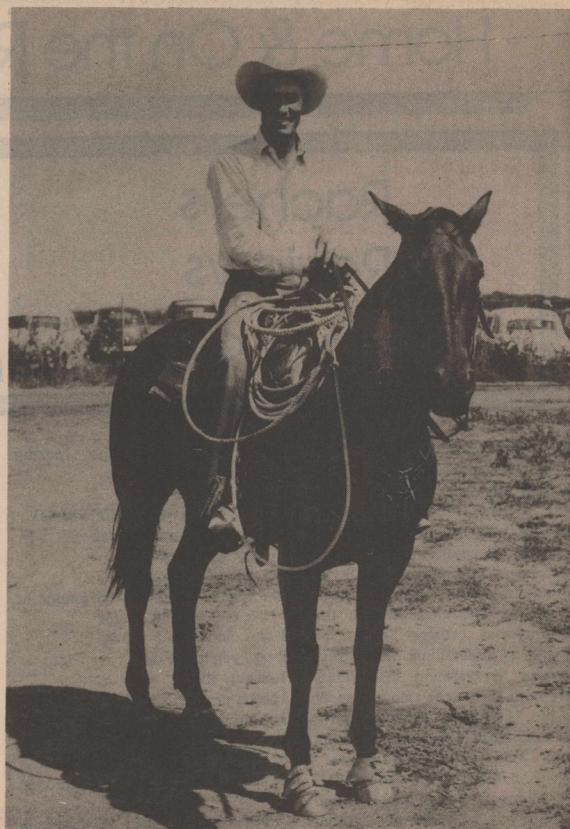
Riding Tip, a Joe Davidson bay, he tied his calves in 13.6, 14.2, 14.8, 13.7, 14.2 and 13.7. Also roping on the Texas team were Toots Mansfield of Bandera, Walt Poage of Rankin and Sonny Edwards of Big Spring.

The annual Texas - New Mexico matched calf roping, which was won by New Mexico that year, was written up for 1950 in Roping and Riding Fast Horses and Short Ropes by Willard Porter.

A copy of The Cattleman and Porter's book are kept company at the Powers home by Fred Gipson's Cowhand, a story about Ozona's Fat Alford, and Rope Burns by Lee and Lela Karr. All four make mention of Ozona cowboy Tom Powers. He and brothers Ted and Louis are pictured in Rope Burns along with many other well known cowboys past and present.

Hilda has a favorite story about one calf Tom never did catch when he was match roping at the ranch. "He missed it so many times he just quit," she laughs.

Today's T.V. rodeo is a lot different to rodeo of the 1940's Powers says. Calves are smaller, everything is a lot faster and cowboys come from behind a six foot barrier. The barrier was 15-20 feet when Powers started roping and 90 feet at Tucson.



A young Tom Powers sits astride his roping horse Steve.



A GATHERING AT THE DAVIDSON RANCH FOR A RODEO IN THE LATE 1940's. - At the 1948 rodeo, 168 ropers competed before nearly 10,000 spectators.

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Johnson grass.

"It was about that time that I decided I ought to get out of there."

His mother was not in favor of his leaving, but after his father's assurance that Tom would come home when he got hungry, the Powers gave their son \$5.00 and put him on the bus for San Angelo.

Tom made it as far as Barnhart, then caught a ride to Ozona with Harry and Agnes Joslin who were trucking in supplies. Once in Ozona, He had the two-fold job of locating his brother, Ted, who worked on the Joe Davidson Ranch, and of finding a job for himself.

Tom's first night in Ozona was a lonesome one. "I unloaded my saddle and bedroll in the park, but I didn't sleep. I was wanting back with mama, but I couldn't get back," he says with a grin.

The next morning, Powers watched customers going in and out of the drugstore hoping to meet someone who would give him a job. He approached a rancher who seemed to be a good candidate for a boss, only to be told that no help was needed. After learning that the job hunter was brother to Ted Powers, a cowboy on his ranch, Joe Davidson hired the 16-year-old Tom on the spot.

"I never did have another job," said Powers who spent his first three years on the ranch helping the herdsman. "Then they let me go a cowboying."

In 1934, Tom claimed a childhood friend, Hilda Lewis, as his bride and

years at Ozona Drug, and with Tom, raised their daughter, Alena Faye.

Alena Faye started in her daddy's footsteps by learning to ride barrels on his first calf horse. The Powers smile when they tell of their little girl's success in taming a stabled horse while they napped each day. She went to the barn, fed and worked with the horse until she could get on his back. The first time Powers saw his daughter on the horse, he saddled him and let them go.

Powers began rodeoing in Pecos in 1941. His career was at first limited to places he could get to and back in one day such as Sonora, Marfa, Rankin and Iraan. Later this was to change.

"I never went in for publicity," Powers says. "That way, nobody much knew my times and I got lots of good matches," he says with a mischievous grin.

"I broke and trained roping horses for Joe. He sent me on tour to advertise his horses and paid all the expenses," says Powers. At one time there were three cowboys on the ranch who were hired just to rodeo. They were Bill Lowe, John D. Holleyman and Tom's twin brother, Louis Powers.

The Davidson Ranch held a roping each December from 1945-1950. "It was strictly roping, no bulls or broncs," remembers Powers. There was barrel racing for women two years.

Top prize in each event was a Davidson horse, and putting on the

three day event cost about \$10,000.

"People tried to help with the rodeo, but Joe wanted to do it all himself," Powers recalls. The cowboys gave Davidson a gift each year, once a belt buckle, a saddle and even a car.

The roping was held just before Christmas, about the time the national finals are now. "They were all here, it could have been the finals, easy enough," he says.

One who was here was World Champion steer roper Clark McIntire of Stonewall, Oklahoma. Although they never knew her, the Powers enjoy seeing Clark's daughter, country and western singer Reba McIntire, on T.V.

Davidson sent Powers to compete in Madison Square Garden in 1947. "Tom was a real good match roper, calm and could do good," Hilda says. "But like a lot of other country boys, he got up there and missed his calf."

There are so many rules you have to follow up there, says Powers, explaining that the Humane Society plays a large part in the rodeo at the Garden.

The Powers remember buying their first car, a Dodge, from Frank James just a few days before the family made the New York trip.

Powers' biggest win was in Tucson in 1949 when he earned All Around. He won part of the calf roping, and he and partner John D. Holleyman took the team roping.



Tom and Hilda Powers are still sweethearts after more than 50 years of marriage. The friendly couple

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# Home & On the Range

## Rachel's Reviews

by Rachel O. Hall



### 4-H CLOTHING PROJECTS

4-H clothing projects have been updated this year with a ready-to-wear category. Preparation for this category will include: comparison shopping techniques, appropriateness of care requirements, quality of workmanship, and wardrobe coordination. Another alternative in the ready-to-wear category might be having a professional seamstress complete the garment. Price limits have been set on the amounts spent on the ensembles entered: Active Sports and Specialty - \$75, Evening Wear - \$175, Non-tailored Daywear - \$100, and Tailored Daywear - \$175.

Traditional sewing projects will continue to be part of clothing projects. Garments may be constructed by sewing, knitting and crocheting using new or recycled materials. Categories will be the same as ready-to-wear.

4-H clothing projects are open to all youth ages 8-19. Registration will be held Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Judy Sims and cosmetology students will present the evening program. Any 4-H'er who cannot attend registration should contact the County Extension Office at 392-2721 for more details.

### GINGER-ORANGE BEEF SALAD STIRS UP IN MINUTES

Meals requiring a minimum of preparation time help control calorie intake. Nibbling while waiting for meals to cook often contributes unwanted calories. A delicious stir-fry dinner takes less than 20 minutes to prepare. Be sure that all ingredients are sliced and chopped before you start cooking.

The success of this highly versatile entree relies on the selection of fresh, crisp ingredients. For contrasting color and texture, select different vegetables and compatible seasonings for an endless, nutritious medley of vegetables and beef.

VEGETABLES	SEASONINGS
Asparagus	Tarragon, Garlic
Snap Beans	Chives, Dill, Thyme
Broccoli	Garlic, Ginger, Rosemary
Bean Sprouts	Garlic
Chinese Cabbage	Cayenne, Garlic, Ginger
Carrots	Cinnamon, Ginger, Mint, Parsley
Cauliflower	Chives, Dill
Celery	Tarragon, Thyme
Mushrooms	Tarragon, Garlic
Onions	Parsley, Thyme
Summer Squash	Basil, Dill, Chives
Tomatoes	Basil, Oregano

Beef helps you to meet the challenge of creative calorie counting. Its versatility and satiety provide motivation to continue a weight-management program.

To slice meat thin enough for stir-fry dishes, partially freeze the meat and then slice with a sharp, thick butcher's knife. The result? Nice, thin slices of meat, just right

for the high heat, fast cooking required with stir frying.

### GINGER-ORANGE BEEF SALAD

- 1 lb. beef top round steak
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 1/2 tsp. cornstarch
- 1 1/2 tsp. freshly grated ginger or 1 1/2 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 tsp. vegetable oil
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 1 green pepper, sliced
- 1 red pepper, sliced
- 1/4 pound snow peas, trimmed
- 1/4 cup sliced water chestnuts
- 1 head iceberg lettuce, shredded

Trim outside layer of fat from steak. Slice steak into thin strips. Mix soy sauce, cornstarch, orange peel, ginger and cinnamon; pour over steak. Heat 1 tsp. oil in large non-stick surface skillet until hot. Add beef; stir fry over high heat until browned, about 3 minutes. Remove beef to plate.

Add remaining teaspoon of oil; add all vegetables except lettuce.

Stir-fry vegetables until crisp-tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Return beef to skillet. Cook, stirring constantly, until beef is hot.

Place lettuce on serving plate; top with beef mixture. Serves 4. Since soy sauce contributes 1,382 mg of sodium to this recipe, substitute orange juice for one-half of the soy sauce (1/8 cup orange juice, 1/8 cup soy sauce) to reduce sodium in this recipe to 742 mg.

Nutrient Data Per Serving (based upon adult female's 2,000 calorie diet): 257 calories; 68% protein RDA; 65 mg cholesterol; 8 gm fat; 18% calcium RDA; 36% iron RDA; 221% vitamin A RDA; 25% thiamin RDA; 33% riboflavin RDA; 48% niacin RDA; 176% vitamin C RDA.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb. 12 - Extension Homemakers Club meeting, noon, Civic Center. Program on CPR by Tina Moran, Emergency Medical Technician.

Feb. 16 - 4-H Clothing Registration and Hairstyles/Manicure Program, 6:30 p.m., Civic Center

## Sheriff's report

Report for the week ending 2-10

### ARRESTS

2-3 A 24-year-old Ozona man was arrested by sheriff's deputies on a warrant charging "assault-bodily injury". He was released later in the day after posting bond.

2-7 A 25-year-old California man was arrested by sheriff's deputies on charges of parole violation from the Texas Department of Corrections. This subject is still in jail awaiting delivery to the Texas prison system.

2-7 A 57-year-old Utah man was arrested by THP on a charge of driving while intoxicated. He was released the next day after posting a cash bond.

2-8 87 A 29-year-old San Angelo man was surrendered to the Sheriff's Office on a warrant on "assault-bodily injury". He was released after posting a \$500 bond.

2-9 A 27-year-old San Angelo man was picked up in San Angelo by sheriff's deputies on charges of "assault-bodily injury" and "probation violation". He was released later in the day after posting a \$500 bond.

### INCIDENTS

2-4 The junior high reported that two signs were damaged in the gymnasium. This was done with spray paint and was discovered after a basketball game. It is possible that this was done by students from the opposing school. School officials and the Sheriff's Office are investigating this case.

2-6 A citizen on Ramos Street reported that he had been threaten-

ed by two men while he stood at the corner of Monterrey and Santa Rosa. This is a result of an incident that occurred last week and resulted in the arrests for assault that are listed above.

2-7 An Odessa man reported the theft of some equipment from his deer lease on a ranch west of Ozona. The theft has occurred sometime since the close of deer season.

2-8 Sheriff's deputies discovered that someone had broken a light over on the east side of the Civic Center. The Civic Center director was notified and an investigation was made.

2-9 A citizen reported the theft of some wire from a storage building on

Ave. G. Sheriff's deputies investigated the case and found that the wire was taken by a friend of a former tenant. It was determined that this was not a theft, but a misunderstanding. It was resolved without legal action being taken.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT WIVES TO AID SKAINS FAMILY

The Crockett County Law Enforcement Wives Association would like to announce that there is an account opened for the Jack Skains family at Ozona National Bank.

Anyone wishing to make donations is welcome to do so.

## Thank You,

Department of Public Safety, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and Sheriff's Department for your help with The Clayton-Hemphill well No. 1 blowout.

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## ★ Powers

(Cont. from pg. 9)

fall into bad company. "Joe and Miss Winnie tried to get me to go back to school, but I was too far behind."

"Joe sent a lot of kids in this town off to college that folks don't know about and that he didn't want people to know about."

"The Davidsons' were wonderful people; they treated their help wonderfully well," praises Hilda. "Most people would turn a man out when he reached the age he couldn't do as much, but not the Davidsons."

"He was more than a fair man," Powers said of the late Joe Davidson, "and when Joe Tom came along, he didn't make it any different."

One pasture on the Davidson Ranch was set aside for Powers' use, and here they raised cattle and sheep with a start from dogie lambs given them by the Davidsons. "We had 60 some odd dogies at one time," says Hilda remembering that they didn't get much sleep during that period.

"It was all worth it," says Powers of his 54 years as a cowboy on the Davidson Ranch. He retired from his job there two years ago.

Ozonans who never saw Tom

Powers rope think of him as a sports fan. Tom and Hilda Powers have always been big supporters of Ozona schools and student activities.

Tom and Frank James umpired all the Little League games the first four years after the league was organized. "Joe wanted him to be there," says Hilda.

When Tom coached the Ozona National Bank Senior League team, all the kids called him granddad because of grandson Kent. The team went to Abilene to the playoffs more than once.

"Kids like discipline when it's given to them right," says Powers as he praises what the baseball program does for Ozona's youth.

The Powers' involvement with school activities didn't stop even after the graduation of grandchildren Jimmy, Kent and Melinda Hokit.

"You've never lived 'til you've had grandchildren," says Powers of the offspring of their daughter Alena Faye and her husband, Floyd Hokit.

Powers proudly gestures to an engraved stopwatch given to him by the school for his 30 years of timing at track meets. The watch is

displayed under glass in the living room.

Powers, also an avid basketball fan, was once asked to put on an official's shirt and sit in the stands at a benefit game. "I've been officiating all the time and you just didn't listen to me," he quipped.

"We don't get to go now, but we're still interested," says Hilda of their support of all the Ozona youth activities.

The Powers' trips to follow the Lions ended five years ago when they first learned he had cancer.

After numerous hospital stays, Powers was again hospitalized last year after a bad auto accident. Granddaughter Melinda was also injured in an auto accident the same year.

"We're looking forward to a better 1987," says Hilda as she tells about her husband's good checkup on his last trip to the doctor.

Powers, who has to keep his legs elevated most of the time, talks and laughs as though he never had a bad day in his life.

"That's the way you're supposed to do," he says with a smile.

## First Baptist welcomes youth, music minister

Feb. 22 will be David McCarley's first Sunday as Minister of Youth and Music at First Baptist Church. David will be responsible for the children, youth and adult music programs. While his other primary responsibility is working with junior and senior high youth, he is very concerned and interested in children's ministries as well.

McCarley is from the Abilene

area, but he most recently served as Minister of Music and Youth at First Baptist Church of Corrigan. David and his wife, Jerry, have three children, Nikki 12, Nathan 9 and Lindsey 4.

The McCarleys will be living at 206 12th Street and will arrive during

the week beginning Feb. 16. There has been a large number of new friends cleaning and preparing the house for them. The church is excited about their coming and invites you to come and meet the McCarleys soon. They love the Lord and you will love them.

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# Out & Around

with Judy Reagor



Birthday greetings go to Anna Smith who will celebrate her birthday today, Feb. 11.

DonNell Carnes of Richmond was here last week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Carnes.

birthday Matilda andn happy anniversary to you and Arturo.

County Agent Billy Reagor and several 4-H leaders and members left for the San Antonio stock show on Tuesday of this week. The lamb show will be on Saturday, and the steers will be shown Saturday and Sunday. The heifer show is Sunday, also.

Birthday wishes go to Leticia Longoria and Marisella Pardec of Midland who will be having their birthdays Feb. 13.

Stacie Winkley will celebrate her birthday Feb. 14. Happy birthday on Valentine's Day, Stacie.

Other 4-H members, friends, leaders and parents will be going later in the week.

Ozona Intermediate school principal, Sherry Scott, will have a birthday Feb. 13. Ozona Intermediate, make Friday the 13th a happy day for Mrs. Scott by remembering to say "Happy Birthday".

Shirley and Dick Kirby will celebrate an anniversary on Feb. 15. Hope it's a nice day for such a nice couple.

Sara Hignight, Ozona Intermediate's music teacher, will have her special day on Feb. 12. Happy birthday, Sara.

Greetings go to Matilda Onofre who celebrated her birthday and anniversary on February 14. Happy

Fifth grade teacher Janis Graham will have a birthday on Feb. 17. Happy birthday, Janis. With all of these birthdays and anniversaries at the Ozona Intermediate School, maybe we should have a party?

## It's a boy

It's a boy for the J. R. Bhaktas. The little fellow weighed in at six pounds, 11 ounces Feb. 9, 1987 at Community Hospital in San Angelo. He had not been named Tuesday.

Katrina and Deena Phillips were here last weekend to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Phillips. Guests of the girls were Lori Little and Elizabeth Jones. Part of the visit was in celebration of Katrina's Feb. 5 birthday.

Samantha Dawn Tambunga will celebrate her sixth birthday Friday, Feb. 13. Happy birthday, Samantha.

Bud Mayes will be 87 Feb. 11. He has received a birthday wish from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.

Here to visit with the Mayes this week is Janet Lee of Midland and her son Roland III.

Here last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Harrell was her sister, Mrs. Thomas N. Booth of Fort Worth. Mrs. Booth is the former Betty Ingham.



Mr. and Mrs. Lonye Cain wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Deklyn, to Mark Uvietta, son of Al Uvietta of San Antonio. A March wedding is planned.

## Cubettes win, lose in Iraan

The Ozona Junior High Cubettes traveled to Iraan Feb. 2 for their next to the last game of the season. Although the 7th grade suffered a loss, the 8th grade came out winners in a tough game.

showed how well Iraan could shoot free throws. They shot 22 charity tosses.

lead 16-15.

In the 7th grade game, the Cubettes immediately took the lead and moved out to a 9-2 first quarter score. Then the tone of the game changes.

Despite the efforts of leading scorers Kristi Porter, Claudia Avila, Veronica Mendoza and the rest of the team, Iraan won 23-12.

The final quarter gained recognition as where things turned around. The Cubettes outscored Iraan 12-4 in the finale and won 27-20.

"We completely outplayed Iraan in the first quarter with all 16 girls doing a good job," Coach Jerry Tucker said. "The rest of the game

In the following game, the 8th grade tasted a little revenge for previous losses.

"All the girls played well and put forth a tremendous effort," Coach Tucker said. "The game stayed even until the last two minutes. Our full court press completely controlled Iraan's offense."

## Rankin Lady Devils JV defeated

By Copie Davis

The Ozona J.V. Lady Lions traveled to Rankin Feb. 6 hoping to knock the Lady Devils out of the district race. The Ladies did just that with a 28-22 victory.

12 points while Gonzalez, who also adds rebounding prowess, canned seven points.

could gain an advantage as they answered each other's buckets time and time again. Ozona maintained the same six point lead in the second half as they had in the first half. Both teams were deadlocked at six in each of the last two quarters. Ozona hung on to the buzzer and walked away with a 28-22 win.

A strong first half secured the Ozona win as the Lady Devils could not find a way to stop the dynamic duo of Kriss Corley and Dottie Gonzalez. Corley, consistently the Lady Lions' top scorer, gunned out

The Ladies began their superb showing with a six point first period in which they held Rankin to two. Both teams picked up the pace in the second period, but Ozona once again rejected the Lady Devils, outscoring them 10-8. The teams entered the locker room with the Lady Lions ahead by a slim six point margin. In the second half, neither team

The Lady Lions now hold an impressive 3-2 district record as they near the end of the 1987 season.

## Freshman Ladies have winning ways

By Copie Davis

The Ozona Freshman Lady Lions returned to their winning ways Feb. 5 against Sonora, thanks largely in part to the tandem offense of Polly Villarreal and Stacy Berry who combined for nearly two-thirds of Ozona's point production.

both teams jockeyed for control. The Lady Lions hit one bucket more than the Bronco Ladies and took a slim two point lead into the second quarter. In the second period, the Ladies could manage only four points but were able to hold Sonora to four, also.

points to hold their cliffhanger four point advantage. In the final period, Ozona added three more buckets for six points compared to Sonora's five. The buzzer sounded with the Lady Lions in front 28-23.

## Ladies overcome by Iraan

By Allison Larisa Schoenhals

After traveling to Iraan Jan. 27 the Lady Lions' varsity basketball team suffered a heart-breaking defeat to set their second half district record at 0-3.

prominent for the Ladies. Ozona held Iraan and allowed only five points to be scored. The Lady Lions put 11 points on the board that quarter and began to show evidence of a willingness to win.

Although the Ladies lost, there were some outstanding players on the team that night. Stacy Lay was able to power in 15 points and had quite a few offensive and defensive rebounds. Others scoring for the Lady Lions included Adriane Wilson and Kelly Williams with four points each, and Vickie Flores, Vickie Reagor and Lydia Pena with two points each.

The Bravettes took an early lead in the first quarter, and maintained that lead throughout the remainder of the game. The halftime score stood at Iraan 25, Ozona 10.

In the fourth quarter, however, the Bravettes began to respond to the intrusion, and the tables were turned once again. The fourth quarter ended with Iraan scoring 13 points and Ozona eight. The final score stood at Iraan 43, Ozona 19.

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## JV Lions claw the Red Devils

JV RANKIN

By Copie Davis

Friday, Feb. 6, the Ozona J.V. Lions traveled to Rankin to get rid of the bad taste of defeat that lingered in their mouths after a previous loss to Stanton. The Lions rose to the occasion and clawed the Red Devils 58-28.

Ozona led the game wire to wire as they held Rankin to less than 10 points in every quarter. The Lions took the lead in the first period with a run of 15 points compared to Rankin's eight. In the second quarter, the Lions turned the volume up to 16 while Rankin floundered behind with six.

With a comfortable 17 point halftime lead, Ozona backed off a little in the third period, scoring 14. The fourth period saw Rankin get as close as they ever would to Ozona as they were outscored by five points, 13-8. The Lions, with their 30 point, 58-28 victory, are now 3-1 in district play for the second half.

Ozona's leading scorer on the night was Wolv Rutherford who cranked out 18. Behind him were Oscar Galindo and Pete Ramirez with eight each.

## ASU names honor roll

Five Ozona area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at the university.

major, all from Ozona, and Seana Leigh Vay, a finance major from Sheffield.

Those listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll include Larry Paul Payne, a health and physical education major, Bradley Eric Thompson, a pre-engineering major, David Michael Adams, a pre-engineering

Those listed on the 3.50 to 4.00 honor roll include Christina Anne Carlisle, a nursing major from Ozona.

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The Jack Skains Family

On behalf of the family of Julian Ramirez, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all who participated with love and kindness shown at the time of illness and death of our loved one. Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, food and flowers. We would also like to thank Father Albert, Sizemore Funeral Home, the choir, altar boys, K of C's, Sheriff's Department and the pallbearers.  
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The Family of Julian Ramirez

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Kirby Moore has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres, Isabel Vaughn, Well Number 10. The proposed injection well is located 14 NW Ozona in the Vaughn Field, in Crockett County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1383 to 1459 feet.

**LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the 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 Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 [Telephone 512/445-1373].

your taxes cannot increase more than eight percent in any given year. If they do, you may, at any election, roll the tax rate back to eight percent.

In this sense, the voters of Crockett County not only decide who will represent them on an elected hospital board, but, the voters also control the tax rate. Remember, thirty-five cents is the maximum allowable tax rate, not the rate that will be levied by the board. Last year, the county levied a tax of 17 cents per one hundred dollar valuation to fund the hospital, the care center, and also to provide for indigent health care. The tax rate that will be levied by the board is based upon the hospital district's budget and the total value of all taxable property in Crockett County. The hospital and care center budgets have to be presented at a public hearing prior to final approval. After the public hearing, the board may make any needed changes to the proposed budget in the interest of the taxpayers. This way, taxpayers also have a say in the size of the hospital district's budget.

Let's once and for all put to rest the so-called monster that the creation of another taxing entity conjurs up in the mind of some people. While it is true that another taxing entity will be created when the hospital district is ratified; what is not true is that the tax rates will double or triple. In fact, the tax rate, in all probability, will change very

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little. The reason that the tax rate will change very little is that when the district is created, the county will eliminate the tax it now collects to support the hospital and care center, and the district will then begin collecting the tax. For example, let's assume that the county now collects a tax rate of 17 cents to support the hospital and care center. The hospital district election passed, there was no change in the hospital/care center budget; the hospital district would then levy and collect a tax of 17 cents. The net difference in the amount of taxes paid would be zero as the county reduced its tax collection by 17 cents.

Therefore, the amount didn't change. The only change is in which taxing entity is collecting the money.

Remember, tax rates are determined by budgets and property values. The tax rate goes up or down depending upon the size of the taxing authority's budget and the value of all taxable property in Crockett County. Remember, also, the hospital district's board of directors will be elected local citizens who will increase their own taxes if the tax rate is increased for the entire county. But, very little of any future county tax would be because of the creation of a hospital district.

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## Hospital district legislation

#### Editor's Note:

Crockett County Hospital will be running a series of articles presenting information about hospital districts.

In this first article, let's discuss the one aspect of a hospital district that is foremost in all our thoughts, taxes. Article IX, Section 9, of the Texas Constitution is the law which authorizes the creation of a hospital district. This law allows for a maximum tax rate of 75 cents per one hundred dollar valuation. No hospital district can exceed this amount. The law, however, allows for hospital districts to stipulate a maximum tax rate of a lesser amount. Crockett County Hospital Board, in formulating the Crockett County Hospital District legislation, chose to use 35 cents per one hundred dollar valuation as the maximum tax rate for Crockett County. Thirty-five cents is less than one half the legally allowable tax rate.

The law that will create the Crockett County Hospital District will be voted into law by the Texas Legislature in February of 1987. Once the law is passed by the legislature, the law must be approved by Crockett County voters within 60 months (five years) or the law ceases to exist. An election can be called only once every 12 months for five years. Although the bill creating the district becomes a law

when passed by the legislature, it does not become effective until the hospital district legislation is ratified by a majority vote of qualified voters of Crockett County.

Once the Crockett County Hospital District law is created by the legislature, it is a law just like any other law. The only way the law, or any part thereof, can be changed is for the legislature to pass an amendment to the law. Any amendment must be voted on and ratified by the voters of Crockett County before it becomes binding.

This means that no future hospital district board of directors can levy a tax greater than thirty-five (35) cents unless an amendment is passed by the legislature and then ratified by the voters of Crockett County. Remember, also, that the hospital district is subject to the tax rollback provision just like most other taxing entities. What this means is that

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