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Gifted and Talented applications being taken by Ozona schools

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District is now in the process of accepting nominations for its gifted and talented program for students with exceptional intellectual abilities.

According to Assistant Superintendent Ted Cotton, gifted/talented students are those who excel consistently or who show the potential to excel in any one or a combination of the following areas: general intellectual ability, specific subject matter aptitude, creative and productive thinking ability, leadership ability, ability in the visual and performing arts, and psychomotor ability.

"Students in the local program are identified and served in the area of general intellectual ability," Cotton said. "This area is defined as possessing superior intelligence with potential to perform complex mental tasks. At the present time, students in our gifted and talented program are working on developing more higher-level thinking skills beyond what is normally required in the regular classroom. Gifted/talented education does not take the place of the regular classroom but supplements and provides time for students to use their thinking and reasoning skills to a greater degree."

Identification of gifted/talented students is very complex and comprehensive, consisting of two distinct steps: (1) nomination and screening and (2) selection. In the nomination and screening phase, a student may be nominated for the program by his/her parent or guardian, by a teacher, or by another person. Once a student is nominated, he/she will be given two nationally-developed tests of higher-level thinking skills to determine the student's potential to succeed in the program, and after all data has been collected on each child, a committee of professional educators will review this information and determine which additional students qualify for inclusion in the program.

"Anyone with a child attending grades kindergarten through eleven this year and wishing to nominate them for this program is asked to go by the principal's office and request a nomination form, which needs to be returned to the school by Friday, February 22. If you are unable to go by the school, please call, and we will see that you get one," Cotton said. Students who did not make the gifted/talented program last year may be nominated again if parents wish to do so.

May earliest date for audit completion

An audit of the county's 1998 financial records can't be ready any sooner than May, commissioners were told Monday. Michael Oliphant of Eckert, Ingrum, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston & Barr, L.L.P., was at the monthly court meeting at the request of Judge Johnny Jones to talk about efforts to audit records for the years 1998, 1999 and 2000.

A change in computer software in Treasurer Burl Myers' office in 1998 began the accounting problems that have escalated into the situation that exists today. Records from Myers' office are sent to the county auditor, then at the end of each year an audit is performed by an outside firm.

Oliphant said accounts for the offices of the county clerk, treasurer and justice of the peace have been audited and that the next step is to tie those into the records of the county auditor and county treasurer. "Sandy (Stokes, the county auditor) got me the stuff about 10 days ago. We've got the stuff to do it." However, Oliphant won't be able to continue work on the audit until after April 15 and the end of tax season, he said.

"I know it's not a good situation, but it's where we are," he commented. Oliphant estimates that once he resumes work on the audit after tax season it should take about three weeks to complete. "It should be whipped by then," he said.

Oliphant, Judge Jones and Stokes met last summer and agreed that they wanted the project to be finished by September. "We just haven't had the records to do that," Oliphant said.

Stokes told commissioners in November that by the end of the following week he should be able to provide Oliphant with the remainder of the information needed to complete the audit.

When the court met on Jan. 14 Stokes reported that he had taken the necessary information to the auditor the previous week and estimated that a report through 2000 should be ready by the February meeting.

When Commissioner Frank Tambunga commented Monday that the county is paying for the auditing service, Oliphant replied, "You're paying for my services, but I'm also counting on having the records to work with. I don't want to throw rocks here, but I don't particularly think that my firm's responsible (for the delay)." Information for the regular annual audit is usually at his office by late May or early June and the audit is completed by July, Oliphant said.

Tambunga questioned waiting until May or June to provide information to the auditing company when the information should be available by February or March.

"It's been almost a year since we started looking into this audit deal. It should have been taken care of a long time ago," Tambunga said.

Records are ready to go on 2001, said Stokes, commenting that the bugs that had delayed the audits were finally out. Commissioners and Judge Jones discussed the possibility of speeding up the process by finding another firm to perform the 2001 audit .

Letters will be sent to accounting firms requesting proposals for auditing the 2001 year with cost and time frame to be included.

Outside audits cost about $7,500.00 annually, Stokes said. Oliphant's firm has "been substantially paid" for field work done for 1998, and the county has not yet been billed for any work on the 1999 and 2000 audits. This year's budget includes $12,000.00 for legal and professional fees.

"I encourage you to move as fast as you can, as soon as you can," Commissioner Pleas Childress told Oliphant.



GENIECE CHILDRESS introduces guest speaker Claude Hudspeth (inset, upper left) at Crockett County Museum's appreciation dinner Feb. 11

DigiCam Photo by Linda Moore

Area young person winner at Fort Worth Stock Show

Lakin Aaron, a 4-H member from Ozona, exhibited the "Best 10 Medium or Crossbred Lambs" in the Junior Wether Lamb Show at the 2002 Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth on Jan. 27. Also winning were the Crockett County 4-H Club who exhibited the "Best 10 Fine Wool Cross Lambs" and the "Best 10 Fine Wool Lambs." Jason Wattonville of Maxwell, IA, judged these outstanding events.

The Stock Show's Junior Division this year is hosted 9,130 entries by young people of Texas as the culmination of yearlong agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior premiums will exceeded $62,465.

The junior entry list is part of the overall count this year of more than 25,000 head of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry, pigeons, and rabbits. Total prize and premium money for the livestock show and its accompanying World's Original Indoor Rodeo was in excess of $950,000.

OHS Students Qualify for State in C/X Debate Meet

By: Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The District C/X Debate Meet was held last Saturday, Feb. 9. Ozona High School students Michelle Necessary and Logan English took first place in the meet thus qualifying for state. Ozona High School students Paige Tambunga and Wilson Stokes came in third place in the meet. Tambunga and Stokes are the alternates to state.

Lions in playoff game

The Ozona Lions come up against Tornillo Thursday, Feb. 14, in a playoff game to determine the second place team in district. The game begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Pete Gallego Gymnasium at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.



MICHELLE NECESSARY AND LOGAN ENGLIGH (front, l. to r.) placed first in the district CX Debate contest and will advance to the state competition March 11 and 12. Wilson Stokes and Paige Tambunga (back, l. to r.) placed third at district and will be alternates at the state CX debate contest. *DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway*

ALONG THE CHIHUAHUA ROAD

Claude Hudspeth kept listeners spellbound as he told the story of the treks to establish a major trade route from San Antonio westward in 1849. Known by many names, The Chihuahua Road crosses Crockett County, traversing Hudspeth's ranch and passing "right by" the houses on the Jess Marley and Joe Boy Pierce ranches.

Hudspeth was the guest speaker Feb. 11 at Crockett County Museum's annual appreciation dinner.

A self-described "rut nut", Hudspeth's love of old trails led him to research The Chihuahua Road and search out its location on his property. Although the road is visible from the air and on the ground, "we've got tough dirt down there. I don't have one decent wagon rut on the ranch," Hudspeth quipped.

The Chihuahua Road resulted from the effort of San Antonio businessmen to establish a trade route with Mexico. The first trip west crossed the Devil's River at the mouth and also crossed the Pecos. The party led by John Hayes and Samuel Maverick couldn't get away from the Rio Grande because they needed the water, Hudspeth explained.

The group made it to Presidio and rested at Fort Leaton before starting back on their 105 day round trip journey. On the way back, they came to Live Oak Creek and decided to cross over to the Llano River.

A second attempt to find a suitable route saw Richard Howard as the scout. Howard's Well and Howard Draw are named for this adventurer. The road search was successful, and a few days after their return to San Antonio, a train of 275 wagons set out for El Paso.

A string of military posts built to protect this road included Fort Lancaster and Camp Melvin in Crockett County.

Hudspeth presented the museum with a number of artifacts discovered along The Chihuahua Road on his property. He often finds objects discarded by early day travelers as he goes about the ranch.

"I just like to go out and walk along that road," said Hudspeth.

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Senior seminar on frauds and scams

A senior seminar on frauds and scams will be held at the La Quinta Inn Conference Room, 2307 Loop 306, San Angelo on April 1 from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m.

This free conference is designed for senior Texans, law enforcement personnel, service providers who work with older adults, and other individuals committed to combating fraud and educating older consumers.

Topics will include: Auto Theft Prevention, Home Security and much more.

This seminar is co-sponsored by Tom Green County Triad/S.A.L.T. Committee and Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

For more information, contact Lynne Alexander, (915)223-5704, email: lynne@cvcog.org.

Martinez candidate for re-election

"I would like to announce my candidacy for Crockett County commissioner of Precinct 4 for the Democratic Primary elections on March 12," says Rudy Martinez Jr.

"I would like to thank my constituents of Precinct 4 for their past support and ask them to keep me in mind when it comes time to vote. Your vote is most appreciated.

"In my eleven years as commissioner I can truly say I have been honest and fair in my decisions made for the betterment and growth of our community. I know that with my past experience and continuing education I will be an asset to our county commissioners' court and community.

"I have been a life-long resident, married to a wonderful wife, Nina, for the past 40 years. We have three children. Wilda and her husband, Ray Ramos, have three children. Rudy III and his wife, Terry, have four children, and Roger and his wife, Norma, also have four children. It has been a joy to be part of our grandchildren's activities. Rudy and his family are all very active members of our O.L.P.H. Catholic Church. He and his wife serve as communion ministers of the church and belong to the Guadalupanas and Knights of Columbus organizations.



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"Once again, I sincerely request your consideration, support and vote in the March 12 primary election."

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Chairman Bonilla holds one-on-one meeting with U.S. AG Secretary

- Invites Secretary to visit 23rd District -



HENRY BONILLA, who is chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, held a one-on-one meeting today with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Veneman. The two discussed the president's new budget and how it will affect the nation's agriculture industry. At the completion of the meeting, Mr. Bonilla extended an invitation for Sec. Veneman to visit the 23rd district, which she accepted.

WASHINGTON D.C.- Four days after President George W. Bush presented his budget to the Congress, Chairman Henry Bonilla held a one-on-one meeting with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman. The two met in Mr. Bonilla's Washington, D.C. office and discussed how the budget would affect farmers and ranchers throughout the 23rd district, the state of Texas and the nation.

"This was a productive meeting. I always appreciate having the Secretary visit me on Capitol Hill," said Mr. Bonilla. "She and I share several goals, most importantly how to keep the agriculture industry strong and productive."

At the meeting, Mr. Bonilla and Secretary Veneman discussed the president's Fiscal Year 2003 Budget. The two specifically discussed the Women Infants and Children program, which is a nutrition assistance program; foreign food aid and donation programs, which will assist the world's needy and hungry, most specifically in Afghanistan; border inspections; the USDA's role in food security; and the progress made in foot and mouth disease prevention. Mr. Bonilla expressed his appreciation for Secretary Veneman's ongoing support and cooperation.

"I look forward to another successful year on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. With the Secretary's assistance, our agriculture industry will remain strong. Our food supply will remain safe. And our nation will continue to be prosperous and prepared," said Mr. Bonilla.

At today's meeting, Mr. Bonilla extended an invitation for Secretary Veneman to visit the 23rd district and meet with farmers, ranchers and producers. The secretary accepted and plans will be in the works shortly.

"I always make a point of inviting my colleagues in Washington, D.C. to visit my friends in the district. Showing photos and discussing the issues just isn't enough. Being in Texas, meeting with farmers and ranchers, and touring the region really makes a difference when it comes down to decision time," said Mr. Bonilla.

The two also discussed an issue currently facing Mr. Bonilla's district: the Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) eradication program. The program was enacted to help prevent the continued spread of this disease. Mr. Bonilla has introduced legislation that will amend a 1986 section of the tax code so that farmers are not penalized for participating in the program.

"Over the last couple of years, I secured the funding necessary to complete the herd depopulation necessary to eradicate Bovine TB. But for the plan to work, we must address the negative tax ramifications that will result from the herd buy-out,"said Mr. Bonilla, who is expecting a letter of support for his legislation from the USDA in the very near future.

Mr. Bonilla was appointed chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee in January of 2001. This will be his second year working with Secretary Veneman. The two will meet again next week when the secretary testifies before Mr. Bonilla's subcommittee.

"Our nation has changed greatly since September. We have many new issues and concerns on the agenda," said Chairman Bonilla. "Rest assured that my subcommittee will not forgo their commitment to the farmers, ranchers and consumers of our great nation. We will continue to get the job done. We will not let the terrorists slow us down."

Political Announcements

The following candidates have authorized The Ozona Stockman to announce their intentions to file as candidates for posts in the Democratic Primary Election on March 12, 2002.

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News Reel
Glenn Sutton authorized The Stockman to announce his candidacy for re-election to the post of Commissioner of Precinct #4, subject to action of the May 4, Democratic Primary, this week.

News Reel
K. Bert Sorrels has announced that he will be a candidate for the post of Commissioner of Precinct 2, and his name will appear on the ballot in the May 4 Democratic Primary.

News Reel
Jesus (Chuy) Castro has authorized The Stockman to announce his candidacy for Commissioner of Precinct #4, subject to action of the May 4, Democratic Primary, this week.

News Reel
The Ozona Lion Basketball Teams ended the season last Friday night in Stanton with 2-8 district records for the season. The varsity lost a 62-50 decision to the Buffaloes and the junior varsity lost by one point, 44-43.

News Reel
THE LIONS ROAR--By Teresa Shaw
Lionel's Recipe of the week:
1 boy, 1 girl, 1 tsp. of spicy glances, several dates, pinch of hate, cup of jealousy, generous amount of sugar. Sift together boy and girl. Add spicy glances and stir well. Apply several dates,. Mix hate and jealousy and dissolve with sugar. Grease and line with patience and understanding. Bake at a loving degree forever.

Since it is Valentine's Day, what does Cupid have in mind for you?
Dawn B. - a poison arrow; Jerry W. - playboy bunny; Drew I. - straight As; Sylvia F. - visit from Hector this weekend; Rachel B. - a big Valentine card; Chris R. - a nice weekend; Howard H. - good health for Friday in Sonora; Mrs. Allen - someone to get in the finals; Rich H. - passing grade in chemistry and English.

News Reel
Mrs. Gertrude Perry will move to San Antonio this weekend to make her home with her son, Joe Perry, and his family.

News Reel
Mr. and Mrs. J. Brock Hoover are parents of a baby girl born Jan. 30 in Iraan General Hospital.

NEWS REEL
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News Reel
D. C. Ratliff, stationed in the Admiralty Islands with the U.S. Navy Seabees, has written of his surprise at meeting three other Ozonans, Ted Maples, Earl Langford and Byron Williams, in the space of a few days.

News Reel
Dick Henderson and L. B. Cox, III were among only 20 of 60 candidates who were pronounced qualified for flight training as Aviation Cadets at Keesler Field, MS, in classification completed there last Saturday.

News Reel
Mrs. Arthur Phillips is in Asherton this week for a visit with her parents.

News Reel
S/Sgt. Taylor Deaton is back in the U.S. for a well deserved rest. He was to have arrived in San Antonio sometime today. Deaton's parents planned to meet their son in San Antonio and bring him home to spend his leave.

Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum celebrates Davy Crockett

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum celebrates the "King of the Wild Frontier" with the premiere of the temporary exhibit "Sunrise in His Pocket: The Life, Legend and Legacy of Davy Crockett". The exhibit premieres March 2, and will include some of Crockett's belongings, as well as objects and artifacts inspired by Crockett's story created in the years after his death. The Texas Spirit Theater will feature "Davy Crockett in Texas", an incredible live storyteller program that recounts the Alamo hero's time in Texas leading up to the historic battle.

For more information: visit www.thestoryoftexas.com.

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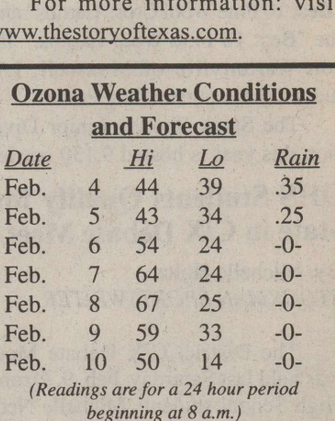
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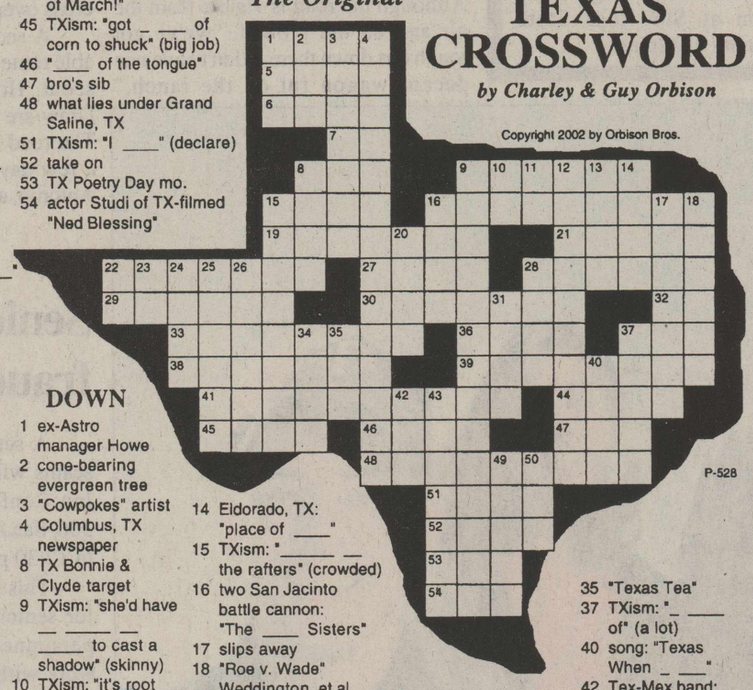
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1 TXism: "tight as a cinch on _ ___ horse"
5 TXism: "he sneezes through silk"
6 pecan is the TX state ____
7 SMU Raymond who was a great receiver for Baltimore (init.)
8 TXism: "I'll __ _ monkey's uncle"
9 TXism: "useless as panty hose __ _ ___"
15 "____ in the neck"
16 dangerous TX funnels
19 Giddings Times ___ ____ (paper)
21 "____ _ friend"
22 Russian cavalry
27 prepare for publication
28 TX troopers use _ _____ gun
29 use a key
30 Italian artist who painted mural in Castro Co. chapel
32 Gov. "__" Ferguson
33 San Antonio Zoo has several species of this animal
36 TX Joe Don was in "Cape Fear" with Robert de ____
37 this Mary Kay was TX cosmetics queen
38 fancy way to say woman's bedroom
39 soap opera periods
41 TXism: "I'll _____ ____ teeth!" (threat)
44 "Beware the ____ of March!"
45 TXism: "got _ ___ of corn to shuck" (big job)
46 "____ of the tongue"
47 bro's sib
48 what lies under Grand Saline, TX
51 TXism: "I ____" (declare)
52 take on
53 TX Poetry Day mo.
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1 ex-Astro manager Howe
2 cone-bearing evergreen tree
3 "Cowpokes" artist
4 Columbus, TX newspaper
8 TX Bonnie & Clyde target
9 TXism: "she'd have __ _____ __ _____ to cast a shadow" (skinny)
10 TXism: "it's root hog __ die"
11 TX B.J. Thomas' "New Looks From __ Old Lover"
12 it's been displayed since 9/11/01
13 TXism "neon light ____" (inspiration)
14 Eldorado, TX: "place of ____"
15 TXism: "_____ __ the rafters" (crowded)
16 two San Jacinto battle cannon: "The ____ Sisters"
17 slips away
18 "Roe v. Wade" Weddington, et al.
20 this Adams starred with TX Lynda Day George in "Racquet"
22 this sch. defeated UT in '01 gridiron game
23 TXism: "fits like hide __ a horse"
24 big ol' piece of bacon
25 seat of Sutton Co.
26 really exists
28 TXism: "sounds like _ ___ axle" (bad singer)
31 TXism: "he don't dance with the facts"
34 in Falls Co. on 77
35 "Texas Tea"
37 TXism: "_ ____ of" (a lot)
40 song: "Texas When _ ___"
42 Tex-Mex band: Little Joe _ __ Familia
43 in Odessa: Permian Basin ___ ____
49 pub missiles
50 TXism: "six of ___, half a dozen of the other"

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Crockett County Library News

by Louise Ledoux

Library Sisters Singing Valentines

Serenade your Valentine! The Library Sisters will present Singing Valentines for your special loved ones on Thursday, Feb. 14, one day only. Cost is a small donation of $15.00 to the Friends of the Library, but the impact and sentiment of the gorgeous Library Sisters singing a love song to your Valentine are priceless. Surprise your sweetheart or special friends with an early morning wake up song or a late night dance to celebrate Valentines 2002.

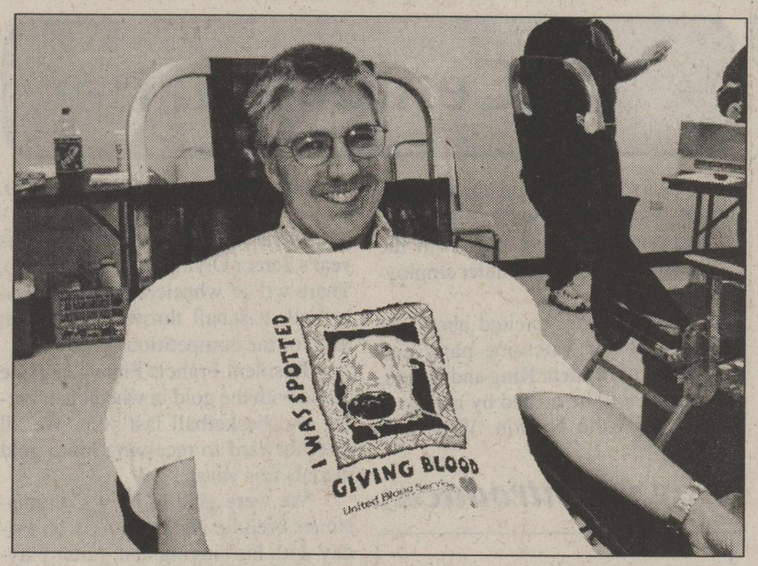
The Library Sisters will perform a new song and dance routine especially for your Valentine, and are also available to deliver gifts or flowers for you. Bookings are limited, so call the library now at 392-3565 to schedule your Singing Valentines.

Volunteers

Volunteers are shining stars. And the public library couldn't make it without all of the volunteers who give hundreds of hours every year making every library event so special. Here's a big thank you to all those shining stars out there - the library board, the Friends of the Library, the Library Sisters, our PR partners in news and radio, our summer reading program readers, talent show performers, lawnmower racers, our Christmas Tour of Homes, and all the others - here's to you all.

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Louise P. Ledoux
Crockett County Public Library



DAVID MOSSMAN was spotted giving blood last week at the United Blood Services blood drive. *DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway*

Community invited to open house

Chica's Family Beauty Salon is planning an open house with refreshments, Thursday, Feb. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 509 Oak Ridge (top of Waterworks Road). The community is invited to stop in to become familiar with the salon location and the services available. A ribbon cutting ceremony has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Chica's Family Beauty Salon will provide custom cuts, updo's, colors, highlights, perms, barber haircuts, special occasion styles, facial waxing and free consultations. Walk-ins and late hour appointments will be taken. The hours of operation will be Monday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. For an appointment, contact Lupita Garcia/Cantu, Beautician, at 392-8120

Community Calendar

Feb. 21 - Chamber Banquet, Civic Center, 6 p.m.

Feb. 26 - Cubs Blue and Gold Banquet, Civic Center, 6:30 p.m., Cake Auction 6 p.m.



Ozona Senior Happenings

By Janet Hill-McDaniel

Our building looks like one big valentine. We have enjoyed getting ready for the dinner dance on the 14th. Volunteers are so good to give of their time and talents. Thanks, guys and gals. I couldn't do it without you.

While thanking those for special projects, our building now has a big bulletin board thanks to Jim White, Jeffery Gillit and Jack Gillit. This is something we were in dire need of due to all the state and federal papers that must be posted.

Tuesday night will be exciting to a lot of our grandparents as Ozona and Sonora girls' basketball teams play each other in the Junell Center at ASU starting at 8:00 p.m.

As most of you know, my granddaughter, Kasey Miller, plays for Sonora, and I never miss anything she is involved in. Feb. 5 was Senior Night and I was invited to escort her on court along with her mom, dad and step-father. Talk about walking on air, I was.

Exercise will be Tuesday only this week due to the activities on Thursday.

Wednesday the 13th we will have pot luck at noon. Get a friend and a dish to share and come on out. The Helping Hands board will meet at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday the 14th will be our first dinner dance. Ticket sales have been good and you will have to have one to get in the door. The cost is $6.00.

If you are a fan of Johnny Gimble, he will perform at the Llano Opry Saturday at 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. Cost is $10.00. This takes place at the Lan-Tex Theatre in Llano. A group of us already have tickets and are ready for the great show he puts on.

Just a reminder, our night activities are for those 50+ in a smoke free and no alcohol environment.

We would like to have more come by for coffee and puzzle time. This is a time fo conversation and laughter.

Our phone number is 392-5028 for information or reserving a spot for noon meals.

Forum hosts guest day

Ozona Woman's Forum will have a Guest Day program on Sunday, Feb. 17, at 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Ozona United Methodist Church.

The community handbell choir will present a program of religious and secular music under the direction of Gail Spence.

Featured soloist will be flautist Justina Bahlman, music teacher at Ozona Primary School. Piano accompanists will be Becky Carter, Marilyn Cox and Sara Hignight.

Dancers move toward 16th anniversary

The Ozona Levis and Lace Square Dance Club held its bimonthly dance Feb. 9 at the Senior Citizens' Center. Roy Lomard of Del Rio was the caller. He brought his group of excellent square dancers with him.

Attending the dance were Leroy and Carol Adcock, Bill and Bernice Cota, CPQ and Mason Black, Raul and Maria De La Rosa, Darrell and Sharon Hartsfield, Lucy Hinde, John and Nora Geen, Jack and Pat Lloyd, Miki Lombard, Otis and Myra Nester, Nell Wester and L. J. and Ann Wright. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Ozona Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will hold its 16th anniversary dance on April 12 and 13 at the Ozona Civic Center. Roy Lombard will be the caller.

A barbecue is planned on Saturday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m. at $4.00 a plate. Everyone is invited.

Tickets are being sold by Levis and Lace Club members for prizes to be given away at the Texas Federation of Square and Round Dancers convention this summer. First prize is a $28,000 vehicle of your choice. Second prize is a $3,000 gift certificate at Sam's/Walmart, third prize is a $1,000 gift certificate for a Texas approved merchant of the winners' choice.

Thursday, Feb. 7, our square dancers went to the care center and entertained the residents with square dancing and line dancing. Present were Leroy and Carol Adcock, Bill and Bernice Cota, Maria De La Rosa, Peggie Earl, Barbara Malone, Otis Nester and Nell Wester. We and the residents enjoyed it.

Bernice Cota reporting

Last chance to make chamber banquet reservations

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the 38th Annual Awards Banquet for Thursday, Feb. 21 at the civic center. The theme this year is "Ozona, Let's Roll"!

Doors open and the reception will begin at 6:00 p.m. The buffet line will open at 6:30 p.m. There will be dinner entertainment featuring pianist. Judy Reagor and clarinet trio, Ariana Lira, Julia Sanchez and Rose Garza. Highlights of the banquet will include 2001 Year In Review, visitor center project update, recognition of retiring officers/directors, introduction of incoming officers/ directors and presentation of the past chairman award.

Awards presented at this year's banquet will include two special recognition awards, 2001 Organization of the Year, Member of the Year, Legacy of Spirit, Unsung Hero and Citizen of the Year. The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District will also present the Conservation Rancher of the Year award. The speaker this year will be Bob Bluthardt, Director of Historic Fort Concho.

Banquet tickets for individual open seating are $12.00 each. Reserved tables of six are $72.00. All reservations must be made no later than Monday. Feb. 18. To make your reservation, contact the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Please allow us to take this opportunity to thank all who contributed to the success of the Ozona telethon phone bank held on Saturday evening, January 19 in conjunction with West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 32nd annual telethon.

Special thanks to the following:

- Kay Stewart and Jim Skehan for coordinating the local phone bank
- Crockett National Bank for use of phones & facility
- All who volunteered their time
- All who made a donation

We're proud to report that Rehab 2002 met its goal of raising $1 million, which we will use to provide top-quality rehabilitation care to children and adults who enter our doors seeking help in overcoming disabling illnesses or injuries.

On January 19, Ozona friends definitely made a difference to West Texas Rehab, and we are most grateful!

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(19) But [you were purchased] with the precious blood of Christ (the Messiah), like that of a [sacrificial] lamb without blemish or spot.
(20) It is true that He was chosen and foreordained (destined and foreknown for it) before the foundation of the world but He was brought out to public view (made manifest) in these last days (at the end of the times) for the sake of you.

I Peter 1: 19-20

Care Center Chatter

Thursday afternoon our administrator, Benny Gibbs, was honored with a surprise birthday party from the Crockett County Care Center employees.

Residents are excited about the coming of our Valentine party and crowning of resident King and Queen. Our party will be hosted by residents Dave and Ruth Nelson. Wine and cheese will be served at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 14.

We are getting geared up for this year's Senior Olympics in San Angelo. There wil be wheelchair racing, basketball, baseball throws and bucket toss for the competition.

Resident Francis Flanagan came home with the gold in wheelchair racing and basketball last year. We all look forward to receiving more gold medals this year.

We were glad to have Commissioner Freddie Nicks with us on Friday with his singing and guitar playing. We all appreciate Commissioner Nicks and his wife, Pat, for all they do for the care center residents and staff.

We welcome mother and daughter Rachel Ybarra and Bernice Payne, newly certified nurse aides, as our new team members.

Don't forget to bring donations for our annual garage sale. Call 392-3096 and we will pick up items.

Please note, I need two weeks notice for activities inside and outside the facility as our calendar is planned in advance.

Thanks go to the Helping Hands for inviting residents to their Valentine party, but our residents wanted to stay for the events at the care center. We'll make it another time.

Great things are happening at our care center. Come by for a visit.

Happy Valentine's from all of us at Crockett County Care Center.

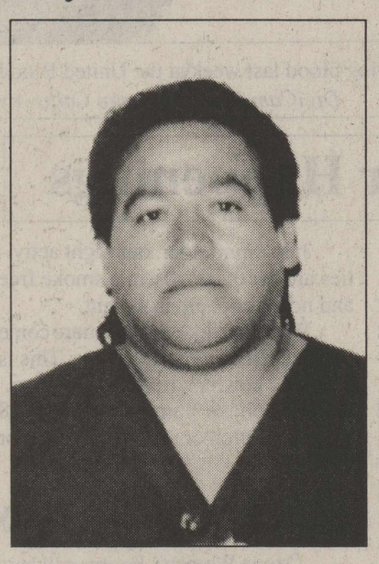
Jan St. Clair
Activity Director

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A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out.

—Anonymous

May we introduce...



JULIO GALINDO

Julio Galindo, CRA-CNA, is originally from Sonora. He has worked at Crockett County Care Center for a year.

He and his wife, Maria, have three children, Crystal, Ruby and Julio Jr.

Fishing, camping, cooking, kids' sports and volleyball are his interests.

Obituaries

Porras service to be held today



Ramona "Ama" Porras age 92, went to be with the Lord on Sunday Feb. 10, 2002.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wed. Feb. 13, 2002, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Porras was born Oct. 10, 1909, in Sonora, Mexico to Sostenes and Angelita Hernandez.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Jesus Diaz Porras; two daughters, Lupe Ramirez and Inez Hernandez; and two sons, Jesus Jr. and Jose Porras.

She is survived by: daughters Connie and husband Jesus Elizada from Cisco and Angela and husband George Enriquez of Midland, sons Joe and wife Maria Elena Porras of Sonora; Dario and wife Hilda Porras of Ozona; Isidro and wife Fransica Porras of Llano; Johnny Porras of Ozona, Santos and wife Rosa Porras of Cleburne, Sostenes and wife Lala of Littlefield and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by Norma Martinez, who was a very special person to Ama and a very special granddaughter, Elma Ybarra, who was very close and dear to Ama.



CARE CENTER ADMINISTRATOR BENNY GIBBS was honored by the care center employees with a birthday party last week

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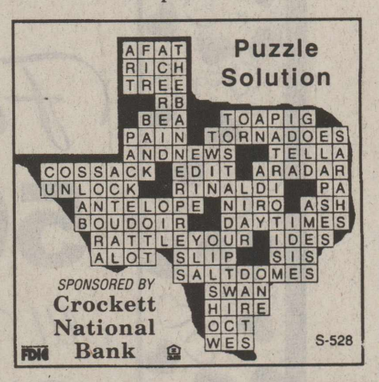
Oh no, this was the second one today, and I really didn't have time to take care of the problem. I walked to the pen full of sheep and found the ewe and her newborn lamb (still wet, lying on the ground and now covered with dirt).

It took me awhile to get them to a smaller pen. I gave the ewe a small amount of feed and water. It wasn't 'till later that day that I was able to check on them and by then she had cleaned him up, had him standing and had even given him some milk. His legs were still wobbly, and he couldn't travel very well, but I needed to get them out of the pens.

I opened the gates and tried to get the old ewe to move. She would move away several feet then turn around and call out to her baby and nothing would happen. Finally, after many attempts, the lamb started to respond to her voice. At first he would take a step or two and stop, but eventually he would take 10 or more steps. By the time I got them to go through the gates she was constantly calling to him and he was following close behind.

As I watched that evening I was reminded of something the Bible teaches. In John 19:3, 4, 5, it says Jesus is the good Shepherd (John 10: 14, 15) and His sheep hear His voice and follow Him. I know in today's world there are many different voices out there and many, many distractions to keep us from hearing the voice of Jesus. But just as that little lamb had to learn to recognize his mother's voice and to follow it so he could survive and have a good life, so we must also learn to recognize the voice of Jesus (John 1:12) and follow it.

See you in church on Sunday.
Brother J



The Lightning Bug or a Lightning Bug?

By Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

Valentines are supposed to relate our love. Do they? One of the tragedies of our time is our lack of loyalty to and in marriage. Television and film portray men and women jumping into bed with almost anyone. There are no qualms of conscience. The satisfaction of physical cravings is preeminent. We call it love.

Look at what the Bible says, "It is better to marry than to burn with passion" (1 Corinthians 7:9) . The God who made us knows our need for affection. He equipped us to express our passions with the opposite sex. Passion is not bad. It is good. The One who made us requires the expression of physical passion within the confines of marriage. I'm talking about lifetime monogamous relationships in which vows are exchanged and promises are made. Afterward, the marriage is physically consummated.

Love can be expression on two levels. The first level involves chemistry and feelings. We are struck by lightning. The electricity flows. The second and more basic level involves commitment displayed in deeds of kindness. We make the bed and make money. We sleep together and work together. We get pregnant and raise truth loving, hard working, responsible children. Of course we must be truth telling, hard working and responsible too. That's love. Can we tell the difference between the love bug and the lightning bug?

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D **Rev. Bill Fuller** Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	**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.	**Ozona United Methodist Church** 12 - 11th St. **Rev. Nancy Mossman** Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.
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Heartfelt Gift Ideas For Your Valentine

Perhaps you're looking for a Valentine's Day gift that comes directly from the heart — they're simpler than you might imagine. Here are some inspired ideas for your sweetie!

FOR HIM

- Appeal to his manly appetite and whip up a culinary masterpiece featuring all of his favorite foods. Or, if you'd rather stay out of the kitchen, make reservations at a cozy, informal restaurant where he can just relax and be himself.
- Indulge him in a night of his favorite activity. If that may be watching sports, fishing or even that action flick he's seen a dozen times, snuggle up with your man and cheer along.
- Give him one day off from his share of the chores so he can just lounge around in sweatpants and his lucky college T-shirt.
- Send him flowers at work for an interesting change.
- Ask your parents to watch the kids so you can spend some quality time together.
- Invite his buddies over for sports night or game night.

FOR HER

- Rent her favorite weepy love story from the local video store and watch it with her. Cuddle her at the most sappy moments and make sure tissues are not too far away.
- Turn the bedroom into a lovers' retreat, complete with scented candles, rose petals on the sheets, soft music and the like. Wear silk pajamas rather than your favorite gym shorts to bed.
- Give her one day off from her share of the chores so she can just lounge around in sweatpants and her lucky college T-shirt.
- Treat her to a special show, whether it is a local theater production, ballet, or just a pageant the kids put together with your help for the occasion.
- Reenact your first date or arrange to renew your wedding vows.
- Organize a special family portrait she'll just love.



CARMEN SUTTON AND SHANNON HUNNICUTT ponder a point during a recent Texas Hospitality Instructor Workshop sponsored by Southwest Texas Tourism Partnership. *Contributed Photo*

"Becoming better hosts to visitors"

Tourism Partnership Seeks To Expand Tourism With Texas Friendly Program

The area's first Texas Hospitality Instructor Workshop was conducted last week as the first step in implementing the "becoming better host to visitors" strategy of the Southwest Texas Tourism Partnership (SWTTP). Nine local volunteers were certified as instructors to conduct local 'Texas friendly' workshops for employees and managers of local businesses. Participants included: Shannon Hunnicutt, Vickie Williams, Kelly Owen, Carmen Sutton, Kelly Thorp, Stacy Juracek, Lill Kothman, LaDonna Wardlaw and Nancy Lester. The instructor training was sponsored by SWTTP in cooperation with the Texas Cooperative Extension, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism, Texas A&M and the Texas Tech University Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management Program.

"Becoming Better Hosts to Our Visitors" is one of the strategies developed by the Southwest Texas Tourism Partnership (SWTTP) to increase tourism in the Sutton, Crockett, and Schleicher counties area. Justin McGeath, chair of the Partnership steering committee, noted, "One thing we have learned in the last year is that the service sector of our economy has great potential for expansion. Tourism is one economic development strategy that makes sense, but we have to be aggressive to make it work. We are fortunate to be part of a pilot project with A&M and Texas Tech. Our next step is to make preliminary contacts with a few of the businesses in Ozona, Sonora and Eldorado. The business contacts will give us feedback that will be used by A&M and Tech to adapt the program for local businesses."

Dr. Carson Watt, A&M professor and extension specialist, explained, "The SWTTP area was originally selected to be a model for rural communities seeking ways to enhance their economy and preserve a desired way of life. The tourism potential for this area was recognized early in the process. The enthusiasm and hard work led to the formation of the Partnership and the development of strategies to grow tourism. Implementation of the "Texas friendly" workshops is still several months away. This delay will give us (A&M and Tech) time to customize the program for local implementation. The hospitality project is scheduled to be fully implemented within the next 5-6 months."

Anyone interested in the activities of the South West Texas Tourism Partnership should contact Justin McGeath at (915) 387-6250 / sidc@sonoratx.net. Other members of the SWTTP steering committee include: Lolabeth Jones, Gerry Ingham, Shanon Biggerstaff, Stan Meadors, Dan Brown, and Stacey Juracek. The state manager of the Texas Hospitality Program is Diane Breeding, Texas Cooperative Extension, Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism at Texas A&M University (979) 545-0569 / d-breeding@tamu.edu.

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My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.

—Charles Kettering

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Local officers, EMS busy with accidents

David Louis Runkle of Bastrop was taken by Airmed to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo after being thrown from his car in an accident near Ozona on Friday. He was expected to be moved out of intensive care on Sunday.

Runkle, 37, was six miles east of Ozona on the interstate when he drove off the right improved shoulder of the road with the right side tires. According to a report by DPS Trooper Bruce James, Runkle overcorrected to the left and went into a side skid. The vehicle, a 1996 Chevrolet Suburban, slid into the center median and overturned once, ejecting the driver.

The Suburban, which had been traveling west, came to rest upright facing east. The wreck happened at 2:18 p.m.

Three Marines were injured when the driver fell asleep and ran into the back of a truck trailer at 6:55 a.m. Feb. 11 at mile marker 364 on I-10.

Alejandro Cortez of Pharr was driving the 1996 Chevrolet 4-door Blazer which struck a Pool Company tank trailer towed by a truck tractor rig. Willie Payne was the driver of the Pool vehicle.

Cortez and his passengers, Michael Landrum of California and Patricio Cruz of San Antonio were taken to Family Health Clinic of Ozona.

Trooper Bruce James was the investigating officer.

Commissioners choose health insurance

The Blue Cross Choice 500 medical plan was chosen by commissioners Feb. 11. Voting for the selection were commissioners Frank Tambunga, Freddie Nicks and Rudy Martinez and Judge Johnny Jones. Commissioner Pleas Childress voted against.

The court voted to keep the same life, dental and vision insurance. They also voted to accept the Zesch and Pickett Aflach proposal for their cafeteria plan.

A group from Texas Windpower of Austin met informally with commissioners Monday to propose a new wind turbine project to be partially located in Crockett County. The project is planned for Noelke Hill in the northwest part of Crockett County with 60 percent of the wind farm to be in Upton County.

Turbines at this site could be up to three times that of those at Southwest Mesa according to Dave Groeber of Texas Windpower.

This was not an agenda item, so no discussion or action followed.

Names were drawn for grievance committee members. Selected were Pete Maldonado, Cindy Dusek, Jill Seahorn, Dana Duncan, Jonny Johnson, Scott Kelley, Jean Marshall, Armando Arredondo and Juan P. Borrego.

The court voted to allow county property north of the Senior Citizens' Building to be used for a circus in March, approved installation of 10 street lights in Chandlerdale West at a cost of $7,705.00, and voted to furnish material to fence 3.7 miles of the lane on County Road 403. The other side of this stretch was fenced last year at the expense of George and Louis Bunger. Commissioners voted to approve clarification of a plat for Chandlerdale West #1 as presented by Laurie English and also approved purchasing 200 traps for the predator control program.

Codi Richardson named Distinguished Student

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2001 fall semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

Codi Richardson was recognized as a Distinguished Student, having earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours.

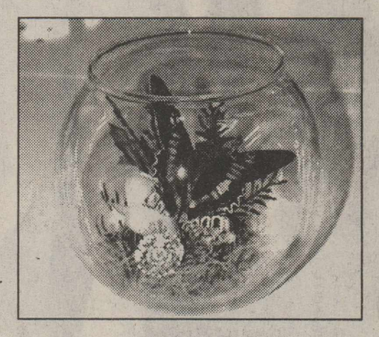
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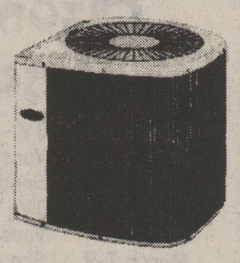
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THE OZONA LADY LIONS

2001-2002 District 2-A Runners-Up

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Lady Lions place second in District

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lions annihilated the Anthony Wildcats Feb. 8 at Davidson Gym by an amazing 24 points to place second in district.

The Lady Wildcats were no match for the Lady Lions who held their opponents to under five points at the end of the first half. The score at halftime was Lady Lions 28, Lady Wildcats 4.

The second half was a much closer one as the Lady Lions only scored two more than the Lady Wildcats in the third, 7-5. The Lady Lions again scored two more than the Lady Wildcats in the fourth quarter, 14-12.

Ozona's vast first half lead gave the Lady Wildcats no chance at a win. No matter how they tried the Lady Wildcats just couldn't make their shots. Out of twenty-nine two-point buckets the Lady Wildcats only scored six, and they only made 11 of 22 free throws. The final score was Lady Lions 47, Lady Wildcats 23.

Ozona's top scorer of the night was Taylor Oglesby with a sweet 10 points followed by Bekah Cowen, Jessica Herring and Lana Stewart each scoring seven points. Other Lady Lions scoring were Jordan Webster and Joyce Caldera with 4 points, Hilary Huffman with 3, Katy Churchill and Casey Ybarra with 2 and Kimber Bean 1. Cowen led in total rebounds with six followed by Oglesby with five. Kimber Bean, Joyce Caldera and Herring each led in steals with two apiece. Churchill and Stewart led in assists with two each.

Lions defeat Anthony Wildcats 61-46

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lions won their last district game of the season here Feb. 8 by a score of 61-46 defeating the Anthony Wildcats.

Ozona started slow as the Wildcats led at the end of the first quarter by seven points, 12-5. Lion Brad Mayfield scored three points and G.L. Bunger and Bryan Skehan added one point apiece.

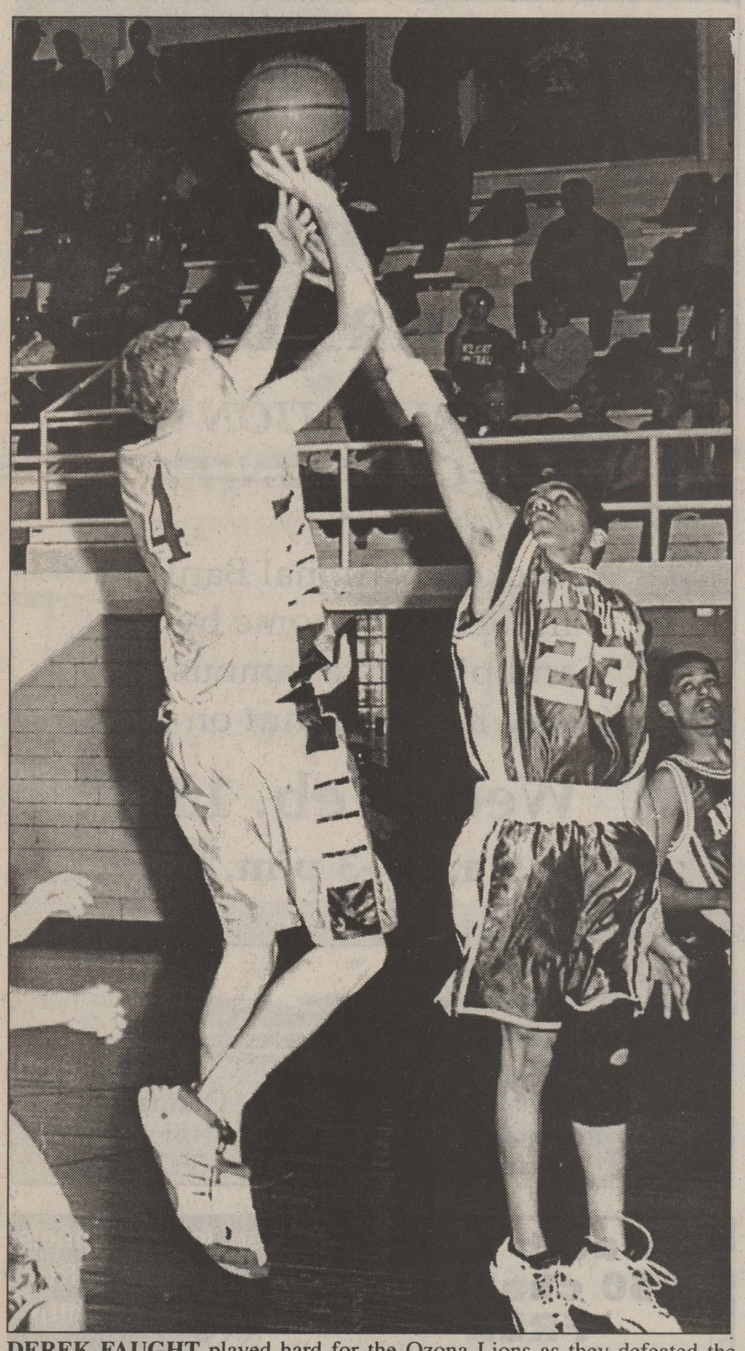
However, in the second quarter the Lions woke up and began taking care of business. They scored more than twice what the Wildcats did, 19-8. Scoring for the Lions in the second quarter were Skehan with six points, Lalo Garza with five including sinking a three, Derek Faught four, Robert Ogle with three and Bunger adding in one free throw. The Lions took a four point lead over the Wildcats at halftime, 24-20.

Ozona continued this trend in the third quarter as they outscored the Wildcats by 10 while holding the Wildcats to under 10 points, 19-10. Skehan led the Lions in this quarter scoring six points, Faught five, Bunger four including draining a three, while Ogle and Arron Garza chipped in two points.

In the latter part of the fourth quarter Wildcat Gabe Rede fouled out of the game thus leaving the Wildcats to finish the game with only four players. Despite the Wildcats loss of Rede in the fourth they managed to score just one less than the Lions, 17 to Ozona's 18.

Lead Lion scorers in the fourth quarter were Dennis Taylor with five points including nailing a three and Abel Rodriguez with five as Lions Ryan Wiley, Hayse Worthington, Skehan and Ogle each scored two points. Bryan Skehan led the Lions by scoring 15 points in the game. Faught led in total rebounds with an awesome 14 with Skehan following with 13 total rebounds. Faught also led the Lions in assists with seven of them. Skehan and Mayfield each had one blocked shot in the game. A. Garza, L. Garza, Faught, Mayfield, Ogle and Jarryd Taylor each had one steal.

The Wildcats only had five players as several quit the Anthony team a couple of weeks ago. Despite this, the five played their best and gave the Lions a run for their money. Taking to the court for the Wildcats were Gabe Rede, Perez, Eric Navarro and Isaac Moreno. The Wildcats sank five three pointers in the game. Wildcats Navarro, Perez and Moreno each led their team in scoring with 11 points apiece. Rede finished the game with seven points and Munoz scored six.



DEREK FAUGHT played hard for the Ozona Lions as they defeated the Anthony Wildcats. Faught pulled down 14 rebounds and had seven assists.

Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Tennis teams do well in first tourney of year

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lions and Lady Lions tennis teams competed in the 2002 West Texas High School Tennis Championship tennis meet Saturday, Feb. 9.

" I was very pleased the way everyone performed in this tournament," said Coach Rick Bachman. "Many young players gained valuable experience in this tournament which should really be an asset down the road. I was extremely proud of the overall effort displayed by everyone".

Lions "A" Singles and Doubles "A" took runners-up honors in the tournament.

In boys singles, Robert Mossman won his first game against Brian Royal of Lake View 7-6, 2-6, 6-2. However, he lost his next game to Rhett Heartsill of Wall 6-0, 6-1. Shane Albers received a bye in round one. He won the second round game against Casey Puckett of Wall 6-0, 6-1. Albers went on to beat his next opponent, Mason Molt of Central, 6-2, 6-3. In the championship round, Albers lost to Rhett Heartsill 6-4, 6-2 thto win the runner-up spot in boys' singles.

In boys doubles, Roland Galindo/ Kris Gray won their first game over Harris/Banks of Central 6-7, 6-4, 6-4. Galindo/Gray won their second match over Logan/Sefcik of Wall 1-6, 7-6. 6-3. Galindo/Gray lost in the champi-onship game to Martinez/Diaz of Lakeview 7-5, 7-6 (8-6).

In boys "B" singles, Jeffrey Gillit lost his first match to Michael Felix of Lake View 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. Gillit won his first match over Jordan of Mason in the consolation round 6-1, 6-2. Gillit went on to defeat Wilson of Glenn 6-0, 6-0. In the consolation championship game Stever of Midland Christian won over Gillit 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. Gillit ended up in the tournament as the consolation runner-up.

In boys "B" doubles, Mac Fred/ David Casarez lost their first match to Farris/Bryd of Lee 6-0, 6-2. Fred/ Casarez also lost their first game in the consolation round against Box/ Simmons of Wall 6-1, 6-2. Doug Duncan/Ruben Talamantez won their first match over Sullivan/Burkes of Midland 6-1, 7-6 but in their next match lost to White/ Fairley of Central 6-1, 6-3.

In girls "A" singles, Leslie Flores lost her first match to Winnie Compal of Lake View 7-6, (7-3), 3-6, 6-2. However, in the consolation bracket, Flores won her first match over Taylor of Eldorado by default then lost her next match to Brown of Eldorado 7-5, 6-1.

In girls "B" singles, Diana Perez won her first match over Melissa Patton of Midland by default. Perez lost her next match to Leslie Cortez Lomas of Sweetwater 6-0, 6-0. Perez lost to Peterson of Central in the consolation round 8-0.

In girls "A" doubles, Bobbie Sue Bangeman/Melanie Bullard won their first match over Whitlock/Mechtler of Lake View 7-5, 3-6, 6-4. Bangeman/ Bullard lost their next match to Gardner/Clark of Central 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. Bangeman/Bullard were semi-finalists in girl's "A" doubles.

In girls "B" doubles Lisa Venegas/Maria Torres lost their first match to Bedoy/Bedoy of Crane 6-4, 6-3. In the consolation round Venagas/ Torres received a bye in the first match and then lost their next match to Barnes/Valenzuela of Central. Penny Stewart/Heather Price received a bye in round one of the tournament and lost to their next match to Oden/ Stretcher of Midland 6-4, 6-1. In the consolation round Stewart/Price won their first game over Delagarza/ Espinoza of Edison 6-2, 7-5. Stewart/ Price lost their next match to Martinez/ Palacios 8-1.

Ozona High School Varsity Golf Schedule

	GIRLS		BOYS
Feb. 22-23	Ft. Stockton	Feb. 15-16	Ft. Stockton
March 2	Sonora	Feb. 25	Ozona
March 4	Ozona	March 21	Iraan
March 22	Iraan	March 23	Sonora
March 26	Big Lake	March 25	Big Lake
TBA	McCamey	April 3	Fredericksburg
April 8-9	District/Ft. Stockton	April 8-9	District/Ft. Stockton
April 22-23	Regional	April 22-23	Regional
May 6-7	State/Austin	May 6-7	State/Austin

Ozona High School Baseball Schedule

Feb. 26	JV - Junction	There	4:30
	Varsity - Junction	There	6:30
March 1-2	Sonora Tournament	There	TBA
March 5	JV - Junction	Here	4:30
	Varsity - Junction	Here	6:30
March 7-9	San Angelo Tournament	There	TBA
March 22	San Angelo Central JV	There	4:30 p.m.
March 25	*Reagan Co.	Here	5:00 p.m.
March 28	*McCamey	Here	5:00 p.m.
April 6	*Van Horn (DH)	Here	2:00 a.m.
April 13	*Tornillo (DH)	There	2:00 p.m.
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Section B

Spit tobacco kills . . . .

By Jessie Johnson
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley

Many teens assume that spit tobacco is a safe alternative to cigarettes, not knowing that any tobacco use is a health hazard. But the simple fact is, spit tobacco kills.

The use of spit tobacco among adolescents has doubled in the past four years. Contrary to popular belief, it is not just males or athletes who are involved with spit tobacco. Spit tobacco is not a safe product. Tobacco companies have shrewdly coined the term "smokeless" tobacco in order to make these products seem less dangerous than cigarettes.

We must make an effort to use the appropriate term- spit tobacco-in order to deglamorize this drug and identify it for what it really is: a nasty, gross, life- risking habit.

This dangerous, addictive drug can cause various types of cancer in and around the mouth, such as cancer of the mouth and throat. Leukoplakia, a pre- cancerous sore, is also the result of tobacco use. Among its consequences are receding gums, tooth loss, heart disease, stroke, and oral cancer. That is not the end of the list. Spit tobacco also causes bad breath, stained teeth, a lowered sense of taste and smell, and slow healing of mouth wounds.

Teens today need to understand that spit tobacco kills just like cigarettes. Is there a difference between cigarettes and spit tobacco? Yes- the difference lies in how they kill users. Spit tobacco users do not inhale carbon monoxide and tars, but they are ingesting nicotine and are exposed to carcinogens. Spit tobacco contains a larger amount of known carcinogens than tobacco smoke. After the dip, plug, or wad is placed in the mouth, the nicotine is absorbed through the mucous membrane in the nose and mouth where it enters the bloodstream. This process may be more gradual than the inhalation of tobacco smoke, but it is no less fatal.

The tobacco juice that is inadvertently swallowed brings the risk of cancer to the digestive and urinary systems as the body tries to process the carcinogens. Spit tobacco introduces ten times more cancer- causing agents into the bloodstream than cigarettes. It is for this reason that there is such a high rate of oral cancer in spit tobacco users. In fact, the risk of oral cancer is four times higher in spit tobacco users than non-users. The risk of oral cancer among those who do use spit tobacco increases fifty percent with cases of long term use.

For any information on tobacco, alcohol, or drug abuse, please contact the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley. If you or someone you know is having a problem with tobacco or chemical dependency issue, the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley can be of assistance. All calls, consultations, and screening are confidential. All services are provided at no charge. The Council will also provide presentations to civic and school groups at no charge. Please contact Jessie Johnson at 1-800-880-9641 to make an appointment.

Journalism scholarship offered

The Ozona Stockman and publisher Scotty Moore are pleased to announce applications are currently being accepted for two $2,000 scholarships awarded through the West Texas Press Association and Texas Press Association.

The contest is open to applicants in the area served by WTPA member newspapers and whose career goals include working with a community newspaper. Ozona High School_students are eligible to apply for the scholarships through *The Ozona Stockman's* membership in WTPA.

The scholarships are named in honor of the late West Texas publisher Bob Craig of Hamlin, and will be awarded to a graduating high school senior and a college junior or senior pursuing journalism careers. Craig, who died in 1981, was the longtime publisher of the *Hamlin Herald* and member of West Texas Press board of directors. He served 18 years on the board in all capacities, including president in 1967 and secretary/treasurer from 1969.

Each scholarship will be divided into two payments of $1,000 for two semesters. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester that the scholarship is awarded.

Each applicant must fill out an application form and write an essay based on the theme "My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism."

One scholarship will be presented to a graduating high school senior and the other to a student already attending a college or university as a print journalism or advertising major.

Application forms have been sent to member newspapers and high schools in the areas served by West Texas Press Association members and to college journalism departments. Prospective applicants may secure a form from the high school journalism department or counselor, their local newspaper office or download from www.wtpa.org. Applicants must be from the area served by the WTPA membership. Broadcast or public relations majors do not qualify.

Applications and essays should be sent to Mark A. Jordan, WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P. 0. Box 149, Decatur, Texas 76234, and be postmarked no later than June 15, 2002.

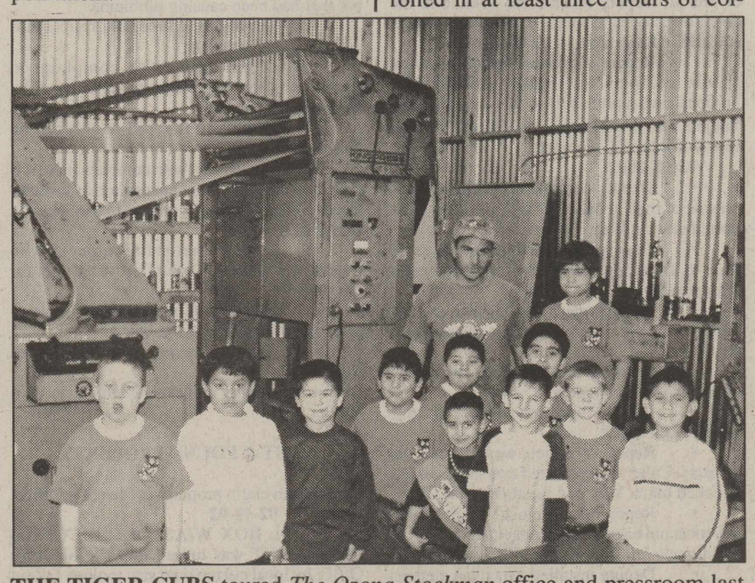
Recipients of the 2001 scholarships were T. J. Griffin of Decatur, a 2001 graduate of Decatur High School, and Mindi Ratliff of Breckenridge, who is attending Texas A&M at Commerce.

Winners will be chosen by the West Texas Press Association board of directors and will be announced at the Association's 72nd Annual Summer Convention to be held in Fort Davis July 18-20, 2002, at Indian Lodge.

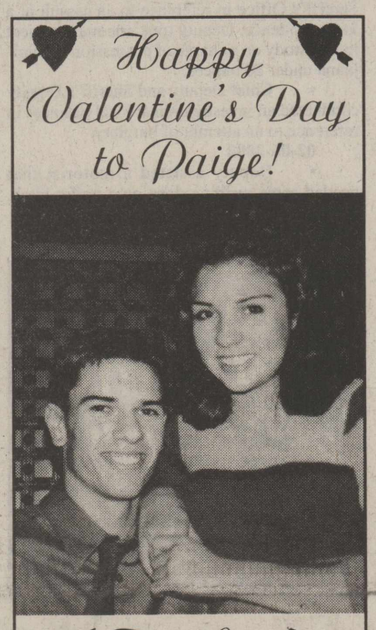
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First Love

By John Clare

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And when she looked, what could I ail?
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And then my blood rushed to my face
And took my eyesight quite away,
The trees and bushes round the place
Seemed midnight at noonday.
I could not see a single thing,
Words from my eyes did start--
They spoke as chords do from the string,
And blood burnt round my heart.

Are flowers the winter's choice?
Is love's bed always snow?
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Not love's appeals to know.
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Feb. 21 - Corn Dog, Mac & Cheese, Veg. Salad, Fruit
Feb. 22 - Steak Fingers, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls

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Feb. 20 - Chickburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Tator Tots, Cookie
Feb. 2i -Pizza Nachos, Veg. Salad, Fruit
Feb. 22 - Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Rolls

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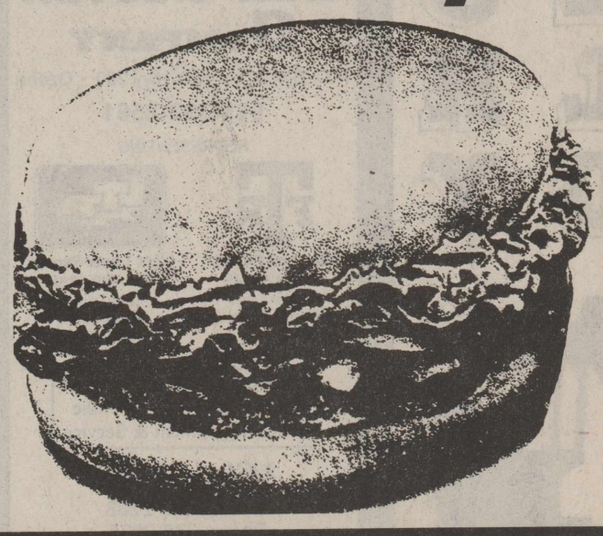
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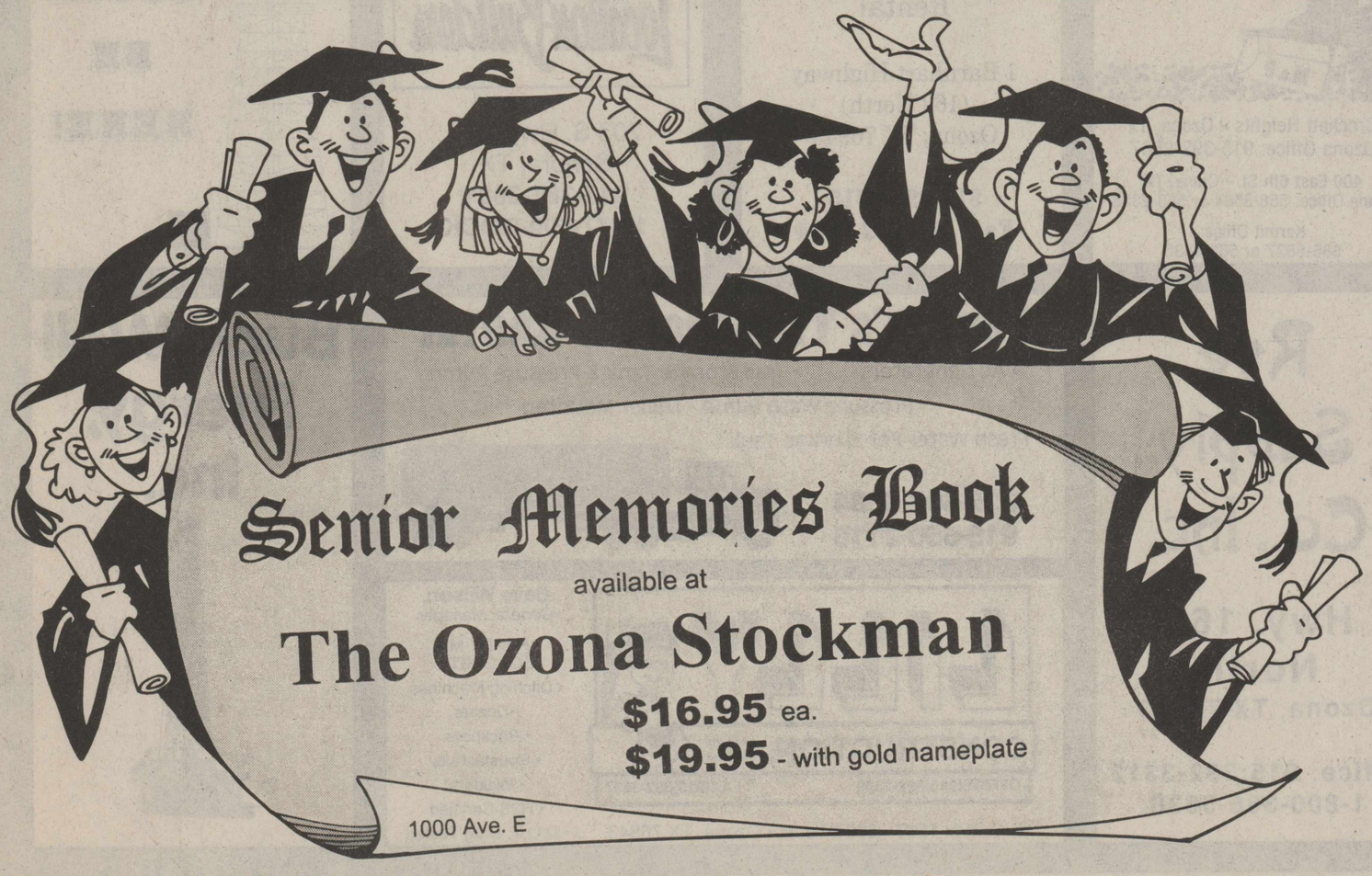
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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New RME Petro Co/Mid	10000'	McMullan -A- #7	Patterson Drilling/A #38	Drlg. ahead

Sutton County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Dominion OK TXE&P	8775'	Hudspeth -54- #9	Patterson Drilling/A #122	Drlg. ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	8475'	Mayfield -46-#17	Patterson Drilling/A #120	Drlg. ahead
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Dominion OK TX E&P	6700'	Shurley -123- #17	Patterson Drilling/A #40	Drlg. ahead
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New Dominion OK TXE&P	6400'	Meckel -A- #32	Patterson Drilling/A #102	Moving on
New Dominion OK TXE&P	6300'	Davis -C- #23	Patterson Drilling/A #102	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	6200'	Shurley -95- #13	Patterson Drilling/A #107	Drlg. ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	6200'	Shurley -94- #17	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Assigned

Terrell County

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Conoco/Mid.	13000'	Culberson -18- #3	nabors Drilling (O) 3730	Drlg. ahead	
New Fasken Oil & Ranch	7500'	Brown SW -203-#9X	Lariat Drilling #1	Drlg. ahead	2415'

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Mustang Fuel Corp.	16000'	Wardlaw State Gas Unit #1	Nabors Drilling (O0 #442	Drlg. ahead

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH	
New Chesapeake/OKC	12500'	Erekson #1	Patterson Drilling/A #471	Drlg. ahead	
New Par Min's Corp. (Horiz)	8000'	Four Square Ranch #8	Key Energy (O) #4	Drlg. ahead	7127'

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH	
New Sinclair Energy/IRV	3000'	Tisdale South #1	Hinz Drilling #1	Drlg. ahead	550'

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH	
Pioneer Nat/Irv	8800'	Sherrod Unit #2414	Patterson UTI/Mid #464	Drlg. ahead	6470'
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
WEEKLY NEWS REPORT
02-05-2002 through 02-11-2002

02-05-2002

- Deputy met with complainant at local truck stop in reference to a lost wallet. Deputy advised subject that since it had occurred in Kimble County, report had to be filed in that county.
- Deputy transported a subject that was released from jail to local convenience store to make restitution to store for fuel previously stolen. Subject was later taken to local bus stop.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at local convenience store.
- Deputy met with complainant at local business in reference to U.S currency that was missing. Chief Deputy took information from complainant.
- Deputy met with church employee in reference to a subject needing welfare. Deputy provided a bus ticket for subject going to Ft Stockton.
- Deputy met with store manager on Ave. E in reference to counterfeit money. Deputy took information and filed a report.
- Report of suspicious persons at local truck stop. Subjects had already left the area when deputy arrived.
- Deputy met with complainant at Sheriff's Office in reference to subject wanting information if charges were filed against her. Deputy advised her that no charges were filed.
- Deputy met with complainant via telephone in reference to missing firearms at a local ranch house. Deputy took information and filed a report.
- Deputy met with complainant at Sheriff's Office in reference to problems with a juvenile. Deputy advised complainant to talk to Justice of the Peace or Juvenile Probation Officer.
- Deputy set up medical-alert security system at a residence on Angus St. for local citizen.
- Deputy met with complainant at Sheriff's Office in reference to an assault at a local residence. Deputy took one male subject into custody on a charge of possession of marijuana under 20 ounces.
- Chief Deputy and Sheriff's Deputy conducted an investigation at local business in reference to an attempt of burglary.

02-06-2002

- Deputy assisted a motorist that needed some welding done on a trailer hitch. Dispatcher called local welder to assist.
- Report of minor vehicle accident at local truck stop. Deputy issued a blue accident report form to both drivers.
- Deputies assisted elderly subject on Angus St. in reference to subject having problems with wheelchair.
- Deputy transported a juvenile from Ave. E to DPS Office to meet with Texas Ranger.
- Constable met with school official on Ave. E in reference to a juvenile.
- Constable unlocked a vehicle on Monterrey St.
- Deputy met with complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to a subject on a harassment complainant. Deputy advised subjects to stay away from each other.
- Stranded motorist 2 miles west of Ozona needed ride back to his vehicle. Deputy provided transport.
- Gas drive off from local convenience store on 15th St. Deputy apprehended the vehicle at MM 37l on I-10. Deputy reported that subjects sold items to pay for the fuel.

02-07-2002

- Deputy unlocked a vehicle on Mesquite St.
- Deputy met with complainant on Pine St. in reference to a hit and run vehicle accident. Complainant stated that the subject that caused the accident had agreed to pay for the damages.
- 911 emergency call in reference to juveniles playing with paint guns. Deputy spoke with all the juveniles involved and determined that none needed medical assistance.
- Report of reckless driver in the area of local convenience store on Ave. E. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.
- Report of juvenile with an air rifle in the area of Rio Grande St. who was shooting at some horses. Deputy spoke with the juvenile, and reported there were no horses in the area.
- Report of reckless driver in the area of 3rd St. Deputy located the vehicle at the downtown square. Deputy spoke with subject and advised him to slow it down.
- Report of a motor vehicle accident at MM 352 on I-10. Deputy assisted DPS Trooper, and reported there were no injuries. Subject was brought in to the Sheriff's Office to wait for family members.

02-08-2002

- Deputy checked on vehicle parked on side of road at MM 361 of I-10. Deputy reported all was okay.
- Deputy met complainant in reference to a missing cash drawer. It was located after search.
- Deputy met complainant at 1200 Block of 1st St. in reference to a missing person.
- Report of headstone and water spigots damaged at cemetery.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at 1500 Block of Piedra St.
- Report of vehicle weaving all over the road. Caller then reported that same vehicle wrecked out at MM 374 westbound on I-10.
- Report of suspicious vehicles hanging out at old barracks at Crockett Heights. Cars had already left the area upon Deputy's arrival.
- Deputy installed a medical alert security system at a residence on Mesquite St.
- Report of prank calls and some one knocking on back door of local fast food restaurant. Deputy was unable to locate anyone.
- Report of prowler in backyard of residence on 1200 Block of Peach St. Subject had left when deputy arrived.
- Deputy responded to report of motor vehicle accident in front of high school.
- Deputy assisted subject in need of gas.

02-09-2002

- Report of 3 males standing on roadway at Mitchell Blacktop and I-10. DPS Trooper was unable to locate subjects.
- 911 call on motor vehicle accident between Ozona and Comstock. DPS Trooper advised he was unable to locate accident.
- Deputy assisted two subjects needing gas.
- Deputy assisted in unlocking vehicle at convenience store.
- Deputy responded to report of intoxicated subject at 2000 Block of Santa Anna St.

02-10-2002

- Deputy responded to alarm going off at high school main building. All doors checked and were secure.
- Report of suspicious vehicle at local restaurant. No vehicle matching description was located.
- Deputy transported subject to jail from MM 361 on I-10.
- Deputy responded to report of kids shooting BB guns on 1800 Block of Blas St.
- 911 call to 1300 Block of Sheffield Road. Deputies assisted EMS unit with ill subject.
- Deputy assisted with locked vehicle at 1300 Block of Sheffield Road.

02-11-2002

- Citizen turned in lost property (tool box) to the Sheriff's Office. Deputy made report.
- Deputy met with complainants at Sheriff's Office in reference to a family member that had been causing problems.
- Deputy took statement from a citizen at local apartments.
- Deputy met with complaint at Sheriff's Office in reference to a dog bite. Deputy took statement.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle on Fairview Dr.
- Deputy met with complainant in reference to a subject who needed a ride to Ector County. Deputy brought subject to the Sheriff's Office as a sleeper.
- Deputy met with subjects who needed gas welfare. Deputy provided fuel for the subjects.
- Deputy took possession of lost property (cell phone) and made report.
- Report of an alarm at the Heritage Building.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle on Walnut St.

LOST & FOUND PROPERTY

Owners can claim property at Sheriff's Office.

- **02-11-02**

TOOL BOX W/ASSORTED TOOLS/ EQUIPMENT was turned into the Sheriff's Office by local citizen who saw toolbox fallout of a pickup truck. Citizen picked up toolbox, but was unable to locate truck. This occurred during the last week of January.

- **02-11-02**

CELLPHONE was located by citizen in town, and turned in to a Deputy.

ARREST REPORT
02-05-2002 through 02-11-2002

02-05-02

- Heras, Lambaren Hector Manuel, age 26, of Florida was arrested by DPS Trooper on a Florida warrant for fugitive from justice. Subject was released after Florida officials would not extradite.
- Rodriquez, Juan Francisco Cardenas, age 21, of Mexico was arrested by Sheriffs Deputy on charges of possession of marijuana under 2 ounces, and assault causes bodily injury. Subject remains in jail.

02-07-02

- Ramirez, Michael David, age 24, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on charges of theft more than $500 and less than $1500 and assault causes bodily injury. Subject was released after posting bonds.

02/10/02

- Cantreli, James Scott, age 19, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper on charges of possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. Subject was released after posting bond.

02/11/02

- Jonuskas, Vitas M., age 62, of Canyon Lake was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Subject remains in jail.
- Harrison, Leodis Archie Jr., age 20, of Tuscaloosa, AL was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. Subject remains in jail.

OFFENSE REPORTS
02-05-2002 through 02-11-2002

ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO BELOW REPORTS PLEASE CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

02-05-02

- Sheriff's Deputy filed a burglary of building report. Unknown person(s) broke into a local business on 14th St. between the night hours of Feb 4th and morning of Feb. 5th.
- Sheriff's office filed recovery of counterfeit currency, after a business manager turned in currency that was determined to be counterfeit. Unknown who passed the currency.
- Sheriff's Deputy filed an assault causes bodily injury report. Local male citizen filed report after being assaulted by another person on Cenisa St. Case is pending disposition.

02-08-02

- Sheriff's Deputy filed criminal mischief report after county road employee reported damage to property at cemetery.

02-09-02

- Sheriff's Office filed a theft of animal report. Sometime during the evening of Feb 8th or 9th unknown person(s) entered property on Nashua St. and stole or released 2 show rabbits belonging to child.

02-11-02

- Sheriff's Office filed lost property report. Item is listed on LOST/FOUND section of this week's news report.
- Sheriff's Office filed a lost property report (telephone). Item listed in LOST/ FOUND section of this week's news report.

02-11-2002

- Sheriff's Deputy filed a dog bite report. A child was attacked by unrestrained dog in 400 Block of Ave. L. Deputy obtained proof of dog's current shot record.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

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Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:

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Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing $65.00 for small set and $75.00 for large set with Hibbs & Todd, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. The deposit is not refundable.

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Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The Crockett County WC&ID #1 reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the Crockett County WC&ID #1 for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

Crockett County WC&ID #1
Dan Davidson, President

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Crockett County will be accepting applications for the temporary summer positions of Manager at each of the two Crockett County Swimming Pools.

Individuals who are eventually employed by Crockett County for these positions must participate in Lifeguard Certification classes. Complete certification as a lifeguard is a requirement for employment. Employment will begin and pools will be opened for operation on May 25, 2002, through mid-August, 2002.

Applications may be picked up from and returned to the Crockett County Road Department. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on February 28, 2002.

All applicants for Manager must be at least 18 years of age.

Crockett County is an equal opportunity employer. 2c2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Crockett County will be accepting applications for the temporary summer positions of lifeguards at each of the two Crockett County Swimming Pools.

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All applicants for lifeguard must be at least 15 years of age.

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids are requested by the Crockett County WC&ID #1 for the West Hill Pipeline and Pump Station. Sealed bids will be received until 1:30 P.M. local time on Thursday, February 21, 2002. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud at the Crockett County WC&ID #1 office at 511 11th Street, Ozona, Texas at that time. Each bid must be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, or bid bond in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the total bid price. Interested bidders may obtain a single set of plans and specifications from Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 2500 South Willis Ste 202, Abilene, Texas 79605, a non refundable fee of $65.00 for 1/2 size or $75.00 for full size set is required. The WC&ID reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

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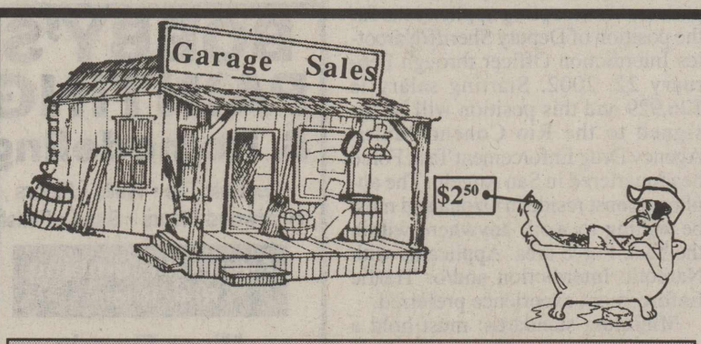
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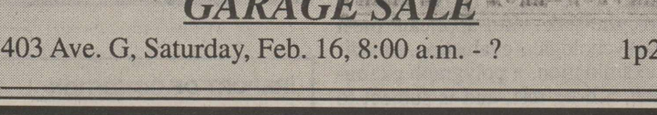
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HOUSE FOR SALE: 209 Ave. E. Will take smaller house or mobile home in on trade. 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, garage, carport, large pecan trees, Has new furnace. CH/A--$79,900. Call 392-3287 or mobile 650-9535. 4p51

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Used tires for cars & light trucks
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FOR SALE: 1997 Dodge pickup, 3/4 ton, diesel, 156,500 miles, $11,000.00. Stephen Tarr. Page me at 915-278-5101. tfc1

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STOCKMAN ads get results Call 392-2551 today

Employment

CIRCLE BAR TRUCK PLAZA now hiring. All positions available. Apply in person or call 392-2637. tfc12

HELP WANTED: Lilly Construction Inc. now accepting applications for all positions. Apply in person-603 Ave. H. tfc12

CAREER OPPORTUNITY
Crockett National Bank - Ozona is seeking an aggressive, sales-oriented individual to promote business development. Must possess excellent communication skills and be self-motivated. Prior banking and/or sales experience a plus. Bonus pay incentives. Contact Shawna Hopper at (915) 392-3745. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. tfc50

DEPUTY SHERIFF NARCOTIC INTERDICTION OFFICER

The Crockett County Sheriff's Department is accepting applications for the position of Deputy Sheriff/Narcotics Interdiction Officer through February 22, 2002. Starting salary is $26,929 and this position will be assigned to the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Enforcement Task Force headquartered in San Angelo. The applicant must reside in Ozona and must be willing to work anywhere within the Task Force area. Applicants with Narcotic Interdiction and/or Traffic Enforcement experience preferred.

Minimum standards: must hold a current Texas Peace Officer's License issued from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education; must have a valid Texas Drivers License and have a good driving record; msut be of good moral character and must pass an extensive background investigation and review board; the successful applicant must pass psychological evaluation, a medical examination, a polygraph examination, a drug test, and is subject to random drug testing after employment.

Job responsibilities include; conducting highway interdiction duties,; conducting investigation of narcotics related offenses and the enforcement of related laws; conduct/participate in interviews, surveiliances, search and arrest warrants and must prepare written reports of activities.

For applications contact the Crockett County Sheriff's Department in Ozona, Texas or call (915) 392-2661. Deadline for completing and returning applications is Friday, February 22, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. Crockett County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 3c1

HELP WANTED: Cashiers and cook needed nights, days, and weekends. Seeking people who really need a job and are willing to work. Apply in person at the Ozona Dairy Queen. tfc1

HIRING Satellite Installers and Sales Persons. Top pay and benefits. Call 915-387-5900. 1c2

WEEKEND RN/Full Time CNA needed. Certified Nurse Aid needed immediately. Weekend RN coverage needed two weekends a month for four months. Top pay with mileage considered. Medicaid certified long term care facility in Ozona, Texas is looking for RN qualifications with a specialty in caring. Call Kim Dooley at 915-392-2671. CCCC is an E.O.E. tfc2

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Bank Repossessed Cars to be Sold Directly to the Public

San Angelo Dealership Disposing of 90 Bank Repos and Other Used Vehicles for Only $59 Then Start Making Payments*

SAN ANGELO, TX - Bank Repossessed cars and trucks are among the most hunted-for bargains in the automotive industry. Unfortunately for John Q. Public, they're also the hardest to come by.

Banks often unload repossessed vehicles to car dealers at rock-bottom prices - allowing dealers to re-sell them for retail value. But bargain-seekers can take heart: This week, Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC is going to change that.

This Wednesday, February 13th through Monday, February 18th, Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC will offer 90 bank repossessed, lease return and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values, and pass the savings on to their customers.

"These vehicles have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), auctions, and other sources," Dick Kibiloski of Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC said. "We have been asked to sacrifice this inventory immediately - regardless of loss of profit. And if that means selling these vehicles for up to thousands below normal values, then that's what we'll do."

Every bank repossessed and other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just a $59 possession fee* then start making payments. Payments start as low as $79 per month.* "It's that simple," said Mr. Kibiloski. "To make these bargains even easier, we'll mark the payments right on the windshield. Just pick your vehicle and pick your payment. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

"The opportunity San Angelo area bargain hunters have been waiting for is back! Customers may never see savings like this again."
DICK KIBILOSKI, MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC

Almost every type of vehicle and price range will be available, from luxury 4x4s to basic transportation. Many are still under warranty. "With our pre-owned inventory near an all-time high, chances are we have what you're looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Mr. Kibiloski added.

Extra sales and finance staff will be on hand to assure customers prompt, quality service and the best finance terms possible. Mr. Kibiloski said, "We'll have over $4 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about anyone who is employed, regardless of past credit history."

Trade-ins will be accepted, and customers should bring their title or payment book to expedite delivery.

"The opportunity San Angelo area bargain-hunters have been waiting for returns this Wednesday through Saturday at Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC. Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just $59 then start making payments.* Customers may never see savings like this again," said Mr. Kibiloski.

After the $59 SuperSale ends at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 18th, many of these vehicles will be sent to auction. Any questions can be directed to (915) 949-1811. Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC is located at 4105 Sherwood Way in San Angelo. Closed Sunday.

*LIMIT 2 VEHICLES PER HOUSEHOLD, PLEASE. $59 plus tax, title & fees, with approved credit. For example only: '86 Olds Ninety-Eight stk#B2230A, Sale Price $3731.58. $79/mo for 48 mos. @ 10.5% APR. $59 possession fee, $0 down payment for a total of $59 down plus tax. Total amount financed $3,371.58 plus tax. Subject to credit approval. Subject to lenders final approval. ©G&A Marketing, Inc. 2002.

REPORT OF CONDITION

Consolidated domestic subsidiaries of OZONA NATIONAL BANK of OZONA in the state of TX, at the close of business on December 31, 2001.

ASSETS — Dollar Amounts in Thousands

Cash & balances due: Noninterest-bearing balances	7,198
Cash & balances due: Interest-bearing balances	3,069
Securities: Held-to-Maturity securities	5,681
Securities: Available-for-sale securities	52,267
Federal funds sold	5,350
Loans and leases held for sale	112
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	46,854
Less: allowance for loan and lease losses	744
Loans and leases, net of unearned income and allowance	46,110
Trading assets	0
Premises and fixed assets	3,915
Other real estate owned	0
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries	0
Customers' liability on acceptances outstanding	0
Intangible assets: Goodwill	0
Intangible assets: Other intangible assets	0
Other assets	2,632
Total assets	126,334

LIABILITIES — Dollar Amounts in Thousands

Deposits: In domestic offices	108,300
Deposits: In domestic offices, noninterest-bearing	26,380
Deposits: In domestic offices, interest-bearing	81,920
Federal funds purchased and securities sold	0
Trading liabilities	0
Other borrowed money	0
Bank's liability on acceptances	0
Subordinated notes and debentures	0
Other liabilities	1,099
Total liabilities	109,399

EQUITY CAPITAL — Dollar Amounts in Thousands

Perpetual preferred stock	0
Common Stock	400
Surplus	600
Retained earnings	15,542
Accumulated other comprehensive income	393
Other equity capital components	0
Total equity capital	16,935
Total Liabilities, minority interests, and equity capital	126,334

I, D. Renee' Pearl, Cashier of the above-named bank, do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

D. Renee Pearl
Signature

01-31-02
Date