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His and Hers

by Linda and Scotty Moore

HIS DANGER! BEWARE!!

Boy, I learned a lesson the hard way several years ago, and I never forgot it. There is one place in this world that a man should not put his hand and that is into a woman's purse.

I think I have told you this story before, but it merits repeating just to remind you guys that there is immediate danger for your well-being if you dig around in a woman's purse. If you do, you are taking your life into your own hands.

I have always seen her job her hand into her purse, digging around for something she had lost, and she does so with these precise jerking motions, rattling and banging junk around as she hunts.

The outfit weighs a ton and has everything but the kitchen sink stored in it. If I had to carry it around all day I would be 20 pounds lighter. Anyway, she performs this amazing task with precise, swift movements of the hand, knowing exactly where to feel. Each piece of junk has its own little resting place, regardless if it's on top or bottom of the pile, and she knows exactly where everything is supposed to be regardless if it's night or day. Watching her dig around in there reminds me of a skilled surgeon performing open heart surgery.

Several years ago I decided to enter this dark mysterious dungeon in an effort to find my long lost pocket screwdriver that had been missing for weeks. I grabbed the purse, opened its mouth and crammed my right hand into its innards and began digging around like she does, relying solely on my sense of touch to guide me. Boy, let me tell you that was the mistake of a lifetime. I immediately had an excruciating pain radiating from the general area of my thumb-nail. At first I was hesitant to yank my hand out, because I was afraid that what ever had gotten hold of me may have decided it wanted to keep my thumb. After slowly pulling my hand from the purse's depths, I then realized that it wasn't a snake that had bitten me after all, but a shiny, long sewing needle that found its way up under my nail about a mile deep.

The moral of this story is stay away from your wife's black bag unless you are wearing thick work gloves, and even with gloves there are no guarantees.

HERS

Ah, ha! The light begins to dawn. I always tell him if he put things where they belong, he wouldn't spend so much time looking for lost items. Screwdrivers, pliers, keys, whatever.

Now I learn that he has been searching my purse!

Keys can be a big problem when you work 30 miles from home. That's why I never fail to put them in a certain corner of my purse. The last time I saw my car keys was two weeks ago when I drove home alone. He helped bring in the groceries.

The keys aren't in my purse, they're not in the pockets of the clothes I was wearing - they're gone.

Do you think that maybe, just maybe, because I can't always find the car in the parking lot he would stoop so low as to take my keys?

HIS (rebuttal)

One thing is for sure-if you can't find your own car in a small town parking lot, then what good are keys anyway??

Black History in Crockett County and Texas honored at museum

By Misty Morgan

In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves, introduced Negro History Week to bring national attention to the contribution of blacks throughout American history. Woodson, while studying at Harvard for his Ph.D., was disturbed to find that blacks had been left out of the history books, and if they were included, it was to show their inferior positions. He decided to take on the challenge of writing black Americans into the nation's history. February was chosen because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted American black population, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

At Crockett County Museum, we have taken this time to reflect upon and honor the blacks of Crockett County with an exhibit. When you look around town today, you see that there is only a handful of blacks still here; therefore, their stories and memories have been left out from the preservation of our town, and only a

few more recent memories can be recorded.

Do you remember the black rodeo held on Juneteenth in 1948, '53, '54 or '55? Oscar Kost had a saddle shop, and black ranch hands would come in talking about wanting to participate in a rodeo because at the time rodeos in the area were for whites only. So Oscar and Miller Robinson put a black rodeo together sponsored by the Ozona Roping Club in 1953 and 1954. In 1954 they added a parade, a barbecue and a dance. Blacks came from all around West Texas to participate and to watch.

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Sheriff warns of telephone scam

Collect calls from individuals claiming to be a distant relative wanting to send a gift or package are part of a phone scam taking place in West Texas. The calls are reported to be from Mexico, and the caller uses the same last name as the family or uses other family names.

Individuals receiving collect calls from unknown persons should not accept them, says Sheriff Shane Fenton. He urges citizens to be alert to someone using the same family name as the person being called and claiming to have a package to be delivered.

"If a telephone number has been recorded from the caller, please contact the sheriff's office," said Fenton.

Commissioners study health insurance offers

Commissioners considered bids for health insurance during a called meeting Feb. 5, examining a comparison charts provided by County Auditor John Stokes, and hearing from bidding agents.

Bids for fully-funded and partially self-funded plans were outlined. In the fully-insured category, there were four companies with 11 options. The seven companies offering partially self-funded plans covered 39 variations.

The 2001 budget for health insurance is \$800,000.00. This is proving to be at least \$200,000.00 under what the cost will be based on bids, Stokes said. In addition, the county will have to pay unsettled claims if they change health insurance carriers. This was estimated at \$150,000.00.

The county's health program in-

stituted in March of 2000 has not improved the situation much according to Dr. Van Oort of Benefit Planners, the current carrier of county health insurance. He reported that 38% of all county employees have high blood pressure, 64% of all male county employees have high blood pressure, one out of two employees exceed the healthy weight limit, 75% get no daily exercises, less than 20% of the females insured receive mammograms on a regular basis and less than 14% of the males receive PSA tests.

"They need to get motivated to do something about it," he said. An incentive structure to "put some responsibility back into the employee base" was recommended.

Commissioners will look at health insurance again at their regular meeting on Feb. 12.

JV Lions end season as co-district champs

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The junior varisty Lions' win against Reagan County's JV Owls Jan. 30 in Big Lake put the Ozona team tied for first place in the district. The Lions and the Owls ended their district season with five wins and one loss each to become the co-district champs. Ironically, the two teams lost their one game to each other.

"We won four games straight and continued our winning streak of defeating each opponent that earlier in the year had beaten us," said Coach Lynn Searsy. "This certainly shows that the hard work of these young men has paid off and they have continued to improve. This game was certainly noteworthy."

The Lions and the Owls each scored eight points in the first period. The Owls ran nearly four minutes off the clock trying to get the Lions to come out of their zone defense and play man defensive. However, the Lions continued to play zone defense, thoroughly frustrating the Owls. The Lions outscored the Owls in the second by two, 4-2. At the end of the first half, the scoreboard read Lions 12, Owls 10.

"Our guys showed great patience and focus in the first half," said Searsy.

After the half, the Lions continued to play their game, upsetting the Owls who mistakenly assumed the Lions would come out of their game plan after the end of the first half.

"The Lions' patience prevailed, and with a few steals here and a few free throws there, we increased our lead over the Owls," said the coach.

The Lions systematically shut down the Owls in the third, allowing no baskets with the exception of one free throw point. The take-charge Lions scored eight points, increasing their lead to a 9-point game 20-11 as the third quarter ended.

The Lions finished taking care of business in the final period as they held the Owls to under four points while putting in an awesome 10 to win the game by a whopping 16 points 30-14.

"The fourth period really made the difference in the game," said Coach Searsy. "Our guards did a good job against their press, and our post did a super job inside, not only scoring, but also scoring and drawing a foul."

"I told our guys during a timeout that this game was like a chess match. They responded in like order by remaining calm and committing very few turnovers. We hit some key free throws and played superb defense. I am very happy for the guys and their win," added Searsy.

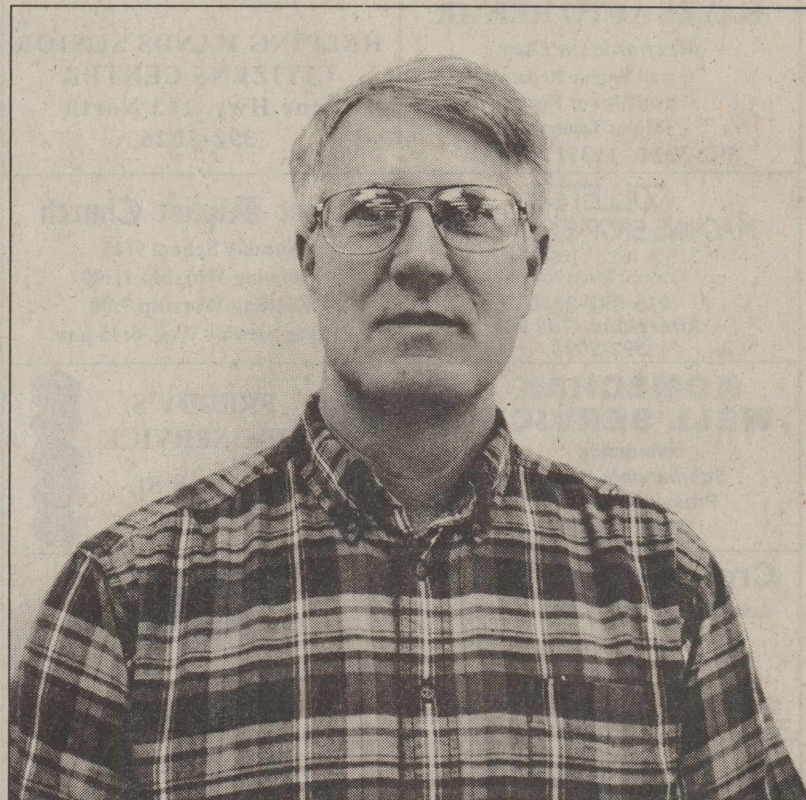
Lion Bryan Skehan led the Lions in scoring with a sweet 10 points and in total rebounds with seven and a steal. Brad Mayfield also had four to-

tal rebounds and led in assists with two. Arron Garza, along with Mayfield, had two assists. Ryan Wiley did a great job scoring with nine points.

Scorers: Bryan Skehan 10, Ryan Wiley 9, Robert Ogle 4, Brad Mayfield 4, Arron Garza 2 and Kendal Porras 1.

Season Record 12-5
District Record 5-1

Cub Master Jim White receives award



On Jan. 13, the district awards banquet for the Great Permian Basin Scouting District was held in Junction. Jim White, Cub Scout Master of Ozona's Pack 153 received The Jay Chancellor Award at the banquet.

This is a humanitarian award that is only given when a person meets all qualifications and criteria. The award recognizes an individual who is involved in his community, citizenship, the advancement of youth and in his church.

Jim White has been the Cub Scout Master in Ozona since 1998 and

has been instrumental in the growing number of youth involved in the scouting program. Pack 153 is honored and privileged to have a leader so dedicated to the youth of Crockett County.

Along with being involved in the Scout program, Mr. White is employed by Ozona High School as the industrial arts teacher, he is a member of the Ozona Church of Christ and a past member of the Crockett County Library Board. He and his wife, Vicki, have two boys, Wilson, 10, and Lane, 9.

OFFICIAL RAINFALL FOR THE TOWN OF OZONA

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL	10 YR. AVG.	1ST 6 MO. TOTAL	2ND 6 MO. TOTAL
1931	2.2	1.4	0.5	2.95	3.05	1.1	1.18	0.32	0.2	0.4	2.8	2.2	18.300		11.200	7.100
1932	0.78	1.55	0.5	1.5	4.49	3.1	2.33	4.3	6.65	0.25	0.3	2.35	28.100		11.920	16.180
1933	0.5	0.3	0.15	0.2	0.31	0	0.18	3.05	0	1.35	1.95	0.15	8.140		1.460	6.680
1934	1.29	0.1	1.35	0.98	2.1	2.25	0.85	0	0.33	0	0.8	0.25	10.300		8.070	2.230
1935	0	1.75	0	0.78	7.28	2.4	4.13	0.9	7.53	0.85	1.05	0.63	27.300		12.210	15.090
1936	0.33	0.4	1.3	1.1	3.83	0	247	0	3.84	1.5	0.5	0.5	15.770		6.960	8.810
1937	0.2	0.4	1.95	1.5	2.1	225	1.4	1.4	3.8	1.5	1	2.84	20.340		8.400	11.940
1938	4.97	0.5	0.4	1.83	2.58	2.43	7.49	0.35	0.7	0.5	0	0.72	22.470		12.710	9.760
1939	2.23	0	0.47	1.13	2.12	0.47	5.13	2.38	0.47	2.2	2.7	0.95	20.250		6.420	13.830
1940	0.55	1.24	0.83	1.7	2.15	2.65	0.28	3.95	0.27	2.97	2.95	0.2	19.740	19.07	9.120	10.620
1941	2	1.57	2.58	4.1	2.14	6.2	2.5	3.21	4.78	7.65	0.28	0.98	37.990		18.590	19.400
1942	0.37	0.55	0	2.08	0.1	0.2	1.6	4.26	1.1	3.91	0.9	1.25	16.320		3.300	13.020
1943	0.45	0	0.43	0.25	3.13	2.7	1.18	0	3.37	0.25	0.78	1.85	14.390		6.960	7.430
1944	1.73	1.12	0	0.73	1.68	1.84	13	3.01	5.2	0.22	1.04	137	20.040		7.100	12.940
1945	0.81	0.86	1.58	1.55	0.67	8.54	5.56	0.63	1.97	3.19	0	0.22	25.580		14.010	11.570
1946	1.8	0	0	0	3.9	2.7	0.8	0	1.1	3	03	03	14300		8.400	6.300
1947	2.7	0	1.8	0	0.5	2.1	0.2	2.8	1.5	0.6	25	1	15300		7.100	8.600
1948	0	1.5	0.1	0.7	1.9	0.1	2.3	0.3	0.5	1	0	0.3	8.700		4.300	4.400
1949	2	1.7	0.2	2.5	4.6	24	1.3	2.5	4.2	7.4	0	1.1	29.900		13.400	16.500
1950	0.3	0.5	0	2.4	3.7	0.6	2.8	1.6	5.4	0	0	0	17.300	20.06	7.500	9.800
1951	0	0.18	1.26	1.39	1.04	1.31	0.33	1.4	0.05	0.27	0	0	7.230		5.180	2.050
1952	0	0	0.5	1.61	2.16	0.27	0.9	0	0.82	0	1.04	0.97	8.270		4.540	3.730
1953	0	0.2	1.26	0.41	1.32	1.73	0.5	4.4	0.17	2.45	0	0.33	12.770		4.920	7.850
1954	0.18	0.22	0.11	5.95	1.91	12.46	0.22	1.16	0	2.49	0	0	24.700		20.830	3.870
1955	1.09	0.59	0.13	1.41	2.54	1.55	2.15	1.68	124	0	0.63	0	13.010		7.310	5300
1956	0.8	0	0	2.81	1.64	0.35	0.43	0.48	0.52	1.63	0.07	0.38	9.110		5.600	3.510
1957	0.54	2.79	1.26	1.21	7	0.83	0.44	0.3	1.1	4.05	2.5	1.53	23.550		13.630	9.920
1958	2.5	2.41	1.18	0.07	2.46	1.31	0.35	4.85	5.69	4.14	0.71	0	25.670		9.930	15.740
1959	0	1.16	0.12	1.12	2.24	282	5.31	0.88	0.53	5.8	1.36	0.98	22.320		7.460	14.860
1960	2.09	1.52	0.81	0.15	1.38	0.58	4.2	0.56	0.09	2.28	0.2	1.34	15.200	16.18	6.530	8.670
1961	2.81	0.56	0.27	0.04	1.38	5.08	2.99	0.93	3.84	0.44	1.28	0.19	19.810		10.140	9.670
1962	0.1	0.29	0.64	1.45	0.42	1.59	1.26	1.22	1.07	1.55	0.87	1.19	11.650		4.490	7.160
1963	0.12	(1.94)	0	2.47	3.26	1.38	0.14	1.25	0.82	0.44	2.92	0.46	14.180		8.150	6.030
1964	0.75	1.26	0.65	0.75	1.03	2.3	1.13	0.63	4.92	0.87	1	0.22	15.510		6.740	8.770
1965	0.29	2.38	0.42	0.65	2.76	3.87	0.25	1.14	1.32	1.61	0.08	0.98	15.750		10.370	5.380
1966	0.61	0.89	0.32	1.08	1.38	2.03	0.2	3.54	5.15	2.37	0	0	18.370		7.110	11.260
1967	0	0.35	0.86	0.78	0.53	0.53	1.45	1.51	4.18	0.57	1.34	1.38	13.860		3.450	10.410
1968	2.08	1.12	1.28	2.6	3.06	2.14	3.61	2.09	1.69	0.27	2.38	0.3	22.620		12.280	10.340
1969	0.02	2.02	1.47	5.93	1.69	3.06	1.18	3.32	1.1	4.2	2.39	1	27.380		14.190	13.190
1970	0.45	1.7	2.01	0.87	1.44	127	0.02	0.16	2.85	0.38	0	0	11.150	17.03	7340	3.410
1971	0.07	0.08	0	0.46	0.7	2.11	4.2	9.9	6.37	3.41	0.21	0.65	32.160		7.420	24.740
1972	0.74	0.1	0	0.31	4.66	5.06	0.6	5.19	4.89	2.72	0.18	0.03	24.480		10.870	13.610
1973	1.23	1.88	1.63	0.77	0.57	0.36	4.7	0.08	4.36	2.74	0.11	0.01	18.440		6.440	12.000
1974	0.1	0	0.63	2.6	2.85	0.51	0.53	5.59	10.53	3.22	1.5	1.28	29.340		6.690	22.650
1975	0.6	1.22	0	1.17	3.67	0.53	3.66	1.28	2.37	2.76	4.62	0.59	22.470		7.190	15.280
1976	0	0	0.74	1.3	1.98	0.56	9.15	0.21	4.78	5.93	0.46	0.33	25.440		4.580	20.860
1977	0.63	0.25	1.66	3.74	4.29	1.76	0	0.19	0.3	2.07	0.52	0	15.410		12.330	3.080
1978	0.85	0.62	0.21	1.58	2.22	2.89	1.2	0.95	3.92	0.61	2.83	0	17.880		8.370	9.510
1979	0.03	1.17	2.5	0.86	1.56	3.76	2.03	2.76	0.85	0.87	0	0	16.390		9.880	6.510
1980	1	0.39	0.45	0.2	3.06	0.57	0	2.96	4.29	0.21	0.51	1.38	15.020	21.7	5.670	9.350
1981	1.18	0.26	2.37	6.39	4.18	2.65	0.38	1.22	1.78	5.88	0.1	0	26.370		17.030	9.340
1982	0.43	1.33	0	0.52	6.05	1.43	0.59	1.74	0	1.66	1.13	1.06	15.940		9.760	6.180
1983	2.43	1.21	1.01	0.61	1.06	214	0	1.5	0	6.81	0.87	0	17.640		8.460	9.180
1984	2.21	0	0.81	0.14	1.06	144	0.96	0.2	1.65	3.68	1.7	2.87	16.720		5.660	11.060
1985	0.54	0.72	1.52	3.14	1.96	5.29	1.83	1.03	5.79	2.55	0.66	0	25.030		13.170	11.860
1986	0	0.5	0.47	0.59	2.75	3.41	0.31	5.29	0.38	7.73	3.7	2.62	27.750		7.720	20.030
1987	0.6	2.25	1.37	1.77	4.81	2.71	0.25	5.72	2.2	0.41	0.27	1.4	23.760		13.510	10.250
1988	0	0.13	0	0.29	1.94	2.45	3.69	0.66	7.35	0	0	0.7	17.210		8.410	12.400
1989	0.6	3.64	1.26	0.1	1.45	0.49	0.1	0.92	1.66	2.52	0.31	0.1	13.150		7.540	5.610
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1991	2.41	0.1	0.22	0.9	2.11	1.92	3.84	0.6	5.23	0.6	0.71	3.58	22.220		7.660	14.560
1992	1.91	255	2	3.84	7.33	2.7	1.76	0.9	0.1	1.21	0.7	0.5	25.500		20.330	5.170
1993	0.72	1.62	0.61	0.69	2.45	3.21	2.9	2.58	1.85	0.49	0	0.92	18.040		9.300	7.840
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1996	0.21	0.69	1.23	3.9	4.77	0.5	1.03	2.01	2.32	0.75	2.27	0.27	19.950		11.300	8.650
1996	0	0	0.15	1.12	1.17	0.05	0.91	5.42	2.38	1.67	239	0.18	15.440		2.490	12.950
1997	0.3	0.6	0.98	1.73	2.61	2.6	0.1	1.25	0.41	1.11	0.77	1.16	13.620		8.820	4.800
1998	0	0	2.01	0	0.58	1.11	0.1	8.69	0	0.9	3.06	0.67	17.120		3.700	13.420
1999	0	0.3	3.65	3.88	1.4	4.61	0.26	1.8	0	1.46	0	0.55	17.910		13.840	4.070
2000	0.11	0.18	0.67	0.61	0.74	6.29	0.15	0	2.23	4.57	2.56	0.23	18.340		8.600	9.740
AVG.	0.884	0.873	0.844	1.577	2.488	2.203	1.881	2.001	2.509	2.111	1.075	0.766	19.1374		8.86	10.28

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Letters to the Editor

To His and Hers:
 I have read about yall's small problem at the grocery store. I believe both sides.

To the woman and lady of the house "and still looks like she is 39". Good eyesight and hearing. I want to believe her story.

To the man and husband of the castle (age unknown). But still he has his wit when needed. At this time he needs it! Take my word.

I fully understand coming out of the grocery store and can't find your car. That happens to everyone.

I also understand that letting some elder person have your parking place is important also. "Which he did, I'm sure."

She comes out of the store and can't find the car "plus mad" and he has moved the car to help someone out. "A block away" and he's happy that he did a good deed. "Wrong!" So being the good citizen I am, I mailed the paper to Hillary and the Rev. Jackson. No response yet!

Well, we still have not solved the problem about the grocery store and the car.

I decided to call Florida about a vote on who was right or wrong. They accepted the challenge.

Well, the vote came out for the lady. "Ha, Ha!" After the gentleman had beat his thumb on the roof of the car for 30 minutes to get her attention why not hollar or honk?

But to no avail. She was lost with groceries, husband and no vehicle. "Now she is mad." He knows it when she goes back in the store to make a call or whatever. He then started, when she came out of the store, to beating his thumb on the roof again. But she did not hear it and he kept beating to no avail.

Now he's mad and she's mad! Being the husband, we call Florida for a vote. Who is wrong "Him or Her". After three votes - the victory was hers.

Still not satisfied, I called a powerful, potential friend and told him the story. His answer was "Ah, Heck!"

Randy Hall

Jan. 31, 2001

Hello from David and Dianne

Lott,
 We haven't gotten your paper since the one dated January 10th!

Usually we get them on Saturday or Monday. The last one we got was over a week late...personally, I think someone is keeping them along the way and enjoying reading them!

Could you please send us the missing issues of Jan. 17 and 24? Thanks very much!
 David and Dianne Lott

Dear Scotty and Linda,
 How time flies when we're having fun! Couldn't believe that a year has passed since my renewal of The Ozona Stockman. Here's my check...keep those papers coming. It's such a great way to keep up with happenings of my roots!

I had a fabulous 2000 and 2001 has started off with a bang!

Highlights of 2000:
 *Passed my CMP (Certified Meeting Professional) exam

*Went to the Masters with my dear friends, Duffy and Vicky Waldorf

*Served as an Honorary Observer with former VP Quayle for the Woods/Singh match at the President's Cup in Washington, DC

*Was at the 2000 Disney Classic with the Waldorf family and witnessed his victory!

*Visited friends in DC for Thanksgiving

*Met my sisters, Darlyn and Beverly, in Nashville for Christmas. A trip, by the way, I highly recommend for all. The Opryland Hotel is magical during the holidays!

2001 started off with work (poor me)...the opening for the Senior PGA Tour season (The MasterCard Championship) on the Big Island of Hawaii; then hopped over to Maui for a site visit for our upcoming winter meeting. On the day I was to leave, there was a fire on the island that closed the road between my hotel and the airport, so alas, I had to stay over an additional day. So, did get some sightseeing in and it is beautiful!

Scotty and Linda, please convey my best to all my friends in Ozona. Thanks for doing a great job in covering all the local news. I do get homesick, and The Ozona Stockman keeps me "in the loop".

Lana Manning

P.S. For all the Senior Tour golf fans out there, we can now be found on CNBC over the weekend. Stay tuned! The more viewers, the longer I get to keep this great job!

News Reel

NEWS REEL
FEB. 17, 1972

News Reel

W. P. (Rosy) Seahorn, Jr., tossed his hat in the ring this week for the Precinct 1 Commissioners race and announced for a place on the ballot for the Democratic Primary May 6.

News Reel

Weldon W. Maness, local businessman, announced his candidacy this week for the post of Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, subject to the Democratic Primary May 6.

News Reel

Construction got under way the first of this year for the new drive-in movie theater, The Big "O", which will be located about two miles north of Ozona on State Highway 163.

News Reel

Lee Scheitzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Scheitzer of Midland and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Augustine of Ozona, had the Finewood Champion of the show and the Cross-bred Champion of the show lambs at the Midland Livestock Show held recently.

News Reel

Funeral services for Simon S. Garza, 49, were held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery under the direction of Janes Funeral Home.

News Reel

This year's Ozona Lion Cagers wound up the year last Friday night with a 1-9 District record and a 12-15 record for the year.

News Reel

Mrs. Alice McMullan has been moved from Southwest Methodist Medical Center in San Antonio to Morningside Manor in San Antonio, where she will receive therapy for a

Iraan EMS offers basic EMT class

The Iraan Volunteer EMS will hold a Basic EMT course starting Feb. 15 and ending May 22. The course will be funded by grant money from Texas Tech UHSC-El Paso. The cost of the course will be approximately \$125.00 to cover the cost of books and insurance. The class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be two Saturday classes, also from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The first Saturday class is tentatively set for Feb. 24. This will be a CPR class and is mandatory for anyone who does not already hold a current American Heart Association Healthcare provider CPR card. The second Saturday class is tentatively set for May 12. This class is a mandatory extrication class that is required to complete the EMT course.

The EMT-B classes will be held at the Iraan Volunteer Fire and EMS Department in Iraan at 506 W. 6th Street. The course consists of 120 classroom hours, 25 hospital hours (emergency room) and three ambulance runs. The clinical rotations will be scheduled in San Angelo, Iraan, Midland and Fort Stockton. Any expenses incurred while

meeting clinical requirements are the responsibility of the student.

If you would like more information on the course or would like to sign up, please call Peggy Wood at 915-639-2107 or Carrie Holmes at 915-836-4574.

DeerFest extends gift to Alliance

In appreciation of the Duckwall's Beautiful Baby Contest donation made to the DeerFest Association, this money has been given to the Ozona Ministerial Alliance according to a spokesperson for Deerfest.

Among the ways the Ministerial Alliance serves the community is through its annual Christmas for all Crockett County, which benefits many children and families.

The Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Jan. 29	57	27	-0-
Jan. 30	58	28	-0-
Jan. 31	55	28	-0-
Feb. 1	57	29	-0-
Feb. 2	55	25	-0-
Feb. 3	62	28	-0-
Feb. 4	60	26	-0-

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)

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Ozona Butane Co. for the National Weather Service

EXTENDED FORECAST

Wednesday Thursday

Hi 72 Hi 64

Lo 46 Lo 31

partly cloudy mostly cloudy

Friday Saturday

Hi 59 Hi 64

Lo 30 Lo 36

partly cloudy partly cloudy

Forecast information provided by
The Weather Channel

EXTENDED FORECAST:

WEDNESDAY: MOSTLY SUNNY AND BREEZY. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 70S.
 THURSDAY: PARTLY CLOUDY AND BREEZY. HIGHS IN THE UPPER 40S. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 70S.
 FRIDAY: PARTLY CLOUDY AND COOLER. LOWS AROUND 40. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 50S.
 SATURDAY: CLEAR. LOWS AROUND 30. HIGHS NEAR 60.
 SUNDAY: CLEAR. LOWS IN THE MID 30S. HIGHS IN THE MID 60S.

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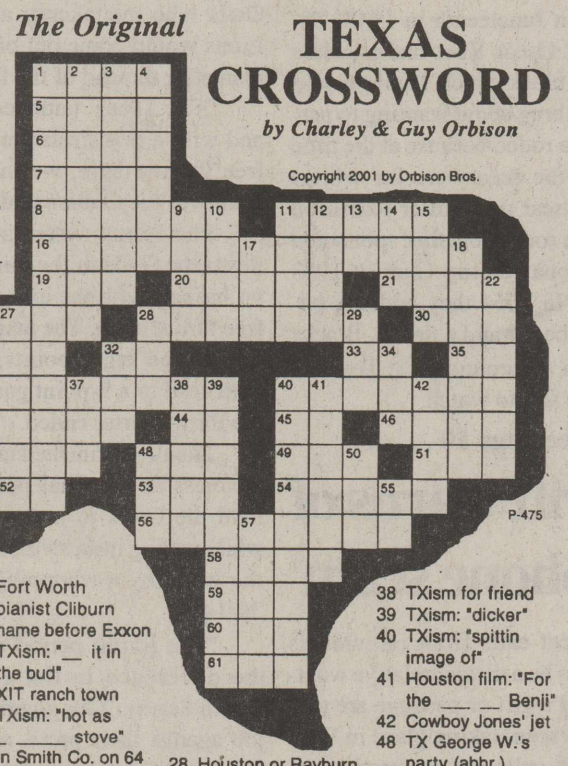
ACROSS

- large TX jewelry retailer: Corp.
- TXism: "buster"
- food or grub
- TXism: "few bricks shy of a load"
- English hat not worn by cowboys (2 wds.)
- TXism: "trying to keep my head water"
- Six Flags ride has _____
- _____ Coyote characters
- Spanish "si"
- kids' soarer (2 wds.)
- athletic assoc. of most TX colleges
- TXism: "high back" (costly)
- Whitman & Oswald
- Waco's Bledsoe sang "Man River"
- TXism: "hitched to _____ double harness" (married)
- this John founded Houston (init.)
- De Leon H.S. class
- TXism: "write slow 'cause _____ can't read fast"
- TX Roy Orbison hit
- TXism: "_____ you a new hat size"
- TX gunfighter: John Hardin
- Ft. Worth's Roger Miller hit: "Dang _____"
- TXism: "that'll _____ nicely"
- Houston has _____ nautics admin.
- chimney residue
- oil _____
- Zsa Zsa's sister
- TX-sized phone co.
- TX pitcher Nolan (init.)
- TXism: "could strut sitting down" (big _____)
- Travis: "I shall surrender or retreat"
- TXism: "small (insignificant)"
- TXism: "will miss _____ you blink" (small town)
- Joan of _____
- 60 Texans like it iced
- a TX moray _____ was the star of "The Deep"
- Fort Worth pianist Ciliburn
- name before Exxon
- TXism: "it in the bud"
- XIT ranch town
- TXism: "hot as _____"
- in Smith Co. on 64
- old El Paso parish: Socorro de _____
- TXism: "quick as _____ York minute"
- quotes authority (saloon)
- TXism: "numerous as _____ a dead worm"
- Houston or Rayburn
- TX lake: El _____ Rey ("King's Salt")
- TXism: "_____ juice" (whiskey)
- TXism: "contented _____ hog in mud"
- TXism: "still _____ behind the ears"
- TXism for friend
- TXism: "dicker"
- TXism: "spittin' image of"
- Houston film: "For the _____ Benji"
- Cowboy Jones' jet
- TX George W.'s party (abbr.)
- TX George W.'s new address: Pennsylvania
- Cowboys' running back Smith (init.)
- TXism: "she could charm a bird out of _____"

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Wedding plans told

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Parks of Round Rock, formerly of Ozona, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth, to Dr. Andrew Mark Fryer of Scarborough, England.

Jennifer is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science in psychology and a master of social work from the University of Texas. She is employed by the Boulder, Colorado, Homeless Shelter as a

social worker.

Andrew is a graduate of Oxford University with a doctorate in organic chemistry and has done post doctoral research at the University of Texas. He is employed by Array Biopharma of Boulder, Colorado, as research chemist.

A May 12, 2001, wedding is planned at Hankamer-Flemming Chapel at Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock.

Alpha Alpha Mu members learn infant CPR

Beta Sigma Phi is fortunate to have three chapters in Ozona, and all members of Ozona's Beta Sigma Phi have always referred to Alpha Alpha Mu as being the baby group. Mem-

bers of our group have always felt loved and sheltered by the other chapters' members with a special bond between us all.

With this in mind, Jackie Necessary and Dana Cowen took a survey of our chapter and realized that we had many members who have very small children in their homes. The safety and care of all children are a special concern to us. Therefore, the cultural program of Jan. 29 was the demonstration of infant CPR presented by Dana.

Members present for the meeting were: Shawna Hopper, Jennifer Knapp, Carol Richie, Kay Shaffer, Rhonda Shaw, Geri Azam along with hostesses Jackie Necessary and Dana Cowen.

Submitted by Jackie Necessary

Crockett County Library News

Membership drive and bricks

The 2001 Annual Friends of the Library Membership Drive has begun. Be-Friend your public library and join in all the exciting activities planned for 2001. We need you. The Friends have set a goal of 50 new members for 2001. With different levels of membership dues, and also different levels of participation from very active members to associate members who support the library with their dues only, everyone can afford to join. Members receive several benefits besides the satisfaction of supporting the public library - a newsletter, opportunities to volunteer and Business Friends bookmarks are great advertising. We want you to be part of the excitement.

Buy an engraved brick now and join the Friends of the Library Cornerstone Club. Bricks can be purchased in memory or in honor of a special person or loved one. It's a wonderful, lasting memorial that will benefit the Library for special projects. Bricks are \$50.00 each, and this will be an ongoing fundraiser for the Friends. Through the years we will continue adding the engraved bricks to the courtyard so that Cornerstone Club members will always be an important part of the future of the Crockett County Public Library. Join the Friends now and become a part of the future.

Library Sisters and Flamingos

Serenade your Valentine. The Library Sisters will be presenting Singing Valentines for your special loved ones on Wednesday, Feb. 14, one day only. For a \$15.00 donation, you can have the gorgeous Library Sisters singing a love song to your special Valentine. Book them now and show how romantic you can be for your Valentine.

The Library Sisters began their career in 1998 at the Friends of the Library Variety Talent Show. The talent show is an annual fundraiser for

the public library, and the Library Sisters help raise money for special projects. The Library Sisters will appear at the 2001 talent show in March, but they can be booked for special performances throughout the year for other groups, for parties, birthdays, or other special events for a donation to the Friends of the Library. They will do a medley of their greatest hits, or they have worked up a unique birthday song just for that special day. For more information, come by or call Louise at the public library - 392-3565.

The Library Flamingos have flown all over town over the last couple of years, but now they have migrated into storage for the winter. Like the Library Sisters, they can also be booked for Valentine's Day, or at any time during the year for special appearances. If you would like to have a flock of Library Flamingos or a potted Flamingo for a birthday, new baby, anniversary, or any special occasion, please call Louise at the public library - 392-3565. Book your Singing Valentine or Library Flamingos today.

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Community Center plans bake sale

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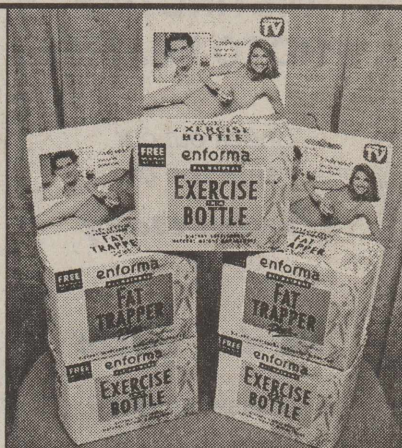
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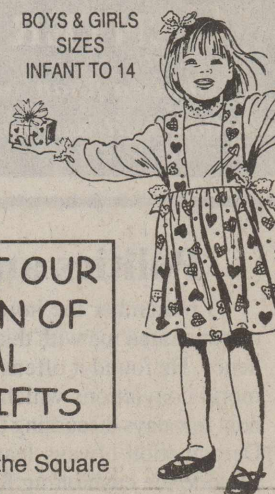
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Greg and Julie Lawford of Kalamazoo, MI, announce the birth of their daughter, Abbey Faith, on Jan. 24, 2001, at 4:42 a.m. The baby weighed nine pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Cathy Carson of Ozona. Paternal grandparents are David and Dee Lawford of Fredericksburg. Maternal great-grandparents are Henry and LaVaun Miller of Venice, FL, and Bill and Norma Carson of Ozona.

Welcoming Abbey her first week with her parents were both sets of grandparents and Aunt Haley and Cousin Chelsey Najar of San Antonio.

A baby shower was held in Ozona on Nov. 20. Hostesses were Terry Adams, Chris Beckham, June Cameron, Sandra Childress, Donna Herring, Camille Jones, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouek, Belinda Wilkins and Jana Wilson.

On Jan. 13 in Kalamazoo, a couples' brunch and baby shower was held for the parents. Hosts were Jason and Sarah Allen and Jim and Bridget Sterner.

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Care Center Chatter

The following people have made memorials to the Crockett County Care Center Activity Department: Jimmie Jacoby in memory of Calvin Johnson, Sue Burns, Berta Harvison; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hartley in memory of Wayne E. (Cap) West, Berta Harvison; Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Henderson in memory of Berta Harvison; Wool Growers in memory of Berta Harvison; Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Nicks in memory of David Bean.

Volunteers for the week were: Nancy Mossman, Brother Bill, Randy Carter, Cynthia Flores, Otis Nester, Peggie Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Len Hillman, Jonny Johnson, Pastor Bernardo Solis, Glenda Henderson, Barbara Howell, Jo Ann Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Raul De La Rosa, Mozelle Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Adcock, Baskets and More.

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Politics and Religion Don't Mix

I remember the hot summer afternoon when one of my colleagues remonstrated me with this self-same objection during the first Bush presidency. He found it offensive that any president should have religious and moral convictions which he was willing to express publicly. I spent the next few days discussing the concept of politics without religious credenda. Deracination always leads to disintegration regardless of what clichés provide the cushioning for the false assumptions made by those who reject the idea of a Sovereign God.

Eight long years of the Clinton administration has demonstrated to us that politics without religion means politics "against" religion. It is religion that is pro-life, pro-family and pro-heterosexually oriented. The political issues of our country are "religious" issues: 1) Sanctity of life, 2) Traditional marriage, 3) Adoption instead of abortion (legalized child-murder), 4) Elderly care and 5) Freedom of religious expression.

There is no such thing as amoral politics. Politics are either moral or immoral. Human beings are by nature moral creatures, and politicians are human beings with moral faculties. They may choose to legislate good. They may choose to legislate evil, but they legislate according to their moral inclinations.

If the Divinely installed moral detector called the conscience is ignored, the consequences are yet to be dealt with. They always surface in the social life of the nation. It is a moral choice that determines whether we end up in the "hall of fame" or in the "hall of shame". If morality is not something higher than ourselves, then the concept of good remains at the mercy of cultural drift. That's when you can simply call it "ethics".

Humanism is the religion of godless people. So states the "Humanist Manifesto". The society of humanism is called a "secular" (this world only) society. Secular humanism is the educational structure of the humanist religion.

Secularization is one of the most powerful conditioning cultural influences of our nation. Humanism's paradise is called "Utopia", the desire of heaven void of God, its rightful owner and ruler. The invasion of Eden and the casting out of its Lord is the work of secularization. To

transform paradise into hell is the mission of the atheistic humanist. The gospel of this would-be messiah is of the cruelest nature: We ask, what honor, what joy, what reward do humanists offer? To what would they convert us? What paradise do they propose? What hope do they bequeath unto us? Secularism left society without shame, with no point of reference for decency. Pluralism left us without reason, with no point of reference for rationality. Privatization (the consequence of the two) left us without meaning or significance, with no point of reference for coherency. We are left with an existential society suffering from complete loss of identity.

Anarchy reflects a media and education driven culture wherein its national founders, heroes and saints are consistently publicly demonized, defiled and distorted for mere contempt's sake. Infidels and reprobates define the culture, and that culture defines the consciences of its people. The tragedy is that we have inherited a pleasure-driven society on the political/social level and a culturally defined church on the personal level.

Secular humanism has divested the human race of all that renders life a blessing and death supportable, removing dignity and honor as anything meaningful. The great eloquent infidel promises all the necessities of the animal life, the joy of a meaningless existence and the eternal worm as our final inheritance. This is the Utopia of the self-made god, the humanist with all his powers and knowledge, the great "I am" making his claim to existence as dust in the wind blowing for nothing and going no where.

But Christianity, ah, that marvelous beautiful religion. It is not fabricated, it is not discovered. It is no derivative of any human invention. Christianity is "Revealed" religion. It is the God, the Lord of the universe, reaching down to lost, confused mankind, God taking the time, making the gesture of Holy love to become man, to save man from himself, evil and destruction. To promise an incomparably greater, more beautiful existence eternally content with joys unspeakable in a better place. That is paradise-eternal heaven.

There is no Gospel like the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Politics and religion do mix, inevitably. All political choices are religious by nature. Either human or divine.

May God richly bless you,
Amelio Hinojos - Iglesia de Cristo



BEATRICE VARGAS has been selected as Employee of the Month for February at the Crockett County Care Center. DigiCam Photo by Linda Moore

Mrs. Vargas chosen Employee of the Month

Beatrice Vargas, Employee of the Month of February at Crockett County Care Center, has worked there 17 consecutive years this June. Employed in the dietary department, she first began at the care center in 1975.

Cooking is one of the loves of her life. She had the Burger Hut for awhile and was employed by the school cafeteria for two years.

"I love to cook at home, too, on my days off," says Mrs. Vargas. She also loves to sew, creating gowns for quinceañeras.

Mrs. Vargas is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church where she has taught the kindergarten CCD class for 12 years.

A lifetime resident of Ozona, she is the daughter of the late Placido and Maria Borrego. She and her husband, Edmundo Vargas, have four children and seven grandchildren.

"I love my job and the residents," said Mrs. Vargas. "I know their likes and dislikes."

"Everybody at the care center works real hard. They all do their best."

Obituaries

Mr. Torres laid to rest February 2

Nicholas Torres, age 90, of Ozona and formerly of Del Rio died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2001, at his home.

Funeral service was at 2:00 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Church of God of Prophecy with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Torres was born March 11, 1910, in Saltillo, Coah., Mexico. He was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy.

Survivors include: his wife, Socorro Torres of Ozona; five daughters, Romana Valdes de Ciudad Acuña, Mexico, Josefina Dominguez and Ignacia Dominguez, both of Ozona; Paula Dominguez and Maria Puentes, both of Monterrey, Mexico; two sons, Ernesto Torres of Ciudad Acuña, Mexico, and Martin Torres of Ozona; and numerous grandchildren.

January 29 service for Mrs. Solano

Marcelina Nervaiz Solano, age 49, died Jan. 23, 2001, in University Hospital in San Antonio. Funeral service was at 10:00 a.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Arrangements were by Castillo Mission Funeral Home.

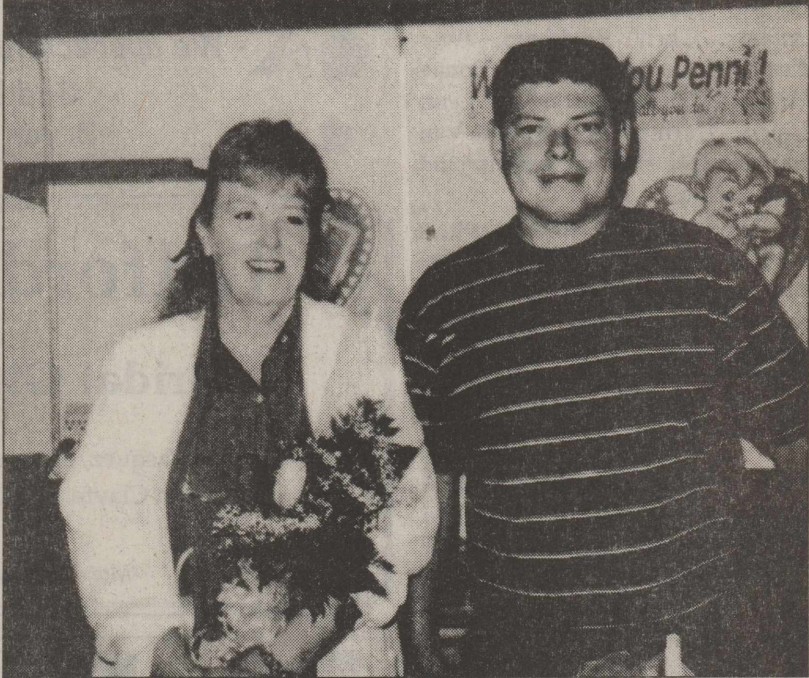
Mrs. Solano was the daughter of the late Francisco Nervaiz and sister of the late Maria Yruegas.

Survivors are her husband, Raul Solano; two sons, Raul Jr. and Dean Solano; sisters, Connie, Francis, Mercedes, Diana and Christi; one brother, Frank Nervaiz, all from California; nephew Albino Yruegas; nieces Mrs. Jesuita Ybarra and Mrs. Basilia Castillo from Ozona; one granddaughter of San Antonio.

Correction please.....

The Jan. 31 issue of The Stockman incorrectly stated that Rev. Bill Fuller was an honorary pallbearer at the service for Berta Harvison.

Rev. Bill Fuller and Mr. Johnnie Perkins of Ozona officiated the service. Dr. William Fuller of San Angelo was an honorary pallbearer.



RUSTY HARRIS, (r.) the new maintenance man at the care center is pictured at the going away party that was held for Penny Tippie (r.) on Feb. 2 at the care center. Submitted Photo

Prayer to the Virgin Mary

Pray nine Hail Mary's during nine days with a lit candle and ask for three favors: one economic, two impossible and on the eighth day publish. On the ninth, let the candle be consumed. Even without faith they shall be fulfilled.

Thank you Mother Mary
D.F

Card of Thanks

We, the sons and daughters of Serafin S. Maskill, Jr., would like to give our most sincere thank you to all the persons for their kind words of sympathy, the flowers and food given to us at the time of our loss of our father. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. Again, thank you.

The Family of Serafin S. Maskill, Jr.

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our love and thanks to all those family and friends who were there to share our loss of our loved one. Thanks for all the food, calls and lovely flowers.

May God bless you all,
The Nicolas Torres Family

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ADELA RIOS celebrated her 69th birthday on Jan. 27 at a party given by her children at the Crockett County Museum. The oldest of her eight children was born in the museum building. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Ozona Chamber of Commerce COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Feb. 8 - Health Services Board, EMS Bldg. 7 p.m.
Feb. 12 - Commissioners Court, Annex Bldg., 9 a.m.
Feb. 12 - Scout Pack 153 Blue & Gold Banquet, 6:30 p.m. Feller's Cake Sale Registration by 4:30 p.m., Sale 6-6:45
Feb. 13 - 4-H Rabbit Exhibitors Meeting, 4-H Barn, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 19 - Black History Month Program, Museum, 7 p.m.
Feb. 19 - School Board, 797 Ave. D, 7 p.m.
Feb. 21 - Social Security Rep., Senior Citizens' Bldg., 10-11:30 a.m.
Feb. 26 - 4-H Clothing Project Meeting
March - Friends of the Library Talent Show
March 21 - Social Security Rep., Senior Citizens' Bldg., 10-11:30 a.m.
March 27 - Scout Pack 153 Science Fair, Intermediate School, 6:30 p.m.
April - Don't Mess With Texas' Trash-Off
Friends of the Library Book Sale
April 19 - Ozona Garden Club Annual Flower Show
April 24 - Scout Pack 153 Field Day, Rodeo Park, 7:30 p.m.
May 15 - Scout Pack 153 Pack Meeting, Boy Scout Hut 7:30 p.m.
June 15-16 - World Championship Goat Roping
June 16 - Goat Ropers' Ball featuring Brian Hankins and The Heat
August 3-4 - Ozona Lions' Club Jr. Rodeo
Aug. 4 - 9th Annual David Crockett Birthday Festival
Aug. 4 - Friends of the Library Lawnmower Race
Aug. 5 - Cowboy Church Service

To add your event to The Ozona Stockman Community Calendar, call 392-2551 or contact Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Feb. 7 - Lonnie Martinez, Franklin Reavis, Kay Baker, Sandy Screws, Joyce Galvan, Carlos Galindo
Feb. 8 - Matt Mecke, Carla Trevino, Jason Huereca, Marty Moran, Barbara McReynolds, Don Rinehart, Jan Van Shoubrouek
Feb. 9 - Vicky Longoria, Paarth Raj, Gene Castro, Jason Puckett, Augustine Martinez, Zeke Flores, Odelia Alba
Feb. 10 - Mari Tijerina, Clay Childress, Rebekah Shaw, Lesley Vestal, JoLissa Payne, Rocky Nichols, Andrew Shaffer, Kariela Rodriguez
Feb. 11 - Anna Smith, Mary Jo Clark, Raul Arredondo Jr., Whitney Worthington
Feb. 12 - Sara Hignight, Angie Tambunga
Feb. 13 - Karen Huffman, Doug Meador, Jason Coates, Leticia Longoria, Missy Mecke, Marisella Paradez, Michelle Necessary, Christopher M. Sanchez, Joe Marmolejo, Samantha Tambunga

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Senior Happenings

Where, oh where did January go? Seems as though just yesterday we were doing our New Year's Eve party, and now we are spiffing the place up for our Valentine's Dance that will take place Feb. 9 at 7:00 p.m. "Our Band", the Red Bandana, will be playing for the enjoyment of those 50+ attendees.

Helping Hands will man a concession stand for those who come. We will have chili, Frito pie, pizza, pie and cake plus drinks. The prices will be very reasonable and will benefit our program.

Our Senior Center will be represented with four of us going to Austin Tuesday for the first Senior Day at the

Capitol. We will be able to tell you about the trip next week.

I hope to have the monthly calendar ready in a few days along with the monthly menu. We are having computer problems with printing. This happens for some unknown reason the first week of each month.

Our coffee drinkers have increased, so come on out for some good fellowship. We have the pot on all the time and sometime a drinker will bring a bag of donuts to share.

Just a reminder. All of our get-togethers are smoke and alcohol free with night activities being for those 50+.

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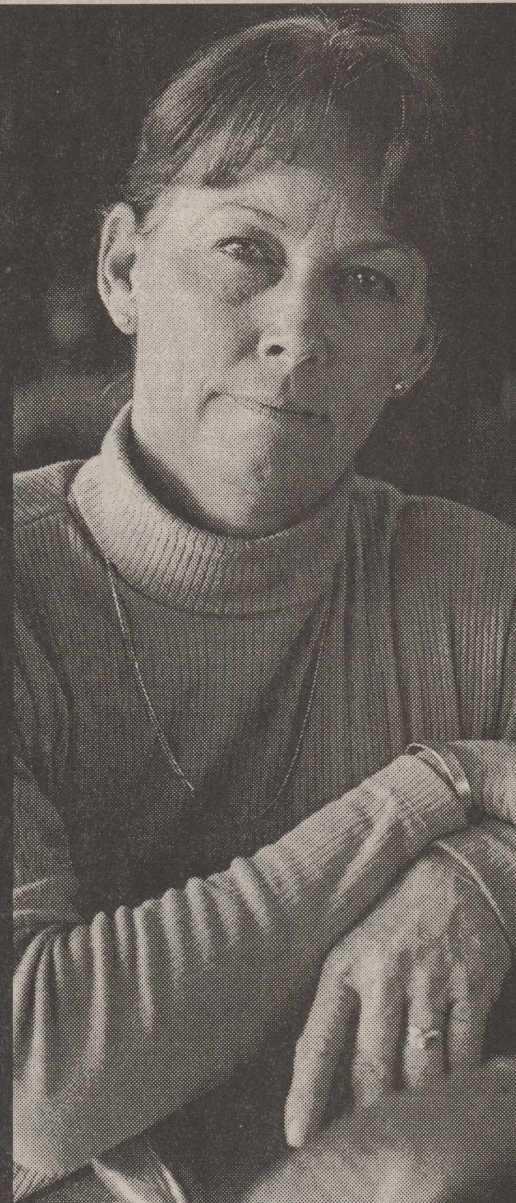
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Intermediate school youth complete D.A.R.E. program

Fifth graders at Ozona Intermediate School completed a 150 hour Drug Abuse Resistance Education course last month. The course emphasizes the dangers of drug use and ways to refuse offers of drugs.

The 66 students were awarded participation certificates and pins, and four essay winners received jackets. Each student is required to write an essay in order to graduate from the course.

There were two new contests included in the course this year, said the instructor, Drug Task Force Officer Nick Richter. Every class constructed a D.A.R.E. box in which the students placed questions. The best box award went to Mrs. Kathleen Edinburgh's class.

Students in each class wrote a D.A.R.E. poem every week. The class submitting the best poem got to keep the lion mascot DAREN for a week. Mrs. Becky Carter's class won DAREN the most, a feat for which they each received a medal.

As winners of the D.A.R.E. box competition, Mrs. Edinburgh's class will keep DAREN for the remainder of the year.

Essays are to express how students feel about the program, what they have learned in D.A.R.E. to help stay drug-free and avoid violence and why it is important to be drug-free and avoid violence.

In the past 17 lessons. Today, in my own words, I will answer the three questions above.

I feel that the D.A.R.E. program is an excellent way to teach children about not using drugs. Role playing. Role playing is one of the many good ways to teach us about things that might happen. Since we are using real people, it seems more realistic. Since these people are talking to you and trying to convince you to take drugs, it seems more like the world you are living on. This gives you a way to really say "No! No! I will not take drugs!" And not just plain old "No". I know this has really taught me, and my class how to learn and say no to even your family when they offer you drugs.

In D.A.R.E. I learned that drugs can cause cancer. Do I want cancer? No! Of course not! I don't think anyone does! Do you want your parents to see you in a hospital bed all because you decided you would take drugs and be cool? Or do you or I want to be in that hospital bed because you or I decided we would take the class bully's lunch money? I learned that doing drugs or getting involved in fights always will lead to bad, never good. D.A.R.E. also taught me that I have things I can pat my back for. I should never think I can't do anything. Thinking negative could lead to being in gangs and taking drugs.

I think it is very important to be drug free and always avoiding violence. Let's say one day a friend asked me to take drugs, and I said yes. Then I'd start enjoying them. Since I'd be enjoying them I'd want to take more,

taking more, I'd start losing my senses. Losing my senses, I'd forget what D.A.R.E. has taught me. It's all like going down stairs to senseless land!

Another reason I would not like to take drugs is, I couldn't get a job or a college degree. Again the stairs reappear, I would step down a step. Losing my senses, I wouldn't be able to pay attention in any class. Then taking my finals I'd be sure to fail! So I wouldn't major in anything. So then I'd go looking for a job. The application would ask do you take drugs? I would have to put yes. I probably wouldn't get the job of a teacher, doctor, engineer, etc. which would be what I wanted. And then I'd realize how important D.A.R.E. was.

I have had a great time writing this essay and learning ways to say "No" and things D.A.R.E. has to teach. I hope that the coming grades will have just as much fun as I did. D.A.R.E., I think, is the best way to teach children not to take drugs.

TAKING A STAND

By Kasey Gray

I think D.A.R.E. is a good program cause it helps kids all around the world learn about drugs and alcohol and not to do them. Another reason I think the D.A.R.E. program is a good program is cause it has taught me that doing drugs and drinking alcohol is bad for my health and can be harmful to my body. The D.A.R.E. program has taught me that peer pressure has caused many kids to start drinking and doing many drugs. I hope the D.A.R.E. program can be as helpful to other kids as it was to me.

Another reason I think the D.A.R.E. Program is a good program is cause it alerts kids and adults that drugs, tobacco and other stuff like that can be very harmful to our bodies and can really hurt us. And in conclusion, the D.A.R.E. program is really a good program cause it is helpful, fun and other stuff but D.A.R.E. is really a good program cause it just helps kids all around the world.

One of the things I have learned in D.A.R.E. that will help me stay drug free and to stay away from violence is Just to Say No and to do my work and the stuff that I am told to do and not to do what other people tell me to do. Another thing I learned in D.A.R.E. to help me stay away from drugs and to avoid violence is not to have heavy pressure or peer pressure and just to feel good about myself. Another thing I learned in D.A.R.E. to help us stay drug free and to help us avoid violence is to be ourself and not to act like some one who does drugs or drinks but just to act like ourselves. Another thing I learned in D.A.R.E. to help us stay drug free and help us stay away from violence is to go to school, church, and other things like that but just to believe in ourselves.

Another thing I learned in D.A.R.E. to help us stay drug free and to help us stay away from violence is so if I had a dream like if I wanted to sing I could do that instead of fighting or getting high.

TAKING A STAND

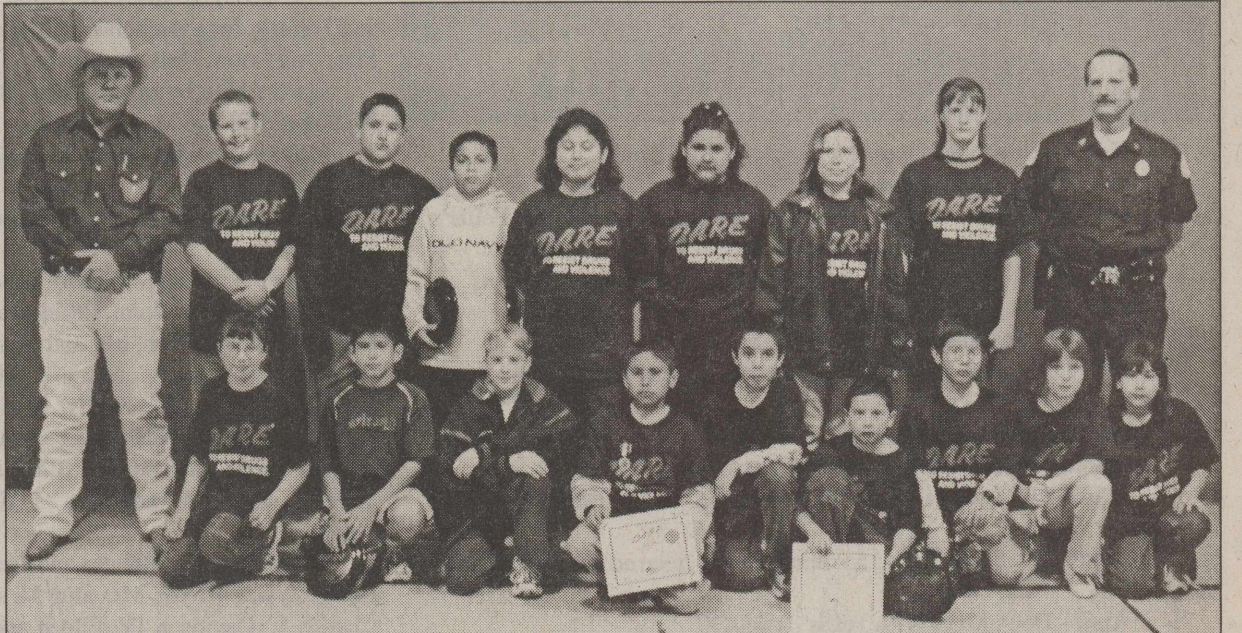
By Julia Henderson

The D.A.R.E. program is very fun and you learn at the same time. I bet everybody in fifth grade loves D.A.R.E. I'm going to tell how I feel about the D.A.R.E. program, what I have learned and why I think it is important to stay drug free.

I feel really healthy about the D.A.R.E. program because my D.A.R.E. officer told everything bad about drugs and not good things about drugs. He told me that because there are no good things about drugs. All of the students in my class know not to take drugs. One time my D.A.R.E. officer and a girl were doing role play



WINNERS OF THE D.A.R.E. essay contest were presented jackets during an awards ceremony Jan. 26. Pictured are: Sheriff Shane Fenton, Puja Bhakta, Kasey Gray, Julia Henderson, Kyann Kothman and Drug Task Force Officer Nick Richter.



MEMBERS OF MRS. BECKY CARTER'S CLASS were awarded medals for winning the weekly D.A.R.E. poetry contest the most times during the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program at Ozona Intermediate School. Pictured with class members are Sheriff Shane Fenton and Drug Task Force Officer Nick Richter.



MRS. KATHLEEN EDINBURGH'S CLASS won the D.A.R.E. Box competition for the best decorated box. As part of their reward, they will keep DAREN, a stuffed toy used in the program, for the remainder of the year.

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then the girl asked do you want to smoke? Then the D.A.R.E. officer screamed at her. So I really think she knows not to take drugs.

I have learned a lot of things to keep me drug free. I have learned ways to say no, ways to deal with stress, I have learned about my rights, considering consequences, and a lot more other things. I already knew to stay drug free but D.A.R.E. has taught me even better to stay drug free. I even know not to look at bill boards, watch commercials. I learned to only watch the public service announcements like buckle up. Some billboards say beautiful people smoke. Well, that's wrong.

Misses America doesn't smoke and she is beautiful.

I think it is very important to stay drug free because if I would take drugs my teeth would be black, my lungs would be smoking, and lots of other really bad things would happen to me. I'm proud of myself because I'm drug free. I know millions of people die almost each day. That is very sad but people who take drugs have a choice between not taking drugs, and taking drugs.

I'm glad to be drug free, and the D.A.R.E. program taught me more and more about drugs. When I heard all of that I got more and more drug

free. I think everybody in the world needs to take a bite out of crime and never ever take drugs.

TAKING A STAND

By Kyann Kothman

My D.A.R.E. officer has taught me alot! In this essay I will explain how I feel about the D.A.R.E. program, what I have learned in D.A.R.E. that can help me stay drug-free and to avoid violence, and why I think it's important to be drug-free and avoid violence.

I feel that the D.A.R.E. is important for all cities and towns to have. I feel that drugs have taken over alot of peoples lives, and D.A.R.E. is trying its hardest to stop that from happening. It will help my classmates and I to make wise decisions now, and in the future. D.A.R.E. is wonderful! D.A.R.E. is fun too! We are learning and having fun all at the same time.

I have learned alot of things in D.A.R.E. that has helped me stay drug-free and avoid violence. Like what the consequences are if you do drugs or take part in violence. Also being a wannabe can get you into giant trouble, besides, it's not being yourself, it's being someone totally different!

I think it's important to stay drug-free and avoid violence because you won't be known as a good person if you do drugs. Besides if you do start doing drugs its hard to stop, and the best way to stop doing drugs is never to start. I don't want to get hurt so I'm just toing ot avoid violence altogether.

These are the things to explain, how I feel about the D.A.R.E. program, what I have learned in D.A.R.E. that will keep me drug-free and avoid violence, and why I think its important to be drug free and avoid violence. The D.A.R.E. program has helped me alot. I had fun and I'm pretty sure everyone else did too!

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CONSERVATION POSTER WINNERS pose with their winning entries. They are: first place - Catlin Sessom, second place - Barrett Richie and third place - Melissa Morris. Also shown are Marty Acton, director of the Crockett SWCD and Debbie Vordick, Vice-President of Ozona National Bank.

Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Soil and Water Conservation poster and essay contest winners

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District and Ozona National Bank co-sponsored a conservation poster contest for the sixth grade class at the Ozona Middle School. Students were presented with information concerning conservation and shown posters of past winners. They were then given the themes for this year's contest. The two themes were "Community Waters" and "Habitat for Life".

All of the posters that were submitted were very good. The students did a great job according to the district's board of directors.

First place was awarded to Catlin Sessom, second place to Barrett Richie and third place was Melissa Morris. These winning posters will be submitted to an areawide contest later this month.

An essay contest was presented to the Ozona Middle School and the Ozona High School. Any students that were interested were asked to write a short essay on the subject of "Soil and

Water Conservation".

"We really appreciate the students that participated in our contest and would like to encourage them to do so in the future. We had a little difficulty deciding on our winners since we had some really good essays submitted" said the district's board of directors. In the Ozona Middle School category the first place essay was awarded to Catherine Marmolejo, second place to Jared Bird and third place to Makinsey Morris. In the Ozona High School category the first place was awarded to Lupita Quiroz, second place to Kimberly Swearingen and third place to Diana Hays. The top three essays will be submitted to an areawide contest later this month.

Crockett SWCD and Ozona National Bank would like to congratulate and wish the best of luck to these students. We would also like to make the public aware that there will be a display of these winners in the lobby of the Ozona National Bank sometime the last week of March or first of April.



OZONA HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY WINNERS pose with their cash prizes. First place was won by Lupita Quiroz, second place - Kimberly Swearingen and third place - Diana Hays. Also shown are Larry Williams, director of Crockett SWCD and Debbie Vordick, Vice-President of Ozona National Bank.

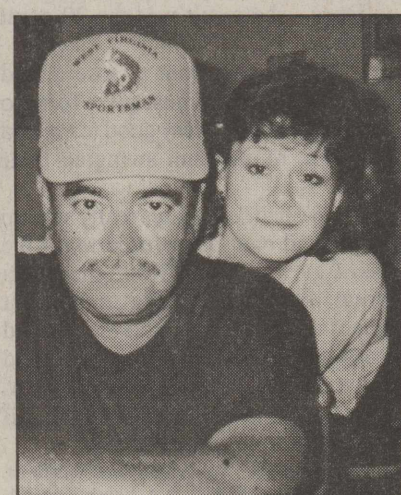
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OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL ESSAY WINNERS were presented cash prizes by Marty Acton, director of the Crockett SWCD and Debbie Vordick. Vice-President of Ozona National Bank. First place was awarded to Catherine Marmolejo, second place - Jared Bird and third place - Makinsey Morris.

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Birthdays, Thanksgivings, Christmases have past.
Sometimes it seems longer.
Sometimes like yesterday.
Sometimes it feels like a dream,
"Let me wake up", I pray.
I didn't say I love you or even goodbye that night.
But we thought you were going to be alright.
That's what I regret the most.
So I wrote you a final note.
I placed it in your folded hands for you to keep.
And I came to realize it's not a dream,
I'm not asleep.
I miss you being here in our lives more than words can say.
But save a cloud for me dad, I know I'll see you again someday.
Your loving daughter,
Kelli Rene

Card of Thanks

We would like to express our gratitude to all the employees, staff and residents of the Crockett County Care Center for their kindness and concern for our loved one, Berta Mae Harvison. Also, we extend a special thanks to Dr. Marcus Sims and staff. Last, but not least, we thank our friends for their calls, cards and concern.

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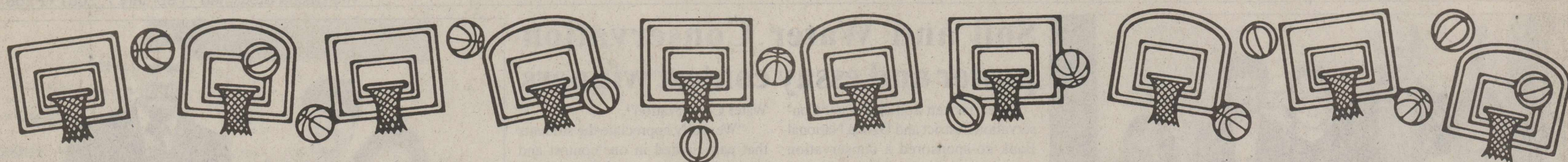
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CODI RICHARDSON reaches in to steal the ball from a Lady Cougar in the Lady Lions 72-26 thrashing of Tornillo in Davidson Gym Feb. 3.

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Lady Lions maul Lady Coyotes

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lions hosted the Tornillo Lady Coyotes Feb. 3 at Davidson Gym where the Ozona girls would come out with their eighth district win, mauling the Lady Coyotes 72-26.

In the first quarter the Lady Lions lit up the scoreboard, putting in an awesome 24 points while holding their opponents scoreless.

Lead scorers for the Ozona Ladies were Codi Richardson, Kristi Avila and Claressa Tambunga who each made four points while Lana Stewart and Terri Duncan each drilled a 3-pointer. Jordan Webster, Jessica Herring and Millie Wadsworth each had a 2-pointer.

The Lady Coyotes did not score their first points until more than two minutes had expired in the second quarter. Each team made 11 points in the second, but the Lady Lions continued to lead the Lady Coyotes by 24 points at halftime, 35-11.

Tambunga led the Ladies with four points, Duncan drained another three while Avila and Joyce Caldera each chipped in two points.

The Lady Lions played a tough

man to man defense in the second half, frustrating the Lady Coyotes into making bad passes and allowing the Lady Lions to benefit, stealing the ball and scoring.

The Ladies outscored the Lady Coyotes in the third by five points while holding the Lady Coyotes to eight points. The Lady Lions put in a sweet 13 points in the third.

Lead scorer for the Ladies was Wadsworth with four points followed by Webster draining a three and Avila, Herring and Tammy Alvarez putting in a 2-pointer each.

In the fourth quarter, the Ladies finished the Lady Coyotes, overpowering them to score a massive 24 points while holding the Tornillo girls to seven. Wadsworth led her team in scoring with six points including hitting two of four free throws. Eight Ladies then put in 2-pointers. Included were: Stewart, Avila, Caldera, Herring, Tambunga, Duncan, Alvarez and Kimber Bean. Richardson and Melanie Bullard also chimed in with a free throw apiece.

Scorers: Wadsworth 12, Avila 10, Tambunga 10, Duncan 8, Herring 6, Richardson 5, Webster 5, Stewart 5, Caldera 4, Alvarez 4, Bean 2, Bullard 1

JV 'B' Lady Owls capture win over Lady Lions Gold

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lions Gold traveled to Reagan County Jan. 30 to take on the JV "B" Lady Owls in their last game of the season. The Lady Owls would capture the win over the Lady Lions by a seven point margin, 27-20.

The first period was a defensive one with the teams exchanging possession of the ball often and only scoring two points each. Laura Pierce scored for the Ladies in the first period.

The Lady Owls jumped into a 3-point lead over the Lady Lions in the second by outshooting them 10-7. Pierce led the Lady Lions with four points, including two free throws as

Brandi Buchanan contributed a 2-pointer and Amenda Poindexter added a free throw.

Ozona was down three points at halftime, 12-9.

After the half, the Lady Owls flew back onto the court and put in seven more points while completely shutting down the Lady Lions. The Lady Owls led the Lady Lions by 10 going into the final seven minutes.

Pierce got the Ladies back into the game in the fourth quarter as the lead scorer with an awesome nine points including hitting three of four free throws. Buchanan added another 2-pointer for the Lady Lions who outscored Big Lake in the quarter by one, 11-10.

Scorers: Laura Pierce 11, Brandi Buchanan 4, Amenda Poindexter 1

Lions edge past Coyotes for win

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona Lions hosted the Tornillo Coyotes Saturday, Feb. 3, at Davidson Gym. There the Lions captured a win over the Coyotes by two points, 49-47. This game was full of action right down to the last second.

The Lions started the game well against the Coyotes to outshoot them by seven in the first quarter 11-4. Dustin Faught led the Lions with a cool eight points as Luis Cruz hit a 2-pointer, and Lance Unger sank a free throw. The Lions continued their attack on the Coyotes in the second period, again overpowering them and outscoring them by five, 18-13.

Derek Faught led the Lions this time after nailing two threes for six points. Six other Lions chipped in two points apiece including Juan Garcia, Lalo Garza, G. L. Bunker, Dustin Faught, Rob Madris and Unger. The Lions led the Coyotes by 12 at halftime, 29-17.

In the third quarter, the Coyotes outscored the Lions by six to cut Ozona's lead in half, 43-37. Dustin Faught led the Lions with eight points followed by Derek Faught with four. Garza added a 2-point bucket.

In the final quarter, the Coyotes tied the game up 45 all. The Lions then went up by two for 47-45 with less than a minute to go in the game. Unger went to the free throw line upon being fouled, shooting two and making one to bring the score to 48-45.

The Coyotes inched their way forward to score a 2-pointer as the Lions led by one, 48-47, with about 10 seconds left in the game. It was the Coyotes' ball.

Abel Rodriguez heavily pres-

sured the point guard, forcing the Coyote to make a bad pass. G. L. Bunker was in the right place at the right time to pick off that pass. He was subsequently fouled and went to the free throw line, shooting two and making one to seal a Lion victory over the Coyotes 49-47.

Dustin Faught and Rob Madris hit a two in the final quarter as Unger and Bunker each sank a free throw.

Lead scorer in the game was Dustin Faught with 20 points followed by Derek Faught with 10. The elder Faught brother also led in total rebounds with a cool 16, three blocks and two steals. Juan Garcia finished the day with seven total rebounds, four assists and one steal. Rob Madris did well with four assists, one block and two steals.

"This was a big step toward our goal of a district championship," said Coach Steve Osborn. "The guys knew we had to play well, and they really executed our game plan. They put a lot of pressure on the ball defensively and pushed the ball up the floor on offense - the result was the 20-point lead."

"You never want to lose a lead like that, but you must give Tornillo credit. They are a very good team, and they got momentum swinging their way."

"We had some guys really step up at the end and just refused to let the game get away. Abel Rodriguez did a great job of pressuring their point guard and causing him to make a bad pass, and G. L. Bunker was ready and got the steal, then hit a big free throw. But everyone really contributed - it was definitely a team victory."

Scorers: Dustin Faught 20, Derek Faught 10, Lalo Garza 4, Rob Madris 4, Lance Unger 4, G. L. Bunker 3, Juan Garcia 2 and Luis Cruz 2

JV 'B' Owls outlast JV 'B' Lions 41-32

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The junior varsity Lions 'B' team went to Big Lake Jan. 30 to compete against the Reagan County JV 'B' Owls. The Owls outlasted the Lions to win by a margin of nine points, 41-32.

The Lions trailed the Owls by two points in the first quarter, outshot 11 to 9. Lion Clay Hale led the Lions in scoring with four points in the first quarter followed by Abel Martinez with three and Wilson Stokes who added a 2-pointer.

In the second quarter, the Owls again outscored the Lions by two but this time 9-7. The Reagan County team maintained a 4-point lead over the Ozona players at halftime 20-16.

Martinez led the Lions with three while Rigo Treto and Chris Martinez made a 2-point field goal each in the second.

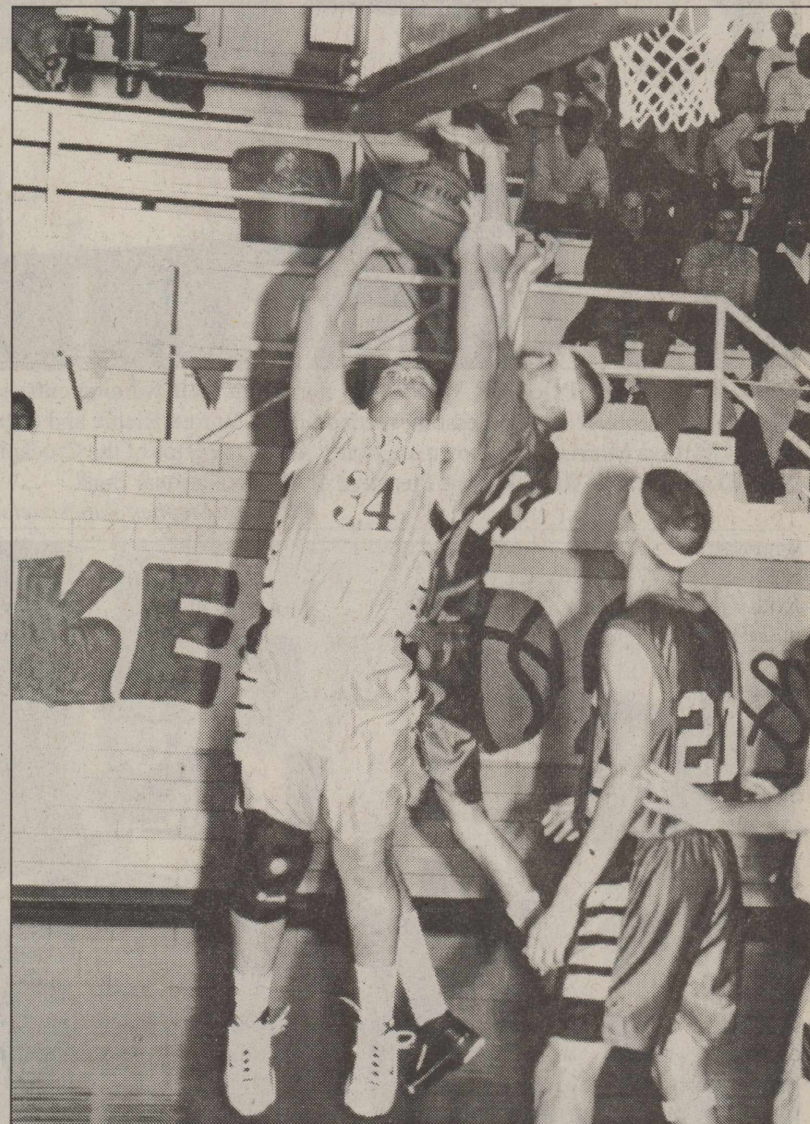
The Owls took another 2-point lead over the Lions in the third, 13-11. Hale led the Lions with an awesome seven points. Chris and Abel Martinez chipped in two points apiece.

No matter how hard the Lions tried, they could not seem to get the upperhand on the Owls or keep the Owls from outshooting them. Hale made the points for the Lions in the final quarter, scoring five including sinking a three. The Owls outshot the Lions in the fourth 8-5, outlasting the team from Ozona.

Scorers: Clay Hale 16, Abel Martinez 8, Chris Martinez 4, Rigo Treto 2, Wilson Stokes 2



JESSICA HERRING contributed six points to the Lady Lions Feb. 3 district win over the Tornillo Lady Cougars. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler



LANCE UNGER powers the ball up to the basket in the Lions thrilling 49-47 victory over the Tornillo Cougars Feb. 3 in Davidson Gym.

Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Reagan County Owls slip past Lions

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona Lions competed in their eighth district game Jan. 30 when they played the Reagan County Owls in Big Lake. The game resembled the action of a teeter-totter as the two teams took turns outscoring the other. The Owls would edge past the Lions to win the game by a slim two points, 50-48.

The Owls jumped into a 5-point lead in the first eight minutes, outscoring Ozona 16-11. However, with about three seconds left in the first quarter, the Lions trailed the Owls 16-8 as Dustin Faught drained an NBA '3' to cut the Owls' lead to only a 5-point game. The Lions were behind the Owls 11-9 in the second quarter by two points, reinforcing the Owls' lead to a 7-point game. Reagan County led at halftime 27-20.

The Lions began making their way back into the game at the beginning of the third period, coming out on top to outscore the Owls for the

first time in the game 18-16 and cutting the Owls' once 7-point lead back to a 5-point game.

Ozona would again outshoot the Owls in the final minutes of play 10-7, but they couldn't overcome the Owls' 2-point lead in the final seconds.

The Lions made an awesome second half comeback attempt, outscoring the Owls by five points 28-23. Dustin Faught led the Lions in scoring, racking up an incredible 24 points including draining a three and nailing a free two. Faught also led in rebounding with 11 and had a steal and a blocked shot.

Also sinking the threes was Juan Garcia who had three of them and a 2-pointer for a sweet 11 total points. Garcia led with Rob Madris in assists with each having four. Madris trailed Faught in total rebounds with seven and led in steals with three. The Lions scored 12 points off turnovers and 15 points due to making five threes in the game.

Scorers: Dustin Faught 24, Juan Garcia 11, Rob Madris 6, Lalo Garza 3, Lance Unger 2 and Derek Faught 2.

JV Lady Owls tame JV Lady Lions

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The JV Lady Owls tamed the JV Lady Lions Jan. 30 in Big Lake, defeating the Ozona team 42-28.

The Lady Lions got off to a rocky start as the Lady Owls shut them out in the first quarter with a 14-point demanding lead. The Ozona Ladies slowly got it together, outscoring the Lady Owls by two points, 7-5, in the second period. With 12 points separating the two teams at halftime the scoreboard showed Lady Owls 19, Lady Lions 7.

In the third quarter, the Lady

Owls managed to outshoot the Ozona Ladies by two points again, 10-8, but this increased Big Lake's running total to 14 points over the Lady Lions going into the fourth quarter.

Each team scored 13 points in the final period. Despite the Lady Lions' attempts to come back, the Lady Owls won the game by 14 points.

Melanie Bullard led the Lady Lions with eight points followed by Kimber Bean with six. Colbey Crawford and Katy Churchill had five points each, and Michelle Necessary and Bekah Cowen added a 2-point field goal apiece.

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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST was held Sunday, Feb. 4, in Davidson Gym. The winners will advance to the district contest to be held in Eldorado Feb. 10. They are: (front row, l. to r.) 10 year-olds Steven Silva and Alysha Lara and 11 year-olds Mark Tambunga and Anna Hernandez. Back row: 12 year-olds Jack Rodriguez and Megan McDaniel; 13 year-olds Derek Wiley and Malorie Moran and 14 year-olds Ruben Talamantez and Britney Ramos.

Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

8th grade Lady Lions annihilate Lady Badgers

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The eighth grade Lady Lions hosted the McCamey Lady Badgers Jan. 29 at Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium, thoroughly annihilating their guests 40-10.

In the first quarter, the Lady Lions got off to a great start, shutting down the Lady Badgers to three points while putting up nine points of their own. The Lady Badgers picked it up a little in the second quarter, scoring five points. However, the Lady Lions were still able to outscore their opponents by four points, putting in nine for Ozona. The Lady Lions led the Lady Badgers 18-8 at halftime.

The Lady Lions continued to press the Lady Badgers in the second half, causing the Lady Badgers pure frustration as they were only able to score two points in the half. Ozona players put in six points in the third quarter to the Lady Badgers' two.

Ozona held an awesome 14-point lead, 24-10, going into the final seven minutes of play. The Lady Lions held the Lady Badgers scoreless in the final quarter while putting in a massive 16 points for the win.

The Lady Badgers were only able to make two of 12 points on the free throw line. The Lady Lions hit 50% of their free throws, making five of 10.

"The girls played really good

team ball, and we're very proud of their effort," said Coach Dale Mayfield. "These girls play really well together and play unselfishly."

Lead scorer for the Ladies was Casey Ybarra with nine points including sinking three of four free throws. Also scoring well was Hilary Huffman who made four 2-point baskets.

The Lady Lions' season record was 10-4 with their win against McCamey. The Lady Lions' seventh and eighth grade "A" teams combined to play their final game of the season Feb. 5 against the Rankin Lady Red Devils in Rankin.

Scorers: Casey Ybarra 9, Hilary Huffman 8, Britney Ramos 6, Kristen Bunker 5, Jenna Henderson 4, Taylor Oglesby 4, Mackinsey Morris 2, Kayla Johnson 2

7th/8th grade Lady Lions stomp McCamey

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh and eighth grade "B" Lady Lions teams combined Jan. 29 to compete in their last game of the season. The seventh grade girls played for a 10 minute quarter, and then the eighth grade played a 10 minute quarter back to back.

The Lady Lions stomped the Lady Badgers 23-9 to finish their season with a win. The Lady Lions outscored the Lady Badgers in the first 10-minute quarter by 11 points, 14-3. Chelsea Tobar led Ozona in scoring with six points followed by Jessica Moore with four. Candace Gandar and Erika Conner chipped in a 2-point bucket each.

The Lady Lions continued to stomp all over the Lady Badgers in the second 10 minutes to again outscore them. Ozona outshot their opponents 9-6 for the eventual 23-9 win.

April Vargas led the Ladies in the second with five points while Amber Batura and Britney Chandler each made a 2-pointer.

"This group of girls did a good job this season by giving their all and never giving up," said Coach Dale Mayfield. "We are really proud of them."

7th grade Badgers upset Lions 46-27

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh grade Lions traveled to McCamey Jan. 29 to compete against the McCamey Badgers, which ended in the Badgers' favor, 46-27.

McCamey took an early 7-point lead by outshooting Ozona 15-8. Justin Galan led the Lions with four points followed by Jack Rodriguez and Derek Wiley who each scored a 2-point field goal.

The Lions hit a cold streak in the second quarter with Rodriguez only able to shoot a 2-pointer. The Badgers were on fire, scoring 14 points to lead the Lions 29-10 at halftime.

After the half, the Lions were able to make six points, but the Badgers increased their lead by scoring 11 points in the third. Lions scoring in the third quarter were Derek Wiley with four and Rodriguez who added two free throws.

The Lions seemed to get their groove back in the final quarter as they outscored the Badgers by five 11-6. Wiley led in scoring with five points including a 3-pointer while Rodriguez and Clint Hale each added three points.

Ozona was unable to catch the McCamey 19-point lead, ending the game 46-27.

Ozona made six of seven free throws. The Lions are 6-7 for the season to date.

Scorers: Derek Wiley 11, Jack Rodriguez 9, Justin Galan 4, Clint Hale 3.

Lion golfers place first in Del Rio

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Ozona High School's golf team traveled to Del Rio to compete in an invitational tournament Feb. 2-3. There were two divisions in the invitational. In Division II, the Lions placed first with a 2-day team total of 962.

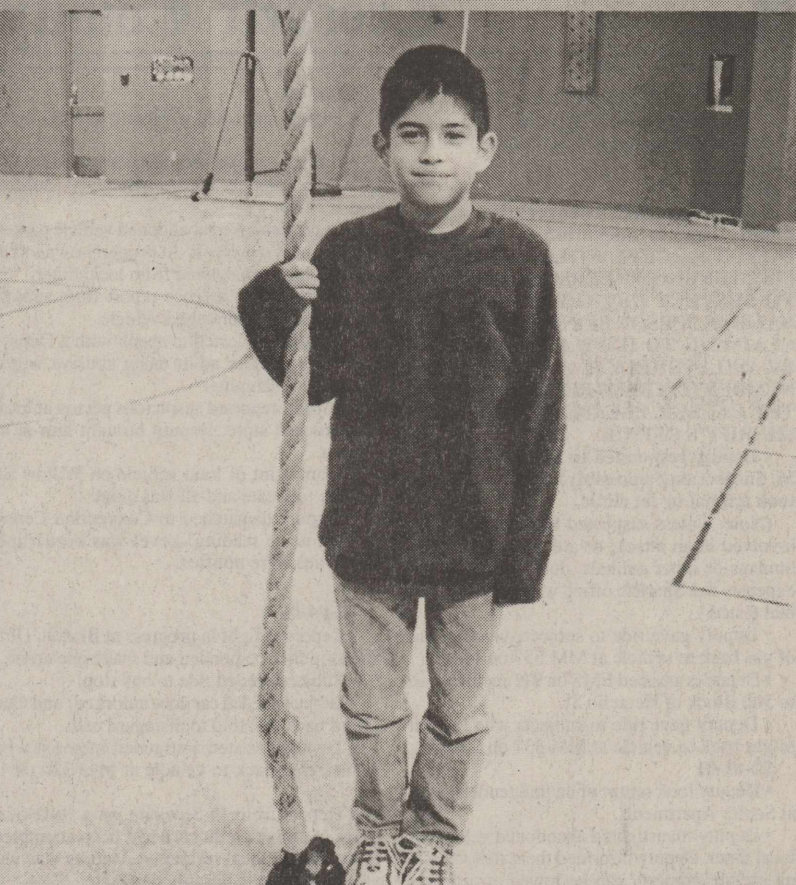
On Friday, the teams competed at San Felipe Country Club. The Lions finished the day with a team score of 357. Arron Garza and Mark Garcia finished with an individual score of 82 strokes apiece while Ryan Pearl finished with a score of 93, Tyson Vordick 99 and Ryan Wiley had 109.

The teams competed at the Leaning Pines Golf Course on Saturday. There the Lions' team score was 22 strokes less than Friday as they finished with 335.

Individually, Garza ended the day with an awesome 74 strokes while Garcia shot an 83. Pearl improved his score by eight strokes, shooting an 85 on Saturday, Vordick finished with a 101, and Wiley shot 93, improving his score by an awesome 16 strokes.

Garza finished with the best score of the day on Saturday out of all competing in Division II to place as a first medalist.

MARK TAMBUNGA 1-23-01



FIFTH GRADER MARK TAMBUNGA is the eleventh P.E. student to earn membership in Ozona Intermediate School's King Kong Club in ten years. Only two fourth graders are members of the prestigious group. Membership is achieved by climbing to the top of a rope over suspended from a beam in the gym's ceiling. The climber starts from a sitting position and pulls up hand over hand without using feet on the rope. *DigiCam Photo by Linda Moore*

Reagan Co. Lady Owls soar above Lady Lions

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lady Lions went to Big Lake Jan. 30 to take on the Reagan County Lady Owls in their eighth district game of the season. A lot was riding on this matchup.

The Lady Owls soared above the Lady Lions for the win 51-32.

The Lady Lions and the Lady Owls are tied for first place in district thus far by each winning seven games and losing one.

The Lady Lions tried their best but just couldn't seem to hit their shots. The Lady Lions stood the chance to cut the Lady Owls' total score to a 6-point game, but the Ladies didn't shoot well on the free throw line. Ozona made only seven points on their free throws out of 20 attempts from the line.

In the first quarter, the Lady Owls came out strong against Ozona, outscoring them by four points 12-8. The Lady Owls continued to outshoot the Lady Lions in the second quarter while allowing no more than five points from the Ladies and racking up 13 points. At halftime, the Lady Owls led Ozona by 12 points, 25-13.

After the half, the Lady Owls put in 14 points while holding the Lady Lions to single digits in the third quarter. The Lady Lions outscored the Lady Owls by one in the final quarter 13-12, but in no way could catch their opponents who soared above their

reach. Kristi Avila led in scoring for Ozona with 13 points including nailing a three. Also scoring great was Millie Wadsworth with nine points

including three points out of seven free throws.

Scorers: Kristi Avila 13, Millie Wadsworth 9, Jordan Webster 4, Codi Richardson 2, Lana Stewart 2, Claressa Tambunga 2

JV Lions run over JV Badgers

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The junior varsity Lions traveled to McCamey Feb. 2 to take on the junior varsity McCamey Badgers.

The Lions ran over the Badgers to win the game by 17, 51-34, for a record of 13 wins and five losses.

In the first half, the Lions held the Badgers to only 12 points while racking up an awesome 24 points.

Lead scorer for the Lions, Robert Ogle, made seven points. Also scoring were Bryan Skehan with five,

Rigo Treto with four, Brad Mayfield three, Chris Martinez two and Kindal Porras added a free throw. The Lions shot 50% of their free throws in the first half, scoring seven of 14.

The second half resembled the first as the Lions continued to overpower and outscore the Badgers. Lead scorer in the second half was Bryan Skehan with a sweet nine points followed by Hayse Worthington with a nice six points, Robert Ogle with four, Treto had three, Porras two, Chris Martinez two and Mayfield with one for the Lions.

8th grade Lions defeat McCamey Badgers

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Jan. 29 the Ozona 8th grade boys defeated the McCamey 8th grade in a heart-stopping 35-33 game to push their record to 10-3. The game was close all night, and the guys gave a good account of themselves, playing smart and fundamentally sound.

Both teams exchanged shots in the final two minutes. The game came

down to post Toby Pagan making a jumper with the buzzer sounding to gather in the Ozona win.

Vince Castro led his team in scoring with 13 points. Toby Pagan put in six and J. D. Borrego five. Also adding points to the Ozona side of the scoreboard were Jared Bird with four, Mack Poindexter with three and Michael Garza with one point.

The Ozona team is 5-0 for the season.

7th grade Lady Lions clobber Lady Badgers

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh grade Lady Lions clobbered the McCamey Lady Badgers 30-11 Jan. 29 at the middle school gym.

The teams exchanged the ball throughout the first quarter but remained scoreless at the end of the period. The Lady Lions made up for this

in the second quarter, however, racking up a sweet 12 points while holding the Lady Badgers to four. Ozona held an 8-point lead, 12-4, at halftime.

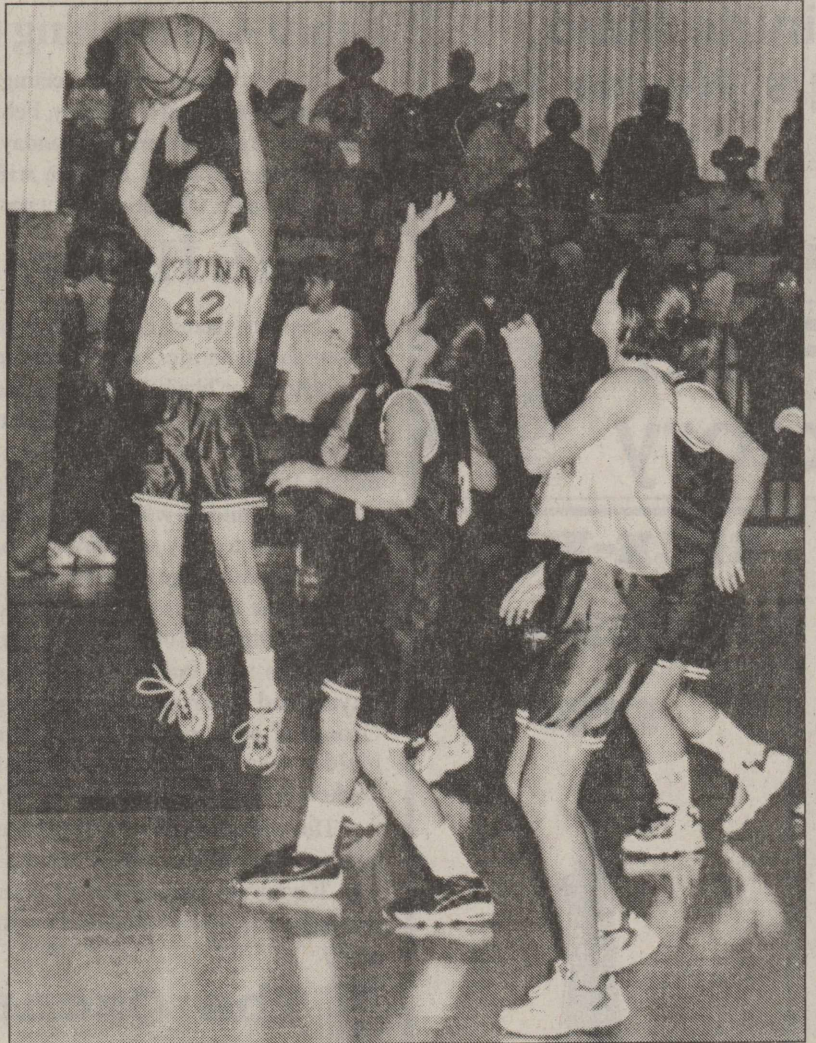
In the second half, the Lady Lions continued to press the Lady Badgers, holding them to only three points while increasing their lead by three due to scoring six points in the quarter.

The Ladies led the Lady Badgers

18-7 going into the final seven minutes of play. Ozona continued to clobber the girls from McCamey in the final quarter, adding 12 points to their side of the scoreboard. The Lady Badgers could only manage to score four of seven free throws in the fourth as the Lady Lions captured win number eight for the season.

"We are really proud of these girls and their efforts," said Coach Dale Mayfield. "They did a great job pressing the Lady Badgers."

Lead scorer for the Lady Lions was Kayla Pratt with eight points. Kelli DeHoyos also did well, scoring seven points. Allison Skehan added six, Malorie Moran five, and Victoria Miller and Alexandra Bean each scored two points.



KAYLA PRATT fires off a jump shot for two points as Kellie DeHoyos (r.) is poised for more action. Pratt was the high scorer for the game with eight points against the seventh grade Lady Badgers in the 30-11 victory Jan. 29 in the Becky Childress Memorial Gym.

Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

Family heritage project reveals much

Ozona Middle School seventh grade students hosted a family heritage display Feb. 1, the traditional grand finale of a unit of study involving work in different classes.

Through Mr. Lloyd Winkley's class they learned about genetics, in Mrs. Michelle McGeath's class, quilting. Mrs. Danan Duncan's class produced a cookbook of family recipes provided by the children, and in Mrs. Katree Hale's class they learned genealogy and made pedigree charts.

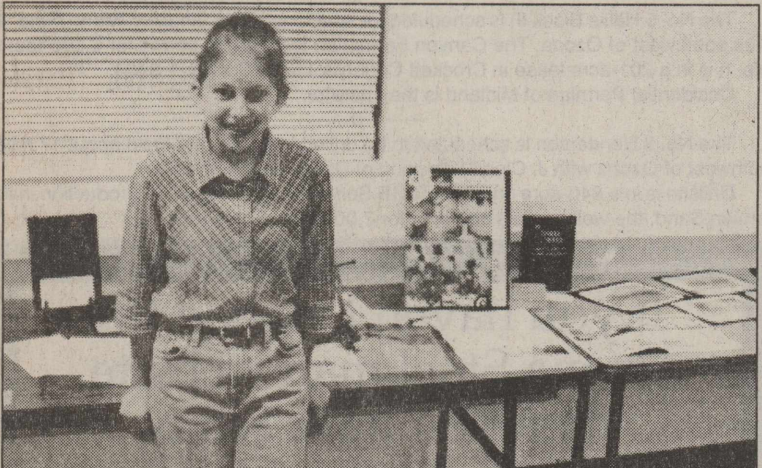
Those attending the exhibit viewed family photos and heirlooms and tasted a variety of foods prepared from recipes in the cookbook constructed for the project.



DEAN WADSWORTH'S Family Heritage Night display included the Purple Heart awarded to his grandfather, Cpt. Dean A. Wadsworth, who was killed in Vietnam. *DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore*



A TRUNK WHICH BELONGED TO ALLIE BEAN'S grandmother holds a treasure trove of heirlooms as part of this 7th grader's Family Heritage Night exhibit. *DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore*



WESLEE WILSON'S exhibit at the 7th grade Family Heritage Night revealed much information about her great-great-grandfather, Col. Black, an inventor and rancher. *DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore*

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CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT 01-31-2001 through 02-05-2001

01-31-01
Notice to Crockett County Citizens: Telephone scam in operation in this area: **DONOT ACCEPT COLLECT CALLS FROM UNKNOWN PERSONS. BE ALERT TO SUSPECT USING SAME FAMILY NAME AS PERSON BEING CALLED AND CLAIMING TO HAVE A PACKAGE TO BE DELIVERED. IF A TELEPHONE NUMBER HAS BEEN RECORDED FROM THE CALLER, PLEASE CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.**

• Deputy responded to 100 Block of Ave. M. Subject shot a possibly rabid fox. Deputy took animal to vet clinic.
(Note: Unless suspected Rabid animals are involved in an attack, or are serious threat to humans or other animals, due to the \$250.00 expense, the Sheriff's office will not have animal tested.)

• Deputy gave ride to subjects who ran out of gas back to vehicle at MM 357 on I-10.
• Deputy assisted EMS on 911 medical call to 500 Block of Heracio St.
• Deputy gave ride to subjects who ran out of gas back to vehicle at MM 337 on I-10.

02-01-01
• Deputy took report of an unattended death at Senior Apartments.

• Deputy investigated abandoned vehicle at local diner. Deputy informed them that vehicle on private property can be towed at property owner's request. Owner was going to wait a couple of days.

• Subject advised children running into street on 1100 Block of Ave. I. Deputy checked the area and was unable to locate any kids.
• Report of hitchhiker needing place to stay. Deputy brought him to the jail as a sleeper.

• Report of kids in street stopping vehicles. Deputy located and identified the kids. He spoke with parents.

• Alarm at high school. Buildings were checked and found secured.
• Report of loud party/music. Deputy had subjects turn down music.

02-02-01
• Call for motorist assist. Deputy took subject to mechanics shop on Santa Ana St.
• Report of a theft at local restaurant on Sheffield Rd. Deputy took offense report.

• Report of vehicle blocking drive on Ave. D. Dispatcher called and had vehicle moved.
• Deputy stopped an oversized truck. Notified DPS and truck was shut down and not allowed to pass through town.

• Report of gunshots fired on Beall St. Deputy checked area and was unable to find out where shots came from.

• Call at local private club on Sheffield Rd. Deputy verified age of customers for bartender.

• Deputy gave gas assistance to a stranded subject on I-10.

02-03-04
• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at local business.

• Subject walked in office requesting gas assistance. Deputy denied assistance. Subject had 1/2 tank.

• Deputy checked abandoned vehicle parked at a business on Ave. E. At property owners request vehicle was towed from local diner.
• Deputy took offense report from subject on 12th St. of a scratched vehicle.

• Subject requested to speak with a Deputy involving another adult using abusive words towards her daughter.

• Subject reported suspicious person at local convenience store. Deputy brought him in as a sleeper.

• Complaint of loud vehicle on Willow St. Unable to locate and all was quiet.

• Deputy dispatched to Convention Center to take noise reading. Level was borderline. Security was notified.

02-04-01
• Report of fight in progress at Blas St. DPS and Deputies responded and made one arrest.

• Subject needed ride to bus stop.
• Subject needed car door unlocked, and then called back and told to disregard call.

• Deputy assisted a stranded motorist who needed ride back to vehicle at MM 320 on I-10.

• Report from Ft Stockton on a theft of a purse. A stolen credit card had been attempted to be used at local restaurant. Deputy was unable to locate the described vehicle.

• Complaint of child taken by father without permission. Deputy spoke with both subjects and they agreed to talk it out without any incidents.

• Complaint of a spouse verbally abusing kids at residence on Senisa St.

• Report of dog chasing pedestrians on Heracio St. Deputy identified the owner of dogs.

• Deputy unlocked vehicle at local convenience store.

02-05-01
• Deputy assisted stranded motorist MM 362 on I-10.

• Subject came by the office to report a large knife laying on the roadway at MM 368 of I-10. Deputy located knife and it did not appear to have been used for any criminal activity.

• Deputy checked a vehicle suspected of drug trafficking on Hwy. 163 South. No narcotics were located.
• Report of gas drive off from Circle Bar Truck Stop. Deputy located vehicle and they were escorted back to pay for gas.

• Deputy met with a complainant who wanted to file charges on a female subject for an offensive gesture. Complainant wanted to wait till next day to provide a statement.

• Deputy met with a citizen on Ave. E involving civil dispute with ex-spouse. No incident occurred.

• Deputy met with complainant at Crockett Heights in reference to juvenile harassing her daughter. Deputy spoke to the other party involved and advise them to stay away from each other.

OFFENSE REPORTS
01-31-2001 through 02-05-2001

02-02-01
• Deputy took offense report of theft from local restaurant. Still under investigation.

02-03-01
• Deputy took offense report of criminal mischief. Subject reported his car had been keyed while parked on Ave. D.

02-04-01
• Deputy took offense report of assault-family violence. Took statements from persons involved and placed one person in custody.

• Deputy took offense report of harassment. Subject was being followed and verbally assaulted and harassed. Complainant wished to file a complaint on subject.

ARREST REPORTS 01-31-2001 through 02-05-2001

02-01-01
• Lujan, Robert, age 33, of El Paso

was arrested by DPS Troopers on a charge of driving while license suspended. Subject posted bond and was released.

02-03-01
• Miller, Jonnie Ann, age 46, of Bellgrade, CA, was arrested by DPS Troopers on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Subject posted bond and was released.

• Borrego, Andrea, age 18, of Ozona was arrested by DPS Troopers on a charge of public intoxication. Subject posted bond and was released.

• Preddy, Micheal Charles, age 22, of Ozona was arrested by DPS Troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Subject posted bond and was released.

• Tijerina, Desidoro Garza, age 44, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of assault-family violence. Subject remains in jail.

02-05-01
• Brazeal, Ray, age 27, of San Angelo was arrested by DPS Troopers on charges from warrants out of Lubbock County. Subject remains in jail.

Richardson, Allison Skehan, Bryan Skehan, Stephen Tarr, Ashley Unger, Lance Unger, Dean Wadsworth, Millie Wadsworth, Wendy Wilson, Weslee Wilson and Whitney Wilson

Exhibiting junior market lambs from Ozona are Alexandra Bean and Adrienne Bendele.

4-H'ers to exhibit in Houston Livestock Show

4-H members from Ozona will join other FFA and 4-H members from all over Texas for intense competition in the show ring at the 2001 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Feb. 13 - March 4 at Reliant Park in Houston.

There will be 33 exhibitors representing the Crockett County 4-H Club.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, begins livestock competition on Feb. 23. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first 10 days of the show, which kicked off Feb. 13.

Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

Exhibiting junior market lambs

will be: Lakin Aaron, Ty Allen, Philip Baggett, Kimber Bean, Summer Browne, G. L. Bunker, Kristin Bunker, Tell Churchill, Katy Churchill, Chase Clark, Latham Ducote, Trey Hale, Clay Hale, Clint Hale, Jordan Long, Josh Long, Jayci Miller, Victoria Miller, Aaron Renfro, Codi Richardson, Kyle

Richardson, Allison Skehan, Bryan Skehan, Stephen Tarr, Ashley Unger, Lance Unger, Dean Wadsworth, Millie Wadsworth, Wendy Wilson, Weslee Wilson and Whitney Wilson

Emergency farm/ranch loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm/ranch loans for damages and losses caused by drought and excessive heat that occurred from Jan. 1, 2000, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in San Angelo, FSA Farm Loan Manager Fred J. Greenway said.

Irron, McCulloch, Menard, Schleicher, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Concho, Crockett, Reagan and Runnels are some of the counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought and excessive heat that occurred from Jan. 1, 2000, and continuing.

Greenway said ranchers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent

Rabbit project meeting Feb. 13

4-H rabbit exhibitors who plan to attend the San Angelo Stock Show will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the 4-H Barn at 5:30 p.m. This meeting is being held in order for exhibitors to practice their showmanship

of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For ranchers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a rancher must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production or a qualifying physical loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Greenway said. Ranchers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Aug. 20, 2001, but ranchers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new season," Greenway said.

skills one more time before the stock show.

If you have any questions, contact rabbit project coordinator Marvin Clark.

Feb. 9 4-H clothing meeting re-scheduled

The 4-H clothing project meeting, which was scheduled for Friday, Feb. 9, has been rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 26. The time and location will remain the same. Clothing project participants

may go ahead and pick up their project paperwork at the County Extension Office during office hours.

If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 392-2721.

*Black History (Continued from front page)

Does the name Lockett School stir up any memories? There used to be a school for blacks located on the south side of town called the Lockett School. It was open from approximately 1956 until 1962 when schools integrated. Children would come from other towns to stay with friends or family to attend the school. Agnes Payne came over from Eldorado to attend the 9th and 10th grades. It was during this time that she met Willie Payne and married him, making Ozona her permanent home. Cherrie Fielder was the first graduate of Lockett School.

There is a lot of lost or forgotten history of the blacks in our community. If you have memories of your own, please be sure to share them with

us at the museum. The blacks have a rich past, which is important to the history of our town. Please preserve your memories and memorabilia in order for our exhibit to grow.

The museum's exhibit includes the life and accomplishments of citizens of Crockett County as well as cowboys, men and women throughout Texas. We have a short video and photos on display from the rodeo of 1954, yearbook photos, photos of the Payne family and information on blacks in Texas. Come by and see the exhibit on display through the month of February.

Our thanks go to the people who contributed to our exhibit with a special thank you to Angies Payne for her time and enthusiasm.

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WEEKLY REPORT

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Focusing on education in 2001

Nothing is more important to our future than ensuring a high-quality education for our nation's children. President George W. Bush made education the cornerstone of his campaign for the White House. Last week he followed through on his promise to "leave no child behind." The President sent Congress a plan to improve our nation's education. His education plan provides an excellent framework for moving forward quickly on bipartisan legislation in the Congress.

President Bush's proposal calls for an equal and quality education for all children. A child should not be left behind just because he or she is poor. Under President Bush's education plan, failing schools will have three years to get up to standards. If after three years a school is still not up to par, parents of students at these failing schools would have the option of sending their children to a school that meets their needs. No student should have to be trapped in a school that consistently fails to meet the students' needs. This plan gives parents the freedom to send their children to a school that gives the child the best possible education. A good education must be the end goal.

Decisions concerning our children's education should be made at the local level -- first by parents, and then by teachers and local communities. I was pleased to see that President Bush's education proposal provides for a limited government approach to education. The federal government remains responsible for setting education standards. But, the plan ensures that all decisions on how to implement the education standards are made by the states and local school districts. No one knows what students need more than parents, teachers and local communities.

A main theme in President Bush's education proposal is putting power back in the hands of the people. State and local governments should have the freedom to administer federal education dollars. At the same time, the plan recognizes that schools must be held accountable. This can be accomplished through annual state assessments in reading and math for students in grades three through eight. Annual state assessments will allow schools to give parents information on how their children are doing in school. The data will also allow schools to detect and correct problems in a timely fashion.

Education is not about government or bureaucrats or tax credits or federal mandates. Education is first, last and always about children. I applaud President Bush's education proposal. It is a strong approach to reforming our education system.

Every child deserves an opportunity for a bright future - we can make this a reality by giving children the best education possible. President Bush's plan is an important step to restore our nation's education system and "leave no child behind."

Permian Basin Weekly Rig & Drilling Summary (Districts 7C, 8, 8A & New Mexico)

Weekly Rig Count

Feb. 2, 2001

Compiled by Hughes Christensen and Tracer Supply Inc., San Angelo, Texas

DIST. #7C	DIST. #8	DIST. #8A
Coke 0	Andrews 4	Bailey 0
Concho 0	Brewster 0	Borden 3
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Irron 2	Culberson 0	Cottle 0
Kimble 0	Ector 3	Crosby 0
McCullough 0	Glasscock 1	Dawson 2
Menard 0	Howard 3	Dickens 0
Reagan 0	Hudspeth 1	Floyd 0
Runels 0	Jeff Davis 0	Gaines 7
Schleicher 3	Loving 0	Garza 0
Sutton 7	Martin 0	Hale 0
Terrell 2	Midland 17	Hockley 2
Tom Green 0	Mitchell 0	Kent 0
Upton 6	Pecos 7	King 0
Total Dist. 7C 30	Presidio 0	Lamb 0
NEW MEXICO	Reeves 6	Lubbock 0
Chaves 1	Sterling 2	Lynn 0
Eddy 28	Ward 7	Motley 0
Lea 30	Winkler 6	Scurry 1
Roosevelt 1	Total Dist. 8 59	Terry 3
Total NM 60		Yoakum 4
		Total Dist. 8A 22

Total rotary rig count (P.B.-Texas & NM) this week: 171

Weekly Drilling and Completion Report

Compiled by Charles Lewis Communications, Lindale, Texas

Feb. 6, 2001

J. Cleo Thompson, independent from Dallas, has revealed plans to drill a trio of new pool wildcats northwest of Ozona and near proven pay in the Ozona Field.

The wells include the No. 1 University "33-19", 18 miles southwest of Ozona; the No. 2 University "31-14E", about 13 miles northwest of Ozona; and the No. 2 University "31-15E", also approximately 13 miles northwest of Ozona.

All three wells are in 160-acre units in the University Lands, and all carry permit for 8,800-ft. TD. Canyon Sand pay is the target for all three wells.

A Rio Grande Valley wildcatter has filed for permit to drill a 1,500-ft. new pool wildcat near Crockett County's 60-year-old Wyatt Field. The well will be known as the No. 3 Todd. It is in a 320-acre drilling unit in the GC&SFRR Survey A-5514 about 17 miles northwest of Ozona. Joe McGuffin Jr. of Alice is the operator.

The Harrison Interests Ltd. of Houston has staked location for the No. 12 Veda Bean Unit "C" in the Ozona Field about 16 miles southwest of Ozona. It will be a 9,000-ft. test with Canyon Sand pay as the target. Location is in a 320-acre drilling unit in the CS&SFRR Survey A-4609.

The No. 5 Hallie Black III is scheduled for spudding in the Simpson-Mann Field, 40 miles southwest of Ozona. The Canyon Formation test carries permit for 6,500 feet of hole. It is in a 201-acre lease in Crockett County's TCR Survey A-3224. Occidental Permian of Midland is the operator.

The No. 8 Henderson is scheduled to be drilled in the Ozona Field about 17 miles southwest of Ozona with J. Cleo Thompson of Dallas as the operator. Drillsite is in a 640-acre unit, T&SLRR Survey A-4844. Aimed at production in the Canyon Sand, the well carries authority for 7,000 feet of hole making.

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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 26, 2001, through mid-August 2001. Applications must be picked up from and returned to the Crockett County Road Department. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on February 16, 2001. All applicants for Manager must be at least 18 years of age. Crockett County is an equal opportunity employer. 4c50

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John Stokes
Crockett County Auditor
Ozona, Texas 2c52

BID NOTICE
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Sealed bid proposals will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2001 at the School District Administration Building in Ozona, Texas. The bid award announcement will be made at the regular board meeting, in February by the Board of Trustees.
For more information contact Ray Don Myers at 915/392-5501 Ext. 5201. 2c1

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William Clegg, Deceased, were issued on the 25th day of January, 2000, in Docket No. 974, pending in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas, to: Eloise Clegg.
The address of Eloise Clegg is: 505 Cedar Ridge Drive, Box 951, Ozona, Crockett County, Texas 76943. The address for any claims is: 505 Cedar Ridge Drive, Box 951, Ozona, Crockett County, Texas 76943.
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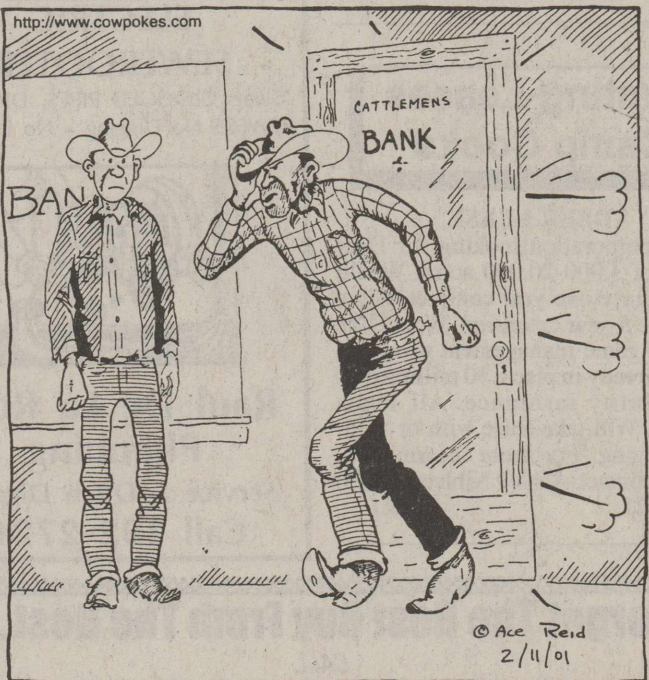
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