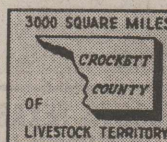


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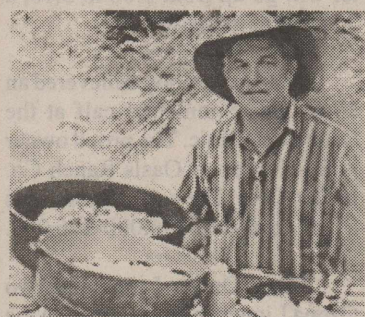
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Cee Dub hosts clinic March 20-21



Cee Dub
By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

C.W. "Butch" Welch didn't think about cooking until he decided to make Sunday dinner for his family, when he was 13-years-old.

Event Information

What: Cee Dub's Dutch Oven Cooking Clinic
When: March 20 and 21 at the 4-H Barn
What else: FFA Fund Raiser dinner at 6 p.m. March 19 at the convention center. Cee Dub will prepare the meal. Tickets are \$10 per person. All proceeds will benefit Ozona FFA.
One student will receive a \$150 scholarship to participate in a two-day dutch oven cooking clinic with Cee Dub.
Information: Call Manley Holmes at 392-5730 or 392-3896, or visit www.ceedubs.com.

The meal was suppose to be fried chicken, corn, mashed potatoes and gravy. Instead, the potatoes were a little soupy, corn was hot but the chicken was good. When it came time to make the gravy, Welch dumped a paper sack of flour into the skillet. He

kept adding milk and adding milk, until he finally ran out of skillet. "My gravy was like cement on a hot, summer day," he said. "With family, it was one of those mistakes that was not forgotten."

Please see CEE DUB, page 8

Saltcedar applications being taken through April 16

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

Just mention the word saltcedar to local Pecos River ranchers and often the response is one of hatred.

This plant might as well be on Texas' "Most Wanted" list for soaking up water all along the Pecos River.

With the efforts of the Pecos River Ecosystem Project, saltcedar eradication is moving down the river with plans to make its way through Crockett County this fall.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is currently taking applications from local landowners that have property on the river, or who have saltcedar on their property, for this years eradication. Deadline for the applications is April 16 and can be turned into the Crockett County Soil and Water Conservation District office.

"Our goal is to restore the entire ecosystem of the Pecos River to its natural vegetation," said Dr. Charles Hart, extension range specialist from Fort Stockton.

The NRCS will provide 75 percent of the funding for the eradication with 25 percent coming from the state. Hart said they are still waiting on state approval right now, but for landowners to go ahead an apply.

If landowners do not sign up, then they can't get in on the program, Hart said. If the 25 percent doesn't come through, and the landowner isn't willing to pay for it, then they can get out, he said.

"We are urging everybody to get signed up," he said. "It's a way to get a foot in the door."

The program started in 1999 with the Texas Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service and Upper Pecos Soil and Water Conservation District all working together. Other state and local agencies got on board as well.

Saltcedar itself uses around 200 gallons of water per day from the ground.

The Pecos is not a naturally



Photo by Paul C. Perner IV

SALT CEDAR ERADICATION: A helicopter flies over the Pecos River spraying Arsenal, a non-toxic herbicide onto saltcedar plants. The eradication is part of the Pecos River Ecosystem Project which is trying to eradicate saltcedar all along the river. Saltcedar is a plant that uses a lot of water and salinity of the river.

Application Information

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is currently taking applications for a special program for landowners along the Pecos River to control Salt Cedar. This program is part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and is designed to provide procedures with cost share and technical assistance to complete conservation practices.

Interested individuals may apply at the USDA Service Center in Ozona. Applicants may also request assistance by telephone, fax, email or letter. A signed application must be received by 5 p.m. April 16. The NRCS is located at 201 11 th St. in Ozona. For information, call (325) 392-2301 ext. 3 or fax (325) 392-4146.

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flowing river, but more like an irrigation delivery system for water that is released from the Red Bluff reservoir.

Saltcedar was brought to the United States in the early 1800s, mostly from Asia, according to a report by Roland C. de Govenain of the USDI Bureau

of Land Management.

It was used to combat erosion in order to stabilize stream banks, Hart said.

By the 1940s, saltcedar had spread through extensive areas along the Gila, Salt, Pecos and Colorado rivers, as well as the Rio Grande. It is estimated that 1,400

square-miles of floodplain land in the western U.S. was occupied by saltcedar in 1961, the report stated.

Besides using a lot of water, the non-native plant increases the salinity of the streams and rivers it infests. It can live in salty conditions and pulls salty water from the ground and excretes it through the leaves.

Four win gold medals at UIL Solo and Ensemble



Photo by Paul C. Perner IV

OZONA UIL SOLO and ENSEMBLE GOLD MEDAL WINNERS: (left to right) Whitney King, twirling, Justine Fielding, C.J. Graves and Jared Bird, trombone trio. The group competed on Feb. 21 in the region UIL Solo and Ensemble contest and will advance to the state competition on May 31. "This is the most students Ozona has had to state solo and ensemble in a decade," said band director Sonny Balhman.

Banquet Thursday

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its 40th annual Awards Banquet for 6 p.m. Thursday at the Civic Center.

Pianist Stan Bureson representing the First Baptist Church will provide dinner music. Following the posting of the colors by Boy Scout Troop 153, special tribute will be given to the service men and women of Ozona.

Find out who is to receive the Unsung Hero, Legacy of Spirit, Organization and Member of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards representing 2003. Chris Boleman, assistant professor to the Department of Agriculture and Education at Texas A & M Extension of College Station will be the guest speaker. provide the program this year.

All District girls basketball

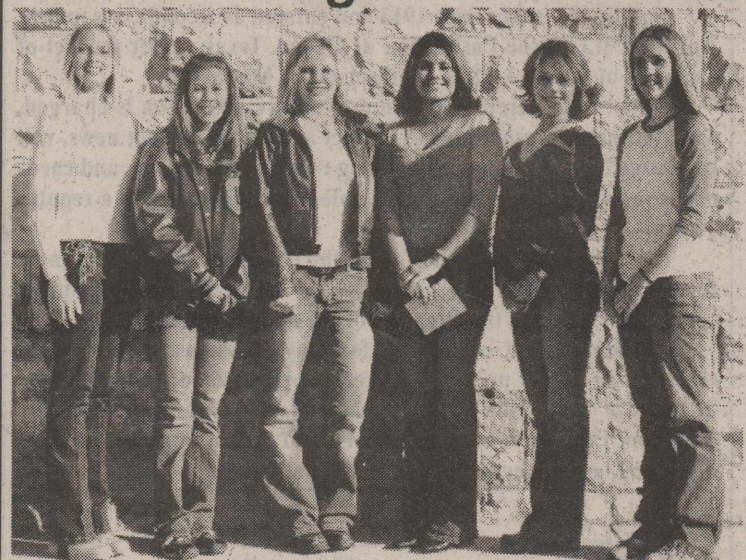


Photo by Susan Calloway

OZONA PLAYERS NAMED TO THE ALL-DISTRICT GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM: (left to right) Whitney King, second team, Heather Ybarra, honorable mention, Taylor Oglesby, honorable mention, Casey Ybarra, second team, Ruth Cervantez, second team and Kayla Johnson, first team.

Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Feb. 23	70	44	-0.35-
Feb. 24	60	34	-0.10-
Feb. 25	45	25	-0-
Feb. 26	64	25	-0-
Feb. 27	65	39	-0-
Feb. 28	56	45	-0.25-
Feb. 29	65	33	-0-

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

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Wednesday	Thursday
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Isolated T-Storms	Partly Cloudy

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Crockett County History

"This is the way it was"

By Oscar Kost



From the 2004 almanac

This article is an old one. I need some historical facts. If you have a paper or stories from the 1800s, I would love it.

First Texas oil well strike: 1901.

First Boy Scout Troop organized: 1907.

First fingerprint conviction: 1911.

National PTA organization: 1897.

Eli Whitney patented the cotton gin: 1876.

Bell transmitted the first telephone conversation: 1876.

First U.S. Mint established in Philadelphia, Pa.: 1792.

First National Park dedicated: Yellowstone, 1872.

Vaccination discovered: 1796.

Brooklyn Bridge opened: 1883.

First public balloon ascent in France: 1783.

Stars and stripes adopted as the U.S. flag: 1877.

West Point Military Academy opened: 1802.

Mormons settled in Salt Lake City: 1847.

New York City first police force: 1658.

First Labor Day celebration: 1894.

First English Bible: 1535.

U.S. Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Md.: 1845.

Railroad up Pikes Peak completed: 1890.

First hot air balloon flight: 1735.

Pilgrims landed in Plymouth, Mass.: 1620.

Wright Brothers first flight: 1903.

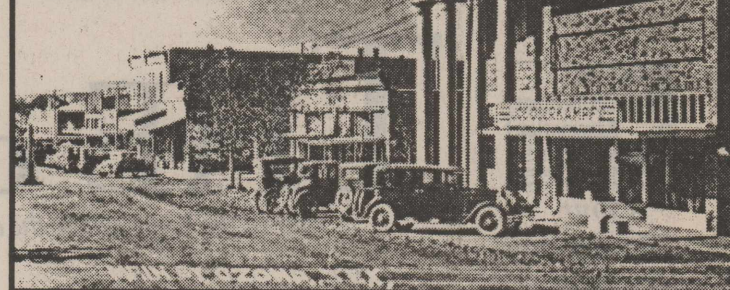
Bank of North America established: 1781.

Not much reading, but the dates may interest some.

Oscar

News Reel

News items taken from the files of The Ozona Stockman



NEWS REEL
FEB. 28, 1974

Postal rates are scheduled to increase March 2 across the nation. The cost of mailing a first-class letter will go up from \$.08 to \$.10, a 25 percent increase.

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Dr. Gary Vannoy delivered an 86 pounds Simmental calf at the Ozona Vet Clinic. The proud owner is Bill Roden of Oasis Ranch Co. in Sheffield. The calf's "mom" has a "net worth" of \$36,000-\$76,000.

...

Three Ozona Lions and two Ozona Lionettes were named to the second team All-District. Richard Sanchez, Rex Parker and Oliver Payne were named to the boys team, and Sylvia Flores and Martha Cantu were named to the girls.

NEWS REEL
MARCH 1, 1945

Sug Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Owens, of Ozona, has been nominated to represent Ozona in the "Most Beautiful Girl in Texas" and "Queen of the Range" pageants at the Fort Worth Stock Show.

...

Capt. Welton H. Bunker Jr., U.S. Marines, has been assigned as commanding officer of his Weapons Company, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division.

...

Two Ozona wounded veterans of the battle of France, Pvt. Bill L. Munoz and Pvt. Alejos Lara Jr. were here recently for a visit with their families and friends on furlough.

Senate committee hears pros, cons of workers' compensation program



AUSTIN

The next regular session of the Legislature is still 10 months off, but the law-making process already is

speech to the Texas Mental Health Association, "and Texas was already dead last in the percent of children without health insurance. That's unconscionable."

Money slashed from Medicaid coverage will prevent some 200,000 adults from getting needed counseling or psychological help.

But help is in sight if state officials take action, she said.

The comptroller estimated \$583 million is available to restore some of the health care cuts through the governor's budget execution authority and by the Legislature in a special session.

Environmental Commission sets hearings...

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality began a series of hearings across the state to get the public's view on how the agency is doing in its enforcement of environmental laws.

"We are performing an in-depth review of the enforcement process at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality," TCEQ Chair Kathleen Hartnett White said.

The hearings began Monday night in Arlington, with others scheduled in Midland, Harlingen and Houston.

For details, check the agency's Web Site at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Talking trash...

The Seventh annual Winter Texan Adopt-A-Beach Cleanup removed more than three tons of trash from South Padre Island.

Eighty-plus volunteers collected 6,825 pounds of trash ranging from a crematory tag to a feather pillow.

On the up side, someone found a \$10 bill, a little salty but still negotiable.

The annual clean up is sponsored by the Texas General Land Office and the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Since the state agency began the program in 1986, 5,800 tons of debris has been hauled off from Texas beaches.

For information on the spring cleanup, call 1-877-TXCOAST.

What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Mentors make a difference

Everyone has that one person that changes their life.

It's a person that you look up to, you want to be like and one that you would do anything to please. A mentor, of sorts.

My mentor is Vele Keyta Y. Redding. She was the first one to give me a job at the San Angelo Standard-Times.

At the time, she was the marketing director, and I needed a job. The work wasn't Pulitzer Prize winning, but it was time consuming.

Vele Keyta pushed me on my assignments. They were stories for the car show special sections, the bridal showcase section and the weekly newsletter for the paper's employees.

I would write one story and, inevitably, Vele Keyta would hand it back to me covered in blood, red ink with corrections. Rewrite, after rewrite, until it was finally done.

Normally, if someone did that, it usually resulted in me getting really frustrated. Vele Keyta was different. I admired this woman from the south, who had

achieved her goals of getting higher education and was working on larger ones.

Vele Keyta left when her husband was transferred to El Paso. I moved onto an internship in the newsroom.

When she got to far West Texas, she couldn't find a job that would eventually lead her to her goal of becoming a publisher, so she started her own magazine.

I couldn't believe it. What a woman. My admiration grew even more for her. I was then determined to advance my own career.

When Paul and I bought The Stockman, I immediately thought about getting in touch with Vele Keyta. I emailed her the news. She called me as soon as she got the message.

I good feeling rushed through me when I told her. We "talked shop" about the news business and she congratulated me.

After that conversation, I thought to myself, "Where would I be if it hadn't been for her?" It's amazing what a difference one person can make.

Folktales of Crockett County as told by John Fluth

Payment in cattle

A story from the feed store is about the time that there was a new livestock auction in a big city.

The auction advertised that you could put your livestock on the train and that the auction place would pay to ship your livestock and then take the cost of the train and the cost of the auction commission out of what you made on the livestock auction.

A rancher in Ozona was desperate one season - the market was way down. He went for the

deal and shipped 50 head of cattle. A month later, instead of a check, he got a bill from the auction house.

The bill said that the cost of shipping the cattle on the train and the cost of the auction commission was more than the cattle sold for, so he owed them \$14.

The rancher wrote back that the auction company could take the payment in two head of cattle, and asked when they were coming to Ozona to pick them up.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 3 - UIL band concert at Hamilton.

• Lady Lions golf in Sonora.

March 4 - Ozona Chamber of Commerce Banquet, 6 p.m., Crockett County Civic Center.

• Varsity Lion Baseball, Eldorado Tournament, in Eldorado.

• Ozona High School cheerleading tryouts, at the high school.

• Ozona Lion track meet at Irion County.

March 5 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m., at the Crockett County Senior Center. For information, call 392-5026.

• Varsity Lion Baseball, Eldorado Tournament, in Eldorado.

• Ozona High School Tennis Team at Regional Team Tennis meet in San Angelo.

• Early release for all schools.

• Junior High track meet at Reagan County.

March 6 - Varsity Lion Baseball, Eldorado Tournament, in Eldorado.

• Ozona High School Tennis Team at Regional Team Tennis meet in San Angelo.

• Ozona Lady Lion track meet in Junction.

• Junior High tennis meet in Sonora.

March 8-12 - Spring Break

March 8 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m., at the Crockett County Senior Center. For information, call 392-5026.

• Games, 1-3 p.m., at the Crockett County Senior Center. For information, call 392-5026.

• Garden Club Meeting at the home of Mrs. Jan Van Shoubreuck, the Jones House behind Ozona National Bank.

March 10 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m., at the Crockett County Senior Center. For information, call 392-5026.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2.

To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or email at publisher@ozona.com.

Please include name, address, phone number and email if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published.

Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should not exceed 250 words.

Former Ozona wool and mohair manager joins San Angelo firm



Ross

Joe Will Ross, a native of Sonora, has recently joined the San Angelo office of Jackson Walker L.L.P. as an associate in the litigation section.

"We are pleased to welcome Joe Will Ross back to West Texas and to our firm," said Don Griffis, partner-in-charge of Jackson Walker's San Angelo office. "He comes from a family with a tradition of civic service in Sonora and I'm sure that with this background he will fit in well in San Angelo."

Ross' practice also concentrates on addressing the legal needs of the agricultural industry in West Texas. The son of Dr. Joe David and Frances Ross, Ross grew up on the family ranch in Sonora. He attended Texas A&M University where he received a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering and a master's degree in Business Administration. Ross then moved to Ozona where he spent seven

years ranching and managing the Ozona Wool & Mohair Co.

A decision to embark on a new career path led Ross to San Antonio where he enrolled at St. Mary's University School of Law and later graduated, cum laude and was inducted into the John M. Harlan Honor Society.

After receiving his law degree, Ross worked in the litigation section of a law firm in San Antonio. A desire to return to the area he grew-up is one of the main reasons Ross took the job in San Angelo.

"I came back to get closer to my West Texas roots," he said.

Ross is a member of the Tom Green County Bar Association, Texas Young Lawyers Association, Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association, and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He served on the Crockett County Public Library Board for a number of years.

Founded in 1887, Jackson Walker is one of the oldest and largest Texas-based law firms with over 300 attorneys statewide. Attorneys in Jackson Walker's San Angelo office have significant experience in bankruptcy, business transactions, labor and employment, and litigation, including medical malpractice, nursing home, tort claims act, civil rights, insurance defense, and real estate matters.

Levis and Lace Club News

By CAROL ADCOCK

Twirling of skirts and full petticoats was the order for the night on Feb. 28 at the Senior Citizen Center.

Caller Ed Hart from Bronte put the square dancers through some high stepping and fast moving square dance tips. Two squares of dancers graced the floor all evening with a few extra watching from the sidelines.

Helen Stokes, resident of the Crockett County Care Center, joined in the festivities with lots of hand-clapping to encourage all the dancers. Dancers Colleen LaBavne, Charles and Addie Doby, Charles and Adie Freeman, Al and Mick Gordon come along with Ed Hart and his wife Mary from Bronte and San Angelo.

Levis and Lace members

attending were Otis Nester, Lucy Hinde, Royce and Brenda Newton, JoAnn Babbitt, Brigitte Rogers, Jim Brisbin, Nell Wester, Tina Jarvis, Carol Yeager, Pate Caddell and Leroy and Carol Adcock. Lots of good food was consumed by all.

Ed led the dancers through some steps for line dancing and then taught some new steps for square dancing. This was great "floor time" for the newer dancers.

Next dance will be at 8 p.m. March 13 at the Senior Citizen Center with Bill Prichard from Eagle Pass calling. Bill, along with Roy Lombard, will be calling Levis and Lace Anniversary Festival April 23-24. Levis and Lace members have already started working on this festival.

Everyone is invited to come join the dancers at any dance, at no charge to come watch.

Big Lake Bluegrass Festival March 19-21

The 13th annual Big Lake Spring Bluegrass Festival will take place March 19-21 in Big Lake.

Show times are 5:30-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday and gospel music on Sunday morning.

Featured performers are the Batten Family, of Brownfield, the Gore Brothers, of Big Lake, Star Canyon, of San Antonio, Concho

Grass, Hickory Hill, Salt Grass, White House Harmony and Sundowners, performing Saturday only.

Tickets are \$8 for Friday, \$12 for Saturday or \$20 for both days. The event is sponsored by the Big Lake Fire Department.

For information or reservations, call (325) 884-3650 or email biglakefd@hotmail.com.

The Ozona Stockman Deadline is MONDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

Ozona Garden Club Tips

By MAROLYN BEAN
Ozona Garden Club

March is the month of transition from winter to summer. There are a lot of clean up jobs that need to be done. Beds must be cleaned and mulched around the plants to prepare the plants for warm weather.

Winter accumulation of dust and insects can be cleaned off your evergreens by spraying with dormant horticulture oil mixed with water. This kills scale and insects that are present on the foliage. This must be done before the temperature reaches 80 degrees in order to not harm the plants. This process basically prepares the evergreens for the growing season ahead.

March is the latest month to safely prune rose bushes, except for climbing roses, which are early bloomers. Wait until the climbing rose bushes have completed their blooming cycle to prune so you won't cut off all the pretty blossoms. Each time you cut or prune roses make sure to go deeper than the third set of leaves. This stimulates the growth of the bush.

March is the month to protect your lawn from summer weeds. This is done by a onetime application of preemergence herbicide. Herbicides you might consider using to control weeds in the lawn are Portrait, Pendulum, or Estate, useful on broadleaf and

narrowleaf weeds. In beds dedicated for vegetable seeds consider the commonly used herbicides Treflan or Dacthal.

Always practice recommended dosages and recommended safety procedures to avoid damage to desirable plants. A preferable alternative is to compost the area in question and when the soil warms up fertilize organically. This method will stimulate a thicker growth pattern to crowd out the weeds. Compost can be individually made by processing 75 percent vegetative matter, (a mix of brown and green) and 25 percent animal waste. Ready to use compost can also be purchased.

This is the ideal time to fertilize healthy trees. A simple calculation is based on trunk diameter: use one pound of high nitrogen fertilizer (slow release type) per inch diameter of the tree trunk. Spread the fertilizer evenly under the drip zone of the tree. Again, if you are in to organic gardening, a good nutritional fertilizer can be made by mixing seaweed, horticultural molasses, and water.

As you can see, March is a very busy month in the garden. As tempted as we may be to fertilize grass it is still too early. Wait until the nights begin to get warmer to reap the full benefit of the fertilizer. If this is done too early, most of the nutrients just wash down to the soil below.

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It will be a double elimination tournament with prizes for the top three teams. In keeping with the theme of the tournament, the players' ages of the team members must add up to 75 or more. If there are individuals who would like to play, but cannot find team members or get on a team, they can submit their name and age and be matched up with other teamless individuals.

The entry fee is \$10 per person. Deadline for entries will be March 5.

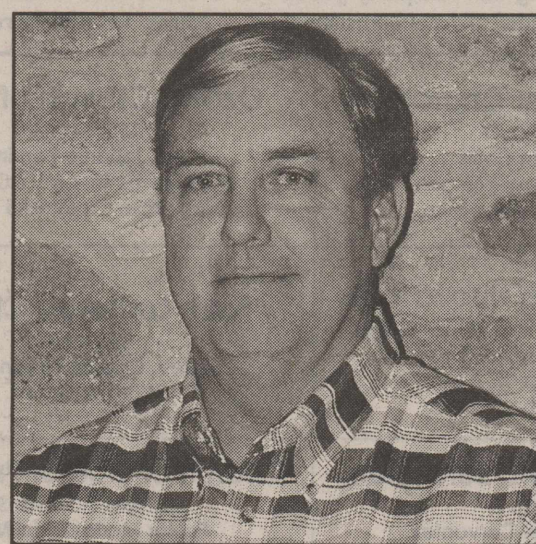
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TAKING A TRIP to the courthouse annex to vote last week were care center residents (l. to r.) Alma Wilson, Francis Flanagan, Jesus Perez, Emma Camarillo.



EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEERS Flor Longoria and Belia Reyes assist resident Manuel Ibarra with making of deviled eggs at the care center.



CARE CENTER RESIDENT MILDRED COUCH (center) celebrated her birthday with Ron and Virginia Valdez of Sanderson.

Care Center Chatter

By **JAN ST. CLAIR**
Care Center Activity Director

Monday mornings really go fast for us. It's bingo and then Meals on Wheels.

Resident Dottie Mason went on the Meals on Wheels delivery Monday. Terry Adams volunteers for Monday morning bingo. Thank you Terry, we enjoyed having you with us and look forward to seeing you more often.

The delivery of hot rolls by Penn Baggett on Monday afternoons are always so good. Thanks, Penn.

E.A. Wadsworth R.N. reads to our residents on Monday afternoons and Esther Williams reads to our residents on Wednesday afternoons.

From what I hear, from the residents, the book is very good. These two ladies have a growing group that attends.

Wednesday afternoon was the making of deviled eggs. Residents made and shared their own, personal recipes. There were seven dozen boiled eggs to start with by the time residents had made their eggs, and tasted other residents' eggs. There wasn't one egg left when it was done.

Housekeeping employees Flo Longoria and Belia Reyes volunteered their time after work to assist with the deviled eggs. Thank you ladies.

Sandy Montgomery of Village Barber and Beauty Shop donated supplies for our residents and beauty shop her at the facility. Thank you Sandy, it was very much appreciated.

Thursday morning we were glad to have Janet Hill and Martha Landen for our beauty shop volunteers. Thank you so much, our ladies really enjoy the beauty shop.

Thursday afternoon our local band entertained residents, staff and guests with their singing and music. Thank you Mary and Merle Welty and Otis Nester for sharing your talents with us.

Friday morning Johnny Griffin volunteered for bingo. Thank you Johnny, and we hope Bobbie is feeling better where she can come with you next Friday.

Thursday and Friday afternoon residents Jesus Perez, Alma Wilson, Emma Camarillo, Francis Flanagan and Buddy Phillips went down to the courthouse to cast their votes.

Thanks goes to our maintenance department, Rusty Harris and Eljio Martinez, for all their hard work on doing the new business offices and restorative aide room. Come check out our main lobby, dining room and offices. We're looking great here at the CCCC.

Our residents receive their Ozona Stockman each Wednesday morning. They would like to thank Melissa Perner for providing the paper and keeping them informed of current events in and around Ozona.

Commissioner Freddie Nicks and wife Pat donated ice cream for our residents this week. Just waiting for a nice warm day and the good oatmeal cookies that Commissioner Nicks makes us.

Churches that are so faithful for volunteering are the First Baptist Church, Church of Christ, Ozona United Methodist Church and the Catholic Church.

The Levis and Lace Square Dancers entertained our residents Friday night with their dancing.

Thank you all, our residents enjoy the dancing and visiting with you.

From all of us at the CCCC facility, have a good week. Come by for a visit, our doors are always open.

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"Then He brought him (Abraham) outside and said 'Look now toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendant be.'"

"And he believed the Lord, and He accounted to him for righteousness."

"For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God. And it was accounted to him for righteousness."

"But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness."

Genesis 15: 5-6 Romans 4: 3,5

Obituaries

Hilda Porras

Hilda Porras, age 65 of Ozona, died Sunday Feb. 29, 2004 in San Angelo.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, March 4 at the Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

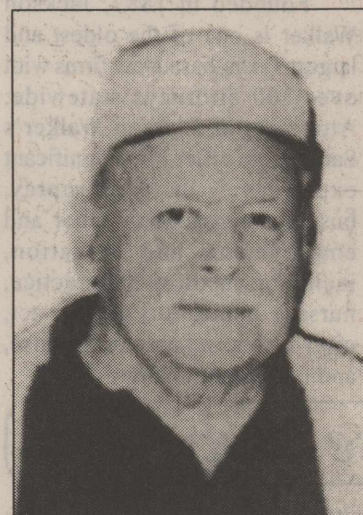
Mrs. Porras was a loving wife and mother. She was a long time member of the Assembly of God Church and a lifetime resident of Ozona.

Survivors include her husband, Dario H. Porras of Ozona; two daughters, Lisa Tijerina and her husband, Desi and Elma Ybarra and her husband Pete, all of Ozona, four sons, Robert

Rodriguez and wife Linda of Ozona and Emilio Porras all of Ozona, Guadalupe Porras and wife Tracy of Abilene and Dario Porras, Jr. of Midland, three sisters, Lisa DeHoyos of San Angelo, Victoria DeLaGarza of Ozona and Virginia Gonzales of Midland; eight brothers, Edmundo Flores of Ft. Worth, Ismael Flores or Corpus Christi, Matia Flores of Del Rio, Jimmy Flores and Leandro Flores, Jr. both of San Angelo, Jesse Flores, Baldemar Flores and Omero Flores all of Ozona; 23 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Gracie Rodriguez, a son, Ricky Rodriguez and a brother, Daniel Flores.

Jesus M. Martinez



Elizabeth Herrera and husband Arnulfo "Arnie" of Midland and Jesus "Chuy" Martinez and wife Lori of San Angelo.

Survivors also include eight grandchildren: Shelly Lechuga and husband John of San Angelo, Amber, Michael and Aubrie Tarin of Odessa, Megan and Mallory Marin and Myra Herrera of Midland and R.J. Martinez of Ozona.

He also leaves behind four great-grandchildren, Kymberlee and Alyssa Lechuga, Isela Herrera and Christian Marin.

Surviving siblings are Jose Martinez and Socorro Maldonado of Ozona. Also, surviving are numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

Pallbearers were Rosalio Longoria, Gabriel Longoria Jr., Eusebio Longoria, Juan Castellano, Benito Badillo and Frank "Pancho" Vargas.

Funeral service was held March 1, 2004 in the Ozona First Baptist Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Noble Hall Smith

Noble hall Smith, 98, of Van Horn, died Feb. 24, 2004 in Odessa. Graveside services were Saturday Feb. 28 in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smith was born Nov. 8, 1905 in Granbury, Texas. She attended school in Granbury, Hico and LaPryor before going to Westmoreland College and Texas University, where she received her teacher's certificate.

Noble taught school in Barnhart where she married Willard Elton Smith. She taught music and band in Ozona until 1948 when she and Elton moved to Van Horn. She continued teaching music there for many years. She was very active in the Methodist Church, served on the board of the West Texas Historical Society and was President of the Garden Club and Chamber of Commerce.

Noble loved football, especially the Dallas Cowboys. She was the number one booster for the John Madden Football Hall of Fame located at Chuy's Restaurant in Van Horn.

Mrs. Smith is survived by three sons, Noble E. Smith of Lago Vista, Texas, Isaac F. Smith of Brownwood, Texas and Billy Barte Smith of Kerrville, Texas; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elton, two daughters, Zelma Norine Smith and Alice Marie Smith and one son, Eddie L. Smith.

Unevenly Yoked

Their farm was just up the road from us and every time we went by I would look for them. If I saw them I would beg my grandfather to stop so I could watch them. It was a large brown mule and a small bay horse that were hooked to a plow.

As I watched I noticed that the big mule had to do most of the work and if he stopped the plow stopped.

Seeing that unequally yoked pair reminded of the circumstances

that many marriages face in life. I am not talking about physical size or race but spiritualness. Maybe they weren't Christians when they got married and one or the other accepted Christ later on.

That can make a marriage real difficult. What is one to do?

The Bible gives some clear instructions. 1 Corinthians 7:12-16 says not to leave or abandon (divorce) your mate just because he or she is not a Christian.

Many misinterpret these

verses and think because they are Christians their spouses or children are Christians.

Each person must accept and exercise faith in Christ personally (John 1:12 & 13, Romans 10:13) I would see the big mule stop sometimes because he was so tired and then he would go on.

Maybe that's what we are to do.

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

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Card of Thanks

I want to express my sincere thanks for all the calls, visits flowers and food after my recent surgery. It was appreciated so much.
Belia Reyes and Family

Card of Thanks

Thanks to all who came out Wednesday night for a possible search for Will. It sure was comforting to a couple of scared parents to see such a well, organized bunch of caring Crockett County citizens.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH

Missed you all last week, as the ole bug caught me and I was out for a few days sick. It sure feels good to be back at work and taking care of business.

The rain was wonderful last week, but I am equally happy seeing heavenly sunshine. With ample of both, we should see a beautiful spring in the near future.

Our early morning exercise program is growing. We all agree that we feel better on days that we exercise. We still have room left in our class for more members so come and join us.

Valentine's came and went. Our dance was even more fun than usual. Willena and Jammie Knox played their hearts out and it was a wonderful night. Sandy Stokes was to also play, but unfortunately he was ill. We hope he is over being sick and can play our next dance.

The news concerning Elma and Cecil Buckner has not been good. As you all know, Cecil has been sick for awhile and then to only make their situation worse, we learned their son, Robert, had been hurt in an accident and his condition

is critical. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Buckner family.

We plan to have our annual Spring Fest April 3 at the Senior Center. Vendors have already begun calling to reserve a booth site and if you want one, call Lynn English at 392-5026. Our charge is only \$10 per booth. The Senior Center will have a bake sale and a country store.

Remember we do have the Texas Defensive Driving videos for rent here at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Keep in mind that we are always needing people to deliver Meals on Wheels for our elderly. We need you and your neighbors to help out. Please do not let these elderly people down. If you can deliver, call 392-5026 and reserve yourself a day.

Our next potluck will be noon March 10, and we do hope many of you will attend.

AARP will meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at the Senior Center. Exercise class will be 8:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Afternoon games are 1-3 p.m. Mondays. Our establishment is smoke and alcohol free.

Look for kites in the sky this windy month.

Victim services training March 27

Assault Victim Services is pleased to announce its Spring 2004 Volunteer Training Academy. We will begin training new volunteer advocates on March 27.

Training is open to men and women, 18 and up, who are interested in becoming an advocate for victims of sexual assault and other violent crime in the Concho Valley. Trainees will complete a 40-hour curriculum covering such topics as the medical and legal aspects of sexual assault/abuse and crisis intervention techniques.

Space is still available in this class. No experience is required. Upon completion of training, volunteer advocates will be qualified to staff the hotline and provide advocacy and accompaniment services to victims of crime and their significant others.

Prospective volunteers must schedule an interview and fill out an application prior to entrance into the training program. For more information, or to schedule an interview, please call Sarah Duerstine, Director of Volunteer Services, at (325) 944-8728.

Elgoatarod festival this weekend

ELDORADO - The annual Elgoatarod festival will take place this weekend on the Schleicher County Courthouse square.

Last year saw entrants from Menard, Christoval, Fort McKavett and Eldorado, with more teams expected this year. Everyone is eligible and welcomed. Goats may be led by a third party in most races if need be. Rules are lax and any type of conveyance is permissible as long as it can transport a human. Any number of goats are allowed to pull the wagon, cart, chariot, etc....

Events begin at 10 a.m. Saturday with arts and crafts, food booths, carnival games, train and games. It begins at noon Sunday, ending by 5 p.m. both days. There will also be many goat-related activities both days.

Also on tap are a parade at 10 a.m. Saturday and an all comers car show. The car show includes categories for all cars, but has a special division for the Pontiac GTO, or Goat, as it's affectionately called.

For information, call Jim Runge at (325) 853-2434 or email elgoatarod@hotmail.com.

Mendoza deployed to Iraq



Cpl. Manuel Mendoza, U.S. Marine Corps, was deployed overseas to Iraq on Feb. 12.

Mendoza is a member of the MALS-II Unit, stationed aboard Mira Man Marine Air Station in San Diego, Calif. Marines and sailors from this command will be engaged in this war as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Their mission will be to provide support for the KC-130s in Iraq, and also do a security force for the base that the Third Marine Aircraft Wing will be stationed at.

About 120 personnel from MALS-II Command will be in

Iraq for the next 14 months.

It is the Corps' intent to replace those warriors at the seven month mark, but the possibility exists they may be gone for the entire 14 months.

Mendoza spent some time in San Diego with his parents, Frank and Irma Tambunga, brothers, Roman and Noah, sister, Michelle and with nephews, Jason and Justin Badillo, before departing to Iraq.

Please keep Mendoza and all other military members defending our country, especially members from Ozona, in your prayers.

Baseball volunteer meeting Thursday

There will be an organizational meeting for Ozona Youth Baseball at 7 p.m. Thursday at the new concession stand located in the center of the baseball complex.

This meeting is for anyone interested in coaching a team, sponsoring a team or just for volunteering for help.

The youth of Crockett County really appreciates any help anyone is willing to give. You do not have to have a child participating to help.

THIS IS NOT A SIGN UP MEETING.

If you are unable to attend, but are willing to help, call Roland DeHoyos at 226-2036 or Sheba Minnick at 392-5618 and leave a message.

Press scholarship applications available

The Ozona Stockman and publisher Melissa Perner are pleased to announce applications are currently being accepted from area students for two \$2,000 scholarships awarded through the West Texas Press Association and Texas Press Association.

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

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

Each scholarship will be divided into two payments of \$1,000 for each semester. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester that the scholarship is awarded. College students must have 60 hours

college course work.

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

One scholarship will be presented to a graduating high school senior and the other to a student attending a college or university as a print journalism or advertising major. Broadcast and public relations majors do not qualify.

Application forms have been sent to member newspapers and high schools in the areas served by West Texas Press Association members and to college journalism departments.

Prospective applicants may secure an application from the high school journalism department or counselor or download form in .pdf format from www.wtpa.org. Applicants must be from the area served by the WTPA membership.

Applications and essays should be sent to Mark A. Jordan, WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P. O. Box 149, Decatur, Texas 76234, and be postmarked no later than June 19.

Winners will be chosen by the West Texas Press Association board of directors and will be announced at the Association's 74th annual Summer Convention to be held at The Cliffs Resort on Possum Kingdom Lake, July 15, 16, and 17.

J. L. Mankin, 2003 graduate of Eldorado High School, received the 2003 high school scholarship and is attending Angelo State University, San Angelo. The college scholarship was awarded to Laura Lucas of Granbury, a student at the University of Texas at Austin.

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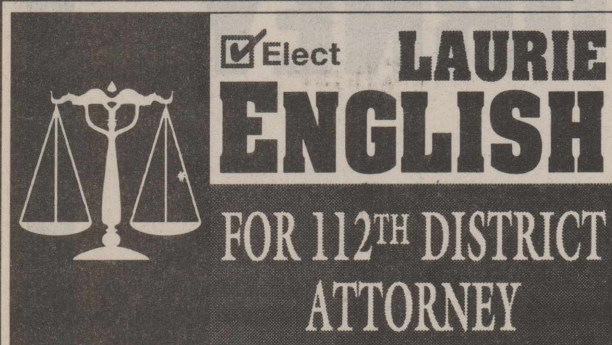
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Second Grade

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Jose Aguilar, Murphey Black, Duncan Knox, Russel Komechak, Abey Lara, Jayce Logan, Rebecca Pierce and Austin Suddreth

"A-B" Honor Roll**Third Grade**

Jason Badillo, Alexander Borrego, Jessica Borrego, Shelby Darr, Sabrina Delagarza, Brandon Dominguez, Tyler Galindo, Cynthia Garcia, Cuatro Jones,

Jason Lopez, Jonathan Martin, R.J. Martinez, Joaquin Meza, Jolynn Rodriguez, Ingrid Silva, Marley Tambunga, Bethani Trevino, Elisa Trujillo, Narce Urate, Felipe Villarreal and Italy Villarreal

Fourth Grade

Anthony Avila, Erik Carrizales, Anthony Delgado, Emalee Hamilton, Natalie Hernandez, Ryan Johnson, Jose Carlos Lozano, Joshua Martinez, Marty Moran, Nancy Rodriguez, Jorge Sarabia, Mario Sifuentes and Adriel Zamarripa

Fifth Grade

Jose Cadillo, Sean Davis, Kyle Dean, Alma Elizondo, Erik Estrada, Trey Fierro, Anthony Gutierrez, Leandra Hernandez, Abel Ibarra, Raevon Johnson, Emily Merrill, Kristen Mendoza, Jady Poindexter, Rebecca Ramos, Gabriela Rodriguez, Wilton Russell, Christian Smith, Brenda Venegas and Miguel Vergara

Zuberbueler receives Religious Knot Award

Travis Zuberbueler received the Religious Knot Award, Feb. 14, in a special mass from the Catholic Church.

Bishop Michael Pfeifer celebrated the Mass at Holy Angels Catholic Church in San Angelo. Pfeifer presented awards to all boy scouts and girl scouts in the diocese who earned religious awards.

Art Roane was the counselor for this program in Ozona, called the Ad Altere Dei, meaning the Boy of the Altar. Travis started this program on June 1, 2003 and continued till the end of October. The purpose of the program focused on the scouts relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. It helps the

scout advance in the spiritual content of scouting and helps him live fully in the Scout Oath and Law.

The program went into depth on the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church: Baptism, Penance, Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick.

At the end of November, Travis traveled to San Angelo to participate in a Board of Review. The Ad Altere Dei program is open to all seventh and eighth grade boys who are registered Catholic Boy Scouts. Travis also earned the Light of Christ and Par Vulei Dei as a cub scout.

Middle school Honor Roll**"A" Honor Roll****Sixth Grade**

Leonard Castillo, Andrew Galindo, Brandi Glosson, Tara Johnson, Corey Kelley, Evelardo Longoria, Alexandria Macias, Jayci Miller, Taylor Newton, Kyle Sewell, Antonio Villarreal and Lane White

Seventh Grade

Daniel Anderson, Kara Bird, Ethan English, Silvia Hernandez, Wade King, Nathan Knox, Matthew Komechak, Alysha Lara, Jesse Ramos and Chelsea Spence

Eighth Grade

Puja Bhakta, Julia Henderson, Park Preddy and Paloma Taylor

"A-B" Honor Roll**Sixth Grade**

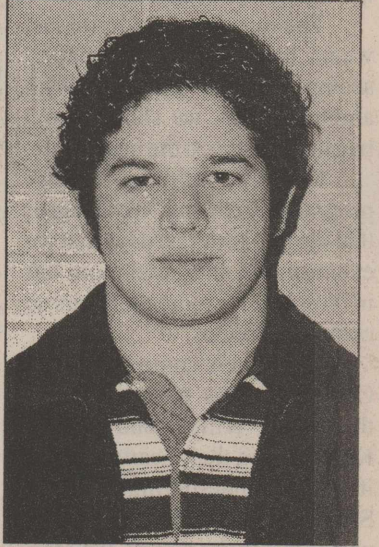
Jesse Badillo, Kelsey Childress, Alejandra Cruz, Myra Dominguez, Angelic Gutierrez, Oscar Lopez, Jordan Martinez, Wesley McGuire, Lauren Najar, Vanessa Rodriguez, Brandyn Tebbetts, Adrianna Tijerina, Jaron Vasquez and Katrina Villarreal

Seventh Grade

Cheyenne Coy, Jordan DeHoyos, Latham Ducote, Benjamin Flores, Matthew Garza, Christopher Lara, Ruben Rivas, Cristina Rodriguez, Steven Silva, Preston Tebbetts, Iris Vergara, Wilson White and Whitney Wilson

Eighth Grade

Timothy Beseil, Morgan Capps, Alexa Cervantez, Mathew DeWolfe, Jonathan Flores, Brooke Kelly, Alan Lozano, Justin Maldonado, Rylee Ramos, Celia Rivera, Fermin Romero, Joshua Santos, Ely Silva, Jared Spence, Mark Tambunga, Matt Turland, Abel Villarreal, Lori Villarreal, Wendy Wilson and Abigail Zamarripa

Josh Long named Student of the Month

Josh Long has been named Student of the Month for Ozona High School.

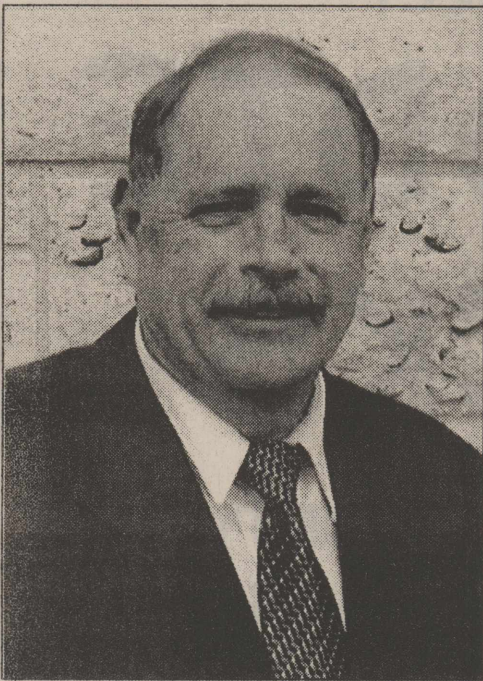
Josh, a senior, is active in football, National Honor Society and UIL number sense, mathematics and science. He plans to attend Rice University and major in mechanical engineering.

One of Josh's teachers said he is a "responsible, hard working, strives to succeed, dependable, one of our top UIL students and number one in his class."

Other students nominated were Jared Bird, Jasmine Tambunga, Caleb Mitchell, Whitney King, Tyler Cunningham, Paarth Raj, Stephen Humphrey and Amber Batura.

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OHS tennis team wins Ozona Invitational

By **BECKY BARRERA**
Stockman sportswriter

The Ozona Tennis Team competed this past weekend in the Ozona Invitational.

This was a great tournament for our players, as they won the team championship despite the rainy weather Saturday.

Ozona finished with 100 points, followed by Eldorado at 82, Sonora, 79, Forsan, 64, Crane, 49, Garden City, 48 and Reagan County JV and Sterling City, each with 17.

"I felt that everyone played very well and I'm very optimistic about our chances this week as we in our Regional Team Tournament in San Angelo," said Coach Rick Bachman.

In the varsity boys doubles, Jared Bird and Ruben Talamantez placed first, followed by Jeffery Gillit and Jared Espino in second and Paarth Raj and Joseph Tambunga in sixth.

In varsity girls doubles, Courtney Campbell and Jessica

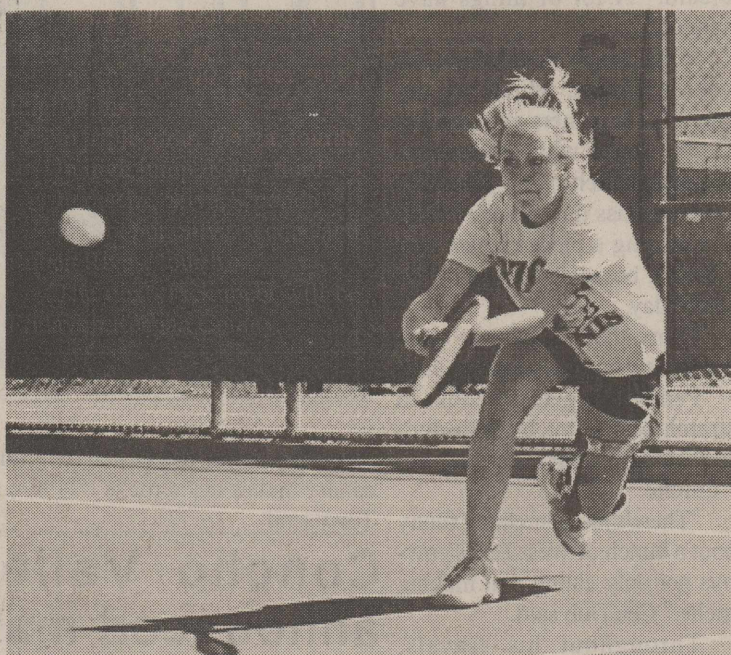


Photo by Melissa Perner

HILARY HUFFMAN charges the ball during the Ozona Invitational Tennis Tournament held Feb. 27 and 28.

Moore won third and Hilary Huffman and C.J. Graves won fourth.

Jenna Henderson won first in the varsity girls singles, with Bobbie Sue Bangeman placing fourth.

In JV girls singles, Jamie Fierro won second, Penny Stewart, third and Cristy Dominguez, consolation.

Varsity Lions baseball plays Midland

By **BECKY BARRERA**
Stockman sportswriter

The Varsity Lions baseball team traveled Feb. 26-27 to



Ozona Middle School Tennis Schedule

March 6 - Sonora Junior High Tourney - Boys & Girls - 8:30 a.m.

March 20 - Eldorado Junior High Tourney - Boys & Girls - 8:00 a.m.

March 27 - Ozona Junior High Tourney - Boys & Girls - 8:30 a.m.

April 3 - Junior High District Tourney - Boys & Girls - 8:30 a.m. - Big Lake

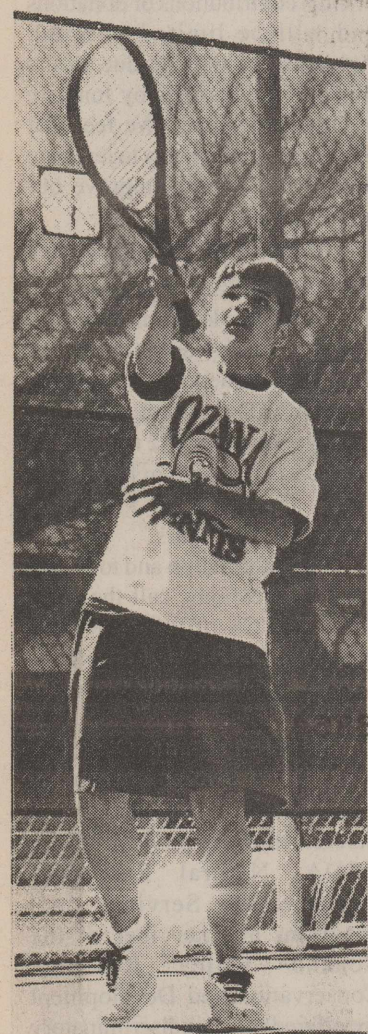


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JOSEPH TAMBUNGA goes up to hit the ball in the Ozona Invitational Tennis Tournament.

Seventh-grade Lions win second at Sonora

By **BECKY BARRERA**
Stockman sportswriter

The Ozona seventh-grade boys track team traveled Feb. 27 to compete in the Sonora Track Meet.

"The boys competed very well in Sonora, winning the second place trophy," said Coach Fontenot. "I'm very proud of the entire group that competed in the track meet."

In the 2,400-meter run, Ethan English placed second.

In the 400-meter relay, Ben Flores, Josh Smith, Fabien Onate and Matthew Garza won second.

In the 100-meter dash, Garza won first.

In the 800-meter run, Wade

King, second.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Matthew Komacheck, second and Jesse Ramos, third.

In the 400-meter run, Onate, second and Daniel Gonzales, third.

In the 200-meter dash, Steven Silva, sixth.

In the 800-meter relay, Daniel Gonzales, Onate, Garza and King, second.

In the 1,600-meter run, English, first.

In triple jump, Garza, fourth.

In high jump, King, third.

In discus, Silva, second.

In shot put, Silva, second and Ruben Rivas, fourth.

The next track meet will be Friday in Reagan County.

In JV boys doubles, Eric Fierro and Colby Mayfield won first and Jorge Sillen and John Tom Tijerina won fourth.

JV girls doubles saw Tiffany Carrasco and Mandy Fierro winning first, followed by Lori Lozano and Patsy Lawson in consolation and Diane Hernandez and Lanell Garcia in third.

compete in Midland.

Ozona lost to the Midland JV team 3-13.

In the next game, Ozona faced the Midland Christian JV and lost 6-11. When Ozona faced Odessa, they lost 5-19.

On Friday, the Lions defeated Andrews 9-8.

The Lions record is 1-3.

Ozona Lions golf finishes second at Sonora tourney

By **BECKY BARRERA**
Stockman sportswriter

The Ozona Varsity Boys Golf Team traveled to Sonora Thursday to compete in the Sonora Tournament.

Sonora won the tournament with 310 points. Ozona placed second with 324 points. Iraan finished third with 342.

Scores for Ozona were Arron Garza, 73, Ryan Pearl, 78, Zane

Lady Lions golf third at Ozona

By **BECKY BARRERA**
Stockman sportswriter

The Ozona Varsity Girls golf team competed Feb. 23 in the Ozona Invitational.

The Lady Lions came in third with 461 points. Robert Lee won with 417 and Sonora came in second with 421.

Julie Riley, of Robert Lee, won first in the individuals with a score of 94, Kayla McBride, of Sonora, was second with 96 and Korissa Check, of Reagan County, was third with 98.

The girls did a good job in their first tournament.

They will travel today to Sonora to compete in a tournament.

Middle School Track Schedule

March 5 - Reagan Co.
March 18 - Triangular Meet - Reagan Co., Grape Creek & Ozona - Site to be announced
March 25 - Ozona Relays
April 1 - District Meet - Sonora



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

WINNING MEDALS AT THE HEART OF TEXAS TRACK MEET IN BRADY are: (front, l. to r. Casey Cervantez and Britney Ramos. Middle row: Roman Tambunga, Levi English, Eliseo Treto, Jarryd Taylor, Tyson Vordick and Vince Castro. Back: Michael Maldonado, Simon Garza, Trey Collis, Michael Garza and Brad Mayfield.

Lions win Heart of Texas Relays

By **BECKY BARRERA**
Stockman sportswriter

The Ozona Varsity Boys track team traveled this past weekend to Brady to compete in the Heart of Texas Relays.

There was a large field of 1A, 2A and 3A schools present. There was also a mix of uncooperative weather and it was a really tough day.

"What we had as a goal, was to set a mark or time that we could build on during the season, and we pretty much did that throughout the day's competition," said Coach Duncan.

During the morning events, J.D. Borrego placed first in the long jump with a jump of 20-feet, 4-inches, followed by Vince Castro who placed fourth with 19-2. Borrego also placed third

in the triple jump with a distance of 39 1/2.

In the discus, Jarryd Taylor placed second with a throw of 139-6, with Michael Garza at third with a throw of 133-7 and Toby Pagan in fourth with 127. Taylor also placed second in the shot put with a throw of 52-3.

Brad Mayfield won second and Tyson Vordick third in the high jump at a measurement of 6-0.

Once the field events were complete, the Lions had a total of 60 points for the team.

In the 3,200-meter run, Eliseo Treto won first with a time of 10 minutes, 48.17 seconds, and following close behind was teammate Simon Garza with a time of 11:12.50.

The 400-meter relay team of Trey Collis, Taylor, Castro and Borrego came in third with 46.08.

In the 110-high hurdles, Mayfield sprinted to a first place finish of 14.66.

The 800-meter relay of Taylor, Collis, Vordick and Mayfield finished fourth with a time of 1:40.12.

Borrego placed fifth in the intermediate hurdles with Castro barely beating him for a fourth place finish.

In the 1,600-meter run, Treto finished first, followed by Arron Garza second.

The final race of the 1,600-meter relay, consisting of Collis, Mayfield, Castro and Borrego, finished sixth with 3:51.87.



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OHS JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS' GOLF TEAM MEMBERS are: (l. to r.) Ross Kelley, Lakin Aaron and Pate Caddell.



Photo by Paul C. Perner IV

OHS VARSITY BOYS' GOLF TEAM MEMBERS are: (l. to r.) Clay Guynes, Zane Coates, Matt McGuire, Ryan Pearl and Arron Garza.



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OHS VARSITY BOYS' GOLF TEAM MEMBERS warm up before the golf tournament on March 1 at Ozona Country Club.

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JUSTINE FIELDING was one of the volunteer readers at the "Read Across America" held at the primary school March 2.

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CEE DUB: New series shot in unique locations

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With three sister teasing him, Welch decided that would be his stimulus to one day out cook them.

Years later, the man, now known as Cee Dub, is traveling the country and making waves on television for his dutch oven cooking.

Cee Dub will appear March 19-21 in Ozona for a FFA Fund Raiser dinner and cooking clinic.

"Out of all the clinics I've done, the most fun I've had was in Ozona," he said, of his appearance last year. "It's a small, agricultural town. The kind of town my wife and I grew up in. It feels like home."

Cee Dub and his wife, Penny, live along the South Fork of Clearwater River near Grangeville, Idaho.

A bachelor for 30 years, Cee Dub learned his cooking techniques while employed as a game warden traveling up and down rivers.

He wrote his first book, started teaching in a local college and the rest is history.

"I did not plan on doing this," he said. "It just took on a life of its own."

In 1999, he starred in a Public Television series called "Dutch Oven and Camp Cooking" which made 39 episodes.

This past summer, Cee Dub filmed 13 episodes of his new series "Dutch Oven Cookin' with Cee Dub" that will be marketed to commercial television stations.

Unlike his first show, Cee Dub is traveling the country and cooking in places like Columbia Crest Winery near Paterson, Wash., a tailgate party at a football stadium and even backyards and poolside locations.

"This one is a lot different,"

he said. "A lot of things have changed."

What hasn't changed are his cooking clinics, which are designed for beginners and experts.

For those who have never touched a dutch oven, Cee Dub leads the class through the basics of seasoning a piece of cast iron to baking bread at the end of the second day.

Those that are experts often pick up new tips and tricks, he said.

Penny also gets the cooks to "stretch out" a bit by introducing recipes such as clam linguini or quiche.

"There's just something funny about a bunch of West Texas cowboys not only eating, but making quiche," Cee Dub said.

Throughout his travels, though, Cee Dub said he is always learning something new as well.

"I never leave a clinic where I don't learn something new from my students," he said.

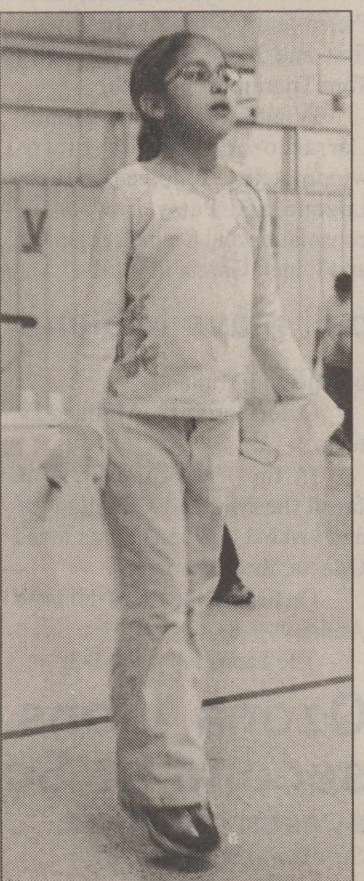


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NICOLE MUÑOZ, a second grader at Ozona Primary School, participates in Jump Rope for Heart on Feb. 26.

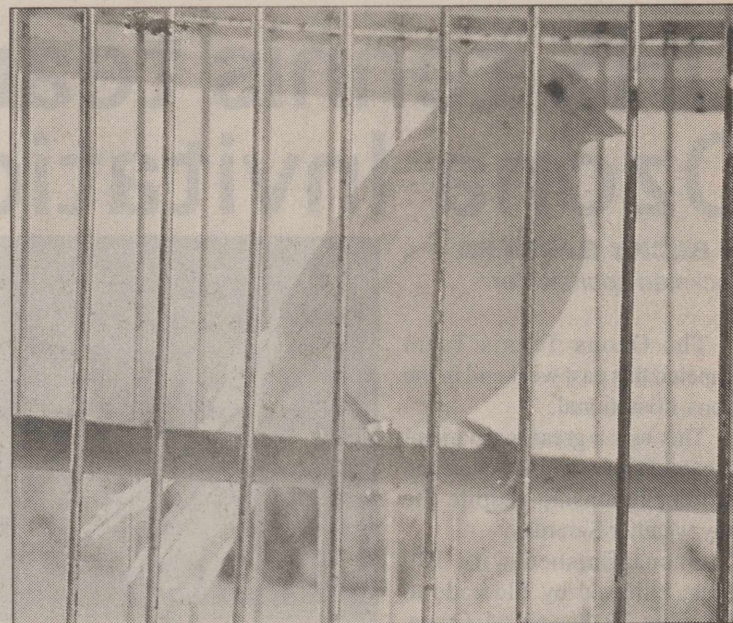


Photo by Susan Calloway

"BIG DADDY" celebrated his ninth birthday recently. The long-lived canary makes his home at 604 Ave. J with his parents Allene and Bill Townsend.

Concho Valley RC&D has announced matching grants

The Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, Inc. has announced the availability of \$3,000 in the 2004 Matching Grant Program.

Larry Williams, Crockett County Board of Director, said "Our goal is to make these funds available to the communities and organizations in our thirteen county area for local projects."

The RC&D program is authorized by USDA and administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The individual RC&D councils direct the program to the needs of the local communities.

The RC&D council or Board of Director must approve the submitted grant application. Grants will require an equal match of local contributions or donations and will be limited to \$500. Applications will be due in the Concho Valley office by June 30.

Williams said "We feel that this is an excellent way to leverage federal dollars and improve our communities."

Congress appropriates funding yearly for the RC&D program.

Williams also said, "Our U.S. Senators and Representatives have been tremendous supporters of the RC&D program. Congress appropriated over \$52 million for the RC&D program in fiscal year 2004. This is a \$1.5 million increase in two years."

For information and to obtain grant applications, call the local USDA-NRCS office, or RC&D Board of Director or by calling the Concho Valley RC&D office at (325) 597-4666.

The Concho Valley RC&D Area, Inc. is partially funded by the USDA and adheres to the discrimination policy of the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service. "All programs and services of the Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital or family status, political beliefs, parental status, or protected gender information."

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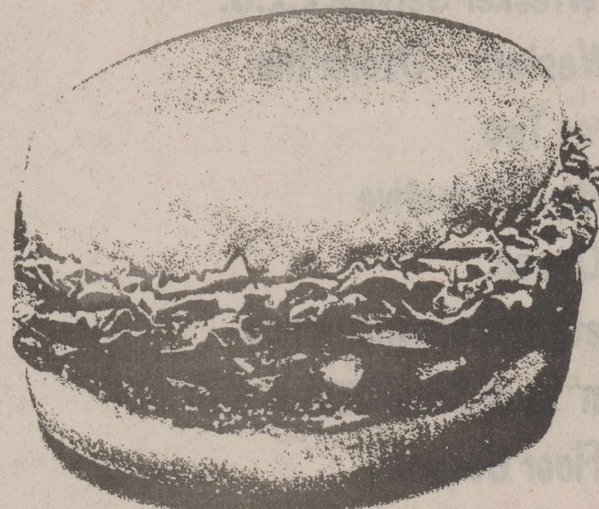
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The objective of the Crockett County EQIP Local Work Group is to promote the wise use of conservation practices for improving the natural resources in the county. A meeting of the Local Work Group identified invasive brush species as the primary

resource concern for the county. In order to address this concern, the Local Work Group selected brush management practices as the highest priority in the county. Eligible practices given the highest priority for funding will be chemical and mechanical control of brush.

Interested individual may apply in person at the USDA Service Center in Ozona. Applicants may also request assistance by telephone, fax, email or letter.

A signed application must be received no later than close of business on April 16, 2004. The Natural Resources Conservation Service is located at 201 11 St. Ozona. The telephone number is (325) 392-2301 ext. 3 and the fax number is (325) 392-4146.

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4-H'ers sew pillows for care center residents



Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H SEWING PROJECT MEMBERS delivered pillows they sewed to care center residents on Feb. 11. Pictured are: (l. to r.) Monica Schwartz, Lucille Littleton, Travis Zuberbueler and Anrienne Bendele.

**Reported by
Adrienne Bendele
and
Travis Zuberbueler**

The Crockett County 4-H sewing project led by Monica Schwartz met at the Crockett County Care Center on February 11 to deliver pillows to everyone for Valentines Day.

The pillows were sewn by Adrienne Bendele, LuCinda Birkenfield, Lauren Poole, Linda Stapper, and Travis Zuberbueler. Delivering the pillows were these 4-H'ers along with Damon Johnson, Jolissa Payne, Kelbie Renfro, Laura StapperLana Stapper and Odelia Vargas.

When the 4-H members handed the pillows to the residents

they all had a very cheery smile on their face. "Seeing the excitement on their faces made the time and effort sewing these pillows very rewarding," said Bendele.

The next 4-H sewing meetings will be held on March 24 at 3:15 pm and March 27 at 10:00 a.m., both at the Extension Service office.



Photo Courtesy of Debbie Dockery

FIVE YEAR-OLD THOMAS CRUZ was on the Odessa channel 9 news this past weekend while mutton busting at the Texas Junior Bull Riders Association competition.

Regional domino tourney March 12-14

The second annual West Texas Regional Domino Tournament will be held March 12-14 at the Suez Shrine Temple, 2915 Loop 306, in San Angelo.

Everyone who enjoys competitive domino and 42 games is invited to participate.

Other activities will include door prizes and a silent auction. Women who are not playing can sign up for three days of touring and shopping around San Angelo.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Historic Murals of San Angelo Inc.

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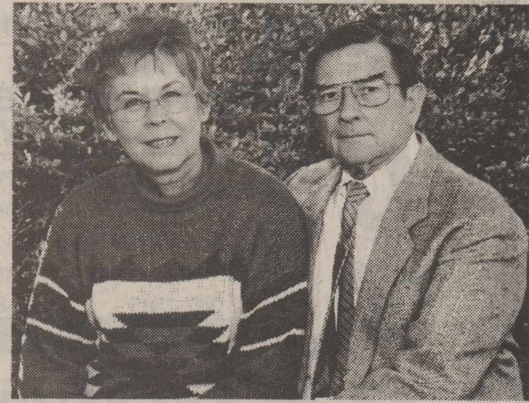
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

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2-24-04

- Deputy met with complainant at the sheriff's office on a civil dispute.
- Report of stranded motorist on Interstate-10. Dispatcher notified wrecker service.
- Deputy met with complainant on Avenue E on damage to vehicle.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on 11th Street.
- Deputy met with motorist that needed gas. Gas was denied, subject had enough fuel to get to next county.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on 12th Street.
- Report of a back door open at a residence on Santa Anna Street. Deputy secured door.
- Report of an alarm going off at the Heritage Building. All was secured.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on Swaps Street.

2-25-04

- Deputy assisted EMS personal on a 911 call at 11th Street. Subject was transferred to clinic.
- Complainant called the office and advised that while on Pandale Road someone tried to run him off the road. Caller advised he will be in the next day to file charges. Subject never showed up to file charges.
- Complainant called the office and advise that her son had not returned home from rounding up some livestock. Subject was later located. The sheriff's department, fire department and also EMS assisted with search at location.
- Deputy met with complainant at DPS office on ex-husband driving around intoxicated and had son with him. Deputy located subject at his residence and child was returned to the mother.

2-26-04

- Report of an alarm going off at Dairy Queen office. Deputy advised all was clear.
- Report of large amount of bee at 1600 block of Santa Rosa Street. Fire department handled the call.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on Texas Highway 163.
- Report of a white dodge pickup driving reckless on I-10. Call was given to DPS, deputy was busy.
- Report of kids driving their bikes down the hill on 14th Street, afraid they might get run over. Deputy was unable to locate.
- Deputy assisted a motorist on 14th Street that need a jump start.
- Report of loud music in the area of 3rd Street and Avenue I. Subjects were advised to turn it down.
- Report of intoxicated subject 1900 block of Santa Ana Street causing problem. Subject was taken to a family member's residence for the night.
- Deputy assisted with civil standby on Avenue J while subject claimed some personal items.
- Report of a suspicious person in the area of 400 block of Avenue G. Subject was gone upon deputy's arrival.
- Report of loud party with minors at 100 block of Yucca Lane. Deputy advised all was quiet.
- Deputy transfer a female subject from Pecos River Store to bus station.
- Deputy provided courtesy transport to truck stop.
- Deputy responded to a disturbance at 1200 block of Hickory Street. Deputy advise all was okay, male subject left with family member.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at local motel.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle 1200 block of Avenue E.
- Report of hit and run at the Intermediate School. Subject driving the first vehicle left scene, DPS Trooper worked accident.

- Report of gas drive off from local store. Clerk advised that vehicle was heading east on I-10. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle.
- Deputy met with complainant at the office on criminal mischief to a vehicle. Deputy took report.

- Deputy unlocked vehicle 1200 block of Avenue C.
- Deputy responded to motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Texas Highways 137 and 190. DPS from Big Lake worked accident.

- Report of motor vehicle accident on I-10. Crockett County Deputies and Pecos County Deputies were unable to locate accident.

2-28-04

- Deputy met with complainant at the 1900 block of Heraclio Street on a juvenile that had not returned home. Deputy reported that the juvenile was at the residence upon his arrival.
- Report of possible drug dealing in the area of Santa Rosa Street. deputy located the vehicle and subjects were searched, search was negative.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle on Avenue E.

- Report of an argument at the 200 block of 14th Street. Deputy advised that female subject had already left.
- Report of a separated motorist from Pecos County Sheriff's Office. Deputies were unable to locate the other vehicle.

2-29-04

- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at local convenience store on 15th and Del Rio streets.
- Report of theft at local convenience store on Hwy 163 south. Deputy took report.
- Report of a skunk in the area of the care center. Sheriff destroyed the varmint.
- Deputy met with complainant at the sheriff's office on a possible peeping tom. Deputy filed report.
- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the 100 block of Avenue F.
- 911 emergency at the 1200 block of Hickory Street. Deputies assisted EMS unit.

- Report of loud music at the 100 block of Secretariat Street. deputy spoke with subjects to turn music down.
- 911 call at local apartments south on Hwy 163. Deputies assisted EMS unit.
- Deputy met with complainant at local apartments north on Hwy 163 on a possible criminal mischief to a vehicle tire. Deputy filed report.

- Report of a suspicious subject at mile marker 363. Deputy located the subject and advised everything was okay.
- Report of a disturbance at the 100

block of Swaps Street. Deputies and constable arrested a subject for public intoxication.

- Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the 1100 block of Ratliff Street.
- Deputy stopped a vehicle occupied by a local wanted person, fugitive fled on foot, and will be charged with evading arrest.

ARREST REPORTS

2-24-04 to 3-01-04

2-24-04

- Dora Elisa Pena, 31, of Ozona was arrested at the sheriff's office on Crockett County Warrant of motion and order to revoke community supervision. Subject was release from jail after posting bond.

- Augustine Galindo Guerra, 38, of Ozona was arrested by DPS trooper on Crockett County Warrant for violate promise to appear. Subject was release from jail after paying the fine.

2-25-04

- Ronald David Hooker Jr., 29, of Friendswood was arrested by DPS trooper on two charges of possession of dangerous drugs, two charges of possession of control substance, speeding and no valid drivers' license. Subject still remains in jail unable to post bond.

2-26-04

- Seth David Robinson, 21, of San Marcos was arrested by DPS trooper on four Hayes County warrants. Subject was release after posting bond.

- Lucinda Ortiz, 45, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff's deputy on Crockett County Warrant for motion and order to revoke probation. Subject was release after posting bond.

2-27-04

- Jose Haco Belleagas, 30, of Mexico was arrested by sheriff's deputy for illegal alien. Subject

was released to U.S. Border Patrol officers.

- Marcelo Crystavol, 26, Mexico was arrested by sheriff's deputy for illegal alien. Subject was released to U.S. Border Patrol officers.

3-01-04

- Steven Lee Johns, 34, of El Paso was arrested by DPS trooper on a charge of driving while license suspended. Subject was released after posting bond.

- Grardo Rey Elizondo, 21, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff's

deputy on charges of disorderly conduct and outstanding DPS warrants. Subject remains in jail.

OFFENSE REPORTS

2-24-04 to 3-01-04

2-29-04

- Sheriff's deputy filed a theft less than \$20, more than \$200 report. Deputy took report from clerk at local convenience store on a known customer that had left without paying for merchandise.

- Sheriff's deputy filed an evading arrest charge on Joe Martinez Santiago (aka Joe Flores Santiago), who also has warrant for burglary and traffic warrants. Sheriff's office is requesting assistance from local citizens in reporting fugitive's whereabouts.

New program promotes recycling cell phones

AUSTIN — Do you have a used cell phone collecting dust somewhere in your home or office? Chances are you probably do — the average American replaces his or her cell phone every 12 months.

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Sheep and Goats

March 1, 2004

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#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.35-1.45
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.30-1.38
#1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.05-1.22
#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs.	90-1.05
Fat ewes	48-55
Thin ewes	35-45
Bucks	40-55
Baby tooth ewes	no test
Solid mouth ewes	no test
Ewe & lamb pairs	55 a head
Baby tooth Angora stocker nannies	70-85
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies	55-60
Stocker Angora muttons	55-60
Angora kids	1.35-1.45
Angora kids-shorn	1.20-1.35
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	47-52
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	55-60
muttons	no test
Stocker Spanish nannies	85-1.15
Fat Spanish nannies	50-65
Fat Spanish billies	82-90
mutt	1.10-1.40
Fat yearlings	1.10-1.45
Fat Spanish kids	1.35-1.60
Small kids	1.20-1.37
Thin kids	1.20-1.20
Spanish nanny & kid pairs	no test

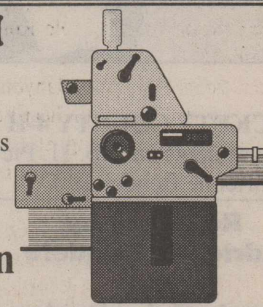
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Andarko	12000	Miller #1201	Patterson Drilling/A 471
Endeavor Energy Res	10500	Dudley #41 H	Big Dog Drilling 10
Andarko	10200	Austin Millsbaugh -12- #17	Patterson Drilling/A 38
New Chevron/Midland	9500	Scheuber-Wilkins #63	Nabors Drilling (O) 353
New Encore Operating LP	9300	Heleen Henderson West #1601	Adobe Drilling Bronco
Approach Operating	9000	Approach Clayton 1041	Nabors Drilling (O) 347
EOG Resources/Mid	5900	Shannon Hospital 441	Patterson Drilling/A 40
Bluegrass Energy	5500	Simpson Canyon #2079	Rad Ric Corporation 4

*Sutton County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New Dominion OK TX E&P	9850	Bloodworth #4-1	Key Energy (L) 42
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8950	Duke Wilson #1729	Patterson Drilling/A 109
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8700	Simmons Ranch #60	Patterson Drilling/A 122
Dominion OK TX E&P	8450	Mayfield 4046	Key Energy (O) 4
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8450	Richardson 139410	Patterson Drilling/A 122
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8200	Mayer 4842	Patterson Drilling/A 108
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8100	Edwin S Mayer Jr D#14	Patterson Drilling/A 108
Dominion OK TX E&P	7400	Duke Wilson #1533	Patterson Drilling/A 109
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Dominion OK TX E&P	6300	Galbraith 7946	Patterson Drilling/A 105

*Terrell County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
Riata Energy Inc	19000	Mitchell #1201	Lariat Drilling 4
Nuevo Texas Inc	19000	Mitchell 746	Nabors Drilling (O) 783
New Exxonmobil Dev Co	13200	Banner Estate #41 H	Patterson Drilling/A 481
ConocoPhillips/Odes	12600	Creek Ranch 1246	Grey Wolf Drilling/M 76
Nuevo Texas Inc	8635	Mitchell 747	Patterson Drilling/A 36
New Fadden Oil & Ranch	7500	Caslin Nw 198 #58	Patterson Drilling/A 161
New Tom Brown Inc/Mid	7000	Caslin 188 #2	Patterson Drilling/A 169

*Val Verde County			
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Breon Energy Inc	18000	Bell Estate 341	Grey Wolf Drilling/M 80
New Concho Oil & Gas	6500	Mills Trust 1943	Key Energy (O) 21

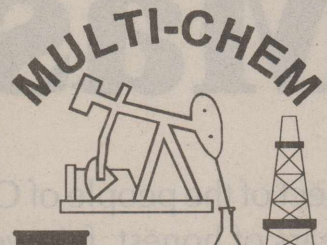
*Edwards County			
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Ultra Resources Inc	9800	Duran Ranch 3161 H	Grey Wolf Drilling/A 307
Far Minerals Corp	8000	Hunt #1	Key Energy (L) 10
New Dominion E & P/Houst	7200	Canyon Ranch #505e	Patterson Drilling/A 118
Dominion E & P/Houst	6800	Canyon Ranch #940e	Patterson Drilling/A 118
Patrick Explor Co	5600	Bowermaster 4644	Patterson Drilling/A 107

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
Pogo Producing Co	6900	Jones A #7	Heart Land Drilling
New Unit Petroleum/Tulsa	6600	Lipsett #1	Heart Land Drilling 3

*Reagan County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
Pioneer Natural/Mid	9500	Aldwell K44604	Patterson Drilling/A 466
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CROCKETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of a 14x80 Westfield Mobile Home until 1:30 p.m. on March 8, 2004. The mobile home is located at the Collection Center on the west side of Ozona. Any bid received after stated opening time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Please mark envelope "Mobile Home bid." Bids should be mailed to John Stokes, County Auditor, P.O. Box 989, Ozona, Texas, 76943. The Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject all bids. John Stokes, Crockett County Auditor, Ozona, Texas. 2c04

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2500' from the north line and 1540' from the east line of lease.

2500' from the north line and 1100' from the west line of survey.

As apart of this application, applicant seeks permit authority in the Baggett (Canyon), Wildcat field(s). No Rule 37/38 is necessary pursuant to field rules for these fields.

Field rules for the Baggett (Canyon), Wildcat field(s) are 467/120, 40 acres.

Field rules for the Baggett (Clear Fork) field(s) are 660/1867, 320/160 acres.

Field rules for the Hunt-Baggett (Strawn) field(s) are 660/1320, 320/80 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10,000 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish Standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Glenn S. George, Consultant, at 432-683-7443. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6999.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY **March 15, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. 4c02

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Dist/Div: San Angelo

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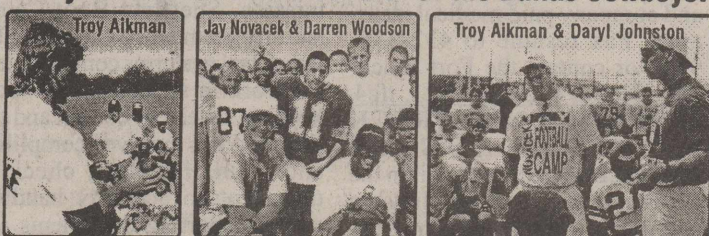
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