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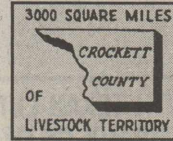
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Positive balances for Care Center, EMS

For the first time ever, the EMS and Crockett County Care Center have positive balances said John Stokes, county auditor, Monday. Stokes told commissioners at their December meeting that although the care center is \$65,000.00 over budget, it is \$221,000.00 over budgeted revenue. Tile rate classifications have improved balances, Stokes explained. Tile rates are the rates charged residents based on level of care needed.

EMS collection rates are also improving although the amount collected for the year likely will not reach the amount budgeted. Crockett County EMS served 20 patients in November and made 22 runs. Of these, 15 were local and seven were transfers.

Following the monthly report of Benny Gibbs, care center administrator, commissioners authorized the transfer of funds to zero out the care center, EMS and health services accounts at the end of the year.

Commissioners voted to approve budget amendments presented by the auditor. None involved net increases but were shifts of funds within departments. In his summary of finances, Stokes reported that the county's operating fund balance at the end of November was \$1,727,603.00.

Following a report by Sheriff Shane Fenton, commissioners voted to accept three documents from the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Task Force. These included a resolution authorizing the county to participate in the task force, an interlocal agreement

and an extra-territorial jurisdictional agreement with the task force.

The Sheriff's Department received 449 calls for service in October and 388 in October. There were 33 persons placed in jail in October and 39 in November. October 911 calls totaled 93 with 64 being actual emergencies. In November, there were 64 calls with 36 of those being actual emergencies.

Constable Raymond Borrego assisted the Sheriff's Office with 18 calls in November, served two civil papers for that office and transferred one prisoner from the Taylor County Jail in Abilene to the Crockett County Jail. Constable Borrego issued 16 citations. Fifteen were for speeding violations and one for a traffic violation. He also attended a school for high risk vehicle stops.

Joyce Young, civic center director, told the court there were 28 bookings at the center in November. She reported that the surround sound and DVD player purchased for the youth center is working well and that four new video games and a Play Station 2 have been purchased for the center. The board is considering purchase of a jukebox rather than continuing to lease.

At the Dec. 4 board meeting, members voted to approve as new middle school youth council members Peyton Fenton, Christie Dominguez and Roman Tambunga.

Commissioners voted to authorize the transfer of unspent funds from the 2002 budget to the 2003 budget for purchase of a fire

truck. In a related item, they also voted to authorize re-advertisement for bids for a new firetruck.

Librarian Louise Ledoux reported that she hopes to have the last of the automation work done by the end of the year. The non-fiction collection, the largest in the library, is being worked on now.

The county accepted the donation by Ozona Chamber of Commerce of decorations, Christmas lights and replacement bulbs. The chamber's executive director, Shanon Biggerstaff, told the court that the chamber cannot use motel occupancy tax (MOT) money for purchases of these items. Approximately \$400.00 is being spent on these items annually, she said.

The chamber derives 75% of its income from MOT money, which may only be used for tourism and promotion of tourism.

Yellowhouse Machine Company of Odessa was awarded the bid for a chip spreader for the road department subject to approval by Eddie Moore, road department superintendent. Cost of the used chip spreader is \$88,375.00. Bidding new machines were Cooper Equipment Company of San Antonio and Continental Equipment Company of Dallas.

Supt. of Schools Jim Ramage met with the court to talk about land for a new bus barn and central receiving area. The school board is considering buying land for this purpose and also interested in the possibility of an arrangement to use county property for this purpose. Ramage explained that the high school needs more parking space for safety and that the area where buses are currently kept and the old theater building belonging to the school may be converted to parking space once a new location is found.

Guy Cauthorn of Ozona Insurance met with commissioners to talk about renewal of liability insurance for the airport and for Charles McCleary, airport manager. No action was taken to approve airport liability insurance

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Tree lighting ceremony draws crowd

A large crowd was on hand for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony held by Ozona Woman's League Dec. 4 on the town square.

Cold, crisp air, beautiful lights, carols, and the arrival of Santa for a brief visit made the evening perfect.

Carols were performed by children from Del's Little Schoolhouse, Ozona Community Center and Ozona Primary School. Baritone duets were played by Sonny Bahlman and Gretchen Bloebaum, and Leanna Childress read the Christmas Story.

Christmas spirit concert Dec. 19

Fair Park Convention Center is the location for a concert performed by the bands of the Ozona School System Thursday, Dec. 19, at 6:00 p.m.

Bringing Christmas spirit with their music will be the sixth, seventh, eighth and high school bands. Everyone is invited to attend, and refreshments will be served.



DEERFEST JEEP WINNER JULIA HENDERSON sits behind the wheel ready for lessons from her dad, John L. Henderson. Kyann Kothman is along for the ride. DigiCam Photo by Joe Hernandez

DeerFest 2002 fills Convention Center

DeerFest goes on 75 guns and 30 door prizes in an hour's time Dec. 7. Julia Henderson, young daughter of Jeannine and John L. Henderson, was winner of the Jeep Wrangler.

There were several winners who received multiple prizes, including the Henderson family

with three in addition to the Jeep.

The annual event, sponsored by Crockett County DeerFest Association, had an attendance of 1,500 with 1,250 partaking of the game dinner.

Volunteers prepared and served 1,600 pounds of meat, 100 pounds of beans and 200 pounds

of potatoes. Among those serving, as they do every year, were three men in their nineties, A. O. Fields, 90; Lefty Walker, 92, and Oscar Kost, 93.

Any prizes not picked up at DeerFest will remain at FESCO and must be picked up no later than Jan. 20.

Annual Ozona Tournament Dec. 12-14

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The 72nd Annual Ozona Basketball Tournament will take place this weekend, beginning on Thursday, Dec. 12. This year there are 12 teams in the boys' bracket as well as 12 teams in the girls' bracket.

The boys' bracket includes Sonora, Brownfield, Menard, Christoval, Wall, Ozona, McCamey, Brookesmith, Crane, Junction, Klondike and Ozona JV. The Varsity Lions will play their first game against Junction on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the high school gym. The JV Lions will also play Thursday at 11:30 a.m. against Wall in the high school gym.

The girls' bracket includes teams from Ballinger, Christoval, Brookesmith, Bandera, Ozona, Crane, McCamey, Klondike, Brownfield, Fort Stockton,

Sonora and Menard. The first game of the tournament for the Lady Lions will be on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. They will take on the Crane team at that time.

The championship games for the tournament will take place on Saturday, Dec. 14. The championship game will be at 5:30 p.m. for the girls' bracket and 7:00 p.m. for the boys' bracket. These games will be played in the high school gym.

Coach Steve Osborn is look-

ing forward to the tournament this year after coming off great tournament play last weekend in the Brownfield tournament.

"This should be a really good tournament," he remarked. "The teams that are coming are quality teams, and our bunch should be able to really bring some momentum to the tournament after the most successful Brownfield tournament in Lion history. This should be one of the best boys' tournaments in recent history."

Accident kills Houston woman

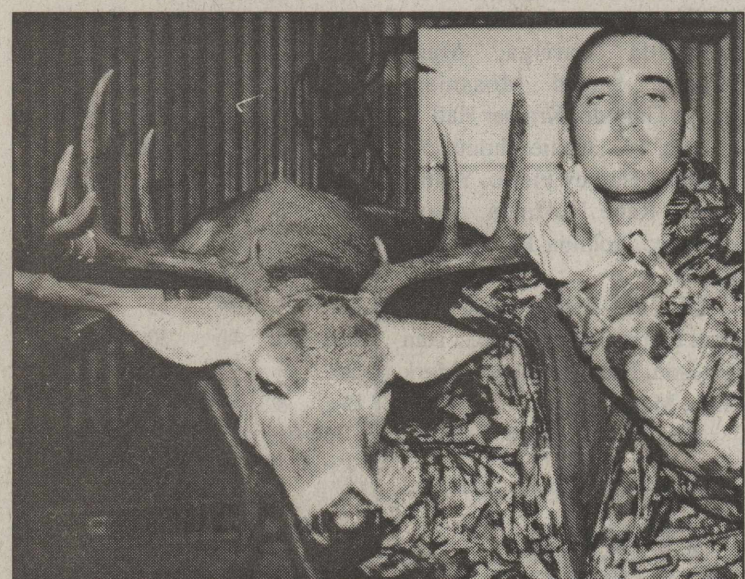
Margaret Trasmundi of Houston was killed when her car went off the interstate in the Bachelor Hill area in Crockett County Dec. 3.

Law enforcement officers and emergency services personnel first were unable to locate the re-

ported wreck, with some searching all the way to the county line west of Ozona.

No skid marks were reported where the 1991 Mercury left the highway.

Trasmundi is believed to have died on impact.



JAMES DAILEY of Houston killed this 10 point buck that was as big and wide as Texas. The buck weighted 165 pounds and had an inside spread of 21". Dailey shot his trophy on John and Chris Beckham's ranch in Pandale. Submitted Photo



SAMMY FOX of Rockwall killed this unusual split beam buck on the Harry Holmes Ranch on Dec. 8. The 13 point buck's left antler splits into two perfectly formed antlers. DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore



JARED BIRD, KRIS CARTER, GLYNN CONNER AND DUB WALSTON qualified for the Region Band, the most OHS students to make Region Band in the history of the school. They will perform Jan. 25 in the ASU auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Bird and Carter also qualified for area tryouts on Jan. 11 for a place on the All-State Band. DigiCam Photo by Scotty Moore

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Crockett County History

"This is the way it was"



By Oscar Kost

Something different this week. We will talk about some early clubs of Ozona. If necessary we will continue next week.

The Masonic Lodge here was founded in November of 1893 and known as Ozona Lodge No. 747. Officers were: J. W. Odom, F. L. Wade, S. E. Couch, J. W. Spiva, M. T. Harrell, H. Lindley, W. D. Parker and M. A. Fuller.

The Lodge joined the school trustees in erecting a two-story wooden building with the Lodge to get the top floor. This served until Ozona National Bank and the Lodge built the old bank building in 1905 with the Lodge owning the top floor. The new bank was dedicated Oct. 7, 1905.

July 12, 1905, the Eastern Star was organized when Mrs. Frank Friend conceived the idea of organization of a woman's club in Ozona.

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Kate Black, Mrs. Minnie Olson, Mrs. Will Baggett, Mrs. W. E. West, Mrs. A. W. Clayton, Mrs. W. E. Spell, Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mrs. S. E. Couch and Mrs. O. B. Baggett Jr.

At a meeting held at the old Ozona Hotel the first woman's club was born. Mrs. Frank Friend was chosen the first president. This was in September 1910. During the 1912-13 club year, the first yearbook was printed. The club was always interested in the schools of Ozona.

The Boy Scouts organized here in 1916 with dues of 25 cents a week. They met in the courthouse and were anxious to get uniforms.

The troop consisted of Richard Flowers, Homer Adams, Arthur and Hillary Phillips, Chas. Davidson Jr., Sherman Taylor, Early McBell and Allan Bosworth. The Baptist minister, A. J. Carson, was Scoutmaster. The Boy Scout Hut was built and dedicated in 1938.

E. M. Powell gave the land for the cemetery. The east end at that time was for Masons only. A survey was made, streets and lots staked off.

Some ladies tried to form a cemetery organization but that was disbanded. Mrs. Barbee, Sheriff Willis' mother, was the first person to be buried there. Later Mrs. Hudspeth, Roy's mother, was buried.

In 1911, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Montgomery gave the west half to Crockett County. Alma Oberkamp and Ida Montgomery called a meeting to form a cemetery association. Nine people came. They voted to organize with \$10.00 annual dues. Ida Montgomery was the first president and Mrs. Oberkamp was secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Elam Dudley gave permission to drill a well on his land, which is east of the cemetery. They raised \$3,500.00 to drill a well and build a storage tank. With water available, the association members planted trees and shrubs. From that time on, the cemetery was a success. Finally the county took over operation and water from town was run to the cemetery.

Will add to this. We did the older clubs.
 Have a good week.
 Oscar



News Reel

DECEMBER 17, 1973

News Reel
 Sweetwater won the championship trophy in the final game of the 44th Annual Ozona Basketball Tournament Saturday night in an exciting overtime with the host Lions.

News Reel
 Receiving the Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education from Tarleton State University was Georgia S. Vinson of Ozona.

News Reel
 Karen Beasley, granddaughter of Mrs. Nola Beasley and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Cooke of Ozona, was among those students named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

News Reel
 Santa Letters:
 Dear Santa, How are you doing? Is Mrs. Santa helping you? I want some of these things, football, skates, football helmet, play gun and chaps. Love Ira Childress.

Dear Santa, I want a ball and a rocking horse, and a pair of cowboy boots, and three nifes, and a slinky, and a bean flip and a big wheel, and foreteen cowboy shirts, and a box of glitter read green silver and gold glitter. Perry Arthur Holmsley
 P.S. and a petit pistol, and a pop gun.

Dear Santa, can you bring me a big doll for Christmas so I can play with it and I want a stoching with things in it but I wont it bitg. I love

you Santa Claus. Can yo bring 5 ducks so I can see them walk in the water. I wont a bicke to. Your friend Mary Trevino.

Dear Santa, Will you come? I want some girls' suitcases. I want a Sweet 16 Barbie and a swimming pool. I want some little girl clothes, too. Your friend, Margie St. Clair

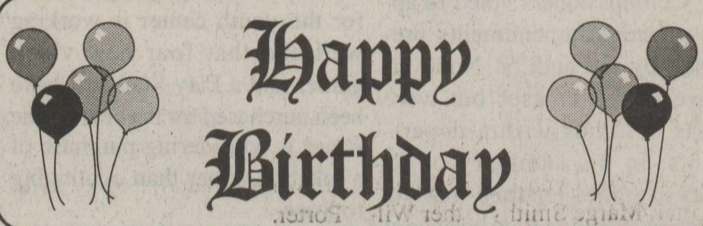
News Reel
 Mr. and Mrs. Cuatro Davidson are the parents of a daughter born Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 11, in the Clinic Hospital in San Angelo. The little girl weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces and has been named Jennifer Elizabeth.

NEWS REEL
 DEC. 18, 1944

News Reel
 Joe T. Davidson was host last weekend at a two-day roping show at his headquarters ranch which brought together the top talent in the rodeo business of West Texas.

News Reel
 Organization of a 4-H Club drawing its membership from among a group of high school boys was completed this week with the election of officers, County Agent Tommie Stuart announced.

News Reel
 Dear Santa, please send my way some nice, kind person (with a good car) who wants to take me to Houston. Say! Reckon you could come back in your sleigh on New Year's Day? Faithfully, L. B. T. Sikes



Community Calendar

- Dec. 17 - School Board, 797 Ave. D, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - Social Security Rep, Senior Citizens' Center, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 19 - School Bands in Christmas Concert, Convention Center, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 31 - Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dance, Fair Park Convention center, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. FMI 392-1300 Frank Tambunga or oztambunga@aol.com
- Jan. 13 - Commissioners Court, Annex Bldg., 9 a.m.

To add your event to The Ozona Stockman Community Calendar, call 392-2551.

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- home of the Dr. Pepper Museum
- TXism: "mean ___ old range cow"
- TX Henley's "Life in the Fast ___"
- religious FM in McCook, TX
- TXism: "if a hog ___ wings he'd be an eagle"
- George H.'s Avenger was shot down in WWII
- 1st pres. of Rice: Edgar ___ Lovett
- TXism: "___ been a snake it would have bit you"
- film by TX rancher Chuck Norris: ___ Silence"
- TXism: "___ caged cougar"
- C&W singer Conway
- TX Roy Orbison hit: "in ___"
- ex-Cowboy lineman Newton
- TXism: "bid ___ death in a revolving door" (inept)
- TXism: "___ dog won't hunt!"
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- armadillo
- TXism: "in the ___ luxury"
- TXism: "want ___ once too often"
- they can be illegal
- TXism: "got an overdose of ___" (sad)
- "Ground Zero, Texas" is a ___ game
- hot peppers: jala ___
- Cowboy Dat Nguyen's position (abbr.)
- in Concho Co. on 83
- possesses
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Dec. 3	59	36	.2
Dec. 4	43	34	-0-
Dec. 5	38	31	-0-
Dec. 6	41	30	-0-
Dec. 7	57	31	-0-
Dec. 8	54	34	.05

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

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EXTENDED FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 56	Hi 53
Lo 40	Lo 34
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

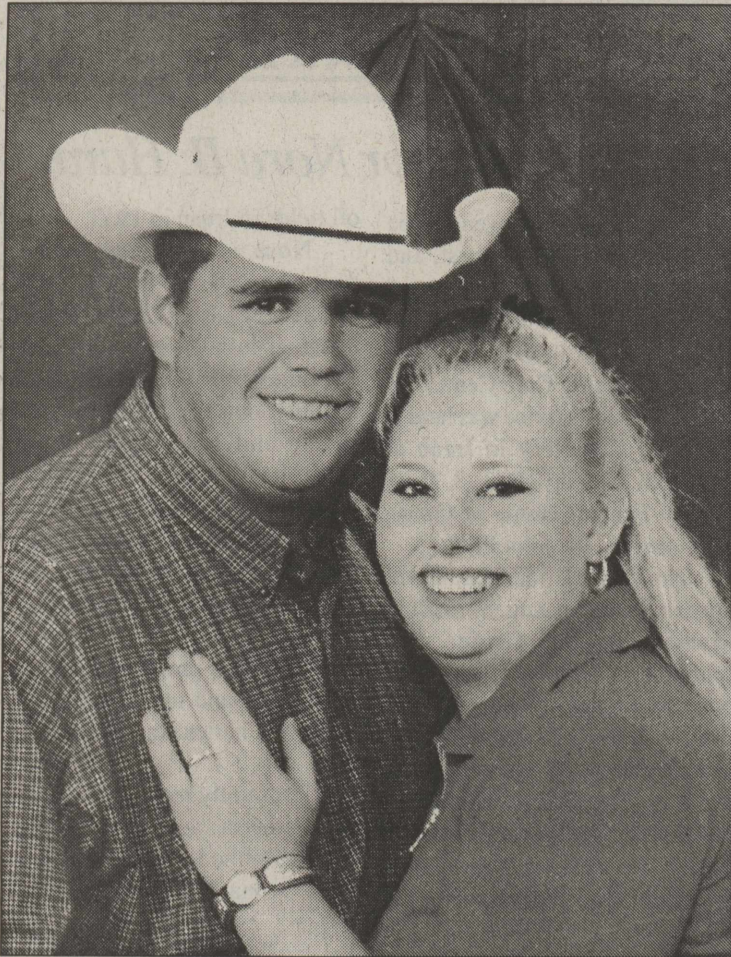
Friday	Saturday
Hi 54	Hi 59
Lo 31	Lo 34
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny

Forecast information provided by The Weather Channel

Crockett County Official Rain Gauge

2.5" inch measured over the weekend

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Miss Flanagan, Mr. Lacy to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flanagan are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lindsay Ellen, to Mr. Bryan Doyle Lacy. Bryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Schniers and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Lacy of San Angelo. The wedding will be Satur-

day, Dec. 21, 2002, at the Circle Bar Motel Atrium. Lindsay is a graduate of Ozona High School and is currently attending Howard College. Bryan is a graduate of Lake View High School and is employed by Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo.

Garden Club members auction ornaments

The Ozona Garden Club met Monday, Dec. 9, at the Crockett County Library with 17 members present. They were: Viola Allen, Marolyn Bean, Linda Bruington, Vivian Childress, Charlotte Harrell, Virginia Hubbard, Camille Jones, Mary Jo Mason, Dorothy Montgomery, Jean Odum, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Laurie Porter, Marge Smith, Esther Williams, Grace Williams, Jonesy Williams and Sharon Williams. A very appetizing brunch with "special" recipes was served

by hostesses Viola Allen, Marolyn Bean and Esther Williams. President Vivian Childress presented a program on care of Christmas cacti during and after the holidays. After a short business meeting the annual Christmas decoration auction was a great success shown and auctioned by Laurie Porter. Spreading Christmas cheer, "goody bags" were constructed of candies and cookies to be delivered by Meals on Wheels. The next meeting will be held at the home of Jan Van Shoubrouck Jan. 13, "Using Irises in Floral Arranging" will be the program topic. Jerri Lynn Pierce reporting

Lights of Love

IN MEMORY:

Garland Allen Nora Cooke, Mildred Fields, Marlys Thurman by Mr. and Mrs. Al. Fields
Elena Ybarra and Paula Diaz Leal by Melissa Ybarra and Family

Christine Cochran by The Streun Family
Popeye, Jack Whitworth Jr. and Margie Whitworth by Jennifer Knapp
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Charlie Black, James Childress by Shelly and Clay Childress

Ramon Maldonado, Armandina Maldonado by Joe and Tricia Mendoza and Family
Martin Martinez by Rolando Martinez

Cathy Haukeness, Jerez Gardiolia by Amanda Munoz
Charlyne Mills Griffith, Merle Griffith by Steve and Kay Lynn Evans

Ola and Frank Mills, Billy Mills, Charlyne and Merle Griffith by Jackie Ginsberg
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Baby Upham by The Knapp Family

John and Eileen Childress, Kenneth and Linda Kramer, Rex McEntire by The Dwight Childress Family

Mark, Latham and Kramer by Dwight and Leanna Childress
Alma Wilson, Tina Bean, Ann and Harold Shaw, Randy Carter Family by the Dickie Faught Family

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Jane Black and Crystelle Childress by Shelly and Clay Childress
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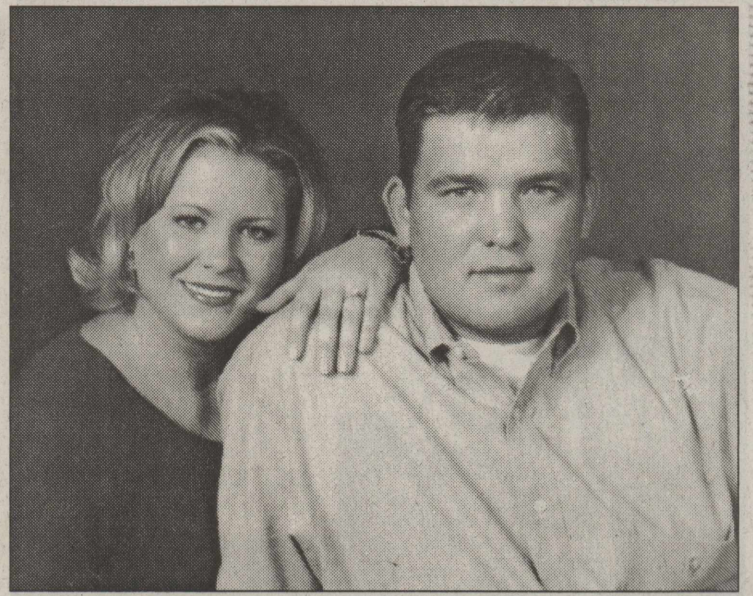
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Wedding plans told

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sweat of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Branch of Ozona announce the engagement of their children, Heather Renee Sweat and Charles Niclaus Branch. The couple will marry March 7, 2003, at the County Line Pavilion in Lubbock. The future bride is a graduate of Frerish High School in Wolforth and Texas Tech University and is employed by the Midland Independent School District. The future bridegroom is a graduate of Ozona High School and is employed by Halliburton Energy Services.

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RESIDENT INEZ BUCKHOLTZ celebrated her 80th birthday with her nephew, husband, staff and care center residents. Submitted Photo



RESIDENT JOSEPHINE CURRY starts the holidays at Crockett County Care Center. Submitted Photo

Care Center Chatter

This past week resident Ivy Buckholtz celebrated her birthday here at the facility with husband Douglas, a nephew from Austin, residents and staff. It was enjoyed by all.

Our hot roll maker was here the past week with his great rolls. Penn Baggett is better than Santa Claus. Thanks, Penn.

Volunteers for the past week were Randy Carter, E. A. Wadsworth R.N., Penn Baggett, Otis Nester, Mary Welty, Merle Welty, Nell Wester and Jonny Jonhson.

Churches that provide services for our facility are First Baptist, Ozona United Methodist and Ozona Church of Christ. Thank you all for your faithful services.

Dec. 16 at 7:00 p.m. is our resident and family Christmas party. The Spanish dancers will start the evening.

Please, if you bring foods to the facility, check with our charge nurse as some of our residents are on special diets.

Dec. 17 the Tiger Cubs will entertain residents at 7:00 p.m. On Dec. 13, the Catholic Choir will sing at 6:00 p.m. Dec. 18 the CCD children from the Catholic Church will be here at 7:00 p.m. with Christmas cheer. On Dec. 20 it will be the Girl Scouts at 3:30 p.m. Come join the spirit of Christmas with our residents and staff.

President of the Residents' Council will present the Employee of the Year award at our Christmas party Dec. 16 at the beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Have a good week from all of us at CCCC.

Come by and check us out. Great things are going on here at our facility.

Jan St. Clair
Activity Director

Obituaries

Dec. 8 service for Nora B. Hardin

Nora B. Hardin went to be with her Lord, Jesus Christ, and family members who had passed before her, on Thursday night, Dec. 5, 2002, in Ozona at the Crockett County Care Center.

Graveside service was held at Restland Cemetery in Iraan at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, from Preddy Funeral Home of Ozona officiated by Dr. John Fluth.

Nora Belle Crider Hardin was born in Sandy on Aug. 8, 1907, to Maude and Gus Crider. Her school days were spent in a small one room school along with four brothers, Carl, Clayton, Walter and Charlie, and two sisters, Ruby and Katy. She met and married her life partner, Curtis Dwight Hardin, on Oct. 17, 1925, and moved with him from the Hill Country to the

oil fields in Iraan in 1933.

Nora is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Polly and Sam Perner of Ozona, and her daughter-in-law, Sydney Hardin of Pflugerville. Six grandchildren include Louise and Mike Ledoux, Luann and Joey Pierce, Lucy Humphrey, Stacy and Cody Hardin, Toy and Cole Hardin and Charla and Steve Dubes, along with nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Nora was preceded in death by her husband in 1972, and by her son, Charles Ray Hardin, in 1984.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Crockett County Public Library, P. O. Box 3030, Ozona, TX 76943.

Rites held for Harold Tippie

Harold "Tip" Tippie, age 55, of Ozona died Friday, Dec. 6, 2002, in a San Angelo hospital.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church with Rev. Gene Kennedy officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery under the direction of Preddy Funeral Home.

Tip was born Feb. 24, 1947, in Abilene to Jessie and Maggie Zelma Baccus Tippie. He was married to Penni Buckner on July 1, 1990, in Lockhart.

He was a gas plant operator for J. Cleo Thompson. He was a member of the Lytton Springs Masonic Lodge and the Ozona OES. He was a member of the Community Baptist Church in Stiles. Tip was a wonderful father

and the most devoted husband and partner.

He is survived by his wife, Penni, of Ozona; his mother, Maggie Tippie of San Marcos; his children, Charla Fehr of San Angelo, Jess Tippie of Smithville, Brandon Tippie of Fentress, Dustin Tippie of Lockhart and Ronnie Tippie of San Angelo; his sisters, Beverly Howard of San Marcos and Karol Boggus of Luling; his grandchildren, Jessica Tippie of Fentress, Brice Tippie of Smithville, Jessica Everetts and Leon Everetts, both of Lockhart, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials to the Masonic Home and School in Fort Worth or to a favorite charity.

Giving Gifts

This time of year I try to spend some time in the evenings thinking about my loved ones. What a joy comes to my heart when I think about each one and how much I love them.

When we give gifts from the heart it is because we are motivated by love. As I think about giving a gift to my loved ones I try to find a balance between what they want and what they need. What warmth comes to my heart when I have given a gift that they really need and enjoy.

In my trying to decide what gifts to give reminds me of a di-

lemma God may have been in years ago. He loved us very much (1 John 4:8) and was facing the problem of giving us what we needed the most or the things we wanted. He knew that mankind was going to disobey Him and forever be separated from Him. He wanted to make a way that fellowship could be restored to Him (1 John 4:9, 10). He did this by sending His own Son to die for us (Romans 5:8) so we could have a new relationship to Him (Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:16).

Let's make sure we have received God's Love (His Son, John 1:12).

See you in church on Sunday.
Brother J

Angel tree continues at local banks

By Wendy Scott
County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Sciences

The time for holiday cheer is just around the corner. For some families, though, the holidays are not a merry, happy time. Texas

Cooperative Extension and Crockett County Leadership and 4-H members are planning and implementing a community service project to benefit the underprivileged children of Ozona.

This year, Angel Trees have been set up at Crockett National Bank and Ozona National Bank. Each tree is filled with angels and each angel provides the following information: sex and age of child, needs (jackets, shirts, pants, shoes, socks, and undergarments), special needs (school supplies) and possibly wants of the child.

If you choose to take an an-

gel, please fill out the form located under the tree. You do not have to purchase every item listed. Please wrap each purchased gift, attach the angel to the outside, and return to either bank.

The deadline to turn in gifts is Friday, Dec. 13 at 1:00 p.m. Also, donations will be taken for stocking stuffer type gifts. Please bring unwrapped, minimal cost (under \$5) gifts by the Crockett County Extension Office. 4-H'ers will then wrap these gifts and they will be given in addition to the large gifts.

The Angel Tree is being sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Crockett County Leadership and 4-H members. If your church, civic, or school group is interested in helping with the Angel Tree, contact Wendy Scott, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, at 392-2721.

⁽¹²⁾ But God said to Abraham, do not let it be displeasing to your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice: for in Isaac your seed shall be called.
⁽¹³⁾ Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed.
⁽¹⁴⁾ Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He does not say "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one "And to your seed," who is Christ.
Genesis 21: 12-13 Galatians 3:16

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Cater, Margie, Lori, Katie, Nicholas and Barbara Villarreal

The Child Inside
By Tom Morrow
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There's a little child in all of us,
A playful little kid,
We want so bad to have some fun,
Even though we won't admit.

The holidays are special,
We can play, not get caught
We're to put away childish things,
Isn't that what we're taught?

But isn't it fun to hold a toy,
play a joke or two,
The doctors say,
A hardy laugh is truly good for you.

Look around;
See the gleam in all the adult eyes,
Wouldn't it be fun,
To take a day,
Let that little child outside?

Christmas Through the Eyes of a Shepherd

By Dr. John Fluth, Ozona United Methodist Church

Crockett County is a world leader in sheep and goat production. At the 4-H barn every day, I see members of our church standing quietly, watching their sheep and goats. It should come as no surprise to us who work sheep and goats that the birth of Jesus was first proclaimed to shepherds in the wilderness. The first people to worship and praise the newborn king were shepherds. Would these same people have heard the miraculous message that came to them from heaven that night if they had been shopping in a mall, or worrying about a mortgage? It seems doubtful. The shepherds had qualities that made them open to the birth of Jesus: Solitude, dependence on nature, long days and nights devoted to quiet watching. As Christmas approaches, we may be helped by taking time to slow our steps and look at Christmas with the eyes of a shepherd. Consider each moment of life God-filled. Open ourselves to Christ being born. Shepherds find a wealth of riches in the blessings of health, sun, rain and soil. The most beautiful, meaningful things in life are never things we can hold on to anyway. The same is true of God. This art of letting go, of emptying the self, is part of the truth grasped by shepherds. With the watchfulness of a shepherd, we too can be transformed and renewed in the spirit of Christmas.

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Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.	Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Lupe Domoniquez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Thurs: 6 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Rev. Henry Laenen Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.
Harvest Time Christian Center 604 11th St. Pastor Velma Trimble Sunday School: 10 a.m. Morning Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.	Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Minister: Amelio Hinojos Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.	Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday

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Letter to the Editor

I attended last Saturday's annual Deer Hunter Festival and wanted to congratulate all who played a part therein for a fine job. I'm sure there was a score of volunteers who played a role and they each deserve a hearty slap on the back.

I've attended similar functions around the area over the years, but this was my first time to make yours. I have not seen any that seemed to function as smoothly as the Crockett County edition. And while I didn't win a rifle, shotgun, or the jeep (I did win some deer blocks), I came away with an appreciation for your community's efforts and their appreciation for our wildlife heritage.

The fact that hunting is a boon to rural economies was underscored by the large turnout of hunters and area residents, and the support of local merchants. It seemed that nearly all of the 70 firearms that were raffled off had been donated by a local business or landowner. And the emcee kept the night on a brisk pace; the entire raffle lasting just an hour.

I understand that the proceeds from the deer festival were responsible for constructing and air conditioning the nice building and also other community causes. Our wildlife are a renewable resource, and it's good to see how the event's organizers parlay the economic importance of deer and turkey by supporting such civic endeavors. It was good to see a number

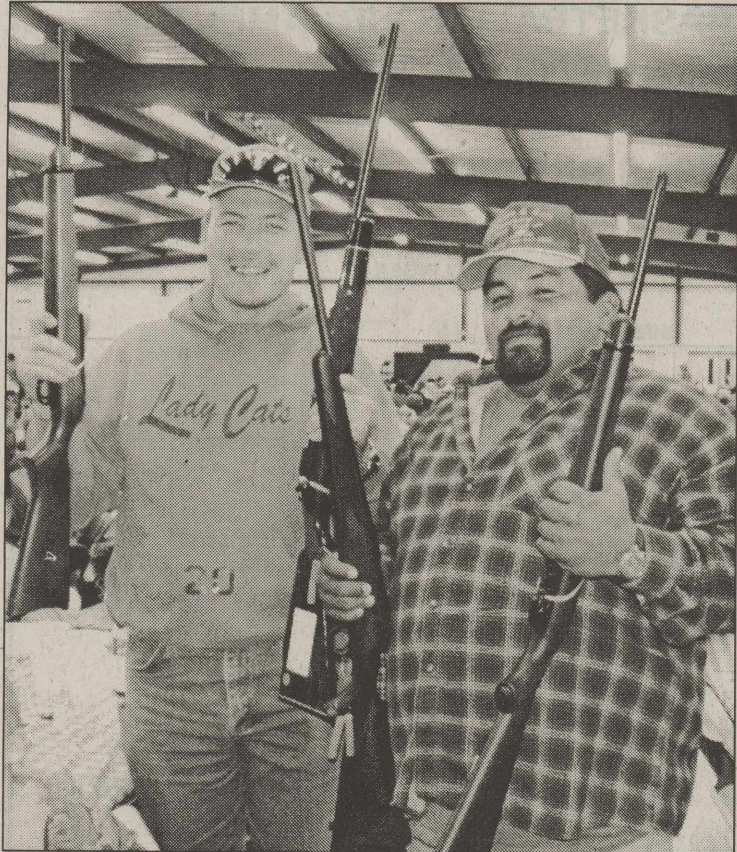
of women and kids donning their camouflage, and I especially tip my cap to those landowners who are catering to our youths. If we hope to be celebrating a DeerFest in 2022, we better do a better job of recruiting young hunters to replace those who are aging quickly.

I attended the function with Mandy Currie, a high school junior from San Angelo, who is a member of the Buckskin Brigade. The Buckskin Brigade is a wildlife leadership camp for high school youths 14 to 17 years old. The camps instill leadership skills, self confidence, and knowledge about wildlife conservation. Perhaps your readers have children or grandchildren who would be interested in attending. Our last Crockett County participant for the Brigades was Tom Ben Williams; he was an outstanding ambassador for your area. For more information about Buckskin Brigade (or it's quail equivalent Bobwhite Brigade), check the website at www.texasbrigades.org.

Your community should be proud of another successful DeerFest. I can see why it's the largest such event in the world. I hope to return next year.

Sincerely,

Dale Rollins
Professor and Extension
Wildlife Specialist
Texas Cooperative Extension
San Angelo



HAPPY WINNERS AT THE DEERFEST included Marco Verreles (r.) of Mason and Jon Graham of San Angelo.

DigiCam Photo by Joe Hernandez



MAKING SAUSAGE for the DeerFest are: (l. to r.) Chris Martinez, J.T. Lara, Johnny Tambunga and Tyrell Crowell.

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COOKING UP DELICIOUS FOOD for the DeerFest are: (l. to r.) Bobby Cervantez, Jesse Ortiz, Eufemiano Rios, Hugo Torralba, Manuel Hernandez, Jesus Jimenez and Beto Onate.

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Senior Happenings

By Lynn English

ter Saturday, Dec. 14.

day.

Monday is always afternoon games from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will have exercise on Tuesday, and Thursdays are our exercise days from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

It is Monday again with a great many things going on here at the center. We are getting the decorations up. I am so thankful for our volunteers who are rushing in (with all that is going on in their homes) and are here helping us. Our volunteers today are Nell Wester, Len Hillman and Betty Bullard. Last week our new volunteer was Helen Owensby. She worked hard for three hours to get our storeroom in good order. A big thank you to all of our volunteers.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, will be our only potluck this month. There are always a number of wide smiles here on potluck day and a lot of good food. Come over and join us.

Our own Bandana Band, Willena Holden, will be celebrating her 49th birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 11. A big happy birthday to you, Willena, from all of us here at the center. Willena will be playing at our Christmas Ball Dec. 21. That is if she is not still out celebrating her birthday on Saturday.

Our sympathy goes out to Penni on the death of her husband, Harold Tippie. He will be missed here in Ozona.

We also learned that Pleas Childress fell and had a concussion. I spoke with Geniece, and she said he was not doing very well Monday. Our prayers will go out to Pleas. We miss Geniece and Pleas at our lunch table.

Levis and Lace will have their Christmas party at the cen-

ter Saturday, Dec. 14. Weekend before last someone helped themselves to our reflectors that guided our visitors into our building at night. We would like to have them returned to our drive. If this was a joke, none of us are laughing.

One of our favorite entertainers here at the center and the care center, Merle Welty, will also be celebrating his birthday Dec. 15. We wish you a very happy birth-

The Social Security man will be here Dec. 18 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. We have been advised this will be the last time he will be down here in Ozona.

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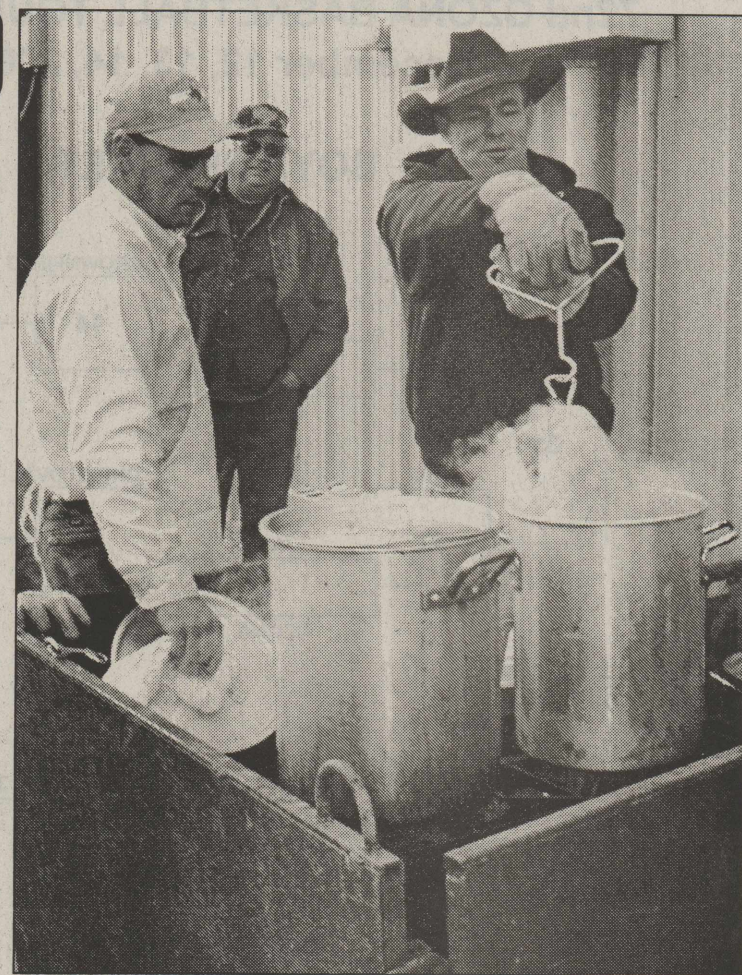
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DENNIS CLARK carefully lowers a turkey into a fryer at the DeerFest as Mike Edinburgh supervises.

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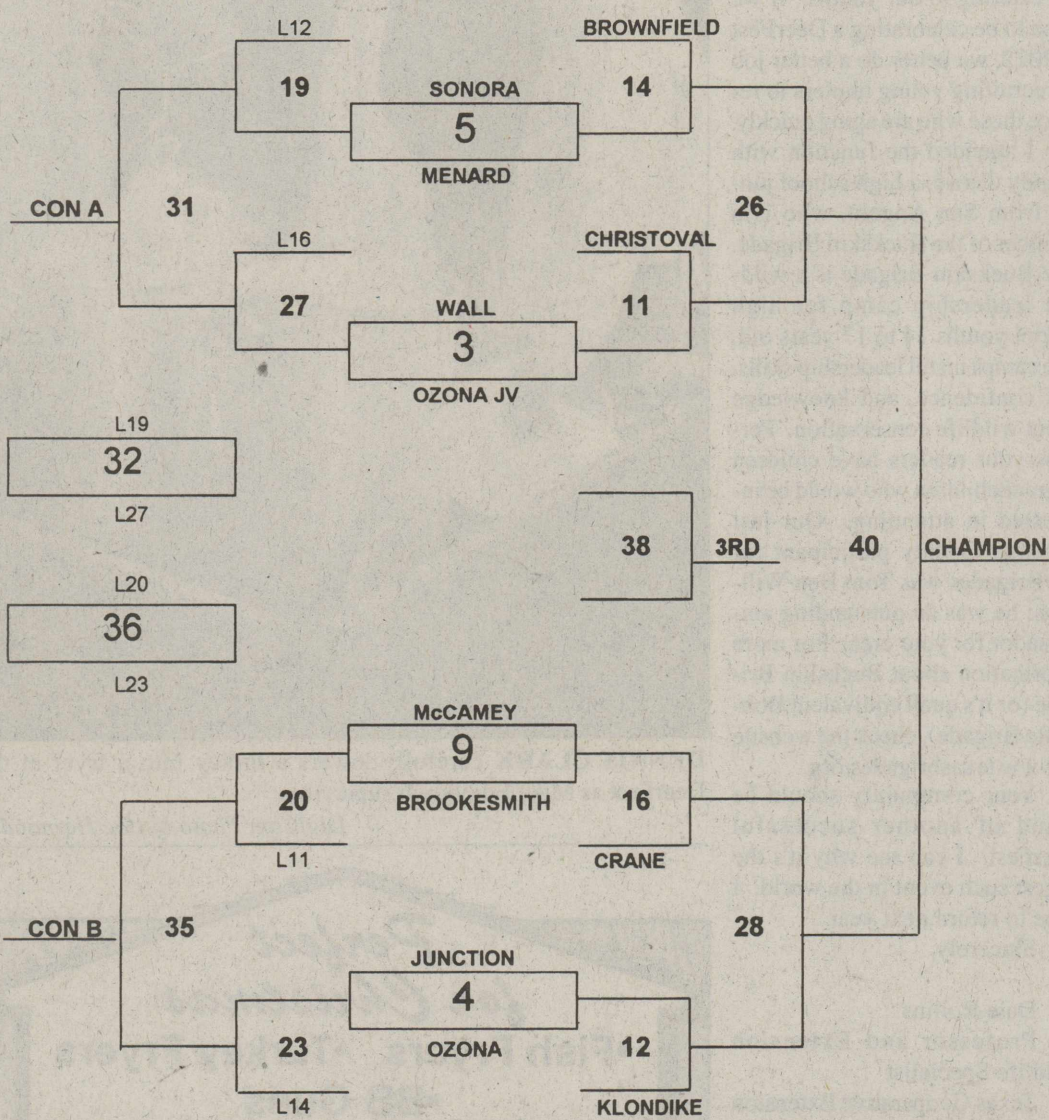
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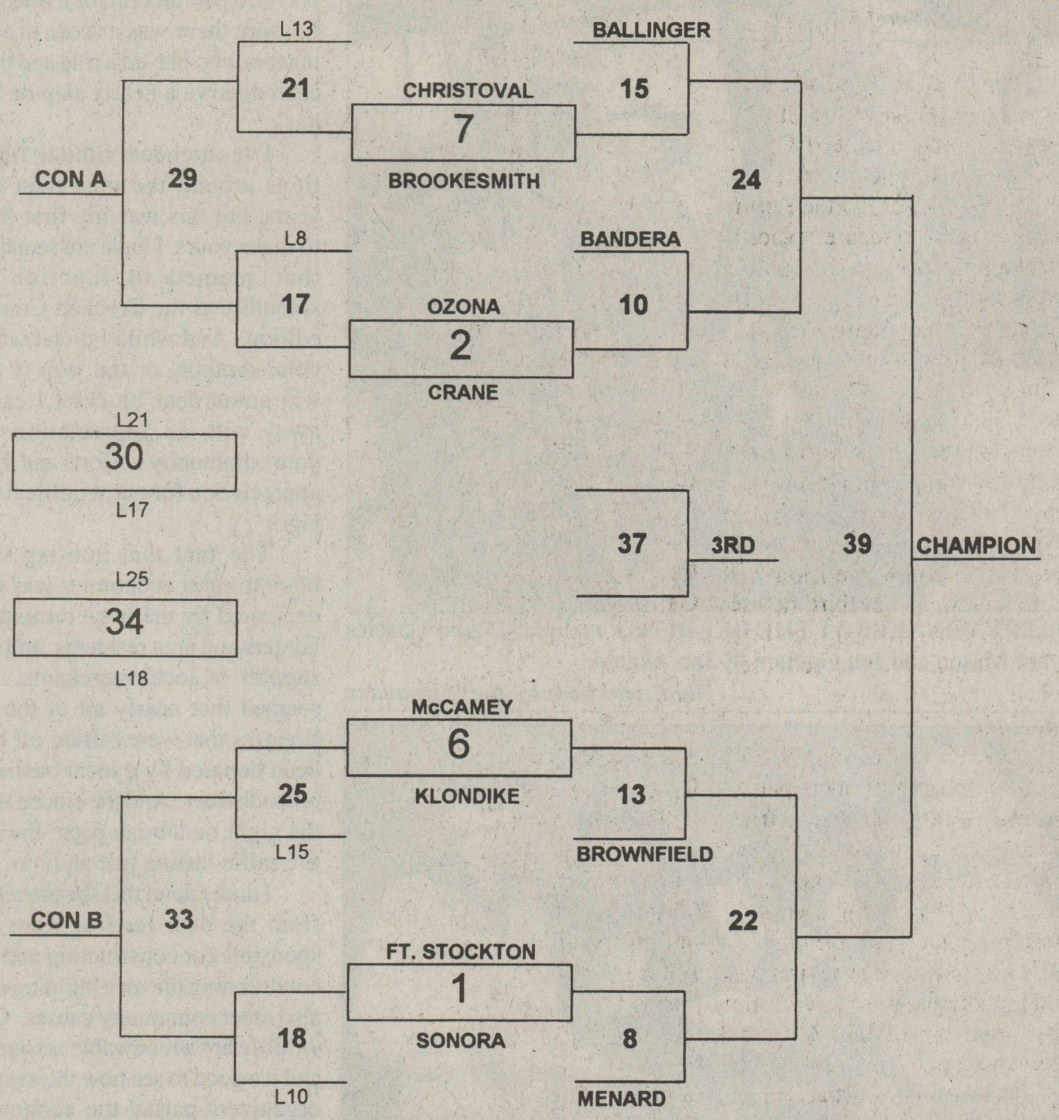
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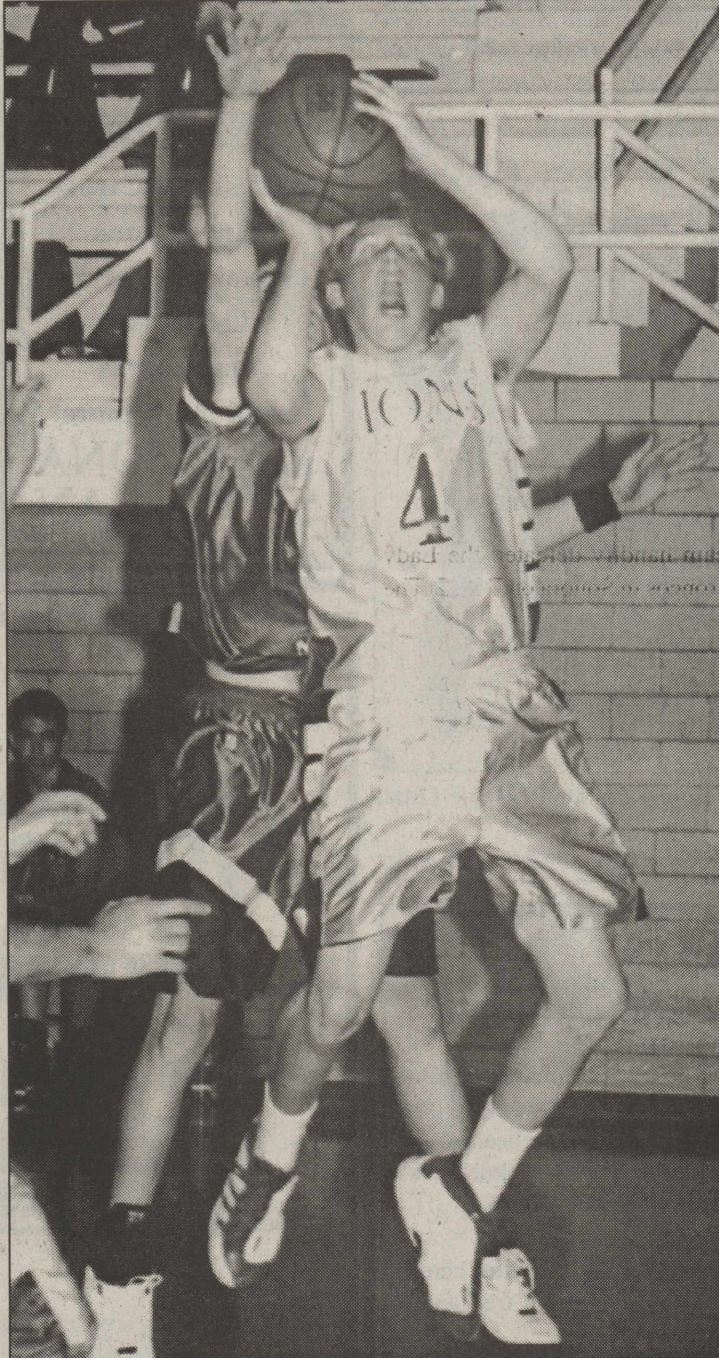


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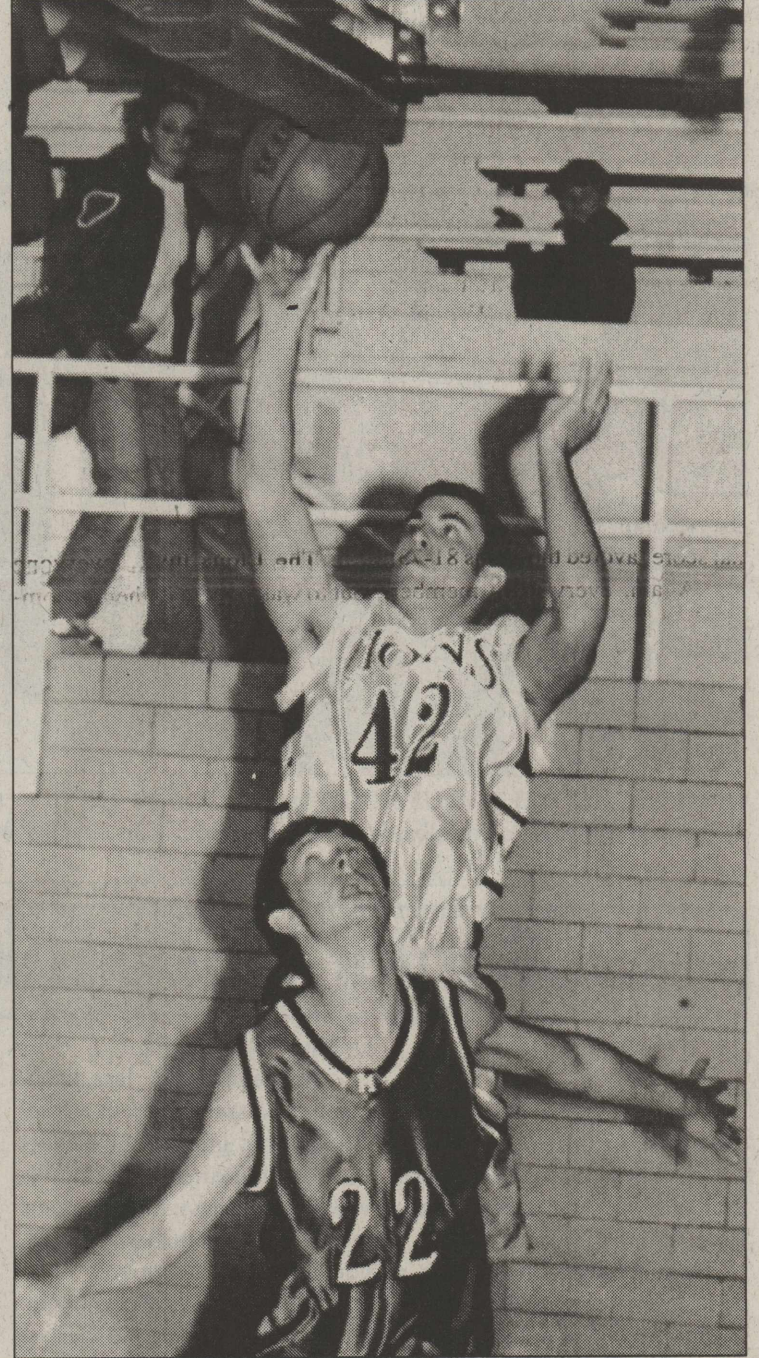
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Varsity Lions play for Brownfield championship

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The varsity Lions had a good showing in the Brownfield tournament this past weekend, Dec. 5-7. They made quick work of the Big Spring Steers and the Kermit Yellowjackets to secure a place in the championship game against a tough Morton team.

In their first game, the Lions handily defeated the Steers with a final score of 68-37. The Steers played them close in the first quarter, ending the quarter with a score of 16-18 for Big Spring. However, once the Lions were warmed-up there was nothing close about the game. At halftime the Lions led 41-22 and after the third quarter they had widened the margin to 57-29. They finished off the Steers with a 31-point win and a final score of 68-37.

Every Lion scored in this contest, each doing their part to put their opponent away. Bryan Skehan scored 16 points, Derek Fought scored 14 points, Lalo Garza and Robert Ogle contributed nine points each, Dennis Taylor and Jarryd Taylor put in seven points apiece. Ryan Wiley added four points, and Brad Mayfield scored two points.

This victory took the Lions to the next step in the winner's bracket and pitted them against the Kermit Yellowjackets. The Lions held a slim lead at the close of the first quarter, outscoring the Jackets 22-20. The second quarter got away from the Lions, and at halftime they found themselves in a predicament since they trailed 37-50. The Lions worked hard to close the gap in the third quarter and were able to score 25 points while holding Kermit to 15. The score going into the last quarter was 62-65 Kermit. The Lions were able to pull the game out in the end, again outscoring the Yellowjackets in the fourth quarter 19 points to their eight. The final score favored the Lions 81-73.

Again, every team member contributed to the score in this game. Derek Fought threw in 25 points, Lalo Garza scored 18, Dennis Taylor and Brad Mayfield

put in nine each, Ryan Wiley, Bryan Skehan, and Robert Ogle each had six points, and Jarryd Taylor scored two points.

Now the Lions had to take on #1 ranked IA Morton in the championship round. The Lions played Morton tough, fighting for every point they made. However, the Lions came up a little short in this game with a final score of 52-58 for Morton; placing the Lions second overall in the tournament.

Derek Fought scored 19 points for the Lions, Brad Mayfield came up with 12 points, Bryan Skehan put in eight points, Ryan Wiley and Dennis Taylor made five points each, Robert Ogle added two points, and Lalo Garza scored one point.

"We had a great tournament at Brownfield. This was the first time in 16 trips to this tourney that Ozona's boys have been in the championship game," stated Head Coach Steve Osborn. "Morton is ranked number one in Class A. They have two brothers, Calvin and Kenrick Johnson (6'4" and 6'9" respectively), that are already being recruited by Division 1 schools like Tech. We really played well to keep ourselves in this game."

Osborn added, "The semi-final game against Kermit was really a good game for us as we came from 13 behind at the half to win. Our defense was outstanding in the second half to hold them to only 21 points. Also, our bench figured in big as some of our starters were in foul trouble. Robert Ogle, Dennis Taylor, and Ryan Wiley all gave us big plays to help in the win."

"All of our guys have played well every game. Our starting five are Bryan Skehan, Brad Mayfield, Lalo Garza, Derek Fought, and Jarryd Taylor. We look forward to getting Arron Garza back from injury in the near future," concluded Osborn.

The Lions invite everyone out to watch them in their upcoming Ozona tournament this weekend, Dec. 12-14. They will play Thursday, Dec. 12, at 1:00 p.m. in Davidson Gym.

JV boys vs. Irion County

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The JV boys fell to the Irion County team on Dec. 3 with a final score of 50-78. Scoring for the Lions were: Duncan with eight points, Wiley with nine points, Esparza with seven points, Pearl with three points, Castro with nine points, Bird with 10 points, and Martinez with four points.

Leading rebounders for the Lions were: Martinez with five,

and Duncan and Bird with four rebounds each.

Also on the roster for the Lions were Perez and Thomas.

Coach Lynn Sears commented, "These guys played hard and hopefully they learned from this game. There are just so many things we didn't have time to work on. We had only practiced an hour and had already played two games. Credit must be given to Irion County, however, for they are a talented group."

8th grade girls' team falls to Sonora 39-21

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The eighth grade girls' "A" team traveled to Sonora to face off with the Lady Broncos on Dec. 2 only to come up a little short for the win. The final score of the game was 39-21 for the Lady Broncos.

The Lady Lions kept it close in the first half, actually leading at the end of the first quarter 7-6. Scoring in the first quarter were Kaleigh Wiley with two points, Megan McDaniel with one point, and Ashley Unger with four

points. Wiley and Unger each scored two points in the second quarter, bringing the score to 11-18 at the half with the Lady Lions trailing.

Farren Wilson scored three points in the second half, Ashley Unger put in five points in the half, and Frankie Skinner added two points. This brought the final score of the contest to 21-39 for the Lady Broncos.

Peyton Fenton, Adrienne Bendele, Melissa Morris, and Danila Lombrana also played in the game for the Lady Lions.

7th grade girls' "B" team plays Sonora

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh grade girls' "B" team met the Lady Broncos in Sonora on Dec. 2 to play a two period game. Playing for the Lady Lions were: Paloma Torres, Kyann Kothman, Victoria Tretto,

Blanca Dominguez, Brooke Kelly, Lauren Sancez, and Brooke Tambunga.

The Lady Lions were unable to outscore the Lady Broncos in this game and finished the contest with a final score of 2-4. The Lady Lions' two points were scored by Brooke Tambunga.

8th girls' "B" team wins against Sonora

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The final score of the Dec. 2 game against the eighth grade girls' Lady Lion "B" team and the Sonora Lady Broncos was 6-4 in favor of the Lady Lions.

The six points for Ozona

were scored by Britini Buchanan with two points, Diane Hernandez with two points, and Lucinda Birkenfeld with two points.

Also playing for the Lady Lions were: Lyndisie Crawford, Lauren Pool, Tashina Lewis, Leandra Benson, and Ashley Anderson.

OZONA SCHOOLS BASKETBALL BOX SCORES

By Gerri Azam -- Stockman Sportswriter

High School

Ozona Lions vs. Monahans

Final score: 66-50 Ozona
Individual points: Derek Fought-21, Bryan Skehan-16, Robert Ogle-9, Jarryd Taylor-7, Dennis Taylor-4, Ryan Wiley-3, Brad Mayfield-3, Lalo Garza-3.

Ozona Lions vs. Kermit in Kermit

Final score: 68-85 Kermit
Individual points: Derek Fought-20, Lalo Garza-15, Robert Ogle-13, Brad Mayfield-6, Ryan Wiley-5, Dennis Taylor-4, Jarryd Taylor-3, Bryan Skehan-2.

Ozona Lions vs. Mertzton in Mertzton

Final score: 55-65
Individual points: Derek Fought-20, Bryan Skehan-12, Brad Mayfield-6, Robert Ogle-6, Lalo Garza-5, Jarryd Taylor-4, Dennis Taylor-2, Also playing: Ryan Wiley.

Freshman Ozona Lions vs. Grape Creek in Grape Creek

Final score: 34-39 Grape Creek in overtime
Individual points: Eric Fierro-12, Daniel Cruz-11, Jimmy Tebbetts-5, Joe Tambunga-4, Zane Coates-2. Also playing: Javier Elizondo, Simon Garza, Dub Walston.
"We played without two starters, but our kids played very hard and still had a chance to win this game," said Coach Morrow.

Freshman Ozona Lions vs. Sonora in Sonora

Final score: 48-13 Ozona
Individual points: Robert DeHoyos-16, Justin Galan-10, Daniel Cruz-10, Jimmy Tebbetts-6, Javier Elizondo-2, Joe Tambunga-2, Eric Fierro-2. Also playing: Simon Garza, Dub Walston.

"Our defense played very well. Sonora didn't get many good scoring opportunities. Jimmy Tebbetts and Robert DeHoyos did a great job hosting after rebounds and forcing Sonora to take bad shots," said Coach Morrow.

Ozona JV Ozona Lions vs. Ballinger-Wall Tourney (first game)

Final score: 35-43 Ballinger
Individual points: Perez-2, Wiley-5, Thomas-5, Pearl-11, Rodriguez-4, Talamantez-8.
Leading rebounders: Bird-6, Perez-5
Also playing: Duncan, Esparza

"The difference in this game was really in the third period. The guys played hard and Ballinger went on to win the tournament," said Coach Sears.

Ozona JV Ozona Lions vs. Wall-Wall Tourney (second game)

Final score: 41-28 Ozona
Individual points: Perez-6, Duncan-4, Wiley-4, Esparza-4, Pearl-4, Bird-8, Rodriguez-2, Talamantez-9. Leading rebounders: Bird-12, Perez-7. Also playing: Thomas
"This was a good defensive game. Our press was the winning factor," said Coach Sears.

Middle School

Ozona 7th Grade Lions "A" vs. Reagan County in Ozona

Final score: 28-41 Reagan County
Individual points: Aaron Pearl-4, Justin Maldonado-6, Parrish Aiguier-2, Matthew Turland-2, Rocky Munoz-2, Abel Villarreal-2, Josh Santos-2, Rylee Ramos-8. Other participants: Luis Perez, and Ramon Ybarra

Ozona 7th Grade Lions "A" vs. Grape Creek in Grape Creek

Final score: 22-25 Grape Creek
Individual points: Aaron Pearl-4, Justin Maldonado-6, Rocky Munoz-2, Abel Villarreal-2, Rylee Ramos-8. Other participants: Ramon Ybarra, Luis Perez, Parrish Aiguier, Matt Turland, Mark Tambunga, Josh Santos.

Ozona 8th Grade Lions "A" vs. Grape Creek in Grape Creek

Final score: 28-37 Grape Creek
Individual points: Roman Tambunga-2, Jordan Long-2, Colby Mayfield-5, Barrett Richie-2, Thomas Gray-2, Levi Vargas-15. Other participants: John Tom Tijerina, Matthew Bullard, Caleb Mitchell, Freddy Fierro.

Ozona 8th Grade Lions "B" vs. Grape Creek in Grape Creek

Final score: 18-4 Ozona
Individual points: Manny Tijerina-2, Chris Fierro-2, Eric Williams-10, Matthew Payne-4. Other participants: Nick Perez.

7th grade girls' team stomps Sonora 29-12

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh grade girls' "A" team handily defeated the Lady Broncos in Sonora on Dec. 2. The Lady Lions jumped ahead quickly and widened their lead as the game went on to complete the game victorious with a score of 29-12.

Listed in the roster for the Lady Lions in this contest were: Julia Henderson, Celia Rivera,

Kasey Gray, Wendy Wilson, Anna Hernandez, Morgan Glosson, Alexa Cervantez, and Brooke Kelly, and Paloma Torres.

The Lady Lions who put points on the board against Sonora were: Julia Henderson with two points, Celia Rivera with 13 points, Kasey Gray with two points, Wendy Wilson with five points, Morgan Glosson with five points, and Alexa Cervantez with two points.

7th grade Lions whip Sonora 34-22

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh grade Lions hosted Sonora for the Dec. 2 contest that ended in a victory for the Lions. The final score of the game was 34-22 for Ozona.

Justin Maldonado scored 10 points in the game, Matt Turland put in eight points, Rocky Munoz added two points for the team, Abel Villarreal totaled four in the

8th grade Lions beat Sonora 28-19

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The eighth grade Lions beat the Broncos in the Dec. 2 home game with a final score of 28-19. Suing up for the Lions in this game were: John Tom Tijerina, Roman Tambunga, Jordan Long, Colby Mayfield, Manny Tijerina, Barrett Richie, Thomas Gray, Chris Fierro, Eric Williams, Matthew Bullard, Levi Vargas, Nick Perez, Caleb Mitchell, and Freddy Fierro.

The Lions who scored in this game were: Jordan Long with four points, Colby Mayfield with four points, Thomas Gray with two points, Levi Vargas with nine points, Nick Perez with two points, and Caleb Mitchell with seven points.

JV girls win 5 of 6 first games

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The junior varsity girls' team has made a good start in the season, claiming victory over five of their six opponents so far this year. The JV team's roster includes Jenna Henderson, Britney Ramos, Brandi Buchanan, Kayla Johnson, Allison Skehan, Kristin James, Laura Pierce, Alex Tobar, Katherine Walston, Makinsey Morris, and Kristen Bunger.

The first game of the season matched the Lady Lions against Mertzton at home. The Lady Lions took the victory by a narrow margin in this contest, finishing the game with a score of 29-27. Scoring for Ozona were: Buchanan with seven points, Johnson with two, Skehan with six, James with two, Pierce with eight, and Tobar with four. Henderson and Walston also played in this contest.

The Lady Lions' second home game was against the Stanton Lady Buffaloes on Nov. 19. The Ozona team came out on top once again with a final score of 44-38. Henderson scored one point, Buchanan scored eight points, Johnson put in six points, Skehan added 13 points, James made six points, and Pierce scored 10 points. Tobar and Walston also saw playing time in this contest.

On Nov. 23, the Lady Lions met up with the Lady Tors in Lamesa. This game ended the winning streak for the Lady Lions as they fell to the Lady Tors in a close contest with a final score of 31-35. The Lady Lions who

contributed points were: Henderson with three points, Ramos with six points, Buchanan with 14 points, Skehan with six points, and Pierce with two points. Johnson, James, Tobar, and Walston also played for the Lady Lions along with freshman Alexandra Bean.

The Lady Lions got back on track with their next victory over Monahans on Nov. 25 with a final score of 49-19. Scoring for Ozona were: Henderson with four points, Buchanan with 20 points, Johnson with nine points, Skehan with 11 points, Pierce with four points and Walston with one point. Ramos, James, and Tobar also saw playing time for the Lady Lions.

The next game took the Ladies to Kermit on Nov. 26 where they were victors once again with a score of 41-22. Contributing points in this game were: Ramos with six points, Buchanan with four points, Johnson with 11 points, Skehan with six points, James with two points, Pierce with nine points, and Walston with three points. Henderson and Tobar also played for the Ladies in this game.

The Lady Lions won their final game of this six game series in McCamey on Dec. 3. The final score of the game was 35-27 for Ozona. Henderson scored two points, Ramos put in 10 points, Buchanan added nine points, Johnson had five points, Skehan put in five points, and Pierce threw in four points. Also playing this game were: James, Tobar, and Walston.

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Ways to beat stress during holidays

DENTON — The traditional images of Christmas are families caroling, decorating the tree and happily sitting down to a dinner of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings. What's often not shown is the effort it takes to put together a family event and the stress it can cause.

A Texas Woman's University professor and a nutritionist with the university's Wellness Center say that trying to create the perfect holiday can leave the organizer with no time to enjoy the occasion.

"People have high expectations for the holidays," said Dr. Roberta Nutt, professor of psychology and philosophy at TWU. "We glorify the Christmas holiday in particular. It's supposed to be a wonderful time spent with people you love — a time of great happiness and presents. And it never is all those things."

Women particularly want the holiday to be perfect, Nutt said. Working women often try to recreate their childhood holidays, which were organized by mothers who often didn't work outside the home, she said.

Nutt said busy families should find other ways to get things done, such as hiring someone to put up the Christmas lights, clean house or do odd jobs, if financially feasible, or reduce the list of chores and expectations. They also should find time to relax.

"People don't take enough time for self-care," Nutt said, adding that going for a walk, a drive or going to the gym can help relieve stress.

Melissa Hendricks, facilities manager and nutritionist at the TWU Wellness Center, agreed that remaining active is a good way to reduce stress.

"Your family will pick up on your stress, and they won't have the wonderful time you want them to have," she said.

Hendricks recommends that people simplify their holiday plans by dropping traditions that aren't all that meaningful and keeping those that are.

"Spend time on things that really matter, so you still have time for your workout," she said.

Maintaining an exercise regime is important, and those who continue exercising through the holidays are more likely to stick to their routine through January and beyond, she said.

However, Hendricks said people shouldn't worry if their entire exercise program won't fit into their holiday schedule.

"Any exercise you do is good," she said. "It doesn't matter if you can't fit in a whole hour."

There are simple ways to work exercise into your holiday, Hendricks said. For example, Shopping can be a form of exer-

cise as you walk from store to store. And after the holiday meal, she said, "go outside and do something. Go for a walk with your family instead of watching TV."

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for the county or to adopt a revised contract with Charles McCleary. County Attorney Bill Mason requested a copy of the policies for review before renewal.

Eric Sanchez, executive director of the Rio Concho Valley Drug and Alcohol Council, met with the court to report on the work of the council. Penn Baggett, a member of the board, commented on the importance of the work done by the council, and Judge Johnny Jones concurred that the council's programs provide a "really worthwhile service".

Action items included approval of regular meeting dates for the court in 2003, setting of 2003 county holidays and appointment of Pct. 4 Commissioner Rudy Martinez and Judge Jones to the appraisal board. The court also approved execution of a resolution establishing grievance procedures and designating Judge Jones as coordinator for the Texas Community Development grant project.



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The LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (the Corporation) and co-applicant West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) give notice of their intent to secure a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to build a new double-circuit capable 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line that will extend east from the Fort Lancaster Substation located in Pecos County to the Friend Ranch Substation located east of Ozona in Crockett County. The proposed project is located in Crockett, Pecos, and Terrell counties. The Corporation proposes to own this transmission line while WTU will operate and maintain the facilities under a multi-year agreement. **Persons with questions about this project should contact Kelly Wells, LCRA Transmission Services (800) 776-5272, ext. 4570 or (512) 369-7570. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought, should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is January 10, 2003 and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the commission by that date.** Please reference docket number 27015 on all correspondence to the Commission.

Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may also contact Relay Texas at 1-800-735-2989.

The following descriptions are for the routing alternatives for this transmission line project:

Corporation's/WTU's Preferred route:

The Corporation's/WTU's preferred route (Designated as Route 9 in the CCN Application) originates at the existing Fort Lancaster Substation, located on U.S. Highway 290 (U.S. 290) approximately 3.3 miles southeast of Sheffield in Pecos County, Texas. The proposed route exits the southeast side of the substation and parallels the north side of U.S. 290 to a point approximately 1.9 miles east of the Pecos River highway crossing. At this point the route veers south-east, away from U.S. 290 and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 7.7 miles, crossing the Pecos River several times (placing two short segments in Terrell County) and then moving east into Crockett County. From here the route continues east, parallel to the existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately another 1.6 miles at which point the existing wood H-frame transmission line turns south-east and the proposed route continues east, crossing Hoover Divide Road along a fenceline, approximately 4.5 miles south of its intersection with U.S. 290. Approximately 3.5 miles east of Hoover Divide Road the route picks up the southern property line of several sections of University Lands owned by the State of Texas and proceeds approximately 4.9 miles east, crossing Howard Draw Road approximately 4.3 miles south of its intersection with Interstate Highway (IH) 10. The proposed route continues east along the southern boundary of the University Lands for approximately 5.2 miles, until it reaches an existing wood H-frame transmission line. At this point, the proposed route turns northeast and parallels the existing line for approximately 6.5 miles. From here, the route turns back to the east and parallels the south side of an existing Duke Energy pipeline for approximately 0.7 miles, where it crosses Farm-to-Market Road (FM) 2083 approximately 0.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the existing pipeline ROW for another 1.4 miles. At this point the route turns south-east, runs for approximately 0.7 miles and then returns to an easterly heading parallel to an existing Oasis Pipeline Company right-of-way (ROW). The proposed route continues east along the pipeline ROW for approximately 2.3 miles, where it crosses State Highway (SH) 163 approximately 1.9 miles south of the Cedar Hill Cemetery. The route continues east along the Oasis Pipeline ROW for another 2.0 miles, when it makes a 90 degree turn and travels 2.3 miles north, then 1.4 miles east, then turns northeast and travels the final 1.2 miles to the Friend Ranch Substation, which is located on the north side of IH 10, approximately 3.5 miles east of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas.

Alternative Route 1

This alternate route (Designated as Route 1 in the CCN Application) originates at the existing Fort Lancaster Substation, located on U.S. 290 approximately 3.3 miles southeast of Sheffield in Pecos County, Texas. The alternate route exits the southeast side of the substation and parallels the north side of U.S. 290 east to a point approximately 0.4 miles west of the intersection of Live Oak Road and U.S. 290. Here the route turns northeast and, after a short distance, parallels Live Oak Road on the west side for approximately 2 miles. From this point the line turns north and runs for approximately 3.5 miles to a point on the south side of IH 10 approximately 0.8 miles west of the highway crossing of Live Oak Creek. The route then makes a 90 degree turn to the east and parallels first a property line, then the Oasis Pipeline ROW for approximately 23.8 miles along the south side of IH 10. Along this stretch the route crosses U.S. 290 approximately 0.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10, and Howard Draw Road approximately 0.3 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. At this point the route turns northeast and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 1.3 miles; then turns back to the east along a Duke Energy pipeline for 0.7 miles, crossing FM 2083 about 0.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the pipeline ROW for another 3.8 miles, crossing SH 163 approximately 1.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10 in Ozona. The route continues east along the same Duke Energy pipeline ROW for another 2.1 miles, then makes a 90 degree turn north for approximately 1.2 miles, another 90 degree turn to the east for approximately 1.4 miles, then turns northeast and travels the final 1.2 miles to the Friend Ranch Substation, which is located on the north side of IH 10, approximately 3.5 miles east of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas.

Alternative Route 1A

This alternate route (Designated as Route 1A in the CCN Application) exits the existing Fort Lancaster Substation, located on U.S. 290 approximately 3.3 miles southeast of Sheffield in Pecos County, to the northwest and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 2.3 miles before turning northeast and crossing the Pecos River into Crockett County. The route continues northeast, crossing River Road approximately 1.2 miles south of its intersection with IH 10, and heads up Musk Hog Canyon for another 1.3 miles. At this point the alternate route turns east and parallels a pipeline ROW for approximately 5.1 miles to a point along a property line west of Live Oak Road and south of IH 10. Here, the route turns north and runs to a point on the south side of IH 10 approximately 0.8 miles west of the highway crossing of Live Oak Creek. The route then makes a 90 degree turn to the east and parallels first a property line, then the Oasis Pipeline ROW for approximately 23.8 miles along the south side of IH 10. Along this stretch the route crosses U.S. 290 approximately 0.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10, and Howard Draw Road approximately 0.3 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. At this point the route turns northeast and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 1.3 miles; then turns back to the east along a Duke Energy pipeline for 0.7 miles, crossing FM 2083 about 0.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the pipeline ROW for another 3.8 miles, crossing SH 163 approximately 1.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10 in Ozona. The route continues east along the same Duke Energy pipeline ROW for another 2.1 miles, then makes a 90 degree turn north for approximately 1.2 miles, another 90 degree turn to the east for approximately 1.4 miles, then turns northeast and travels the final 1.2 miles to the Friend Ranch Substation, which is located on the north side of IH 10, approximately 3.5 miles east of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas.

Alternative Route 2

This alternate route (Designated as Route 2 in the CCN Application) originates at the existing Fort Lancaster Substation, located on U.S. 290 approximately 3.3 miles southeast of Sheffield in Pecos County, Texas. The alternate route exits the southeast side of the substation and parallels the north side of U.S. 290 east to a point approximately 0.4 miles west of the intersection of Live Oak Road and U.S. 290. Here the route turns northeast and, after a short distance, parallels

Live Oak Road on the west side for approximately 2 miles. From this point the line turns north and runs for approximately 3.5 miles to a point on the south side of IH 10 approximately 0.8 miles west of the highway crossing of Live Oak Creek. The route then makes a 90 degree turn to the east and parallels first a property line, then the Oasis Pipeline ROW for approximately 23.8 miles along the south side of IH 10. Along this stretch the route crosses U.S. 290 approximately 0.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10, and Howard Draw Road approximately 0.3 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. At this point the route turns northeast and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 1.3 miles; then turns back to the east along a Duke Energy pipeline for 0.7 miles, crossing FM 2083 about 0.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the pipeline ROW for another 3.8 miles, crossing SH 163 approximately 1.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10 in Ozona. The route continues east along the same Duke Energy pipeline ROW for another 4.8 miles, then turns north and runs parallel to a private road for approximately 2.6 miles to a point on the south side of IH 10. From here the alternate route turns east and runs approximately 1 mile along the south side of IH 10 before turning north and crossing the highway into the Friend Ranch Substation, which is located on the north side of IH 10, approximately 3.5 miles east of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas.

Alternative Route 3

This alternate route (Designated as Route 3 in the CCN Application) originates at the existing Fort Lancaster Substation, located on U.S. Highway 290 (U.S. 290) approximately 3.3 miles southeast of Sheffield in Pecos County, Texas. The proposed route exits the southeast side of the substation and parallels the north side of U.S. 290 to a point approximately 1.9 miles east of the Pecos River highway crossing. At this point the route veers south-east, away from U.S. 290 and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 7.7 miles, crossing the Pecos River several times (placing two short segments in Terrell County) and then moving east into Crockett County. From here the route continues east, parallel to the existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately another 1.6 miles at which point the existing wood H-frame transmission line turns south-east and the proposed route continues east, crossing Hoover Divide Road along a fenceline, approximately 4.5 miles south of its intersection with U.S. 290. The route turns north here, paralleling the east side of Hoover Divide Road all the way to its intersection with U.S. 290, a distance of 4.5 miles. From this intersection the route turns east and parallels the north side of U.S. 290 for approximately 3.4 miles to the point where an Oasis Pipeline ROW crosses U.S. 290. The route then turns southeast and runs parallel to the pipeline easement for approximately 15.7 miles along the south side of IH 10. In this stretch the alternate route crosses Howard Draw Road approximately 0.3 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. At this point the route turns northeast and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 1.3 miles; then turns back to the east along a Duke Energy pipeline for 0.7 miles, crossing FM 2083 about 0.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the pipeline ROW for another 3.8 miles, crossing SH 163 approximately 1.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10 in Ozona. The route continues east along the same Duke Energy pipeline ROW for another 2.1 miles, then makes a 90 degree turn north for approximately 1.2 miles, another 90 degree turn to the east for approximately 1.4 miles, then turns northeast and travels the final 1.2 miles to the Friend Ranch Substation, which is located on the north side of IH 10, approximately 3.5 miles east of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas.

Alternative Route 4

This alternate route (Designated as Route 4 in the CCN Application) originates at the existing Fort Lancaster Substation, located on U.S. Highway 290 (U.S. 290) approximately 3.3 miles southeast of Sheffield in Pecos County, Texas. The proposed route exits the southeast side of the substation and parallels the north side of U.S. 290 to a point approximately 1.9 miles east of the Pecos River highway crossing. At this point the route veers south-east, away from U.S. 290 and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 7.7 miles, crossing the Pecos River several times (placing two short segments in Terrell County) and then moving east into Crockett County. From here the route continues east, parallel to the existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately another 1.6 miles at which point the existing wood H-frame transmission line turns south-east and the proposed route continues east, crossing Hoover Divide Road along a fenceline, approximately 4.5 miles south of its intersection with U.S. 290. The route turns north here, paralleling the east side of Hoover Divide Road all the way to its intersection with U.S. 290, a distance of 4.5 miles. From this intersection the route turns east and parallels the north side of U.S. 290. The route then turns southeast and runs parallel to the pipeline easement for approximately 15.7 miles along the south side of IH 10. In this stretch the alternate route crosses Howard Draw Road approximately 0.3 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. At this point the route turns northeast and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 1.3 miles; then turns back to the east along a Duke Energy pipeline for 0.7 miles, crossing FM 2083 about 0.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the pipeline ROW for another 3.8 miles, crossing SH 163 approximately 1.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10 in Ozona. The route continues east along the same Duke Energy pipeline ROW for another 4.8 miles, then turns north and runs parallel to a private road for approximately 2.6 miles to a point on the south side of IH 10. From here the alternate route turns east and runs approximately 1 mile along the south side of IH 10, before turning north and crossing the highway into the Friend Ranch Substation, which is located on the north side of IH 10, approximately 3.5 miles east of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas.

Alternative Route 5

This alternate route (Designated as Route 5 in the CCN Application) originates at the existing Fort Lancaster Substation, located on U.S. Highway 290 (U.S. 290) approximately 3.3 miles southeast of Sheffield in Pecos County, Texas. The proposed route exits the southeast side of the substation and parallels the north side of U.S. 290 to a point approximately 1.9 miles east of the Pecos River highway crossing. At this point the route veers south-east, away from U.S. 290 and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 7.7 miles, crossing the Pecos River several times (placing two short segments in Terrell County) and then moving east into Crockett County. From here the route continues east, parallel to the existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately another 1.6 miles at which point the existing wood H-frame transmission line turns south-east and the proposed route continues east, crossing Hoover Divide Road along a fenceline, approximately 4.5 miles south of its intersection with U.S. 290. Approximately 3.5 miles east of Hoover Divide Road the route picks up the southern property line of several sections of University Lands owned by the State of Texas and proceeds approximately 4.9 miles east, crossing Howard Draw Road approximately 4.3 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the southern boundary of the University Lands for approximately 5.2 miles, until it reaches an existing wood H-frame transmission line. At this point, the route turns northeast and parallels the existing line for approximately 6.5 miles. From here, the route turns back to the east and parallels the south side of an existing Duke Energy pipeline for approximately 0.7 miles, where it crosses FM 2083 approximately 0.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the existing pipeline ROW for another 5.9 miles, crossing SH 163 approximately 1.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10 in Ozona. Here the route makes a 90 degree turn to the north for approximately 1.2 miles, another 90 degree turn to the east for approximately 1.4 miles, then turns northeast and travels the final 1.2 miles to the Friend Ranch Substation, which is located on the north side of IH 10, approximately 3.5 miles east of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas.

Alternative Route 6

This alternate route (Designated as Route 6 in the CCN Application) originates at the existing Fort Lancaster Substation, located on U.S. Highway 290 (U.S. 290) approximately 3.3 miles southeast of Sheffield in Pecos County, Texas. The proposed route exits the southeast side of the substation and parallels the north side of U.S. 290 to a point approximately 1.9 miles east of the Pecos River highway crossing. At this point the route veers south-east, away from U.S. 290 and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 7.7 miles, crossing the Pecos River several times (placing two short segments in Terrell County) and then moving east into Crockett County. From here the route continues east, parallel to the existing

wood H-frame transmission line for approximately another 1.6 miles at which point the existing wood H-frame transmission line turns south-east and the proposed route continues east, crossing Hoover Divide Road along a fenceline, approximately 4.5 miles south of its intersection with U.S. 290. Approximately 3.5 miles east of Hoover Divide Road the route picks up the southern property line of several sections of University Lands owned by the State of Texas and proceeds approximately 4.9 miles east, crossing Howard Draw Road approximately 4.3 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the southern boundary of the University Lands for approximately 5.2 miles, until it reaches an existing wood H-frame transmission line. At this point, the alternate route turns northeast and parallels the existing line for approximately 6.5 miles. From here, the route turns back to the east and parallels the south side of an existing Duke Energy pipeline for approximately 0.7 miles, where it crosses FM 2083 approximately 0.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the existing pipeline ROW for another 3.8 miles, crossing SH 163 approximately 1.8 miles south of its intersection with IH 10 in Ozona. The route continues east along the Duke Energy pipeline for another 4.8 miles, then turns north and runs parallel to a private road for approximately 2.6 miles to a point on the south side of IH 10, before turning north and crossing the highway into the Friend Ranch Substation, which is located on the north side of IH 10, approximately 3.5 miles east of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas.

Alternative Route 7

This alternate route (Designated as Route 7 in the CCN Application) originates at the existing Fort Lancaster Substation, located on U.S. Highway 290 (U.S. 290) approximately 3.3 miles southeast of Sheffield in Pecos County, Texas. The proposed route exits the southeast side of the substation and parallels the north side of U.S. 290 to a point approximately 1.9 miles east of the Pecos River highway crossing. At this point the route veers south-east, away from U.S. 290 and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 7.7 miles, crossing the Pecos River several times (placing two short segments in Terrell County) and then moving east into Crockett County. From here the route continues east, parallel to the existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately another 1.6 miles at which point the existing wood H-frame transmission line turns south-east and the proposed route continues east, crossing Hoover Divide Road along a fenceline, approximately 4.5 miles south of its intersection with U.S. 290. Approximately 3.5 miles east of Hoover Divide Road the route picks up the southern property line of several sections of University Lands owned by the State of Texas and proceeds approximately 4.9 miles east, crossing Howard Draw Road approximately 4.3 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the southern boundary of the University Lands for approximately 5.2 miles, where it crosses an existing wood H-frame transmission line. After crossing the line, the route continues east for approximately 4.8 miles along property lines until it intersects a pipeline ROW. From here the route turns northeast and parallels the pipeline ROW for approximately 4 miles until it turns east along an Oasis Pipeline Company ROW. The route continues east along the pipeline ROW for approximately 2.3 miles, where it crosses SH 163 approximately 1.9 miles south of the Cedar Hill Cemetery. The route continues east along the Oasis Pipeline ROW for another 2.0 miles, when it makes a 90 degree turn and travels 2.3 miles north, then 1.4 miles east, then turns northeast and travels the final 1.2 miles to the Friend Ranch Substation, which is located on the north side of IH 10, approximately 3.5 miles east of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas.

Alternative Route 8

This alternate route (Designated as Route 8 in the CCN Application) originates at the existing Fort Lancaster Substation, located on U.S. Highway 290 (U.S. 290) approximately 3.3 miles southeast of Sheffield in Pecos County, Texas. The proposed route exits the southeast side of the substation and parallels the north side of U.S. 290 to a point approximately 1.9 miles east of the Pecos River highway crossing. At this point the route veers south-east, away from U.S. 290 and parallels an existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately 7.7 miles, crossing the Pecos River several times (placing two short segments in Terrell County) and then moving east into Crockett County. From here the route continues east, parallel to the existing wood H-frame transmission line for approximately another 1.6 miles at which point the existing wood H-frame transmission line turns south-east and the proposed route continues east, crossing Hoover Divide Road along a fenceline, approximately 4.5 miles south of its intersection with U.S. 290. Approximately 3.5 miles east of Hoover Divide Road the route picks up the southern property line of several sections of University Lands owned by the State of Texas and proceeds approximately 4.9 miles east, crossing Howard Draw Road approximately 4.3 miles south of its intersection with IH 10. The route continues east along the southern boundary of the University Lands for approximately 5.2 miles where it crosses an existing wood H-frame transmission line. After crossing the line, the route continues east for approximately 4.8 miles along property lines until it intersects a pipeline ROW. From here the route turns northeast and parallels the pipeline ROW for approximately 4 miles until it turns east along an Oasis Pipeline Company ROW. The route continues east along the pipeline ROW for approximately 2.3 miles, where it crosses SH 163 approximately 1.9 miles south of the Cedar Hill Cemetery. The route continues east along the Oasis Pipeline ROW for another 2.0 miles, when it makes a 90 degree turn and travels 2.3 miles north, then 1.4 miles east, then turns northeast and travels the final 1.2 miles to the Friend Ranch Substation, which is located on the north side of IH 10, approximately 3.5 miles east of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas.

If the project is approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the LCRA Transmission Services Corporation will proceed with constructing the proposed facilities. The cost of the proposed transmission facilities project is approximately \$22,687,733.

A map illustrating the proposed project and project area may be reviewed at one of the following locations: AEP/WTU Service Center located at East Highway 67 in McCamey, Texas by contacting Gary Elliot at (915) 652-3033 or AEP/WTU Service Center located at 930 West 19th Street in San Angelo, Texas by contacting Mike Nikolauk at (915) 657-2800. To obtain a map of the proposed project please contact Kelly Wells at LCRA Transmission Services, at (800) 776-5272, ext. 4570 or (512) 369-7570.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: San Angelo
Contract 0907-00-057 for UPGRADE ILLUMINATION ASSEMBLIES IN TOM GREEN County, etc will be opened on January 08, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 8376

State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)

San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd.
San Angelo, Texas 76904
Phone: 915-944-1501

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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OZONA YOUTH EXCITEDLY PARTICIPATE in the Christmas lighting ceremony held Dec 4 on the square. DigiCam Photo by Linda Moore



MR. AND MRS. NATIVIDAD HERNANDEZ are ready for Christmas with their lovely decorations. DigiCam Photo by Joe Hernandez



THE HOME OF MICHAEL AND MARIA YBARRA is decorated as a festive holiday wonderland. DigiCam Photo by Joe Hernandez

The right toy selection plays an important role in gift use

DENTON — How many parents have been disappointed Christmas morning to find their child playing with gift wrap and not the gifts? Keeping some simple toy selection rules in mind can help ensure preschool children will enjoy their gifts more than the boxes.

"First, parents need to make sure all toys they buy their children are safe," said Dr. Jo Ann Engelbrecht, professor of family sciences at Texas Woman's University in Denton. "The toy shouldn't have any small parts the child can put in his or her mouth."

Equally important, the toy should be durable. Pieces of broken toy pose just as great a choking hazard.

Multi-Use vs. Single-Use
"Toys that can be used for a variety of things will be used more than a toy that has a single use," Dr. Engelbrecht said. "Open-ended" toys let children be creative and use their imagination. A toddler can use a large ball for playing catch, kicking in the backyard or as a stool for spinning in a circle.

"Something as simple and inexpensive as a beach ball can hold a child's attention much longer than an expensive toy," Dr. Engelbrecht said. "Markers, newsprint, colored papers, blocks and Play Dough are all things that can keep children entertained for hours and spark their imaginations."

Challenging, But Not Too Difficult

Durable books made out of plastic or cardboard, puppets and puzzles are other items that entertain and challenge children. And keeping a child challenged is important in keeping a child interested in a toy.

"If a puzzle is too easy, the child will do it once and not use it again, similar to teenagers who find a video game too easy and play it once and then opt for something more challenging," Dr. Engelbrecht said.

Toy packaging gives recommended ages for the product. But, Dr. Engelbrecht notes, sometimes the recommendations are off. Look carefully at the toy, examine it and determine if it might be too challenging for your child—which also will cause it to be discarded—or not challenging enough. "Based on his or her personality, is it something that your child would be interested in?" Dr. Engelbrecht added.

Think Ahead
Gift givers need to think about what they are going to buy before heading to the toy store. "Have you seen Toys 'R' Us? It's overwhelming.

"If you go toy shopping without any idea of what you're looking for, you're more likely to make a mistake," Dr. Engelbrecht said. "Look in catalogs and online to get ideas first."

Many online retailers offer an

additional service to buyers: customer product reviews. It's another tool gift givers can use to gauge whether or not a toy will work for his or her preschooler.

For someone purchasing a toy for a friend's or relative's child, call the parents and make sure the child doesn't already have the toy and that the parents are fine with the proposed gift. The drum set from Uncle Bob might not be as big a hit with Mom and Dad as it is with Junior.

Don't Let Little Ones Be Overwhelmed

On Christmas morning, let the child open all his or her gifts but then put some of them aside. "If a child has too many choices, he or she will be overwhelmed and won't know which toy to play with," Dr. Engelbrecht said.

"Rotate the toys," she said. Let the child play with a few for several days or weeks, then pull some others out of the closet and put the toys they have been playing with up. By doing this, it's like discovering new toys every rotation.

Parental Involvement

Finally, Dr. Engelbrecht stresses that parents need to play with their little ones. "Children need and learn from human interaction. Don't let videos, electronic games and television become babysitters."

Being alone on holidays doesn't mean being lonely

DENTON — Traditionally, the holidays place an emphasis on being with family during the season of giving. But a new job in a new city, a spouse's military deployment, estrangement from family and other reasons can mean not being with family. Still, that doesn't mean the holidays have to be any less celebratory.

"You can celebrate the holidays by yourself," said Dr. Roberta Nutt, professor of psychology at Texas Woman's University. "Buy yourself a gift; take yourself out to dinner.

Or, simply, create a "family" to celebrate the holidays.

"Volunteer time at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Visit residents in a nursing home. It's the season of giving, so give some of your time and energy to them," Dr. Nutt said.

An elderly neighbor or other co-workers may be alone during the holidays. Make plans to spend time with them—dinner, a party, some relaxed socializing. "Do what fits for you," Dr. Nutt said.

Share holiday cheer by making a basket of treats to share with firefighters or police working Thanksgiving or Christmas, but first make sure the department's policy doesn't prohibit such gifts and that they know goodies are coming. "Hospital staff and homeless shelter staff also work the holidays and they appreciate such gestures, too," Dr. Nutt said.

"Volunteer to be a substitute driver for Meals On Wheels on Christmas Day. Deliver holiday care baskets for a food bank. Be a Christmas angel and buy gifts for an underprivileged child. There

are so many possibilities."

Creating a personal holiday ritual is another way to celebrate. "Decorating your home and putting up a tree could be a ritual you enjoy while neighbors enjoy the decorations," Dr. Nutt said.

Another ritual could be giving yourself quiet time to reflect on the year, mourn losses and embrace blessings. Since the holidays are stressful enough, and family can make them more stressful, that alone quiet time can be a gift to yourself.

The Ozona Stockman deadline for news, classified and display advertising is MONDAY AT 5:00 P.M. for publication on Wednesday.

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Crockett County does not discriminate on the basis of disability status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. Crockett County has adopted a Grievance Procedure which affirmatively supports federal objectives related to Section 504.

The following individual has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulation implementing Section 504 (24 C.F.R. Part 8, dated June 2, 1988):

John R. Jones, County Judge
Crockett County
P.O. Box 1857
Ozona, Texas 76943
(915) 392-2965

Any individuals with disabilities or other interested persons or organizations desiring to participate in programs, policies or activities of the County, funded in whole or in part by federal funds, are encouraged to contact the County staff person listed above.

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

Crockett County Sheriff's Office Weekly News Report 12-03-02 through 12-09-02

12-03-02

- Deputies responded to an alarm at a local bank. Everything was okay.
- Deputy assisted at local convenience store with welfare.
- Report of an injured subject on I-10. Deputy responded and everything was okay.
- Report of loose livestock on Hwy. 137. DPS Trooper put cow back inside fence.
- Deputy met complainant in reference to issuing a criminal trespass notice on a person at Appaloosa Run.
- Report of a motor vehicle accident. Emergency personnel searched the area for three hours. When the vehicle was located, it was determined that the driver sustained fatal injuries.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on 500 Block of 9th St.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at local motel.

12-04-02

- Report of a minor motor vehicle accident on Hwy. 163 and 11 St. DPS trooper worked accident.
- Report of a gas drive off from local convenience store. Later, subject came back and paid for the fuel.
- Report of loose livestock in the draw. Dispatcher notified owner.
- Report of loose livestock on Hwy. 137. Dispatcher notified land owner.
- Report of two subjects on I-10 exposing themselves. Deputies unable to locate subjects.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle at local convenience store.
- Deputy assisted subjects on I-10 with gas welfare.
- 911 medical call to 100 Block of Ave. J. Deputy assisted EMS with patient.
- Report of a suspicious person across from local convenience store. Deputy brought one subject in to the jail to sleep for the night.
- Deputy assisted EMS on Yucca Ln. with patient transport.

12-05-02

- Report of a motor vehicle accident on 900 Block of Ave. J. No injuries reported. DPS worked accident.
- Report of a gas drive off from local convenience store. Deputy located and stopped suspect vehicle on I-10, and subject went back and paid for fuel.
- Deputy responded to 11th St. for suspicious persons call. Deputy was unable to locate subjects.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle on 1200 Block of Ave. E.
- Deputy assisted subjects at lo-

- cal church with gas welfare.
- Report of dogs chasing cars on 700 Block of Ave. D. Dispatcher notified animal control.
- Report of a possible prowler on 200 Block of Ave. I. Deputies and Troopers were unable to locate prowlers.

12-06-02

- Deputy met with complainants in reference to juveniles fighting.
- Lost cellular phone. Deputy made contact with owner.
- Report of loud party with juveniles possibly drinking. Deputy unable to locate party at address.
- Deputy took offense report at Crockett Co. Jail in reference to an assault.
- 911 medical call. Deputy assisted EMS.
- Deputy provided welfare to subjects.
- Report of subject buying beer for juveniles. Deputy made contact and subject returned beer to store.

12-07-02

- Loud music complaint on Walnut Dr. Deputies unable to locate party.
- Subject requesting assistance with vehicle repossession. Deputy met with subject and advised it would be a civil matter.
- Deputy made report on an unattended death.
- 911 call of fire behind Country Club Apts. Fire Dept. notified.
- Deputy met with subject about property being sold. Deputy notified subject it would be a civil matter.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle.
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- Report gas drive off, subject returned to pay for gas.
- Report of skunk in convenience store parking lot, animal gone on Deputy's arrival.

12-08-2002

- Deputy met with subject in office in reference to an assault.
- Alarm at Ozona Primary School. Deputies checked school, and all okay.
- Deputy met with subject about possible burglary, and additional problems with property being sold from previous day.
- Motor vehicle accident on I-10. Deputy assisted EMS and DPS Troopers.
- Deputy unlocked vehicle.
- Possible family disturbance at Crockett Apts. Deputy checked residence and couple were just arguing.
- Subject reported theft. Deputy filed offense report.
- Possible prowler on Ave. J. Deputy unable to locate anyone.
- Burglary of a building. Deputy filed offense report.
- Subject requested gas welfare.
- Deputy declined gas welfare.
- Deputy assisted elderly citizen entering home.

12-09-02

- Deputy met with subjects in reference to telephone harassment.
- Deputy provided courtesy transport.
- Deputies provided funeral escort.
- Deputy met with subject in reference to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- Deputy met with subject at Sheriff's Office in reference to subject requesting a teenage boy to stay away from complainant's daughter.
- Deputy met with subject, and provided courtesy transport to a local wrecker yard.
- Deputies met with complainant at Willow Dr. They wanted son's ex-girlfriend to return vehicle still under contract with local car dealer.
- Deputy met with subject at office and issued a statement.
- Deputy met with subject on Santa Rosa St. She was requesting that a family member be kicked out of house. Subject left on his own.

12-07-02

- Neil, William Henry, age 45, of Nevada City, Colorado, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. Subject posted bond and was released.
- Arp, Eric Don, age 20, of San Angelo, was arrested by DPS Trooper on charges of driving under influence by a minor and minor in possession. Subject posted bond and was released.

12-09-02

- Newton, Carlos Benard Jr., age 54, of San Antonio was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. Subject remains in jail.
- Wilson, Jimmy Eugene, age 52, of San Antonio was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. Subject remains in jail.
- Bond, David Leroy, age 49, of San Antonio was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance. Subject remains in jail.

ARREST REPORT 12-03-02 through 12-09-02

12-04-02

- Hughes, Brandon, age 20, of Jackson, Alabama, was arrested by Concho Valley Drug Task Force on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. Subject posted bond and was released.
- Guerra, Noe, age 35, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on Crockett Co. warrant for interfering with child custody. Subject remains in jail.
- Davis, Kenneth Wayne, age 31, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on Crockett Co. warrant for parole violation. Subject remains in jail.

12-06-02

- Alvarez, Gaspar Galindo, age 49, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of theft less than \$20. Subject released on time served.
- Ramirez, Micheal, age 25, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of theft less than \$20. Subject released on time served.

OFFENSE REPORTS 12-03-02 through 12-09-02

12-06-02

- Sheriff's Deputy filed offense report of Forgery. Forged check had been passed at a local grocery store.
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12-07-02

- Sheriff's Deputy took unattended death report at local motel.
- Sheriff's Deputy filed offense report of assault causes bodily injury. Subject assaulted outside convenience store.

12-08-02

- Sheriff's Deputy filed offense report on assault causes bodily injury. Subject assaulted at residence and required medical attention.
- Sheriff's Deputy filed offense report of theft more than \$750, but less than \$20000. Various items taken from house.
- Sheriff's Deputy filed offense report of burglary of a building. Storage room broken into and several items removed at local apartment complex.

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RIG LOCATIONS

General location information for Crockett, Sutton, Schleicher, Terrell, Reagan and Val Verde counties of Texas

As of Dec. 6, 2002

Crockett County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New Dominion OK TX&P	9200	Van Shoubrueck #1401	Patterson Drilling/A #118
New RME Petro Co/Mid	8700	McMullan - C-47	Patterson Drilling/A #38
New Concho Oil & Gas/OKC	7000	Montgomery - A- #1010	Patterson Drilling/A #109
Reach Expl/Mid - H/S	7000	Baldridge #1	ROD RIC Corp. #4

Sutton County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New Dominion OK TX&P	8750	Sawyer - B #5	Patterson Drilling/A #108
New Concho/Mid	8350	Hill-Randee Fawcett Tr -K-42	Patterson Drilling/A #108
New Dominion OK TX&P	8190	Simmons Ranch #41	Patterson Drilling/A #122
Dominion OK TX&P	6600	Thomson - C- #6	Patterson Drilling/A #102
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New Dominion OK TX&P	6000	Vanderstucken - 50-#13	Patterson Drilling/A #107

Terrell County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New Concho/Mid	16000	Colbertson - 9- #3 1H	Nabors Drilling (O) #738
New BPAmerica Prod/Mid	15500	Ranier Estate #4H	Patterson UULV #481
New Riata Energy Inc.	9000	Pakenham - 51- #1	Nabors Drilling (O) #316

Val Verde County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New Terms Oil & Gas Co/H	5700	Meadows #1177	Patterson Drilling/A #42

Edwards County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New EEX E&P Co.	10000	Shaw - B- #6291	Patterson Drilling/A #471

Schleicher County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New SMC Oil & Gas, Inc.	6500	M D Byars #3	Heart Land Drilling #2

Reagan County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New Mariner Energy	8600	SAU Mariner-5- #2A	Big Dog Drilling #5
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Junction Stockyards Market Report

Sheep and Goats

Dec. 9, 2002

Junction Stockyards sold 2677 head of sheep and goats Monday. Most stock was steady.

#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs.	88-93
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	85-90
#1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs.	85-90
#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs.	85-90
Fat ewes	40-43
Thin ewes	35-35
Bucks	30-40
Baby tooth ewes	50-55
Ewe & lamb pairs	-----
Baby tooth Angora stocker nannies	45-55
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies	40-43
Stocker Angora muttons	35-40
Angora kids	85-1.00
Angora kids-shorn	80-95
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	28-35
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	38-42
muttons	38-45
Stocker Spanish nannies	45-55
Fat Spanish nannies	48-53
Fat Spanish muttons & billies	70-82
Fat yearlings	65-80
Fat Spanish kids	88-97
Small kids	1.05-1.22
Thin kids	90-1.00
Spanish nanny & kid pairs	-----

Grand Jury indictments

The following indictments resulted from a Nov. 20 meeting of the Crockett County Grand Jury. An indictment means that nine or more of 12 grand jurors believe there is reason for a trial.

Marcos Solis Quiroz - Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, second degree felony

Samuel Solis Quiroz - Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, second degree felony

Marcos Solis Quiroz - Assault against a public servant, third degree felony

Ricardo Cardona - Driving while intoxicated, third degree felony

Hilario Ramoz Jr. - Aggravated sexual assault of a child, first degree felony, count 1; injury to a child, third degree felony, count 2

Jesse Darrell Caldera - Credit card or debit card abuse, state jail felony

Launa Leigh Hill - Tampering with a governmental record, third degree felony

Christopher Michael Larson - Possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony

James Derek Adkins - 7 counts forgery, state jail felony

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DISTRICT 7C Rule 37/38 Case No. 0233153
DATE OF ISSUANCE: December 2, 2002
NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SAMSON LONE STAR LTD PARTNERSHIP, TWO WEST SECOND ST., TULSA OK 74103 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission State-wide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38) Applicant seeks exception to the lease line and distance between wells and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the recompletion permit for Well No. 1, Williams Gas Unit, 640 Acres, Sec. 5, Bk. O, C. W. Brown/M. T. Harrell Survey A-5612, Huppler (Ellenburger), Miller (Ellenburger) Field(s), Crockett County, being 25 miles from south of Ozona, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

1,200' from the west line and 1,600' from the north line of lease.
1,200' from the west line and 2,000' from the south line of survey.

Field rules for the Huppler (Ellenburger) field are 1320/2640, 640 acres.

Field rules for the Miller (Ellenburger) field are 1320/3735, 640 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11,849 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 Protester 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, James M. Clark, Agent, at 512-480-8800. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

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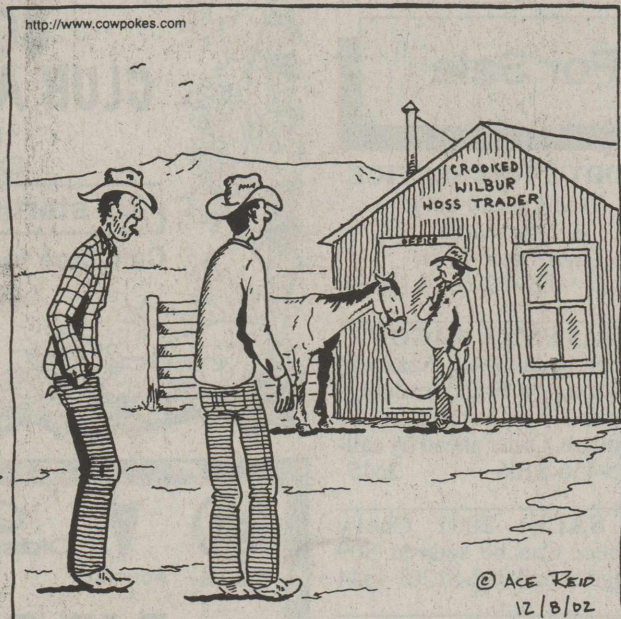
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FOR SALE: 1993 Forrest Oak mobile home 16X80, good condition, valued at \$18,000.00, will sell for \$15,000.00. For more info call (817) 783-3549. 4p43

Miscellaneous

\$500.00 DOLLAR REWARD
During the past year person or persons unknown have damaged County road signs. The person who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible will be eligible for the \$500.00 reward. Those having information should call Sheriff Shane Fenton. Callers names will remain anonymous. tfc16

TO WHOEVER picked up the Jack Russell puppy (1-year old) on Hwy. 173 Saturday night, please return him. He belonged to my late husband. Dog has brown head, white body, brown collar. Betty Harrell. 392-4300. 1c45

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