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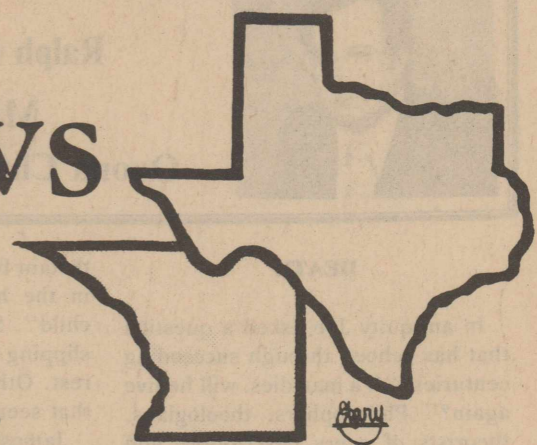
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Ozona players, left to right, are Tamie Reagor, Elisa Coy and Letecia Dominguez

Hospital to drop Medicare certification

Crockett County Hospital will voluntarily decertify from Medicare by January 1, 1986, a decision reached at a December 5 board of directors meeting. The move is designed as a means of saving an estimated \$251,000 on operating costs in 1986, and as a way of keeping the facility open as a hospital under local control.

The hospital, which is presently out of compliance with Medicare rules in three areas, had been given until January 1 to rectify the deficiencies. "Everytime they come down you have some deficiencies," said board member Fred Deaton about the inspection teams. "We though we'd get out voluntarily on a good note."

Deaton's comments were made Monday following his presentation of the monthly hospital report to Commissioners Court. He made the report on behalf of the hospital in the absence of an administrator.

"I can't speak for the rest of the board, but I feel that a strong trauma center and emergency center are needed here in Ozona," said Deaton

in an interview Monday night. "If things work out, this (the results of decertification) will offer people more than what they have."

Deaton feels strongly that "it would not help the town at all to completely close the hospital and have just an emergency room."

"It would be very difficult to get re-licensed if we let it go," said Deaton regarding a recently considered plan to turn the hospital into an emergency center under outside operation. "We do have a few options left that we can do ourselves."

"We don't know how long we'd be able to operate like it is," said Deaton. "I feel like we really have not burned any bridges and that any time we could re-apply for Medicare."

Decertification means that Medicare patients using the hospital will not be reimbursed for any charges, except in some emergency cases. Medicare patients presently account for 24 percent of in-patient occupancy and have been on a "real steady decline" Deaton told commissioners. Medicare patients ac-

counted for approximately 65 percent of occupancy two years ago.

The savings generated by decertifying will come mainly from staff cuts, although just what cuts will be made are not known at this time. The hospital is expected to be operated as a five or six bed facility rather than at the present 20 bed level. The constant expenses involved with Medicare compliance will also be eliminated.

An interim administrator has been hired following the resignation last month of Don Hopkins. Bill Boswell of Brady has entered into a 120 day contract as administrator of Crockett County Hospital effective December 9. He was in Austin early this week checking "to find out what we can and cannot do," said Deaton. The board will begin a search for a new administrator after hearing Boswell's report on his Austin trip.

"The board is strong in what we all believe," said Deaton, who knows that "there is no easy answer, no one answer that's going to make everyone happy."

Heater needed for Care Center

Commissioners considered three bids for a 15 ton heater/air conditioner for the Crockett County Care Center when they met Monday. The bids had been requested on an emergency basis after Judge A. O. Fields was informed November 24 that the heater serving the center's foyer and dining room was out.

The court agreed to accept the cheapest bid which could be installed within the next 20 days. Attempts were being made Monday to contact bidders to learn an installation date.

A vote was taken approving advertising for bids for a 20 ton unit to serve part of the courthouse.

Mark White and Bobby Zesch of San Angelo appeared before the court to discuss health insurance plans. Data on five companies was presented. The court was shown a possible \$100,000 a year savings on insurance with little change in benefits. Commissioners voted to advertise for bids to be opened at a special meeting December 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Fred Deaton of the hospital board gave the monthly report and talked with commissioners about the board's vote to decertify from Medicare. Deposits of \$50,954.20 were made last month. Disbursements were \$86,536.47. The hospital had 29 patient days for .05 percent occupancy.

An interim administrator, Bill Boswell of Brady, has contracted to serve for 120 days. He was in Austin for hospital related meetings Monday, but was expected back in Ozona at mid-week.

Commissioner Chuy Castro moved that the court accept the recommendations of the hospital board to keep the facility open another year while attempting to cut expenditures. A second by Byron Stuart was followed by a unanimous vote affirming the recommendation.

The 1986 budget includes \$561,000 for the hospital, the same amount budgeted for 1985. Although a \$300,000 savings is expected by decertifying, County Attorney Tom Cameron pointed out that the figure is "not concrete".

Agreeing to continue hospital funding for another year "doesn't close the door on Shamrock" said Judge Fields.

"If we do go with Shamrock, that's it, it's over," commented Fields. Acceptance of a proposal from Shannor-Shamrock of San Angelo would result in the facility being operated as a clinic.

Deaton read a letter from Richard Boyd, executive vice-president of St. John's Hospital in San Angelo stating St. John's was not going to submit a management bid to Crockett County Hospital.

Dr. Don Carlisle, when asked if he wished to comment, told commissioners, "I think you're going to have to decertify," indicating that the hospital could not continue to operate as it is. He stressed that without certification, Medicare outpatients, lab work and x-rays would not be covered at the hospital, nor would lab work or x-rays ordered from a doctor's office.

Commissioners voted to establish

an insurance reserve fund for public liability with the \$50,000 which insurance premiums would cost this year. \$50,000 is to be put into the fund each year based on a motion by Jack Williams and seconded by Byron Stuart.

A request for \$3,500 for food for the Helping Hands for the Elderly was discussed by the court. Judge Fields reminded officials that they had agreed to go with \$8,400 for the program in 1986 if the organization could get lined up with funding from government agencies.

The requested \$3,500 was approved to help on the purchase of food for a beginning inventory when the organization gets its new building established. The vote passed on a motion by Judge Fields seconded by Stuart.

Manuel Villarreal and his attorney, Gerald Ratliff of San Angelo, appeared at 11:30 a.m. for a grievance hearing Termination of Villarreal two weeks ago by Onesimo Ortiz was upheld by the court.

Water Dist. Directors to be elected

An election of directors for Crockett County W.C.&I.D. has been called for January 18, 1986. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the courthouse.

Two directors will be elected. Outgoing directors are J. W. Johnigan and Dennis Clark who filled the unexpired term of Duane Childress.

Anyone interested in running for the positions should file at the Water District office.

Chamber directors elected

Five new directors were elected to the Ozona Chamber of Commerce by balloting of the members. New directors are Scotty Moore, Drake McKinney, Dan Pullen, Carole Hunicutt and Buster Miller. They will begin serving in January. They will begin serving in January.

Holdover directors of the organiza-

tion are: Steve Sessom, Sandra Childress, Garland Davis, J. D. Brown, Fred Deaton, Jim Marks, Bobby Aycock, Vince Huffman, Ken Harrison and Brock Jones.

Leaving the board are Johnny Childress, Frank White and Betty Perry.

Ozona Day Care Center fights for existence

By Cynthia Harrell Hodges

During a called emergency meeting December 5 in the chapel of the United Methodist Church, Ozona Day Care Center board members presented an alarming picture to the parents present. Rates had to be

increased or the center, due primarily to declining enrollment figures, would cease to be.

The day care center is faced with a financial shortage of about \$4,000. "We're in existence to break even, and to keep our cost as low as possible and the quality at the center as high as possible," Rev. Ken Harrison explained.

The meeting was called because

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ASC committee election

The Crockett County ASC Committee election was held December 2, 1985. The nominees were: David Bean, Jack Brewer and Steve Kenley. Ballots were counted at the ASCS office December 4.

David Bean was elected to the committee with Jack Brewer as first alternate and Steve Kenley as second alternate.

The committee for the 1986 year will consist of David Bean serving as chairman, Dan Davidson serving as vice-chairman and Bill Black serving as regular member. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Mendoza buried here

Lucianne Mendoza died Monday, December 2, 1985 at 4:30 a.m. in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo. She was 62.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery under the direction of Sizemore Funeral Home. She was born Lucianne Rodriguez on January 8, 1923, in Sheffield. She was married to John Mendoza December 13, 1946, in Sheffield. They moved to Ozona in 1965.

Survivors include her husband, John Mendoza of Ozona; one daughter, Mrs. Joe Moran of Ozona; one sister, Chona Gonzales of Seagraves; three brothers, Marcial Rodriguez of Ozona, Steve Rodriguez of Sheffield and Tom Rodriguez of Ozona; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Torres service Wednesday

Benito M. Torres, 73, died Sunday afternoon, December 8, in St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Funeral services will be at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery in Ozona. Burial will follow in Lima Cemetery under direction of Sizemore Funeral Home.

Mr. Torres was born September

20, 1912 in Sacramento, Mexico. He was a lifetime resident of Ozona. He was a bricklayer and a member of the Catholic Church.

He is survived by three daughters, Alicia Fierro of San Angelo, Guadalupe Gutierrez of Ozona, Susie Moran of Ozona; three sons, Luis Torres of Ozona, Benito Torres, Jr. of Monterrey, Mexico and Vidal Torres of Ciudad Acuna, Mexico.

Fort Stockton rites for Ned Pacheco

Ned Pacheco of Fort Stockton died December 6, 1985 in Pecos County Memorial Hospital in Fort Stockton. He was 70 years of age.

Funeral Mass was held at 1:00 p.m. Monday in St. Agnes Catholic Church with burial in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery directed by Fort

Stockton Funeral Home.

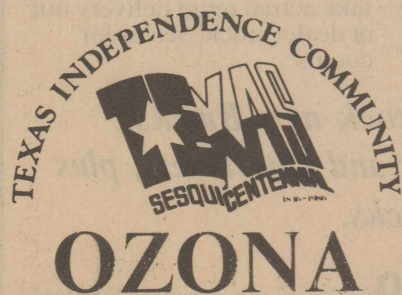
He was born December 6, 1915.

Survivors include his wife: Catarina Pacheco of Fort Stockton; two daughters, Elida Cervantez of Ozona and Elodin Baiza of Fort Stockton; and a sister, Engletina Alaniz of Fort Stockton.



Garden of the Month award has been given by Ozona Garden Club to

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Clayton





Jeffery Sutton, center, receives citation for outstanding service.

Sutton honored for NARO service

Jeffrey Sutton of Ozona was presented a citation for outstanding service at the recently concluded annual convention of the National Association of Royalty Owners, Inc.

The local rancher was specifically honored at the Dallas meeting for his role as chairman of the NARO-Texas organization, a state-wide coalition of royalty owners formed last year.

Tom Allen of Houston, national

chairman of NARO, praised Sutton for his activity in Austin during the recent legislative session, which resulted in passage of a Texas uniform royalty check stub bill, and for establishing NARO-Texas coordinators in ten districts of the state.

"During Sutton's tenure, we also have evidenced absorption of the five-year old West Texas Land and Mineral Owners Association, which

is based in Snyder," Allen said. "This will bring in an additional 400 members, when the merger is concluded, and enable us to increase legislative activities in Austin."

The National Association of Royalty owners was formed in 1980, initially to combat the impact of the Windfall Profits Tax, which taxed the nation's 2.5 million royalty owners at the highest rate in

recorded history.

The organization numbers over 5000 members in 50 states and an additional 39,000 associates with affiliated county, regional and state mineral owner associations.

NARO, through its Washington activities, was credited with gaining first the \$1,000 tax credit against production, and later, through a 1981 tax revision bill, the existing three barrel a day exemption from the WPT for oil royalty owners. This has amounted to over an \$11 billion savings from the tax, according to Allen, a certified financial planner with his own financial services firm, Allen and Hampton, Inc., in Houston.

The NARO organization is headquartered in Ada, Oklahoma, and maintains representation in Austin and Washington, D.C., where retired U. S. Senator Carl T. Curtis heads a staff of two attorneys in monitoring issues impacting royalty owners.

Since its founding, NARO has branched into legislative issues in 11 states, and through education and publications keeps its members informed on lease trends, tax implications and regulatory occurrences.

Sutton said current national goals of the organization include defense of current percentage depletion allowances for royalty owners, now under attack by both the White House and the House Ways and Means Committee, decontrol of all natural gas, repeal of the restrictions imposed by the Industrial Fuel Use Act of 1978, which replaces natural gas with coal in many industrial applications, and an effort to substitute capital gains treatment for percentage depletion, "if that effort fails."

"The capital gains substitution for percentage depletion would result in a 250 percent tax savings for most West Texans," Sutton said. He has also served for two years as a member of the NARO National Legislative Council, which meets annually in Washington, D. C., with key members of the House and Senate.

On the Texas front, NARO-Texas will set the stage for plugging a loophole in the recently passed "prompt and timely payments act," which was designed to ensure prompt payment of royalty following initial production of oil and gas.

"Instead, a one-sentence rider to the bill exempts payment of all royalty interests should there be a cloud on any one portion of the interest," Sutton said. "This is being badly abused and has resulted in a problem far greater than before the bill was passed, since many operators are ducking behind the law to avoid, or suspend, payments, for months on end."

Recently enacted rulings by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission are also causing problems, according to Allen.

"On November 1, they put into effect a hodge-podge of rules that

Snips, quips & lifts



By Lottie Lee Baker

Scratching for ideas is one way to relieve the itch for success.

It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Something I would like to ask the State Department: "With all these good-will trips, how come we don't have any?"

Knowledge humbles the great man, astonishes the common man and puffs up the little man.

One can't reduce by talking about it - he has to keep his mouth shut.

You can't tell. Maybe the fish goes home and brags about the size of the bait he stole.

Sin would have fewer takers if the consequences always occurred immediately.

We all live under the same sky, but we don't have the same horizon.

People who cross their bridges

before they come to them have to pay the toll twice.

God's gift to "little people" is a thing called conceit.

Drive carefully: the life you save may be mine.

When a speech is boiled down, it is not so dry.

It's a wise man who knows if silence is really golden or just plain yellow.

Life is an everlasting struggle to keep money coming in and teeth and hair from coming out.

To err is human - but usually a much better excuse is demanded.

A Lift for the Week

He cannot walk amiss who walks in love.

Churches plan programs

Special services and programs are being planned by community churches. Events which had been finalized by press time are listed below. Additional happenings and information from other churches will be welcomed for coming editions of **The News**.

CALVARY BAPTIST

Calvary Baptist Church members have planned a Christmas caroling program Tuesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Crockett County Care Center. All members are encouraged to participate in the singing.

CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

The Church of God of Prophecy will have a Christmas program at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22. Rev. Connie Marroquin announced recently. The program will feature church members in a live nativity scene.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rehearsals are underway for a December 15 Christmas program with combined choirs, First Baptist Music Director Terry Racher said.

"We want to involve everyone in the program," Racher explained. The pre-school, children's, junior and adult choirs will participate in the 7:00 p.m. program.

All ages will be involved from a baby in the nursery to the Three Wise Men, Lowell Littleton, Lonnie Dorris and Troy Williams.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

December Advent Services will be held December 12 and 19 at 7:00 p.m. Advent means "coming" and services are focused on the coming of God's Son; first by the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ; and also His soon return to judge the world and

take His people into eternal life.

A special children's Christmas service will be held December 15 at 9:00 a.m. Directors are Ruby Olson, Phyllis Harms and Maggie Zimmerman.

The children's Christmas program at the Care Center will be December 16 at 7:30 p.m.

A Christmas Eve service will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, 415 E. Second in Sonora at 7:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve service will be December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ozona United Methodist Church will have a Christmas pageant December 15 during morning services. A children's play and choir will be part of the pageant.

Directors are Lou Haire, Frances Curry and Susie Harrison.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

"Las Posadas" will begin December 16. The children will go to a different house each night carrying figurines of Mary and Joseph. On the last night, the 24th, they go to Midnight Mass. These nine nights represent the nights Mary and Joseph journeyed asking for a place to stay.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church announces: on Tuesday, December 24, the Christmas Mass will be at 10:00 p.m. preceded by caroling at 9:30 p.m. The Christmas morning Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on December 25. In preparation for Christmas, there will be a communal Penance Service on Monday, December 23, 1985, at 7:00 p.m.

At Good Shepherd Mission in Sheffield there will be only the Christmas Eve Mass on Tuesday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend any or all of the services.

4-H horse program meets

The Crockett County 4-H Horse Program members will meet at 6:30 Friday, December 13, at the draw on First Street. The group will go Christmas caroling followed by a Christmas party at the Kathryn Mayfield residence.

Tracy Harris

It's a girl

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Applewhite of Kerrville are the parents of a daughter, Amberly Elizabeth, born Monday, December 9, 1985, at Sid Peterson Hospital in Kerrville. The little girl weighed in at five pounds, 14 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Joining her parents in making her welcome are a sister, Shannon, age 6, a brother, Randy, age 3½, and happy grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dunn of Kerrville and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Applewhite of Ozona.

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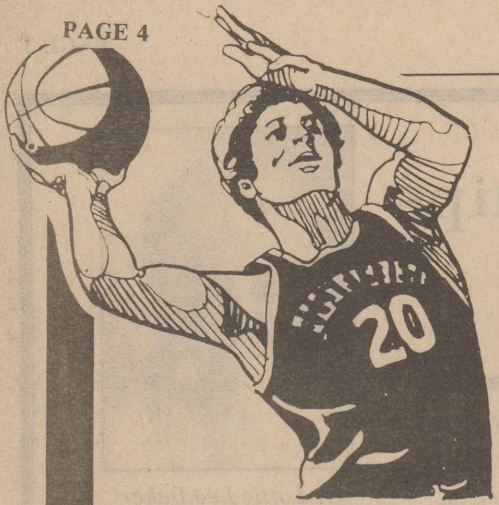


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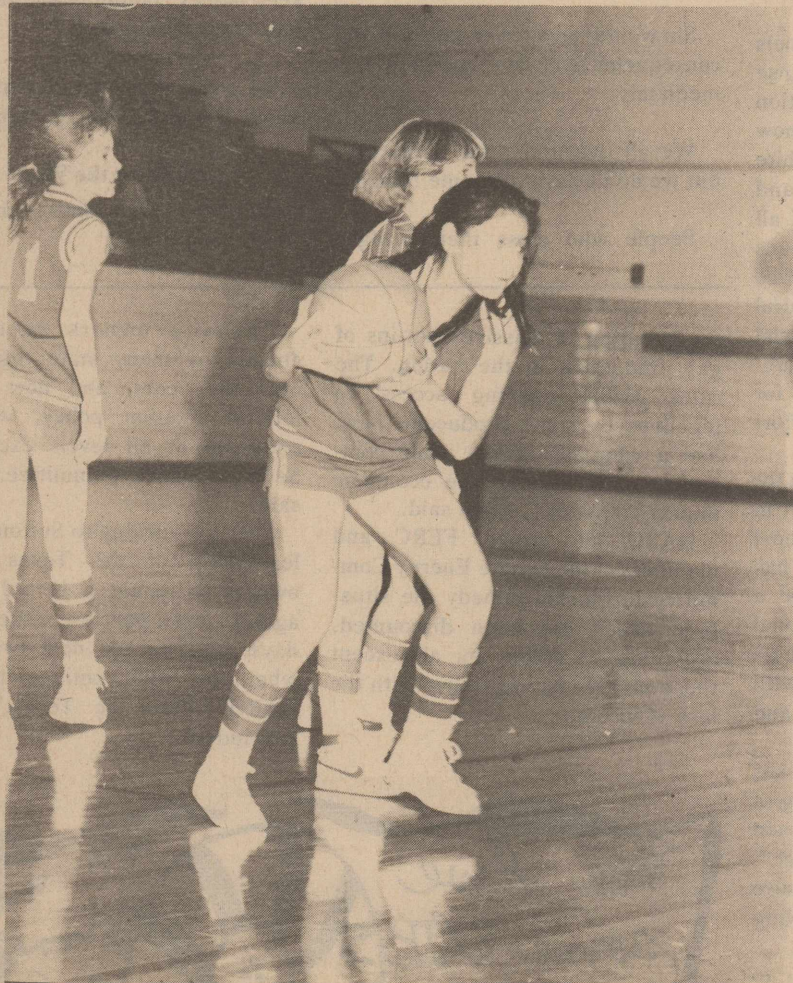


The Ozona Lions BASKETBALL

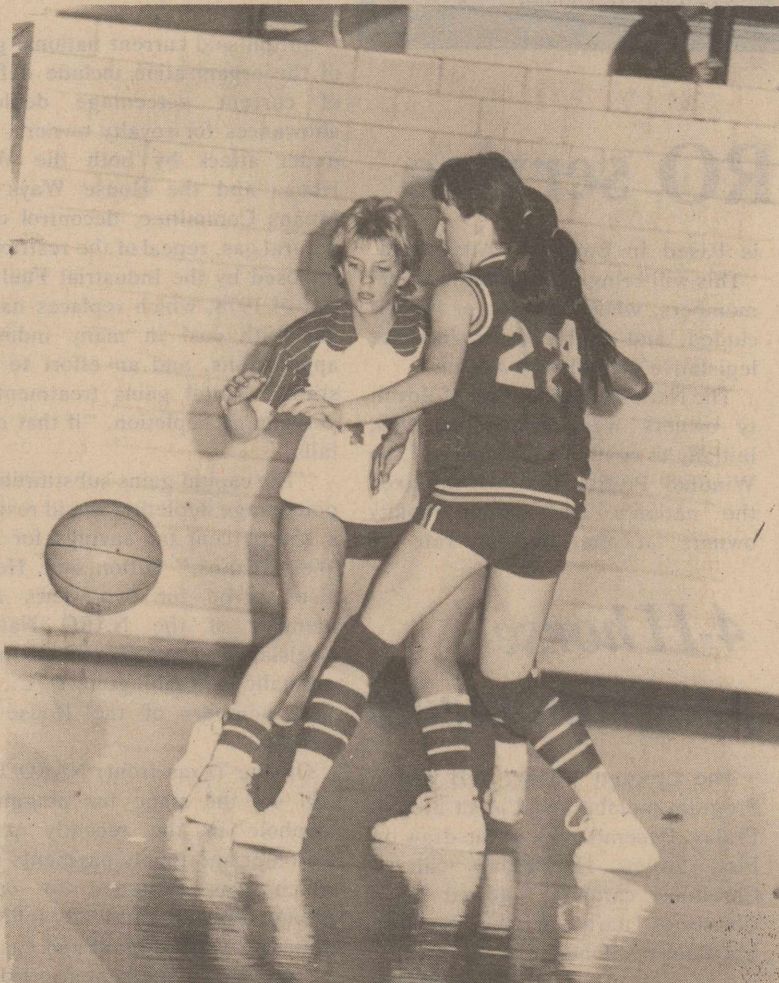


SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Boys	Girls
Dec. 12	McCamey	McCamey	5:30	9th	9th
Dec. 13, 14	Ozona Tourn Junction Tourn Junction	Ozona Junction		A B	A B
Dec. 16	Sonora	Sonora	5:00	7-8	7-8
Dec. 16	Ft. Stockton	Ft. Stockton	5:00	9th	
Dec. 17	San Angelo Lakeview Open	San Angelo	6:30	A & B	A & B



Misty Fowler, Letecia Dominguez



Christy Cotton



Jennifer Colin

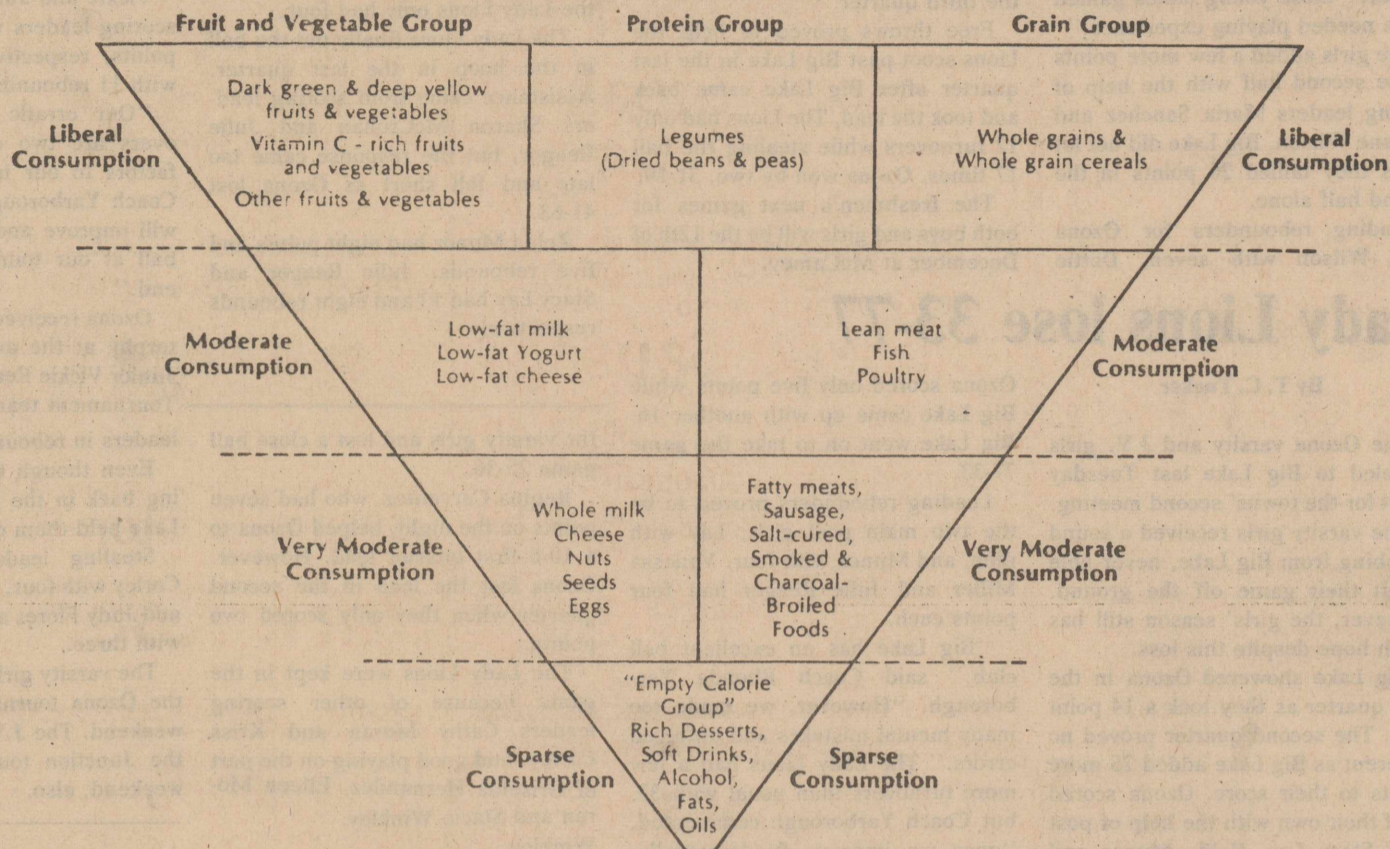
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| Pepe's | Crockett County National Bank | Wool Growers |
| Happy Hollow | Leo Cervantez Exxon | Upham Insurance Agency |
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| B & C Automotive | South Permain, Inc. | Perry's |
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"The data is clear; **THE AMOUNT OF FAT** is the overriding factor. The type of fat also makes a difference but . . . the total number of (fat) calories consumed may be even more important."

Unsaturated fats (the oils) tend to increase tumor development more than saturated fats (animal fat) in most studies. Unsaturated fats (the oils) tend to lower the risk of heart disease. Do we have to trade risk of heart disease in order to lower risk of cancer? According to Dr. Campbell, Professor of Nutrition at Cornell University, "I believe we can do both by decreasing total fat in our diets - by eating less fried foods, spreads and oils while eating more plant products. One recommendation I am enthusiastic about because of the scientific base is to eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grain products - shift to a more plant-oriented diet. This type of diet would meet both the guidelines for heart disease and for cancer. It would reduce total fat and protein intake and increase dietary fiber, beta-carotene and ascorbic acid intake."

*Prepaid by: Dr. Mary Ruth Swope, N.P.H.S., Inc., P.O. Box 2236, Melbourne, Florida 32902. Taken from the Fall 1984 NEWSLETTER, American Institute for Cancer Research, Washington, D.C.

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Care Center News

By Ann McCartney
Director of Activities
and Social Care



The first week of December is now behind us. We began the week by putting together our felt Christmas calendar we made two years ago. The calendar has twenty-five numbered triangles that form a Christmas tree. Each day a triangle is reversed, showing the decorated side and leaving the number of days left until Christmas. Alice Ross is our volunteer in charge of changing our numbers daily.

Our letters of invitations to our Christmas party on December 20 will be in the mail by the time this is read. Thanks go to Dorothy Doll for assisting with this project and the felt calendar.

Jo Davidson showed slides and a video of her recent trips to Tahiti this week. We all enjoy this type of program and do hope more and more of our readers will give us a program sharing their vacations, whether it be in Texas or somewhere far away.

Juana Hernandez, Tomasa Ramoz, Moriama Perez, Pauline Clinton and Hilda Dysart all came to our ceramic session on Wednesday. Doris Karr and Jeanne Wellman helped clean ceramic pieces this week.

Marilyn Chalmers, along with daughters Crista and Martha, came on Wednesday, and Marilyn played some beautiful piano pieces.

Our beauty shop was manned this week by Vivian Hughes, Clara Byrd and Jo Ann Williamson.

Five members of the Faith Lutheran Church brought our Bible study on Thursday afternoon. They gave us our first chance to sing Christmas carols.

Spanish Hour of Praise was brought by Maria Vitela, Paulita Leal, Norma Flores, Isabel Molina, Micaela Cantu, Evan David Fierro and Alicia Perez.

Friday afternoon, Jo Davidson and your truly took residents Pauline Clinton and Hilda Dysart in the van on a Christmas shopping trip. We are putting this van to use, and we really appreciate all the times Jo volunteers to assist with our projects.

Jo Davidson, Elvira Caldwell, Doris Karr and Evelyn Keith all worked at a booth selling some of our ceramic pieces on Saturday. Residents going in the van and assisting with the sale included Tomasa Ramoz, Inez Biggs and Hilda Dysart. We really appreciate all these helpers!

Tuesday and Friday bingo winners included Alice Ross, first place and winner of a gift certificate from Clayton's Village Drug, Pauline Clinton, second place winner and also winner of the certificate from El Chato's for two dinners. Volunteers included Elodia Zapata, Sophia Tijerina, Dorothy Doll, Anna Bell Patrick, Gwen Nelson, Alice Ross and Minnie Karr.

A big welcome goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Watson who moved in just before Thanksgiving. Her name is Leo. They moved in here from Iraan, and they are the parents of Bill Watson. Welcome also goes out to Theo Burns, mother of Glen Burns, who moved in last Friday. She has lived in Eden, Brady and Rochelle before moving to Ozona.

Thanks this week go to Donuts, Etc. for sending donuts, Byrl Allen and Cliff Williamson for sending shaving lotion, something we always need, and to Mrs. Tom Tutler for bringing us some magazines.

Ten members of Monica Delgado's catechism class brought our residents their Sunday afternoon church services. I hear they really had some good singing.

Don't forget to visit your friends and loved ones in our care center!

Community groups are encouraged to submit news items to this newspaper.

Our deadline is Monday at 1:00 p.m. for publication in Wednesday's Crockett County News. News releases should be mailed to P. O. Box 1963, Ozona, Texas 76943 or brought by our office in the Village.

Shopping tips

Follow these helpful tips and make your last minute Christmas shopping faster and easier.

- Make a list of the names of everyone you still have to shop for.
- Before going to the store, jot down ideas for gifts and, when appropriate, buy the same gift for several people.
- Ask parents of children on your list for gift suggestions.
- Shop early in the day.
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothing.
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Rachel's reviews

By Rachel O. Hall

Last week, December 3-5, I had the opportunity to participate in a "Fit For Life Course" in Dallas. Only 25 of the 250 county Extension Home Economists in Texas were selected to attend this training. The course included training by registered dietitians, fitness experts, and Texas A&M Nutrition and Health Specialists.



The "Fit for Life" concept is simple and means eating nutritious meals and snacks and engaging in moderate exercise. It's a research proven way to keep weight under control. Many people try to lose weight on crash diets without exercise which may work for a short while, but research shows that 95 percent of people losing weight this way gain it back in one year.

I plan to conduct the 12 week "Fit for Life" course in Ozona beginning in Mid-January. Participants of the course will be part of the 25 county pilot program and be contributing to an Extension Service research on nutrition and fitness. More details will be issued on a later date.

The district 4-H Food Show was quiet eventful with numerous placing entries. Congratulations are in order for all of the participants from Crockett County - Julie Carson, Carrie Chandler, Mary Lou Hayes, Jennifer Jones, Steffy Sutton, Randi Thompson, Trebie West and Whitney Vannoy! A special thank you for their assistance during the district food show goes to: Cathy Carson, Janie Chandler, Debbie Phillips, Carman Sutton, Jan North, Jeanie Thompson, Sharman West and Nancy Vannoy!

Recipes from local district participants were included in previous newspaper articles. Two of the district 4-H first place recipes from other counties are listed below.

Jellied Salmon with Broccoli and Cauliflower

- 1 lb. broccoli, separated into flowerettes
- 1 lb. cauliflower, separated into flowerettes
- Water
- 1 tbsp. distilled white vinegar
- 1 small onion, halved
- 1 small carrot, sliced
- 1 small rib celery, sliced
- 3 or 4 peppercorns
- 1 or 2 whole allspice (optional)
- 1 bay leaf

- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 tsp. snipped fresh dill or 1/2 tsp. dried dillweed
- 4 salmon steaks (about 4 oz. each)
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- Dill sprigs and additional snipped dill
- 2 pimientos, 1 chopped and 1 cut-in strips for garnish

Steam broccoli and cauliflower in steamer basket in large covered skillet over 1 1/4 cups boiling water for 5 to 8 minutes until tender. Remove and chill. Add vinegar, onion, carrot, celery, peppercorns, allspice, bay leaf, salt and dill to remaining water in skillet; simmer 5 minutes. Add salmon steaks in single layer. Cover and poach 5 to 6 minutes until thickest part of fish is opaque. Drain fish on paper towels and refrigerate. Strain 1 1/2 cups of poaching liquid into a pint measure. Reserve and chill carrots and celery. Discard onion, bay leaf and extra liquid. Taste liquid; season to taste (you may substitute canned chicken broth if flavor is too fishy). Sprinkle gelatin over 3 tablespoons cold water in small sauce pan. Add the 1 1/2 cups poaching liquid. Stir over medium heat until gelatin is completely dissolved. Chill mixture until the consistency of unbeaten egg whites. Arrange chilled salmon, broccoli and cauliflower on a shallow serving platter. Arrange chilled carrots and celery slices on salmon; sprinkle with snipped dill and garnish with dill sprigs. Garnish broccoli with pimiento strips; sprinkle chilled pimiento on cauliflower. Spoon gelatin mixture over fish and vegetables to glaze. Chill 1 to 2 hours until gelatin is firm. Makes 4 servings. This dish may be heated in a microwave and served hot. Cost \$4.99.

Tonya Røck Howard County Texas Sesquicentennial Sourdough Rolls

- Sourdough Starter:
- 1 c. flour
- 1 c. warm water
- 1 pkg. dry yeast
- 1 tbsp. sugar

Combine all ingredients in a large glass bowl. Mix well with wooden spoon. Cover loosely with plastic wrap. Let stand in a warm place for 2 to 3 days. Use a large bowl to allow for expansion.

- To starter add:
- 2 tbsp. liquid oil
- 2 tbsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 c. warm milk
- 1 c. warm water
- 1 pkg. yeast

Add enough flour to make a paste consistency. From the paste mixture keep 1/2 c. mixture in a jar in the refrigerator for next time. If you don't use this mixture in a week, add 1 tablespoon sugar, 1 tablespoon flour and 1 tablespoon water to re-activate this mixture.

Add enough flour to the paste mixture, about 5 to 6 cups of flour to form a dough mixture. Let the dough rise in a warm place until doubled in size. Punch down the dough and let the dough rise again. Roll out the dough on a floured board and cut with a biscuit cutter to form the rolls. Rolls may also be shaped by hand into rolls. Let the rolls rise about 30 minutes. Bake 10 to 15 minutes in a 425 degree oven. This recipe makes about 24 rolls.

Coy Worley
Midland County

Party benefits Cancer Society

A Christmas wine and cheese party benefitting the American Cancer Society was held at the Mike Clayton home Saturday.

More than 100 persons passed along a walkway beautifully decorated with luminarias and into the home and the festivities inside. A wide variety of cheeses, wines, dips and relishes was sampled by the guests.

Hostesses for the event included: Dwight and Becky Childress (chairmen), Jim Bob and Paula Bailey, Randy and Elizabeth Upham, Bill and Susie Black, Jody and Steve Sessom, Sharman and Wesley West, Gene and Betty Perry, Karen and Duane Childress, Buck and Shawn

Mitchell, Karen and Vince Huffman, Brock and Camille Jones, and Mike and Vivian Clayton.

The funds will be used in the area of public education, service and rehabilitation and research, Becky Childress reported. "All the funds will stay in Texas. The service and rehabilitation provides a direct benefit to cancer patients."



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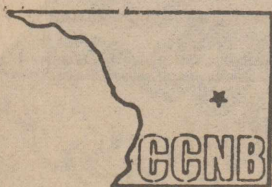


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Whitney Vannoy, Treble West and Stefny Sutton received first place wins in the District Food Show Saturday.

Local girls take first places in District Food Show

Local 4-H'ers took numerous honors during the December 7 District 4-H Food Show in Ozona. Treble West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley West, was first place in the Senior Fruits and Vegetables category. As a first place winner at district, she will advance to State 4-H Food Show competition in June, 1986 at Texas A&M University. Mary Lou Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trazell Hayes, was fifth in Senior Snacks and Desserts. Randi Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson, was sixth in Senior Breads and Cereals. Julie Carson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carson, participated in the Senior Main Dish category. Stefny Sutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Sutton, was first in the Junior Snacks and Desserts category. Whitney Vannoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Vannoy, was named first in the Junior Main Dish

category. Carri Chandler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erby Chandler, participated in the Junior Fruits and Vegetables division. Jennifer Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Phillips, participated in Junior Breads and Cereals. There were 120 entries in the District 4-H Food Show. Approximately 300 guests, parents and 4-H'ers attended the awards program and tasting tea.

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O-B Trap Company route to be followed

By Cynthia Harrell Hodges

Plans for the Sesquicentennial reenactment in 1986 of the livestock drives between Ozona and Barnhart, 30 miles north and the closest rail shipping point, evoked memories of cowboys, wagon trains, the O-B Trap Company, rattlesnakes, cooking over a camp fire and the eventual slow taming of the Crockett County ranchlands by fences and pickups.

The annual roundup of cattle or sheep in the late 1800's and early 1900's usually took place in either early fall or spring. The roundup would take an average of three to four days, depending on the size of the herd.

The moving of the cattle usually took place in the spring, after the cattle had sufficiently shed their winter hair so that the brands could be easily distinguished.

Cowboys, range bosses, foremen, chuck wagon crews and remudas would gather at a designated point. The area was divided by the range bosses into districts. The range boss was a general overseer of the operation designated by the majority of ranchers involved in the operation.

In each district, a chuck wagon and a certain number of cowboys were appointed to gather up the cattle. The cowboys made systematic drives over the area and all cattle were driven to a central spot.

Men from each range or outfit would take possession of their employer's cattle which was sorted by brands. Range bosses would settle any disputes regarding the ownership of the cattle. Mothers and baby calves were not usually separated.

Some early cattlemen in Crockett County were William Perry Hoover, the first to arrive in Crockett County, and members of the Henderson, Childress, Friend, West and Harrell families. All these men eventually acquired sheep.

Sheep did not enter Crockett County until 1880, when C. C. Doty and Jeff Moore brought 2,600 head of sheep here. These men refused to leave, despite the vigorous objections of the cattlemen in the area.

Among the early Crockett County sheep men were L. B. Cox, who ran sheep in the Beaver Lake area, and Monte (M.T.) Harrell, grandfather of R. A. Harrell. Monte Harrell brought 1,500 sheep and a few head of cattle here in late 1880. Later he acquired land south of Ozona and moved his family there. Some drove their herds to Langtry, Brady or Comstock. The best cow-

boys, among them a man named Uncle Nick Wizzell, were contracted for the long cattle and sheep drives. Some ranchers used dogs to help move the sheep, while others felt the dogs jostled the sheep too much.

The O-B Trap Company was organized in the early 1900's by local ranchmen, and land for small holding traps, averaging between 160 acres to as large as 1,000 acres, was acquired. Each trap was approximately one day's drive from the next. The ranchmen scheduled drives so as not to arrive at a trap at the same time. Many stories have been told about these drives over the years.

Bascomb Cox said the trip with his sheep took an average of three days. "We moved the small herd of sheep, with the help of a wagon once a year, in the early spring. The pickup (which helped facilitate the moving of a small bunch of sheep) was the greatest thing to happen to the small time rancher," Cox said. "That way, we didn't have to go begging neighbors to let us cross their land. The neighbors didn't like it when you went across their land at all."

Cox did not use dogs to move his sheep, relying instead on three or four trusted cowboys. "We took a wagon and ate beans, potatoes, meat and bread during the drives."

R. A. Harrell recalled a September 1 fall roundup in 1929 or 1930 with his bunch of sheep. "The biggest danger on the three to four day trip down Johnson Draw through a much smaller Ozona to Barnhart was rattlesnakes. You really had to watch out for them."

Collies and three to four men, including the late Lester Allen, used to help Harrell and his father, George Harrell, round up an average of 1,500 sheep and prepare them for the strenuous trip to the railroad boxcar in Barnhart.

George Harrell had an old pet horse, Wampus, that he used on roundups. At the end of the drive in Barnhart, he would take off the saddle and bridle and pat Wampus on the rump. Wampus would be waiting at the Harrell ranch south of Ozona the next morning to be let in the bumpgate, having traveled through town on his way home.

Another story regarding the drive happened when it rained during one drive. The sheep were herded into traps at the end of each day. One night, it rained hard, but Harrell and the other men were exhausted from the previous day's drive. When Harrell raised the tarp, he soon found himself drenched with water. This happened at the Davidson head-

quarter place just south of Ozona. Harrell and his men managed to get the tired, wet herd of sheep into town and received permission from Mrs. B. B. Ingham to put the sheep in her trap until the rains let up.

Meals were cooked over a camp fire and "we slept in sleeping rolls," Harrell recalled. "We had frijoles, cornbread, dried fruit and goat meat." Mrs. Harrell remembered that on the later drives, after their marriage, she would bring food from town in the pickup for the men.

Some sheep were lost, especially to grass burrs, which caused them to get sore feet. The collie dogs, tired and sore footed, would be carried back to the ranches in the pickups.

Troy Williams recalled many later drives. Erby Chandler Sr. once moved around 6,000 head, and Jack Henderson and Boyd Clayton moved 5,000-10,000 head of sheep to Barnhart either in 1945 or 1946. "We didn't use dogs with the cattle, but they were used with sheep," Williams said.

"One time, I moved my herd of sheep with only myself and my sheep-dog, Tip, to Barnhart. Tip would follow the sheep. I rode in front to keep Tip from pushing the sheep too fast," he reminisced. "Our ranch gate is about four miles north of the midway mill. We would reach the first Barnhart trap 10 miles away the first night."

The last cattle drive Williams remembered was in 1937 or 1938. The Davidsons moved about 1,200 cattle to Barnhart to be shipped to midwest farms. "I well remember

the cattle would water at troughs provided on the western Johnson Draw bank, where Wool Growers now is. The Davidsons would take three days from their headquarters place. The calves would be shipped from Barnhart in the boxcars, and the cows, bawling loudly, would trot to the headquarters ranch in one day," Williams said.

Drives between ranches involved neighbors working together. Williams said he bought some cattle from Bill Seahorn in 1943. "There were 152 cows and 52 calves. We rounded 'em up and drove them across country. The first day, Spot Friend, K. Black, a 14 year old Seminole Indian boy from North Carolina, a black man, "Bowlegs", and I headed the cattle across Rufus Ward. Ward met us at his fence and rode with us.

When the drive reached Ozona, "we drove up to Joe Davidson's pen and spent the night. The second day, the Indian boy, my wife, Estelle, and I were the only ones riding. The second night was spent at the Charlie Davison place, north of the Double Mills Draw. We spent the third night at the McCullum trap pens. The cattle boogered and ran into the Kincaid Ranch, which was leased at the time to George Montgomery. We lost five head temporarily, but were able to get the rest back. Williams enjoyed riding his favorite horse, Chango (Monkey) on these drives, but Chango was injured this time.

Chango and Tip, so named for the black mark on his nose, are both buried on the Williams ranch.

Wagon train committee plans drive

A second organizational meeting of the Sesquicentennial wagon train planning committee was held last Wednesday at the high school Ag Building.

The group is attempting to coordinate the wagon train drive between here and Barnhart with the statewide Sesquicentennial drive. The state wagon train will be in Barnhart, 30 miles north of Ozona, March 21, according to the official state calendar.

A local group from Ozona is planning to have a trail ride down the historic route to Barnhart. The group, which included Betty Martin, Brock Jones, Louise Bridges, Larry Williams and Cynthia Hodges, felt that driving cattle or sheep would unnecessarily complicate the wagon

train as cattle and sheep are slow movers.

The group is to investigate whether a local club would be interested in sponsoring a breakfast for the wagon train participants. Two proposed starting points for the one day of travel would be the Emerald House and the court house. The group also is attempting to get approval for the drive Thursday, March 20, across the ranches involved from the property owners.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity," Mrs. Martin said. "We may even dress in period dress."

Information about next month's meeting can be obtained by calling either Brock Jones or Louise Bridges.

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