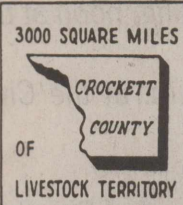
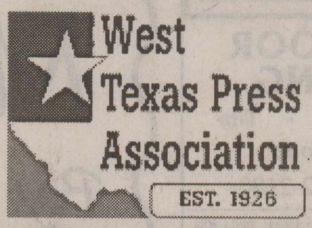


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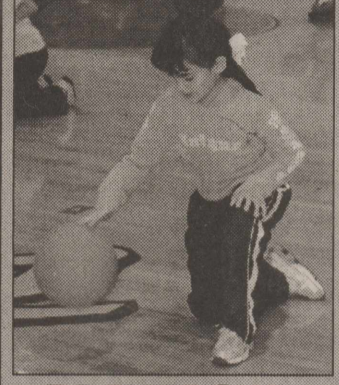


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Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo

Fire engulfs two rooms in Hitchin' Post Steakhouse

'We will reopen and rebuild,' owners say

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

What once housed parties and private gatherings is now a pile of insulation, burned wood and metal.

Inside the area where patrons watched their favorite football teams on the big screen television, while enjoy their beverage of choice, is smoke and debris with pieces of insulation hanging from the ceiling. However, the ice machine still works.

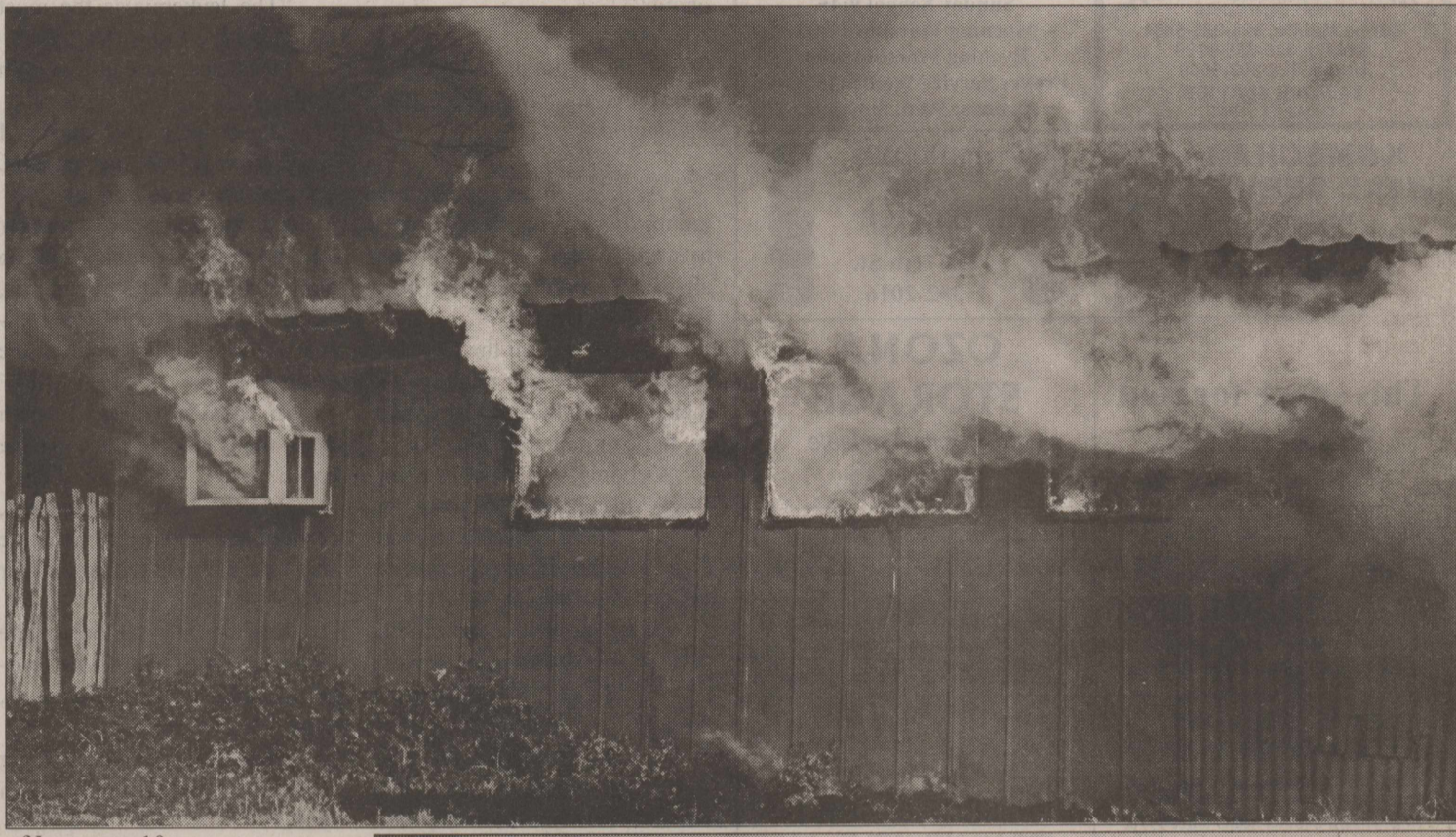
For owners Pat and Debi Hamilton, the fire that destroyed part of the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse on Jan. 26 could have been much worse.

"How grateful we are that the whole building didn't burn. The part that did burn we can live without," Debi said.

The fire was reported to the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department at 8:37 a.m. and started in the back part of the restaurant, inside the largest private dining room. The start of the fire is believed to have been electrical.

Pat said he had just dropped daughter Emalee at school when he heard the sirens and realized they were getting close.

Smoke towered above the structure and blew into both lanes



of Interstate-10.

"I wake up at 3 a.m. and I can still smell the smoke," Pat said.

Fire fighters Michael Little, Roland DeHoyos and Ryan Mason fought through the heavy smoke inside the building to try and contain the fire.

Fire fighters had to remove part of the siding from the east side of the building to gain entry into the south private dining room, according to a report from the fire department.

Two smoke removing fans were used, as well as a positive pressure fan that was used blowing into the bar area of the building, the report stated.

The structure was built in 1950 and was originally a sheep barn owned by E.H. Chandler. In 1989 the Chandler family undertook the project of converting the existing structure into a restaurant and club.

Please see FIRE page 5

TOP: FLAMES SHOOT OUT of the back of the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse during a fire that started around 8:30 a.m. Friday. Smoke filtered up and drifted across Interstate-10 for most the morning. **RIGHT: HITCHIN' POST MANAGER MATT MECKE** and Ozona Volunteer Fire Fighter Doug Meador take stab and extinguishing the flames. The back part of the restaurant, which contains two rooms for large parties or meetings, as well as the bar area suffered the most damage in the fire. The fire department got the blaze under control around 10:45 p.m.

REMEMBERING A FALLEN COMRADE

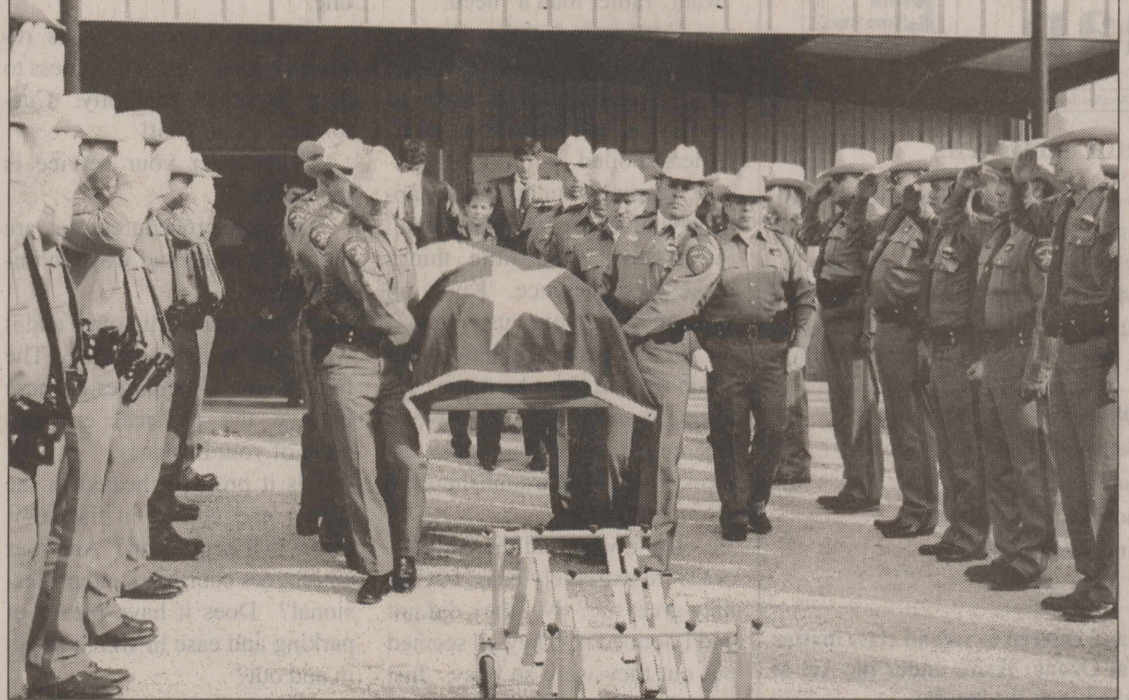
Carl Mayfield was a honorable Marine, trooper and family man

By BEN ENGLISH
 Texas DPS Trooper

Editor's note: The following was originally written as an e-mail in tribute to the late Carl W. Mayfield. The Ozona Stockman has received permission to print this in memory of Carl.

To All,
 It is my regrettable task to report that Carl W. Mayfield, Sergeant, Texas Highway Patrol, as well as First Sergeant, United States Marine Corps Reserve, passed away Jan. 20.

Carl Mayfield was a proud native son of Texas and a true American patriot. He was also a loving father, husband, dyed-in-the-wool Texas Highway Patrolman and U.S. Marine extraordinaire. He served with distinction and honor as a state trooper and was a recipient of a Director's Citation for serving above and beyond the call of duty. He had been with the Highway Patrol



TOP: TROOPERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY salute their fallen comrade Sgt. Carl W. Mayfield during his funeral service on Jan. 24.

since 1984 and had been the sergeant in Ozona for the past ten years. Recently, he had been forced to transfer to San Angelo due to health problems.

During the initial invasion of Iraq, First Sergeant Mayfield, USMCR, was activated and sent to the sound of the guns.

During this operation, the Marine Corps moved faster and deeper inland than they had ever

done before in their illustrious history. As a First Sergeant in Motor Transport, he was with his young Marines pushing just as far and as hard as they could go. He took pride in knowing that he and his Marines did their part to make sure that there was ample "beans, bullets, and bandages" to support this historic effort. He also took deep professional pride in the fact that he came back

with the same number of young Marines that he left with.

But there was another war waiting for Carl Mayfield when he got back home. Less than a week after his return, he was rushed to a regional hospital for an emergency appendectomy. During this procedure, it was discovered that he was also suffering from stomach cancer.

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Photos by Joe Hernandez

Commissioners to meet at noon today

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court will meet during a special called meeting at noon today, Jan. 31, at the courthouse annex.

Discussion of renovating the Crockett County Courthouse roof and air conditioning system with the Texas Historical Commission and Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Engineering Firm is one of the items on the small agenda.

There is also an item to discuss and possible action relating to engineering service in connection with courthouse renovations.

At the Jan. 8 commissioners meeting, the court discussed the roof and air conditioner system needing immediate attention.

County Judge Fred Deaton said that he has talked with officials at the Texas Historical Commission about getting on their courthouse renovation grant program.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Through all the bad times, hope remains

"There are places in this world that aren't made out of stone. That there's something inside... that they can't get to, that they can't touch. That's yours." "What're you talking about?" "Hope." - Tim Robbins and Morgan Freedman in "The Shawshank Redemption."

As I look back on the first month of year, one word comes to mind when I think of what all our community has been through.

Throughout all the troubles, the times of despair and the moments that felt like all was against us, hope remained.

Driving into town Friday, I saw the bellowing tower of smoke coming from the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse and I couldn't believe my eyes.

After the week, the month, our community has gone through this could not be happening, I thought.

However, all was not lost. Two days later, as I visited with Pat and Debi Hamilton and their family and friends, I saw hope in action.

People were cleaning up and working on getting everything restored in hopes of having the restaurant opened in two to three weeks.

This is hope. This is what

the feeling of hope can do to people.

As children in our community were diagnosed with diseases, there was always a realm of hope in the end.

"The leukemia is the most common type and is treatable."

"Diabetes, we can live with diabetes."

Those were the quotes I heard from people and parents. Those were words of hope.

My Sunday School teacher told me that hope ranks right up there with the big three: Faith, Hope and Love from 1 Corinthians 13. In fact, hope is often the result of faith.

In today's world, I often think many people do not have hope.

People are pessimistic, cynical and downright negative about what is happening in their lives.

However, if you look at the names of some of world's leading hospitals or medical centers, hope is within their titles.

Hope still prevails, as long as we have people believing in faith.

As long as we have people who have godly intentions, we will have hope.

Hope does not eliminate the ups and downs of day-to-day life, but it does offer a liberating cosmic perspective from which to view them.

'Business Tips'

BY PAUL HOWARD

Keeping customers happy

Successful small businesses are always looking for ways to increase profits and revenues. There are many ways in which to do that, but don't overlook good customer service.

As a small business owner you must put yourself in the mind of the current shopper.

Customers have become spoiled. They want instant gratification. They want it right now!

Today customers look to purchase goods and services as a "want" rather than a "need."

Customers feel they deserve good customer service. It is your job as a small business owner to provide it and keep those customers spoiled.

Keeping your customer happy is vital for the success of small businesses. The little things make the difference. Know all you can about your customers.

When customers enter your business, call them by name. Ignoring them is one of the worst customer service sins. Just last week I was in an establishment I frequent often.

The owner and the employees were extremely busy, but did they greet me? No, they did not and I noticed it. They all seemed put out they were so busy. Just a smile and a "Be with you in a minute" comment is all most customers require.

Remember important events such as birthdays, children's school activities, and athletic events. People love to talk about their children and grandchildren. Do business with those who do business with you.

Many of your customers could be small business owners too. Send emails to new customers just to say thanks.

Customers use five factors in which to evaluate customer service.

The first factor is reliability - the ability to provide what was promised, dependably and accurately.

Will you have product in

your store when you said you would? Do you provide a service at the agreed time?

The next factor is assurance. Assurance is the knowledge and courtesy you show to customers, and your ability to convey trust, confidence, and competence.

The third factor is empathy, which is the degree of caring and individual attention you show customers.

Customers want to feel needed, that they are number one.

Factor number four is responsiveness - the willingness to help customers promptly. Customers hate to wait!

The faster your service is the better.

Design procedures that are more efficient. Find ways to improve.

Customers will notice and it will result in more volume. The final factor is tangibles. These involve the physical environment of your business.

Is it properly heated in the winter and cooled in the summer? Is it kept clean? Are your employees courteous and professional? Does it have plenty of parking and ease in which to get in and out?

Good customer service is essential especially in a small city like San Angelo.

Potential customers hear about poor customer service quickly and it can ruin your reputation.

Don't let that happen. Provide excellent customer service to keep your customers happy and coming back.

"Business Tips" was written by Mr. Paul Howard, Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Advisor II of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For more information on the topic of this article or the services of the ASU • SBDC, contact him at Paul.Howard@angelo.edu.

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 31

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Called Commissioners' Court meeting, noon at the Courthouse Annex.
- Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Thursday, Feb. 1

- Ozona Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Retreat, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center.
- Area Agency on Aging, 11 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, Feb. 2

- Ozona Varsity Tennis Team at the West Texas High School Championship in San Angelo.
- Ozona Lady Lions and Lions vs. Van Horn, starting at 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

Saturday, Feb. 3

- Ozona Varsity Tennis Team at the West Texas High School Championship in San Angelo.

Tuesday, Feb. 6

- Ozona Lady Lions and Lions vs. Reagan County, starting at 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

Wednesday, Feb. 7

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Line Dancing Classes, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Letters to the Editor

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It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Bumper to Bumper

He promised her a life of travel and culture, of meeting interesting people and constant companionship. So here she was behind the wheel of an eighteen wheeler stuck in Denver traffic while her "sleeping bag" was sawing logs in the sleeper. She had a South Dakota address, her home on wheels was a Kenworth and her only constant companion was the trailer in her mirrors.

The only people this gear-jamming-mama ever met were at the truck stop or on the C.B. The only culture she was exposed to was if they happened to stop at a TCBY for some yogurt. Her hobby was reading, not books, but billboards and bumper stickers. Stuck in the stop-and-go traffic she had read all the classics.

The commuters wore their feelings on their car bumpers. She pulled on the air horn as a car passed with a sticker that read, Honk If You Love Jesus. Then she got embarrassed when another car passed with a bumper that crudely said, Honk If You Are Horny.

A four-wheel drive pickup passed that was insured by Smith and Wesson. A patriotic bumper simply stated The Marines Could Use A Few Good Men.

The lady trucker muttered to herself, "Couldn't we all?" There were times, she had to admit, when her truck driving hubby just didn't make the grade.

Back home the people seemed more reluctant to wear their feelings on their bumpers. Mostly the messages consisted of, Where is Wall Drug? and My Other Car is a Horse. But in the cities there was a bumper crop of messages.

They came in all sizes and models. Democratic and Republican, liberal and conservative. The talking bumpers admonished anyone who could read how to live their life, that they loved a particular breed of dog and what radio station to listen to.

Some still wore political bumper stickers from the 2004 elections; some to brag that they'd voted for the winners and others just to say, "I told you so."

Some of the favorites on her reading list were; Keep honking, I'm reloading; Ewes not fat... Ewes fluffy; I brake for garage sales; and her personal favorite, If you are rich, I am single.

Just out of Ogallala her sleeping bag finally poked his head out of the sleeper and asked if it was his time to drive. At about the same time a topless Mercedes cut right in front of the big rig causing our truck drivin' mama to slam on her brakes and stack up 50,000 pounds of Nevada heifers. The Mercedes driver was wearing an expensive pair of sunglasses on top his head and was gabbing away on his cell phone, completely unaware of the carnage he almost caused. On one side of his foreign car's bumper it said, Catch me if you can, and on the other side it said, If you can read this you are too close.

The more he talked on his cell phone the slower the driver of the sports car drove, causing our heroine to gear down. What the heck was the jerk in such a hurry for if all he was going to do was slow down?

After regaining her composure and when the coast was clear our heroine truck driver moved into the passing lane and maneuvered her trailer right next to the foreign made convertible. She maintained that position just long enough for one of the badly shaken heifers to back up to an air hole and... well... I think you get the picture. It wasn't anything the leather upholstery in the Mercedes wasn't used to but the driver was no doubt caught off guard.

Probably even got his expensive sunglasses dirty too. What a shame.

The lady trucker mashed on the pedal and left the Mercedes in the dust... and other foreign debris. On the back of her trailer was a bumper snicker of her own that read: "Have A Nice Day."

Ozona looking for volunteers and leaders

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
Chamber Executive Director

The Crockett County Extension Office and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce have partnered to provide a new program to both Chamber members and anyone in Ozona interested in becoming active in their community.

We are calling this program the Crockett County "Building Connections" Leadership Program.

It is designed to seek and help develop future leadership for Ozona by providing intensive training in areas strategic to the community's well-being. Individuals will leave the program knowing their personal leadership traits and styles, strategies to effectively lead organizations, and understand the political process. Participants will be acquainted with community needs, problems and opportunities.

This program will challenge potential leaders to become involved in their community.

The community has identified that there is a lack of interest of citizens wanting to serve in a volunteer or leadership capacity. Those who have had leadership positions in the past either move away from the city or must take a less active role and new leaders must fill the gaps. Leadership Ozona is a practical means of developing a pool of informed persons who can become involved in the various areas of community service.

Citizens, we need your help! We are talking with employers and individuals about taking an interest in this program. If you are an employer, we are asking you to consider sponsoring an employee who is civic minded and may have an interest in becoming active in the community. If you are an individual, we are asking if you, or if you know

someone that would be a good candidate for the program, to consider participating.

The cost or tuition is \$100, and the participant will receive a certificate of completion during the graduation activity planned by the class. This is an eleven month program; however, it is only one day a month (Begins Feb. 8 and ends Nov. 15). Tuition also includes snacks, a meal each class day and learning materials. Classes will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Conference Room. The program will also include tours of local facilities so that participants will get a first-hand look at how our community operates and the organizations and individuals that make it happen.

For more information about the program, or to receive a brochure with class topics/tours, contact the Crockett County Extension office at 392-2722 or the Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737.

School board approves sale of property

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees approved a bid from Johnny H. Porras for the sale of property on Monterey St. during a special meeting on Jan. 24.

The board's next regular school board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.

COURT: Bid to be awarded on paving rock

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Deaton said that officials at the commission told him that the grant money probably wouldn't be available until 2008, but that the Texas Historical Commission is interested in coming to look at the courthouse and the immediate repairs that need to be done.

The county has budgeted \$500,000 for courthouse renovations and \$225,000 for building renovations.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Contract and agreement for detention of juvenile offenders - Tom Green County.
- Contract and agreement for detention of juvenile offenders - Kerr County.
- Authorize and support the request for application and participation of a Mental Health Transformation Community Collaborative Project.
- Award bid on paving rock.

Davidson Ranch has horse capture first place in race

AMARILLO - One Special Shade, a four-year-old Chestnut Gelding, owned by the Davidson Ranch of Ozona, captured first place in the \$113,354 Sunland Park Winter Derby G2 at Sunland Park in Sunland Park, N.M.

One Special Shade, ridden by G.R. Carter Jr. and trained by Jimmie D. Claridge, covered the 400-yard race in a time

of 19 minutes, 2.68 seconds.

The top finishers for this race, by order of finish, were One Special Shade, Brindis Por Cayenne, Adrians Jolla, Work Work Work and El Zapatista.

For more information about American Quarter Horse Racing, contact the American Quarter Horse Association at (806) 376-4888.



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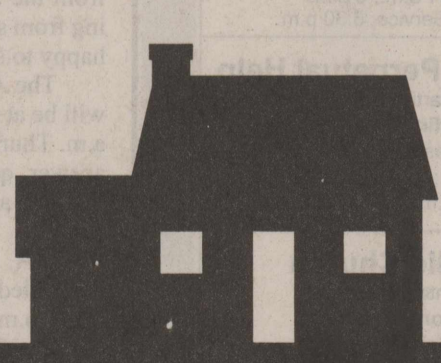
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Sonora church to host Beth Moore simulcast Feb. 24

On Feb. 24, renowned author and Bible teacher Beth Moore will speak to tens of thousands of women across North America in a live satellite simulcast based on her new book "Get Out of That Pit."

Lighthouse Community Church in Sonora is hosting the live international simulcast event.

In a special message titled "Straight Talk About God's Deliverance," Moore will discuss the fact that deliverance is for

everyone - no matter how you got stuck, no matter how long you've been down, whether you think you deserve it or not. From her own personal experience, Moore will share the healing to be found in Jesus and will present a message of hope.

"If God could lift me out of the pit and set my feet on sturdy ground, then He can get anyone out," Moore said in a press release.

Presented by the Church Communication Network (CCN)

and Integrity Publishers, the event will be broadcasted live via satellite to hundreds of churches in the U.S. and Canada.

CCN Director of Events Deborah Layman said, "We are excited to have the opportunity to bring Beth Moore's powerful and personal message right into the local church. This will be a life-changing day for women all over North America."

For more information, or ticketing, contact Lighthouse Community Church at 325-387-9100.

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Levis & Lace Square Dance News

By TINA JARVIS

Levis and Lace Square Dancer

Friday night club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Renee Padier, Nell Wester, Lucy Hinde, Danny and Tammi Monzingo, Jim Couch, JoAnn Babbitt and Raul De La Rosa danced at the Care Center.

Saturday night club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Renee Padier, Nell Wester, Lucy Hinde, Danny and Tammi Monzingo, Jim Couch, JoAnn Babbitt, Frank Fred and Tina Jarvis traveled to Midland to attend their Winterfest dance featuring caller Art Tangen.

All of us had a great time and Art kept us going with mainstream and plus calls and even introduced some new ones to us. Round dance and plenty of food was enjoyed between tips.

Tuesday night, at the Senior Building, lessons will begin, we always have the first three lessons for free anyone interested in coming.

For more information please call Carol Adcock at 392-2912.

On Saturday, we will travel to Uvalde to attend their festival featuring caller Gary Bible.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

Care Center Chatter

By ELSA VASQUEZ
Assistant Activity Director

We celebrated Activity Professionals Week from Jan. 21-26 with a luncheon, cake, punch and a beautiful blue, polo shirt from our Administrator and staff. Our theme was "Bringing Joy to Life," and that is what we do here at the CCCC.

We do this, not only for our residents, but also to each other.

Thanks to all our volunteers. E.A. Wadsworth R.N. for her reading, Brother John Collis and Nanette from the First Baptist Church, Johnnie Perkins and members from the Ozona Church of Christ, John Fluth from the Ozona United Methodist Church and members from the OLPH Catholic Church. Thanks for all the good words and songs, the love and joy you bring is greatly appreciated.

The lovely Judy Reagor is

back to sing her joyful songs.

Rachel Ybarra and Nell Wester came out from their warm homes and into the cold to do our beauty shop.

The Levis and Lace Square Dancers came to perform Friday night.

Nancy Hale and Lucy Hinde brought us bingo prizes.

We thank God and pray for all these people, our volunteers that come over every week to be here and help out.

Beginning Adult Bible Class:
7 p.m. Wednesday, at the Civic Center
Everyone is welcome to attend! Bring your friends!

Obituaries

Carolyn Stuart Wilson

Carolyn Stuart Wilson, 68, died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007 in a San Angelo hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2. Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007 in the Ozona First Baptist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include three daughters, Debra Ezell of Fort Stockton, Lisa Garza of Ozona and Lori Worthington of San Angelo; two brothers, Douglas Stuart Bedford, of Penn. and Jefferey Stuart of Ozona.

William 'Billy' Lewis Hannah

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS - Former longtime Lepanto, Arkansas, resident William "Billy" Lewis Hannah passed away peacefully in his sleep on Jan. 2, 2007, at the home of his son, Gary Hannah, in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was 81 years of age.

Mr. Hannah was born on Jan. 18, 1925 in McMinnville, Tenn., to William Neal and Alberta Lewis Hannah, moving to Ozona, Texas, at an early age.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife Maxine McClellan "Jeep" Hannah, his son Timothy Lewis Hannah, and his son Billy Wade Hannah.

He is survived by his sister, Dorothy Lewis of Kerrville, and his sons Ross McClellan Hannah of Lepanto, Ark., and Gary Neal Hannah of Corpus Christi, and by his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren who knew him simply as "Daddy Bill."

A memorial service was held Friday, Jan. 12, 2007, at the Lepanto Church of Christ in Lepanto, Ark.

Ozona Woman's League News

By MELISSA PERNER
Ozona Woman's League

Members of Ozona Woman's League attended a "Dessert Party and Guest Day" meeting on Jan. 23 at the home of Jody Upham.

Members brought their favorite desserts and recipes to exchange, as well as a guest interested in woman's league.

Connie Crenwelge won the prize for favorite dessert for her "Apple Kushin" and Leigh Ann Dannheim won most unique for her "7up Cake."

Members discussed publicity for their upcoming Krispy Kreme doughnut sale, which will be held at 6:30 a.m. Feb. 12 at the town square.

All pre-orders are to be turned into Kayla Davidson by Feb. 9.

Cost for the doughnuts will be \$6 a dozen.

A motion was also approved to allot \$300 to those going to San Antonio to pick up the doughnuts.

Members all voted on getting Cynthia Hokit a gift for working on the taxes for the cookbooks.

A motion was approved to have 1,000 invoices printed at The Ozona Stockman for the cookbooks.

Secret pals were also revealed at the meeting.

Members also voted in new member Heidi Williams.

Members attending the meeting were: Melissa Perner, Pam Crenwelge, Melissa Hokit, Susie Bishop, Jessica Luckie, Connie Crenwelge, Leigh Ann Dannheim, Haley Forehand, Abbie Hubbard and Vicki Childress.

Guests were: Heidi Williams, Cristina Rodriguez and Pam Benson.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

Here at the Senior Center we are talking down New Year's decorations and putting up decorations for Valentine's Day. Brenda Newton is here helping, which is wonderful. She is taking down decorations as fast as she can. Thank you, Brenda.

Monday was Jean Odom's birthday. No age was mentioned but I hear she is 49.95. We send out a big Happy Birthday to Jean.

The Angel Food Ministries boxes were passed out Jan. 27. We are now taking orders for the February boxes here at the Senior Center or the Ozona United Methodist Church until Feb. 11.

Last week, Margaret Fowler passed away in a Floydada nursing home. She was the sister of Dorothy Friend, a long time resident of Crockett County. Our condolences go out to Dorothy and her family members.

Our Senior Bingo Social was held Jan. 25 at the Senior Center. We had a good crowd, the food was fittin' and fun was had by all who attended.

Pamela Maresch is back this week. She has been absent from the Senior Center recovering from surgery and we are very happy to see her up and going.

The Area Agency on Aging will be at the Senior Center at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1. They will answer questions on programs that are available to senior citizens.

E.A. Wadsworth R.N. has scheduled line dancing lessons for 3 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Senior Center. Come out, have your blood pressure checked and give

line dancing a try. Lupe Martinez and Lynn English will be going to San Angelo Friday, Feb. 2 to attend a Concho Valley Chapter of Activity Professionals meeting. This meeting will enable them to earn more CEUs and learn what other establishments are doing in this area.

We have recently added, for your use, a computer that has DSL. Please feel free to come in and use it even if you only want to play computer games.

We have a number of books to select from in our bookcase. We also have magazines and a few recipes. If you bring any books in to lend please bring them to my office to be labeled so that we may keep track of them.

Come "Walk Two Miles" with us at 8:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This exercise program conditions you to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel better. The number of participants walking is growing.

The bridge players come to the Senior Center to play every Monday and Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. These ladies have such fun. They bring smiles and snacks with them. We had three tables of players on Thursday. Playing bridge last week were Liz Williams, Nell Wester, Sandy Bebee, Jean Odom, JoAnn Babbitt, Katherine Russell, Marolyn Bean, Diane Phillips, Eileen Childress, Charlotte Harrell and Sadie Davidson.

Our activities are for those of you over 50 years of age (We are flexible). Come out and see us soon and see what you are missing.

THE SUPER BOWL

This coming Sunday when the Indianapolis Colts battle it out with the Chicago Bears in Miami Florida, history will be made. It will be winner take all! Two mighty, well equipped, well prepared teams will suit up for one last final battle. They both have acquired the best players and have made their battle plans. Each team has a varied and very able arsenal of personal. They have quarterbacks, running backs, tight ends and the list goes on and on. Battle is not new to either team and both teams have been to the point of seemingly defeat but refusing to concede they came back. Preparations for Super Bowl XLI reminds me of a great, last and final battle between the good and evil forces of this world. Some think the final battle will take place on the plains Megiddo, (Esdraelon) (Revelation 20:8&9). It is South of the Sea of Galilee, west of the Jordan river in Israel and many battles have been fought there over the centuries. One team or army will be led by Satan and his forces which include the beast, the false Prophet, demonic forces, unclean spirits and fallen Angels, (Revelation 13:1-18,16:13-16). The other team or army will be led by Jesus Christ and following him will be the armies of Heaven, (Revelation 19:11-19). Jesus Christ and His armies will be the winners, (Revelation 17:14, 20:7-10). Whose team are we on? See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Tuesday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Tuesday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
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<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>	

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FIRE:

'There's been such terrific support'

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Debi and Pat Hamilton purchased the business in 1992.

While the two private rooms were a total loss, the rest of the building suffered mainly heat and smoke damage.

The couple also lost their paperwork to the bar area.

However, volunteers and employees are in the process of cleaning and getting the restaurant ready to reopen. The owners also plan on eventually rebuilding the rooms that were lost.

"We are going to pull out all the stops and try to be back in operation within 2 to 3 weeks," Pat said. "Thanks to the community and the many, many people who donated their time and effort. Thanks especially to the fire department. This really shows what kind of community we've got."

"There's been such terrific support," Debi added.

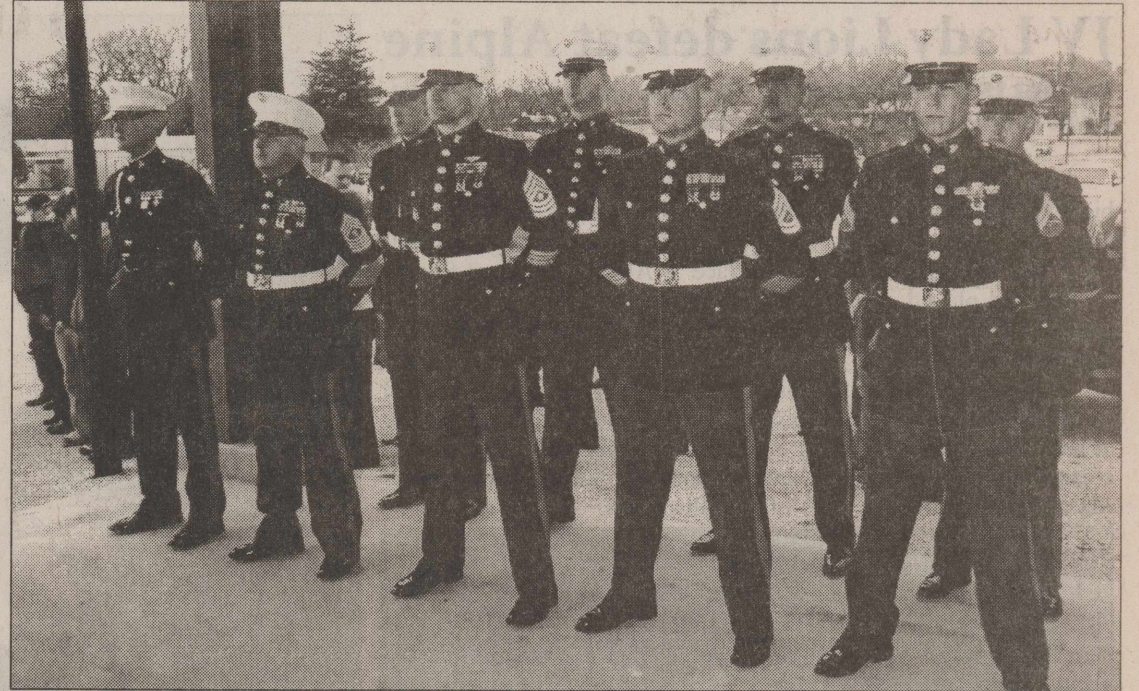
Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department and the Crockett County EMS also arrived to assist.

Three fire trucks and 8,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire. Sixteen fire fighters responded to the scene.



Photos by Joe Hernandez

TOP: FIRE FIGHTERS USE THE DECK CANON NOZZLE to spray out a tremendous amount of water in trying to extinguish the fire at the Hitchin' Post Restaurant. **BOTTOM: OZONA FIRE FIGHTER RYAN MASON** fights massive smoke and fire, while fellow fire fighters Roland DeHoyos and Michael Little fight inside the Hitchin' Post Restaurant on Friday.



Photos by Joe Hernandez

MEMBERS OF THE U.S. MARINE CORPS stand at attention during the service of Sgt. Carl W. Mayfield on Jan. 24 at the Fair Park Convention Center. Carl was a first sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and served in Iraq in 2001.

TRIBUTE: Carl 'entered into battle with a warrior's heart'

from page 1

He had not been feeling well for much of the time he spent in Iraq, but put his personal health aside so that he could be there to take care of his Marines. Upon being faced with this new enemy, he entered into battle with a warrior's heart and fighting spirit.

After further surgery and a long, painful time in chemotherapy, Carl Mayfield was declared fit for duty and returned to his post as the Highway Patrol sergeant in Ozona. For the next few years he continued his exemplary work in that capacity as not a supervisor of workers, but rather

as a leader of men.

Last summer he learned that the cancer was back, and he went back to the operating room. This time the doctors found a lot more of this insidious disease than they had bargained for. Carl returned to duty as quickly as he could, at a job he loved and doing what God had made him for. Two months later it was learned that his stomach was not functioning at all and the cancer was growing rapidly. At this point, his health began to fail him and he was in and out of the hospital several times. Through it all, he would not give up and fought as

hard and as bravely as any man I have ever known. This tremendous struggle went on long after any doctor held out any hope and continued through his being placed in home hospice care.

That struggle ended Jan. 20.

Carl Mayfield was 44 years old. He accomplished more for the good of his fellow man in those 44 years than most men do at double that age. He certainly had more courage and more determination than any 10 normal men. I, like many others, will miss him terribly.

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Texas Pecos Trail pursues economic development

By **KEITH GODWIN**
Regional Coordinator

The historic riches of the Hickman Museum and the Reagan County Community Building were the area destinations visited by the Texas Pecos Trail members for their education program and bi-monthly board meeting on Jan. 11.

Big Lake civic leaders, represented by Mayor Jack Blakely, welcomed the Pecos Trail board of directors, members and various area officials representing much of the 22 counties of the Pecos Trail Region.

After an impressive and interesting tour of the Hickman by the head of the Historical Society, Ann Schneemann, a TPTR board director, the group of almost 50 individuals - some from as far away as Brackettville, Sanderson and Monahans - met at the Community Building for a networking lunch catered by M&M Catering and a board meeting immediately afterwards.

TPTR board chair Shanon

Biggerstaff, President of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the gathering, thanking Big Lake community leaders for hosting the hugely successful January event and congratulating members for taking a sincere interest in making the journey to "help their communities with growth opportunities and to share success stories with their peers."

Among agenda items discussed were the intense lobbying efforts on behalf of the TPT to the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Historical Commission for continued funding of the award winning Heritage Trails Program, that has invested over \$400 million dollars into heritage tourism development in Texas; and to the state legislature for protection and funding of our State Parks.

Building membership in this new West Texas non-profit foundation, fund raising projects, and making resources and grants information available to communities for heritage preservation projects, were also

high on the list of new business discussed.

Cooperative tourism marketing, educational workshops, and website promotions and support for partners were part of a report presented by the Region's new Coordinator, Keith Godwin.

Ruth Engeldorf of the Sanderson Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Sherry Phillips of McCamey, Sonora Main Street Director - Mary Ann Kay, and Linda Gholsen, President of the Pecos Chamber of Commerce, were just a few of the Region's stakeholders in attendance that support the Texas Pecos Trail and it's promotion of rural economic development through heritage tourism.

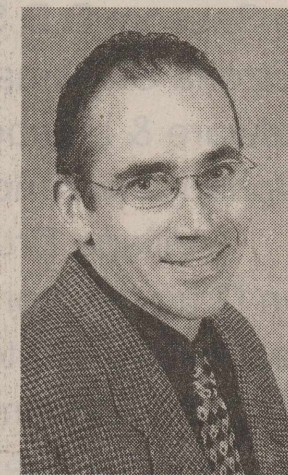
For more information on how you can become involved, or get assistance with building heritage tourism in your community, contact the region coordinator Keith Godwin at 325-387-2927, or visit the immensely resourceful website at www.texaspecostrail.com

The TPTR next meeting will be in Sanderson on March 8.

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JV Lady Lions defeat Alpine

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lady Lions won a big game Friday evening at Lion Gym.

They handed Alpine a 40-37 loss and played an improved game on both the offensive and defensive sides.

"I was so proud of the girls for responding after being down at half. They are showing an increased ability to be patient and run all of our offenses more ef-

ficiently," said Coach Justin Holloway.

Jayci Miller had 13 points, Vanessa Rodriguez had 11, Melissa Miller 8, Cristy Rodriguez 2, Alex Macias 2, Melanie Wallace 2, Alex Cruz 1 and Shelby Ortiz 1.

"We are starting to find the ability to fight for the entire game and finish off a game once we take the lead. I look forward to playing again and thank all the parents and fans for their support of the youth," Holloway said.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

SHELBY ORTIZ drives the ball down the court in the JV Lady Lions 40-27 victory over Alpine.

Lady Lions lose to Crane, Alpine

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lady Lions lost to Crane, 50-60, on Jan. 23.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Megan McDaniel 8; Frankie Skinner 6; Farran Wilson 2; Peyton Fenton 1; Celia Rivera 6; Alysha Lara 23; Alexa Cervantez 3 and Morgan Glosion 1. Also playing was: Kasey Gray and Adrienne Bendele.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 13 12 17 - 50; Crane - 5 21 17

17 - 60.

The Lady Lions lost to Alpine 27-45 on Jan. 26.

Scoring was: McDaniel 5; Skinner 3; Gray 1; Rivera 6; Bendele 1; Lara 9 and Cervantez 2. Also playing was: Glosion, Fenton and Wilson.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 10 4 7 - 27; Alpine - 12 6 16 11 - 45.

Ozona will face Van Horn at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Reagan County at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Both games will be at the Davidson Gym.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions pounce Crane

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Eighth Grade Lady Lions demolished Crane, 32-18, on Jan. 25.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Melanie Miller 5; Makayla Badillo 2; Jennifer Allen 5; Raelynn Arredondo 4; Britni Mitchel 2 and Kristin Mendoza 14. Also playing was: Chelsea Moore, Gabby Rodriguez, Rebecca Ramos and Brenda Venegas.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 19 6 2 - 32; Crane - 3 5 8 2 - 18.

"This was a great game for us. Everyone contributed and it is a lot of fun to win like this. I

was extremely impressed with our defense set up. The girls made a lot happen just because of how well they played defense. The most impressive of all is 86 percent from the free throw line. That has been a weakness of ours and the girls have put in a lot of sweat and tears over free throws in practice. Now it has paid off," said Coach Kristie Williams. "Coach Dale Mayfield showed up around halftime and the girls were extremely excited to play with her there. We love you, Coach Mayfield!"

The Lady Lions will take on Reagan County in their final game of the season, Feb. 8 at Big Lake.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions 'B' Team fall to Crane

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Seventh Grade Lady Lions "B" lost to Crane 3-11 on Jan. 25.

Scoring was: Kelsie Ren-

froe 2 and Dalia Hernandez 1.

Also playing was: Kelsie Ramirez, Isabel Ybarra, Leah Anne Galindo and Natalie Hernandez.

Score by quarters: Ozona 0 3 - 3; Crane - 8 3 - 11.

The Lady Lions are 1-2.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

JORDAN DEHOYOS MADE A GREAT THREE-POINTER for the JV boys in their 49-39 win over Crane.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

CRISTY RODRIGUEZ looks for an open JV Lady Lion.

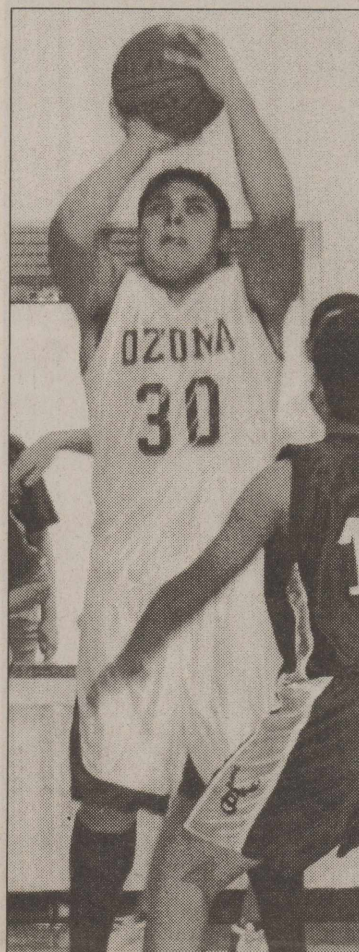


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STEVEN SILVA goes up for two of his 18 points for the JV Lions.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

SEVENTH GRADE LADY LIONS (l. to r.) Johnna Pullig, Adrienne Sanchez and Staci Quiroz are pictured in their Jan. 8 game vs. McCamey.

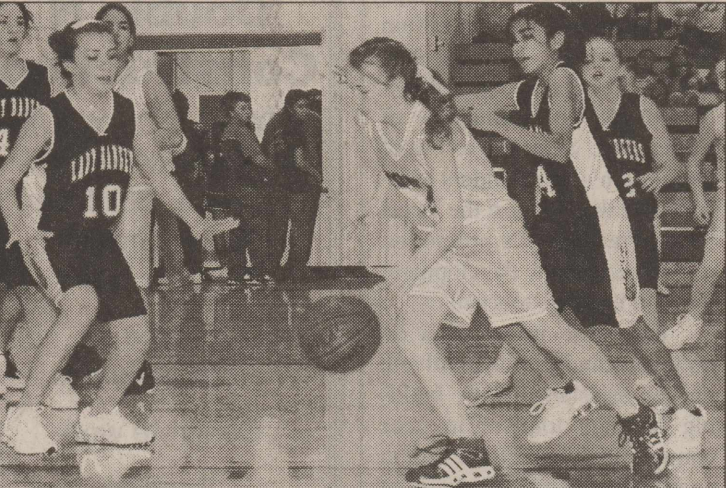


Photo by Joe Hernandez

CHELSEA MOORE maneuvers the ball toward the basket in the eighth grade Lady Lions game against McCamey on Jan. 8.

JV Lions are victorious over Crane, Alpine

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona JV Lions defeated Crane, 49-39 on Jan. 23.

Scoring was: Steven Silva 18; Johnny Flores 12; Tommy Longoria 13 and Josh Smith 6. Also playing were: Fabian Onate, Able Villarreal, Randy Galindo, Devon Diehl, Kyle Sewell, Jordan DeHoyos and Anthony Medrano.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 13 12 13 11 - 49; Crane - 7 8 12 12 - 39.

The Lions defeated Alpine 56-37 on Jan. 26.

Scoring was: DeHoyos 3; Silva 24; Flores 18; Villarreal 5 and Longoria 6. Also play-

ing was: Smith, Onate, Diehl, Sewell and Medrano.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 11 17 19 - 56; Alpine - 15 13 8 1 - 37.

"The guys played very hard to get this win. The defense in the second half of the game was awesome, we held the Alpine Bucks to 9 points," said Coach JayBen Alls. "I am very proud of the guys, with a two game winning streak maybe it will bust our confidence up and we will win out the last five games. Good job again and keep up the good work."

The JV Lions are 4-8. They will take on Van Horn at 5 p.m. Friday and Reagan County at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Both games will be at the Davidson Gym.

Lions fall to Alpine

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions lost to Alpine 70-59 on Jan. 26.

Scoring for the Lions was: Colby Mayfield 5, Rylee Ramos 6, Justin Maldonado 12, Tate Collis 7, Matt Turland 8, Levi Vargas 13 and Caleb Mitchel 8. Also playing was: Matthew Bullard and Stevie Vargas.

Score by quarters: Alpine 17 14 24 15 - 70; Ozona 15 17 11 16 - 59.

The Lions lost to Crane, 53-66, on Jan. 23.

Scoring was: Maldonado 14; Mayfield 13; Turland 13; L. Vargas 10 and Ramos 10. Also playing was: Collis, S. Vargas and Mitchel.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 15 15 17 - 53; Crane - 17 15 17 17 - 66.

The Lions defeated Kermit, 41-40, on Jan. 22.

Scoring was: L. Vargas 14; Maldonado 11; Collis 6; Turland 4; Mitchel 3 and Ramos 3. Also playing was: Mayfield, Bullard and S. Vargas.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 11 10 5 15 - 41; Kermit - 11 6 11 12 - 40.

The Lions are 7-15 overall, 2-3 in district.

Ozona will face Van Horn at 8 p.m. Friday and Reagan County at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Both games will be at the Davidson Gym.

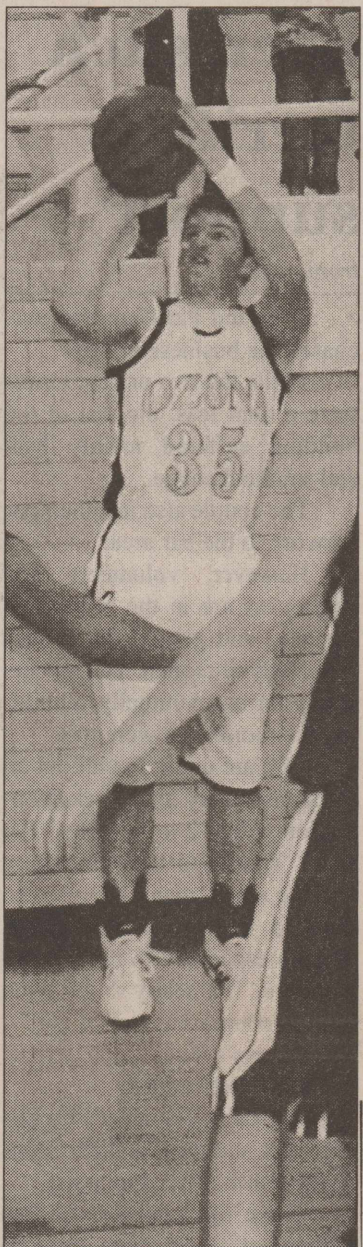


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CALEB MITCHEL goes up for a jump shot.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions pull out win

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Seventh Grade Lady Lions pulled out a 24-22 victory over Crane on Jan. 25.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Adrienne Sanchez 6; Nancy Rodriguez 6; Johnna Pullig 7 and Stacie Quiroz 5. Also playing was: Gaby Gutierrez, Alex Rodriguez and Maria Villarreal.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4

8 7 - 24; Crane - 7 4 8 6 - 22.

"Johnna Pullig hit the game-winning shot as time expired to give us a big win," said Coach Brandon Marino. "Despite going 4-16 at the free throw line and being out rebounded. We kept our composure and made the big shot when it counted."

The Lady Lions are 11-2. They will take on Reagan County in their final game of the season, Feb. 8 at Big Lake.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions 'B' Team falls short to Crane

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Eighth Grade Lady Lions "B" Team lost to Crane, 9-10, on Jan. 25.

Scoring was: Rebecca Pierce 2; Kaylie Perez 3; Kellie Pilcher 2 and Roxanne Talamantez 2. Also playing was: Layla Perez,

Jadyn Poindexter, Mariah Galardo, Alma Elizondo and Rocio Mata.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 9 - 9; Crane - 8 2 - 10.

"We had a slow start. They played hard at the end, but just couldn't make it happen. Good try girls," said Coach Kristie Williams.

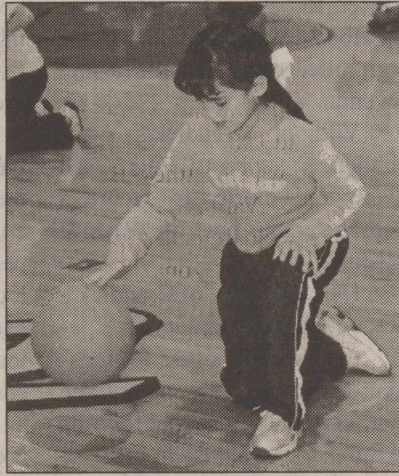
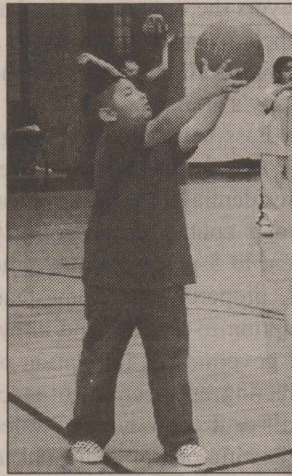
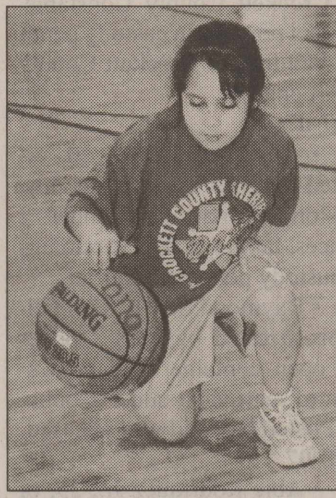
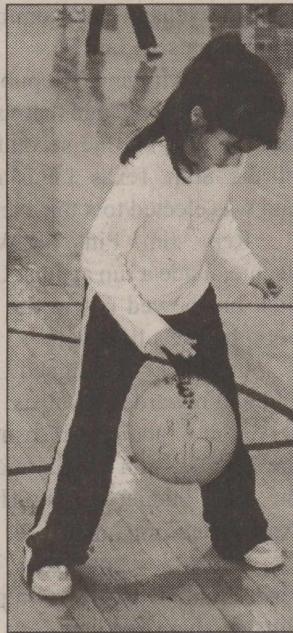
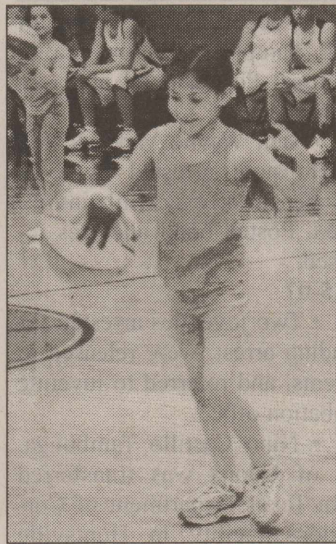
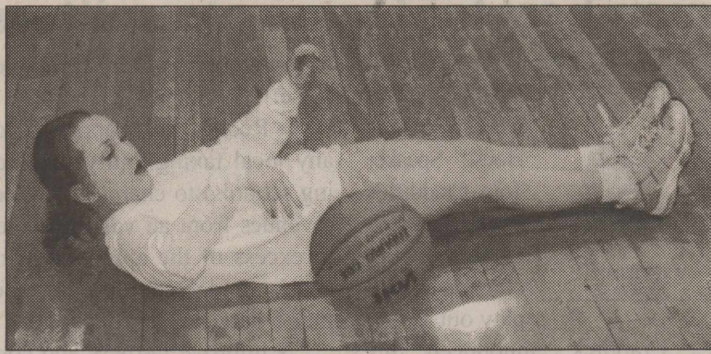
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Nomination time for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades Gifted and Talented Program

Ozona Primary School is now accepting nominations for its gifted and talented program for students with exceptional intellectual abilities.

Gifted/talented students are those who show the potential to excel in any of the following areas: general intellectual ability, specific subject matter aptitude, creative and productive thinking ability, leadership ability, ability in the visual and performing arts, and psychomotor ability.

Gifted/talented education does not take the place of regular classroom instruction, but supplements and provides time

for students to use their thinking and reasoning skills to a greater degree.

Identification of gifted/talented students consists of two steps: (1) nomination and screening and (2) selection. In the nomination and screening phase, a student may be nominated for the program by his/her parent or guardian, teacher, or another person.

Once the student is nominated, he/she will be given two nationally-developed tests of higher-level thinking skills to determine the student's potential to succeed in the program, and

after all data has been collected on each child, a committee of educators will review this information and determine which students qualify for the program.

Anyone with a child attending grades Kindergarten through 2nd and wishing to nominate them is asked to go by the Primary School principal's office and request a nomination form which needs to be returned to the school by Friday, Feb. 9.

Students who were nominated in past years but did not make the program may be nominated again if parents wish to do so.

La Escuela de Ozona Primaria esta aceptando nombramientos para su programa de Gifted and Talented para los estudiantes con habilidades intelectuales y excepcionales.

Los estudiantes de Gifted and Talented son los estudiantes que muestran el potencial para sobresalir en cualquiera de las áreas siguientes: la habilidad intelectual general, la aptitud específica, la habilidad creadora y productiva del pensamiento, la habilidad del liderazgo, la habilidad en el visual y las artes interpretativas, y la habilidad de psychomotor.

La educación de Gifted and Talented no reemplaza la in-

strucción regular de la escuela, pero suplementa y proporciona tiempo para que los estudiantes utilicen sus habilidades del pensamiento y el razonamiento a un grado más grande.

Identificación de estudiantes de Gifted and Talented consiste en dos pasos: (1) el nombramiento y la investigación y (2) la selección. En la fase del nombramiento y la investigación, un estudiante puede ser nombrado para el programa por su padre o el guardián, por el maestro, o por otra persona.

Una vez que el estudiante es nombrado, él/ella será dada dos pruebas de habilidades de pensamiento de más alto-nivel para

determinar el potencial de estudiante, y después de que todos los datos hayan sido reunidos en cada niño, un comité de educadores revisará esta información y determinará cuáles estudiantes califican para el programa.

Cualquiera con un niño que asiste a los grados de kindergarten, 1st, o 2nd puede nombrarlos. Favor de ir por la oficina de director de escuela de Ozona Primary para solicitar una forma del nombramiento, cual tiene que ser devuelta a la escuela ante del viernes, 9 de Febrero. Los estudiantes que fueron nombrados en años pasados pero no hicieron el programa pueden ser nombrados otra vez si los padres desean.

Mother/Son, Daddy/Daughter Valentine dance Feb. 9

The Ozona Community Center will host a Valentine's Day Mother/Son, Daddy/Daughter Dance from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Civic Center.

It is for kids from Pre-K to 5th grades and their parents, grandparents.

The cost is \$6 per couple; \$3 per person. Child must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be snacks and drinks.

There will be a DJ and some raffle items.

Photos will be available for purchase by Donna Her-ring Photography.

The funds raised will be used for new playground equipment.

For More Information call, the Ozona Community Center at 392-2710.

Granddaughter performs well on San Angelo Central Soccer Team

Britini Gonzalez, the goalkeeper for the San Angelo Central Lady Bobcats Soccer Team, was part of the team's second place finish in this weekend's San Angelo Soccer Classic.

The sophomore goalkeeper stopeed three of the four shoot-out attempts to help the Lady Bobcats advance to the championship game in a 2-1 win over Irving MacArthur.

Gonzalez worked with goalkeepers from the Central boys team during a Thursday prac-

tice to help her develop a more aggressive style. She came out almost 12 yards to meet each MacArthur shooter and only let one shot slip by her outstretched hands, according to an article in the San Angelo Standard-Times.

The team lost to Amarillo Sunday, 3-1, for the championship giving them the runner-up finish.

Gonzalez is the granddaughter of Mari Longoria, of Ozona. She is the daughter of Stacy Leah Gonzalez and Butch Gonzalez.

Eighth Grade Lions pounce Golden Cranes

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Eighth Grade Lions defeated Crane 40-13 on Jan. 25.

Scoring for the Lions was: Abey Lara 7; Eric Talamantez 5; Chris Rendon 11; Russel Komechak 5; Jose Aguilar 8; Anthony Gonzales 2 and Trey Fierro 2. Also playing was: Richard Borrego, Josh Gonzales, Stefan Wilson, David Perez, Kyle Dean and Andrew Sanchez.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 15 7 11 - 40; Crane - 2 5 2 4 - 13.

"We played great team basketball we were very unselfish

and passed the ball around and our shots were falling and we played hard nose defense. We played our best defense all year and we didn't give up hardly any second shots we did an excellent job blocking out and getting rebounds," said Coach John Esparza. "We like to set the tone of the game with our defense and we did that, especially in the first quarter when our shots weren't falling. This group of guys just plays great team basketball and they are so unselfish."

The Lions are 8-1. They will take on Reagan County in their final game of the season, at 5 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Becky Childress Gym.

Seventh Grade Lions 'B' Team defeat Crane

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Seventh Grade Lions "B" Team defeated Crane 8-6 on Jan. 25.

Scoring was: Mario Sifuentes 4; Brendan Perez 2 and Austin Perez 2. Also playing was: Craig Fluth and Erik Carrizales.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 6 - 8; Crane - 0 6 - 6.

"These guys have more fun during their games than any other group that I have ever seen. The whole game they are laughing, smiling and having a great time. I love watching these guys play," said Coach Levi Box. "These guys play as a team every time. They do not care who scores. They only care about winning the game."

The Lions are 2-1.

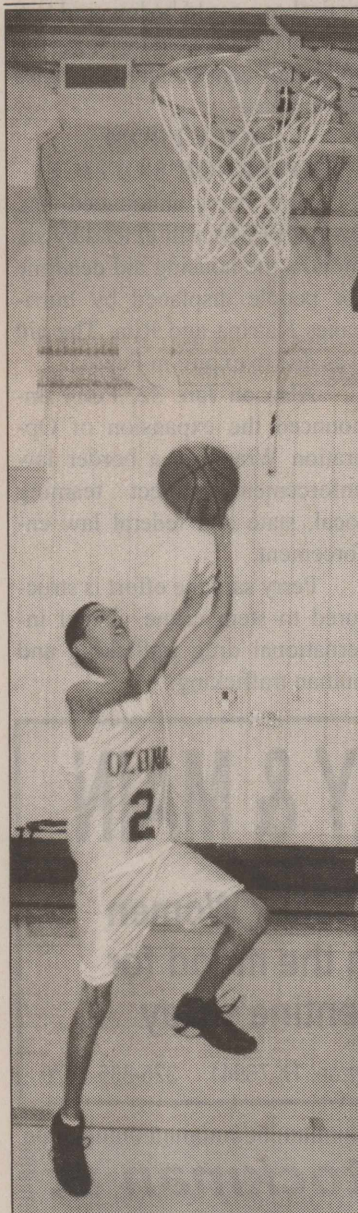


Photo by Joe Hernandez
RICHARD BORREGO

7th Lions fall short to Golden Cranes

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher



The Ozona Seventh Grade Lions lost a close game, 14-15, against Crane on Jan. 25.

Scoring for the Lions was: Alejandro Mendez 7; Andy Trevino 4; Lane Hale 2 and Ruben Galindo 1. Also playing was: Kramer Hall, Steven Rubio, Kent Fluth, Marty Moran and Adriel Zamarripa.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 4 2 6 - 14; Crane - 4 2 2 5 - 15.

"We played hard like always, but we just had a hard time scoring. We played great defense the first half. I challenged the guys at halftime to be more aggressive rebounding and they responded. After that we were getting every loose ball that there was," said Coach Levi Box. "I am very proud of the way that these young men present themselves every week. They always look good and act even better."

The Lions are 2-7. They will take on Reagan County in their final game of the season, at 5 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Becky Childress Gym.

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2nd - Marty Moran
3rd - David Perez

Youth Center Calendar of Events

Jan. 31 - Katalyst Ministries, 6 p.m.
Feb. 1 - OHS Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.
Feb. 5 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

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Devon Ambassador Lynn Hinsley is a west Texas native and has been a district foreman for the company for 13 years. Sports of all kinds play a significant role in Lynn's life, which is why he is a committed Sonora City League activity supporter. Lynn is also an avid football fan and looks forward to the time he spends coaching YMCA Youth Football in Sutton County. Lynn and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of 11-year-old twins, Aaron and Jared, and daughter Kayla, who is the mother of grandchildren, Bailey and Kenzie. Lynn fills his free time during every season pursuing his other hobbies, which include hunting, fishing and golfing.

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Animal control, Livestock Complaints	6
Civil Complaints	1
Civil Service	6
Courtesy Transports	3
Criminal Activity Complaints	7
Disturbances, Domestic, Loud Noise etc.	11
Gas Thefts	1
Juvenile Complaints	3
Locked Vehicles	6
911 Fire Calls	4
911 Medical calls	6
Motorist Assistance	6
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	2
Security Alarms	2
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	27
Sheriff's Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	10
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle	4
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	2
Welfare/gas/food	2
Minor Vehicle Accidents	1
Traffic Citations Issued	9

Make sure private security providers are licensed by DPS

Submitted by the Texas Department of Public Safety

Private security providers, such as armed and unarmed security guards; alarm companies; residential and public video security companies; armored cars and armored car couriers; private investigators; body guards; locksmiths; and electronic access control device installers; as well as the companies that employ these individuals, are required to have licenses from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

However, many individuals and companies are performing services without the required license and criminal history check.

The department recommends that before you hire any person or company in the industry, you ensure he or she or the company is licensed.

You should also check our Web site using the search feature at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/psb> to verify an individual or company's licensed status.

DPS has 27 troopers who investigate violations of the Private Security Act located throughout the state. Among the violations they investigate are allegations of individuals or companies performing security services without a license, which is a class A misdemeanor, punishable by a jail term up to 1 year and/or a fine of up to \$4,000.

If you encounter an unlicensed individual or company offering to perform security-related services, please contact the Department's Private Security Bureau by mail (PO Box 4087, Austin, TX 78773-0241), by fax (512-424-7729) or by e-mail (psb@txdps.state.tx.us).

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

The following persons have outstanding Crockett County Warrants. It is recommended that these persons surrender into custody at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office as soon as possible.

- Rhonda Cerda, of Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check

- Yuri Saenz, address unknown, 112th District Court-Delivery of Controlled Substance-State Jail Felony
- Jack Grannis, of Ozona, Crockett County Justice of the Peace-Theft by Check.

- Lacy Fleming, of Odessa/Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check

- Brandon O'Neil, of Barnhart, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check

- April Alvarez Dominquez, of Ozona/Del Rio, Crockett County Court-Theft

- Valentino Castillo, of Ozona - Crockett County Court making alcohol available to minors and evading arrest.

- Johnny Ray Villarreal, of Ozona - Crockett County Court-Motion to Revoke-Evading Arrest

- Rogelio Sanchez Jr., of Ozona-Crockett County Felony Warrant of Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer.

- John Mansell Clark, of Ozona-Crockett County Felony Warrant of Burglary of a Habitation.

- Erick Nathaniel Martinez, of Ozona - Coke County Warrant for Possession of Marijuana under 2 ounces, motion to revoke.

- Apolonio Morales Damian, of Ozona - Tom Green County Warrant for driving under the influence of liquor.

- Fernando Nino Fernandez, of Ozona/Midland-Attorney General's warrant for failure to appear/child support.

- Albert E. Ramos, of Ozona-Tom Green County warrant for motion to revoke probation.

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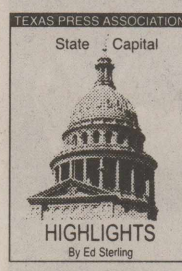
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Speaker picks chairs, members for House committees



AUSTIN - It took a couple of weeks to see how House Speaker Tom Craddick's somewhat contentious reelection would play out.

Craddick announced his picks for chairs and committee assignments on Jan. 26.

The Midland Republican survived a challenge that vaporized on Jan. 10, the second day of the 80th Texas Legislature, and was elected to a third term.

Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, made a run against Craddick but bowed out in the 11th hour, before a final vote.

Craddick reassigned Pitts and rewarded loyalists. Pitts served as Craddick's pleasure in the 2005 session as chairman of the state budget-writing House Appropriations Committee.

Craddick named Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, to replace Pitts as chair and kept Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, as chairman of House Ways & Means, the committee charged with raising revenue.

Without Craddick's post-challenge support, Pitts used his own seniority to secure a non-leadership post on Ways & Means.

Here are a few of Craddick's other chair appointments:

- Beverly Woolley, R-Houston, Calendars, the committee that serves as gatekeeper for bills to move to the House floor;

- David Swinford, R-Amarillo, State Affairs;

- John Smithee, R-Amarillo, Insurance;

- Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, Public Education;

- Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock; Transportation;

- Aaron Pena, D-Edinburg, Criminal Jurisprudence; and

- Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs, Human Services.

PERRY APPLAUDS APPRAISAL IDEAS

Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 23 praised his Task Force on Appraisal Reform on the release of its report recommending that lawmakers pass five statutory changes and two constitutional changes to fix what some have called a "broken system."

The recommendations, from

a governor's office news release:

- Require voter approval for any local taxing entity (excluding schools) to charge or collect revenues from ad valorem taxes in excess of the approved prior year's budgeted tax revenue, plus 5 percent;

- Improve fairness and consistency in the appraisal process.

Appraisal boards would be comprised of five members, including two taxpayer representatives, and taxpayers would have new options in challenging property valuations.

- Change the comptroller's property valuation study, which is used to equitably distribute state funding to schools and provide uniformity in local property appraisal practices.

- Prohibit the state from passing unfunded mandates to local governments.

- Require sales price disclosure.

- Pass legislation to change the state constitution to allow taxpayers the option of calculating their property taxes using a five-year rolling average of the property's appraised value.

- Pass legislation to change the state constitution to lower the residential appraisal cap on city and county taxes from 10 percent to 5 percent, double the local property tax homestead exemption to \$6,000, and allow local governments the option of conducting an election to enact a half-cent countywide sales tax constitutionally dedicated to property tax reduction. The appraisal cap could be lowered to 5 percent only in counties that vote for a half-cent countywide sales tax increase.

MORE FROM GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Gov. Perry announced Jan. 22 that FEMA will extend by six months the housing aid deadline for people displaced by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The aid was due to expire in February.

Also on Jan. 22, Perry announced the expansion of Operation Wrangler, a border law enforcement project teaming local, state and federal law enforcement.

Perry said the effort is structured to stem crime, illegal international drug trafficking and human trafficking.

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Showtimes Valid Friday - Thursday
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FINAL NOTICE/WARNING to parents of kids using skateboards on downtown sidewalks and streets. These kids have been told countless of times to stay off the streets and sidewalks. Their use of skateboards on sidewalks/streets has resulted in numerous complaints of damaged sidewalks/property, and is a safety hazard to themselves, pedestrians, and motorists. Citations will be issued to any further violators.

ARREST REPORT

- Two juveniles arrested for disorderly conduct, released to parents and referred to juvenile probation office

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Rig Locations For Crockett, Sutton, Schleicher, Terrell, Reagan and Val Verde counties

As of Jan. 26, 2007

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
*Crockett County				
Bp America Prod/Mid	13200	Brown Bassett Pecos Unit #1 H	Helmerich & Payne(A) 214	Drig Ahead
Fiml Natural Res	13000	Kenley #3183	Grey Wolf Drilling/M 627	Drig Ahead
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	9000	Perry -21- #25	Patterson Drilling/A 109	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	9000	J R Bailey -A- #718	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8850	University 56-22 #4	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Drig Ahead
Chevron/Midland	8500	J H Scheuber -B- #20	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8000	Laura Hoover Estate -42a- #5	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
New Fiml Natural Res	6200	Sudderth #2-14c	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead
*Sutton County				
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9800	Morris Brothers -D- #4	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9500	Duke Wilson #186-8	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9300	Bloodworth -7- #1	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9050	Valliant #15	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9050	Duke Wilson -21- #16	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8950	Hudspeth -54- #10	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8950	Mayer -3c- #16	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8950	Joe M Vanderstucken -B- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7175	Rip Hill-Ward -K-48- #3	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Drig Ahead
New Great Texas Crude	7000	Sammie J Espy #1	Heart Land Drilling #8	Moving On
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7000	H C Eggs -38- #8	Patterson Drilling/A 161	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6650	Reed -108- #17	Helmerich & Payne(O) 301	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6600	Reed -108- #30	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6550	Galbreath -91- #14	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6500	Thomson -D- #7	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6375	Galbreath -66- #18	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Drig Ahead
Schleicher County				
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
T K Lewis	4250	Mary L Jackson #9	Ringo Drilling I Lp 1	Drig Ahead
Reagan County				
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Prime Operating/Mid	9000	South Siles Sprabery Unit		

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VISITING NURSES OF DEL RIO (Home Health Agency), is looking for providers to work with the elderly in the home. For more information, call 1-800-525-0985. 4c51

EXPERIENCED CHILD CARE PROVIDER willing to watch child in home. Call Tessa Sliter at 392-2924. 2p52

EMT COORDINATOR WANTED: Ozona is seeking full-time EMS coordinator. Needs to be EMT certified. Applications may be picked up with Melissa Ybarra at the Crockett County Care Center business office job description is available with applications. No phone calls please. Crockett County EMS is an EOE. 2net01

COMPRESSOR MECHANIC, SHEFFIELD AREA, must own tools, fax resume to 281-344-9709. 2net01

VAN DRIVER NEEDED: I need a van driver with an excellent driving record. This position requires a valid Texas driver's license (operators) and will be a "as needed" basis. A retiree or someone with an extra amount of free time would be ideal. Transporting residents to and from Dr's appointments in San Angelo would be the main job description. See Benny for details. No phone calls please. Applications taken until 11-15-06. Crockett County Care Center @ 103 N. Ave. H is an EOE. tfe01

Public Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Crockett County WCID #1 will receive bids for 2005 TCDP - Sewer System Improvements until 3:30 p.m., February 20, 2007, at their office at 511 11th Street, Ozona, Texas. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:30 p.m. at 511 11th Street, Ozona, Texas. Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows: Sewer system improvements within the community of Ozona. Specific improvements included consist of, but are not necessarily limited to: gravity sewer line, pressure sewer force main, manholes, clean-outs, sewage lift station, gravel roadway, fencing, pavement replacement, SCADA system integration, and appurtenances. Bid/Contract Documents including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Enprotec/ Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar, Abilene, Texas 79601. Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$ 50.00 with Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. The deposit is not refundable. A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the Crockett County WCID #1 or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Crockett County WCID #1 reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the Crockett County WCID #1 for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award. Crockett County WCID #1 Dan Davidson, President All contractors/subcontractors which are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project. 2c01

LEGAL NOTICE:

These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on March 2, 2007. You have until August 29, 2007, to redeem any tickets for these games: #621 **BREAK THE BANK** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.94, #659 **WORLD POKER TOUR** @ \$100,000 TEXAS HOLD 'EM'™ (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.03, #661 **DEAL OR NO DEAL**® (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 4.18, #686 **TRIPLE WIN** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.73, #722 **JOKER'S WILD BINGO** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.21. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery Supports Texas Education. 1c01

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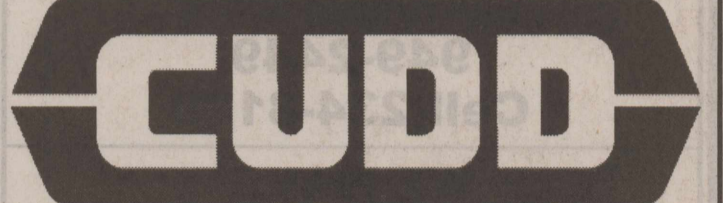
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

CROCKETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will be accepting sealed bids for the Sale of Surplus County Equipment until 11:00 a.m., February 12, 2007 at the Crockett County Annex. List of equipment will be available at the Crockett County Auditor's office. Bids should be given or mailed to the County Auditor, John Stokes, Box 989, Ozona, Texas 76943. "SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BID" should be written on the bid envelope. Any bid received after stated opening time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. John Stokes, County Auditor. 2c01

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

CROCKETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will receive sealed bids for the purchase of Used Trucks (2001 or newer) until 11:30 a.m., February 12, 2007. Envelope should be stamped "Used Truck Bid." Any bid received after stated opening time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids should be mailed or given to John Stokes, County Auditor, and P.O. Box 989, Ozona, Texas 76943. Specifications can be picked up at the Crockett County Auditor's Office. The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to reject all bids. John Stokes, County Auditor, Ozona, Texas. 2c01

West Texas Medical Associates welcomes

Charles D. Harzke, M.D. Obstetrician/Gynecologist

West Texas Medical Associates is proud to announce Dr. Charles Harzke has joined Dr. Deborah Hajovsky in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Harzke and his family have relocated to San Angelo from El Paso. Dr. Harzke began seeing patients at WTMA on November 1st.

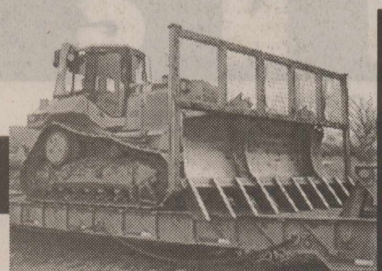
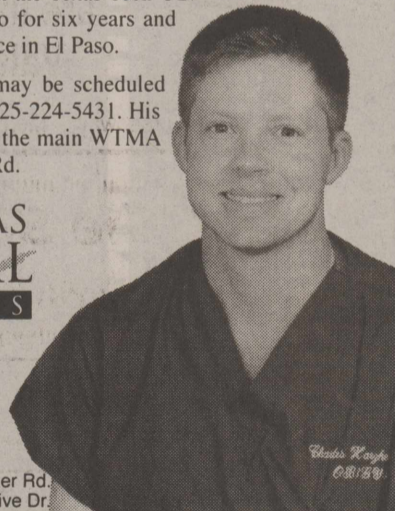
Dr. Harzke is a native Texan. He is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M in 1986 and graduated from medical school in 1991 from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Dr. Harzke completed his residency in El Paso specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. He was assistant professor in the Texas Tech OB/GYN Department in El Paso for six years and then began his private practice in El Paso.

Patient appointments may be scheduled with Dr. Harzke by calling 325-224-5431. His office is on the 2nd floor of the main WTMA building on Knickerbocker Rd.

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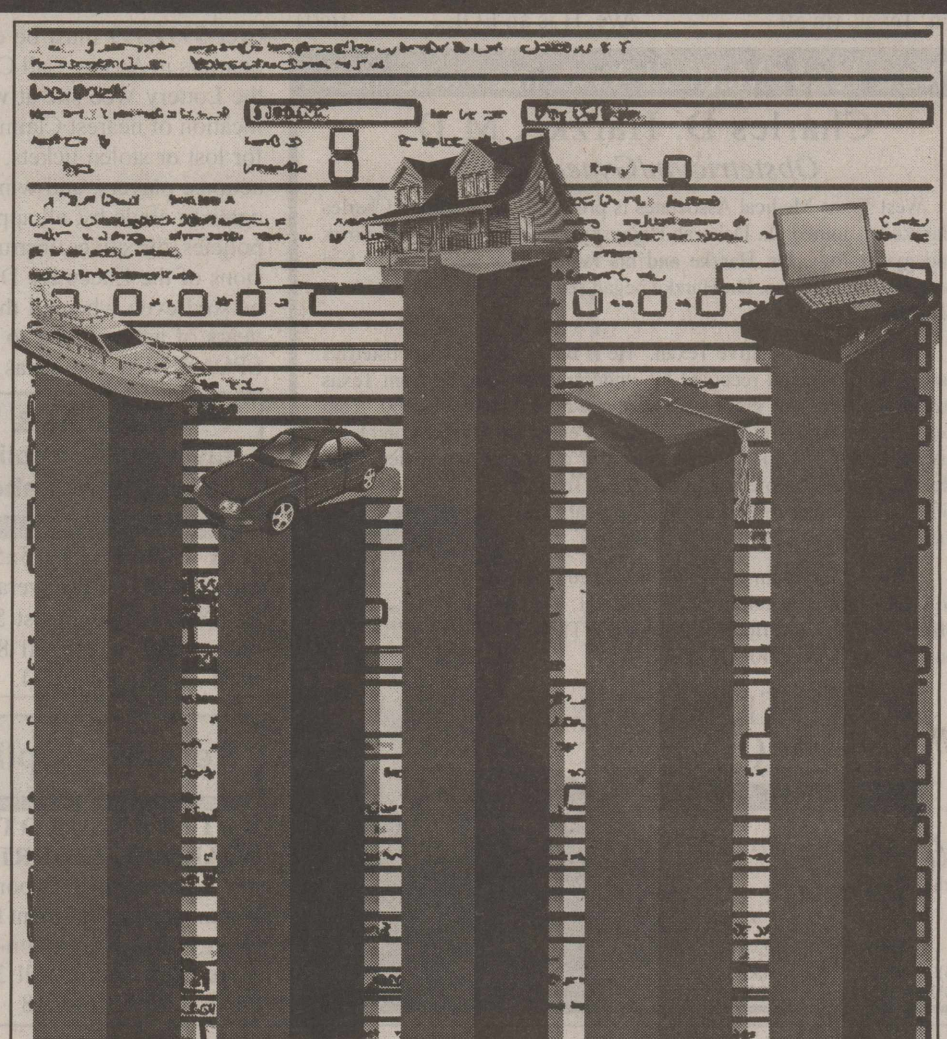
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