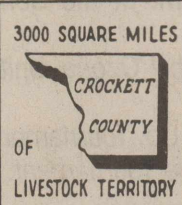


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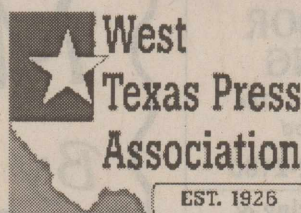
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DeerFest to celebrate 20 years Saturday

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The 20th annual Crockett County DeerFest will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Fair Park Convention Center.

This year's DeerFest promises to be the biggest and best event ever for the 20th Anniversary of the event.

There will be two Grand Prizes at the end of the evening.

A 2008 Polaris Ranger and a Crockett County Custom Browning A-Bolt White Gold Medallion .325 WSM with Leupold Scope & Bullet-Proof Aluminum Case. This gun is a beauty that is custom engraved with the 20th Anniversary DeerFest logo.

There will also be 40 additional guns, Cabela's gift cards and lots of other door prizes given away.

The dinner will be served at 6 p.m. General admission (includes meal) is \$8 per person. The menu consists of fried venison, turkey and feral hog, venison sausage, tamales, chili, tortillas, river potatoes, beans

and bread.

Door prize tickets are available at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 505 15th St. and the following merchants: Ozona Chatter Box, T&C Village Grocery Store, Food Basket, Maness Exxon Little Store, Western Drug, Crockett Automotive, The Ozona Stockman, Wool Growers, Ozona Wool & Mohair, Triple C Hardware & Lumber, Village Drug, Circle Bar Pit-stop Convenience Store, Circle Bar Restaurant, Circle Bar Hotel, Best Western/Ozona Inn, Best Value Inn, Hillcrest Motel, Bran-Dan's Convenience Store, Crockett County Abstract and Pecos River Crossing Store.

Many do not know about the birth of DeerFest. It began with a group of individuals who simply wanted to get together and have a game dinner for the hunters that migrated to our neck of the woods every year. The food was simple, the prizes humorous.

It was a time for the community to get together and socialize. It grew. It grew big. It became an asset to the community.

Everyone can recall a spe-

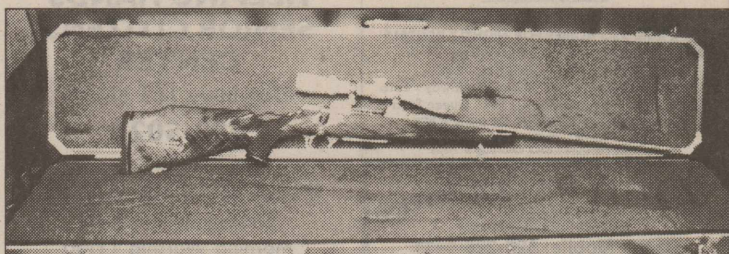
cial memory from a DeerFest of past; the smell of the wood burning on the bonfire, the cooks frying or the thrill of excitement winning a prize.

Proceeds from the DeerFest helped build the Crockett County Convention Center among other things. Several local organizations earn donations by working for the DeerFest.

DeerFest truly appreciates the support of local businesses, organizations and individuals who have supported DeerFest in the past with their donations.

The Crockett County DeerFest would not be what it is today with out the foresight of the founding members or the continued community support.

The newly elected board wants you to know that they are working to make Ozona proud. President - Will Seahorn; Vice President - Martin Childress; Vice President - Ty Williams; Treasurer/Secretary-Terel Seahorn. Board Members: Cole Crenwelge, Cody Webb, Megan Nowell, Jimmy Nowell, Clay Engdahl, Michael Mitchell and Ryan Bean.



Photos by Susan Calloway

A CROCKETT COUNTY CUSTOM BROWNING A-Bolt White Gold Medallion .325 WSM with Leupold Scope and Bullet-Proof Aluminum Case (top) and a 2008 Polaris Ranger will be the top prizes at the 20th annual Crockett County Deerfest Saturday.

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Wednesday

High 69 Low 41
 Mostly Sunny

Thursday

High 62 Low 49
 Mostly Cloudy

Friday

High 70 Low 56
 Mostly Cloudy

Saturday

High 74 Low 56
 Showers

Sunday

High 73 Low 43
 Mostly Sunny

Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo

Museum style show Saturday

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Museum will feature the latest in wool and mohair designs Saturday during the annual Wool and Mohair Style Show.

The show will begin at 2 p.m. and will feature Dolores Vernor of Dolores' Unique Designs. Refreshments will be served.

Vernor has donated a full-length, black coat to be given away at the event. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for 12. They can be purchased at the museum, The Ozona Stockman or from any museum board member.

The coat is currently on display at Ozona National Bank.

Vernor, a long-time fashion designer, earned a C.P.A. degree in Tempico, Mexico, where she also hosted her own television show "How to Make Your Own Patterns."

In 1990, she founded Dolores' Unique Designs in Camp Wood after discovering mohair. When she first came to the United States, she had never heard of mohair.

"I cannot believe that this exists," was her reaction to the fiber she proclaims to be a hidden treasure.

She creates coats, dresses, scarves and socks, and feels a strong responsibility to educate people about the fabric created

from the hair of an Angora goat.

As part of her educational effort, Vernor travels extensively for trunk shows.

"I never say 'no,'" she said of invitations to display her garments at the show.

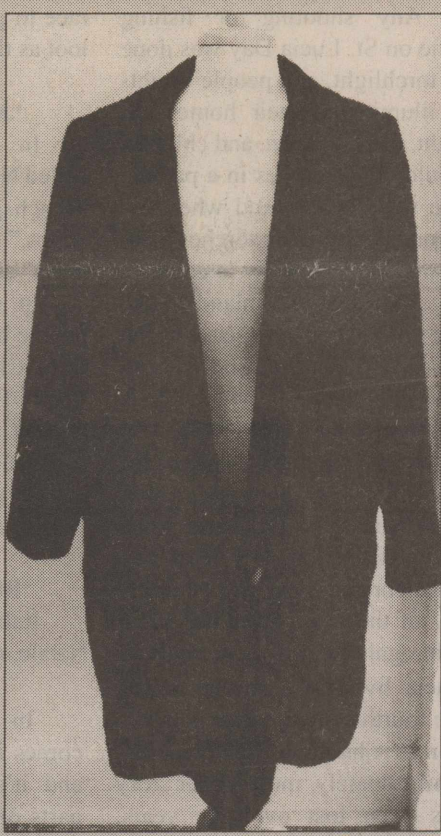
She said she feels that these shows are her opportunity to tell people about mohair.

After people discovered mohair, which 90 percent of them have never heard of, they realize what a unique fabric it is, Vernor said.

She had designed jackets for former first lady and current senator Hilary Clinton, D-New York, and U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

The Texas bomber jacket she designed for the former late Texas Governor Ann Richards is often a requested design.

Her clothing has also been featured on the late Mary Kay Ash, as well as several beauty pageant winners.



Submitted photo

THIS STYLISH BLACK MOHAIR COAT by Dolores' Unique Designs will be raffled off Saturday at the Crockett County Museum's annual style show.

A jacket she designed for Barbie was featured at the State Fair of Texas.

For more information, call the museum at 392-2837.

For more information on Dolores' Unique Designs, call (830) 597-4152.

Veterans begin annual Toys For Tots drive

Veterans of Crockett County are once again collecting new unwrapped toys and money donations this holiday season.

These donations will be used to provide a gift during Christmas for the children in Crockett County that might not be as fortunate as others.

Our Toys for Tots campaign will last until Dec. 22 at which time all toys and money collected will be turned over to the Ozona Salvation Army where they will distribute the toys, with the support of the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

The Ozona Salvation Army will have applications for the people that need some assistance this holiday.

Crockett County Veterans will be asking everyone to join them in bringing a smile to a lo-



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cal child this holiday season.

Toy containers are located at Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Duckwalls and Dollar General.

Crockett County Veterans are asking you to join us during our 2007 Toys for Tots Campaign.

Anyone interested in drop-

ping off a toy or making a money donation, volunteers will be collecting at the town square from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturdays until Dec. 22.

For more information, call Frank Tambunga 392-2827 or Lou Morrow 392-2626.

Lights of Love Dec. 5

The annual Lights of Love Christmas Lighting will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 in the town square.

The event is hosted by the Ozona Community Center with help from the Ozona Primary School and the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

Children from the Ozona Community Center, Del's Little Schoolhouse, Ozona Head Start, Ozona Primary School and the First Baptist Church AWANA group have been invited to sing.

The Crockett County Museum will also hold a drawing for a family trip to Fort Davis.



Tickets are \$1 each or 5 for \$6. They are available at the museum, The Ozona Stockman or from any Museum Board member.

Hot chocolate and wassail will be served by the Ozona Community Center Board Members.

Santa Claus is also scheduled to fly in and see all the good Ozona boys and girls.

Library's 'Christmas Tour of Homes' Dec. 9

The annual Friends of the Library "Christmas Tour of Homes" will be held Sunday, Dec. 9.

The tour will be from 2-5 p.m.

This year's event features four homes and a local business.

The home are: Rudy and Anna Ramirez, 209 Man O War St., Victor and Vicki Villarreal, 1833 Santa Rosa St., John Temple Hoover, 213 Live Oak and Louise P. Ledoux, 602 Ave. E.

The business is Baskets & More owned by Blanca and



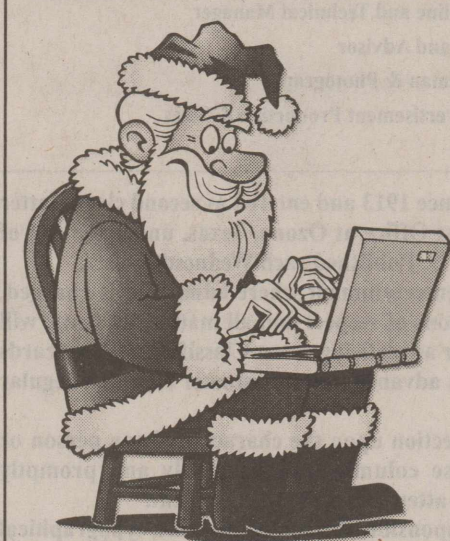
Ricky Martinez at 310 Ave. E.

There will be an Open House at the Crockett County Public Library with refreshments and door prizes.

Tickets and maps will be available at each house or at the library.

For more information, call the library at 392-3565.

Santa Letters due Dec. 7



Letters to Santa Claus need to be in by 5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Ozona Stockman office on 1000 Avenue E.

The letters will be printed in the Dec. 19 edition.

For more information, call the Stockman at 392-2551 or e-mail publisher@ozonastockman.com.

Also, if anyone would like to advertise in our special Santa Letters Section, call Susan Calloway at 392-2551 or e-mail susan@ozonastockman.com.

Deadline is also by 5 p.m. Dec. 7.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Christmas around the world

Christmas as we know it today is a Victorian invention of the 1860s. Probably the most celebrated holiday in the world, our modern Christmas is a product of hundreds of years of both secular and religious traditions from around the globe.

SWEDEN
'GOD JUL!'
 Most people in Scandinavian countries honor St. Lucia (also known as St. Lucy) each year on December 13. The celebration of St. Lucia Day began in Sweden, but had spread to Denmark and Finland by the mid-19th century.

In these countries, the holiday is considered the beginning of the Christmas season and, as such, is sometimes referred to as "little Yule." Traditionally, the oldest daughter in each family rises early and wakes each of her family members, dressed in a long, white gown with a red sash, and wearing a crown made of twigs with nine lighted candles. For the day, she is called "Lussi" or "Lussibruden (Lucy bride)." The family then eats breakfast in a room lighted with candles.

Any shooting or fishing done on St. Lucia Day was done by torchlight, and people brightly illuminated their homes. At night, men, women, and children would carry torches in a parade. The night would end when everyone threw their torches onto a large pile of straw, creating a huge bonfire. In Finland today, one girl is chosen to serve as the national Lucia and she is honored in a parade in which she is surrounded by torchbearers.

Light is a main theme of St. Lucia Day, as her name, which is derived from the Latin word lux, means light. Her feast day is celebrated near the shortest day of the year, when the sun's light again begins to strengthen. Lucia lived in Syracuse during the fourth century when persecution of Christians was common. Unfortunately, most of her story has been lost over the years. According to one common legend, Lucia lost her eyes while being tortured by a Diocletian for her Christian beliefs. Others say she may have plucked her own eyes out to protest the poor treatment of Christians. Lucia is the patron saint of the blind.

NORWAY
'GLEDELIG JUL!'
 Norway is the birthplace of the Yule log. The ancient Norse used the Yule log in their celebration of the return of the sun at winter solstice. "Yule" came from the Norse word hweol, meaning wheel. The Norse believed that the sun was a great wheel of fire that rolled towards and then away from the earth. Ever wonder why the family fireplace is such a central part of the typical Christmas scene? This tradition dates back to the Norse Yule log. It is probably also responsible for the popularity of log-shaped cheese, cakes, and desserts during the holidays.

GERMANY
'FROEHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN!'
 Decorating evergreen trees had always been a part of the German winter solstice tradition. The first "Christmas trees" explicitly decorated and named after the Christian holiday, appeared in Strasbourg, in Alsace in the beginning of the 17th century. After 1750, Christmas trees began showing up in other parts of Germany, and even more so after 1771, when Johann Wolfgang von Goethe visited Strasbourg and promptly included a Christmas tree in his novel, The Suffering of Young

Werther. In the 1820s, the first German immigrants decorated Christmas trees in Pennsylvania. After Germany's Prince Albert married Queen Victoria, he introduced the Christmas tree tradition to England. In 1848, the first American newspaper carried a picture of a Christmas tree and the custom spread to nearly every home in just a few years.

MEXICO
'FELIZ NAVIDAD!'
 In 1828, the American minister to Mexico, Joel R. Poinsett, brought a red-and-green plant from Mexico to America. As its coloring seemed perfect for the new holiday, the plants, which were called poinsettias after Poinsett, began appearing in greenhouses as early as 1830. In 1870, New York stores began to sell them at Christmas. By 1900, they were a universal symbol of the holiday.

In Mexico, paper mache sculptures called pinatas are filled with candy and coins and hung from the ceiling. Children then take turns hitting the pinata until it breaks, sending a shower of treats to the floor. Children race to gather as much of the loot as they can.

FRANCE
'JOYEUX NOËL!'
 In France, Christmas is called Noel. This comes from the French phrase les bonnes nouvelles, which means "the good news" and refers to the gospel.

In southern France, some people burn a log in their homes from Christmas Eve until New Year's Day. This stems from an ancient tradition in which farmers would use part of the log to ensure good luck for the next year's harvest.

ITALY
'BUONE NATALE!'
 Italians call Christmas Il Natale, meaning "the birthday."

AUSTRALIA
 In Australia, the holiday comes in the middle of summer and it's not unusual for some parts of Australia to hit 100 degrees Fahrenheit on Christmas day.

During the warm and sunny Australian Christmas season, beach time and outdoor barbecues are common. Traditional Christmas day celebrations include family gatherings, exchanging gifts and either a hot meal with ham, turkey, pork or seafood or barbecues.

UKRAINE
'SROZHDESTVOM KRISTOVYM!'
 Ukrainians prepare a traditional twelve-course meal. A family's youngest child watches through the window for the evening star to appear, a signal that the feast can begin.

CANADA
 Most Canadian Christmas traditions are very similar to those practiced in the United States. In the far north of the country, the Eskimos celebrate a winter festival called sinck tuck, which features parties with dancing and the exchanging of gifts.

GREECE
'KALA CHRISTOUYENNA!'
 In Greece, many people believe in kallikantzeri, goblins that appear to cause mischief during the 12 days of Christmas. Gifts are usually exchanged on January 1, St. Basil's Day.

CENTRAL AMERICA
 A manger scene is the primary decoration in most southern European, Central American, and South American nations. St. Francis of Assisi created the first living nativity in 1224 to help explain the birth of Jesus to his followers.

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, Nov. 28**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, Nov. 29**
- 'Answers on Aging' program, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Diabetes Program, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
 - OHS Lady Lions and Lions at the Irion Co. Tournament.
 - OMS Lady Lions and Lions at the Crane Tournament.
- Friday, Nov. 30**
- Nutrition/Food Pantry program, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
 - OHS Lady Lions and Lions at the Irion Co. Tournament.
 - OMS Lady Lions and Lions at the Crane Tournament.
- Saturday, Dec. 1**
- Toys For Tots Drive, 10 a.m.-noon at the town square.
 - Museum Style Show, 2 p.m. at the museum.
 - DeerFest, 6 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.
- Monday, Dec. 3**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OMS Lady Lions vs. Crane, 5 p.m. at Crane.
 - OMS Lions vs. Crane, 5 p.m. at the OMS Gym.
- Tuesday, Dec. 4**
- JV and V OHS Lady Lions and Lions vs. Christoval, 5 p.m. at Christoval.
- Wednesday, Dec. 5**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Museum Board Meeting, noon at the museum.
 - Lights of Love Christmas Lighting, 5:30 p.m. at the town square.

Letters to the Editor

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It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Bad Business

In the desert southwest, out in the lonesome places where Comanches and cows have hid for centuries, there live many wild things; some of them at least partly human. Like Gloomy Bill, for instance. His was a one-horse, load-and-go-outfit that came whenever a rancher wanted to rid his ranch of a contemptible cow that refused to be rounded-up, a bunch-quitting steer that dodged every rope, or the no-longer-domesticated bulls that dared any man to come and get 'em. Gloomy Bill always accepted their challenge and the wild things invariably ended up in his trailer, headed to the sale barn.

Just like the cattle he caught for a living, Gloomy Bill lived outside the herd. He had all the charm of an adding machine and was shadier than a Mexican sombrero. But that's not why the folks at the auction market dreaded to see his gooseneck roll into the yard. Keep in mind that Gloomy Bill dealt in wild cattle and just because they came to town didn't improve their manners any. After every consignment from Gloomy the auction owner would have to spend far more than any commission he earned to repair the bowed gates, broken boards, punctured water troughs and injured employees. Not only that, Gloomy Bill's paperwork always seemed a little shady and he was always suspected of putting his brand on another man's cattle.

One of the worst incidents with Gloomy's cattle occurred when a really nasty bull, that probably hadn't seen a human in years, felt it was his duty to launch a jail break and bust loose all the slaughter cows that had just been sold and yarded into pens by buyer number. Every single cow sold that day had to be resorted after the sale.

Then there was the time one of Gloomy Bill's wild cows gored a ring man before running full speed right into a eight inch diameter steel post set in solid concrete. That contemptible cow drew her last breath right before the auctioneer dropped the gavel,

which meant the auction owner bought the bag of bones. As if to rub it in Gloomy walked to the pay window, bolder than a bandit, three minutes after his cattle sold to collect his money and stuff his pocket full of free pens and other assorted promotional material. He'd always ask for a free calendar and a free ball cap or two and then complain about the commission. He wouldn't even spend any money at the auction market cafe and when all was said and done that one consignment cost the auction owner over \$1,000!

Through the years that Gloomy brought the wild ones to town the damages got to be more irritating to the auction owner than a pair of bad fitting boots. But what was he to do? He'd spent his life trying to get business, so how do you tell someone you don't want theirs? He'd considered adding a surcharge for cattle that did more damage than they were worth and even tried to get Gloomy Bill a steady ranch job so that he'd quit bringing in the wild and woolly ones. But, alas, Gloomy Bill was genetically unemployable, he was not meant to work for any boss.

Then one day Gloomy Bill just leaked out of the landscape. He was simply gone. The auction owner asked one of Gloomy's friends almost hopefully, "What happened, did Gloomy Bill get gored to death? Or did he finally clear out all the renegades and desperadoes in the area?"

"Naw," the friend replied. "Gloomy Bill moved his camp to Kansas for awhile."

"I didn't know there were a lot of wild cattle up there. How long does Gloomy plan to be gone?" asked the auction owner, barely able to hide his considerable pleasure due to Gloomy's absence.

"It's usually between two to five years. Depending on his behavior, of course."

"Of course," said the auction owner, figuring he had at least five good years to put his yard back together before Gloomy Bill brought him any more bad business.

Helping Hands holding raffle for rocking chair, meals, a two-night stay in San Angelo and more

Helping Hands for the Elderly Inc. in Ozona will be holding a raffle in conjunction with the Arts and Crafts Sale to be held Dec. 6 at the Crockett County Civic Center in Ozona.

Helping Hands is the organization responsible for the Meals on Wheels program in Ozona. Although the State of Texas and Crockett County help fund the program, the Helping Hands Board must provide around \$1,000 per month in order to provide meals to elderly citizens.

Anyone can receive Meals on Wheels. It is only with the community's help that the program is able to continue.

The raffle tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from any board member or on the day of the Arts and Crafts sale.

Items to be raffled include: Double Pecan Rocker donated by various businesses and individuals, picture frame donated by Village Drug, ice chest and water

can donated by Triple C Hardware and Lumber, 13-inch TV/DVD combo donated by Circle Bar Cable TV, hammer, gloves, flashlight and bird feeder donated by Ozona Wool & Mohair, small cast iron skillet and cast iron trivet donated by NATGAS Inc., cast iron griddle donated by Duckwall's, wicker basket donated by Petals & Pearls, \$20 gift certificate donated by Westernman Drug, oil change donated by JB Tire and Lube, 8 gallon shop vac

donated by Crockett Automotive, 5-quart oil, filer and lube donated by Mike's Auto Care, shepherd's staff and bird feeder donated by Dollar General, brisket donated by Ozona Chatter Box, Friday and Saturday night complimentary stay donated by Holiday Inn Express, 2 \$10 gift cards donated by Hastings, \$20 gift card donated by Zentner's Daughter, appetizers and dinner for two donated by Texas Roadhouse, nylon sports bag donated by

Cole's Army Surplus, two chenille throws donated by Ashley's Furniture, single lock blade knife with leather belt holder donated by Field & Streams, meal for two donated by Logan's Roadhouse, two clocks, two T-shirts and two caps donated by O'Reilly's Auto Parts, \$45 gift certificate donated by Outback Steakhouse, one box of beef jerky donated by Nicholson's Meat Market, 31-foot rope donated by Palmer Feed & Supply, stool donated by Santa

Fe Furniture and Gifts, Mexican dinner for two donated by Henry's Diner, trunk donated by Western Mattress, IPOD Shuffle donated by Circuit City, massaging cushion donated by Dillard's, MP3 player donated by Best Buy and 3 \$5 gift coupons donated by Olive Garden.

More items are to be added before the drawing. Please help make this a successful fundraiser. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.

'Holiday Hands' arts and crafts show Dec. 6

"Holiday Hands" the annual arts and craft show will be presented by the Helping Hands of Ozona Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Handmade arts and crafts will be shown by a large number of craftsmen from our area.

Many of these artist have been showing their crafts in Odessa, San Angelo, Lubbock and Post. There will be costume jewelry, sterling, wood and sand cross as well as other varieties of crosses, purses, home decor, goat milk lotions, and soap, candles, denim shirts with embroidery on them, puppets, caps, jackets, Christmas lights, door wreaths, clothing for your dogs (all sizes), wood framed pictures, deer antler decor, hand drawn and painted pictures, wood decorative pieces cut from a scroll saw, wind spinners, and comforters and blankets.

With so many vendors coming it is impossible to list everything, but everything will catch your eye. This show is presently larger than last year and has a bigger variety of crafts being

shown. Anyone interested in showing needs to call (806) 559-2293 or 392-3655 for more information.

With Christmas coming soon and shopping been done by so many people - we know that everyone will want to participate in the "Holiday Hands."

Anyone needing more information for buying tickets for the many raffle items all valued over \$200 should call Sara Stewart at 392-2562 for more information.

We want to remind you also that this celebration also includes a meal served by the members of the Helping Hands Board.

All money received for the raffles and the meal will go to providing meals for the elderly of Ozona.

All vendors showing in the show have also contributed to one of the raffle baskets and also paid a fee that will go to the meals also.

With the price of so many things going up - it is good to be able to help the Helping Hands of Ozona.

Nutrition/Food Pantry class Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. Recipes will

be given. The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060.

Happy Birthday

Nov. 28 - Allisandra Perez, Maribel Rodriguez and Emilio Mendez

Nov. 29 - Cassie Martinez, Brad Metzger, Pam Acton, Tom Duncan and Bobby Knox

Nov. 30 - Robert Flores, Sheri Webster Hill, Larry Williams, Joey Pierce, Helen Wall, Matthew Bullard, Narce Delia Unate, Kristen Shurley and Ingrid Silva

Dec. 1 - Scott Kelly, Brianna Lozano, Ashlee Allen, Roberto Hernandez, Amanda Ortiz, Blake Morrow, Nell Wester and Heather Hill

Dec. 2 - Juan Mendez, Jerzie Stella Sanchez, Nancy Childress, Maria C. Gutierrez, Traci Duncan, Rick Anderson, Salvador Mata, Matias Gandar III, Ellie Tijerina, Traci Garcia, Arron Martinez and Sue Owensby

Dec. 3 - Angelo Vitela, Desi Tijerina Sr., Kelli-DeHoyos and Petra Hernandez

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

Thanksgiving is over and it is apparent that winter did arrive this past weekend. The moisture was greatly appreciated and the cold not so much.

I traveled to Midland for Thanksgiving with my daughter and her family. Ours was a white Thanksgiving with snow everywhere. The children were outside building snowmen.

Angel Food Ministries will be available again for December and you can order them until Thursday, Nov. 29. More orders are needed so this food can continue. The list for December looks good and you can place your order with Lynn English at 392-9094.

Our Senior Bingo Social was Tuesday. We had stew, cornbread and homemade desserts.

This past week we were sorry to learn of the death of Dottie Mason, mother of Janet Moore. Dottie will be sorely missed. I always looked forward to seeing her at the Care Center.

Also, we regret the passing of J.B. (Buster) Miller. Buster has supported the Crockett County Senior Center for sever-

al years and up until he fell was here at every activity.

Helping Hands had a full house at their annual Thanksgiving dinner. The food was very good and was made possible by a generous donation.

The Ozona Woman's Forum had their meeting here at the Senior Center on Nov. 20. A program was given by Diane Phillips. The meeting was a success with a number of members and visitors in attendance.

Blanca Martinez and Arlene Clayton donated a beautiful, silk flower arrangement to the Senior Center after using it to grace the serving table of the Woman's Forum meeting. We thank both of you for this fall center piece.

The Crockett County Senior Center Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at the Senior Center. All members are urged to attend.

The Concho Valley Community Action Council will be here from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Joe Stewart, president of the Helping Hands Board, reported that you can buy your raffle ticket from any Helping Hands Board Member. There are more than 28 great items that will be

given away in this raffle. The drawing for the raffle will be Dec. 6 at the Helping Hands Arts and Crafts Show. If you would like a booth at the show for \$30, call Sarah Stewart at 392-2562.

Come in and look over the book selection in our bookcase to see if there is one or two that you would like to read. We also have available magazines and recipe books. We have been getting more books as time goes by so our selection is growing.

Come "Walk Two Miles" with us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This exercise program conditions you to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel energized for the day.

Every Monday and Thursday, the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play. These ladies come in all smiles bringing snacks and enjoy each other's company. Playing bridge last week were Liz Williams, Celia West, Eileen Childress, Diane Phillips and Sadie Davidson.

Our activities are for those of you over 50 years of age (we are flexible). Come out, join in the fun and have a cup of coffee.

Obituaries

Jones Bennett (Buster) Miller

Jones Bennett (Buster) Miller, who passed away on Nov. 22, 2007 at age 95, was born in Ozona to the pioneer family of Rob and Zilla Bennett Miller on Feb. 4, 1912. He was named for his two granddads but nicknamed Buster due to his large size at birth. He started life on the family ranch in Crockett County and moved to Ozona so that he and his younger brother Jake could attend school.

Buster began his first job at 12 years of age working at Adams Grocery store and janitoring at the Ozona Church of Christ. He started his involvement in ranching by buying sheep with his earnings and began a life long love of ranching.

At 14, Buster was the youngest member of the Ozona Giants Baseball team, pitching and having the most home runs. After graduating high school he attended Abilene Christian College and San Angelo Business School.

On May 28, 1932, he married Ethel Word with whom he enjoyed 72 years of marriage. He leased and owned ranches all over the West Texas area. He also owned and operated businesses in Fort Stockton, San Angelo and Ozona. He enjoyed being in business with Nathan Donskey, Marion Balch, John Childress and his two sons Mike and Van Miller. He was always concerned with the growth and quality of life in Ozona. He was a member of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees, Abilene Christian College Board, but the membership he was most proudest of was the Ozona Church of Christ, where over the years he taught Sunday School, was on the building committee and was church deacon for numerous years following footsteps of his grandfather and father in his commitment to the Lord.

Buster was preceded in

Dorothy Lee Boone Mason

Dottie Mason, 85, went to join her Lord, family and friends on Nov. 20, 2007.

She was born on Nov. 17, 1922 in Fort Worth to Martin Hayden Boone, Sr. and Lula Faye Petree Boone. She was the oldest of three children.

Dottie graduated from Crane High School in 1941 and later moved to Dallas where she met Lieutenant Wallace Woodrow Mason. They married July 30, 1943. After Woody's discharge from the United States Air Force they moved to Big Lake and later settled in Ozona, where they operated a Ford dealership.

Dottie was a homemaker until Woody's death in 1966. She then worked for Dr. Ben Robertson and Dr. Steve Sessom. She enjoyed camping on the Pecos River, including telling stories while sitting around a campfire and watching a full moon rise above the hills.

She also enjoyed gardening in her beautiful yard and simply visiting with family and friends. She was a member of Ozona United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her beloved Woody, her parents, brother-in-law, Richard Springstun, nephew Tom Springstun, and dear friends, Gladine Coates Kost and Dovie Alford.

Dottie is survived by her daughter, Janet Moore and husband Brent of Ozona and son Ronnie Mason and his wife Judy of Little Elm, Texas. She leaves behind three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; Les



death by his parents Rob and Zilla Miller, sister Noma Wiet, his wife Ethel and son Van and nephews Jay Miller and Brant Wiet.

His survivors include son Mike Miller, of Ozona, daughter and son-in-law Lynda and Leon Robinson of Granbury, daughter-in-law Jann Miller, of Ozona and brother Eugene (Jake) Miller, of Ozona. Grandchildren are Miles and Anne Miller of Austin, Matt and Amanda Miller of Austin, Precia and Chris Davis of Plano and Kasey Miller of Los Angeles, Calif. Also, Vanessa and Matt Gutierrez of Ozona, Lacy and Roy Tambunga of Kyle, Texas and Keith Miller and fiancée Kim Russell of Kyle and Jarrott Robinson of Milwaukee, Wis. Great-grandchildren are Mix and Bennett Miller of Austin, Abigail and Jones Miller of Austin, Pierce and Truett Davis of Plano, Bryce, Braeden and Brylee Gutierrez of Ozona and Zachary and Jessica Tambunga of Kyle. Also, nephew Pierce Miller of San Angelo and niece Robilyn Miller of Canyon Lake, Texas and nephew Jimmy Wiet of Utah.

Funeral services were Monday, Nov. 26, at the Ozona Church of Christ with burial following at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.



Moore; Michael and Holley Moore with children Allison and Mason of Andrews and Tesha and Michael Poffinbarger with children Jaycee, Kristen and Audra of Odessa.

Her step-grandchildren include Damon and Wendy Labriola with son Ethan of Steamboat Springs, Colorado and Michelle Labriola of Denver, Colo.

Other survivors include her brother, Dr. M.H. Boone and wife Rose Marie of Springfield, Missouri, her sister Mary Springstun of Austin and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

The family would like to express gratitude to the staff of Crockett County Care Center, Hospice of San Angelo especially Veronica Fierro, Dr. Marcus Sims and Ike Whitten, P.A.

Funeral services was Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Ozona United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Fluth officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery.



PRE-K STUDENTS sang at the Care Center last week.

Care Center Chatter

By MARTA DE LA GARZA
Activity Director

We started our week with Pre-K students singing, along with them bringing a fruit basket.

As our week continued, we played bingo, volleyball and ate popcorn.

Residents spent Thanksgiving Day with their families. Some went home for the day.

We had beauty shop on

Wednesday to have all the residents looking good for Thursday.

Elsa did nails on Saturday. Her daughter, Lisa, is our volun-

teer for the week.

We hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving Day. May God Bless You All.

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'Answers on Aging' program Thursday

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley will present "Answers on Aging" from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Crockett County Senior Center.

"Answers on Aging" provides information about services and programs available to older individuals.

Intake Specialists will be available to assist you with any questions you may have.

Programs that are housed in

the Area Agency on Aging include: Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature); Benefits Counseling; Care Coordination (Prescription and Utility Assistance); Caregiver Support (Respite Care); Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children); Ombudsman Program (Advocates for Long-Term Care Residents); Senior Companion Program (Companions for the Elderly) and 2-1-1 of the Concho

Valley (Information and Referral for health and human services).

A wide variety of printed information regarding each program and related information will also be available.

For more information, call Toni P. Gutierrez, AAA staff, at 223-5704 or just dial 2-1-1.

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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: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 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>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Rodney White Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<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>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</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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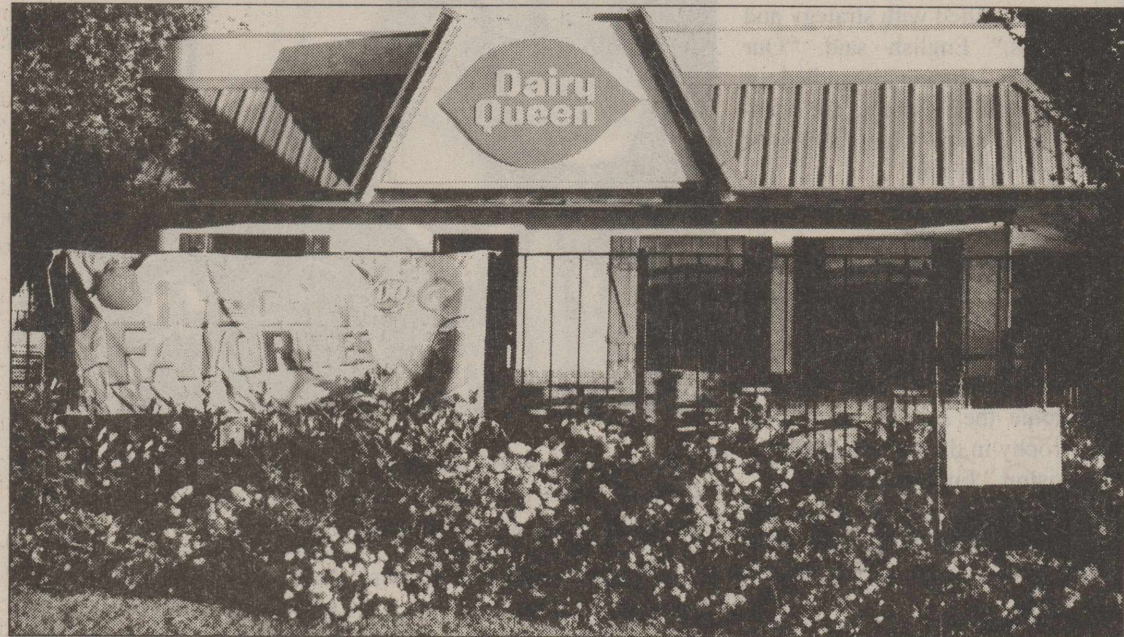
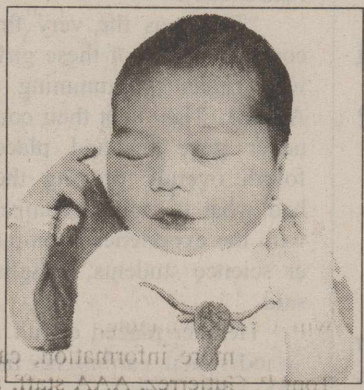


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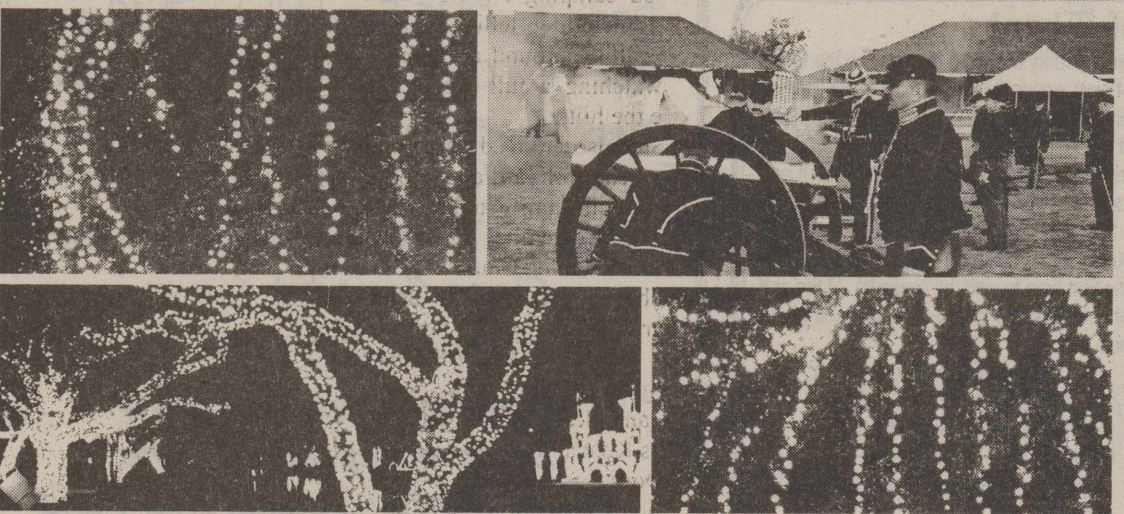
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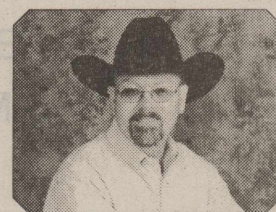
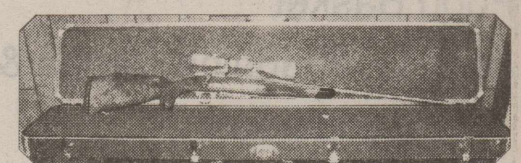
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Lady Lions get first win against Prowlers

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Lady Lions varsity team won their first game of the season, 49-44, against the Fort Stockton Prowlers on Nov. 20.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 5 19 15 - 49; Fort Stockton - 11 6 11 16 - 44.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Alysha Lara 15; Celia

Rivera 14; Vaness Rodriguez 8; Alexa Cervantez 5; Melanie Miller 3; Alex Cruz 2 and Morgan Glosson 2.

Also playing was: Chelsea Moore, Melissa Miller and Brandi Glosson.

Also playing was Chelsea Moore, Brandi Glosson and Melissa Miller.

"Well we got the monkey off our back. It was a good win

for us but again it was all in the second half," said John Jackson. "The girls played hard the entire game and I saw glimpses of what we could be if we put four quarters together. I am real proud of the girls and the win."

Ozona is now 1-4 overall. They will play in the Irion County Tournament this weekend in Mertzon.

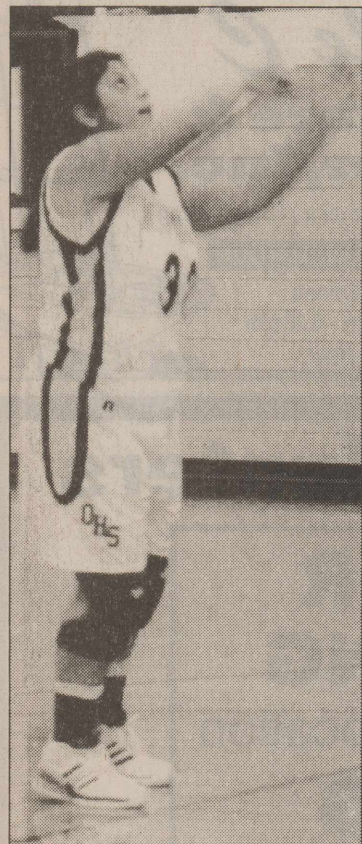


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ALEXA CERVANTEZ makes a free throw for the varsity Lady Lions.

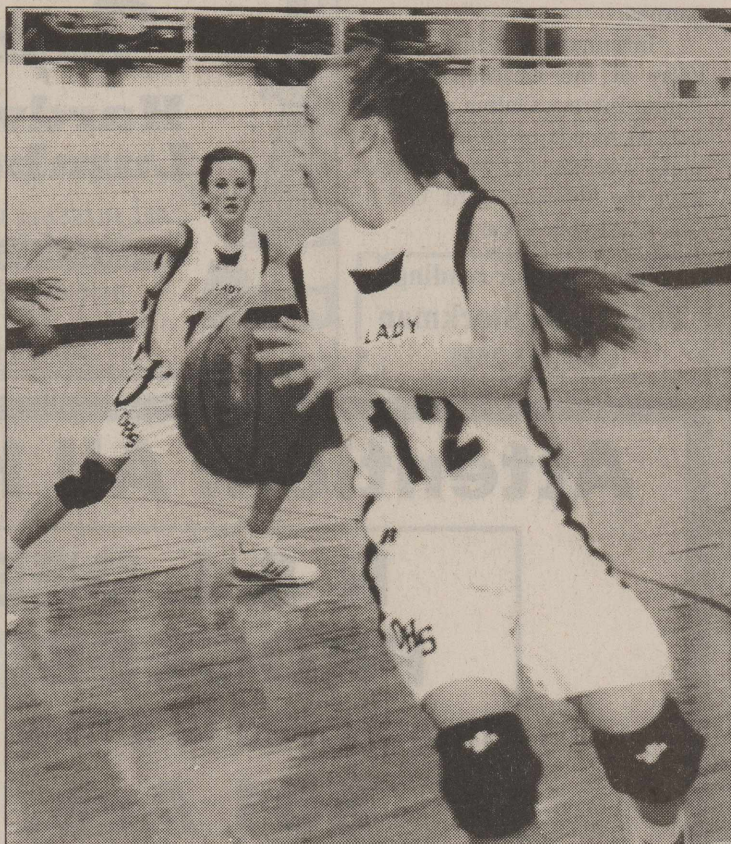


Photo by Melissa Perner
CHELSEA MOORE looks to pass the ball while Melanie Miller moves to get open in the varsity Lady Lions 49-44 win over Fort Stockton.



Photo by Melissa Perner
RAE LYNN ARREDONDO tries to move the ball to the basket in the JV Lady Lions 34-21 victory over Fort Stockton. No other information was available at deadline.

JV Lions win opening game vs. Comstock

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lions won their first game of the season, 38-29, against Comstock on Nov. 16.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 13 9 8 - 38; Comstock - 0 6 13 10 - 29.

Scoring for the Lions was: Abey Lara 4; Chris Rendon 11; Kyle Sewell 4; Bailey Badillo 4; Russel Komechak 6; Jose Aguilar 5 and Eric Talamantez 4. Also playing was Richard Borrego and Anthony Medrano.

"The team played well for their first game," said Coach JayBen Alls.

The JV Lions are 1-0 as they face Christoval at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Christoval.

Computer science teams place second, fourth

By **MELISSA PERNER**
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The OHS Computer Science Team traveled to Lubbock on Nov. 16-17 to compete in their first meet of the season.

"This was one of the few meets across the state that allows the students a chance to test their programming skills," said Coach Cathy English.

The UIL-based contest has two parts - a written test of 40 questions that covers major concepts of the Java programming language and then a two hour programming section.

During the very intense two programming hours, the competitors write programs for the computer to solve specific problems.

The total time to complete a contest is about three hours.

"Every minute of this time is filled with strategy and stress," English said. "Our Ozona students handled it beautifully, rising to the occasion to show what champions they really are."

Ozona High School entered two teams.

The first team was Ethan English, Lane White and Corey Kelley.

"These young men worked well together and brought home the second place team trophy in the small schools division," English said.

Ethan placed first and Lane placed third on the individual written portion of the test.

The second team from Ozona High was Heather Thompson, Chelsea Spence and Park Preddy.

"This was the very first contest for any of these girls, who began programming in August. They kept their cool, never gave up and placed fourth overall, proving they had what it took to compete with the experienced computer science students," English said.

Heather placed eighth as an individual, earning her first ribbon in computer science.

"To say that the students

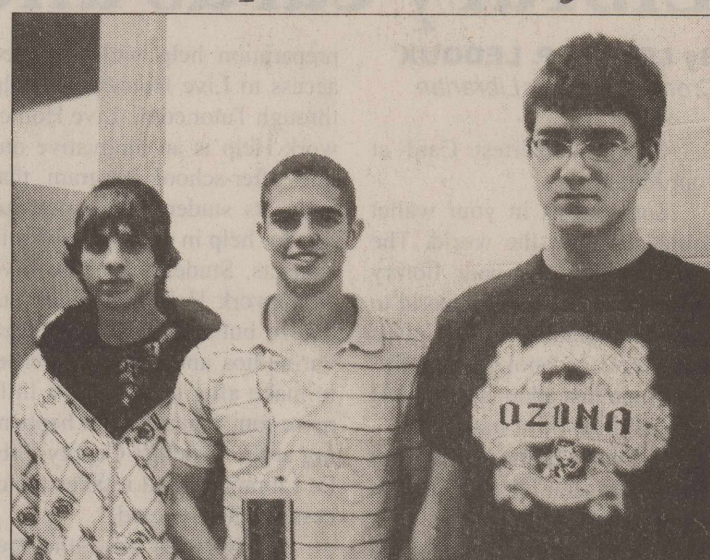


Photo by Cathy English
COREY KELLEY, ETHAN ENGLISH AND LANE WHITE (l. to r.) placed second in the small schools division computer programming contest held in Lubbock.

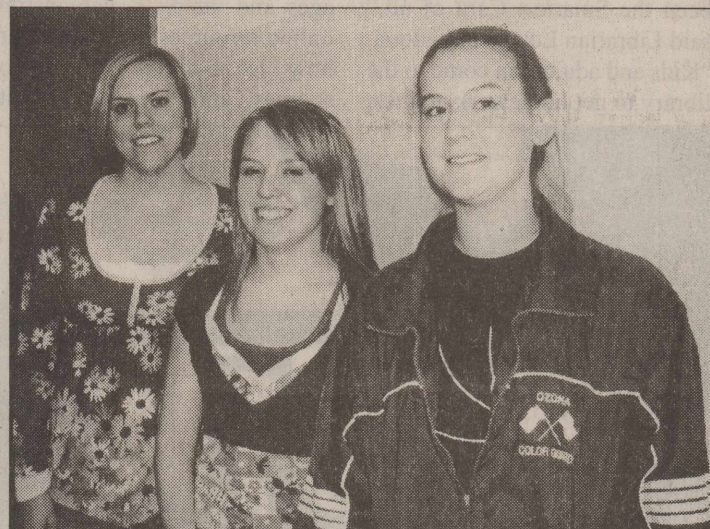


Photo by Cathy English
PARK PREDDY, HEATHER THOMPSON AND CHELSEA SPENCE (l. to r.) placed fourth in the small schools division computer programming contest held in Lubbock.

were excited would be an understatement," English said.

Both English and Glenda Effinger, UIL coordinator, were thrilled with the students' success.

While in Lubbock, the students also competed in other contests at the meet.

The spelling and vocabulary team won third place with Park Preddy getting a fourth place as an individual.

Park also placed sixth in current events.

Ethan English placed eighth in Mathematics, ninth in Number Sense and 10th in Science.

Corey Kelley placed ninth in Mathematics.

"The trip was loads of fun

and we met a lot of new and interesting people along the way. We saw a neat display the Lubbock High School had set up to remember Buddy Holly. We had a great time swimming in the hotel's indoor heated pool in Levelland, where we stayed the night," English said. "We ate a lot of good food and played many games to fill the long miles. We found out that Ethan may have a future as a weather forecaster, and we learned that the girls do a mean imitation of Charlie's Angels. Most of all, we enjoyed this chance to come together, compete as a team, and represent Ozona High School."

Angel Tree program now in progress

The Ozona United Methodist Church Wesley Nurse Program is sponsoring this year's Angel Tree program. This program's purpose is to ensure all Crockett County residents experience the blessing of the Holy day of Christmas. It could not be successful without the help of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Ozona National Bank and Crockett National Bank. Approximately 100 children and elderly residents in

our community have been contacted. Their clothing needs have been placed on ornaments, which are decorating Christmas trees located at OLPH Catholic Church, Ozona National Bank and Crockett National Bank. If you would like to participate, place go by

one of these three locations and pick up the ornament of your choice, purchase the items listed and return your gift by Dec. 14 to any of the three locations.

For more information, you may call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

Dec. 3 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Dec. 4 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Dec. 5 - 5 p.m. Teen Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. Youth Center Board Meeting

Dec. 17 - Christmas Guitar Class Concert 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Donations are currently being accepted for the Youth Center Scholarship Fund

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the Crockett County Museum for allowing the fourth and fifth grade reading classes to visit your wonderful museum. We just finished a Veterans Day unit in Mrs. Patterson's class and seeing the Veterans Exhibit helped us learn more. We honor and respect the men and women who served in our military. Ms. Roberta was a great tour guide. She was kind, patient and generous. She knew everything about the exhibits. Not only did we tour the Veterans Exhibit but we also saw the "Old Days" Exhibit. It was very interesting. We especially enjoyed looking at Mr. Kost's pencil collection. There were so many things to see. For some of us it was the first time to visit the museum. At the end of our tour, Ms. Roberta gave each of us a beautiful pencil as a souvenir of our trip. Thank you for this great experience.

Mrs. Patterson's Reading students:
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THE EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS were the top collectors in the OHS Student Council Food drive. They collected 768 cans of food.



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THE SEVENTH GRADE STUDENTS came in second in the OHS Student Council Food drive. They gathered 524 cans of food.



Photo by Melissa Perner

THE SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS were third in the OHS Student Council Food drive with 414 cans.



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THE FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS were fourth in the OHS Student Council Food drive with 383 cans.

Ozona schools collect for food drive

By **MELISSA PERNER**
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The Ozona High School, Ozona Middle School and Ozona Intermediate School participated in a Food Drive from Nov. 13-21.

The OHS Student Council sponsored the drive.

At the middle school, all three grades collected 1,706 items.

The Eighth Grade students were the top collectors with 768. Seventh Grade had 524 and Sixth Grade came in at 414.

"I am very proud of their efforts to support the local food banks. We approached the food drive as a competition and what I am most proud of is that the OMS group declared the food bank as the official winner," said Benny Granger, middle

school principal. "I would like to thank the parents, students and businesses for their support of this food drive. Ya'll are awesome!"

At the intermediate school, it was a battle between the fifth and third grades.

The battle ended with the fifth grade winning with 383 cans.

According to Bryce Gutierrez, fifth-grader, the third grade had reinforcements coming but they were too late, just like the reinforcements at the Alamo.

The third grade also collected 383 cans, but a couple of their cans were turned in late making the fifth grade the winners.

Intermediate school total was 850.

All classes are being treated with extra recess for their deter-

mination and drive, said Shona Moore, fifth grade teacher.

Grand total for all three schools was more than 2,500 items.

The food was delivered to the Ozona United Methodist Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, the Salvation Army at the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and NewBridge Family Shelter in San Angelo.



OHS Guitar Class Christmas Concert

Monday, Dec. 17

6:00 p.m. • Civic Center

Donations Accepted for Youth Center Scholarship Fund

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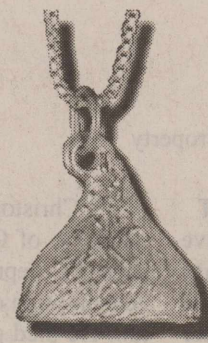
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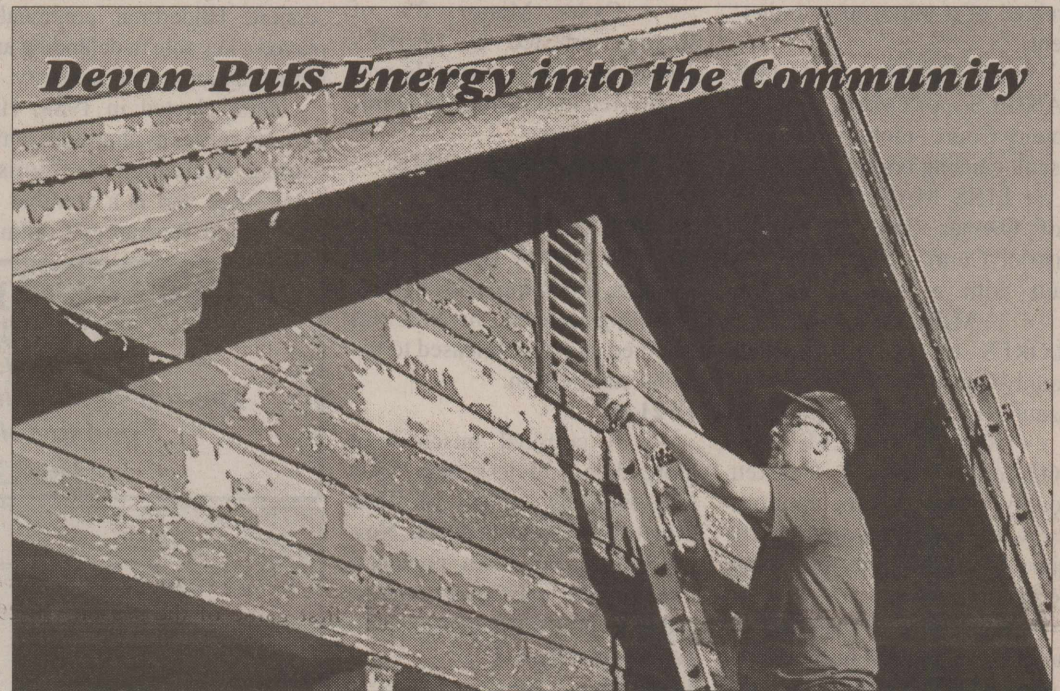
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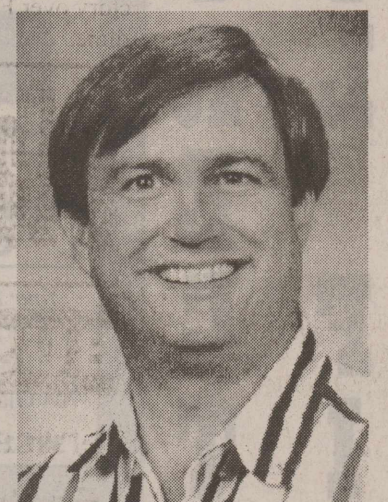
Three physicians to serve Sonora Medical Clinic

Reflecting its commitment to provide a continuity of quality medical care to Sonora and Sutton County, the Sonora Medical Clinic is pleased to announce it has secured the services of three physicians.

Bradly Bundrant, M.D. began practice at the Sonora Medical Clinic in November. Dr. Bundrant earned his medical degree at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock and served his family practice residency at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in El Paso.

Dr. Bundrant will staff the Sonora Medical Clinic through May, 2008, when the clinic will welcome Doctors Mark and Kristy Edwards. Both physicians earned their medical degrees at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock and did their family practice residencies at the Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas.

In addition to family medicine, Dr. Mark Edwards will offer colonoscopies and Dr. Kristy Edwards will provide wound care and a variety of women's services.



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TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
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Animal control, Livestock Complaints	7
Civil Complaints	2
Courtesy Transports	1
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	22
Gas Thefts	3
Juvenile Complaints	5
Locked Vehicles	9
911 Fire Calls, Admin. Calls	3
911 Vehicle Accidents	1
911 Medical calls/ Transfers	7
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	14
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	4
Security Alarms	2
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	24
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	10
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle	2
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	3
Minor Vehicle Accidents	4

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.

• **BLAS RAMOS JR.**...of Midland/Odessa Crockett County J.P. warrant - no driver license and restrained child

• **GILBERTO MONTE-LONGO MATA** ...of Ozona, Crockett County J.P.- minor in consumption of alcohol

• **JOHN MANSELL CLARK**...of Ozona - Crockett County Court - unlawful restrained of a minor after indictment.

• **MATHEW WALTER DANIELS** ...of Ozona, Crockett County Court - motion to revoke assault causing bodily injury.

• **LUIS MANUEL PEREZ** ...of Ozona, Crockett County District Court - aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **ALBERTO REYES FLORES**...of Ozona, Crockett County Court - motion to revoke/assault causing bodily injury.

• **JONATHAN LEE MUÑOZ**...of Ozona, Crockett County Court - three motions to revoke/assault causing bodily injury, DWI-2nd and furnishing alcohol to minors.

Notice: It is a violation of Texas Laws to assist or help hide a person known to have an outstanding warrant for arrest.

ARREST REPORT

• **Robert Dean Charlton**, 32, of Helotes, Texas, arrested by DPS Trooper for possession of a control substance and possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. He posted bail and was released.

• **Matthew Walter Daniels**, 24, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with a Crockett County court warrant of motion to revoke/assault causing bodily injury. He posted bail and was released.

11-23-07

• **Christopher Matthew Arnold**, 19, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for minor in consumption of alcohol by a minor. He pled guilty in Justice of the Peace court and was released after serving jail sentence.

• **Marissa De Hoyos Vargas**, 35, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for making alcohol available to minors. She posted bail and was released.

• **Ames De Hoyos Guerra**, 18, of Grand Prairie, Texas, was arrested by sheriff's deputy for consumption of alcohol by a minor. He pled guilty in Justice of the Peace court and was released after serving jail sentence.

• **Carlos Munoz**, 25, of Mexico, arrested by sheriff's deputy for illegal entry. He was transferred into custody of immigration officers.

INCIDENT REPORTS

11-20-07
• A disorderly conduct report was filed by Ozona school officials, following a disturbance involving a student. Juvenile was detained and later released to parental supervision.

11-21-07
• A criminal mischief of more than \$50 less than \$500 was filed by citizen on Blas Street. Sometime between Nov. 20 and 21 unknown person(s) intentionally caused damage to property at a residence. Investigation continues.

11-23-07
• Sheriff's office filed a making alcohol available to minors report following a loud music complaint at 300 block Avenue H. Sheriff's deputies located several minors at a residence. Resident owner was arrested at scene.

11-26-07
• A burglary of building report was filed by a business owner at 500 block of 9th St. Unknown person(s) entered business building during Thanksgiving holidays and removed electronic property. Investigation continues.



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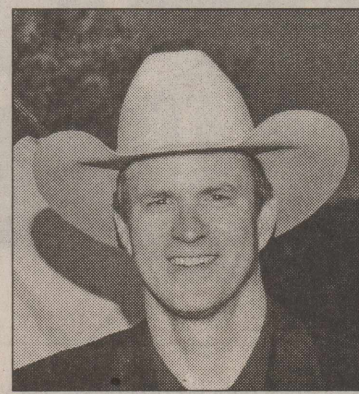
THESE THREE HUNTERS (left to right) Lance, Luke and Lee McMullan, are shown with their three bucks they killed on the McMullan Ranch off of Taylor Box Road in Crockett County. The boys also harvested eight doe and one spike. They are the sons of Ashby and Joanie McMullan of Katy, Texas, and grandsons of Jim and Ann McMullan of San Antonio.

Texas Municipal League names Hilderbran Legislator of the Year

AUSTIN - The Texas Municipal League has announced that Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, has been named its Legislator of the Year in the Texas House of Representatives. During the 2007 Legislative Session, Hilderbran was a tireless advocate for state and local parks and authored legislation that was instrumental in infusing \$15.5 million into the state's local park system.

Throughout the legislative session, Hilderbran continually played a key role in defending and protecting municipal authority.

First elected in 1988, Hilderbran serves as chairman of the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee and is a member of the Natural Resources Commit-



HARVEY HILDERBRAN

tee. He also serves as co-chairman of the legislative oversight committee for the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

The award was presented to Hilderbran on Nov. 7, by the Texas Municipal League during its annual Conference in Dallas.

Junction Stockyards Market Report
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AUSTIN - Texans now can register an inventory of their personal property, report property that has been stolen or check whether an item they are attempting to buy has been reported as stolen.

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The Trace online database includes all identifiable property reported stolen to the FBI by Texas law enforcement agencies. Texans can access the Trace database, free of charge, to:

- Research items before purchasing them to determine whether or not they are stolen.
- Report recently stolen property to law enforcement.
- Create a secure, anonymous inventory of their valuable property that could aid in recovering the property if it is ever stolen.

WINDSTORM COVERAGE RATES TO RISE

Mike Geeslin, Texas Insurance commissioner, OK'd windstorm insurance rate increases of 8.2 percent for residential and 5.4 percent for commercial properties, effective Feb. 1, 2008.

The Texas Windstorm Insurance Association had requested a 10 percent increase for both in a filing made this past August. Geeslin said the increase is part of a strategy to improve the financial health of the windstorm association.

PARKS AGENCY TOUTS UPGRADES

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department says "Christmas came early this year" to dozens of state parks throughout Texas, thanks to lawmakers and voters who voted for more funding for parks.

Already, the agency said, many of the more than 200 new state park employee positions have been filled, repairs of long-neglected facilities have begun or will soon begin, and days and

hours of park operations are being extended.

And, because of the increased funding, park visitors will not only notice better maintained park facilities, but also will benefit from more interpretive programming, reopened camp grounds and trails, and better customer service.

The 80th Texas Legislature passed legislation to provide \$25.6 million for park operations and the hiring of park staff during the 2008-09 biennium.

Lawmakers also appropriated \$52 million in bonding authority to fund state park repairs, sending the measure to voters for approval.

In the Nov. 6 election voters approved Prop. 4, allocating \$25 million to dry-berth the Battleship Texas to ensure its long-term preservation and another \$27 million for infrastructure repairs throughout the eight state park regions.

COURT EMERGENCY PLAN IN WORKS

The Texas Supreme Court appointed a task force to begin design and implementation of an emergency program to prevent or manage disrupted court operations throughout the state in emergencies.

The 16-member "Task Force to Ensure Judicial Readiness in Times of Emergency" will identify existing gaps in court security, abilities to operate and other preparedness functions and response policies, procedures, and programs within the Texas judiciary.

The task force will develop an interim plan to fill gaps it identifies in the beginning, then design an emergency management program, oversee it and work with court officials and others outside the judicial system to install it.

"Normal court operations may be at risk during an emergency," Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson said. "Our courts must be able to quickly deploy personnel, equipment, vital records and technological support so that the rule of law is preserved and substantial rights are protected."

Denise Davis of Austin, special counsel with the Baker Botts law firm and former parliamentarian of the Texas House of Representatives, will chair the task force. The first meeting

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New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	9000	Ben -C- #7	Patterson Drilling A 38
New Approach Operating	9000	J.R. Bailey -A- #534	Patterson Drilling A 710
Adventure Explor	8500	University 7-33 #1	Adobe Drilling Mavrx
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8500	Davidson -15- #16r	Heart Land Drilling
New Terna Oil & Gas Co/H	6100	Hallie Black -3b- #1	Patterson Drilling A 161
New Film Natural Res	5500	Maggie Moore #1b	Patterson Drilling A 721

Sutton County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR RIG
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	9750	Morris Brothers -C3- #2	Patterson Drilling A 39
Highmount E&P/Hdq	9250	Duke Wilson -188- #22	Patterson Drilling A 120
Highmount E&P/Hdq	9000	Duke Wilson #21-14	Patterson Drilling A 120
Highmount E&P/Hdq	8975	Renfro -45- #1	Helmerich & Payne# 301
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8975	Glasscock -30- #1	Helmerich & Payne# 302
Highmount E&P/Hdq	8975	Hicks -23- #17	Helmerich & Payne# 303
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8950	Shurley -165- #16	Patterson Drilling A 40
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8650	Mayer #6-11	Helmerich & Payne# 301
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8600	Mayer Ranch -35- #7	Helmerich & Payne# 302
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8475	Shannon -51- #16	Helmerich & Payne# 303
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	7750	Lancaster -155- #4	Patterson Drilling A/105
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New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8750	Powell -23- #7	Patterson Drilling A 742
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NOTICE OF SALE OF STATE REAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT

Sealed bids covering the sale of the State's interest in approximately 6.38 acre(s) of land located on US 67, Irion County, Texas, may be mailed to the attention of District Engineer Walter McCullough, P.E. Texas Department of Transportation, 4502 Knickerbocker Rd, San Angelo, Texas 76904 or brought to the TxDOT office at 4502 Knickerbocker Rd, San Angelo, Texas 76904. Bids on the required, unaltered form must be received in the hands of the District Engineer before the bid opening at 3 p.m. on January 7, 2008. The envelope shall be marked "BID ON SALE OF STATE REAL PROPERTY, January 7, 2008 3 PM." Bidders or authorized agents are invited to inspect the property on the ground and to be present at the public opening of bids at the above place and time. THE STATE WILL TRANSFER ALL OF ITS RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST, EXCLUDING OIL, GAS, SULPHUR AND OTHER MINERALS, IN THE REAL PROPERTY TO THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IN AN "AS IS" CONDITION WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR WARRANTY OF SUITABILITY FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. The successful bidder may purchase an updated abstract or title insurance at the bidder's own expense. The State's disposal of this tract will automatically be subject to continued rights of existing utilities, if any, as provided by law, and any required adjustment will be at no cost to the State. In addition, the transfer will be subject to all matters of public record and to all easements, leases, agreements or licenses, or other interests which affect the property, and any matter which would be disclosed by title examination, survey, investigation or inquiry, including but not limited to the rights of parties in possession. In addition to the amount bid, a service fee of \$300.00 or 2% of the bid amount, up to a maximum of \$1,600.00, will be required as a condition precedent to delivery of the State's transfer instrument. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid deposit check in the form of a Money Order or Cashier's Check made payable without recourse to the order of the "Texas Department of Transportation" as an assurance that the bidder, if successful, will consummate the purchase. The bid deposit shall include an amount equal to the appraisal fee of \$3,600, the advertising fee of \$1,181 and a down payment of \$2,900, for a total deposit of \$7,681. Only the down payment of \$2,900 from the successful bidder shall be applied to the purchase price of the property. The entire bid deposit shall be forfeited if for any reason the bidder fails to complete the purchase within 60 days after the date the bidder receives written notice that the State is ready to complete the sale. Money Orders or Cashier's Checks of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned after submission of the staff recommended successful bid to the Texas Transportation Commission. The State reserves the right to reject any and all bids. For permission to inspect the property, for required bid forms (including a property description and recording information) or for additional information contact Kristan Hereford at 325-947-9242.

PUBLIC NOTICE

During the October 12-22 Noncommercial Education (NCE) filing window, Templo Piedra Angular filed an application with Federal Communications Commission for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on Channel 209A at Ozona, TX, with a power of 1 kw, location of transmitter located at Ozona (Lat 30-42-43 Lon 101-7-30), antenna height 31 meters above ground, and studios within 25 miles of the city of license. The officers and directors of the applicant are Manuel Villalobos, Irma Ochoa, and Jose Luis Chavez. Copy of the application and related materials is on file for public inspection at Public Library, 1201 Avenue G, Ozona, Tx For info (432) 683-0972.

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These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on December 3, 2007. You have until May 31, 2008 to redeem any tickets for these games: #733 Run the Table (\$25) overall odds are 1 in 2.20, #776 Spread the Wealth (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.17, #818 Run the Table (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 3.93. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on December 10, 2007. You have until June 8, 2008 to redeem any tickets for this game: #794 State Fair of Texas (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.33. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on December 24, 2007. You have until June 21, 2008 to redeem any tickets for this game: #820 Break the Bank (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.99. 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 1-800-371-LOTTO 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.

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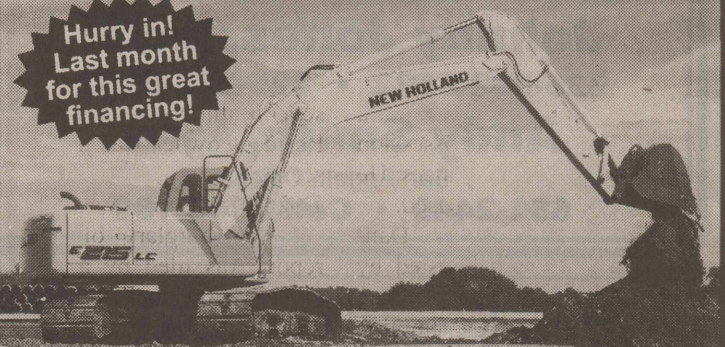
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LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAXATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT

Monday, December 3, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District Office 1102 Ave. I - Ozona, Texas 76943
Notice is hereby given in compliance with Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Section 11.253, of the Texas Tax Code and Article VIII, Sec. 1-n (d) of the Texas Constitution that the Board of Directors of the Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District, Ozona, Texas, at its regular meeting in the above-named time, date and location, will conduct a Public Hearing on the adoption of an order to tax tangible personal property in transit which would otherwise be exempt pursuant to Sec. 11.253 of the Texas Tax Code. This action relates to whether certain tangible personal property held temporarily at a location in this state for assembling, storing, manufacturing, processing or fabricating purposes (goods-in-transit) shall remain subject to taxation by the Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District, as it has in the past.

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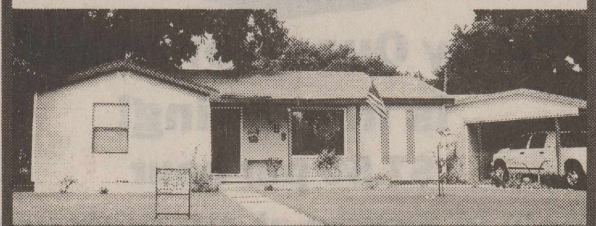
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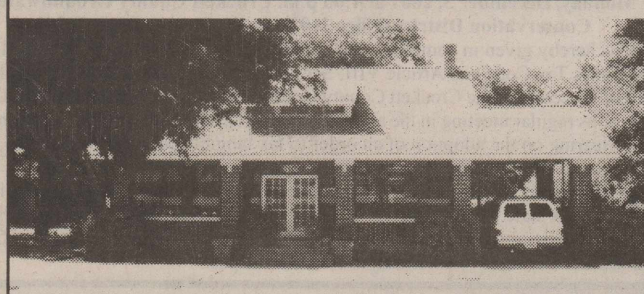
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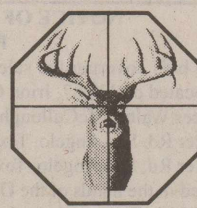
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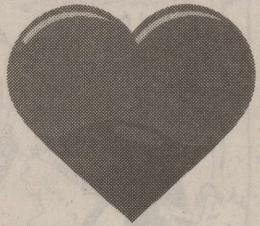
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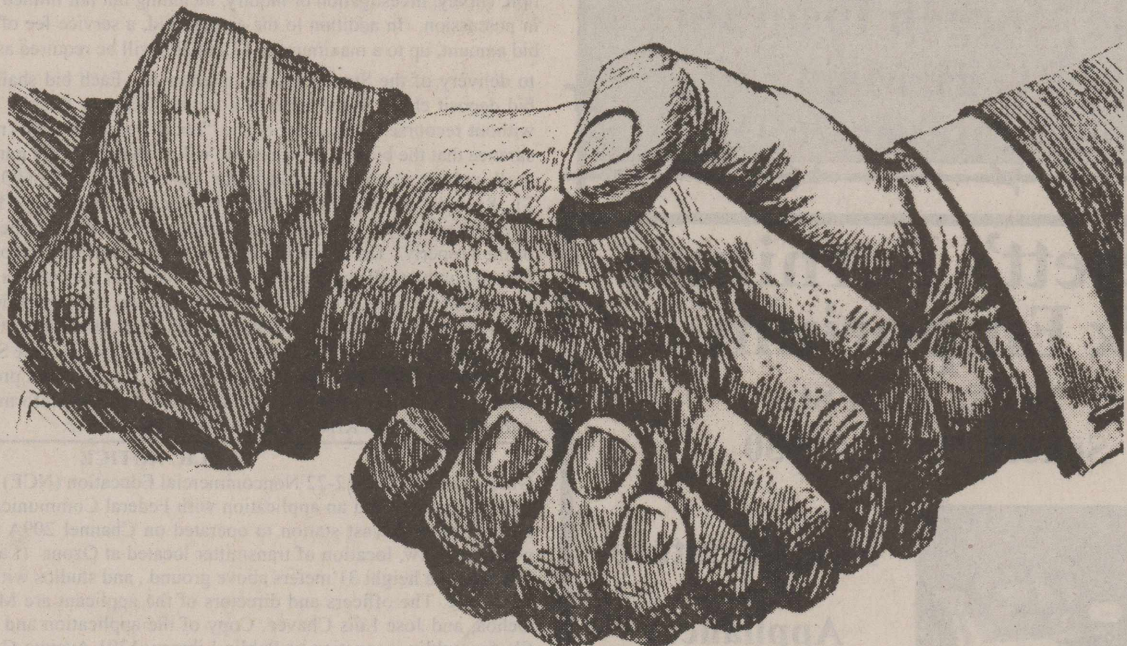
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