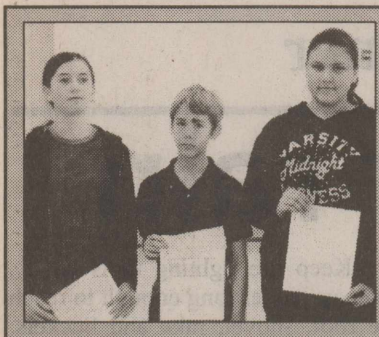
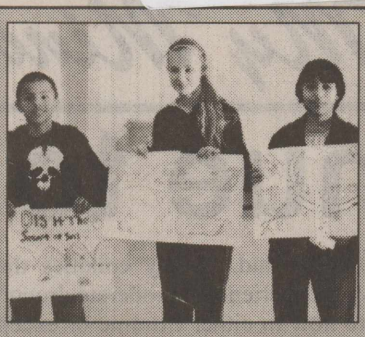


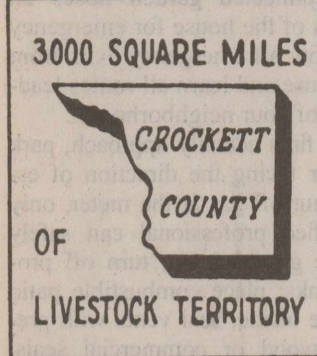
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## Justice of the Peace Q&A: county official performs many different duties

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
 Editor and Publisher

This is the second in a series of Ozona Stockman articles of question-and-answer articles featuring county and state officials in our community.

Today's article features Crockett County Justice of the Peace Jim Hearne.

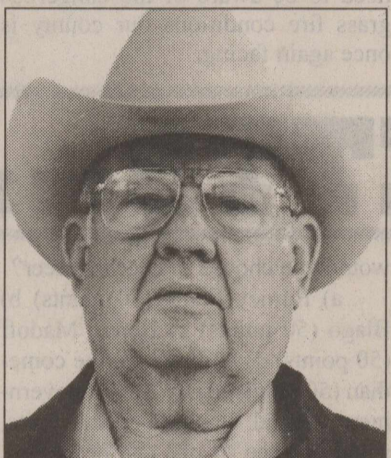
A justice of the peace handles many different duties including evicting tenants, traffic tickets issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety and small claims disputes.

Justice of the Peace Hearne responded to these questions.

### WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO RUN FOR YOUR POSITION?

I felt that the incumbent was not doing the required duties in the proper manner, and that the best interest of the public would be in a change.

### Crockett County Justice of the Peace



**JAMES M. HEARNE (JIM)** - 18 years in office

### WHAT KIND OF TRAINING, EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE DID YOU HAVE TO HAVE

The justice of the peace is the legal jurisdiction closest to the average citizen.

Section 19 of Article 5 of the Texas Constitution provides that: justice of the peace courts have original jurisdiction in criminal matters of misdemeanor cases punishable by fine only and such other jurisdiction as may be provided by law. Original jurisdiction is the authority to accept a case at its inception, try it and pass judgment based upon the laws and facts. This is distinguished from appellate jurisdiction which is jurisdiction to review a court's action. The justice of the peace performs the functions of a magistrate and conducts inquests.

A justice of the peace may issue warrants for search and arrest, conduct preliminary hearings, administer oaths, perform marriages and serve as a coroner in counties where there is no provision for a medical examiner. The justice court also functions as a small claims court in civil matters in which exclusive jurisdiction is not in district or county court and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$10,000. They can also deal with matters concerning foreclosure of mortgages and enforcement of liens on personal property.

- Source: Texas Association of Counties

### FOR YOUR POSITION?

Public school through high school; one year of college; four years in the military (U.S. Air Force); 22 years U.S. Border Patrol; many years of business, both self-

owned and seven years corporate.

### WHAT IS THE ONE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB YOU ENJOY THE MOST?

Making sure everyone with contact with this court gets fair treatment and that the public feels that justice is proper.

### WHAT IS ONE DUTY IN YOUR JOB THAT YOU ENJOY THE LEAST?

Civil lawsuits.

### WHAT IS ONE DUTY THAT YOU PERFORM THAT MOST PEOPLE MAY NOT REALIZE FALLS UNDER YOUR POSITION?

Issue search warrants.

### WHAT ARE SOME DUTIES THAT YOU OFTEN GET QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER

### YOUR POSITION?

Title to property.

### IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR POSITION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

One more staff position.

### WHAT DO YOU WANT THE PEOPLE OF CROCKETT COUNTY TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR POSITION?

I want to thank them for allowing me to hold this office, how important their respect is to me and that I am always available should someone desire to discuss any matter, if it is not precluded by law.

### ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD:

My staff and I are not attorneys. We cannot give legal advice. However, we will assist anyone to obtain information.

## Citizens question Rodriguez's decision-making during visit

By **SUSAN CALLOWAY** and **MELISSA PERNER**  
 The Ozona Stockman

Touting the recent passing of the economic stimulus package, U.S. Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, visited with local citizens and Crockett County Officials on Feb. 6 at the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse.

Rodriguez recently voted for President Barack Obama's \$819 billion economic stimulus bill, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 244-188. Many local citizens questioned Rodriguez's vote.

"It takes six months to two years to get projects going," said Dan Davidson. "You had the sense to vote against the first two (bailout) packages, why the hurry?"

Rodriguez said the main issue is the economy and that for the first time in history earmarking money for certain projects will be cut in half.

"We will never give an earmark to a construction project unless the engineering project is already done. This money is for shovel ready projects, where the jobs are created," Rodriguez said. "This one I supported, (because it is) an investment in ourselves, in our education, in our health care, in our infrastructure."

The House bill would mean almost \$24 billion for Texas, including \$3 billion for highways, bridges and other infrastructure projects; \$9.7 billion in tax cuts and credits; \$3.7 billion for education program; and \$7.4 billion in grants, energy assistance and health and child care services.

The bill passed the U.S. Senate to end the debate on Monday



Submitted photo by Cynthia Hokit

**CONGRESSMAN CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ** greets OHS Senior Ethan English during his visit on Feb. 6 at the Administration Building. Rodriguez stopped in Ozona to meet with county officials, Ozona Schools officials and local citizens.

by a vote of 61-36. The bill was expected to survive a full vote in the Senate on Tuesday, setting up a battle with the House as the two chambers try to iron out differences between their versions of the bill.

According to an Associated Press story, Republican Sen. John Cornyn said the stimulus package could damage the U.S. economy in the future.

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## County Commissioners approve sheriff's office salaries request

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
 Editor and Publisher

A change in the budget of the Crockett County Sheriff's Department will now allow the hiring of more personnel.

During Monday's county commissioner's meeting, the commissioners voted 4-1 to allow a \$60,000 line-item change from prisoner transport to salaries for the sheriff's department. Commissioner Frank Tambunga voted against the motion.

Chief Deputy Jimmy Semmler and Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton both said they need to hire two more dispatchers due to jail commission requirements of having two people in the jail at all times.

Semmler said they currently have one person early in the morning and evening, before another person comes in to make it a two-person shift in the afternoon and late at night.

Semmler also said jailers have one year to be trained and certified by the state, and that since the training takes place in San Angelo.

"In this type of rotation, it puts you short here at home. We lose people during the training and when you are working a skeleton-crew that's hard," Semmler said.

For 2009, commissioners ap-

proved a \$130,000 budget to house prisoners out of county in Big Lake. County Auditor Sandy Stokes said the budget was set based on 10 prisoners being housed a day. In the last two months, the average has been three a day.

Work on the Crockett County Jail has been done in order to meet the Texas Jail Commission standards for the past month. Currently, Crockett County can house 13 inmates. The average daily population last year was 16, which counted prisoners at Big Lake.

Semmler said the sheriff's office plans on keeping the Crockett County Jail full and only transport prisoners to Big Lake in emergency situations.

The sheriff's office plans on keeping out-of-town prisoners to \$3,000-\$4,000 a month, or \$60,000-\$65,000 a year, Semmler said. Cost of housing a prisoner is around \$120 a day in Crockett County. Cost to transport to Big Lake is \$37 a day plus the \$120 a day.

"The jail commission was about to cut us back if we hadn't have done the modifications," Semmler said. "It's a whole lot cheaper to pay an officer \$16 an hour than to pay Big Lake \$37 a day."

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## 'His career would make an interesting book'

Museum dinner features story of George B. Jackson

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
 Editor and Publisher

Suzanne Campbell first caught a glimpse of George B. Jackson in a newspaper article where she read about the "wealthiest colored man in Texas spending several days in San Antonio."

Campbell said her first immediate thought was "holy mackerel, I have to go back and find out about George."

During the Crockett County Museum's annual Appreciation Dinner, Campbell spoke about the life of Jackson on Monday night.

Jackson, who was born a slave in Virginia, entered the military and eventually landed in San Angelo, has become Campbell's favorite per-

son to talk about and research.

In fact, the last line in Jackson's obituary states "his career here would make an interesting book."

"His influence has been there, but until now it has gone unnoticed," Campbell said.

Jackson was a man of many hats. In 1875, he saw a business opportunity in San Angelo in running saloons.

Campbell said another old newspaper article stated that during this time period San Angelo had as many as 16 saloons, and the average consumption of whiskey was 19.48 gallons per person.

"Most businesses were closed to blacks, with the exception of two, saloons and barber shops. Jackson had both," she said.

Jackson had five different saloons with properties in his name and his wife, Mary.

In those days, taxes on saloons and other seedy establishments were collected twice a year by rounding up the owners to the county courthouse. Men would then be fined \$25 and women \$2 for their tax.

By 1888, Jackson owned enough property to be considered a heavy taxpayer, more than \$5,000 in Tom Green County.

"Over time he continued to gain respect in the business industry," Campbell said.

Jackson was also on the board of the colored school in San Angelo, and his name even appeared on a petit jury list, Campbell said.

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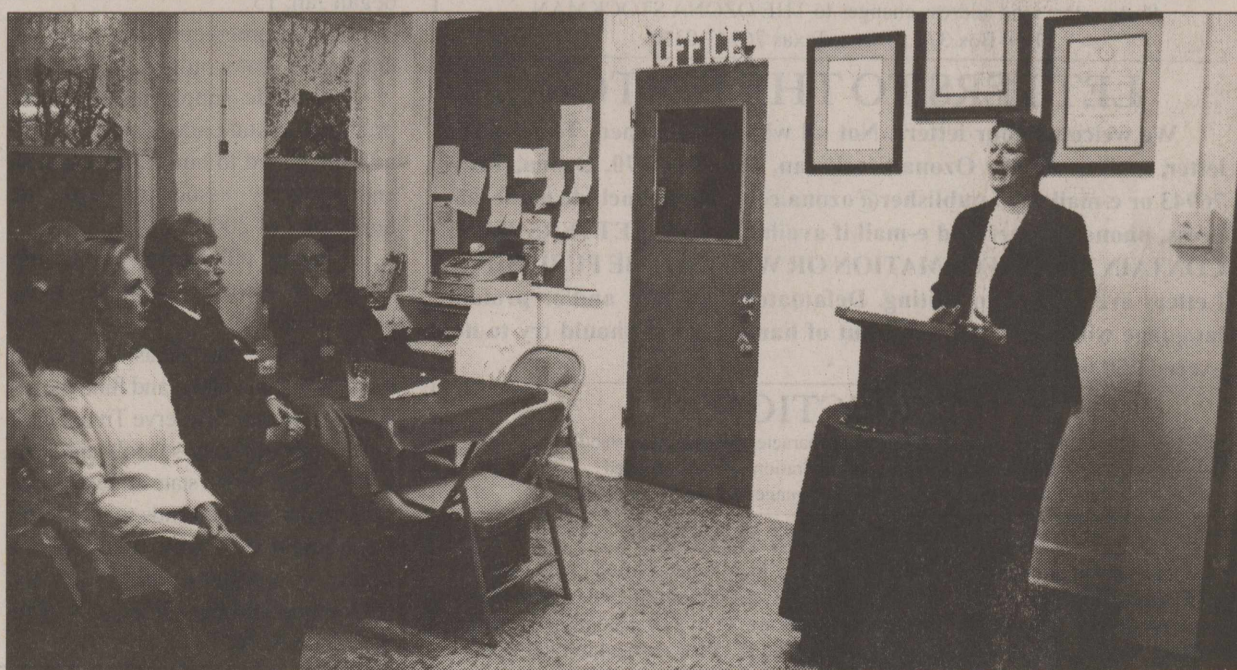


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**SUZANNE CAMPBELL**, of the ASU West Texas Collection, speaks about the life of George B. Jackson during the Crockett County Museum's annual Appreciation Dinner on Monday.

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# What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

## Continue to pray for rain

Listening to the wind whipping outside my house Sunday afternoon made me shutter. The wind made noises on our metal roof and caused items in our yard to move around.

The whole time the noise continued I thought "please heavens open up and pour down on us."

Rain did come later that night but as I looked at the forecast for the rest of the week, none was there.

The lack of rain in Texas is quickly becoming a serious matter as a drought has a firm grip on most of Texas and there appears to be little or no relief in sight, according to a Texas A&M University professor who says conditions could even get worse.

Steve Quiring, a professor in the Department of Geography who specializes in Texas weather patterns, said in an article from Texas A&M University that 88 percent of Texas is "experiencing abnormally dry conditions and 18 percent of the state is in either extreme or exceptional drought conditions."

"Drought conditions for most of the state have gone from bad to worse over the past few months,"

Quiring said. "Many counties that were experiencing moderate drought are now in either extreme or exceptional drought conditions. We're seeing more and more of the state becoming drier and drier."

Last week I attended a newspaper convention where publishers and editors from community newspapers across the state gathered in Arlington.

The subject, besides the lessons we were learning on how to improve our products, continually turned to how dry our state has become.

Driving down Interstate-30, then onto Interstate-20, it was easy to see how rain is needed everywhere in Texas.

In the article, Quiring said that "exceptional" drought conditions are those that usually occur only once every 50 years.

The hardest hit areas are those counties in and around Austin and San Antonio, "and from there, just about every direction you go, there will be either extreme or exceptional drought. It (drought areas) just keeps expanding almost every month."

At present, 168 Texas counties

have issued outdoor burn bans, including Crockett County.

The current drought is reaching historic proportion. Dry conditions near Austin and San Antonio have been exceeded only once before in Texas - the drought of 1917-18, Quiring said.

J.B. Bitner, the interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ozona, is often talking about how he grew up in Veribest during the 1950s when the area in the middle of one of the worst droughts in history. He remembers the dusty countryside and the frequent praying for rain.

"The bad news is that both short and long-term forecasts don't call for much rain at all," Quiring said. "We usually get nice rains from February through April, but the forecast models do not look promising at all. If the current trend continues, many Texas farmers and ranchers are looking at some very grim conditions over the next few months."

Over the next few months we need to be aware of the dangerous grass fire conditions our county is once again facing.

Keep fire fighting tools handy, such as: ladder long enough to reach the roof, shovel, rake and buckets; place connected garden hoses on all sides of the house for emergency use; know all emergency exits from your house and learn all routes leading out of your neighborhood.

As fires actually approach, park your car facing the direction of escape; shut off gas at the meter, only a qualified professional can safely turn the gas back on; turn off propane tanks; place combustible patio furniture inside; seal vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals; wet down or remove shrubs within 15 feet of your residence; place lawn sprinklers on roof and near above-ground fuel tanks; wet down the roof; close windows, vents, doors, blinds and non combustible window coverings; remove flammable drapes and curtains and close interior doors and windows to prevent drafts.

Also, as a community we can continue to pray for rain in opens the weatherman is once again proven wrong and the clouds do open up with liquid sunshine.

# IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

## Bailout Bonanza

Everyone from big banks, collapsing car companies, ill insurance firms and even Hustler magazine has asked for a government bailout. All but Hustler got the cash. Hey, you have to draw the line somewhere and our government draws the line at porn. After all, there's only so much money available to steal from American taxpayers.

Did you know that there is an actual application that must be filled out to be eligible for a bailout (seriously)? Because I am a lowly self-employed person and not a giant multinational corporation, I can't get any of the cash, but just in case you might be eligible here's what I assume the application for bailout money looks like.

#1 How much money do you need to tie you over until you declare bankruptcy?  
 a) \$200 billion (50 points) b) \$10

billion (25 points) c) Would a break on our taxes be too much to ask for? (0 points).  
 #2 What were your stock losses for the 2008 calendar year?  
 a) The stock of our company fell 60 percent (50 points) b) Our stock fell only 30 percent (25 points) c) Our stock losses included two heifers that died from calving (0 points).  
 #3 To what do you attribute your massive losses of capital?  
 a) Stupid investments in the futures market, credit default swaps and loaning money to deadbeats who bought houses with no money down (50 points) b) Producing too much of a bad product that no one wanted to buy (25 points) c) Commodity markets tanking as a result of government sponsored gambling and lax oversight (0 points).  
 #4 Should you be the recipient of a gold plated government bailout who

would you choose as your overseer?  
 a) Barney Frank (50 points) b) Blago (50 points) c) Bernie Madoff (50 points) d) Al Franken, the comedian (50 points) d) An honest government official who can read, write, smell and see (if one can be found), (0 points).  
 #5 Select which statement best describes the majority of your employees:  
 a) Low wage workers in China, Bangladesh and India (50 points) b) Illegal aliens (25 points) c) It's just you and your spouse (0 points).  
 #6 If asked to testify in Congress how would you make your way to Washington?  
 a) Aboard one of our company luxury jets (25 points) b) We'd leave our chauffeur behind and drive ourselves in a gas-saving vehicle not yet available for sale to the general public, with another car following in case of a breakdown (50 points) c) We can't come to DC because someone has to stay home and feed the cows (0 points).  
 #7 How much was your CEO paid last year in performance bonuses for driving your company into bankruptcy (not counting stock options)?

a) \$100 million (50 points) b) \$10 million (25 points) c) He/she would have qualified for food stamps (0 points).  
 #8 What was your lobbying budget for 2008?  
 a) \$10 million (50 points) b) \$1 million (25 points, but only if you promise to bump that up next year) c) We wrote a nasty letter to the USDA (0 points).  
 #9 What do you intend to do with the bailout money?  
 a) None of your darn business (50 points) b) Hand out bonuses to big wigs at a lavish corporate retreat in the Bahamas (50 points) c) Build more factories in China (25 points) d) Buy gold and silver coins, dried food, ammunition and whiskey (0 points).  
 #10 During the 2008 election what was your contribution?  
 a) \$25,000 to Democrats (25 points) b) \$25,000 to Republicans (25 points) c) \$50,000 each to Republicans and Democrats (50 points) d) I voted and paid taxes (0 points).  
 \* Tally your score. If you scored over 1 point you will receive a government bailout. If you scored zero points you'll be paying for those bailouts.

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HIGHLIGHTS  
 By Ed Sterling

**AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry** on Feb. 3 declared emergency items for lawmakers to focus on in the first 30 days of the legislative session, which began Jan. 13.

Perry's emergency items call for legislation that would:

- Provide supplemental appropriations to state agencies and institutions related to hurricane response and recovery associated with the hurricanes of 2008;
- Assist public and private entities with recovery from the hurricanes of 2008;
- Reform the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and fund the related Catastrophe Reserve Trust Fund;
- Improve state schools and centers operated by the state of Texas; and
- Appropriate funds to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for screening and detection devices for contraband and personnel, and security equipment.

## Lawmakers receive governor's list of emergency items

### FEMA EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR HELP

The Federal Emergency Management Agency extended to Feb. 20 the deadline for Texas homeowners, renters and business owners to apply for federal and state disaster assistance for damages and losses caused by Hurricane Ike.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management requested the extension, citing a continued flow of new applications from Texans for disaster assistance.

Homeowners, renters, and business owners who choose to register may be eligible for:

- Grants to help pay for temporary housing needs;
- Essential home repairs;
- Serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance or other sources; and
- Low interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to repair or replace real or personal property.

"If you've delayed registering for FEMA assistance, please do it now," said federal coordinating officer Stephen M. De Blasio Sr. "FEMA wants to help Texans who need and qualify for assistance, but we can't help you if you don't register."

### ACCESS

One hundred and two Texas House members on Feb. 2 sent a letter to Texas cable and satellite providers asking them to televise legislative sessions across the state.

"This is the logical next step in making state government more transparent and accountable," said Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, who led the effort to collect lawmakers' signatures.

### LAWMAKERS FILE TAX-CAPPING BILLS

Already this session, many lawmakers have filed bills to limit property taxes and appraisal increases.

Most of these bills specify appraisal caps of 103 percent, 105 percent or 110 percent.

Some of the bills would amend state law and some would be in the form of proposed constitutional amendments that could end up on the Nov. 3 election ballot.

House members that have filed such legislation include Republicans Debbie Riddle of Houston, Bill Callegari of Katy, John Zerwas of Houston, Betty Brown of Terrell, and Jim Nichols of Carrollton, and Democrats Patrick Rose of Dripping Springs and David Leibowitz of San Antonio.

Callegari's HB 979 and HJR 49, a proposed constitutional amend-

ment, would limit annual appraisal increases for commercial properties to 10 percent.

Unlike residential homestead appraisals, which are capped at 10 percent, appraisal increases for commercial property taxes are not limited by law, Callegari explained.

In the absence of any limitation, the property tax appraisal values for Texas' businesses can increase substantially from year to year.

Callegari said, for example, one business in his district reported a 67 percent tax increase over one year.

"Any business that receives a higher property tax bill is faced with two options: either pass the costs onto the consumer or absorb a loss to their investment."

### EX-SPEAKER'S INFORMATION DELETED

The Texas Legislative Council, the state agency with duties that include information technology management at the Capitol, purged former House Speaker Tom Craddick's computer hard drive, according to an Associated Press story.

Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, said he would file legislation to prevent such destruction in the future to "preserve the public's right to know about legislative information when a legislator leaves office."

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### Najar graduates from Marines

Stanton S. Najar graduated from the United States Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

The 2008 graduate of Ozona High School is the son of Stan Najar of Arlington, Texas and Shannon Najar of Dallas. He is the grandson of Stanley and Mary Najar of Ozona.

### Morrow graduates from North Texas

Shawn Morrow, the son of Tom and Lue Morrow, graduated Dec. 12 from the University of North Texas at Denton.

He started his career as a paid firefighter and then switched over to law enforcement as a police officer in Winters.

While working as a police officer he completed his associates degree in law enforcement and the moved on to ASU to attain his bachelor degree in psychology and criminal justice.

He then attended the University of North Texas at Denton online to pursue his masters in secondary education with a gifted and talented specialization in order to become a high school teacher and college professor.

He is now head of the social studies department for the 9-12 grades at TLC Academy in San Angelo.

### Texas Tech Day Feb. 17 in Austin

The Texas Tech Alumni Association invites all Red Raiders to Texas Tech Day in Austin on Feb. 17. A strong Red Raider presence in the State capitol demonstrates the importance of adequate funding of higher education, especially funding for the Texas Tech University System.

All alumni are encouraged to join Texas Tech Chancellor Kent Hance and other Texas Tech System leaders in Austin on this day.

For more information contact Jim Douglass at jim.douglass@ttu.edu or (806) 742-3641 ext. 228.

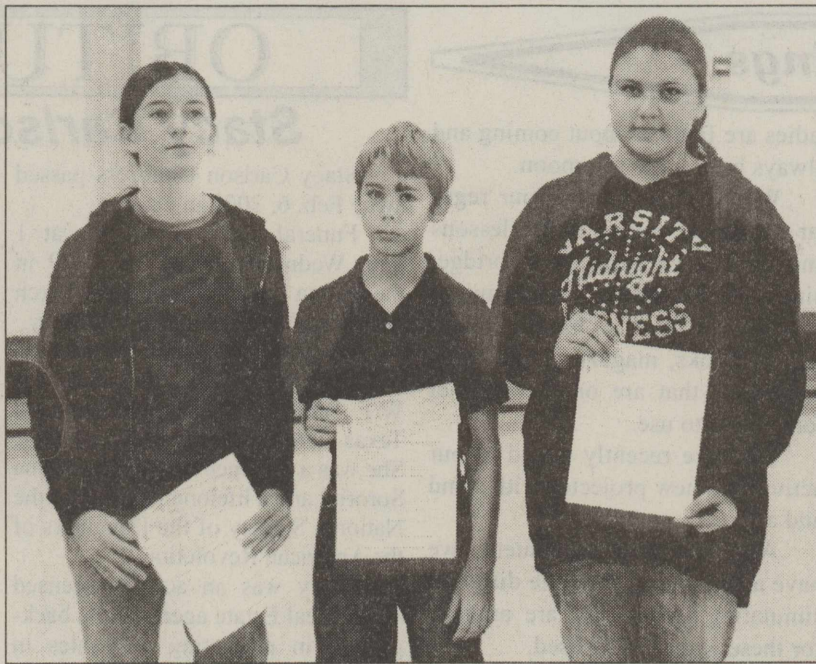


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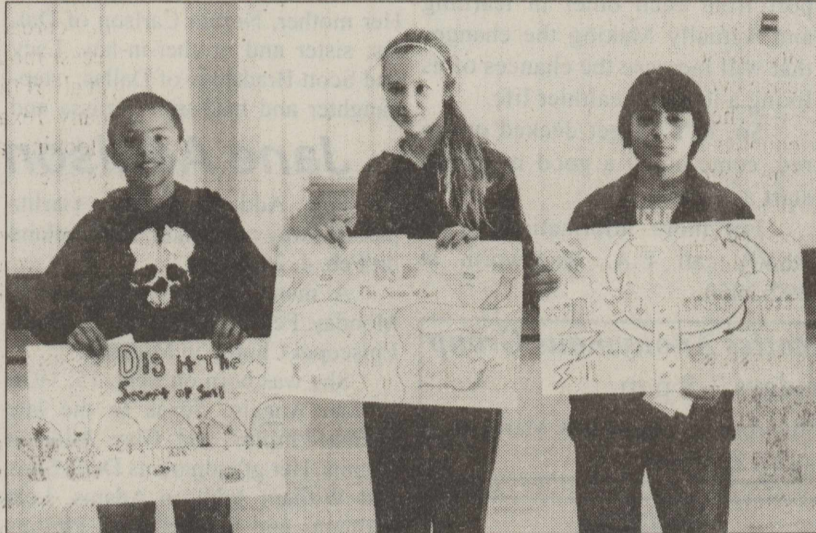


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### Library News

by Louise P. Ledoux

#### Sign up for singing valentines

The Library Sisters began their career in 1998 at the Friends of the Library Variety Talent Show, a fundraiser during the Library Expansion Campaign.

Since then the Library Sisters have been raising money for the Library by performing lip-sync dance routines for groups or parties with a medley of their greatest hits or a special requested song. They are continuing their career this year with Singing Valentines and will be performing an old favorite, "Love Potion #9."

The Library Sisters will be delivering Singing Valentines in Ozona on Saturday morning, Feb. 14. Cost will be \$20. Sign up to have your loved one serenaded for Valentines Day. Bookings are limited, so get your reservation in now.

Call the Crockett County Public Library for more information, 392-3565.

#### NEW CARD CATALOG SYSTEM

CCPL has just converted to a

new card catalog and circulation system on Wednesday, Jan. 28. Please bear with us during this time of switching from our old system to the new KOHA LibLime Integrated Library System. We will be using both systems for a period of 2 to 4 weeks until all our current circulation materials migrate to the new system.

KOHA LibLime is an online system that will link 11 libraries in the Big Country Library System. This means that our card catalog will be joined with theirs online and we hope this will enable us to better utilize our resources. CCPL patrons will be able to access our card catalog from any computer, at home or wherever, see what other area libraries have in their catalogs, and we hope this will encourage use of materials and resources in other communities as well as our home library.

Again, please excuse the confusion with learning a new system and we hope you will come to see the many benefits of this new online catalog and circulation system.

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Feb. 13 - Doug Meador, Michelle Necessary, Karen Huffman, Samantha Tambunga, Leticia Madrid, Marisella Paradez and Chris Lara

Feb. 14 - Kara Bird, Kaleigh Rae Thomas, Kimberly Borrego, Amparo Hernandez, Matilda Ortiz, Lisa Jay Vargas, Melonie Stewart, Janet Talamantez, Jesus Vega Jr., Connie Robledo and Jesse Ramos Jr.

Feb. 15 - Jovita Perez, Jon Sanchez, Darolynn Webster and Desa Ray Goff

Feb. 16 - Lana Sanchez, Abbie Hubbard, Willa Perry and Abby Zamarripa

Feb. 17 - Ray Martinez Jr., Chris Gregory, Lacey Sanchez, Debbie Long and Margaret Villarreal

### Free income tax preparation March 7 in Eldorado

Free income tax preparation from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 7 at the 1st Community Credit Union located at South Divide (Highway 277) in Eldorado.

This is sponsored by AARP. This service is free to anyone and any age in Eldorado, Ozona and Sonora.

All returns will be filed electronically.

Appointments are necessary. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 853-2574 before March 1.

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### Community Calendar

Wednesday, Feb. 11

• Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, Feb. 12

• Lincoln's Birthday.

• Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

• Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, Feb. 13

• End of the 4th Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.

• Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• Java Rocks Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 11:15 a.m. at 1010 Avenue E.

• OHS Lions vs. Alpine, 5 p.m. at Alpine.

Saturday, Feb. 14

• Valentine's Day

• Wish your sweetheart Happy Valentine's Day with a "Singing Valentine" by the Library Sisters from the Friends of the Library 6 a.m.- noon. Cost is \$20, call 392-3565.

Monday, Feb. 16

• Presidents Day.

• Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

• OHS Lions vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at Big Lake.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

• Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• CCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

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## Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**  
Senior Center Director

At last, we had a wonderful rain Sunday night. Some say that we hand an inch of rain here in town. It was wonderful and we are thankful for what we got.

We sent condolences to the family of Stacy Childress.

We all knew Stacy as she came to the Senior Center to deliver meals for Helping Hands. Stacy will be missed.

Our next Senior Bingo Social will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Senior Center. We will be serving Fiesta Mac with cheese, green salad, dessert, tea, water and coffee. Put it on your calendar and plan to come.

### American Heart Association 'Go Red' luncheon Feb. 26

"Go Red for Women" is a national movement led by the American Heart Association to raise women's awareness of heart disease, their No. 1 killer.

It also helps women learn how to lower their risk and live longer, stronger lives.

The Ozona Wesley Nurse Program will be hosting a "Go Red

Levis and Lace Square Dancers will be having their square dance here at the Senior Center on Feb. 14.

Intrepid Home Health will be here at the Senior Center checking blood pressures and blood sugar at 11 a.m. on Feb. 17. These tests will be given at no charge.

The "Walk Two Miles" ladies are still going strong. They meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday here at the Crockett County Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. Now is a good time to join this group and get the exercise you need to keep healthy.

Monday and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play their favorite past time game. These

ladies are faithful about coming and always have a fun afternoon.

We continue to have our regular activities: square dance lessons and dances, exercise class, bridge, bingo, home health, pool, canasta and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines and three computers that are on the internet for seniors to use.

We have recently added to our activities a new projector with stand and a screen.

Also for your enjoyment, we have a Wii game and three different simulating games. We are anxious for these games to be used.

Our activities are for those 50 years young and older. We will remain flexible as to age.

for Women" luncheon at noon, Thursday, Feb. 26, in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

A heart-healthy menu will be served and recipes will be given. There will also be handouts on risk factors and lowering these risk factors.

The main focus is to gain sup-

port from each other in learning and Actually Making the changes that will increase the chances of us living a longer, healthier life.

So, let's all get decked out in red, come enjoy a good meal and start a healthier life.

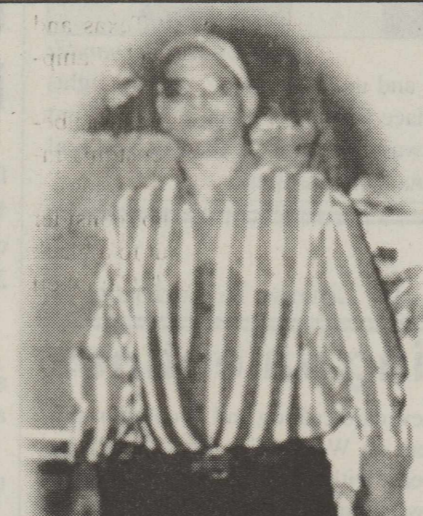
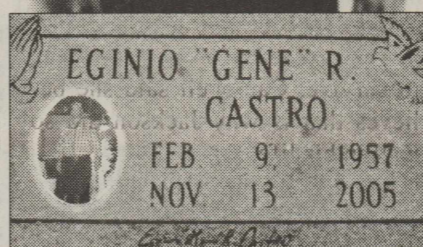
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**Happy Birthday Mean Gene; Geno Weeno; El Prieto**

Brother, we miss you more as time goes by.

From: Felipe, Jill & the Castro Family

## OBITUARIES

### Stacy Carlson Childress

Stacy Carlson Childress passed away Feb. 6, 2009 in Ozona.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 in the Ozona United Methodist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Stacy was born March 24, 1969 in Dallas, Texas. She graduated from W.T. White in Dallas and attended Texas State University in San Marcos. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and a lifelong member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Stacy was an active licensed Texas Real Estate agent with a background in marketing and sales in residential and new construction in Dallas. Her many activities included the outdoors and a love for animals and wildlife.

Stacy is survived by her husband, Duane Childress of Ozona; Her mother, Norma Carlson of Dallas; sister and brother-in-law, Lacy and Scott Bradshaw of Dallas; step-daughter and husband, Melissa and



Kent Hokit of Ozona; two grandsons; numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, John A. Carlson.

The family suggests memorials to Ozona United Methodist Church Foundation or a charity of your choice.

### Jane Addison Adams Garlitz

Jane Addison Adams Garlitz passed away at her home in Midland on Feb. 4, 2009.

A memorial service was held Monday, Feb. 9, 2009 at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Midland.

She was born on Sept. 15, 1936 in San Angelo, Texas to the late Emma Phillips and Clay Addison Adams. Her grandparents Della Sims and William Addison Adams, Lela Williams and Samuel Byrd Phillips were pioneer ranchers in Crockett County.

Her first home was her parent's ranch near Pumpville, Texas. She started school in Fort Stockton, Texas. Her family moved to Ozona in 1948, she graduated from Ozona High School in 1954. She was a 1956 graduate from Pine Manor Junior College in Chestnut Hill, Mass. and then attended SMU, where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha.

She married Charles Gary Garlitz on Feb. 8, 1958. They moved to Midland in 1963. She was a member of the Junior League of Midland and enjoyed her time volunteering most as a docent at the Petroleum Museum and the Museum of the Southwest. As a member of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church for over 30 years, she served as a member of the Gifts and Memorials Committee, as Altar Guild Directress and as President of Episcopal Church Women.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Charles Gary Garlitz, her children: William Wade Garlitz; Christa Garlitz Bolger and her husband Barr; Charles Clay Garlitz and his wife Angela; Jane Ann-Caroline Garlitz Fogerson and her husband Zeph. Also surviving are her



grandchildren: John Barr Bolger II (Jack), Emma Adams Bolger and Brady Carlisle Bolger; Addison Jane Garlitz, Megan Flowers and Zachary Flowers. Other family members include her sister, Camille Adams Jones and husband Brock; brother in law, Gail Garlitz and wife Deda; and many cousins including Corinne Phillips Carleton and husband Toby, and Phillips Townes Carleton and wife, Kim of Midland. Jane had many dear friends that she thought of as family including, Gwen Watson and John Moore.

Memorials may be made to St. Nicholas Episcopal Church Endowment Fund, Midland Texas, Permian Basin Area Foundation, Midland Texas or the Crockett County Museum, Ozona Texas.

Arrangements were made with Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79701 (432) 683-5555. Online condolences may be made to www.mem.com

**Card of Thanks**


I would like to say 'thank you' to all that voted for me during the online voting for the San Angelo Stock Show Rodeo Idol. With your support, I have made the Top 5. I will be singing at the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 1:30 p.m. If you are able, please come out and support me one more time. Thank you!

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It is on this Saturday, February 14, Valentines Day that we remember or think of the people that are special to us. It may be for a certain special someone or a wife or husband. It could be for a child, grandchild, family member, relative, friend or it might be for all of the above. Many years ago it started with little love notes sent in the shape of a heart and secretly passed on to that special person. Later on doves and little cupids were associated with Valentines Day. It is estimated that over one billion cards will be sent this year worldwide. I have already purchased cards for the people that are special in my life and plan to discreetly leave them for my loved ones. It should not only be on this day of the year but we need to show love and appreciation for them all the time. I am also reminded of someone else that not only said He loved us but He also demonstrated His love for us, (John 3:16). It was many years ago at a place called Golgotha where the Son of God, Jesus Christ was nailed to a cross and after much suffering and agony, died, ( John 15:9, Romans 5:8). Our special love note was nailed on a cross. Do not forget those cards and candy and hugs for our loved ones.

Brother J

<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 901 Ave. D J.B. Bitner - Interim Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. <b>Mr. Johnnie Perkins</b> Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b> 12 - 11th St. <b>Pastor Ron Shott</b> Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p>
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<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 601 Ave. I  Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. &amp; Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</b></p>	
<p><b>New Beginnings Church</b> 701 9th Street <b>Pastor Jesse Cardona</b> Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	

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# Reece Albert donates equipment, labor, fuel and services for Chamber Interpretive Trail

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF  
Chamber Executive Director

Spending a day loading, hauling, rolling and dumping rocks, Reece Albert, Inc. of San Angelo donated their equipment, labor, fuel and services to assist the Ozona Chamber of Commerce with an Interpretive Trail project.

Terry Tate, trail designer, was on hand to direct placement of the large rocks that will make a ridge for the future arroyo zone of the trail system. The large rocks were being stored by Crockett County and were donated by Dan Davidson.

"The assistance of Reece Albert has enabled the Chamber to move one step closer to completing the first half of Phase III of a nine phase project. Phase III being the most challenging," said Terry Tate. "We are still in need of rocks that will be used as a border throughout the trail, and between the trail and parking lot. My plan is to also provide rock benches for seating."

"We are fortunate that Reece Albert is working in the area, and truly grateful to Richard Albert for agreeing to help us," said Chamber Executive Director



Submitted photo by Shanon Biggerstaff

TERRY TATE, trail designer and Reece Albert representative directs the placement of large rocks that will make a ridge for the future arroyo zone of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce's Interpretive Trail project.

Shanon Biggerstaff.

The Chamber of Commerce raised \$5,000 during their 2008 banquet to begin the project, and to complete phases I and II of the plan. Phases I and II consisted of marking and staking the trail, shooting the trail elevations, spraying the site for weed removal, excavating the actual trail, and building the trail berms.

The Crockett County Commissioner's Court has also assisted the Chamber by providing road base and top soil for the project.

The Interpretive Trail will consist of four zones. Each zone will highlight different types of native plants, trees, cactus, shrubs and flowers.

There will be planted material to attract butterflies and a wildlife viewing area.

In addition, the Chamber partnered with the Agri-Life Extension office, and last year completed a Rain Harvest demonstration site that will water a portion of the trail. Once completed, the trail will serve as an educational exhibit as well as a tourist attraction.

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Another area Jackson made history in owning ranch land. His first purchase was property 35 miles west of San Angelo on the Concho River.

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## MUSEUM: Jackson was involved in ranching, politics

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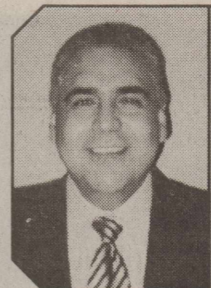
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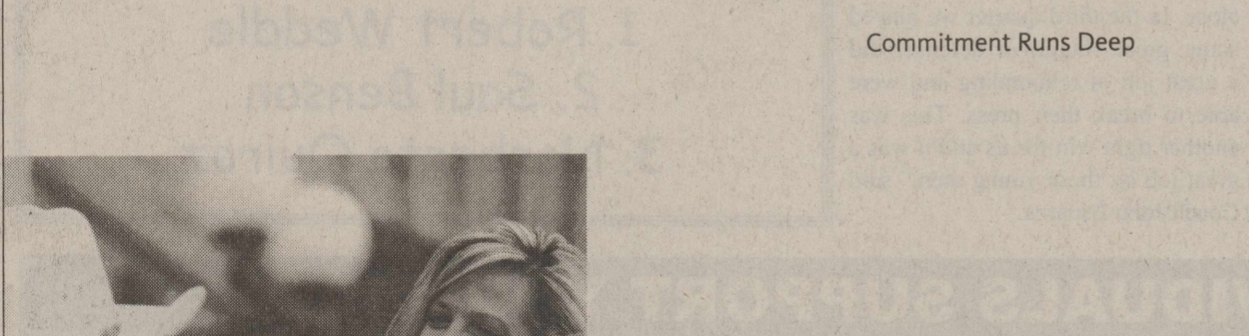
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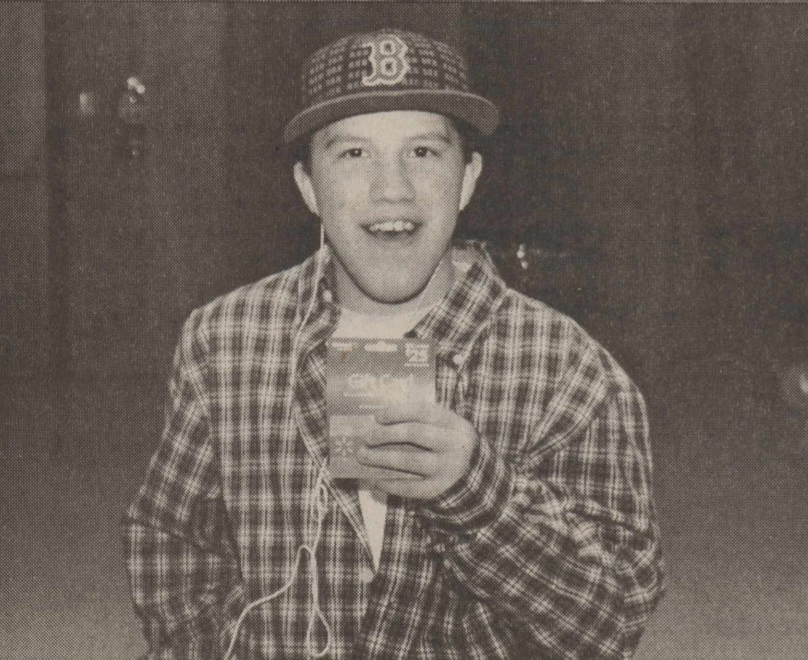
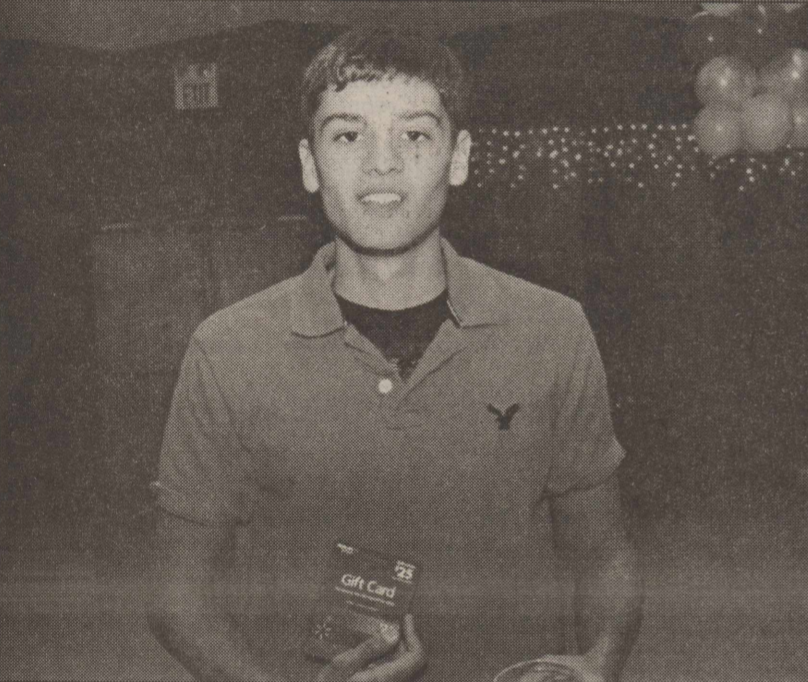
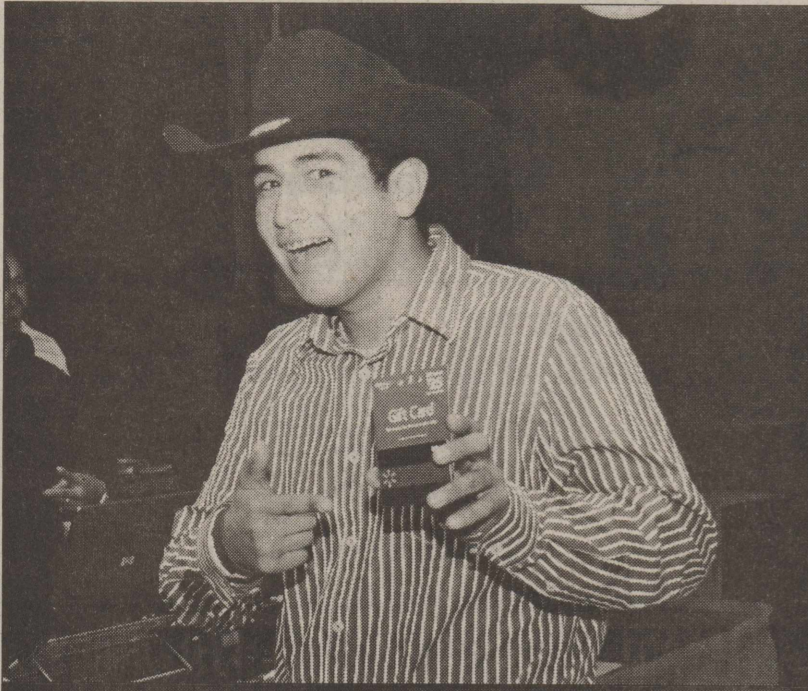


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**THESE STUDENTS WON A \$25 GIFT CARD** in a drawing sponsored by the Crockett County Youth Center Board at the Valentine Dance. Pictured are: (top to bottom) Eric Carrizales, Raquel Wester, Felix Hunter Perez and Nick Hill

## Lady Lions fight hard against Sonora

The Lady Lions played a close game against Sonora on Feb. 3. Ozona lost 51-57 to the Lady Broncos.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 10 16 19 - 51; Sonora - 10 15 12 20 - 57.

Scoring: Jessica Elston 5; Melanie Miller 13; Alysha Lara 16; Alex Macias 5; Stacie Quiroz 2; Melissa Miller 3 and Vanessa Rodriguez 10. Also playing: Melissa Miller, Adrienne Sanchez, Brandi Glosson,

Cristi Rodriguez and Stacy Silva. "It was a great game. We were down as much as 12 points and fought back to tie it up at 48-48 with a three-point shot by Melanie Miller. We had a tough night at the free-throw line only hitting 50 percent of those shots. This was inevitable the difference in the game," said Coach John Jackson. "The girls fought the entire game and never gave up. I was really proud of their effort and hustle."

## Lions fall to Sonora Broncos

The Ozona Lions basketball team travelled to take on the Sonora Broncos last Tuesday.

"The Lions were very cold from the field and trailed most of the night," said Coach Theodore Rohan.

Sonora was able to maintain a sizeable lead winning by a score of 54-34.

The Lions will play Tuesday against Presidio in Ozona and travel to Alpine on Friday.

## Seventh Grade Lady Lions win over Crane

The Seventh Grade Lions defeated Crane 33-15 on Jan. 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 10 6 15 - 33; Crane - 2 4 4 5 - 15.

Scoring: Daisy Guerra 4; Larzarac Rodriguez 2; Kyann Hernan-

dez 4; Nancy Rodriguez 2; Amy Quiroz 8; Lexi Poindexter 2; Sierra Stokes 4 and Vivian Medina 7. Also playing: Savannah Rivera

The Lady Lions are 5-10.

## Seventh Grade Lady Lions B Team win over Crane

The Seventh Grade B Lady Lions defeated Crane 12-6.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 4 4 2 - 12; Crane - 0 2 4 0 - 6.

Scoring: Jennifer Marquez 10 and Rebecca Hernandez 2. Also

playing: Abby Newton, Angelina Ramos, Desiree Marshall, Nichole Munoz, Jennifer Marquez and Stephanie Salinas.

The Lady Lions are 3-3.

## Eighth Grade Lady Lions fall to Crane in January 2 game

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions lost to Crane 35-40 on Jan. 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 7 7 13 - 35; Crane - 8 8 12 12 - 40.

Scoring: Kodi Glosson 13; Bri-

anna Cervantez 13; Tesla Caperton 2 and Natalia Ortiz 7. Also playing: Sabrina De La Garza and Marley Tambunga.

The Lady Lions are 10-6.

## Eighth Grade Lady Lions B Team get win over Crane

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions B Team defeated Crane 16-11.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 2 2 6 - 16; Crane - 5 1 3 2 - 11.

Scoring: Sierra Trevino 2;

Narce Unate 2; Jaylynn Vargas 4 and Jessica Borrego 8. Also playing: Melynda Cordova, Stephanie Cervantes, Kelsee Perez, Cheyenne Lopez and Elisa Tambunga.

The Lady Lions are 7-4.

## Eighth Grade Lions outplay Crane for one-point victory

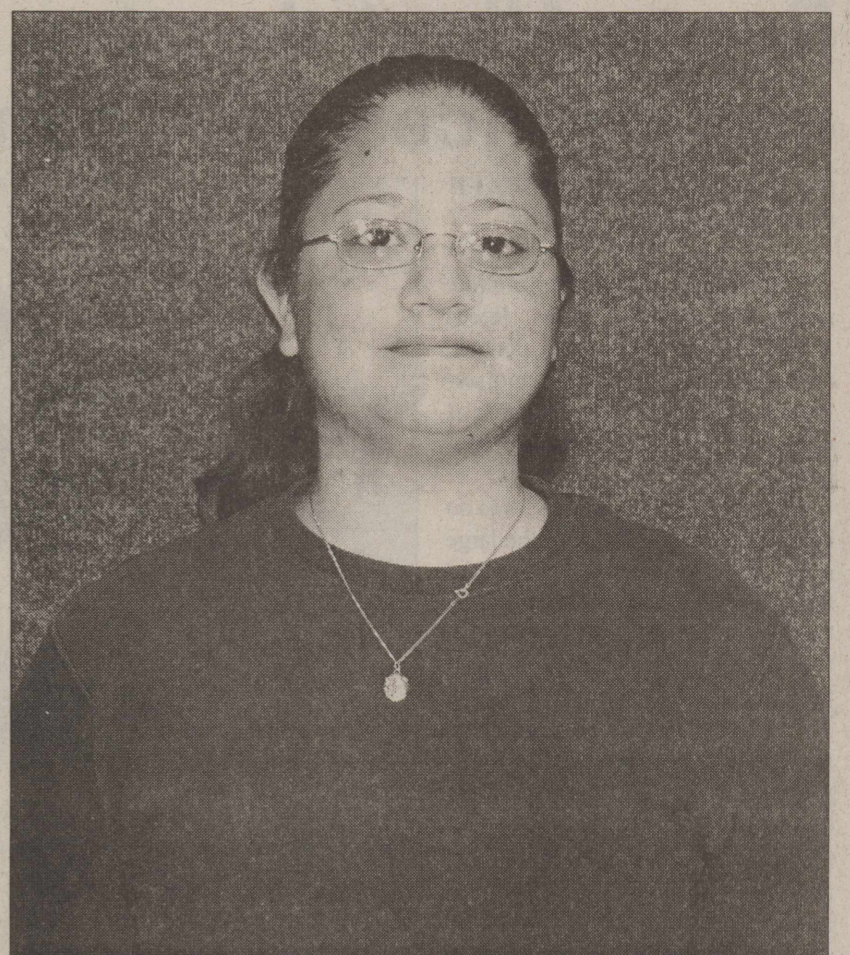
The Eighth Grade Lions defeated Crane 39-38 on Feb. 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 6 16 7 - 39; Crane - 10 11 6 11 - 38.

Scoring: Tres Perez 12; Blake Marrow 5; Cuatro Jones 4; Alex Borrego 16 and John David DeHoyos 2. Also playing: Jeffery Sanchez and Noah Tambunga.

overs. That led to some easy baskets. We came up a little short in the first half and we couldn't hit any shots. We were able to make free throws in the second quarter and kept it close. In the third quarter we played some great shutdown defense, did a great job of rebounding and were able to break their press. This was another tight win for us and it was a great job by these young men," said Coach John Esparza.

"We played a great team game and were able to cause some turn-



## Gutierrez earns first division at Regional

Julie Gutierrez received a first division rating on both a clarinet and an alto saxophone solo at the Region 6 UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Angelo on Feb. 7. "It is difficult to make the highest rating on two instruments, and we are very proud of Julie. Congratulations," said Gretchen Bloebaum, OHS Band Director.

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 Jennifer Marquez 7th Grade B	 Brianna Cervantez 7th Grade Lion
 Sierra Trevino 8th Grade B	

## Youth Center Calendar of Events

Feb. 16 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Feb. 17 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

**OMS Pool Tournament Feb. 3**

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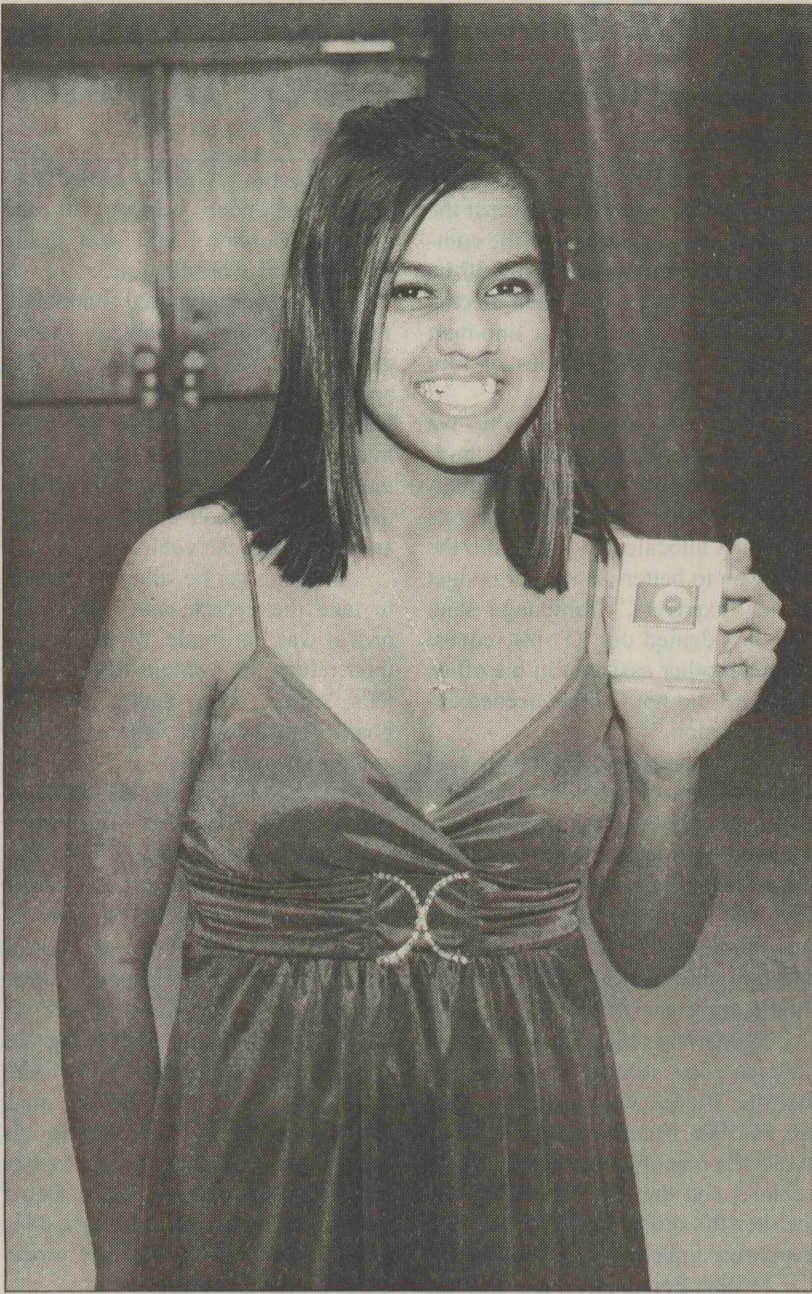


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ALEX RODRIGUEZ WON AN IPOD in a drawing sponsored by the Crockett County Youth Center Board at the Valentine Dance held Feb. 7.

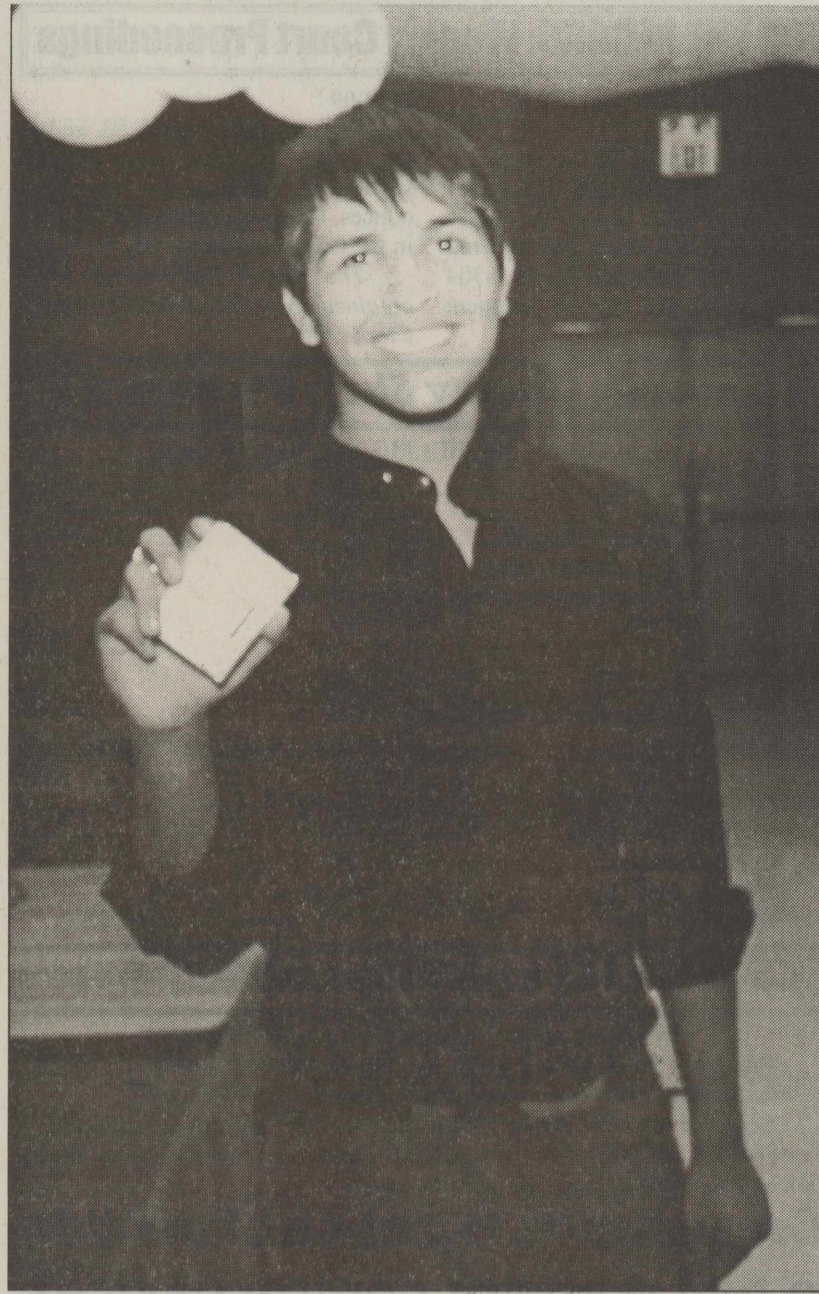


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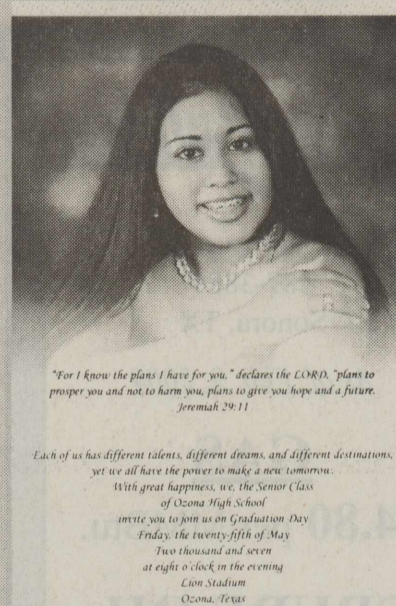
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### Chivalry is alive and well in Ozona

Dear Editor:  
I live in Artesia, N.M. We transferred to New Mexico from Big Lake 18 years ago.

While traveling home from San Antonio on Feb. 1, I met my dear friends, Rhonda and Heather Holt, from Big Lake at the Hitchin' Post Restaurant for lunch.

After lunch, I prepared to get back on the road, only to discover that my SUV would not start.

Thank goodness for cellular phones. I called my friends to come back and rescue me. Within minutes my friends were back.

A very kind gentleman also showed up with jumper cables, also a gentleman named Gil, his wife, and Matt Mecke. All began attempting to get my truck running.

I was amazed at the kindness of this group of people. They spent a good amount of time trying to get the vehicle back on the road without success.

Matt generously allowed me to

### Letters to the Editor

leave the truck in the parking lot at the Hitchin' Post for the night.

On Monday, OTTER Mechanic Shop towed my truck to the shop, fixed it, and got me back on the road. Mr. Lott graciously worked the truck into his schedule so I could get home on Monday evening.

I want to thank those people that went out of the way to assist me; Matt Mecke, Gil and his wife, the gentleman with the jumper cables, Mr. Lott and, of course, Rhonda and Heather Holt of Big Lake.

It is wonderful to return to Texas for a visit. These folks reinforced my belief that in Texas, chivalry is alive and doing well. Thank you all!

Suzy Tucker  
Artesia, N.M.

### FOR THE RECORD: Weekly Court Proceedings

#### COUNTY COURT

2-9-09  
• Victor Adrian De La Garza, 23, of Ozona, pleaded guilty of theft by check. He was sentenced to 5 days in the Crockett County Jail, ordered to pay \$1,649.48 in restitution, \$304 in court costs and \$320 in delinquent probation fees.

#### 2-10-09

• Johnny Dee Jowers, 50, of Adkins, Texas, pleaded guilty of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. He was sentenced to 32 days in the Crockett County Jail.

The above information was obtained from the Crockett County Clerk's Office.

### Crockett County Sheriff's Report

#### Crockett County Sheriff's Monthly Status Report:

Total Placed in Jail	30
Total Released	20
Currently Incarcerated - Ozona	7
Currently Housed Outside County	2
Housing Cost - Total Housed Month - Dec. 08	\$3,737
Total Dispatch Calls	102
Total 911 Calls	159
Actual 911 Calls	123
Total Civil Papers (includes county/state)	25
Civil Papers Served	25 (1 served by constable)
Total Unserved/Year	0
Total Fines Collected	\$1,652.28
Total Civil Fees Collected	\$550
Cash Bonds Collected	\$0
Bonding Fees Collected	\$255
Traffic Citations Issued	30 (6 issued by constable)

### Crockett County Constable Report

#### Crockett County Constable's Monthly Report:

- Served as bailiff for one J.P. Court and one County Court.
- Issued nine speeding citations for the month of January, 2009.
- Served five civil citations and assisted sheriff's office with local calls.
- Trips for the purpose of transporting prisoners included once to Big Lake and San Angelo, and two times to Abilene.

### ICA supports rejection of petition to ban predator control devices

LOCKHART, TEXAS - The Environmental Protection Agency recently was petitioned by animal rights activists to accept comments from the public on the continued use of predator control devices.

The Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas and other livestock groups responded with letters and documents supporting the use of such devices.

The sheep and goat industry, especially, would have been devastated if they were unable to use the devices to protect their lambs and kids. On this issue, the entire livestock industry stood firm against animal rights activists.

The animal rights groups believed the use of M-44 devices and Livestock Protection Collars (LPCS)

was threatening several endangered species.

After a lengthy review of all comments, the EPA concluded there were sufficient safe guards and procedures in place to protect threatened or endangered species from the devices and the continued use of the control devices will be allowed in the future.

In addition to protecting livestock, these predator control devices aid public safety, combat the spread of disease and reduce wildlife conflict while creating a sustainable balance between people and wildlife.

ICA President Peanut Gilfillian said, "This victory is an example of how the livestock industry can work together to defeat those who wish to destroy our way of life."

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### COURT: Tambunga votes against salary change, vehicle transfer

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In a prepared statement, Tambunga said he was voting against the line-item change because if the commissioners approve this "we will be setting precedence and each elected official will want to do a line-item change to increase salaries or hire additional employees."

"There is a reason why we break down each department's budget. This allows us better accountability of how each department uses the funds allocated to them. It's the only way to better justify our budget to our taxpayers," Tambunga said. "We just denied our J.P. his request to hire another assistant in his office because I did not feel we needed another position."

In his statement, Tambunga said he ask his constituents how they felt about the request. The responses he received included statements how since Sutton has taken office people have not seen him like they use to see him before he became a sheriff, and how they are not able to talk to Sutton at the sheriff's office.

People also told Tambunga that they have lost security at the dances, lost the Trustee work program, they are not able to call on the sheriff to assist when people lock keys in their vehicles and that the Tahoe vehicles the sheriff's office purchased are "too expensive and not good patrol cars."

"I also personally feel with the way our economy is going the last thing we need is to hire more people only to just turn around and lay them off," Tambunga said. "I, at this time, will vote against your request. I understand you are just trying to do your elected official duties, but you must understand that I am trying to do the same with our citizens and taxpayers in mind."

Commissioner Alfredo Tobar said the extra employees are needed.

"I'm afraid that someone is going to end up getting hurt with one person in there and then we will have a lawsuit. That is what I'm looking at," Tobar said.

County Judge Fred Deaton asked Sutton and Semmler if they plan to stay within their budget for the rest of the year.

"I expect if we do make this change and you are able to get your salaries, are you going to tell us in open court that you will be on budget at the end of the year?" Deaton said.

Semmler said the sheriff's office will try to maintain the budget, but that they have been working on a budget with a jail that was not in compliance until work was done last month.

"What we're doing didn't come lightly. We have looked at everything to see if we can get two more positions to meet state requirements. If you deny us the two positions, that's fine, but someone will have to answer to the jail commission when we don't meet their requirements. You guys are the ones here with the purse strings. You need to look at who is telling us we need this," Sutton said.

Commissioner Randy Branch said the budget will stay the same or may decrease, and that he doesn't want the sheriff's office not to arrest somebody because Crockett County can't afford to house them.

"The way this is being presented, I don't see how we cannot approve this. The jail commission is not going to change. It's their way and they want it now," Branch said.

The commissioners also voted 3-2 approving the transfer of a vehicle from the sheriff's department to the EMS department for the trade-in value. Tambunga and Commissioner Pleas Childress voted against the motion.

The vehicle, a pickup which once belonged to former sheriff

Shane Fenton, is to be turned into a first-responder vehicle for the Crockett County EMS, said Eddie Martin, EMT Coordinator.

In another prepared statement, Tambunga said he noticed Martin driving the vehicle before it was approved by the Crockett County Health Services Board or the commissioners. Tambunga also stated that Martin received a credit card to use and has made expenses in gas and to prepare the vehicle.

Sutton said he allowed Martin to take the vehicle and that if approval was not made, Martin would then return the vehicle to the sheriff's office. The health services board approved the vehicle request at their last meeting.

"These actions are the same as what I believe has led our country in the mess it's in today," Tambunga said. "I am not perfect. I will make mistakes. I try to make the best decision possible but if my decision is not satisfactory to the people I represent they have the option to vote me out. If I vote in favor of allowing you to have this truck, just to keep health board members from getting mad, then I am saying to everyone that it is okay to go out and just spend money and don't worry the county or better yet the taxpayers will take care of it. Forget about following our procedures we have in place."

When the health services board approved to hire Martin as the EMT Coordinator, Tambunga stated that he voted for the position.

Since agreeing with the decision, Tambunga said he has seen things changing that he does not feel is the best interest of the people. Some of the complaints that he stated were ambulances being used for personal use and the pickup being driven by other non-county employees.

"I really am not able to justify us authorizing you the truck. We tried having a first response vehicle before and it just did not work. If you need to travel then do like everyone else and turn in your receipts and you will get reimbursed. Furthermore, we do not have this in the budget and adding another vehicle to maintain in our EMS will take away from the maintenance and fuel we have to budget for our most important vehicles, which are our ambulances," he said. "I want to make sure I bring all this out in the open, so people are aware of what is going on."

#### OTHER ITEMS APPROVED:

- Resolution designating Grant-Works Inc. as the planning service provider for the 2008 Texas Community Development Block Grant Colonia Planning Award, as well as a resolution to designate authorized signatures for the 2008 Texas CDBG Colonia Planning Grant, which Crockett County received in the amount of \$80,000.
- Resolution establishing rules and regulations regarding the use of excessive force during non-violent civil rights demonstrations for the 2008 Colonia Planning Fund Award.
- Service agreement with Vaisala Avimet Data Link for AWAS for the Crockett County Airport.
- Advertising for bids for paving rock.
- Advertising for bids for asphalt.
- Using 10 miles per precinct for paving projects for 2009.
- A \$4,000 bid from Harrison Roofing for roof repair at the clinic building.
- County to construct a bay expansion at the EMS Building.
- Helen Bean for the Crockett County Historical Commission Board.
- Engagement letter with Wayne R. Beyer, certified public accountant, for 2008 County Audit.

### Fire department runs

#### FEBRUARY 7

- Grass fire on I-10 eastbound mile-marker 373. Out on arrival. Two units, four fire fighters. Time in service 35 minutes.
- Motor vehicle accident at the 356 mile-marker eastbound on I-10. One vehicle rollover two injured. Four units, seven fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 16 minutes.

### Local EMS runs

#### FEBRUARY 5

- Transfer - Patient transported to Shannon Medical Center
- Local Run - Patient transported to Family Health Clinic
- Transfer - Patient transported to Shannon Medical Center

#### FEBRUARY 6

- Local Run - No Transport
- Local Run - Patient transported to Family Health Clinic
- Local Run - Patient transported to Family Health Clinic

#### FEBRUARY 7

- Local Run - Patient transported to Family Health Clinic
- Local Run - Patient transported to Shannon Medical Center
- Local Run - Patient transported to Shannon Medical Center

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Cornyn said that the Obama stimulus package is loaded down with pet Democratic spending packages and is, in Cornyn's words, "just spending as far as the eye can see."

Another issue addressed during Rodriguez's visit was the Congressman's position on the second amendment, the "right to bear arms."

Davidson made reference to House Resolution 45, which refers to the implementation of a system of licensing for purchasers of certain firearms and for a record of sale system for those firearms, and for other purposes.

The bill is authored by U.S. Rep. Bobby L. Rush, D-Ill., and was filed on Jan. 6.

"I believe you have the right to carry a gun. There are certain types of assault rifles that should not be

available," Rodriguez said.

Tot Holmsley said Rodriguez should take back a message of trust to Washington, D.C.

"You need to send a message to your fellow Congressmen about building trust. When a child breaks trust they suffer the consequences. You need to start building trust," she said.

Rodriguez also visited members of the CCCCSD Board of Trustees, Superintendent Abe Gott and OHS Senior Ethan English.

English, who was recently accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, received nominations from Rodriguez to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

English received his nomination to Annapolis from Cornyn.

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**Sutton County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
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Telesis Operating	9999*	University 48-1- #4	Sand Dollar Drilling 23	Drig Ahead

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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
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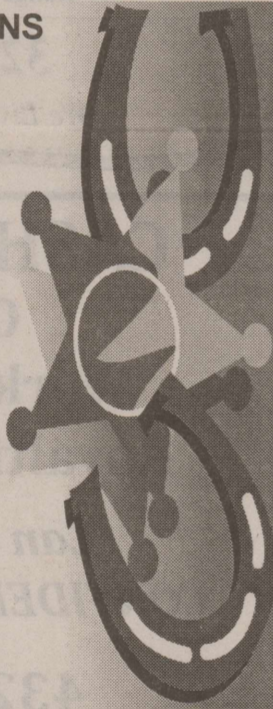
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Effective March 2, 2009 everyone except 4-H horse project members housing horses in the blue 4-H barn and County barn will have to pay \$25 a month per stall.

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Crockett County 4-H horse project members must also register at the extension office by Feb. 12. One stall is allowed per person. Once everyone has signed up by Feb. 12 then the stalls leftover will be assigned as a first come first serve basis. If you have any question or would like a copy of the rules please come by the extension office or call 392-2721.



### ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, that outdoor burning is restricted in Crockett County for 30 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting or agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by an approved Prescribed Burning Association, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the and/or Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, or prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand.

This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times.

In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

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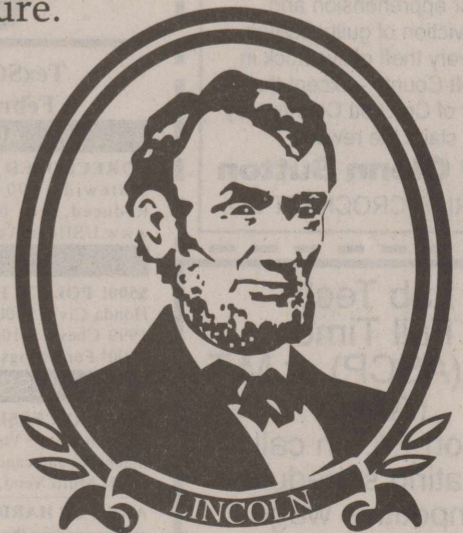
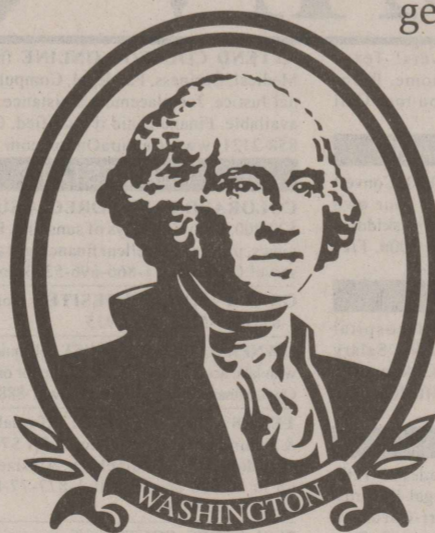
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