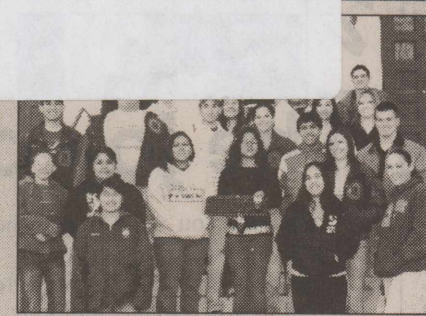


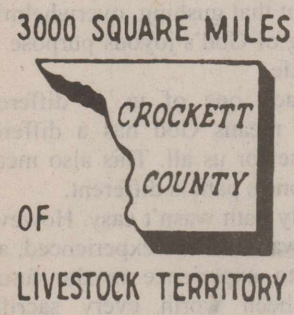
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## Commissioners Q&A: Group sets budget, taxes and is the governing body of Crockett County

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
*The Ozona Stockman*

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

Today's article features the Crockett County Commissioners.

Crockett County has four commissioners that represent four county precincts.

Commissioner Frank D. Tambunga responded to these questions:

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

I decided to run because my predecessor, my father, my uncles and other men fought so hard to have fair representation for citizens in our precinct in our county government during their time. I wanted to continue moving our county forward allowing fair representation for everyone in my precinct, as well as the entire county. I want people to know in my precinct and the county that their voice makes the difference on how our county can change if everyone takes the time to get involved. I want to set the right examples so our future county leaders will notice all we have done and they too can continue moving forward, working together to better improve our county for everyone to enjoy.

**WHAT KIND OF TRAINING, EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE DID YOU HAVE TO HAVE FOR YOUR POSITION?**

I received a diploma from our own Ozona High School. I always say that I had an opportunity to receive education from the best teachers, such as Mrs. Kirby. Along with my diploma, I have the best training I received, which is learning from my parents and other people as I grew up in Ozona. Also, although I do not have a college degree, I have taken some college course throughout my career. My military experience and serving with people from different races has allowed me to learn how people from different race are able to work together. With all types of training the main source is using common sense and listening to people.

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

I care about Ozona and Crockett County. It is a good place to live and I like having the opportunity to represent everyone in my precinct and the county.

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

What I enjoy the least is having to appoint someone into a vacant elected office and not allowing voters to decide until election time.

Please see **TAMBUNGA** page 5



**CROCKETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** (left to right) Alfredo Moreno Tobar, Precinct 4, has served three fulfilling years; Randy C. Branch, Precinct 3, just started his 5th year; Pleas Childress III, Precinct 2, currently in his 10th year and Frank D. Tambunga, Precinct 1, served since 1992, 16 years.

Commissioner Pleas Childress III responded to these questions:

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

I ran for the position of county commissioner because it gave me an opportunity to serve Ozona and the people of Crockett County. I felt I had the ability to communicate with others, be objective in my decisions and represent the voters with fairness and effective leadership.

**WHAT KIND OF TRAINING, EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE DID YOU HAVE TO HAVE FOR YOUR POSITION?**

A commissioner, upon being elected for the first time, must attend training school in Austin, Texas, during the first year in office. The following year and each year thereafter, a commissioner must obtain at least 16 classroom hours of continuing education. The education instruction must be certified by an accredited public institution of higher education. I have met and continue to meet these requirements.

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

I enjoy meeting and working with the people of Ozona and the employees of Crockett County. The county employs approximately 160 men and women, and I truly enjoy working with them as we strive to meet our needs and goals through local government.

Please see **CHILDRESS** page 5

Commissioner Randy C. Branch responded to these questions:

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

I believe that if you are elected to a position, like county commissioner, over a period of time you may get a little "too comfortable" or "complacent" and a fresh set of eyes and ideas are needed. Two or three terms should be the max.

**WHAT KIND OF TRAINING, EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE DID YOU HAVE TO HAVE FOR YOUR POSITION?**

Qualifications to hold this office are: 1. U.S. Citizen; 2. Texas resident for at least 12 months; 3. Reside in your precinct for at least six months and 4. Must be 18 years of age. County Commissioners are also required, after taking office, to attain 16 hours of continuing education credits every 12 months.

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

I have enjoyed getting things done that are what you might call "special projects." For instance, a new water park in Ozona was really needed and I believe it has been enjoyed by all who have used it. Another would be the Courthouse Renovation Project. Preserving our courthouse, without giving the deed over to the Texas Historical Commission, has been a slow process but I am looking forward to the finished project.

Please see **BRANCH** page 5

Commissioner Alfredo Moreno Tobar responded to these questions:

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

To place myself in a better position to help the people in Precinct 4. People often visited me at home with issues and I felt I wasn't in a position with the ability to help them. I also saw that the south side community was deteriorating and it needed some serious attention.

**WHAT KIND OF TRAINING, EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE DID YOU HAVE TO HAVE FOR YOUR POSITION?**

I feel that to represent the people, you have to understand their wants, needs and what they are entitled to. I had never held a county office and when elected, I made sure to meet and exceed the required educational training and conferences.

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

There are many things I enjoy about my job but mostly it is seeing the differences made by our decisions. It was a lot of work, but I am glad to have been a part of the completion of the Southside Recreational Park (i.e. skate park, kids park, swimming pool).

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

It is an honor and privilege to serve our community and I feel all the duties required are rewarding.

Please see **TOBAR** page 5

## Duties of a County Commissioner

The job of the county commissioner calls for hands-on service delivery as well as policy-making budget decisions.

Four commissioners, each elected from a quarter of the county's population, serve along with the county judge on the commissioner's court.

In addition to assuring that county roads are maintained, commissioners vote with the county judge to set the budget for all county departments and adopt a tax rate.

Among other responsibilities, the commissioner's court:

- Sets the yearly property tax rate and approves the budget and employment level for the county;
- Sets commissioners and justice of the peace precinct boundaries;
- Calls, conducts and certifies elections, including bond elections;
- Sets employment and benefit policy;
- Establishes long-range thoroughfare, open space, land use, financial and law enforcement/jail needs plans;
- Acquires property for rights-of-way or other uses determined to be in the public's best interest;
- Reviews and approve subdivision platting and wastewater treatment for rural areas;
- Provides rural ambulance services and subsidizes rural fire protection;
- Oversees the construction, maintenance and improvement of county roads and bridges;
- Appoints non-elected department heads and standing committees;
- Supervises and controls the county courthouse, county buildings and facilities;
- Adopts a county budget;
- Determines county tax rates;
- Fills vacancies in elective and appointive positions; and
- Has exclusive authority to authorize contracts in the name of the county.

- Texas Association of Counties

## Red Bluff, Gallego war over Pecos River plan

By **JON FULBRIGHT**  
*Staff Writer for the Pecos Enterprise newspaper*

Red Bluff Water Power Control Board members, along with members of the boards of Red Bluff's seven sub-districts and landowners in those districts are hoping to get a full explanation from State Rep. Pete Gallego next week on his proposal to create a Pecos River Authority.

However, Gallego's chief of staff said last week the actions of the district's board over the past 15 years has been the problem, and that it will be removed from any control of the Pecos River water usage unless it changes its ways.

"If it wasn't way out in West Texas, it would have been done years ago," said Patrick Carlton, Gallego's Chief of Staff in Austin, said of the proposed changes on control of water usage from the Pecos River.

He added that despite what board members said during their regular monthly meeting in Pecos on Tuesday, members of at least two of the sub-districts support changing the current system.

"I met with members of Ward 3 and Ward 1 (Water Irrigation Districts) on Tuesday by conference call, and they agree the Red Bluff board has acted very poorly and something needs to be done and their members need to be replaced," Carlton said. "They just don't know if the Pecos River Authority is what needs to be done."

Please see **PLAN** page 8

## School board meeting tonight, TAKS trips not on the agenda

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
*Editor and Publisher*

Members of the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Feb. 18, at the Administration Building for their regular monthly meeting.

Not on the agenda is discussion of the TAKS test trips that have been part of the last four months meetings. Superintendent Abe Gott said the trips are still up for future discussion, but that since the board has discussed it for a while he thought they could take some time off and think about it some more.

- On the agenda:
- Transportation, financial and superintendent's reports.
  - Executive/closed session on personnel matters.
  - 2009-2010 Official School Calendar.
  - Approve depository contract.
  - Letter of engagement for the district's financial audit for the year ending Aug. 31, 2009 with Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston and Barr L.L.P.
  - Roofing for the new elementary school.
  - Technology and data bids.
  - Fire alarm bids.
  - Field house flooring bids.
  - Bids and/or information for drink coolers for campuses and drink coolers for concessions.

## CX Debate Team is heading to state

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
*Editor and Publisher*

The CX Debate Team of Barbara Caperton and Iris Vergara are heading to the state meet.

The duo placed second at the district team in Kermit qualifying them for the UIL State Cross-Examination Debate Meet to be held March 16-21 at the University of Texas at Austin.

"We have been working on our case since September. The team has made it to the finals round at three invitational meets as well as the district tournament this year," said Coach Dottie DeLeon.

This year's topic for CX Debate is "Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase alternative energy incen-

tives in the United States."

In CX Debate, the affirmative has two eight minute arguments in the Constructive part, followed each time by a three minute cross-examination of the negative.

The negative also has two eight minute arguments, followed each time by a three minute cross-examination of the affirmative.

In the rebuttal, the negative and the affirmative each go twice, for five minutes each time.

Each member of a team shall deliver a constructive speech and a rebuttal speech.

"UIL debate competition develops skills in our students that directly prepares them for real world situations by challenging their problem-solving and critical thinking abilities," said Jana Riggins, UIL

Debate Director. "This year's cross-examination debate topic required students to research extensively the issue of alternative energy."

Through participation at the UIL Academic State Meet, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships.

Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided more than \$22 million to more than 16,000 students.

The TILF has more than \$8 million in endowed funds and receives direct scholarship grants, each year of more than \$800,000 from foundations, individuals and corporate sponsors throughout the state.

During a typical academic year, the TILF will distribute more than \$1 million to more than 600 students attending colleges and universities throughout Texas.



Photo by **Melissa Perner**

OHS CX DEBATE TEAM of Barbara Caperton (left) and Iris Vergara placed second at the district meet on Feb. 9 in Kermit, qualifying them for the state meet in Austin.

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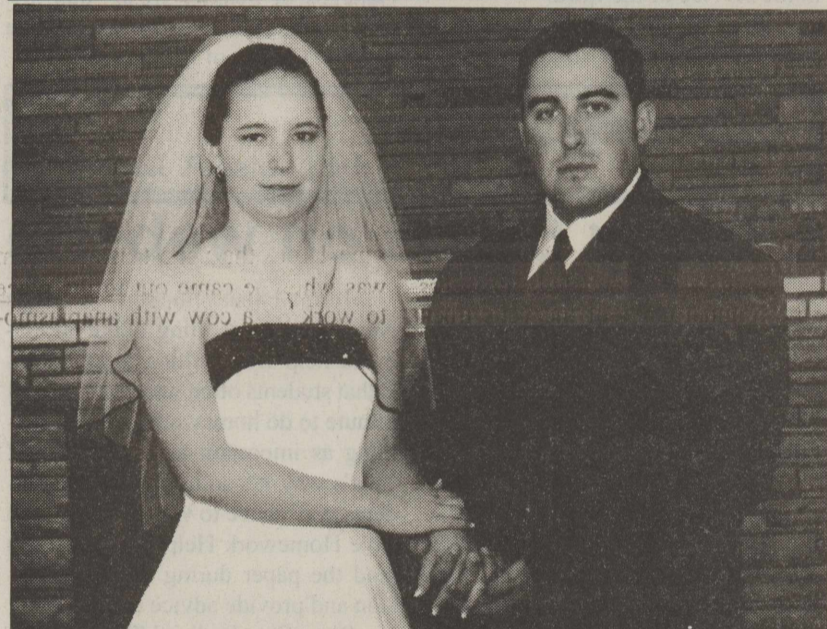




**TOWN AND COUNTRY VILLAGE MARKET** would like to recognize their management team. Team members pictured are: (l. to r.) Tammy Alvarez - produce manager, Kavin Calloway - meat market manager, Marco Salazar - asst. manager, Saul Valero - store manager, Minnie Lara - office manager and Rene Moreno - asst. manager.



**JAVA ROCKS OWNERS BETH HALLMARK** and her husband Sam Smith cut the ribbon on Friday during The Ozona Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting. Java Rocks, a new business who opened their doors back in December, held the Ribbon Cutting in conjunction with their Valentine's celebration. Hats, gift certificates, sipping coffee, a tea set and rocks and fossils were given away during the ceremony. "Coming soon we will offer smoothies and have a juice bar. We will have hot dog and pizza lunches, and offer our own signature fresh roasted coffee beans. We are also looking at live entertainment on Saturday nights," Beth said. "We would also like to thank Lynn Mañess owner of the Café Nextdoor for all of her support and for her gracious welcome into the Ozona restaurant community." Java Rocks is located at 1010 Avenue E. Hours are 7-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. The restaurant features specialty coffees and teas, pastries & breads, sandwiches and deserts. There is free Wi-Fi, and a reading library. There is also a game area where you can play dominoes, checkers and chess.



**Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Dalton**

Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Dalton were married on Feb. 7, 2009. The bride, Penny Weddle, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Pauley of Ozona and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Weddle of Corpus Christi. Maid of Honor was Tina Tebbets of McAlaster, Okla. Bridesmaid was Dulce Rodriguez of Ozona and Junior Bridesmaid was Tamra Karels of Ozona. Flower girls were Kinzey Rodriguez of McAlaster, Okla. and Drew Weddle of Corpus Christi. The groom is the son of Ms. Evelyn Dalton and the late Mr. Lonnie Dalton of Meadow, Texas. Best Man was George Keller of Broken Arrow, Okla. Groomsmen were Brian Morrow of Ozona and Junior Groomsmen were Tiger Lewis of Ozona. Ushers were Lance Dalton of Lubbock and Justin Weddle of Corpus Christi. The couple would like to thank everyone that helped and everyone that attended the wedding.

**Ozona Garden Club News**

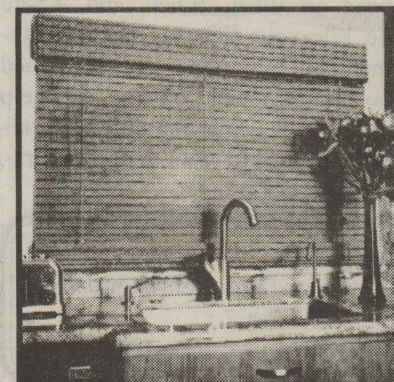
**By CHARLOTTE HARRELL**  
Ozona Garden Club

Flower Show Chairman Charlotte Harrell brought a design sign-up sheet for those planning to do designs for the flower show. She also read the list of duty assignments for the Flower Show, which will be April 29 at the Civic Center. The theme for the flower show is "Texas Movies," and the movies selected are "Giant," "The Rookie," "High Noon" and "Friday Night Lights." Flower Show Co-chairman Carmen Sutton will obtain the judges for the flower show, and Co-chairman Jeannine Henderson will prepare the show schedule.

Mary Jo Mason agreed to do a special exhibit of her wildflower paintings.

Members present were Arlene Clayton, Sadie Davidson, Nancy Forehand, Debi Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Camille Jones, Louise Ledoux, Pamela Maresch, Diane Phillips, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouck and Esther Williams.

All members present agreed that it would be a good thing to do as long as the garden club can approve its placement in order not to detract from the overall design of the garden.



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**Leadership program starts Feb. 24**

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce and the Agri-Life Extension Office have partnered to provide a program to both Chamber members and anyone in Ozona interested in becoming active in their community. The program is called the Crockett County "Building Connections Leadership Program".

Kyle Merten, Extension Associate, of the Texas Agri-Life Extension Service Organizational Development Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication will kick-off this year's program Feb. 24. Kyle grew up in Breham, Texas where Blue Bell Ice Cream is made. He graduated from Texas A&M with a Bachelors in Agriculture and Science and a Agricultural Education Masters Degree. He has been working with Texas-Agri-Life for three years. One area of focus in his position is the creation of volunteer curriculum.

In its third year, the program is designed to seek out and help develop future leadership for Ozona. Individuals will leave the program realizing their personal leadership traits and styles, strategies to effectively lead organizations, and understand the political process. Participants will be acquainted with community needs, challenges and opportunities. This program will encourage participants to get involved in their community.

Ozona has identified that there is a need for more citizens to want to serve in a volunteer or leadership capacity. Those who have had leadership positions in the past either move away or must take a less active role and new leaders must fill the gaps. This program is a practical means of developing a pool of informed persons who can become involved in the various areas of community service.

The program is eight months long and requires participants to commit to one day per month. We encourage employers to sponsor

**Happy Birthday**

- Feb. 18 - Joseph Hernandez, Jackie Johnson, Idalia Adame, Leslie Flores and Phillip Munoz
- Feb. 19 - "Texas-T" Tommy Lee Seadon, Hilda Galindo, Inez Ortiz, Lando Pena-Alfaro, Raedene Flores, Gavino Flores and Jeffrey Dyla
- Feb. 20 - Ray Don Myers and Michael Maldonado
- Feb. 21 - Corey Galindo, C.J. Graves and Onecimo Ortiz
- Feb. 22 - Gloria Onate, Trinity Collis, Henry Delgado and Kambri Preddy
- Feb. 23 - Mary Capps, Tonya Bullard and Mary Jo Unger
- Feb. 24 - Billie Morris, Shana Granger, Jaylynn Tijerina, Billy Nowell and Jacob Moran

**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.

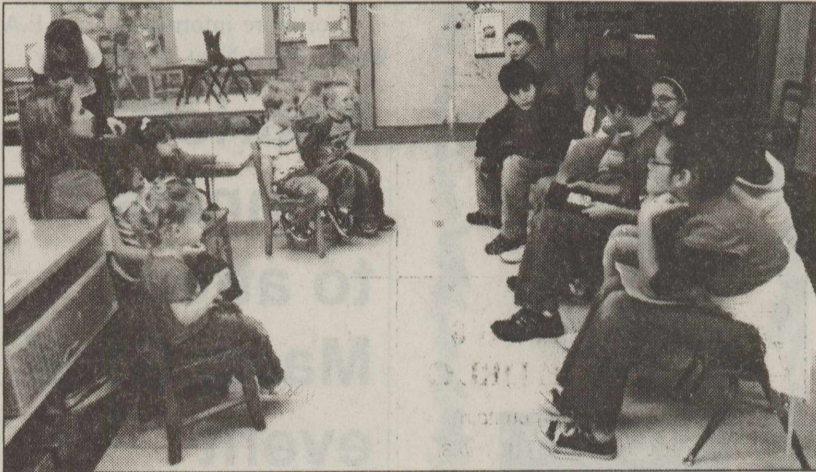
This is sponsored by AARP. This service is free to anyone and any age in Eldorado, Ozona and Sonora.

All returns will be filed electronically.

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

**Community Calendar**

- 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.
- Thursday, Feb. 19**
- Lady Lions Softball at the Crane Tournament.
  - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friday, Feb. 20**
- Lady Lions Softball at the Crane Tournament.
  - Lions Golf Team at Fort Stockton.
  - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - OHS Tennis Team at the Big Lake Tournament.
- Saturday, Feb. 21**
- Lady Lions Softball at the Crane Tournament.
  - Lions Golf Team at Fort Stockton.
- Monday, Feb. 23**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Italy, Greece 10-day tour meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Coach John Jackson's room, third floor of OHS Heritage Bldg.
- Tuesday, Feb. 24**
- Lions Baseball vs. Eldorado, 4 p.m. at Eldorado.
- Wednesday, Feb. 25**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.



**MEMBERS OF JESSICA PHILLIPS SIXTH GRADE CLASS** read original written stories to children at Ozona Community Center on Friday.

**Ozona Woman's League News**

**By MELISSA PERNER**  
Ozona Woman's League

Members of Ozona Woman's League met at the Civic Center on Feb. 10 for a business meeting and Valentine cookie exchange.

During the business meeting, President Kayla Davidson, Vice President Connie Crenwelge and Secretary Jessica Luckie will be resigning from their officer positions on May 31. Due to this, new officers will be elected during the next couple of meetings in order for them to start planning for next year. The newly elected officers will not take office until after the final meeting in May. At the Feb. 24, members need to be present to vote on amending one of the by-laws in order for this change to be made.

Anyone interested in serving as president, vice president or secretary, contact one of the members of the Nomination Committee, Jody Heather or Holly.

Sign-up sheets for next committees was also passed out during the meeting. The sheets will be available for the next few meetings. Anyone interested in serving on a committee, contact Kayla.

Drawing for the spring secret pals was also held at the meeting.

The next meeting will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Hitchin' Post. Ellen Brown, of West Texas REHAB, will be there to thank all the League Members for their hard work in this year's telethon.

Members in attendance were: Lacy Magness, Jessica Luckie, Connie Crenwelge, Jody Upham, Kimber Childress, Ann Fowler, Heather Claburn, Rachel Bean, Melissa Perner, Kayla Davidson and Stacy Mecke.

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

The commissioner's court is the governing body for Crockett County. Although the other government entities and their board members in the county, such as the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District and its board members agree on a tax rate or agree to have a bond election, the commissioner's court has the final decision on setting the tax rate for the school and allowing a bond election to take place.

WHAT ARE SOME DUTIES THAT YOU OFTEN GET QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER YOUR POSITION?

I always get calls from people complaining about others speeding down our neighborhood street. This is a law enforcement issue. I have even received calls from people wanting me to waive a citation. This is a Justice of the Peace issue.

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

Allow more opportunity for citizens to attend our open public meetings. Possibly going back to when I first started as commissioner where we were meeting twice a month during the day and in the evening when people are off and have a chance to attend. Also, right now a request from a commissioner to our county road department could take several weeks, in some cases months, before it is completed. Most requests come from citizens that do not understand how our unified road system works and we often get accused of commissioners doing nothing about their request. I would like to have our unified road system arranged to where the commissioners had a small crew that each could direct to attend to work requests in a timely manner while maintaining the same budget in that department.

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

My position as commissioner is to be the voice of the people in my precinct in our county government. However, I hope everyone understands that I will listen to how you view different issues. Your views are very important to me, but as I represent you my actions must be on how it affects the entire county. I am well aware that if my actions are not satisfactory to the people, I represent I can easily be replaced. My actions are not made because I am scared of not getting reelected. My actions are what I feel are the right thing to do.

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD:

I am grateful for the opportunity that I have been given in representing the people in my precinct. I really appreciate everyone's support.

**CHILDRESS:**  
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WHAT IS ONE DUTY IN YOUR JOB THAT YOU ENJOY THE LEAST?

The duty or responsibility I enjoy the least is meeting and paying for unfunded mandates handed down from the state or the United States level of government. Such mandates can create financial burdens for our county and counties throughout Texas.

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

The Crockett County Commissioner's Court creates the budget for the county, which includes all departments, boards and elected officials of the county. The court works with each different branch and their needs. We balance these needs with the tax dollars available for that next year. We combine these separate budgets to create the total county budget for the next calendar year.

WHAT ARE SOME DUTIES THAT YOU OFTEN GET QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER YOUR POSITION?

Many people ask about water problems and trash collections. These services are not controlled by the Crockett County Commissioners. They are managed by a separate board, which is the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District #1.

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

The position of county commissioners is provided by law in the Texas Constitution (Article 5, sec. 15). This process has been working for many years in all 254 counties in the state. It would take an act of Texas State Legislation to modify or change it. I feel the process is working well and no changes are needed.

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

There are many times that voters ask a commissioner to make decisions or changes in county activities. One commissioner cannot act alone and has no authority to act or speak for the county. The commissioner's court is made up for four commissioners and the county judge. County business can only be conducted when the court is in session and a quorum is present (three to five). Each meeting must be posted for 72 hours prior to the meeting. A special "called" meeting is an exception to the 72-hour rule if emergency criteria is met. Commissioners do business as a commissioner's court only.

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD:

I feel the duty of a county commissioner holds many challenges and expectations. Honesty, ethics, integrity and trust in God are important guidelines for me. I am honored that the voters of Precinct 2, in Ozona and Crockett County, have allowed me to serve them as commissioner.

**BRANCH:**  
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WHAT IS ONE DUTY THAT YOU ENJOY THE LEAST?

I get a little impatient dealing with the Texas Historical Commission about what we can and cannot do to "our" courthouse as part of our renovation. We have a "working courthouse" and it needs to be kept in a workable condition and not retrofitted back to 1902 era.

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

I have not used this duty yet, but the commissioner's court can "acquire property for rights-of-way or other uses determined to be in the public's best interest."

WHAT ARE SOME DUTIES THAT YOU OFTEN GET QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER YOUR POSITION?

School taxes and school related questions do not fall under county commissioner duties other than my own "personal" opinions may be offered up.

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

I would like to be able to make "county ordinances" which would alleviate some of the problems we have a hard time controlling (i.e. dogs and cats running loose).

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

I do not take this position lightly. I listen to all questions and concerns and urge all of the citizens of Crockett County to talk to your commissioners about any concerns you may have. They will listen when called upon.

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD:

I urge all citizens of Crockett County to register to vote and to use this right at every opportunity you get. The only way to be heard by your legislators is to call, write or vote! I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and look forward to the next four years.

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

Other duties that fall under my position are ranch and county roads, street lights and abandoned vehicles to name a few.

WHAT ARE SOME DUTIES THAT YOU OFTEN GET QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER YOUR POSITION?

I have no authority when it comes to the sheriff's department enforcement of the law.

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

I truly enjoy my position as Precinct 4 Commissioner. I can't think of one thing I would change about the position.

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

The position is about teaming with my fellow commissioners and judge in order to make the best decision for our community.

ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD:

I care about our community and hope that the difference since my term as Precinct 4 Commissioner is noticeable. I want to focus on our youth and keep them busy and out of trouble. My door is always open to anyone that needs help or has suggestions to improve our community (325) 226-3532.

**Crockett County Museum Memorials**

**In Memory of:**  
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**Given by:**  
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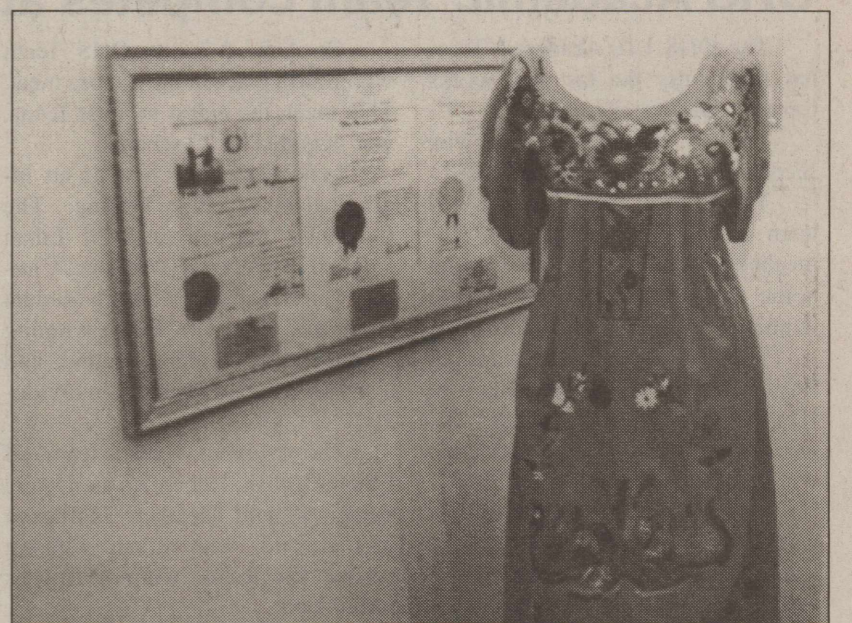
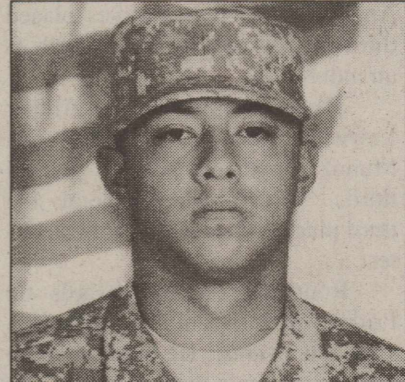


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**Rodriguez makes trip home before heading to Iraq**

Jack Rodriguez was welcomed home on Jan. 7 after his first tour in Iraq. He was deployed on his second tour of duty to Iraq on Jan. 23.

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**Meeting Monday on tour to Italy, Greece**

On Monday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m., in Coach John Jackson's classroom (3rd floor heritage), there will be an informational meeting for a 10-day tour of Italy and Greece. A representative of EF Tours will be here to answer questions and give insight into the benefits of traveling with EF Tours.

The Tour itinerary: Day 1 Fly overnight to Italy; Day 2 Rome; Day 3 Rome; Day 4 Rome; Day 5 Capri • Sorrento; Day 6 Pompeii • Brindisi • Night ferry; Day 7 Patras • Delphi; Day 8 Delphi • Athens; Day 9 Athens and Day 10 Depart for home.

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Program Fees for students \$3,067 and adults \$3,477, there is also an auto pay system that you can set up to pay this trip out in monthly payments. The date of the trip is June 16-25 of 2010. The group leader for this trip will be John Jackson.

You can go to the website [www.efours.com](http://www.efours.com) student and type in the tour ID #736644, this will allow you to look at the tour online. For more information, attend the meeting in Coach Jackson's room on Monday, Feb. 23.

**Mercedes Victoria Perez**  
competed in the  
San Angelo Sunburst Beauty Pageant

She received best attire, best hair and 1st runner-up in the 1-year old division. She will be advancing to the state finals to be held in Houston this coming May. Mercedes is the daughter of Mingo & Mimi Perez & sponsored by her grandparents at Mingo's Burritos.

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## OHS Academic Team competes at three area meets

The OHS UIL Academic Team has been busy the last few weeks traveling to several area meets.

On Jan. 24, the students won second place in the Mertzon meet.

The Current Issues and Events team of Josh Smith, Matthew Komechak and Wilson White brought home gold medals, with Wilson winning first as an individual.

The Number Sense team of Daniel Anderson, Ethan English, Heather Thompson and Ruben Rivas also won first place, with Daniel winning second place individually.

Rounding out the gold medals was the Computer Science team of Ethan English, Heather Thompson and Lane White, with Ethan winning first, Heather winning second and Lane winning sixth individually.

The Calculator team of Daniel Anderson, Kara Bird, Lane White and Ruben Rivas brought home a silver medal, with Daniel winning another silver and Kara winning bronze as individuals.

Our Cross-Examination Debate team of Barbara Caperton and Iris Vergara did very well, winning second place after debating multiple rounds.

Finishing up the awards was Amber Lewis, who won fifth place in the Accounting contest.

Clarissa Burciaga, Duncan Knox, Lalo Longoria, Jady N Poin-dexter, and Rebecca Rueffer also competed and represented Ozona High School with pride.

## Dean takes first, Mitchel second at West Texas Tennis Meet

The OHS Tennis Team competed in the West Texas Championships Tournament held in San Angelo on Feb. 6.

Kyle Dean took first place in

the Boys Singles "B" Division, and Johnny Kolster won consolation.

Also playing in this division was Austin Perez. In the Boys Singles "A" Division, Jordan Martinez won consolation.

On Feb. 6-7, the OHS Team won fourth place at the Sonora meet. This meet, the oldest in West Texas, was attended by 23 schools.

Lane Hale won first as an individual in Headline Writing. The Computer Science team of Ethan English, Heather Thompson, Clarissa Burciaga and Michael Medina also won first, with Ethan winning first, Heather winning second, and Clarissa winning fourth as individuals.

The Accounting team of Amber Lewis, Cheyenne Coy, and Miranda Munoz came on strong, placing third. Amber brought home the third place bronze medal in this contest.

Rounding out the awards on Friday was Josh Smith in Current Issues and Events. He brought home the sixth place in that event.

Several other students competed throughout the day: Eric Car-

razales, Tevin Cordova, Latham Ducote, Gaby Gutierrez, Julie Gutierrez, Kramer Hall, Emalee Hamilton, Nathan Knox, Matthew Komechak, Lalo Longoria, Sarah Lott, Alexandria Macias, Melissa Miller, Fabian Onate, Hunter Perez, Jady N Poin-dexter, Kelsie Ramirez, Rebecca Rueffer, and Chelsea Spence.

Michael Medina traveled back to Sonora on Saturday to compete in Lincoln-Douglas debate.

On Feb. 9, the Computer Science Teams competed at the Wall Invitational Hands-On Programming Contest.

Here they would line up against two teams from the defending state champions from Wall High School. The competition was tight, but the Ozona teams stayed tough.

When it was over, the top team of Ethan English, Heather Thompson, and Lane White came out on top with a score of 37 points. Wall's top team was breathing right down their necks with a score of 36 points. Wall's second team placed third, followed by the two remaining teams of Corey Kelley, Michael Medina and Jayce Logan, who placed fourth, and Clarissa Burciaga and Duncan Knox, who placed fifth.

It was an exciting night, and everybody benefited from the competition. We all are looking forward to the continuing season. Hopefully, the teams will face each other again in Austin at the state competition. Keep up the good work, Lions.

## Devon Diehl lost in the semi-finals. Also playing was Ben Flores.

In Boys Doubles, Austin Whitten and Taylor Newton placed second after defeating teammates Jesse Ramos and Corey Kelley in the semi-finals. Also playing was Sean Davis and Jayce Logan.

In the Girls Singles "A" Division, Britni Mitchel took second.

In the "B" Division, Dalia Hernandez won consolation. Also playing was Kelbie Ren-



Photo By Joe Hernandez

OZONA HIGH SCHOOL WON FOURTH PLACE out of 23 schools in the Sonora Literary meet, held Feb. 6-7.



Photo By Joe Hernandez

THE OHS COMPUTER TEAM MEMBERS have represented Ozona well this year. Team members pictured are: (front, l. to r.) Lane White, Heather Thompson, Clarissa Burciaga and Jayce Logan. Back row: Duncan Knox, Michael Medina, Corey Kelly and Ethan English.

## Lady Lions end season against Presidio

The Ozona Lady Lions finished an exciting season on Feb. 10.

The Lady Lions fought hard against Presidio, but the Lady Devils came up with one-point, 49-48, victory.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 13 10 17 - 48; Presidio - 13 14 10 12 - 49.

Scoring: Brandi Glosson 3; Melanie Miller 3; Vanessa Rodriguez 16; Jessica Elston 9; Alysha Lara 12, Alex Macias 3 and Melissa Miller 2. Also playing: Cristy Rodriguez, Adrienne Sanchez and Stacy Quiroz. "I really feel bad for the seniors finishing the season with a loss after the great season we had. It comes down to what we have talked about all year, starting the game with intensity. We did not so again, so we put ourselves in a hole and this time we couldn't climb out. Another thing that hurt us was our inability to shoot free throws. We were 15-48 for the night and that hurts when you loose by one," said Coach John Jackson. "Overall it has been a great season. I am looking forward to next year and the kids we have coming back"

The Lady Lions finish 17-11 overall and 6-6 in district play.



ADRIENNE SANCHEZ

I would just like to thank everyone for their support during the 08-09 basketball season.

First I would like to thank the parents for following us all over West Texas and supporting your daughter and her team mates. I know that it can be expensive and very time consuming, but it means so much to the kids to look up in the stands and see you there. Knowing that you are there to support them in their endeavors is a great thing.

Next, I would like to thank the people of the community who came to our games and cheered us on through victory or in defeat. Also, thank you for all the kind words I received from you throughout the season in support of our program.

I also would like to thank my staff: Coach Roberts, Coach Williams, Coach Beck, Coach Rohan, Mgrs. Jill Marquez, Roxanne Talamantez, Kelsey Childress, Alma Elizondo and our trainer Coach Weeaks. I am very fortunate to get to work with them. I appreciate them for all that they do for our team and the program. THANKS!

I want to thank the OZONA STOCKMAN for all that they do covering the kids it really means a lot to them to see their picture or there name in the paper.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank all the girls in the program- Junior High through High School. Thanks for your hard work and dedication on and off the floor. I appreciated the way you represented our school and community. Your behavior makes us all very proud.

I know the season did not end the way that we all wanted, but the kids fought hard every time they stepped on the floor. I know that it is always more fun to win, but the lessons we learn on the court while playing the game are the same lessons that we need in life. I think we played the game right this year.

Thanks to all,  
John Jackson  
Head Coach of the Ozona Lady Lions Basketball Team

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## Eighth Grade Lions end season with win

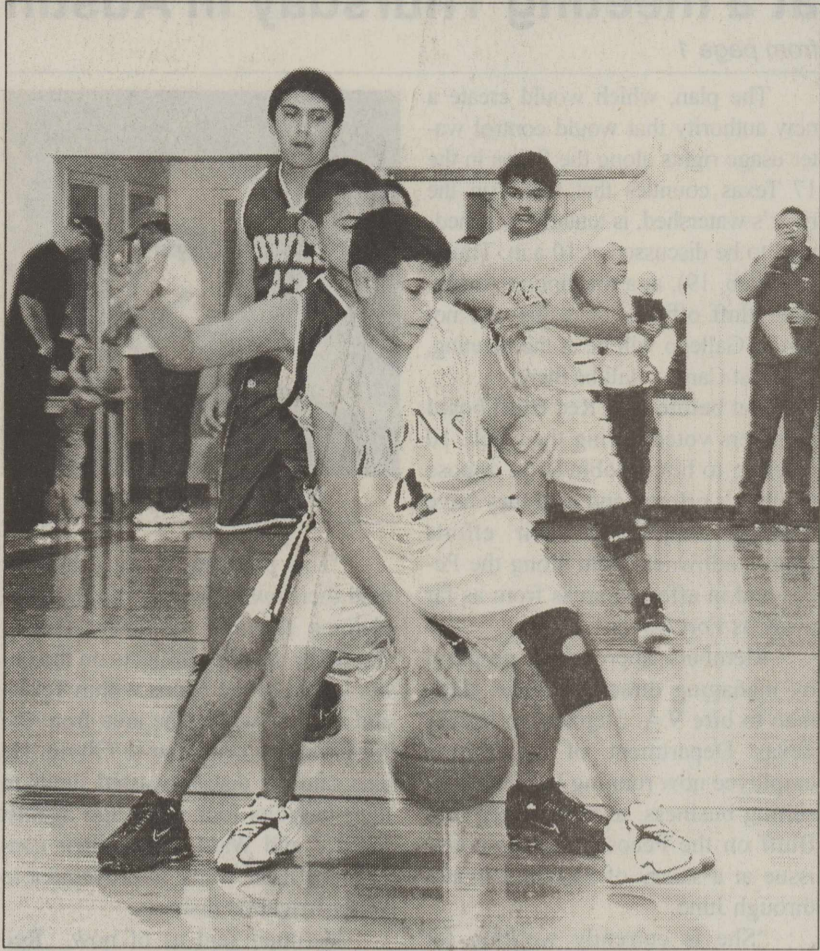


Photo By Joe Hernandez

**JOHN DAVID DE HOYOS** has good control of the ball as he is being guarded by an eighth grade Reagan County Owl.

The Eighth Grade Lions finished the season with a 29-26 win over Reagan County.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 8 11 6 - 29; Reagan County - 4 10 6 6 - 26.

Scoring: Tres Perez 9; Blake Morrow 5; Cuatro Jones 3; Alex Borrego 9; John David De Hoyos 1 and Jeffery Sanchez 2. Also playing: Jaquin Mesa, Brandon Dominguez, Matthew Galindo and Noah Tambunga.

"This was a great way for us to end the season. We played a tough game and did some really good things late in the game by hitting free throws down the stretch that kept us in the lead. I am very proud of the way these young men played this year. They fought all year long and in the end were able to win three in a row. We would like to thank the parents and all the fans that supported us all season long," said Coach John Esparza.

## 7th Grade Lions finish with win over R.C. Owls

The Seventh Grade Lions won their final game, 38-19, against Reagan County on Feb. 9.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 4 11 7 - 38; Reagan Co. - 4 8 3 4 - 19.

Scoring: Tyler Galindo 8; E.Z. Rivas 2; Saul Benson 12; Daniel Gonzales 12 and Michael Ybarra 4. Also playing: Eric Rodriguez, Lorenzo Hernandez, Tiger Lewis and Ely Montanez.

The Seventh Grade Lions finish at 12-4.

## 7th Grade Lady Lions lose to RC

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions lost to Reagan County, 16-28, on Feb. 9.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 12 2 2 - 16; Reagan Co. - 10 7 6 5 - 28.

Scoring: Savannah Rivera 2; Kyann Hernandez 6; Lazarae Rodriguez 4 and Vivian Medina 4. Also playing: Daisy Guerra, Lexi Poin-dexter, Sierra Stokes, Nancy Rodriguez and Amy Quiroz.

The Lady Lions finish at 5-11.

## Eighth Grade Lady Lions stomp Reagan County

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions defeated Reagan County, 22-9, on Feb. 9.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 8 2 8 - 22; Reagan County - 2 5 0 2 - 9.

Scoring: Sabrina De La Garza 2; Kodi Glosson 5; Arleen Castillo 2; Natalia Ortiz 11 and Marya Diaz 2. Also playing: Cynthia Garcia, Brianna Cervantez, Telsa Caperton and Marley Tambunga.

The Lady Lions finish at 11-6.

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

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions B Team defeated Reagan County 12-4 on Feb. 9.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 10 - 12; Reagan County - 2 2 - 4.

## Seventh Grade Lady Lions B Team win over Reagan County

The Seventh Grade B Lady Lions defeated Reagan County 12-10 on Feb. 9.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 4 - 12; Reagan County - 4 6 - 10.

Scoring: Narce Unate 8 and Melynda Cordova 4. Also playing: Stephanie Cervantes, Jaylynn Vargas, Sierra Trevino, Jessica Borrego and Kelsea Perez.

The Lady Lions finish at 4-3.

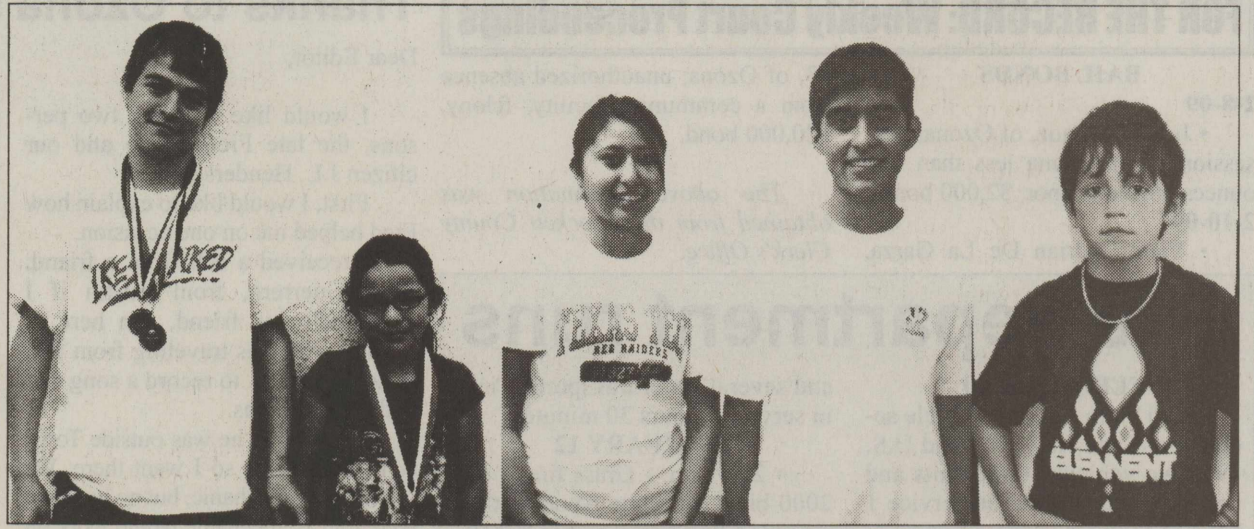


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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST** are: (l. to r.) Frankie Saldana, Bobbie Jo Benson, Brianna Cervantes, Noah Tambunga, Michael Thomas Fay (not pictured) Ricky Chavez, Bailey Barton and EZ Rivas.

## Knights hold annual free-throw contest

The Knights of Columbus held their annual Free-Throw Contest on Feb. 6.

This year, 35 competitors shot free-throws in the event.

Winners are: Bobbie Jo Benson and Michael Thomas Fay, 10-year-olds; Ricky Chavez and E.Z. Rivas, 11-year-olds; Bailey Barton, 12-year-old; Brianna Cervantes and Noah Tambunga, 13-year-olds and Frankie Saldana, 14-year-olds.

wena, Miles, Ballinger, San Angelo, Wall, Odessa and other surrounding cities.

"I am very proud of all of them for doing their best," said Frank Tambunga, coordinator and Grand Knight. "The Ozona Knights of

Columbus would like to thank the parents of these winners for taking them to Wall. We also appreciate all that participated in our local competition. We appreciate the school and everyone that supported us in hosting our local competition."

## Youth Center Calendar of Events

**Feb. 23 - OHS Burger Night, 7-10 p.m.**

**Feb. 24 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.**

**OMS Pool Tournament Feb. 10**

1. Michael Perez
2. Hazael Damian
3. Michael Molina

**OHS Pool Tournament Feb. 11**

1. Ruben Rivas
2. Matias Gandar

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### Focus Thoughts:

Feb. 22nd - "The Dating Game" ★

March 1st - "Charades"

March 8th - "Hide and Seek"

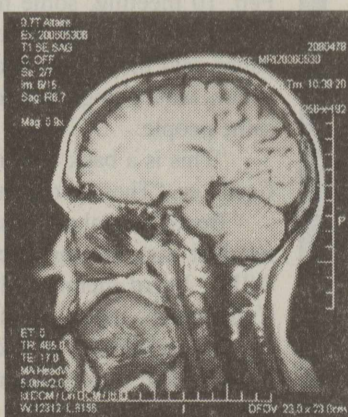
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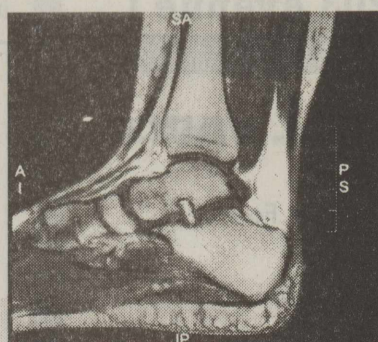
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FOR THE RECORD: Weekly Court Proceedings

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2-8-09 Jimmy Munoz, of Ozona, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000 bond.
2-10-09 Victor Adrian De La Garza, 23, of Ozona, unauthorized absence from a community facility, felony, \$20,000 bond.

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

Fire department runs

FEBRUARY 10
• 7:11 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident at State Hwy. 163 and U.S. 190, two vehicles, three units and six fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 15 minutes.
• 1:15 p.m. - Grass fire off of U.S. 190 15 miles east of Iraan. Out on arrival, assisted by the Iraan FD. A unit and three fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 20 minutes.
• 6:17 p.m. - Mutual aid to Barhnart FD, 3,800 acre grass fire on the Rocker B. A unit with three fire fighters, Big Lake, Barnhart, Reagan County, Mertzon, Wall, Sterling City, Texas Forest Service

and several water transports. Time in service 5 hours 30 minutes.
FEBRUARY 12
• 2:53 a.m. - Grass fire at the 2000 block of Santa Anna, out on arrival. A unit with one fire fighter. Time in service 10 seconds.
• 4:18 p.m. - Grass fire roadside at the 375 mile-marker on I-10. Small fire. A unit and five fire fighters. Time in service 50 minutes.
FEBRUARY 16
• 2:20 p.m. - Grass fire County Road 204 and U.S. Hwy 190, 30 acres, possible electrical problem. Two units, six fire fighters and a unit from Big Lake. Time in service 1 hour 18 minutes.

Local EMS runs

FEBRUARY 10
• Transfer to Shannon Medical Center.
• Local Run - Patient No Transported.
FEBRUARY 11
• Local Run - Patient Transported Family Health Clinic.
FEBRUARY 14
• Local Run - No Transport.
FEBRUARY 15
• Local Run - One patient transported to Family Health Clinic.
• Local Run - One patient transported to Family Health Clinic.
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Thanks to Ozona's unsung heroes

Dear Editor,
I would like to thank two persons, the late Fred Fierro and our citizen J.L. Henderson.
First, I would like to explain how Fred helped me on one occasion.
I received a call from a friend, Tony Guerrero, from Austin if I could help his friend, son here in Ozona, who was traveling from San Antonio to L.A. to record a song and had car problems.

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pull him in town.
J.L. said he would as I had to leave.
The following day, I met the guy at the Town & Country store.
He said J.L. had towed his pickup. He told me that guy is going to sleep tonight.
J.L. saw to it that the guy's pickup was fixed and on his way to Florida. The guy had told me he was broke and had no job.
I later checked with J.L. and asked him about the guy.
'A complete stranger,' was his answer. His truck was fixed and on his way.
I want to thank Fred - who would always reach out to help people. May he rest in peace.
Also, thanks to J.L. and all the unsung heroes we have in Ozona. Thanks, guys. May God Bless You.

Coy Tambunga
Ozona, Texas

Ozona athletics needs improvement

Dear Editor,
Whether you are a taxpayer, parent, a proud graduate of Ozona High School or a concerned individual, no one should dispute that Ozona High School should be giving our students (1) the best education possible and (2) the best athletic program possible. That was the easy part. Accomplishing those two goals, such that a tradition of excellence exists at Ozona High School, is apparently the hard part.
From my perspective, any discussion of the details as to why this (i.e. tradition of excellence) isn't happening academically has to wait because those in control simply do not believe in the power of athletics as an essential ingredient of our high school curriculum, thus depriving students of future opportunities and tremendous high school memories, among other things.
Before I get misunderstood, even though many parents, students, coaches and teachers deserve to be complimented, there are too many examples of students lacking discipline, as well as respect for their teachers and coaches. Yet, the immediate goal should be to (1) have better student athletes and (2) have more student athletes in all sports and extra-curricular activities. IT SIMPLY IS NOT HAPPENING RIGHT NOW IN THE ATHLETIC PROGRAM. When you review as many of the details, performances, etc. involving our local team and individual sports and extra-curricular activities, it is disappointing to see many, not all, of the performances and results. That is the sad and, at times, the infuriating part.
Spare me your thoughts and comments that what many of us are pushing for is to have district champions in every sport, each and every year.
While I don't expect every graduating class at Ozona High School to meet the academic and athletic accomplishments of the OHS Class of '77, I do expect that every yearly school board, every yearly administration, and every coach owes (1) to our students and (2) to all the groups above-mentioned, a result that we 2et the most out of each and every student in both academics and athletics.
Therefore, with all due respect to those involved, the message is therefore simple.
If those of you in leadership don't have the answers, then change your policies or allow for new blood. The future is now. In a spirit of cooperation, let's get the ball rolling.

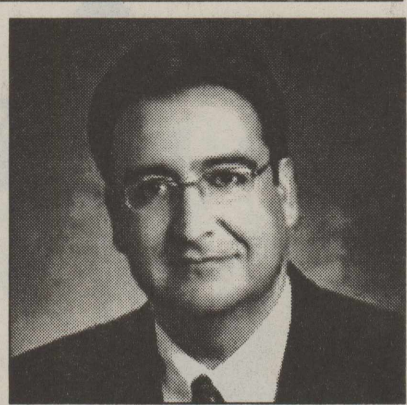
Respectfully submitted,
Orlando F. DeHoyos
OHS Class of '77

Correction...

In last week's article about Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez's visit, Dan Davidson was quoted. This was incorrect as it was supposed to have read Dan Pullen. The Stockman apologizes to both Dans for this error.

PLAN: Gallego to discuss details at a meeting Thursday in Austin

The plan, which would create a new authority that would control water usage rights along the Pecos in the 17 Texas counties that make up the river's watershed, is tentatively scheduled to be discussed at 10 a.m. Thursday (Feb. 19), at a meeting in Austin. Red Bluff officials said they are not sure if Gallego will be at the meeting, or if just Carlton will be there.
But before that, Red Bluff board members voted during their Feb. 10 meeting to hire a lobbyist to oppose Gallego's efforts, and said they have received support in their efforts from landowners both along the Pecos and in affected areas from as far away as Fort Davis.
Members approved a proposal by managing director Randal Hartman to hire V.A. Stephens, a former Texas Department of Agriculture employee now running her own consulting business, to represent Red Bluff on the Pecos River Authority issue at a salary of \$4,000 a month through June.
'She is currently working for the Brewster County water district, has been on (State Sen. Frank) Madla's staff, and on the water commission on rural development for the governor,' Hartman said, adding, 'I don't know if it wouldn't be better to look into retaining somebody after that, because this thing is not going to go away.'



PETE GALLEGU

Pecos River water usage is currently controlled by the Red Bluff Water Power Control District board, which was created following the construction of Red Bluff Lake in 1936. The district sells water to the seven sub-districts in Reeves, Loving, Pecos and Ward Counties, which operate from the lake south to Girvin. From Girvin to Amistad Lake, there is currently no oversight authority. If created, the Pecos River Authority would have jurisdiction over the entire river, including Red Bluff and the sub-districts.
Gallego (D-Alpine) announced his plans to file a bill on Jan. 29, and a legal notice was published in the Enterprise and other newspapers in the affected areas last week. The Ozona Stockman did not receive the notice. But as of Monday no legislation was on file at the Texas Legislature's website, and Red Bluff members said they also didn't have full details on what would be in the bill.
A staff member in Gallego's office said on Feb. 2 that details on the plan would be released when the bill was ready to be filed and after the longtime area representative had had a chance to talk with people who would be affected by the plan. Last week, Carlton said he planned to travel through the area on Feb. 21-27 to get opinions on the proposal.
Board members have had several battles in recent years with some landowners within the sub-districts over water release and water usage policies, as well as control of the \$14 million Red Bluff received from New Mexico in the 1989 Pecos River Compact settlement. During the Feb. 10 meeting, some members of the board along with others in attendance said they suspected Gallego's action was being pushed by those same people.
'This is a back door move,' said Cecil Lee. 'These people never stop.'

Board members cited Odessa resident and former Pecos County WID 2 board member Michael McCullough as being involved in the current legislation. The district and McCullough have clashed several times over the past few years, but Carlton said that the Odessa doctor was not involved and that Red Bluff members were wrong about the limited scope of the 1989 settlement.
However, board member Ava Gerke said those opposed to the plan need to make an appearance at Thursday's meeting with Gallego, which she also hoped could be moved from Austin to Alpine.
'I don't think we're looking at money. I think we need people to show up on the 19th,' said Gerke.
'I have met with Mr. Gallego at a fundraiser of his. He is very articulate and I feel he's very responsive one-on-one to a group of voters who approach him.'

'I've met with him twice,' Hartman said. 'He heard what we said, but I don't know if any of it mattered. We need to wake up to the fact that a few individuals want to take authority over everyone, and that's where I have my concerns.'

'We are open to Red Bluff having a role to play, but it has to be based on what the statutes say they're supposed to do,' Carlton said. 'But if they're going to avoid doing what they're supposed to do for the stewardship of the river, we'll take that authority away from them and give it to people who will handle it correctly.'

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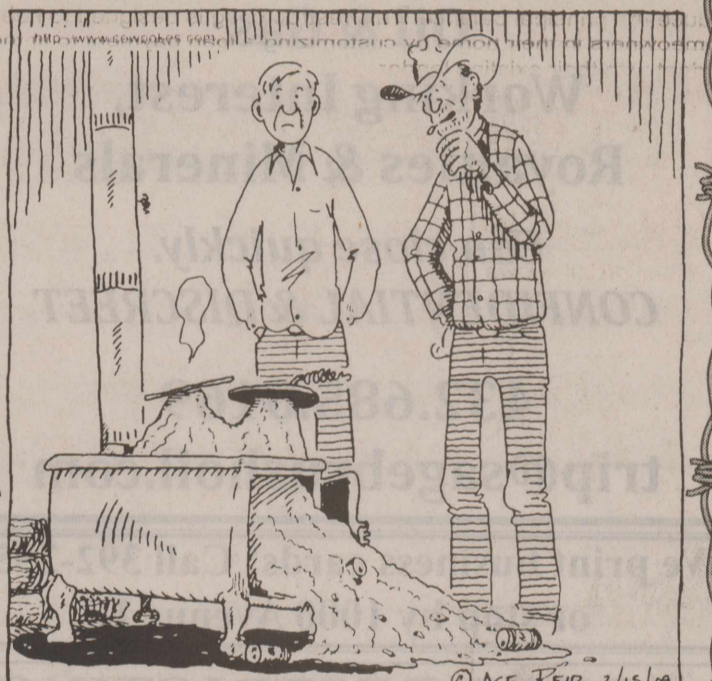
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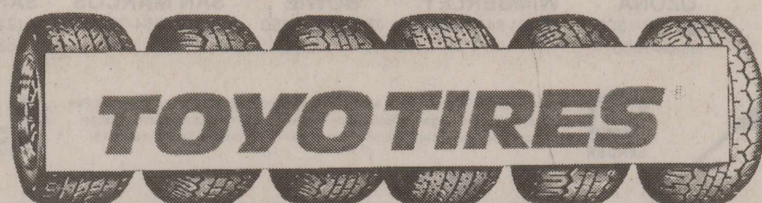
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