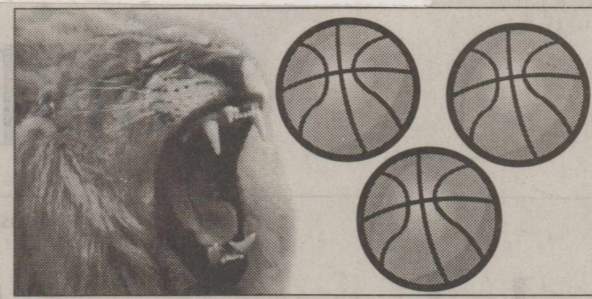




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OUT IN THE WEST, WHERE THE AIR IS PURE, THE CLIMATE AGREEABLE AND THE PEOPLE FRIENDLY—THE BEST PLACE ON EARTH TO CALL HOME

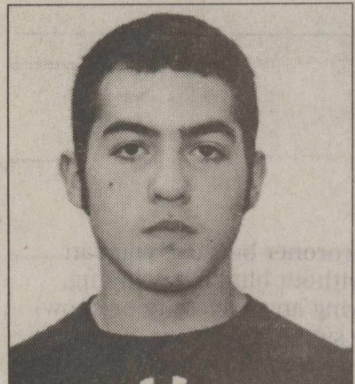
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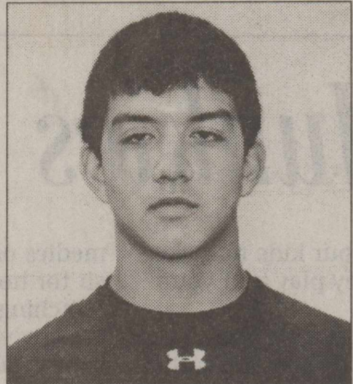
Lions selected to All-West Texas Team



ANTHONY VILLARREAL
LINEBACKER
5-8, 180, Senior

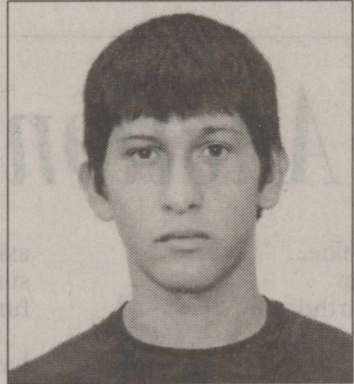
For the much improved 4-6 Lions, Villarreal was a bright spot as the senior leader on defense.

He packed quite a punch in his small stature, finishing with 74 tackles and two picks for the Lions.



ZANE HERNANDEZ
DEFENSIVE BACK
SUPER TEAM
6-5, 215, Junior

Hernandez was a solid contributor on both sides of the ball, despite playing most of the season hurt. He accumulated nearly 2,000 yards at quarterback, but he was stellar in the defensive backfield, picking off eight passes.



BAILEY BADILLO
PUNTER
SUPER TEAM
6-1, 180, Senior

Badillo averaged a whopping 43.67 yards per punt, with a long of 55 yards on the season for the Lions.

Editor's note: All-West Texas is chosen by the San Angelo Standard-Times

Barclay new President at Ozona National Bank

Ozona National Bank announced that Dan S. Pullen has resigned as President and CEO but will continue to serve on the Bank's Board of Directors.

The Bank's board has announced that Kelly Barclay has been elected as President and CEO. Barclay joined Ozona National Bank in 1990.

She has over 30 years of banking experience and previously served as Executive Vice President, board member and manager of the Wimberley, Texas location.

Lou Chapman has been promoted to Chief Financial Officer.

Her responsibilities will also include managing the daily operations of the Ozona Texas location. Renee Pearl



was named Vice President and Cashier.

Jim Skehan has been promoted to Executive Vice President in San Marcos, Texas and Van Baize was also promoted to Executive Vice President in Bowie, Texas.

Shane Barbee has been hired as Senior Vice President in Wimberley and will focus

on lending along with business development. He joins the bank from Founders Bank in Sugar Land where he was an Executive Vice President in commercial lending.

Richard Tatum joined the Bank as a Senior Vice President for the San Antonio loan production office. He previously served with First Community Bank as an Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer.

Other promotions announced included Chris Smith named Vice President, Branch Manager of the Wimberley location, and Operations Coordinator.

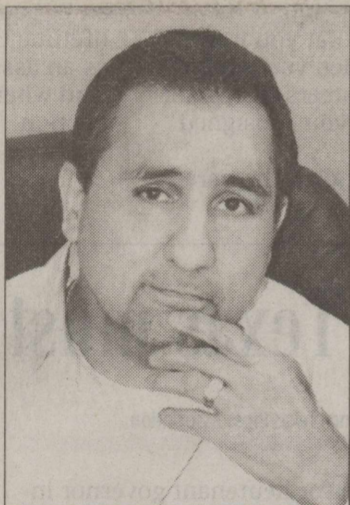
Debra Vordick has been named Vice President and Branch Manager of the San Marcos location.

Tobar files for re-election as Precinct 4 Commissioner

Citizens of Crockett County:

It has been my honor serving as the Crockett County Precinct 4 Commissioner. During my term as Commissioner, I saw first hand the positive impact the local government can have on the daily lives of our citizens. With many important issues facing our town, I believe we need caring Commissioners who are willing to take the time to learn about the issues and listen to the concerns of our citizens.

When thinking about why I wanted to seek another term, one word came to mind - RESULTS. During my campaign I promised to bring CHANGE to our Precinct. Never could I have imagined that the CHANGE would be easily noticed or how much it would benefit the youth in our town. I have seen our Precinct become more family-friendly. The South Park (i.e. playground, pool, basketball court and skate Park) has been by far my greatest accomplishment. Families are able to come together at the pool and playground and our youth are now off the sidewalks and roadways due to the skate park. I also voted to raise the pay of our County employees which will help them during this economy. I take my position very seriously and when making the tough decisions, I vote for what benefits



the whole town, not what will benefit only a few.

As a lifetime resident of Ozona, it is my goal to make it a better place to live, work, and raise a family. I want to continue focusing on the Precinct 4 roads and alleys along with solving the drainage problems. I thank each of you for supporting me during my first term and for trusting me to bring your issues to the attention of our County leaders. I look forward to your continued support and hope to have your vote on Election Day.

Respectfully,
Alfredo M. Tobar

Political advertisement paid for by Alfredo Tobar, P.O. Box 1337, Ozona, Texas 76943

Newton files for Justice of the Peace

I am Royce Newton, and I would like to announce my candidacy for the office of Crockett County Justice of the Peace.

My wife, Brenda, and I have lived in Crockett County for 30 years.

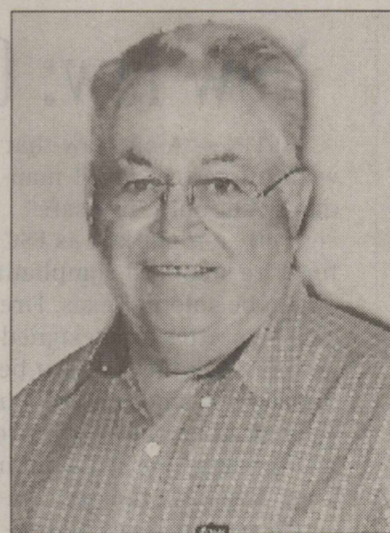
I moved to Ozona in 1979 with Del-Tex Candy Company, and worked with the people of Ozona and surrounding counties until Del-Tex closed in 1987.

I was then employed by The Texas Department of Public Safety, in Communications, where I worked until my retirement in 2001.

We have two children that graduated Ozona High School and reside in Ozona.

Victor and Amy Newton have two children Taylor and Abby. Our daughter Shawna and her husband Greg Hopper have two children Alex and Adam.

I intend to use the office of JP to further the interests of the citizens of Crockett County by treating each case



individually with fairness and diligence.

I thank you in advance for your support and ask for your vote in the March 2010 Democratic Primary.

Sincerely,
Royce Newton

Political advertisement paid for by Royce Newton, P.O. Box 868, Ozona, Texas 76943

Local, congressional races contested for March Primary

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Races for Crockett County Judge, Justice of the Peace and Commissioner, Precinct 4, as well as U.S. Representative, will all be contested for the March 2 Primary Election.

Monday was the final day to file in the Democratic and Republican Primary elections.

In the Democratic primary, Larry Williams has filed for county judge against incumbent Fred Deaton. Deaton and Williams ran against each other four years ago when Deaton was elected to his first term.

Royce Newton has also filed for Justice of the Peace against incumbent James (Jim) Hearne.

In the Commissioner, Precinct 4 race, incumbent Alfredo Tobar has three opponents in Eligio Martinez, Dee Montanez and Jesse Flores De La Garza.

Deaton said that Rudy Martinez and Jimmy Ortiz have filed a declaration of intent as an independent candidate, which means after the March Primary Election they could petition to be on the November ballot for the General Election.

On the national level, incumbent U.S. Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, has drawn an opponent in Miguel Ortiz, an attorney from Helotes.

In the Republican primary, the District 23 Congressional seat has six people vying to be on the November ballot. They are: David Aguilar, of San Antonio, Francisco "Quico" Canseco, of San Antonio, Joseph Mack "Doc" Gould, of Alpine, Will Hurd, of Helotes, Mike Kueber, of San Antonio and Robert (Doc) Lowry, of San Antonio.

Also in the Republican primary, Dick Bowen, of El Paso and Robert Sol Mayer, of Sonora, have filed to run for State Senator in District 19.

Local uncontested races in the Democratic primary are: Commissioner, Precinct 2 Pleas Childress, incumbent; District and County Clerk Debbi Puckett, incumbent; County Treasurer Burl Myers, incumbent; 112th Judicial District Judge Pedro (Pete) Gomez Jr., incumbent and State Senator District 19 Carlos Uresti, incumbent.

Early voting begins Feb. 16 and continues through Feb. 26. Primary Election Day is March 2.

New laws include changes to appraisal process

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A new year brings new Texas laws, including reforms to the appraisal process.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs has released a list of the first set of county appraisal districts (CADs) that will receive a new type

of state review, which begins this month.

The new Methods and Assistance Program (MAP) reviews, required by House Bill 8 (HB 8) passed by the 81st Legislature. They will examine CADs' governance; taxpayer assistance; operating procedures; and appraisal standards, procedures and

methodology. The new law took effect Jan. 1.

"For the first time since the Property Tax Code was enacted in 1979 all county appraisal districts are subject to review once every two years, and we will work closely with CADs to help them appraise property accurately and according to law," Combs said.

Appraisal districts will receive MAP reviews in alternate years, starting with reviews of approximately half of the CADs in 2010 and the remaining CADs in 2011. Crockett CAD is on the list for 2010 review by the Comptroller's office.

"I'm not sure how much this review will affect Crockett County yet. They have quite a

list of requested items (contracts, minutes, policy manuals, etc.) that I will put together for them and then I'll just wait for them to come in and tell me what we are doing right and what we might need improvement on. In the seminars I've attended about the MAP review, the comptroller's office has stressed that this

review is about assisting appraisal districts," said Rhonda Shaw, Crockett County Chief Appraiser.

A complete list of the 128 CADs that will receive MAP reviews in 2010, and the 125 CADs that will be reviewed starting in 2011 can be found

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LIONS AND LADY LIONS VS. SONORA
TUESDAY AT SONORA

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New Year's Resolution: reinstate 'Wonderful Wednesdays'

The only New Year's Resolution I've made this year is to reinstate Wonderful Wednesdays and apply them to the business world. I created Wonderful Wednesday during my 13-year tenure as a classroom teacher and observed the power it yielded. Whether it is a compliment, a thank you, or empowerment, a Wonderful Wednesday activity affects both the giver and the receiver.

My first scheduled Wonderful Wednesday was during my daily trek to ASU in the late 1980s. I had the habit of stopping at an independently owned convenience store on my way to

class each day. This particular day, a Wednesday, I mentioned to the store clerk how very impressed I was at how clean she kept the counter. Every time I stopped in from there on out, she would beam with pride when I mentioned it. A compliment is powerful.



BUSINESS TIPS

PEGGY HODGES

The next Wonderful Wednesday didn't officially fall on a Wednesday but happened as a result of an elementary school colleague, Todd Nichols, always referring to his junior high coach, Coach Hill. During Mr. Nichols' character building activities with his students, I would hear him refer to Coach Hill and how he should try and find him to thank him. I decided to locate Coach Hill so Mr. Nichols could tell him how much he was appreciated. I eventually found him teaching in Jasper ISD and spoke to him about his former student. Needless to say, Coach Hill was flattered. Lat-

er that week, Coach Hill called Mr. Nichols at home. Along with his wife, Ella, I watched Mr. Nichols' facial expression when he finally realized it was Coach Hill. A thank you is powerful.

One more memorable Wonderful Wednesday followed. It happened on the first day I stood in front of my class full of junior high school students discussing classroom rules. During the "Don't crumple up paper before you throw it away" rule, I silently and deftly folded my paper in half and dropped it in the trash can. At that very instant, I remembered who taught me that!

Mrs. Brooks, high school typing. Learning to type was hard for me but Mrs. Brooks taught me to believe in myself, she empowered me.

When I called Midland ISD, they knew Mrs. Brooks had retired many years ago, but she was active in the Retired Teachers Association. The phone call came during class. What surprised me was the flood of emotion from both of us when I simply told her that I was teaching my students to fold their papers in half, just as she had taught me. Empowerment isn't supposed to generate tears, but this time it did.

As we start 2010, I am direct-

ing my Wonderful Wednesdays to the business world. I am going to compliment the car hop at the local fast food place, thank the clerk who takes the extra time to help me find a certain product I'm looking for, and acknowledge the level of training necessary for the health care worker to assist me. Every Wednesday for a whole year and I'm banking on seeing the difference.

"Business Tips" was written by Peggy Hodges, Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Adviser III of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact him at Peggy.Hodges@angelo.edu.

Americans continue to read community newspapers

Did you know that 80 percent of America's newspapers have a circulation of 15,000 or less?

Did you know that there are about 8,000 community newspapers in America that fit that description? Did you know that 86 million Americans read those community newspapers every week?

This includes The Ozona Stockman.

Yet if you read the "the newspaper industry is failing" stories online, in the major daily newspapers and on television, it'd be a good guess that those reporters and bloggers don't have a clue, don't care, or can't be bothered.

Those stories tend to be based on readership and advertising numbers for the major daily newspapers in America, usually the top 100, sometimes the top 250. Yes, absolutely, those are big papers, important papers. But they are not the whole story.

The National Newspaper Association, working with the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism is completing its fourth year of research on the readership patterns of America's community newspapers. The early data indicates fairly consistent findings all four years:

- 81 percent of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week.
- Those readers, on average, share their paper with 2.36 additional readers.
- Community newspaper readers spend about 40 minutes with their paper.
- 73 percent read most or all of their community newspaper.
- Nearly 40 percent keep their community newspaper more than a week (shelf life).
- Three-quarters of readers read local news often to very often in their community newspaper while 53 percent say they never read local news online (only 12 percent say they read local news often to very often online).
- Of those going online for local news, 63 percent found it on the local newspaper's website, compared to 17 percent for sites such as Yahoo, MSN or Google, and 12 percent to the website of a local television station.
- 60 percent read local education (school) news somewhat to very often in their newspaper while 65 percent never read local education news online.
- Nearly half read local sports somewhat to very often in their newspaper while 70 percent never read local sports online.
- 62 percent read editorials or letters to the editor somewhat to very often in their newspa-



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per while three quarters never read editorials or letters to the editor online.

- Three quarters of readers have read public notices in their community newspaper.
- 68 percent have never visited the website of local government.
- 47 percent say there are days they read the newspaper as much for the ads as for the news.
- 30 percent do not have Internet access in the home.
- Of those with Internet access at home, three-quarters have broadband access.

The local community newspaper is the primary source of information about the local community for 60 percent of respondents: that's four times greater than the second and third most popular sources of local news (TV/14 percent and friends and relatives/13.4 percent). Readers are 10 times more likely to get their news from their community newspaper than from the Internet (5.8 percent). Less than 5 percent say their primary local news source is radio.

Who says all newspapers are failing? Each week, The Ozona Stockman continues to publish a paper about the people and events of Crockett County and Ozona.

Despite the emergence of new information technologies such as the Internet, community newspapers continue to play an important role in the Information Age. Moreover, the value of community newspapers continues to grow as they seek new ways to serve their readers and strengthen their communities.

Not only is news published in paper form each week, but can also be found on our website at www.ozonastockman.com. Readers can also become "fans" of the Stockman on Facebook.

Paul and I are entering our sixth year as owners of The Ozona Stockman. We can hardly believe it! So much has changed but as you can see, many aspects of our business remain the same. The most important one is you, our readers.

As technology continues to change, so will your community newspaper in how it brings the news to the people of Crockett County and beyond.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. The Stockman staff work at making the best newspaper each week.

Auction Junkies



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

You know you are an auction junkie... If you've ever missed one of your child's soccer games, graduations, birthday parties or weddings because it was on the same day as a special feeder sale.

You consider anyone who knows what six-weights were bringing at the sale last week an intellectual, and think a person is an uppy social climber if they drop the names of an auctioneer, ring men or brand inspector into their casual conversation. You know for a fact that anyone who uses the "buy now" option on eBay without going through the auction process is a communist.

If your favorite restaurant is the auction market cafe and you don't even have to order and the waitress brings you your usual.

At least one item of clothing you are currently wearing has the name of an auction business on it. Every pad of paper, calendar or pen in your house you picked up for free at the sale barn. The only thing you read in the paper is the market report.

If you miss just one weekly sale the owner of the local auction market checks the obituaries to see if you died. You get a Christmas card from the sale barn and the highlight of your life so far was being listed in the Representative Sale column.

You've ever taken a blind date to a horse sale. You stand when you hear the auctioneer's song, had it played during at least one of your weddings and have

asked your kids to make sure they play it at your funeral.

Even though you haven't owned any cattle in 20 years there's at least one buyer's card in your pocket, probably listing the stuff your wife wanted you to bring back from the grocery store after the sale. Once at the store, upon inspecting a bag of oranges or potatoes you ask the manager if you can "take one out."

You subscribed to DISH TV just so you can watch cattle auctions. While driving in your truck instead of listening to music or talk radio you listen to tapes of World Champion Auctioneers you got from the LMA. You've actually named a child Ralph, Skinner, Stout or Bowie.

Your wife knows better than to make any doctor or dentist appointments for you on sale day. Instead of going to the eye doctor you check your own vision by trying to read the back tags on slaughter cows. The first inking you had that you were slowly going blind was when you bought a set of Corriente roping steers instead of replacement heifers. And you consigned the steers!

People have actually called the para-

edics or the coroner because you can sit for hours without blinking, winking, twitching, moving any extremity or showing any visible sign of life. Your alarm is set to wake you up to the market report and you can't take a nap unless you sit upright in a chair and hear the auctioneer's voice.

You go to an antique sale and are not buying or selling anything, or you sit through a six hour art auction and you don't even like art all that much. The only exotic locales you've ever taken your wife to for a vacation were Brush, Colorado, Cottonwood, California and Billings, Montana. And it just so happened that video sales were taking place there during your vacation. What a coincidence!

As a young single buck or a recent widower you view the monthly small animal sale as a target rich environment for finding a nurse or a purse. When you proposed to your last wife the final words of your proposal were, "Going once, twice..."

You go to every bull sale within a 300 mile radius of your home and you are a stocker operator. You've taken a "donut" to sit on at a sale, everyone knows not to sit in your dog's seat and you listed your lifetime collection of bull sale catalogs as an asset on your last loan application. And when you die you want them sold... at auction.

www.LeePittsbooks.com

New law: Cigarettes sold in Texas must be 'fire-safe'

AUSTIN — A new law that went into effect Jan. 1 mandates that only "fire-safe" cigarettes — marked as FSC for "fire standard compliant" — can be sold in Texas. Fire-safe cigarettes are designed to go out when they are not being actively smoked, reducing the risk of an accidental fire.

Lawmakers passed a bill in 2007 requiring that all cigarettes sold in Texas be fire-standard compliant by Jan. 1, 2010, and Gov. Rick Perry signed it into law.

Texas is one of 49 states where FSC mandates for cigarettes are in effect or pending. The Texas Department of Insurance is responsible for inspecting, certifying and enforcing the law.

Anyone manufacturing, distributing or selling cigarettes that aren't fire safe can be fined \$100 per pack. State Fire Marshal Paul Maldonado said FSC cigarettes will help prevent fires and save lives. More information about fire-safe cigarettes is available at the insurance department Website, www.tdi.state.tx.us.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

HUTCHISON BLASTS TXDOT
Shortly after filing to run for governor in the March 2 Republican primary, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison promised to "clean up" the Texas Department of Transportation. She said Texans are fed up with traffic congestion and blamed the "arrogance and inefficiencies" of TxDOT's leadership.

Hutchison said, if elected governor, she would push for a high-speed rail line connecting Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. In a campaign swing around the state, Hutchison also said the Texas Transportation Commission should be expanded from five to nine members.

KATZ FILES FOR LT. GOVERNOR
Austin restaurateur Marc Katz has filed to run for lieutenant governor in the March Democratic primary. Katz, owner of Katz's Deli and Bar in downtown Austin, will face former Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, who also filed to

run for lieutenant governor in the Democratic primary.

Katz said he would spend millions of dollars of his own money to win the primary race against Earle. The winner likely will face incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who filed to run for reelection in the Republican Party primary.

LICENSES FOR IMMIGRANTS OK
A Texas appeals court has ruled that the restriction on driver's licenses issued to immigrants is lawful. The 3rd Court of Appeals ruled against a Dallas landscaping company that has said the Texas Department of Public Safety does not have authority to establish requirements for immigrants seeking driver's licenses.

Under DPS rules, a driver's license cannot be issued to someone with a visa valid for less than a year or if there is less than six months remaining on the visa. If a visa is valid for more than a year, the driver's license says "Temporary Visitor." Those li-

censes are vertical, not horizontal like standard Texas licenses.

Although the plaintiffs argued that truck drivers can't enter certain areas with a temporary license, the court said the plaintiffs did not prove any negative effects caused by the temporary-visitor licenses.

VALLEY MED SCHOOL STEPS
The University of Texas System has taken the first steps toward creating a medical school in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

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Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any individual, firm or corporation will be corrected when called to the attention of the management by the next issue.

Input sought at community

Natural Resource Conservation Meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Crockett County Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a Local Work Group meeting to be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Crockett SWCD Office at 201 11th Street Suite D in Ozona.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive input from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs in Crockett County.

Input received will allow the Local Work Group to make recommendations on resource concerns to be ad-

ressed for county-based funding. These recommendations will be used in implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by NRCS.

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the USDA Service Center office in Ozona at (325) 392-2301.

Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Rehab Telethon Jan. 16

For the third consecutive January, members of Ozona Woman's League are starting the New Year by helping West Texas Rehabilitation Center raise funds to support its outpatient rehabilitation programs in Crockett County.

Currently, the group is seeking advance donations to WTRC's annual telethon slated for Jan. 16--and on the night of the show, they'll be staffing the Ozona phone bank from 6-9 p.m. at Crockett National Bank.

"Rehab makes a huge difference in the lives of Ozona-area residents, so we hope that everyone who is able to donate will do so through our phone bank," said Kayla Davidson, project chairman. "We especially hope that people who know they won't be home on telethon night, will

send in their gift now to Ozona Woman's League, P. O. Box 1552, Ozona, Texas 76943."

This year's 40th annual production--which is slated for 7 p.m. to midnight--features young country music star Jimmy Wayne, whose recently-released album "Sara Smile" caps what had been an extraordinary year for the young man.

Ten television stations across Texas--including KSA-TV in San Angelo and KWES-TV Midland/Odessa--will carry the telethon live from the Abilene Civic Center.

And, for the first time ever, the show will also be on the World Wide Web with a live video link at www.WestTexasRehab.org.

The annual auction of merchandise is also up and running at www.WestTexasRehab.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Wednesday, Jan. 6**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, Jan. 7**
- Census Job Testing, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the library.
 - OMS A Team Lady Lions at the Iraan Tournament.
 - OMS B Team Lady Lions at the Comstock Tournament.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friday, Jan. 8**
- OHS UIL Academic Meet at the high school campus.
 - OMS A Team Lady Lions at the Iraan Tournament.
 - OMS B Team Lady Lions at the Comstock Tournament.
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Saturday, Jan. 9**
- OMS A Team Lady Lions at the Iraan Tournament.
 - OMS B Team Lady Lions at the Comstock Tournament.
 - OMS A Team Lions at the Ozona Tournament.
 - Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Sunday, Jan. 10**
- Bingo, 3 p.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall.
- Monday, Jan. 11**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OMS Lions vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. at Sonora.
 - OMS Lady Lions vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. at the middle school gym.
 - Athletic Booster Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, Jan. 12**
- MedWay Home Health, 11 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. at Sonora.
 - Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Wednesday, Jan. 13**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Happy Birthday

- Jan. 6** - Ivana Hernandez, Keshia Dean, Victor DeLaGarza, Genesis Venegas, Trista Bush, Avalon Trujillo, Kristofer Torres and David Perez
- Jan. 7** - Rita DeLaRosa, Michael Savala, Virginia Lea, J.B. Pruitt and Johnny Tambunga Jr.
- Jan. 8** - Peggy Branyon, Tyson Vordick, Linda Talamantez, Jonathan Anderson, Penny Ramirez
- Jan. 9** - Janette Lozano and Barbaree Fierro
- Jan. 10** - Tiger Lewis, Zeke Gonzalez, Willie Payne Jr., Cipria

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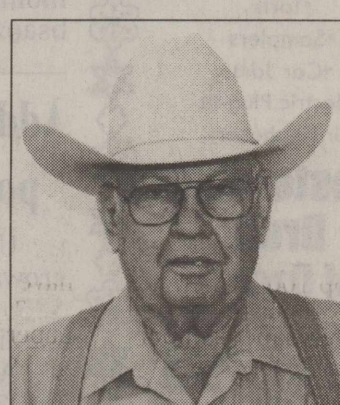
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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

New Year's Eve is gone and we are on the way to a great new year. It has begun with some really cold weather. The weather forecast says we will be in for more cold weather, so button up your overcoat.

It is with deep regret I write that one of Ozona's finest ladies passed away last week, Madeline Stokes. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

The Concho Valley Community Action will not be here at the Senior Center in January and they are not sure if they will be here in February. They are the organization that helps people who qualify with their utilities.

Bernice Cota has been in the hospital and should have come home Monday. We certainly hope that she is on the mend.

Perry Hubbard had surgery yesterday and so far he is doing satisfactory. Keep getting better Perry.

Also, Al Fields had surgery after a fall. He remains in the hospital at San Angelo with his wife Betty at his side.

Our former president of the Crockett County Senior Center Sandy Bebee has been ill since before Christmas. She has been at her daughter's for care and will be home soon. We sure do miss you Sandy.

Linda Sherek came into the Senior Center last week and brought several puzzles and also a number of bingo prizes. Thank you very much Linda. We appreciate the donation.

On Monday, our friend Jake Miller celebrated his 94th birthday. He had lunch here at the Senior Center and we sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

I would like to remind you that if you have extra calendars for 2010, please bring them to the Senior Center so

that we may have them to pass on to the elderly shut-ins.

Monday and Thursday 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 classes, 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 added to our equipment a projector with stand and a screen.

Also, for your enjoyment, we have a Wii game and five different stimulating 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.

OBITUARIES

Madeline Hughes Stokes

Madeline Hughes Stokes, 95 of Ozona passed away at the Crockett County Care Center on Dec. 31, 2009 after a lengthy illness. Madeline was a wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and a great friend. She taught 5th grade in the Ozona Public School for many years and is a remembered fondly by three generations of students. She loved visiting with family and friends and could tell a good story as well as anybody.



Madeline was born in Hereford on May 31, 1914 to James Andrew and Lula Newell Hughes. During grade school, her family moved to Lubbock where in high school she met and fell in love with her future husband W T (Dub) Stokes. She attended Texas Technological College, graduating with a teaching certificate in 1935. She later taught primary school in Meadow and Toyah. Madeline and Dub were married in Midland 1938. Dub and his father, Emmett Stokes owned and operated Stokes Drilling Company, a business that continues today in Ozona operated by Madeline's son, grandson and great grandson. Dub and Madeline moved several times in the 30s and 40s, following seismograph crews all over West Texas, finally settling in Ozona in 1947.

Madeline was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church. She joined the Ozona Methodist Church in 1947 and was a faithful member for sixty-two years. She was active in the Lillian Henderson Sunday School Class as a teacher and classmate. She also was a long time member of the Ozona Women's Forum, serving in many leadership positions.

Madeline was preceded in death by her husband Dub Stokes in 1983, her brother Newell Hughes, her sister Maurine Hughes McCullough, and her sister-in-law Erma Hamilton Stokes.

She is survived by her sons Tom Stokes and wife JoNel of Ozona and John (Sandy) Stokes and wife Vicki Stokes of Ozona.

na, five grandsons Ken Stokes and wife Gay of Ozona, John Tom Stokes and wife Codi of Lampasas, Texas, Andy Stokes and wife Rebecca of San Antonio, John Austin Stokes and fiancé Rebecca Reyes of San Angelo, and Wilson Stokes and fiancé Erin Enke of San Angelo, eight great grandchildren, Sol and Sierra Stokes of Ozona, Justin Maldonado and wife Cristi of Abilene, Kali and Greer Stokes of San Antonio, James Stokes Newberry, England, and Payton and Cheyenne Bayer of Lampasas. Madeline is also survived by nephews Jim Hughes and Mike Hughes of Midland, and niece Judy Hickman of San Antonio.

Madeline and Dub were born of the plains of Texas and New Mexico. They were tempered as young adults by the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. Together they learned to have faith in God, faithfulness in each other, the blessings of children, family and friends and the value of hard work. The impact they had on the community they loved will be felt for some time.

The family would like to thank the staff of the Crockett County Care Center for their loving care.

Services were held at the Ozona United Methodist Church on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010. Burial followed at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona.

"He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

HELPING HANDS NEWS

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- JAN. 7**
- Pork roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and dessert.
- JAN. 8**
- Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, tator tots and dessert.
- JAN. 9**
- Chicken Salad Sandwich, fruit and dessert.
- JAN. 11**
- Pork chop, sauerkraut, chuckwagon corn, roll and dessert.
- JAN. 12**
- Hamburger steak, french fries, green beans, roll and dessert.

Four graduate from Angelo State

Four from Ozona graduated from Angelo State University during the 2009 fall commencement exercises held Dec. 12.

They are: Tiffany A. Esparza, bachelor of science;

Benjamin J. Forehand, bachelor of arts; Laurissa K. Lozano, bachelor of science and Christie A. Pena, bachelor of science.

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Ozona Boy Scout reunion being planned

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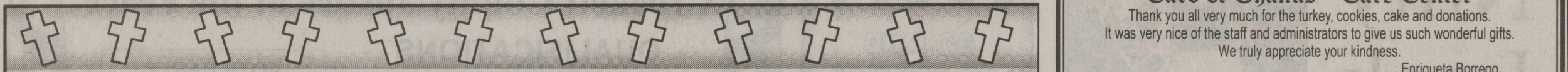
The current troop is planning a reunion for anyone who was in either troop from Ozona. This includes troop leaders.

Anyone who was in troops, or leader of the troops, or if anyone knows of someone who were in the troops, call Linda Conner at (325) 392-8125 with their current address, leave a message if no answer, or email this-momiscrazy2@verizon.net or bsaozona@verizon.net.

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THE LITTLE CHAIR

Last week a church brought me some little chairs and tables that they did not need anymore. I put one by my front door for my grandchildren to sit on while they were visiting. As I looked at that little empty chair, it saddened my heart because I realized there are so many little vacant chairs in our churches today. One reason is that mommy and daddy do not take their children to Sunday school or Church. That could lead to many of those little children never coming to know God personally and when they die they will not enter heaven, (Luke 13:3, Romans 10:14). What does the Bible say about children and God? First, Children are a special gift from God, (Psalm 127:3). Children will not learn about God on their own and parents are given the responsibility and privilege of teaching their children about God, (Deuteronomy 4:10, Ephesians 6:4). This starts first in the home and then continued at a local church, (Deuteronomy 6:7). The knowledge of God, The Bible, is to be handed down from one generation to the next, (Psalm 78:4&5). There is a promise in the Bible that if we will live the Christian life that it will go well for us and our children, (Deuteronomy 4:40). If we do our part maybe there will not be so many little empty chairs at the church.

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Felix Okeke Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>		<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>

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Oscar Rodriguez

Card of Thanks
To my family and friends of Ozona: I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the community for supporting me as I made my trip to Bradenton, Fla. The whole trip was a great experience and I am thankful that I had the chance to attend the camp and tournament and compete against guys from all over the nation. It was baseball literally from sun up to sun down and it was great. It was better than I thought it would be and I had an awesome time. So, I would just like to thank everybody who bought from my fund-raisers, or who donated a little something for the fund-raisers; and especially for making me proud to call Ozona home. So thanks again for being so supportive of me as I try to fulfill my dream of playing college baseball.
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Lions get first district win over Kermit

The Ozona Varsity Lions participated in the Iraan Alley Hoop Tournament during the Christmas Holiday.

Ozona dropped its first game to the Midland Lee JV Team by a score of 60-49.

Ozona led 21-12 at the end of the first quarter. The Lions were plagued by foul trouble and struggled the remaining three quarters in the Loss to Midland Lee.

Zane Hernandez led Ozona with 29 points in the loss.

In the consolation game of the tournament, Ozona faced Van Horn.

"Van Horn was a region finalist last year and had many returning starters from that team," said Coach Ted Rohan.

The Lions played probably their best offensive and defensive game in defeating Van Horn by a score of 54-32.

The Lions were led by Zane Hernandez with 22 points, Kyle Sewell's 15 and Jose Aguilar's 12 points.

Besides finishing in fifth place, Zane Hernandez was selected to the All Tournament Team.

On Saturday, the Lions opened District play with the Kermit Yellowjackets in Kermit.

Ozona led 33-19 at half and extended that lead to 58-30 after three quarters.

The Lions eventually went on to win by a score of 65-44.

The Lions were once again led by Zane Hernandez's 22 points. Jose Aguilar added 15

points and Kyle Sewell chipped in 14.

"I thought we prepared well in practice to adjust to Kermit's press. Kermit will press you whether they are up or down by twenty. Zeth Hernandez has been the catalyst in controlling tempo for our team and has done a great job all season. He stepped up and kept us under control," Rohan said.

Ozona is now 10-3 overall and 1-0 in District.

Lady Lions fall to Kermit

The Ozona Lady Lions competed in the Iraan Tournament over the Christmas break.

Ozona defeated Presidio 41-40 in the first game.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 13 8 13 - 41; Presidio - 9 10 9 12.

Scoring: Brandi Glosson 2; Raelynn Arredondo 4; Melanie Miller 5; Adrienne Sanchez 4; Stacie Quiroz 2; Vanessa Rodriguez 16; Jessica Elston 5; Alex Macias 2 and Kristen Mendoza 1. Also playing: Natalia Ortiz and Alex Cruz.

In the second game, the Lady Lions lost to Nueces Canyon 51-22.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 9 9 2 - 22; Nueces Canyon - 15 17 13 6 - 51.

Scoring: Ortiz 3; Glosson 7; Arredondo 1; Quiroz 6; Rodriguez 2 and Mendoza 3. Also playing: Miller, Sanchez, Elston, Cruz and Macias.

"What can you say? This was a tough game. We were without our only two true point guards, but the girls that played battled and played hard the entire game. I was really proud of their effort," said Coach John Jackson.

In the third game, the Lady Lions lost a close one to Crane, 39-36.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 12 8 9 - 36; Crane - 8 15 7 9 - 39.

Scoring: Ortiz 3; Quiroz 6; Rodriguez 17; Elston 4; Cruz 2 and Mendoza 4. Also playing: Glosson, Arredondo, Sanchez and Macias.

"This was a game versus a district opponent and it was a battle. The difference in the game was that we had a tough time shooting free throws," Jackson said.

The Lady Lions then battled Kermit on Saturday, losing 31-22.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 13 3 2 - 22; Kermit - 10 4 7 10 - 31.

Scoring: Arredondo 1; Miller 3; Sanchez 3; Rodriguez 2; Elston 7 and Mendoza 6. Also playing: Ortiz, Glosson, Quiroz, Cruz and Macias.

"This was our third district game and we were leading going into the half after a 13-point second quarter. I thought we had gotten over our slow start but we only scored five points the rest of the game. We have to be able to put the ball in the hole when have the opportunity, we have to score," Jackson said.

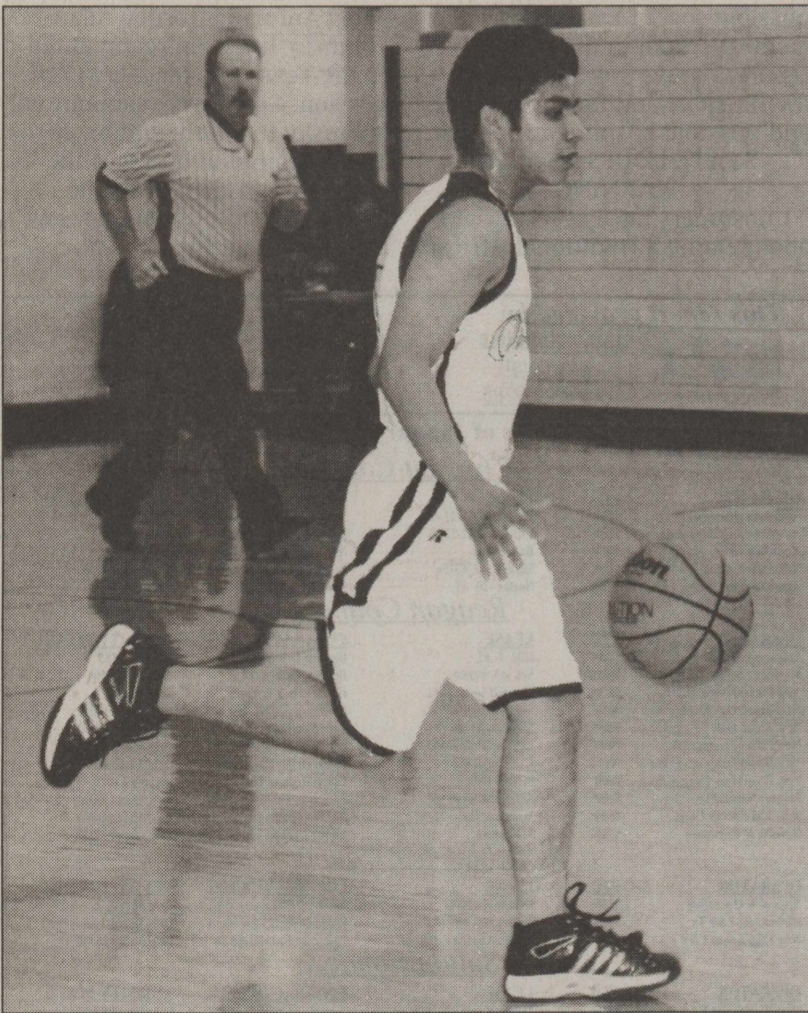
The Lady Lions are 10-7 overall and 1-2 in district.



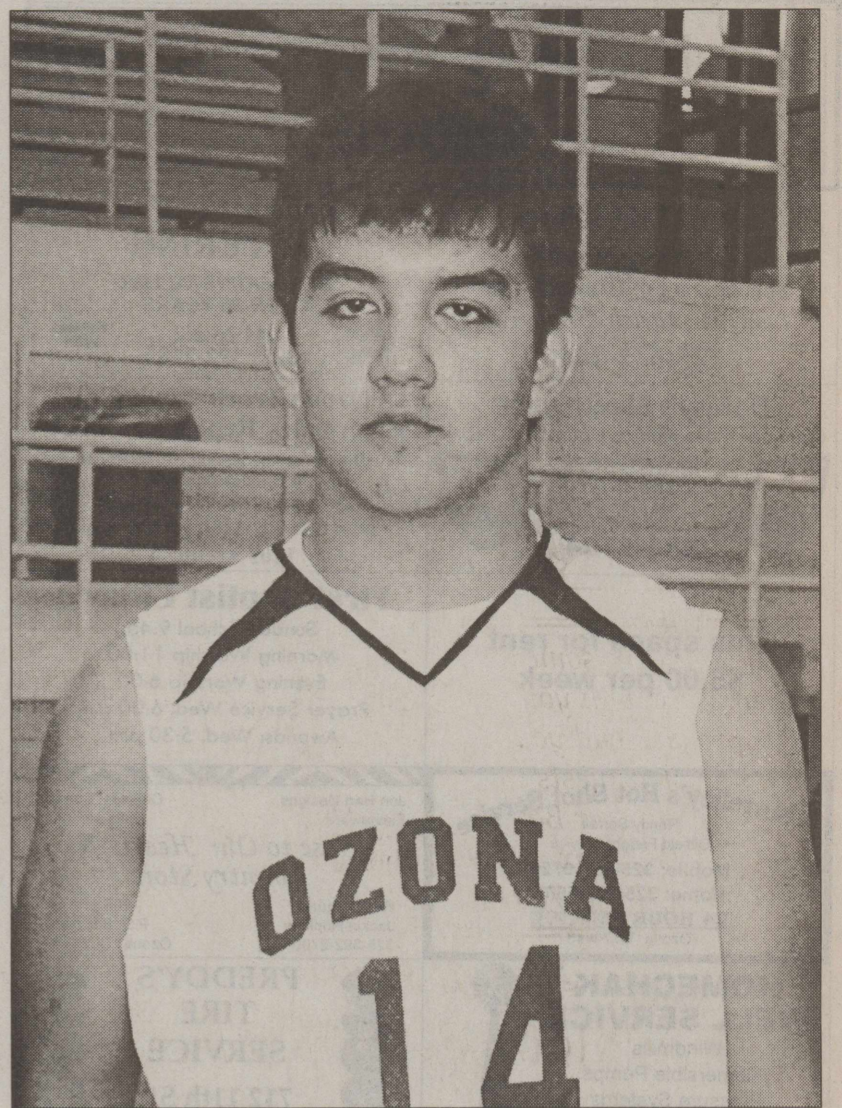
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ZANE HERNANDEZ was selected to the All Tournament Team in the Iraan Alley Hoop Tournament over the Christmas holidays.

JV Lady Lions hustle for victory over Kermit

The JV Lady Lions won their third district game, defeating Kermit 37-32 on Saturday.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 9 11 11 - 37; Kermit - 4 6 9 13 - 32.

Scoring: Natalie Hernandez 4; Maria Villarreal 5; Kodi Glosson 7; Brianna Cervantez 10; Alex Rodriguez 5 and Britni Mitchel 8. Also playing: Arleen Castillo, Kelsea Perez and Irene Vargas.

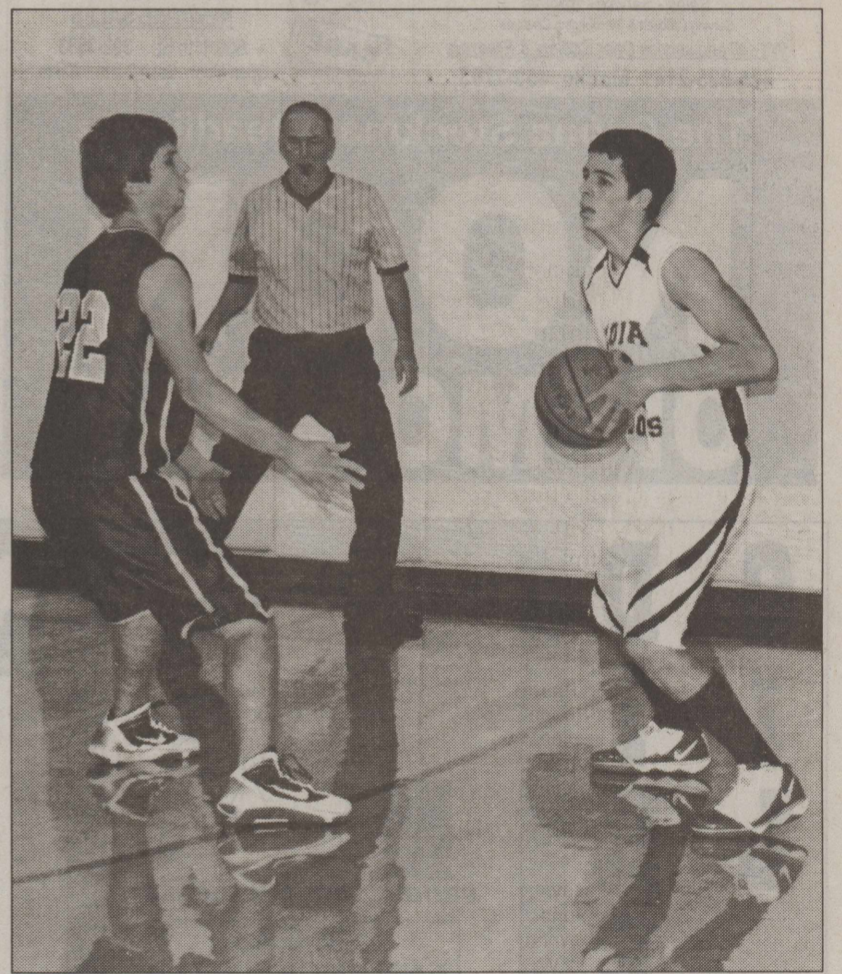
"I was incredibly proud of our hustle. We were quick up and down the floor and diving

after balls," said Coach Jordan Webster.

The JV Lady Lions are 11-2 overall and 3-0 in district.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Athletic Booster Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, at the Crockett County Civic Center.



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Youth Center Calendar of Events

- Jan. 6 - Teen Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
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MAP reviews are intended to make property appraisal practices more accurate and uniform across the state. School districts, cities, counties and other taxing jurisdictions set local property tax rates based on the appraisals performed by CADs.

The Comptroller does not set local property taxes. Tax rates are set by local elected officials to help fund local services and operations... The Comptroller's role is to assist appraisal districts to comply with the law and generally accepted appraisal practices, to train appraisal review board members and to help property owners understand how to protest their property values if they disagree with the CAD's appraisal.

HB 8 also changed the frequency of the Property Value Study (PVS) for school districts from yearly to every other year. The Comptroller uses the PVS to check the accuracy of local property values reported by school districts for school funding purposes.

Beginning next year, for school districts located in county appraisal districts that are undergoing a MAP review, local property values reported to the state by the school districts will automatically be used to determine school funding. For school districts located in counties that are not undergoing a MAP review, the PVS will determine whether local values or state-calculated values are used for school funding.

Following a MAP review, a CAD will receive a report containing the Comptroller's recommendations. The CAD will have one year to comply with the recommendations.

The Property Tax Assistance Division will assist CADs throughout the process, giving them the information, tools and resources they need to improve their operations... If a CAD fails to comply with the Comptroller's recommendations within one year, the CAD will be reported to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for enforcement.

More information on the MAP process is available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Web site at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/map/index.html.

We are committed to

helping county appraisal districts achieve market-value appraisals; follow legal requirements and generally accepted appraisal standards; and provide superior customer service that enables Texans to understand their property taxes, along with their rights and responsibilities as taxpaying home and business owners," Combs said.

Additional measures to strengthen the appraisal process include the passage of Propositions 2 and 3 by Texas voters in November. Proposition 2 will ensure that residential property is appraised only based on its use as a homestead (instead of being appraised based on a hypothetical alternate use). Proposition 3 will allow the Legislature to adopt uniform statewide appraisal standards in the future. Both of these measures will increase transparency and accountability in the appraisal process.

Other new laws that began with the new year include:

Cell Phones in School Zones - Texas cities will now enforce a state ban on handheld cell phones in active school zones, including talking and texting. That law went into effect in September, but not all cities have been enforcing it because posting signs costs money. Emergency calls are still allowed and so are hands-free devices.

Teen Tanning - No one under 16 and a half will be allowed to tan at a tanning facility in Texas, under a new bill passed by the legislature. Anyone from 16 and a half up to 18 will need parental permission to get an artificial tan.

Meningitis Vaccinations - New and transfer college students will have to provide proof that they have been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis at least 10 days prior to moving in on campus. If a student does not get vaccinated, they must provide a certificate from a doctor showing why the vaccination would hurt their health.

Cigarettes - Retailers will no longer be selling cigarettes that aren't "fire safe." A law passed in 2007 said cigarettes needed to be self-extinguishing. The fire safe cigarettes (FSC) are made with bands of porous paper that burns slower than regular cigarette paper, so when you stop puffing on them, they will extinguish themselves. Stores had until the end of the year to sell out of their old inventory.

Prenatal HIV Tests - Doctors are now required to test pregnant mothers for HIV, hepatitis B and syphilis on their first prenatal visit, and for HIV in the third trimester.

For more on the Texas laws, visit www.legis.state.tx.us.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

DECEMBER 28 Transfer - Patient Transported to San Angelo Community Hospital Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center DECEMBER 29 Local Call - No Transport DECEMBER 30 Local Call - Patient Transported to Family Health Clinic JANUARY 1 Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center

JANUARY 2 Local Call - No Transport JANUARY 3 Local Call - Patient Transported to Family Health Clinic Local Call - Patient Transported to Family Health Clinic Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

DECEMBER 29 4:01 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, 17 miles south on State Hwy 163, one vehicle rollover, traffic control. Five units, 12 firefighters. Time in service 55 minutes

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS Reyes Barron, New Mexico, driving while intoxicated/open container, misdemeanor, \$2,000. Valentin Mata, Ozona, theft of property less than \$15,000 and no more than \$20,000, felony, \$10,000. Jorge Aranda, Ozona, theft of property less than \$15,000 and no more than \$20,000, felony, \$10,000. Julius Ellis Tyson, Houston, possession of marijuana between four ounces and five pounds, felony, \$10,000.

Maria Lozano, Ozona, concealing motor fuel, misdemeanor, \$5,000. Juan Pablo Lozano, Ozona, concealing motor fuel, misdemeanor, \$5,000. Ryan Demont Akers, Houston, possession of marijuana between four ounces and five pounds, felony, \$10,000. Carlos Smith, California, violation of a protective order, \$5,000.

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

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State education officials said a medical school in South Texas is needed because of the area's high poverty rate and its lack of doctors and medical facilities.

In the 2009 legislative session, lawmakers passed a measure authorizing, but not requiring, the UT Board of Regents to establish a medical school in Cameron County. UT President William Powers Jr. said South Texas needs a medical school and a law school.

UT officials are looking at the possible cost of establishing a medical school in the Valley. A report is underway examining the financial and faculty needs and possible hospital affiliations.

STATE ISSUES HEALTH WARNING

Consumers have been warned about eating a traditional African

product called Nzu because of potential health risks. Nzu is sometimes eaten by pregnant women as a remedy for morning sickness.

The Texas Department of State Health Services said laboratory tests found high levels of lead and arsenic in Nzu sold at African specialty stores in the Dallas and Houston areas. Among other adverse health effects, exposure to lead can put a developing child at risk of brain and nervous system damage.

POLUNSKY REAPPOINTED

San Antonio attorney Allan Polunsky has been reappointed to the Texas Public Safety Commission. Gov. Perry reappointed Polunsky to a term ending 2015. The commission oversees the Texas Department of Public Safety, the state's main law enforcement agency.

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