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## Local woman sentenced to 10 years for stabbing

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

An Ozona woman has been sentenced to 10 years in prison, after stabbing her boyfriend.

Martha Jean Williams, 38, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in district court Tuesday. The charge is a second-degree felony, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years. Judge Brock Jones issued the sentence.

A jury trial had originally been set for the case, and jury summons had been mailed, before a plea hearing was decided.

Originally, Williams was

never a good thing. You leave St. The incident occurred



**MARTHA JEAN WILLIAMS** 

behind family, people who are heartbroken. Williams needs to know what she did wrong," said Assistant District Attorney Steve Smith.

On June 25, 2008, Wilcharged with first-degree liams stabbed her boyfriend Rafael Benson at a small "Death of an individual is travel trailer located on Blas

Ron Hawthorne tesing that several neighbors said. heard Williams and Benson arguing that night, and that Williams asked a neighbor to take her to her mother's

Hawthorne, who was Chief Deputy of the Crockett County Sheriff's Office at the time of the incident, said that one of the neighbors heard Benson say "you love him more than you love me" that night.

Hawthorne also said that other deputies told him Williams was supposedly seeing another man in San Angelo.

Benson was found on the kitchen floor with a stab wound in his stomach and wearing only his socks, Hawthorne said.

The weapon used was a fillet knife found on the tified at Tuesday's hear- kitchen counter, Hawthorne

> When Williams was taken to the county jail that night, she was extremely intoxicated and out of control, Hawthorne said.

Benson died at Shannon Medical Center in the ICU unit following surgery.

Crockett County EMS officials stated in a report that Benson was also intoxicat-

Both Benson and Williams each had criminal charges pending at the time of the incident.

Benson had been charged with a felony narcotics charge and had a warrant for his arrest in Chicago. Williams had two assault charges pending.

### Gutierrez named to All-State Band

OHS Band Student Julie Gutierrez has been named to the Association of Texas Small School Bands 2010 All-State Band.

Julie is one of only 240 students across the state selected for this honor.

She was top chair in her All-Region Band audition, which advanced her to the state audition.

The ATSSB All-State Bands will meet in rehearsals in San Antonio Feb. 10-13 and will present a concert at 2 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Texas Ballroom downtown San Antonio.

is under the direction of OHS Band Director Gretchen Bloe-

perform with the ATSSB All- of Ozona.



State Band.

Julie also competes in UIL of the Grand Hyatt Hotel in spelling, mathematics and one-act play. She is a member Julie plays the clarinet and of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Julie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gonzalez and This is Julie's first time to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Gutierrez

### Williams announces for County Judge

Larry R. Williams announced his intention this week to see election as Crockett County Judge.

"I want to serve the residents of Crockett County and develop a strong county government by having an open door policy to the people.

Williams is familiar with the county and district court systems and their responsibilities. He was a bail bondsman for these courts for seven years.

Williams has learned how to work with people in different settings, how to lead and how to advise. He has worked with the youth of the community in the 4-H program as a coach of plant identification and range judging teams. While a 4-H leader, he held offices at the county and district levels of the adult leaders association. Williams served as a board member of the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District for 15 years. He served as vice chairman, chairman and delegate to state and national conventions for this organization. He has been a member of the Committee of 100 who are advisors to the state chairman allowing an active role in the political action committee. Williams has served as secretary, vice chairman and chairman of the Area Association of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Williams is an active member of the Concho Valley Resource, Conservation and Development Organization. He currently serves as secretary. Williams served as a member of the Emerald Underground Water District which he helped establish by serving on its



steering committee.

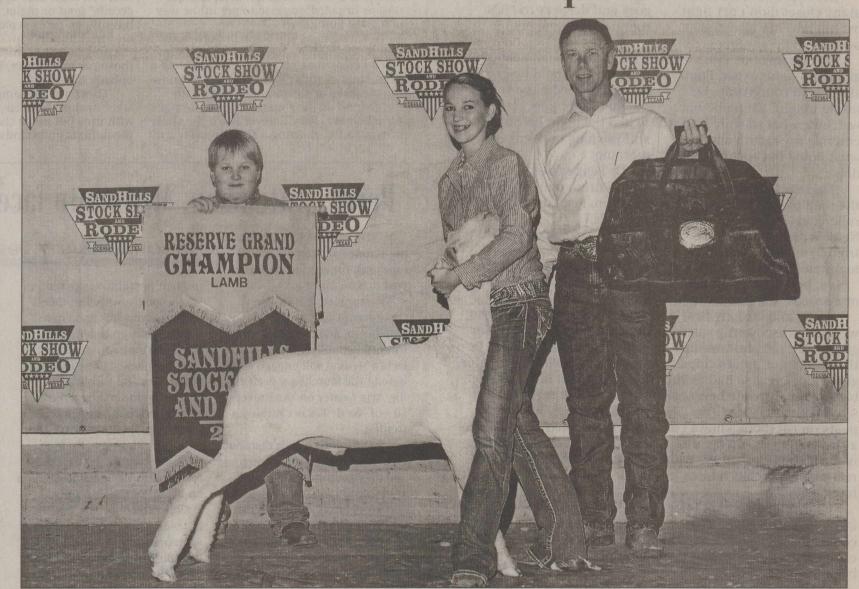
Williams is a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is a lifetime member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has served as Quartermaster for many years but is currently serving as Commander of the Robert Worth Post 3216 Big Lake, Texas.

Williams wife of 39 years, Elaine, teaches school for Reagan County ISD. The couple have two sons, John and Tom Ben, two lovely daughtersin-law and one exceptional

"As Crockett County Judge, I will listen to opinions, suggestions and needs of the people of this county. It will be my job to bring these matters before the county commissioners for consideration," stated Williams. "I will conduct commissioners' court in an open and orderly fashion. I will carry out all duties of a county judge to the best of my abilities.'

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# Renfroe wins Reserve Champion at Odessa



KELBIE RENFROE won Reserve Grand Champion Lamb at the Odessa Sandhills Stockshow and Rodeo this past weekend. Kelbie also placed 16th in the lamb show as well. Lane Hale was fifth and Wes McGuire placed 13th. Also competing in the Lamb Show was: Brenna Hale and Trace Justiss. In the goat show, Alex Hopper placed fifth, Coulter McWilliams sixth and Cuatro Jones had two goats place in the top 15. Timothy Maldonado also exhibited in the goat show.

# West Texas Rehab to host 40th annual Telethon Saturday

January, members of Ozona they'll be staffing the Ozona Woman's League are starting phone bank from 6-9 p.m. at the New Year by helping West Crockett National Bank. Texas Rehabilitation Center "Rehab makes a huge difraise funds to support its ference in the lives of Ozonaoutpatient rehabilitation pro- area residents, so we hope grams in Crockett County.

For the third consecutive and on the night of the show,

that everyone who is able to Currently, the group is donate will do so through seeking advance donations our phone bank," said Kayla to WTRC's annual telethon Davidson, project chairman. slated for Saturday, Jan. 16- "We especially hope that peo-



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ple who know they won't be na Woman's League, P. O. Box home on telethon night, will 1552, Ozona, TX 76943," she send in their gift now to Ozo- added.

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. His song "Do You Believe Me Now," soared to the top of the country charts, becoming one of the biggest

This year's 40th annual hits of 2008-2009.

Also stepping into the telethon spotlight will be Texas legend Red Steagall and Rehab regulars Brad Maule, Bill and Susan Hayes and Anacani. Charlie Chase, host of Tennessee Mornings on Fox in Nashville, will return for the 10th year as host for the show.

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# Poll: quality of health care in jeopardy Federal Elected Officials

Dear Editor,

The new idea of universal health care that Speaker Pelosi and Congressman Rodriguez seek to impose by secret backroom deals and late night votes, was first introduced in the U.S. Congress about 100 years

According to a Rasmussen poll of voting proles released Dec. 29, 58 percent of voters are now opLETTERS TO THE EDITOR

posed to the Reid-Pelosi-Rodriguez plan.

The same poll shows that by a 54 percent to 24 percent margin, voting proles now recognize that passage of the plan will make the quality of health care worse than it is today.

Further, 79 percent believe the plan will increase deficits, and 90 percent

think it is likely to lead to higher taxes for the middle class.

You've just got to love this Congress. They want this plan because health care costs too much today and too few people have access to care.

So in response, if the voters polled are right, the Redi-Pelosi-Obama plan

will increase the cost of healthcare by increasing the deficit and raising tax-

Further, if the proles who responded to this poll are right the plan will also make the quality of care

And Congress calls such a backward plan progress. What a great country!

Mike Thompson Jr.

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# A two-a-day Dr Pepper habit

ne bite in, chew and swallow. That was 20 calories. Another bite in adds up another 20 calories, and then a drink of Dr Pepper, that's 30 calories.

In my first week of 2010, this is what I concentrated on, counting my calories on another weight loss goal.

Determination is at hand. I'm going to lose some weight and then, hopefully, keep it

Let's face it; those jeans in my closet didn't get tight overnight. They also don't need to go up another size.

ginning of a new year, I'm starting to concentrate on losing weight. Eating better, watching what the bite is that entering my mouth and also what liquid beverages I gulp

This isn't my first step in the road to weight loss. I've rollercoaster my whole life. Name a diet plan and I've tried it, dabbled in it or attempted it.

So, here I am again taking more steps to a thinner me. In the midst of my first

week of rediscovering salads, grilled chicken and counting the number of potato chips I get to eat, I've also had to cut back on my favorite beverage.

Anyone that reads my posts on Facebook knows I'm a Dr Pepper fan. My favorite is the Dublin Dr Peppers with real sugar, which is a rare

I'm so fanatical that I was up to five cans a day. That equals to 750 calories. I could eat a hamburger for what I've been drinking in Dr Pepper.

I'm not giving up Dr Pepper altogether, but limiting myself to two-a-day.

Not being a coffee drinker, I have to drink one in the morning to wake up. The other usually comes around 3 p.m. when I need a bit of caffeine to get me through the rest of the day.

However, I've discovered I may have to splurge on



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

For those of you that may not know, Wednesdays are early days in my life. Up at 5:30

Wednesdays.

a.m. (before the sun awakes) I head down to the Stockman office as my husband, who's been up since 5 a.m.,

goes and delivers the first round of newspapers. At that ungodly hour, caf-

Like many of us at the be- feine is more than needed to drink; it should be given through a needle to my veins.

No matter how early I go to bed the night before, I'm still yawning on Wednesday morning.

Dr Pepper's old slogan was to drink one at 10-2-4. At 5:30 a.m. I call it "nectar of the gods."

New Year's resolutions are fun to make, but hard to keep especially when it comes to my favorite soft

I can live with having to substitute fried chicken for grilled, salad for mashed potatoes and low-fat yogurt for ice cream, but drinking Diet Dr Pepper for my regular, I just can't do it.

Oh, I've had a Diet DP before. I use to drink them regularly. However, no matter what their ads state, it's just not as good as the real thing.

For those of you that can tolerate unleaded DP, I commend you. However, I will continue to have my regular DP, with the exception of trying to narrow it down to two DPs a day.

Well, as I take another bite, which is another 20 calories or so, I take another drink of DP and learn to savor the taste because I won't get another one until tomorrow morning.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Time for her second Dr Pepper.

# Naturally Stupid

According to the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Americans have gone indoors and locked the door behind them. In the past 20 years outdoor activities by Americans have declined by 20 percent. With about 80 percent of kids living in urban areas and the rise of what is called "Videophilia" (an obsession with the internet and video games) kid's knowledge of nature is almost nil. If they can't shoot it on their video games or see pictures of it on their I-Pods the natural world doesn't exist for them. It's gotten so bad that doctors have even coined a phrase for the "ailment": Nature Deficiency Disorder. We're told that NDD has reached epidemic proportions.

At a holiday gathering recently I observed men and young boys play golf all day on a game console called a Wii. Have you seen these? The players gripped what looked like a television remote control just as they would a golf club, took a swing and looked up at the television to see where their ball landed on a make-believe golf course. No green fees, mosquitoes or dreaded exercise to get in the way of a good golf game! Hunting 4s on the wane because kids

would rather shoot bad guys or aliens in video games than to get up early to stalk a deer. Most of today's kids will never know the pleasure of sleeping outdoors with the ground as their mattress and the stars for a blanket. They'll never learn the skills of tying a fly, cleaning a fish, dressing a



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

Urbanites fear of nature hit close to home recently when a house

ing their own dinner.

deer, catching or shoot-

near ours sold. The people who bought it moved out of the house after living in it for less than a month and we couldn't understand why. It turns out that the wife came face to face with a rattlesnake in the backyard, so they sold the house they'd only owned for a month, took a big financial hit and

moved somewhere without rattlesnakes. America has become so urbanized folks are afraid of all animals. If an alligator gets loose in Florida residents in New York City lock their doors. They refuse to go for walks where "man-killing" cows may be present and at petting zoos they won't let their kids approach the "dangerous" goat or piglet. In the southwest recently on three separate occasions coyotes tried to carry away little children and the only outcry seemed to be, "What did those parents expect, letting their kids go outside like that.

These are the same folks who put steer manure on their lawns and fertilize with urea but insist that cows be kept off the nations grasslands for all the harm

they do. They criticize the farmer for using water to grow food when they think it should be put to better use. Like filling their backyard swimming pools. They demand that the few loggers that are left not cut any more of THEIR trees or thin any more of THEIR forests and then they howl and scream when the insurance companies aren't fast enough in rebuilding THEIR neighborhoods after a devastating forest fire.

They want those of us who spend time outdoors to be watched at all times. Some commercial fishermen in California are already being made to have GPS devices aboard their boats to tell the government where they are at all times. It probably won't be too long before the rest of us will have to have cameras positioned to capture our every move so that some bureaucrat can watch us on a video monitor.

It's sad really, as America locks itself indoors fewer people will know the joy of a Sierra lake, a Rocky Mountain high or an enchanting New Mexican sunset. Nature Deficiency Disorder is unhealthy for urbanites and downright sickening for anybody who makes their living outdoors. For although the city-slickers have no firsthand knowledge of nature, they're going to insist on telling those of us who do how to manage it. The poor saps don't understand that you don't "manage" nature... you merely learn to live with it.

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### Perry, Hutchison, Medina to face Texas in live debate this week

AUSTIN - Three Republican gubernatorial candidates will face each other in a live broadcast debate Jan. 14.

Two-term Gov. Rick Perry, three-term U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, and former Wharton County Republican Party chair Debra Medina will engage in debate at the Murchison Performing Arts Center on the University of North Texas campus in Denton.

The broadcast will be distributed at no charge to all commercial and public radio and television stations statewide as a public service, courtesy of the Texas Association of Broadcasters.

AG'S RULING CLEARS WAY TO PARDON Attorney General Greg Ab-

bott on Jan. 7 ruled that the Texas Constitution authorizes the governor to grant a posthumous pardon, and allows the state Board of Pardons and Paroles to recommend that the governor grant a posthumous pardon.

On the day of the ruling Gov. Perry issued the following statement: "I'm pleased to learn that the attorney general's ruling has opened the door to the ability

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to grant posthumous pardons. I have spoken with Tim Cole's mother about this good news, which finally gives his family the opportunity to officially clear his name. I hope the Board of Pardons and Paroles will act swiftly in sending a recommendation to my desk so that justice can finally be served."

In July, State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, asked Abbott for the attorney general opinion on behalf of Cole's family.

Cole died in prison on Dec. 2, 1999, while serving a 25-year sentence for a rape he did not commit. DNA evidence proved Cole's innocence. He was exonerated by a Texas court posthumously on Feb. 6, 2009.

Gov. Perry did not pardon the deceased man earlier, because, he said, he was prevented by the state constitution and a prior attorney general ruling.

**HOLOCAUST AGENCY APPOINTEES NAMED** 

Texas House Speaker Joe Straus on Jan. 6 announced appointees to the newly formed Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission.

"I am proud of the support in the House for the creation of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission," Straus said in a news release. "The Commission will honor the memory of those lost as well as help guide organizations and educators as they teach the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides to the next generation."

Created by an act of the Texas Legislature, the commission will assist public and private organizations and elementary, secondary and post-secondary schools, in planning, coordinating and implementing Holocaust and genocide study courses and awareness programs.

In his announcement, Straus, R-San Antonio, said volunteers including Holocaust survivors or survivors of other genocides, liberators of concentration camps, scholars and members of the clergy will encourage educators to engage students in unique ways including hearing

first-hand accounts. Appointees include State Rep. Ellen Cohen, D-Houston; Dr. Ian Hancock of Buda, an expert on Romani and genocide issues; Dr. Frank Kasman of Midland, a researcher and lecturer on the Holocaust destruction of Radin; Suzanne Ransleben of Corpus Christi, a teacher and creator of curriculum about the Holocaust; Stanley Rosenberg of San Antonio, a member of the San Antonio Holocaust Museum; PLEASE SEE STATE, PAGE 8



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### Galvan graduates with honors | Benson-Pagan marry in Las Vegas from Texas A&M



Jason Elliott Galvan, son John and Joyce Galvan, graduated Cum Laude from

Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science in chemical engineering.

Jason is a member of Omega Chi Epsilon Chemical Engineering Honor Fraternity Phi Eta Sigma Honor Fraternity and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Graduation ceremonies were held at Reed Arena on

The following friends and family members were in attendance in honor of Jason's graduation: Carmen, Charlie, Ashlee and Carlie Ramos, Hilda Galvan, Coy and Edna Tambunga, Ryan and Thomas Ramos, Lupe and Ruth Cervantez, Raedene and Mario Mendoza and Johnny and Lukie Ramirez.

### 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. Tuesday, Jan. 19, at the Crockett SWCD Of- grams must continue to be lofice 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

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Savala (325) 226-5562 or Tim

Bishop with Alumni Football

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Some of the players to watch include: Steven Silva,

RB, 5-10, 210 pounds, class of 2009; Felix Venegas, WR,

6-3, 170, also class of 2009

and Albert Talamantez Jr., Tackle, honored as All West

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will be available at the gate. Players can sign up on-

players get to put on the pads

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Lake alumni.

Jan. 22; in Big Lake.

resource concerns to be addressed 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 procally led. Through stake holder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meet ings 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.

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· Albert Talamantez Jr., 1991

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Ozona Alumni football game Jan. 22

Pam Benson and Steve Pagan, both of Ozona, were married on Nov. 20, 2009 at the Little Church of the West Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Tim Rowland. Pam is the daughter of George and Joy Marshall of Vancouver, Wash. Steve is the son of the late Bill and Evelyn Pagan of Ozona. Their wedding date is significant because that is the date they met 10 years ago.

Jill Benson, daughter of the bride, of Bowie, Texas served as Pam's Maid of Honor. Jimmy McCary, longtime friend of the groom, from Ozona, served as Steve's Best Man. Her father es-

corted Pam down the aisle.

In honor of their football interests and NFL loyalties, the couple's wedding had a sports theme. Steve and Jimmy both wore Dallas Cowboys shirts and Pam's father wore a Seattle Seahawks shirt. Pam made her dress out of embroidered novelty suede in a Seattle Seahawks blue color. She also made Jill's dress out of cotton chambray in a Seahawks green color. Pam wore two garters; one she made and one that Jill had made for her. Both were made in Seahawks' colors with pennies from the years she and Steve were born and a dime from 1999 signifying the year they met. Pam also added a silver star to honor Steve's Dallas Cowboys team. Flowers for the wedding were white daisies and yellow roses to commemorate the "Yellow Rose of Texas." Pam's something borrowed were necklaces from her two granddaughters, Keyarah and Madelynn. Many of the wedding guests wore shirts or colors honoring their favorite teams.

Mandy Fierro caught the bridal bouquet. Steve threw the garter Pam had made, choosing to keep the one made by Jill as a gift to her mother. Thor Carlson caught that garter.

Steve is an Operations Foreman for Pioneer Natural Resources. On March 1, 2010 he will have been with the compamy for 29 years. He is also a licensed Paramedic for the State of Texas. Steve was born in Big Spring while his family lived in Midkiff. When Steve was three-years-old his family moved to Ozona due to a transfer with his father's job with American Petrofina. He graduated from Ozona High School. Steve worked for various companies in Ozona before going to work for Indian Wells Oil Co., which eventually became Pioneer Natural Resources. Aside from living in Aurora, Colo. and San Angelo for work, he has lived in Ozona.

Pam is a secretary for EOG Resources and also works for the Ozona County Club. She was born in Klamath Falls, Ore. and attended schools in several different towns in that state because of her dad's job as an Oregon State Policeman. In the summer before her sophomore year in high school, her dad accepted a law enforcement position with the National Marine Fisheries Service and the family moved to Kodiak Island in Alaska. She graduated from Kodiak High School and then graduated from Western Business University in Portland, Ore. She eventually moved to Seattle, Wash. where she was living when she and Steve met in a football chat room on the Internet. Pam has four children: Thor, Kirk, Luke and Jill and five grandchildren: Madelynn, Austen, Griffen, Keyarah and Kellan.

In addition, the couple announces the Ozona High School varsity sports games for Revolution Radio/94.3 KYXX. Steve is the "Voice of the Lions" and Pam is his loyal sidekick or "lowly stat girl" as she sometimes refers to herself.

Several family members and friends flew or drove to Las Vegas to attend the wedding and celebrate with the couple. Aside from Jimmy McCary, Jill Benson and Pam's parents, the following Texas friends and relatives were there: Brenda Mc-Cary, Mike and Ninfa Preddy, Ray and Sheri Hill, Ricky and Darolyn Webster, Bubs Huffman, all from Ozona; Jody and Debbie Garber, Big Lake; Mandy Fierro, Lubbock; Chuck and Nicole Preddy, Odessa; Charlie and Heather Branch, Aledo; Kit Howard, Bowie and Jacinda Marley, Round Rock.

Other friends and family members from Washington included: Thor Carlson (son of the bride) and Amy Girvan, both of Woodinville; Kirk Carlson (son of the bride), Lynnwood; Luke Benson (son of the bride), Marysville; Heide Savidge and Mike Top, both of Everett; Robin Goings, Mill Creek and Shelly

Austin, Lake Stevens.

### REHAB: from page 1

across Texas-including KSAN-TV in categories, the auction is expected 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.

Suddenlink Communications continues its longtime support of Rehab by assuming the important role as Rehab 2010's official sponsor. Additional financial support is being provided by Area-Wide Phone Books.

Though the annual telethon is still several days away, its auction

of merchandise is up and running at www.WestTexasRehab.org.

With more than 400 items in 20 to contribute significantly to total revenues raised by Rehab 2010.

Valued at approximately \$450,000, the auction list includes a truck, a boat, a variety of agriculture-related items, electronic devices, home furnishings, quilts and afghans, artwork, to name just a few.

'The success of the telethon--including the auction--is so critical to Rehab's ability to provide outpatient rehabilitation services to more than 25,000 children and adults regardless of their financial status," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland.

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### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Wednesday, Jan. 13

 Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. CCCSD Board of Trustees training meeting, 6 p.m. at the Administration Office.

Thursday, Jan. 14

OMS Lions and Lady Lions at the District Tournament in Crane.

Census Job Testing, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the library.

· Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. CCCSD Board of Trustees special meeting, 6 p.m. at the Administration Office.

 Girl Scouts meeting, 6 p.m. at the Visitor Center Conference Room. · Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

### Friday, Jan. 15

• OMS Lions and Lady Lions at the District Tournament in Crane.

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

· Lions Club meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the Hitchin' Post. JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Presidio, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

#### Saturday, Jan. 16

• OMS Lions and Lady Lions at the District Tournament in Crane. Ozona Softball 'Fastpitch' Camp, 1-4 p.m. at the OHS Softball Field.

West Texas Rehab Telethon, local phone bank 6-9 p.m. at Crockett National Bank.

#### Monday, Jan. 18

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- · Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lady Lions vs. Alpine, 5 p.m. at Alpine.
- OMS Lions vs. Alpine, 5 p.m. at the middle school gym.
- · Levis and Lace Square Dance Lessons, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

### Tuesday, Jan. 19

 Local Work Group meeting, 2 p.m. at the Crockett SWCD Office, 201 11th St. Suite D. • JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym

### Wednesday, Jan. 20

• Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. • CCCCSD Board of Trustees regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Office.

### Happy Birthday

Jan. 14 - Michael Molina Jr., Brenda Ortiz, Laurie English, Carmen Sutton, Sharon Williams, Ray

mond Adcock and Martha Rocha Jan. 15 - Esther Williams, Jessica Knaack, Justin Ray Yeager and Diana Rodriguez

Jan. 16 - Jane Chandler, Miranda Villarreal, Richard Jack son and Vivian Medina

Jan. 17 - O'Rion Bilano, Maria

Camarillo, Amenda Poindexter, Irma Fernandez, Leticia Payne, Irmalena Ortiz, Isabel Aguilar, Michelle Camarillo, Mark Hernandez and Gary Vannoy

Jan. 18 - Katy Jones, Chuck Morris, Ofilia Harris, Lane White, Mariah Cordova and Devin Ad-

Jan. 19 - Betty Bullard, Jose Lozano, Allie Black and Socorro



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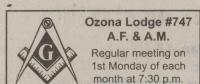
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# Senior Bingo Social Thursday



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SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

are continuing to have cold weather and there is rain predicted for the last of this

BY LYNN ENGLISH

I am very sorry that I overlooked the passing of another Ruth Hester passed away after a long illness.

Our condolences go out on to the elderly shut-ins. to her family and friends.

January and they are not sure past time game. if they will be here in February. They are the organization ful about coming and always will remain flexible as to age.

that helps people who qualify have a fun afternoon. with their utilities.

On Thursday, Jan. 14, we Is this West Texas? We will have our Senior Bingo Social at 6:30 p.m. here at the Senior Center.

We will serve Frito pie, dessert, tea, coffee or water. Please bring a prize.

I would like to remind you of Ozona's long time resi- that if you have extra calendents in last week's column. dars for 2010, please bring them to the Senior Center so that we may have them to pass

The Concho Valley Com- 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge different stimulating games. munity Action will not be players come to the Senior We are anxious for these here at the Senior Center in Center to play their favorite games to be used.

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, Monday and Thursday at we have a Wii game and five

Our activities are for those These ladies are faith- 50 years young and older. We

**JAN 16** 

**JAN 18** 

gravy, mashed potatoes, veg-

· Soup, crackers, fruit and

·Salisbury steak with

### **OBITUARIES**

### Michael Cervantez Lara

Michael Cervantez Lara, 43, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010.

Funeral service was Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010 in Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Michael was born Nov. 10, 1966 in Ozona. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine Lara of Ozona; his parents, Joe and Ofelia Lara of Ozona; daughter, Brianna Lara; son, Christopher Lara; sister, Vickie De La Garza and husband Jesse of Ozona; brothers, Joe Alex Lara and wife Sylvia, Ray Lara and wife Maria and Kevin Lara all of Ozona. Nieces and nephews include, J.T. Lara, Sarah De La Garza.



Stephen Lara, Alexa Lara and

### James W. Maness

James W. Maness, 84, died Jan. 4, 2010 in Casper, Wyo. after a brief illness.

James, the oldest of eight children, was born in Carbon, Tex-

as in 1925 to Willie and Allen Maness. James married Barbara Earnest on Oct. 24, 1955 and moved

to Farmington New Mexico where he lived for 54 years. He worked all his life in the oil field where he owned and operated one of the few cable tool rigs in the Southwest area.

He is preceded in death by his parents and four siblings. He is survived by his wife Barbara of Casper, daughters Mary Maness Moloney of Qualicum Beach, British Columbia, Canada and Lori Maness of Casper, Wyo., sisters Pauline Bently of Ozona, Betty Boatman of Many, La. and brother Weldon Maness of Ozona.

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### Ozona Boy Scout reunion being planned

In February 2010, the Boy Scout program will be 100 years old.

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 thismomiscrazy2@verizon.net or bsaozona@verizon.net.

### **Senior Parent meeting** Jan. 25

There will be a Senior Parent meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at the Crockett County Public Library.

The meeting will be to discuss the Senior Dance and other items.

### **HELPING HANDS NEWS**

MEALS ON WHEELS MENU JAN. 13

· Ranch chicken, baked dessert. beans, capri vegetables, roll and dessert.

**JAN 14** 

·Turkey with mushrooms, confetti rice, spinach au gratin, roll and dessert. **JAN 15** 

slaw and dessert.

etable medley, roll and des-

Sliced baked ham, scal-·Fish, French fries, cole- loped potatoes, frozen vegetables, roll and dessert.

### Cookie time: Girl Scouts meeting Thursday, sales to start Jan. 30

meet at the Visitor Center Conference room on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 6 p.m.

Items to be discussed include upcoming cookie cookies at the Dollar Store

Ozona Girl Scouts will tend, call (325) 226-8093 to get information discussed.

Also, Girl Scout cookies go on sale Jan. 30.

Girl Scouts will be selling and maybe the Village Shop-Anyone who can not at- ping Center as well that day.

### **LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS**

BY TINA JARVIS LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCER

Saturday night club members Carol Adcock, Nell Wester, Lucy Hinde, Jim and JoAnn Couch, Sandy and Dale Bebee, Frank and Debra Fred, Raul De La Rosa and Tina Jarvis danced to caller Doc Casey from San Angelo.

Doc always has peppy, upbeat songs that keep our toes tapping and the wind in our

faces of Partham Rep. Ciro D. kodriguez.

Aleta and John Dwyer and Renee Padier joined us from the Promenade Square club in San Angelo and our guest tonight was Yetta Masters from Barnhart.

Lessons will start on Monday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center in the room in the back. Anyone interested to call

Carol Adcock at 392-2912 for more information. Keep it square and happy

dancing! of Trustees will host a train-

On Monday, April 22, 1889, at noon and to the sound of a Calvary bugle, thousands upon thousands charged off to claim their piece of the Oklahoma Territory. They gathered on the starting line or on the state lines of Texas or Arkansas. They could claim up to 160 acres of land. They traveled either by horseback, wagon, oxcart or on foot. A special train came in from the north arriving at one p.m. and brought untold numbers. The train was so crowded that there was not enough room inside so people were clinging to the sides and hanging out the windows and even on the roof. When it stopped people fell all over the place and some even had to crawl out the windows. There was so much excitement because everyone had hopes of obtaining a piece of the promised land. It was theirs free, all they had to do was claim it and live on it. That event reminds me of something in the Bible. It talks a lot about a place that God would give us and it would be free. It would be there forever and forever, (2 Samuel 7:13 & 16, Revelation 11:15). It would never be destroyed or moved, (Hebrews 12:28). We are told to seek it first, above anything else, (Matthew 6:33). We receive it by repenting and trusting in Christ, (Matthew 3:2, 16:28, John 3:3).

Brother J

#### See you in Church next Sunday. 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. **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. 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.

**Calvary Baptist Church** 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.

**New Beginnings Church** 701 9th Street **Pastor Carlos Cantu** 

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.

### **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.

Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St

**Pastor Tom Baden** Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

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 Attend the Church of your choice

### **Ozona United Methodist Church**

12 - 11th St. **Pastor Ron Shott** Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**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 **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. **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. 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.

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### Nutrition/Food Pantry program Jan. 22

The Nutrition/Food Pantry pes will be given. program will be held Friday, Jan. 22, beginning at 9:30 a.m. terested persons. However, in in the Ozona United Methodist order to receive a food box,

Church Fellowship Hall. This class focuses on nuyour food money wisely. Reci- 3060.

The class is open to all inyou must pre-register.

For more information, call tritious foods and spending E.A. Wadsworth, R.N. at 392-

### Public invited to Texas Pecos Trail Regional Board Meeting Jan. 21

as Pecos Trail Region Board ervation. of Directors meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 21 at the Rattlesnake Bomber Base Museum in Pyote at 10th and Ward Street. The public is welcome to attend.

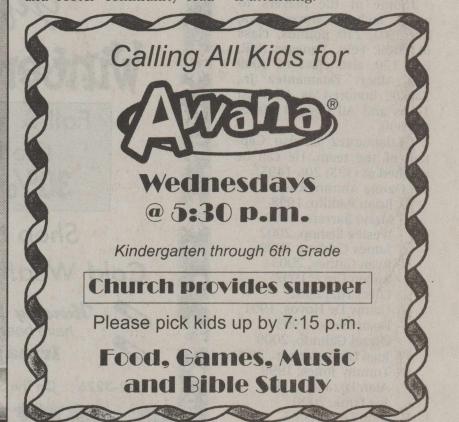
noon. Cost is \$10 per plate.

Program is the Texas Historical Commission's awardwinning tourism initiative revitalize local economies and foster community lead-

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The Texas Pecos Trail Region encompasses 22 West Texas counties in the Trans-Pecos area: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Kimble, Glasscock, Lunch will be served at ney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, The Texas Heritage Trails Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward

and Winkler. RSVP to Scott Jordan, Exdesigned to help Texas com- ecutive Director, at info@ munities promote tourism, texaspecostrail.com or (325) 387-3900 by Friday, Jan. 15, if attending.



### Courthouse renovations expected to be finished in the next several weeks

THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Crockett County Commissioners toured the courthouse as part of their regular monthly meeting Monday.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the courthouse is expected to be completed in the next two to three weeks.

The commissioners had a short agenda for their first meeting of the new year.

In his report, County Auditor Sandy Stokes said the county did finish 2009 \$1.4 million under budget.

The commissioners also approved their yearly CIRA agreement for the county webpage, as well as appointment of Deaton to the 2010-2011 Appraisal District Board of Directors and changing Dr. Marcus Sims compensation.

The commissioners took no action on installing a bump gate on County Road 411 since Commissioner Alfredo Tobar was not in attendance.

The next regular commissioners meeting will be at 9 a.m. Feb. 8 at the courthouse

### School board meetings tonight, Thursday

The Crockett CCSD Board of Trustees will host a training meeting and a special meeting tonight (Jan. 16) and

Tonight's training meeting agenda is a workshop to go over the Superintendent **Evaluation Process - Training** provided by ESC XV Adminis-

trative Services Staff. The Thursday meeting will consist of a workshop to go over the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument led by Superintendent Chris duBois.

Both meetings will begin at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building.

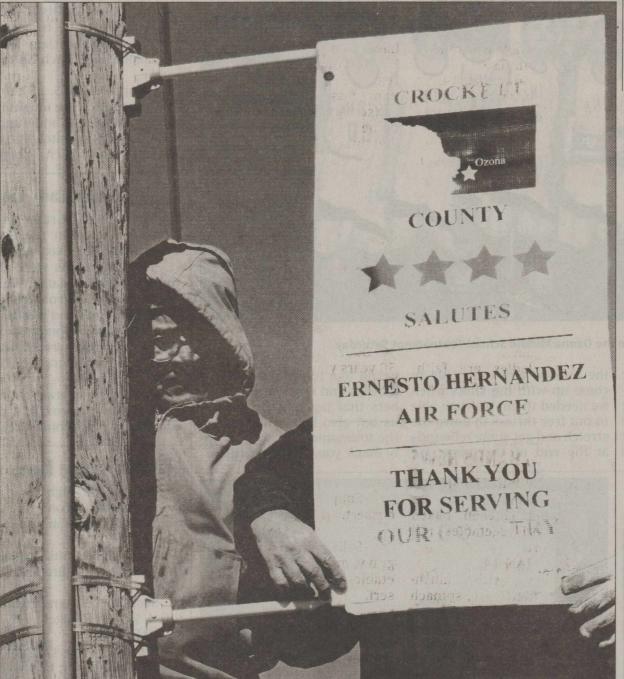
The board will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Administration Building.

Card of Thanks

The Ozona Helping Hands would like to thank the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, the students of Crockett County Consolidated Common School District and all the others behind the scenes volunteers for making the food drive and Toys for Tots program a success. A large amount of food was gathered and

distributed to needy recipients. The Helping Hands would also like to thank Bryan Branch for the tree lights on the square

## New military banners on display



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

NEW MILITARY BANNERS were hung by Crockett County Road Department workers last week in downtown Ozona. Twenty-two banners are presently on display. Coordinator Frank Tambunga is expecting to receive six more. About 17 more banners are needed to complete to number of Ozona active military. To keep the cost of the banners under \$100 each, Tambunga said he needs to order at least 12 at a time. Anyone interested in buying a banner, can contact Tambunga at 392-1300.

### **Meeting Friday on starting** a new Lions Club

Any and all energetic 11:30 a.m. at the Hitchin' men and women interested Post Restaurant. in starting a new Lions Club are invited to a meeting Fri-

For more information, or anyone unable to attend, can call Chandra Eggemeyer at The meeting will be at (325) 947-7714.





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### Rodriguez announces \$30 million in Stimulus funds for rural housing needs

Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-parteto Stimulus dollars) San Antonio, announced Jan. lion in direct and guaranteed loans for rural housing.

The funding, administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, also known as the Stimulus.

Crockett County received \$71,050.

"While the economic downturn affected all of us, rural residents were hit particularly hard," Rodriguez said. "This program is a lifesaver for so many rural residents who have been unable to purchase their own homes. Once again, we are seeing that the Recovery Act is working to put people back on their feet, create and save jobs and

stimulate our economy." Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan said more than 84,000 rural families have already become homeowners as a result of the Recovery Act. The number of loans nearly doubled from FY

WASHINGTON, DC290 U.S. 2008 to FY 2009 thanks in

The USDA Rural Develop-5 that 14 counties in the 23 ment uses Recovery Act fund-Congressional District re- ing to offer guaranteed and diceived a combined \$30 mil- rect single-family-housing loans to eligible rural residents.

> Down payments are not required for direct and guaranteed loans, and payments for direct loans are based on the borrower's income. A reasonable credit history is required, and borrowers must have sufficient income to repay the loan. USDA uses strict underwriting standards to assess each borrower's credit, income and cash flow.

As a result, this singlefamily-housing loan program has a low delinquency and default rate.

USDA received \$11 billion through the Recovery Act to provide guaranteed and direct home loans for rural Americans. Funding for direct home loans is still available. For information on how to apply for USDA homeownership or rental housing assistance, contact any Rural Development state or area office.

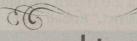
A list of these offices is available at www.rurdev.usda.gov.



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# Seventh Grade Lions win Ozona Tourney

The Seventh Grade Lions won the Ozona Middle School Tournament Saturday.

The Lions defeated Eldorado in their first game, 46-7. Score by quarters: Ozona -10 15 11 7 - 46; Eldorado - 0

Scoring: Jayton Rodriguez 15; Chase De Hoyos 12; Ryan Porras 2; Daniel Lombrana 8; Bryce Gutierrez 3 and Dylan Perez 6. Also playing: Zac Taylor and Nathaniel Valdez.

"This was a great way for us to start the tournament we started off hot and were able to get the ball inside. We played great team defense and did a fantastic job rebounding especially offensively and were able to get some backside scoring," said Coach John Es-

In the championship game, Ozona defeated Sonora 31-28. 8 9 9 5 - 31; Sonora - 7 10 2



THE SEVENTH GRADE LIONS won the Ozona Middle School Tournament Saturday.

Hoyos 11; Porras 3; Lombrana flustered. We shot great from at the end of the game. We ly thank you," Esparza said.

2 and Perez 2. Also playing: the outside and were able to would like to thank all of the Score by quarters: Ozona Taylor, Gutierrez and Valdez. come up with big shots when parents and community mem-"The guys played a great we needed them. We were able bers that not only supported game and stayed calm and to put free throws in down the us but also help with making Scoring: Rodriguez 13; De cool all game and never got stretch and get some rebounds the tournament go so smooth-

# Lady Lions even in district play

The Lady Lions claimed their second district win on Jan: 5 defeating Crane 42-30.

Score by quarters: Ozona -6 13 7 16 - 42; Crane - 11 8 7

Scoring: Brandi Glosson 5; RaeLynn Arredondo 2; Melanie Miller 2; Vanessa Rodriguez 19 and 10 rebounds; Jessica Elston 4 and Kristen Mendoza 10. Also playing: Natalia Ortiz, Adrienne Sanchez, Stacie Quiroz, Alex Cruz and Alex-Macias.

"This win stopped a threegame skid and put us back even for district. The girls played really well and we battled back from a seven-point deficit in the first quarter, but we played hard and overcame. I was really proud of them. Vanessa had another great game. Also, Kristen Mendoza also helped to give us spark off the bench," said Coach John Jackson.

The Lady Lions are 11-7 and 2-2 in district play.



**VANESSA RODRIGUEZ** 

### Lions hold off Crane for district win

On Jan. 5, the Ozona Lions entertained the Crane Golden Cranes at Davidson Memorial

The Lions were able to hold off a very scrappy Crane team to win by a score of 48 -42.

The Lions were up by 12 points at halftime and carried a 10-point lead into the fourth quarter.

Crane was able to cut the lead to five points late in the fourth quarter but the Lions maintained their composure and win by six.

The Lions were lead in scoring by Zane Hernandez with 16 points, Kyle Sewell added 10 points,

Abey Lara added 8 and Jose Aguilar added 7 points.

"I thought we played well at times in the first half while know when teams will run in this District," Rohan said.



**ABEY LARA** 

struggling for much of the sec- gadget defenses and you must ond half. Crane ran a diamond be ready when this occurs. We and one defense where they will see this probably from evbasically played Zane Man eryone we play or something to Man and a zone with four designed to limit Zane's touchplayers. It was all an attempt es. We played well enough to to frustrate Zane and take him win and that is what matters. I out of his game. You never will take a 2-0 record anytime



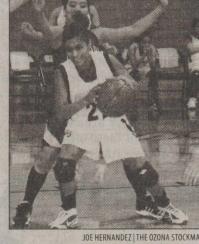
# JV Lady Lions stay perfect in district

The JV Lady Lions remained perfect in district play with a 27-23 win over Crane on Jan. 5.

Score by quarters: Ozona -6 11 8 2 - 27; Crane - 2 5 10 6 - 23.

Scoring: Natalie Hernandez 2; Arleen Castillo 4; Brianna Cervantez 4; Tesla Caperton 2; Alex Rodriguez 10 and Britni Mitchel 4. Also playing: Kodi Glosson and Irene Var-

The JV Lady Lions are 10-2 overall and 4-0 in district



**ALEX RODRIGUEZ** 

### Ozona Softball Camp Saturday

through 12th grade are eligible bring a friend. for the Ozona Softball "Fast-Field.

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proper technique and funda- the upcoming season. mentals of fast pitch hitting and pitching. Each camper Harvey Sanchez at 226-3574.

All Ozona girls ages fifth is encouraged to attend and

Whether you are a firstpitch" Camp to be held from time softball player in need 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at of the basics for hitting and the Ozona Fast Pitch Softball pitching, or you have been playing at different levels, this camp is a great opportunity Campers will be taught the for you to get a head start for

For more information, call

### Eighth Grade Lady Lions fall to Sonora in tourney

Tournament this past week.

The Lady Lions were able

The Eighth Grade Lady and Sierra Stokes 1. Also play-Lions competed in the Iraan ing: Kyann Hernandez and Vivian Medina.

"It was a much different to only play one game due to game than our first go around the rest of the tournament be- with Sonora. We played exing cancelled to bad weather. cellent defense and if we had Ozona lost to Sonora 30-15. been on top of our offensive Score by quarters: Ozona - game, it would have been a 2 2 6 5 - 15; Sonora - 6 11 4 much closer finish. These ladies have improved so much Scoring: Lazarae Rodri- from the beginning of the seaguez 6; Amy Quiroz 4; Daisy son and this game is proof," Guerra 2; Lexi Poindexter 2 said Coach Jill Koerth.

### **Eighth Grade Lions take second at Comstock**

The Ozona Eighth Grade 46-12. Lions placed second in the Comstock Tournament last 17 12 14 3; Sacred Heart - 0 4

In the championship game,

6 6 4 5 - 23; Brackett - 5 4 6

Scoring: Tyler Galindo 6; and Saul Vargas. Also playing: 4 3 2 - 11. A.J. Ramos, Ely Montanez, Lo-

Lions defeated Sacred Heart

Score by quarters: Ozona -53-12.

Scoring: Galindo 18; Gonthe Lions lost to Brackettville zalez 13; Vargas 4; Montanez 7 and Glaspie 4. Also playing: Score by quarters: Ozona - Ramos, Ybarra and Rivas.

In the second game, Ozona defeated Comstock 37-11.

Score by quarters: Ozona -Daniel Gonzalez 9; EZ Rivas 4 10 13 10 4 - 37; Comstock - 2

Scoring: Galindo 10; Gongan Glaspie and Michael Yba- zalez 12; Rivas 4; Vargas 8 and 🔻 Ybarra 2. Also playing: Ramos, In their first game, the Montanez and Glaspie.

The Lions are 6-3.

### Seventh Grade Lady Lions fall to McCamey in tourney

The Seventh Grade Lady 29-8. Lions competed in the Iraan Tournament this past week.

Ozona lost to McCamey Gonzales.

Scoring: Marissa Held 4; Keyanna Perez 2 and Janna The Lady Lions were able Munsell 2. Also playing: Bethto only play one game due to any Martinez, Becky Mata, the rest of the tournament be. Alexis Aguilar, Megan Bullard, ing cancelled to bad weather. Keylenn Elston and Chellil

### **Eighth Grade B Lions compete in Ozona Tourney**

Tournament Saturday.

The Lions fell to Eldorado Coach Amaro Villarreal. in the first game 34-8.

Robbie Sanchez scored 4 ons fell 43-6. points; Tristan Alvarez 2 and Ruben Soliz 2.

The guys played hard. We Ruben Soliz 2. had some turnovers that alon the board. We played bet-represented their school and ter defense, but we just were community," Villarreal said.

The Eighth Grade Lions B unable to put the ball in bas-Team competed in the Ozona ket. I was proud of their effort and they never gave up," said

In the second game, the Li-

Scoring was: Malcom Hensley 1; Eric Rodriguez 3 and

"We started off well runlowed them to get fast break ning the offense and slowed the points, but we settled down pace, but we just were unable to the in the second half and convert. The boys played hard were able to get some points and I am proud of the way they

## Youth Center Calendar of Events

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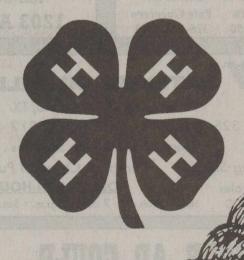
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Crockett County Sheriff's Monthly Report for January 2010 For the Month of December:

Persons Placed in Jail	34
Persons Released from Jail	28
Persons Currently Incarcerated	0
Prisoners Currently Housed Outside County	13
Prisoner Housing Cost - Reagan County	\$13,333.33
Calls for Service	302
911 Calls Received	236
911 Actual Emergencies	132
Civil Papers Received Total	8
Civil Papers Served	7
Civil Paper Unserved	44
Justice Peace Fines Received	\$1,356.83
Civil Fines Received	\$220
County Clerk Fines/Cash Bonds Received	\$0
Bond Fees Received	\$165
Misc. Receipts	0
Accidents in County Vehicles	1
Number of Deputies Injured	0
Traffic Citations Issued	14

### CROCKETT COUNTY CONSTABLE REPORT

**Crockett County Constable's December Monthly Report:** 

· Traffic Citations: 7

· Bailiff for one county court and one IP court. · Civil Papers Served: 2 for District Clerk and \$150 citation

fees submitted to Treasurer's office. · Assisted stranded motorists and unlocked four vehicles.

# Shannon Medical Center receives

Shannon Medical Center was gional EMS partners. recently re-designated as an Advanced Level III Trauma Center by the Texas Department of State Health Services. Shannon's re-

designation was approved for a three-year period. Shannon first received this designation in 1999 and has maintained it throughout the past 10 years.

Currently, Shannon holds the highest trauma center designation in this region, which serves a 14-county area covering more than 17,000 square miles.

"This re-designation is a stamp of approval on the quality of trauma care available in the Concho Valley and recognizes the scope and quality of specialties available at Shannon," said Emmette "Buddy" Flynn, M.D., surgeon and medical director for the Trauma Program at Shannon.

To be designated as an Advanced Level III Trauma Center, a hospital must be available to care for all major and severe trauma patients 24 hours per day/ 7 days per week.

Major trauma patients include those with critical injuries resulting from motor vehicle or any injury severe enough to cause death or disability. The program provides the Regional Communication Center which provides dispatching for Shannon AirMed1 and the Trauma Team and also works with re-

re-designation Level III trauma center

"It takes the entire hospital's commitment to maintain a Level III Trauma Center," said Bryan Horner, CEO and President of Shannon Medical Center. "From our medical staff to the nursing staff in the ER, OR, ICU, and Trauma Unit to the pharmacists, dietitians, lab technicians, and physical therapists, all play an important part in the optimal outcome of the patient.'

Shannon's Emergency Department treats an average of 45,000 patients per year with almost 9,000 of those related to a trauma. It is staffed with emergency physicians around the clock along with a 24/7 oncall team of specialists including general surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, neurologists, neurosurgeons, anesthesiologists, cardiologists, cardiovascular surgeons. ENTs, urologists, ophthalmologists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, plastic surgeons, hospitalists, pediatricians, and OB/GYN physicians. Shannon is the only hospital in the region with three full-time neurosurgeons.

Shannon is proud to partcrashes, gunshot wounds, falls ner with this outstanding team of physicians whose dedication has allowed it to provide timely, efficient care to the most critical patients," said Horner. "This collaborative program is an integral part of providing exceptional care to the Concho Valley."

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and Chaja Verveer of Houston, who survived the Holocaust as a child.

TAX COLLECTIONS **CONTINUE TO SLIDE** 

Comptroller Susan Combs announced Jan. 8 the state collected \$1.65 billion in sales tax revenue in December, down 11.6 percent compared to December 2008.

She said sales tax collections, which began declining last February continued through December. Collections are down across most major sectors of the Texas economy, including oil and natural gas, construction, manufacturing and retail trade, Combs said.

But, she said with a hint of optimism, "It is expected the double-digit declines in tax collections seen over the last half-year will first moderate with collections returning to growth during the first or second quarter of 2010."

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHES** 

Monday, Feb. 1 is the deadline to register to vote in the 2010 Primary Elections.

County offices, some post offices and libraries offer voter registration applications. Texas residents also may register online at: www. votexas.org.

For more voting information, call the Secretary of State's voter hotline at 1-800-252-VOTE.

### **EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS**

**JANUARY 4** 

·Transfer - Patient Transmunity Hosptial

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Center JANUARY 6

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· Transfer - Patient Transported to San Angelo Com- ported to Shannon Medical Center

JANUARY 7

· Local Call - No Transport · Local Call - Patient Trans-· Transfer - Patient Trans- ported to Family Health Clin-

> · Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center

JANUARY 8

· Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical ported to San Angelo Community Hosptial

· Local Call - 3 Patients no

JANUARY 9

· Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical ported to Shannon Medical Center

· Transfer - Patient Trans-· Transfer - Patient Trans- ported to San Angelo Com-

### FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

JANUARY 6

worked traffic. Five units, 12 firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 13 minutes.

JANUARY 8

cle accident at I-10 mile-mark- chief, control burn from Jan. er 334, worked traffic. A unit 9. Three units, seven firefightwith three firefighters. Time in ers. Time in service 1 hour 9 service 3 hours 13 minutes.

· 3:28 p.m. - Dumpster · 6:27 p.m. - Motor ve- fire at the 1200 block of Avhicle accident 600 block First enue D. Two units and five Street, two vehicle accident, firefighters. Time in service 14 minutes.

JANUARY 10

7:45 a.m. - Grass fire reported at I-10 mile-marker · 10:12 a.m. - Motor vehi- 328. Cancelled by assistant minutes.

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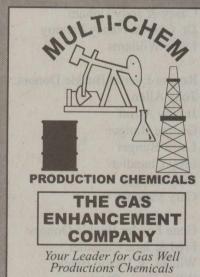
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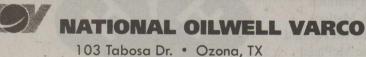
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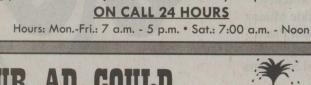
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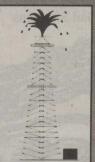


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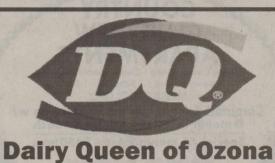
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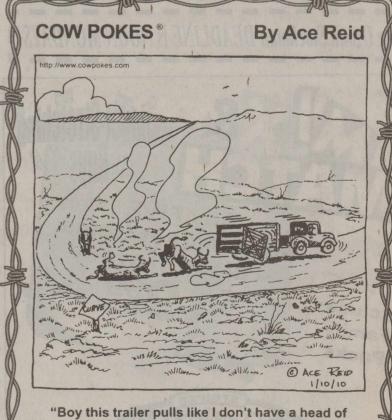
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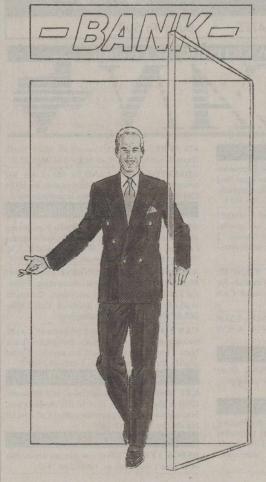
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