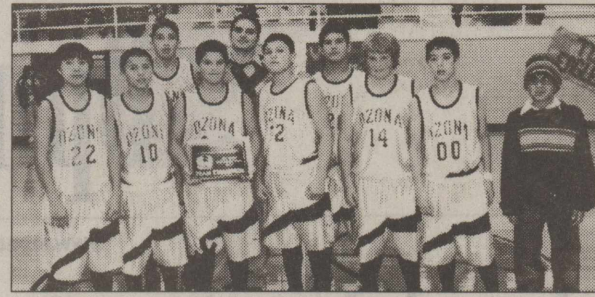


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Local woman sentenced to 10 years for stabbing

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 charged with first-degree murder.

"Death of an individual is never a good thing. You leave



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, Williams stabbed her boyfriend Rafael Benson at a small travel trailer located on Blas St. The incident occurred

around 2 a.m.

Ron Hawthorne testified at Tuesday's hearing that several neighbors heard Williams and Benson arguing that night, and that Williams asked a neighbor to take her to her mother's house.

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 kitchen counter, Hawthorne said.

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 intoxicated.

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.

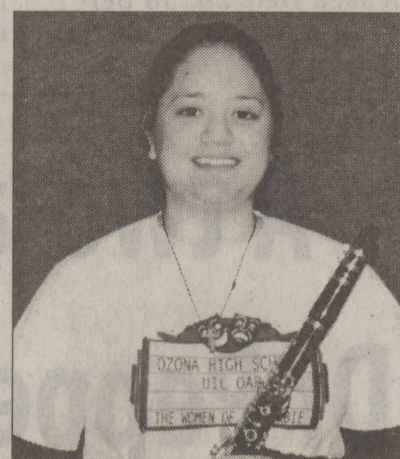
Julie is one of only 240 students across the state selected for this honor.

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 of the Grand Hyatt Hotel in downtown San Antonio.

Julie plays the clarinet and is under the direction of OHS Band Director Gretchen Bloebaum.

This is Julie's first time to perform with the ATSSB All-



State Band.

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

Julie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gonzalez and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Gutierrez of Ozona.

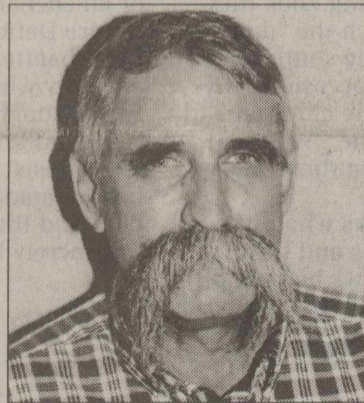
Williams announces for County Judge

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.

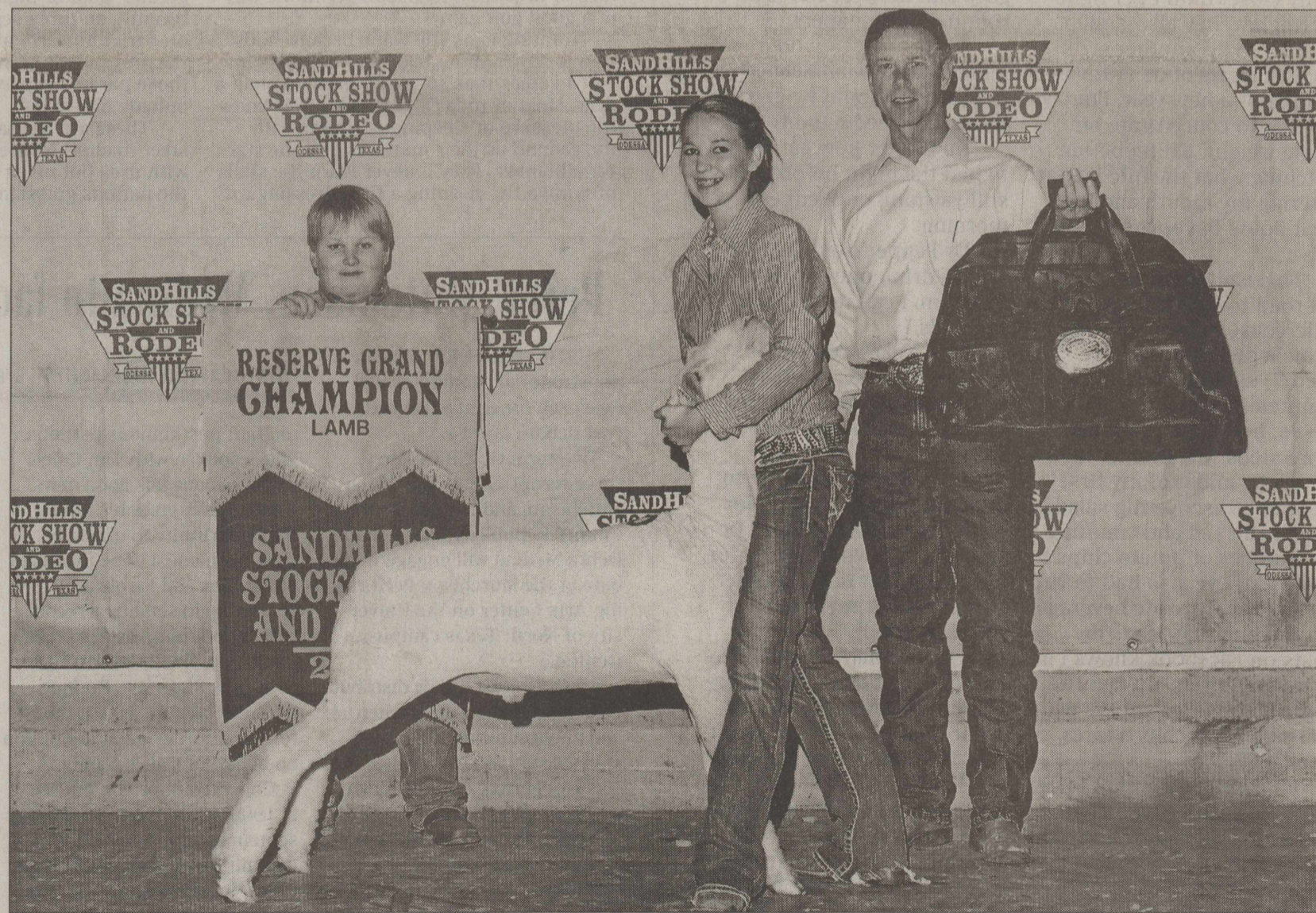
Williams is a veteran of the U.S. Army. He is a lifetime member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has served as Quartermaster for many years but is currently serving as Commander of the Robert Worth Post 3216 Big Lake, Texas.

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

"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



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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

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 Saturday, 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 peo-



ple who know they won't be home on telethon night, will send in their gift now to Ozona

West Texas Rehab 40th annual Telethon
SATURDAY, Jan. 16
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392-3745
Rehab auction at www.rehabauction.org

na Woman's League, P. O. Box 1552, Ozona, TX 76943," she added.

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

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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Courthouse renovations expected to be finished in the next several weeks

BY MELISSA PERNER
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 annex.

New military banners on display



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 men and women interested in starting a new Lions Club are invited to a meeting Friday. The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Hitchin' Post Restaurant. For more information, or anyone unable to attend, can call Chandra Eggemeyer at (325) 947-7714.

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School board meetings tonight, Thursday

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

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

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

WASHINGTON, DC (U.S. Rep. **Ciro D. Rodriguez**, D-San Antonio, announced Jan. 5 that 14 counties in the 23 Congressional District received a combined \$30 million 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 life-saver 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 2008 to FY 2009, thanks in part to Stimulus dollars.

The USDA Rural Development uses Recovery Act funding to offer guaranteed and direct 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 single-family-housing loan program has a low delinquency and default rate.

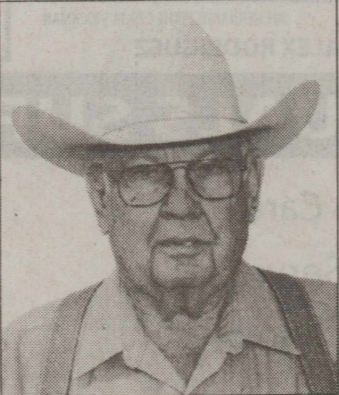
USDA received \$11 billion through the Recovery Act to provide guaranteed and direct home loans for rural Americans. Funding for direct home loans is still available. For information on how to apply for USDA homeownership or rental housing assistance, contact any Rural Development state or area office.

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

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.

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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 2 5 0 - 7.

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 Esparza.

In the championship game, Ozona defeated Sonora 31-28.

Score by quarters: Ozona 8 9 9 5 - 31; Sonora - 7 10 2 9 - 28.

Scoring: Rodriguez 13; De Hoyos 11; Porras 3; Lombrana



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

2 and Perez 2. Also playing: Taylor, Gutierrez and Valdez.

"The guys played a great game and stayed calm and cool all game and never got flustered. We shot great from

the outside and were able to come up with big shots when we needed them. We were able to put free throws in down the stretch and get some rebounds at the end of the game. We

would like to thank all of the parents and community members that not only supported us but also help with making the tournament go so smoothly thank you," Esparza said.

Lady Lions even in district play

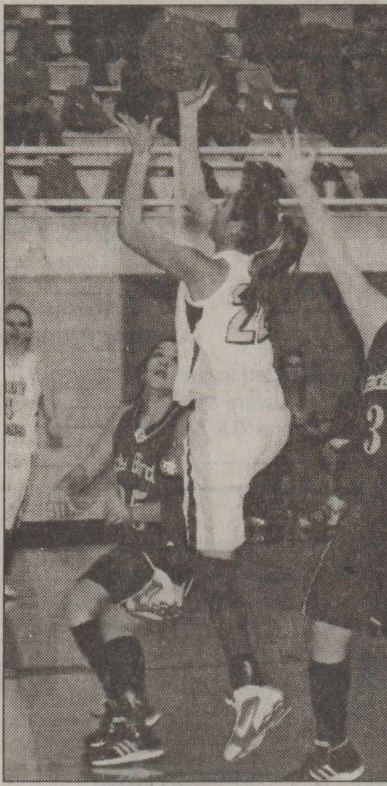
The Lady Lions claimed their second district win on Jan. 5 defeating Crane 42-30.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 13 7 16 - 42; Crane - 11 8 7 4 - 30.

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 three-game 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 Gym.

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

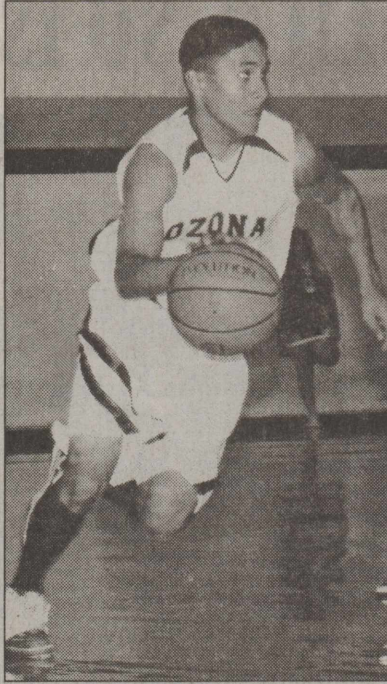
The Lions were up by 12 points at halftime and carried a 10-point lead into the fourth quarter.

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 struggling for much of the second half. Crane ran a diamond and one defense where they basically played Zane Man to Man and a zone with four players. It was all an attempt to frustrate Zane and take him out of his game. You never know when teams will run



ABEY LARA

gadget defenses and you must be ready when this occurs. We will see this probably from everyone we play or something designed to limit Zane's touches. We played well enough to win and that is what matters. I will take a 2-0 record anytime in this District," Rohan said.



JONATHAN MARTIN goes for two during the JV Lions win over Crane.

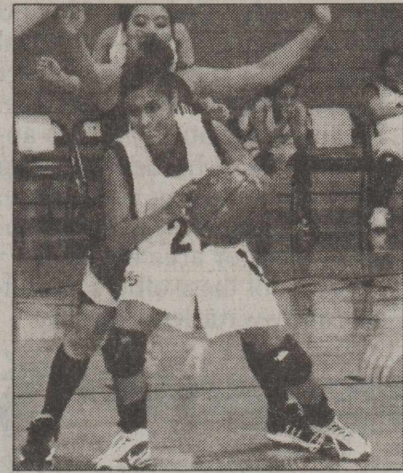
JV Lady Lions stay perfect in district

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 Vargas.

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



ALEX RODRIGUEZ

Ozona Softball Camp Saturday

All Ozona girls ages fifth through 12th grade are eligible for the Ozona Softball "Fast-pitch" Camp to be held from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Ozona Fast Pitch Softball Field.

Camp fee is \$25.

Campers will be taught the proper technique and fundamentals of fast pitch hitting and pitching. Each camper

is encouraged to attend and bring a friend.

Whether you are a first-time softball player in need of the basics for hitting and pitching, or you have been playing at different levels, this camp is a great opportunity for you to get a head start for the upcoming season.

For more information, call Harvey Sanchez at 226-3574.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions fall to Sonora in tourney

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions competed in the Iraan Tournament this past week.

The Lady Lions were able to only play one game due to the rest of the tournament being cancelled to bad weather.

Ozona lost to Sonora 30-15. Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 2 6 5 - 15; Sonora - 6 11 4 9 - 30.

Scoring: Lazarae Rodriguez 6; Amy Quiroz 4; Daisy Guerra 2; Lexi Poindexter 2

and Sierra Stokes 1. Also playing: Kyann Hernandez and Vivian Medina.

"It was a much different game than our first go around with Sonora. We played excellent defense and if we had been on top of our offensive game, it would have been a much closer finish. These ladies have improved so much from the beginning of the season and this game is proof," said Coach Jill Koerth.

Eighth Grade Lions take second at Comstock

The Ozona Eighth Grade Lions placed second in the Comstock Tournament last week.

In the championship game, the Lions lost to Brackettville 34-23.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 6 4 5 - 23; Brackett - 5 4 6 19 - 34.

Scoring: Tyler Galindo 6; Daniel Gonzalez 9; EZ Rivas 4 and Saul Vargas. Also playing: A.J. Ramos, Ely Montanez, Logan Glaspie and Michael Ybarra.

In their first game, the Lions defeated Sacred Heart

46-12. Score by quarters: Ozona - 17 12 14 3; Sacred Heart - 0 4 5 3 - 12.

Scoring: Galindo 18; Gonzalez 13; Vargas 4; Montanez 7 and Glaspie 4. Also playing: Ramos, Ybarra and Rivas.

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

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 13 10 4 - 37; Comstock - 2 4 3 2 - 11.

Scoring: Galindo 10; Gonzalez 12; Rivas 4; Vargas 8 and Ybarra 2. Also playing: Ramos, Montanez and Glaspie. The Lions are 6-3.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions fall to McCamey in tourney

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

The Lady Lions were able to only play one game due to the rest of the tournament being cancelled to bad weather.

Ozona lost to McCamey

29-8. Scoring: Marissa Held 4; Keyanna Perez 2 and Janna Munsell 2. Also playing: Bethany Martinez, Becky Mata, Alexis Aguilar, Megan Bullard, Keylenn Elston and Chellil Gonzales.

Eighth Grade B Lions compete in Ozona Tourney

The Eighth Grade Lions B Team competed in the Ozona Tournament Saturday.

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

Robbie Sanchez scored 4 points; Tristan Alvarez 2 and Ruben Soliz 2.

"The guys played hard. We had some turnovers that allowed them to get fast break points, but we settled down in the second half and were able to get some points on the board. We played better defense, but we just were

unable to put the ball in basket. I was proud of their effort and they never gave up," said Coach Amaro Villarreal.

In the second game, the Lions fell 43-6.

Scoring was: Malcom Hensley 1; Eric Rodriguez 3 and Ruben Soliz 2.

"We started off well running the offense and slowed the pace, but we just were unable to convert. The boys played hard and I am proud of the way they represented their school and community," Villarreal said.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

**Jan. 18 - OHS Food Night,
7-10 p.m.**

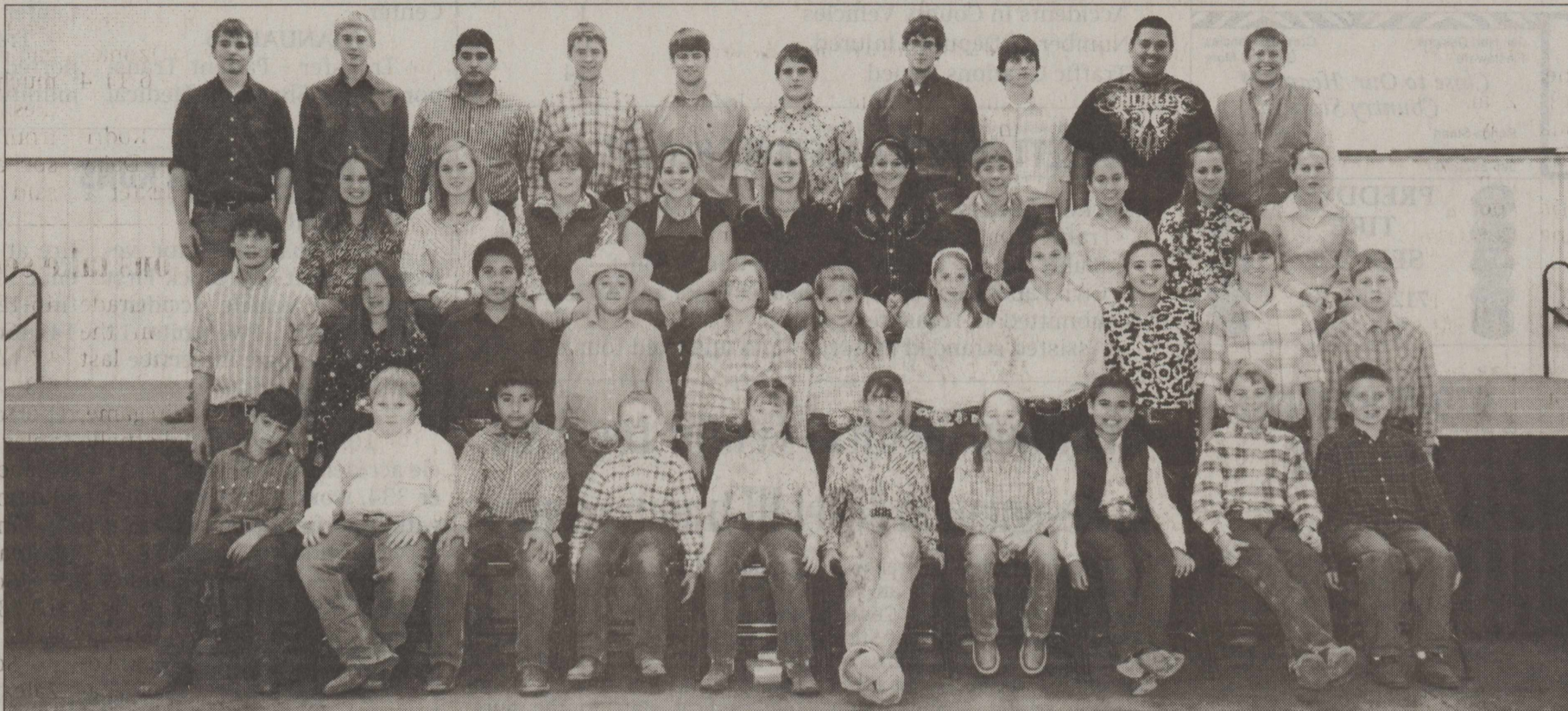
**Feb. 13 - OHS Sweetheart Ball
8 p.m. - midnight
(semi-formal dance; photos available)**

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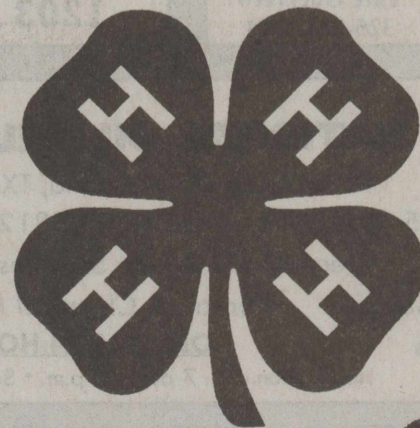
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CROCKETT COUNTY CONSTABLE REPORT

Crockett County Constable's December Monthly Report: Traffic Citations: 7, Bailiff for one county court and one JP 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 re-designation Level III trauma center

Shannon Medical Center was 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. "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." 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 crashes, gunshot wounds, falls 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 regional EMS partners. "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 on-call 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 partner 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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JANUARY 4: Transfer - Patient Transported to San Angelo Community Hospital. Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center. Transfer - Patient Transported to meet Air Med 1. Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center. JANUARY 5: Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center. Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center. Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center. JANUARY 6: Transfer - Patient Transported to Shannon Medical Center.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

JANUARY 6: 6:27 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident 600 block First Street, two vehicle accident, worked traffic. Five units, 12 firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 13 minutes. JANUARY 8: 10:12 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident at I-10 mile-marker 334, worked traffic. A unit with three firefighters. Time in service 3 hours 13 minutes. 3:28 p.m. - Dumpster fire at the 1200 block of Avenue D. Two units and five firefighters. Time in service 14 minutes. JANUARY 10: 7:45 a.m. - Grass fire reported at I-10 mile-marker 328. Cancelled by assistant chief, control burn from Jan. 9. Three units, seven firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 9 minutes.

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STATE: from page 2 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.

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Qualified applicants should apply in person at 201-D 11th Street, Ozona, TX 76943 by February 27, 2010. To obtain an application, call 325-392-2301 ext. 3 or pick one up in person at the address above.

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Salary: \$25,000.00 and County Benefits. Applications available from the 112th District Attorney's Office at the Crockett County Courthouse (325-392-2025) or Fort Stockton Judicial Building, 400 S. Nelson (432-336-6294).

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