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Four Lions named to All-West Texas Team

Four Ozona Lions have been named to the Class 2A All-West Texas Team by the San Angelo Standard-Times.

Kyle Dean was named Co-MVP with Sonora's Ethan Morris. Dean was also named to the All-West Texas Super Team, which is comprised of players from 5A to 1A and Six-Man teams.

The 5-foot-6 running back ran for 1,308 yards and 14 touchdowns on 139 carries - an average of 9.4 yards per carry - and recorded 82 tackles as an outside linebacker.

Dean's biggest play of the season actually came against Morriss, when he intercepted Sonora's quarterback in the final minutes of their district showdown in Ozona.

It set up the winning field goal by Nathan De Hoyos with 4 seconds remaining, lifting Ozona to an upset win that eventually forced a three-way tie for the district title with Sonora and San Saba.

"For lack of a better term, he was our offensive fire-power. He was very explosive," said Coach Ray Brown, the Standard-Times article.



KYLE DEAN - Co-MVP & Super Team



JERROD DUBOIS - Defensive Lineman



ALEJANDRO MENDEZ - Punter



ABEY LARA - Utility Back

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Census releases survey numbers

The U.S. Census Bureau on Dec. 21 released data from the first-ever five-year American Community Survey.

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey designed to provide communities a fresh look at how they are changing.

It is a critical element in the Census Bureau's decennial census program, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The ACS collects information such as age, race, income, commute time to work, home value, veteran status, and other data.

The ACS collects and produces population and housing information every year instead of every 10 years.

Collecting data every year provides more up-to-date information throughout the decade about the U.S. population at the local community level, the bureau stated.

About three million housing unit addresses are selected annually, across every county in the nation.

The ACS produces 3-year

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January is School Board Recognition Month

BY MELISSA PERNER
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

January 2011 is School Board Recognition Month and a good time to spotlight more than 7,000 men and women who serve our local schools and help promote public education.

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will join other districts across the state to celebrate the countless contributions of these dedicated community leaders.

"Local school board members work tirelessly and devote hundreds of hours to lead our students to success. Setting aside time in January is one small way to celebrate their service to our community and say thanks for caring so much about the future of every child enrolled in our schools," said Chris duBois, Superintendent, Crockett County CCSD.

The board members serving Crockett County Consolidated Common School District are:



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CROCKETT COUNTY CCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES: (bottom row, left to right) Tom Anderson, Harvey Sanchez, secretary, Grizz Medina, vice president, Ray Don Myers, president, (top row, left to right) Roland De Hoyos, Dr. Marcus Sims and Dwight Childress.

- President Ray Don Myers, District 4, first year.
- Vice President Grizz Medina, District 2, second year.
- Secretary Harvey Sanchez, District 1, second year.
- Tom Anderson, District 6, ninth year.
- Dwight Childress, District 5, fifth year.
- Roland De Hoyos, District 3, first year.
- Dr. Marcus Sims, At-Large, 15th year.

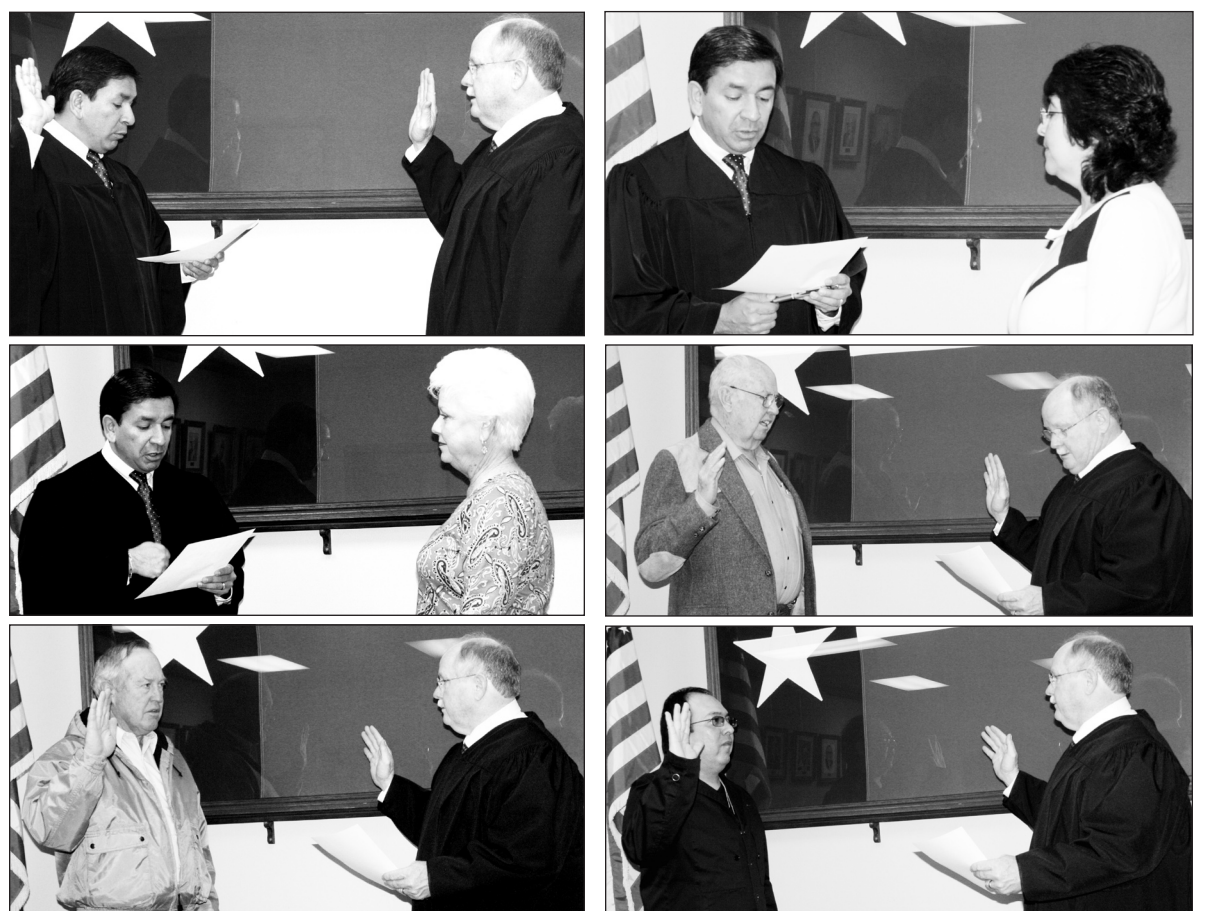
Governing the school district is the primary role of a school board. School

board members are guardians of the public trust and, through the policies they make, are ultimately responsible for the success or failure of local public education, according to the Texas Association of School Boards.

These policies dictate the standards and philosophy by which schools are run and the criteria used to judge whether they are being run well. The board serves as the advocate for educational excellence for the community's youth and puts those interests first.

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County officials take oath of office



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CROCKETT COUNTY OFFICIALS spent New Year's Day taking their oath of office. The Ceremony was conducted by 112th Judicial District Judge Pete Gomez Jr. and County Judge Fred Deaton. Pictured are (top to bottom, left to right) Gomez and Deaton, Assistant Auditor Dolores Ramirez, Auditor Janie Chandler, Justice of the Peace Jim Hearne, Commissioner, Precinct 2 Pleas Childress III and Commissioner, Precinct 4 Eligio Martinez.

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Start the new year by creating an useful business plan roadmap

As 2010 comes to an end, it is time to think about next year and your business. As business owners, you may feel like you are always dealing with yesterday's crisis, but in order to keep your business moving and growing, it is essential to think about the future. A business plan can be the tool to help you plan for the future.

Because banks require a business plan as part of their loan applications, some clients think a business plan is only to get a loan. However, a business plan can help business owners review their business, make plans for the future, and communi-

cate their business objectives.

Business plans cover the strengths and weaknesses of the business' competition, customer demographics, marketing strategy, and financial condition of the business. Just because a business



BUSINESS TIPS

CINDY HARTIN

has opened its doors and has customers is no reason for the planning and strategy to end.

Some of the benefits of a plan for an existing business include:

- **Manage your cash:** Cash flow is a matter of understanding the balance between cash coming into your business and cash going out. The cash coming into your business are not its profits, and a complete cash flow analysis will show how profitable your business really is. By projecting the cash flow of your business for the upcoming year, you can be better prepared for seasonality in

your business.

- **Set Priorities:** With the changes in the economy, many businesses are struggling to do more with less. By thinking through the needs of your business and customers for the upcoming year, you can determine how to better use your resources allowing you to set priorities for you and your employees.

- **Update your marketing strategy:** A business plan can help you rethink your marketing plan. If you have been selling the same product or service for a number of years, have you thought about repackaging it? Chang-

ing colors or designs? Or, with the increased use of mobile technology, have you thought about a new website or using new technology to reach your customers?

- **Track your progress:** By setting goals and objectives for your business, you can grow. By writing your goals in a plan, you can track your progress. Many business owners keep so much information "in their heads" that it is hard to track progress. Writing down your goals and reviewing them throughout the year will allow you to monitor how well you are doing.

A business plan not only pro-

vides a roadmap for your business, it can also help you focus and reduce your stress level. Most business owners do not like to be surprised by unexpected changes in their business or industry. Taking the time to develop a business plan gives you an opportunity to think outside of the day to day activities and see potential bumps on the road and be prepared for them.

"Business Tips" was written by Cindy Hartin, CEBS Fellow, Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Advisor I of ASU's Small Business Development Center. Contact her at Cynthia.Hartin@angelo.edu or (325) 942-2098.

Communities still need newspapers

Communities served by community newspapers continue to demonstrate heavy reliance upon their local papers for news and information. Seventy-three percent say they read a local newspaper at least once a week.

Readers also say they read most or all of their community newspapers (78 percent), and of those going online for local news, 55 percent found it on the local newspaper's website, compared to 17 percent for sites such as Yahoo, MSN or Google, and 26 percent for the website of a local TV station.

The results are reported by the National Newspaper Association, which has just completed its fifth readership survey on the patterns of community newspaper readers. Working with the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism, NNA tests reactions of people living in smaller communities served by local newspapers, which includes newspaper like The Ozona Stockman.

Since 2005, NNA has done research on how people read and what they think about their local newspapers. Results have been fairly consistent over the years, though the surveys have focused more tightly on small communities during the five years. For the 2010 survey, readership for towns with newspapers that have circulations of 8,000 or less were sampled.

The early data indicate that the positive findings are consistent with the earlier surveys:

- 73 percent of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week.
- Those readers, on average, share their paper with 3.34 persons.
- They spend about 37.5 minutes reading their local newspapers.
- 78 percent read most or all of their community newspapers.
- 41 percent keep their community newspapers six or more days (shelf life).
- 62 percent of readers read local news very often in their community newspapers, while 54 percent say they never read local news online (only 9 percent say they read local news very often online).
- 39 percent of those surveyed read local education (school) news very often in their newspapers, while 67 percent never read local education news online.
- 30 percent read local sports news very often in their newspapers, while 67 percent never read local



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

sports online.

- 35 percent read editorials or letters to the editor very often in their newspapers.

Even though state and local governments are debating the best way to transmit public notice, those readers

surveyed said newspapers remain the best way to receive such notices:

- 75 percent think governments should be required to publish public notices in newspapers, with 23 percent reading public notices very often in their newspapers.
- 71 percent have Internet access in the home, but 66 percent never visit a website of a local government.

Of those with Internet access at home, 89 percent have broadband access. The local community newspaper is the primary source of information about the local community for 49.3 percent of respondents. The next best source runs a distant second: friends and relatives for 18 percent of respondents and TV, 16 percent. Readers are nearly seven times more likely to get their local news from their community newspapers than from the Internet (7.7 percent). Less than 6 percent say their primary local news source is radio.

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

Despite the emergence of new information technologies such as the Internet, community newspapers continue to play an important role in the Information Age.

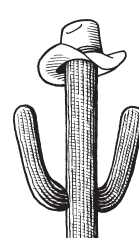
Not only is news published in paper form each week, but can also be found on our website at www.ozonastockman.com. Readers can also follow the Stockman on Facebook and Twitter.

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

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

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. For more, visit www.nna.org.

Wannabes



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I see them at almost every sale I go to, people who for some reason think that the auction business is glamorous and that they want very much to be a part of it. I don't know why auctions attract wannabes, but they do, like flies to cow pies.

Wannabes at horse sales are easy to spot. They are the ones yelling so everyone can hear them, "Take the saddle off," or "Let's see his back," as if they intend to bid. They want so much to be perceived as horsemen or trainers, yet most of the time they are so inebriated if they did manage to crawl on one they'd be bucked off if the horse coughed. They have discriminating taste, these fake buyers, and they examine every horse with a critical eye, but never seem to find one to fit their strict requirements.

Wannabes are not limited to livestock auctions. Recently I worked a wine auction where a short, long haired, rotund counterfeit befriended the rich bidders, as if he was advising them. If they were the winning bidder he'd hold up their buyer number for them, trying to make everyone think he was the buyer. He distracted the bidders so bad that the auctioneer said in his chant, "Would someone take this guy outside and get rid of him?" As if the auction business has hit men or paid assassins on call for such chores.

Auctioneers attract their own set of groupies, mostly young men who've gone to auction school and idolize the famous auctioneers as if they were rock stars. I don't

know what they find so attractive about auctioneers but they think all they need is a chance behind the microphone to prove that they too can be a World Champion. They show up at sales hoping that the auctioneer missed his flight or that he'll have a heart attack and they'll be asked to sell the sale. Then they'll be "discovered."

There are even ring men groupies and this really baffles me because I've lived the life they think is glamorous and it's nothing but bad motel rooms, endless barbecue lunches, speeding tickets and being gone from home. Some misguided young men think that ring men have achieved some degree of fame and they want it too. They aren't pretty enough to be in the movies, can't sing, aren't smart enough to be crooks and see being a ring men as their only opportunity to be on stage. Even if it is just a sale barn in the middle of Nebraska with 30 people in attendance. I've never seen wannabe clerks, wannabe truckers or wannabe maintenance men who clean up the mess we all make, but they are just as vital to a sale. But where are their groupies?

The one set of groupies I simply don't understand are the wannabe cow buyers.

In all my years I've never seen anyone ask a cow buyer for his autograph, no one is throwing rose petals at their feet or erecting statues to them. To the best of my knowledge there is not a single cow buyer fan club in America, yet there are people who idolize them. I know one wannabe cow buyer who wants it so bad he drives an old Cadillac, sucks on a toothpick and hangs on the ring at every sale barn he can get to. No one knows what he does for a living, or if he inherited a fortune, but one thing's for sure: it's hard to feed the family pretending to be a cow buyer. He plays the part well though, bidding like crazy when cows are a nickel under the money and getting mad when the auctioneer misses his fake bid. One auctioneer got so irritated at him that he quick-hammered a cow to him, the first cow he'd ever bought in three years of pretending to be a cow buyer. You should have seen the look on his face. Pure panic. But given the guy credit, when the auctioneer asked him who the buyer was he said, "Put her on B cows number five and yard her separate." As if he had five orders in his pocket or had previously bought any other cattle to get her confused with.

After that little episode the last I heard our man was headed to Nevada where his next non-career is going to be pretending to be a cowboy. If he thought auctioneers were mean wait till he sees how Great Basin buckaroos treat wannabes.

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Big issues await lawmakers in next legislative session

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Now that it's 2011, eyes turn toward the state Capitol in earnest, as weighty tasks lay in store for the 82nd Texas Legislature convening Jan. 11.

Certain things are known going into this legislative session:

1. Because 2010 was a census year, Texas, thanks to its swelling population, will gain four seats in Congress and district boundaries must be redrawn to accommodate those seats. If there's pushing and shoving it'll be no surprise. Federal court refereeing is par for the course.
2. Republicans dominate the House in number: 101 seats to the Democrats' 49. But among the GOP contingency are twenty-some freshmen with a strong, conservative bent and constituencies expecting them to break the mold in Austin. Moderate GOP incumbents will feel pressure not only from the loyal opposition, but from within their own party ranks. The GOP edge in the comparatively chummy state Senate is 19 seats to the Democrats' 12.
3. Lawmakers must pass a budget while facing a deficit

somewhere between \$8 billion and \$25 billion, and those who aim to trim or mow down their least favorite state and federal programs and services likely will face challenges from many directions.

Then, what about the usual flood tide of proposed laws our elected representatives and special interest groups spend so much time and effort trying to pass? Well, the state constitution requires the Legislature to do one thing when it meets: pass a budget bill. Not just any budget: a balanced budget that makes the state pay as it goes while observing spending limits in various categories.

PLENTY HAPPENED IN THE PAST YEAR

Like any other year, 2010 was ground-breaking for various reasons. Right off the bat, on Jan. 1, a new law took effect requiring that only the safer "Fire Standard Compliant" cigarettes could be sold in Texas. Now, here is a selection of other state news events in the past year.

January: Incumbent Gov. Rick Perry and challengers U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Debra Medina engage in the first of two live-television debates. To address a projected state budget deficit, Gov. Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Joe Straus direct state agencies and institutions of higher education to identify 5 percent in reductions that can be made to their 2010-2011 budgets. A man wielding a handgun fires shots near the south steps of the Capitol. He is captured and no one is injured. The incident prompts new concerns over safety. Officials begin to consider security upgrades.

February: A man crashes a private plane into a north Austin office building. The pilot and one man who worked at the building die.

March: Gov. Perry grants posthumous pardon to Timothy Brian Cole, a man who died in state prison in 1999 while serving a 25-year sentence for a rape he did not commit.

Gov. Perry draws more than 50 percent of the vote in winning Republican Party primary for governor. In the Democratic primary, former Houston Mayor Bill White wins with 76 percent of the vote. Attorney General Greg Abbott and the attorneys general of 12 other states file a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

April: The Department of Public Safety increases awards for reporting fugitives on the 10 Most Wanted List.

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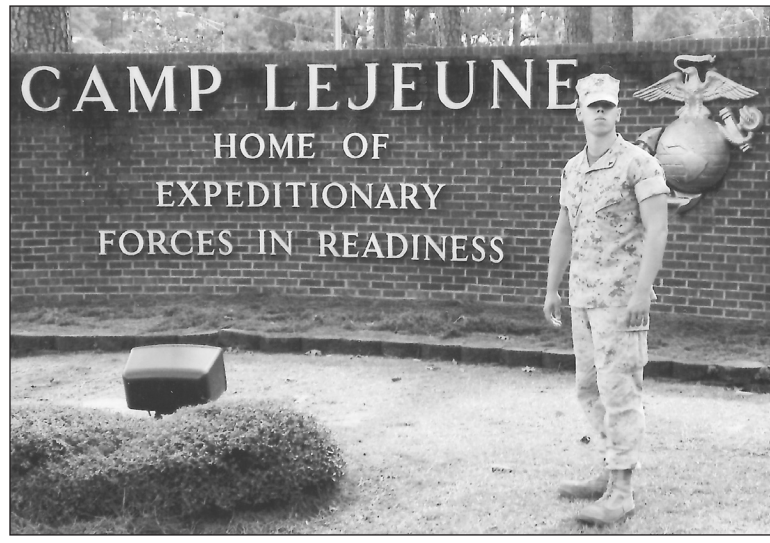
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Hernandez graduates from the University of Texas at Austin

Mr. and Mrs. Natividad Hernandez Jr. are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Diane Hernandez Tebbets, from The University of Texas at Austin. Diane received a bachelors of arts degree in government with a minor in business administration during the Fall 2010 Commencement Ceremony on Dec. 4.

At the university, Diane was a student associate at the Office of Accounting and a member of TIP Scholars.

Diane will pursue her career in Austin where she resides with her husband and their son.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

CPL. STANTON SCOTT NAJAR has been deployed by the United States Marine Corps to Afghanistan. Najar is a member of the Eighth Engineering Support Battalion. He is the grandson of Mary and Stanley Najar Jr.

Heard graduates from Howard Payne

Audrey Glynn, of Ozona, has recently returned from Brownwood where she attended the "Chime Out" out activity at Mims Auditorium and the Commencement Exercise at Brownwood Coliseum for her granddaughter, Melissa Heard.

Melissa graduated from the School of Humanities at Howard Payne University with the honor of Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.85-4.00). Parents of Melissa are

Pat and Ann (Glynn) Heard of Abilene.

Her brother, Matthew, is a professor of English at the University of North Texas in Denton. He and his wife also attended the graduation activities and the receptions following.

Also attending the graduation were Melissa's aunt, Ginger (Glynn) Bailey and husband David of Beeville and her uncle and wife, Mike and Sarah Heard and daughters of Lytle.

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Ozona Driver License office closed temporarily

Due to equipment failure the Ozona Driver License office will be closed temporarily.

The Driver License office in Sonora, located at the Sutton County Courthouse, will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Anyone may renew their driver license in the that office, the San Angelo office or online at www.texas.gov

"We are sorry for the inconvenience and hopefully we can reopen in the near future," said Theresa McIntyre, Program Supervisor II, in San Angelo.

DSHS combats rabies with aerial vaccine drop

BY CHRIS VAN DEUSEN
DSHS ASSISTANT PRESS OFFICER

The Texas Department of State Health Services this week begins its annual airdrop of rabies vaccine baits over portions of southern and western Texas in the continuing effort to protect people and livestock from rabies. Planes will take off from airports in Zapata and Fort Stockton around dawn Thursday, Jan. 6 and drop about 2.35 million doses of rabies vaccine over the next few weeks as part of the DSHS Oral Rabies Vaccination Program.

"This approach has been a huge success," said veterinarian Ernest Oertli, the vaccination program's director. "We haven't seen a single human case of rabies in the areas covered by the program since it started in 1995, and the number of animal cases has dropped dramatically."

Animal cases of the canine strain of rabies in southern Texas fell from 122 in 1994 to zero in 2000. There have since been single cases in 2001 and 2004. The fox strain, prevalent in western Texas, dropped from 244 animal cases in 1995, the year before the project expanded to that area, to zero through the first 11 months of 2010.

"We have effectively eliminated these two strains of rabies from Texas," said Oertli. "Now our goal is prevent them from being reintroduced as animals move in and out of the state."

The vaccine dose is enclosed in a small packet either coated with fish meal crumbles or inserted into a small, hollow

fish meal block. The baits don't pose any risk to humans, but people should avoid handling them since human contact makes it less likely a wild animal will eat the baits.

Rabies is a deadly virus spread through the saliva of infected animals, usually by a bite. Preventing rabies is critical because once a person or animal displays symptoms, the disease is almost always fatal.

DSHS urges everyone to have their pets vaccinated against rabies, as required by law.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 5

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Dominoes, 1:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Thursday, Jan. 6

- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, Jan. 7

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS UIL Academic Team in the Ozona Winter Invitational at Ozona High School.
- Lions vs. Alpine, 5 p.m. at Alpine.
- Lady Lions vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m. at Grape Creek.

Saturday, Jan. 8

- OMS Lions in the Ozona Tournament at the OMS Gym.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, Jan. 10

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- First through Fifth Grades Parent Preview Night, 6:30 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

- Lions vs. Crane, 5 p.m. at Crane.
- Lady Lions vs. Ballinger, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Dominoes, 1:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 5 - John Baker, Z. Ray Hill, Frances Davis, Sharon Martin, Melinda Malone and Audrey Tijerina

Jan. 6 - Ivana Hernandez, Keshia Dean, Victor DeLaGarcia, Genesis Venegas, Trista Bush, Avalon Trujillo, Kristofer Torres and David Perez

Jan. 7 - Rita DeLaRosa, Michael Savala, Virginia Lea, J.B. Pruitt and Johnny Tambunga Jr.

Jan. 8 - Susan Bilano, Kevin Villarreal, Peggy Branyon, Tyson Vordick, Linda Talamantez, Jonathan Anderson, Penny Ramirez

Jan. 9 - Janette Lozano, Debbie Puckett and Barbaree Fierro

Jan. 10 - Tiger Lewis, Zeke Gonzalez, Willie Payne Jr., Cipriano Perez, Cody Hunnicutt, Nereyda Vega, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Will Hoover, Ismael Villarreal and Nikolas Santiago

Jan. 11 - Shane Albers, Sean Davis, Melissa Oviedo Samarripa, Michael Esparza, Penny Stewart, Lydia Fierro and Alicia Lopez

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National Weather Service seeking Ozona volunteer

The National Weather Service in San Angelo is looking for a volunteer to take weather observations in the Ozona area.

The duty would involve

taking temperature and rainfall amounts on a daily basis and calling them in.

For more information, call Eva Mullen at 944-9445.

Local breeders win at REHAB Jackpot Show

The West Texas REHAB Center held their Jackpot Show on Dec. 11.

The following winning animals were bred in Ozona.

Crossbred Champion Lamb was won by Alyssa Flanagan, of Ballinger. Breeder was Fred Chandler, of Ozona.

Finewool Champion Lamb was won by Tom Spikes, of Aspermont. Breeder was Billy Reagor, of Ozona. Spikes also won Reserve Grand Champion Lamb with the animal bred by Reagor.

Champion Middleweight Division Goat won by Matthew Halfmann, of Garden City. Breeder was Chandler Show Goats, of Stephenville/Ozona.

Halfmann also won Champion Goat with the animal bred by Chandler Show Goats of Stephenville/Ozona.

This Jackpot Show was sponsored by: SureFed Feeds, Moorman Feed, Big Country Goat Breeders Association, Roscoe State Bank, Central Texas Farm Credit, ACA - Coleman, Jackson Brothers Feed & Seed, Luskey's-Ryon's Western Store, Nelson Farm & Ranch and The Monogrammer.

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

We have begun a new year and we all are wishing that it will be a wonderful year.

Today, it is cool and cloudy here in Crockett County, but after all it is winter time.

It was very sad to read of the death of Brandon Jacoby, son of Dr. David Jacoby and grandson of Jimmie (Jacoby) Clout. We send heartfelt condolences to his family.

Our friend Eugene "Jake" Miller celebrated his 95th birthday Sunday, Jan.

2, with a reception at the Crockett Room. Jake is well known and loved by all who know him. Best wishes go out to you, Jake.

Thank you so much for the 2011 calendars. We still need a few more so please bring in your surplus calendars.

Any of you who would like to play dominoes are welcome to come and play any morning or afternoon. I heard that there was a group planning to play but I haven't heard anymore from them.

The bridge ladies will be playing Monday at 1:30 p.m. These players have fun

at their game.

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

We have a projector with stand and a screen and have recently added a wonderful keyboard. Also for your enjoyment, we have a Wii game and five different stimulating games. We are anxious for these games to be used.

Our activities are for adults only.

CARE CENTER CHATTER

December was a busy one for staff, residents

BY ODILIA SANCHEZ
ASSISTANT ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

The month of December was a busy one at the Care Center.

There were many people who came to wish the residents a Merry Christmas and we would like to thank them for coming to make our Christmas season a joyous one.

A special thanks to the following individuals and groups who came to sing and perform: Nannette Verner and the First Baptist Church Choir, Jimmie Harris and sisters, Rehab staff and their families, Mrs. Del's Schoolhouse kids, Ozona Head Start kids, Justina Saunders and elementary school kids, Church of Christ members and youth group, OLPH members and youth group and Judy Reagor and her piano students.

I would also like to thank the high school stu-

dents and Gloria Wilson for helping with beauty shop and manicures on the day of the Christmas party.

I heard that the party was great and the residents had a great time visiting with family and loved ones and opening gifts provided by the Care Center and family members.

Unfortunately, I was attacked by a nasty stomach virus and could not attend the party.

Thanks to Mr. Hendricks, Betty Hawthorne, Mrs. Gonzales and OMS Students for the gifts they brought for the residents and also thanks to Templo Siloe congregation for the beautiful throws donated for the residents.

I tried to keep track of everyone that visited us tills holiday season but, if I left someone out, please forgive me. We appreciate everyone that comes by.

We will continue with the regular activities start-

ing the New Year. We are stocking up for the next bingo shop day which we will have in January.

The residents have enjoyed this new activity, so we will continue to have this once a month.

We had several residents that passed away this year and they are really missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

As we start this New Year please keep Crockett County Care Center residents and staff in your prayers and come by and visit often.

God blessed us abundantly this past year and we are in expectation of even greater blessings in 2011. We are part of a blessed community and if we continue to thank God for our blessings, we will continue to grow and prosper.

The residents and staff would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous new year.

OBITUARIES

Rosa Fierro

Rosa Fierro, 79 passed away on Dec. 31, 2010 at Manor Park in Midland. She was born in Madrid, Spain on Jan. 1, 1932 to Rosa Martinez and Valentin Sanchez of Madrid, Spain. She had one sister, Conchita Sanchez and three nephews. Rosa married Manuel Fierro on July 15, 1962 in Madrid, Spain.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 45 years, Manuel Fierro and her parents Rosa and Valentin Sanchez.

She is survived by her daughter, Melissa Sanchez and her husband, Steve Sanchez of Midland and their children, Christen and Brandon Sanchez. Rosa's grandchildren were her pride and joy. Rosa also has numerous nieces and nephews. Rosa and Manuel owned Fierro Brothers Construction and Fierro Shell Station for many years. Rosa enjoyed knitting and sewing for herself and others as well as playing bingo.

Rosa will be dearly missed by her family and friends who all hope to someday be reunited with her through Christ. Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 3, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

Pallbearers include: Jeff Sanchez, Chon Fierro Jr., Eric Fierro, Tony Fierro, Blas Vargas, James Fierro and Albino Yruegas.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Board and Friends Officers

By LOUISE LEDOUX
CROCKETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

As CCPL begins a new year, we are very excited to announce new officers and members for the Library Board and Friends of the Library.

These hardworking volunteers guide the Library Staff in our operation and policies for the Library and provide additional help with activities and fundraising. We welcome new members Nancy Vannoy, Rhonda Gregory, Pauline Bentley, Debra Bangeman, and Charlotte McElwain.

Library Board Officers for 2011 are President Debra Brown, Vice-President Mary Ortiz, and Secretary Beth Hoover.

Other board members are Dolores Ramirez, Carol Richie, Katie Ross and Barbara Meador.

Friends Officers are President Rhonda Gregory, Vice-President Nancy Vannoy, Secretary Pauline Bentley, and Treasurer Charlotte Harrell. Mrs. Harrell also serves as our Representative to the Big Country Library System where she is a member of the Advisory Council to the Texas State Library.

Other Friends Board Members are Helen White, Elva Ramirez, Debra Bangeman and Charlotte McElwain.

I am looking forward to working with all of these Officers and Board Members as we go into 2011.

The Friends of the Library will be mailing out their first newsletter for 2011 and kicking off their Annual Membership Drive.

Watch your mail box for your application or come by the Library to fill one out. Thanks, Friends!

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Card of Thanks:

Karen and Gil would like to thank all of the contributors to Russel's FFA mechanic project, it will hopefully earn him college scholarships. This has shown how supportive and caring Ozona people are. A special thank you goes to Melissa and Paul Perner.
Sincerely, Gil & Karen Komechak

AWAKING TO A NEW YEAR

They are safely in their underground burrows having survived last year and waiting for the warm spring weather of the new year. They are friendly, sociable, live in groups and are primarily vegetarians. Yes, they have enemies like snakes, hawks and owls to mention a few. And then there is the problem of floods and droughts. The ground squirrels remind me of something in the Bible. For whatever reason God has allowed us to survive last year and given us the hope of a new year. God has a plan and purpose for each and everyone of us, (John 5:30). First, He wants us to acknowledge Him or revere Him, (Deuteronomy 5:29, Matthew 6:9-13). Second, He wants us to trust or accept His Son, Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior, (John 1:12&3:16). Finally, He has left us here to bring light and hope into a dying and lost world, (Matthew 5:14-16, John 1:4&5). And as a good friend wrote me how God has touched his heart, "I have been reminded this Christmas season, perhaps as never before, that there are so very many all around us who still know little, or nothing about Christ. Above everything else I might resolve to do during this next year, I want to be a more faithful witness, both in word and in lifestyle, that Christ does, indeed make a difference in a person's life." See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

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| <p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p> | <p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wed. Worship - 5 p.m.-Meal, 5:30 p.m.-Study</p> |
| <p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p> | <p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> |
| <p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p> | <p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.: 6 p.m.</p> |
| <p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p> | <p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p> | <p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p> | | <p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p> |

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estimates annually for geographic areas with a population of 20,000 or more, including the nation, all states and the District of Columbia, all congressional districts, approximately 1,800 counties, and 900 metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas, among others.

On Dec. 21, the Census Bureau released the first 5-year estimates for small areas. These first 5-year estimates are based on ACS data collected from 2005 through 2009.

Also on that day, the bureau announced that the 2010 Census showed the resident population of the United States on April 1, 2010, was 308,745,538.

The resident population represented an increase of 9.7 percent over the 2000 U.S. resident population of 281,421,906.

The U.S. resident population represents the total number of people in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The most populous state was California (37,253,956); the least populous, Wyoming (563,626). The state that gained the most numerically since the 2000 Census was Texas (up 4,293,741 to 25,145,561) and the state that gained the most as a percentage of its 2000 Census count was Nevada (up 35.1 percent to 2,700,551).

With that gain, Texas added four additional seats to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Regionally, the South and the West picked up the bulk of the population increase, 14,318,924 and 8,747,621, respectively. But the Northeast and the Midwest also grew: 1,722,862 and 2,534,225.

Additionally, Puerto Rico's resident population was 3,725,789, a 2.2 percent decrease over the number counted a decade earlier.

Beginning in February and wrapping up by March 31, the Census Bureau will release demographic data to the states on a rolling basis so state governments can start the redistricting process.

For more information, visit www.census.gov and click on American Community Survey.

Crockett County American Community Survey Results

| | 2000 | 2005-2009 |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Population: | | |
| Total | 4,099 | 3,784 |
| Male | 2,031 | 1,973 |
| Female | 2,068 | 1,811 |
| Median age (both sexes) | 37.2 | 34.3 |
| Under 5 years | 273 | 406 |
| 5 to 64 | 3,298 | 2,860 |
| 65 and older | 528 | 518 |
| 18 and older | 2,914 | 2,631 |
| Population of one race: | | |
| White | 1,792 | 1,629 |
| Black | 28 | 0 |
| American Indian | 24 | 0 |
| Asian | 11 | 0 |
| Hawaiian Pacific Islander | 1 | 0 |
| Other race | 808 | 271 |
| Hispanic | 2,242 | 2,155 |
| Households: | | |
| Average household size | 2.65 | 2.74 |
| Housing units: Total | 2,049 | 2,072 |
| Total occupied housing units | 1,524 | 1,380 |
| Owner occupied | 1,086 | 793 |
| Renter occupied | 438 | 587 |
| Vacant housing units: Total | 525 | 692 |
| Population 25 years and over | 2,659 | 2,303 |
| High school graduate or better | 1,375 | 1,006 |
| Bachelor's degree or better | 277 | 276 |
| Foreign born | 432 | 514 |
| Foreign born not citizen | 226 | 393 |
| Economic: | | |
| Median household income, 2009 inflation-adjusted | \$29,355 | \$47,143 |
| Population 16 years and over | 3,018 | 2,776 |
| In labor force | 1,920 | 1,991 |
| In labor force; civilian; employed | 1,794 | 1,888 |
| Civilian; unemployed | 126 | 103 |
| Not in labor force | 1,098 | 785 |
| Percent individuals below poverty level | 19.4 | 15.9 |
| Employed civilian population 16 and over | 1,794 | 1,888 |
| Agriculture; forestry; fishing and hunting; and mining | 459 | 623 |
| Construction | 106 | 218 |
| Manufacturing | 59 | 17 |
| Wholesale trade | 66 | 15 |
| Retail trade | 166 | 189 |
| Transportation and warehousing; and utilities | 89 | 120 |
| Information | 8 | 0 |
| Finance; insurance; real estate and rental and leasing | 59 | 73 |
| Professional; scientific; management; administrative; waste management | 28 | 120 |
| Educational; health and social services | 322 | 220 |
| Arts; entertainment; recreation; accommodation and food services | 163 | 102 |
| Other services (except public admin.) | 140 | 131 |
| Public administration | 129 | 60 |

- Source: 2000 Census, American Fact Finder using 2005-2009 American Community Survey data.

Ozona Firefighters assist Big Lake in building blaze



BIG LAKE WILDCAT | SUBMITTED PHOTO

OZONA FIREFIGHTERS responded to a structure fire in Big Lake, where they assisted in extinguishing a massive fire in two buildings. The Big Lake chief advised to stage the Ozona truck and use the man power to relieve Big Lake firefighters. Two Barnhart fire units were in the alley also using master streams and a truck from North Reagan County arrived and also worked the back side of the buildings. The original fire building was fully involved as well as the building attached on the south side. The fire was stopped as it tried to involve the third building. Ozona Fire Marshal Steve Kenley (right photo) arrived on the scene and contacted the Big Lake chief for investigation. The fire was tapped out at 3:08 am and after hose was drained and replaced on equipment the out of town units were released. Ozona firefighters were in service for four hours and 58 minutes. Ozona Fire Chief Bob Falkner is pictured in left photo.

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Crockett National Bank closes two San Angelo locations

BY JUSTIN ZAMUDIO
SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

For some Crockett National Bank customers, the convenience of banking at a convenience store is going away come the new year.

The bank has closed two of its San Angelo branches, its Main Street and Knickerbocker Road branches.

The two branches were smaller than the four other locations in San Angelo and received the least amount of traffic, said Todd Huckabee, president and CEO of Crockett National Bank.

"We've got current financial issues going on with this economy," Huckabee said. "Those are our two smallest branches, and they're also located in close proximity to other branches we have here in town."

The bank, which also has branches in Ozona, San Antonio and Weatherford, recently finalized a deal to sell its Weatherford branch. The First Bank of Mineral Wells will purchase the assets and assume the liabilities of the Weatherford Branch, Huckabee said.

The emergence of the debit card and online banking has driven down traffic at the bank's branches, Huckabee said. Despite the upcoming closures and Weatherford sell, Huckabee said the bank should maintain stability in the coming years.

"We've had a record year as far as returns on profitability. Our problem loans are at a very, very low level," Huckabee said. "It just appears, when we look down the track, we needed to make these changes."

"A few years ago branching needed to be at several loca-

tions, but now with debit cards and remote deposit, the need for branches has just diminished, and the need for people to physically go to a location has diminished. Definitely, it has been that way in the past two to three years."

Each affected branch employed about five people, he said. "All the full-time people are being moved elsewhere among the other branches. There are a few part-time, mainly college students, that will lose their jobs. Most everyone, though, will be relocated," Huckabee said.

The bank declined to have a rapid response from the local unemployment office for the displaced employees, said Cathy Ballard, planning director of the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board.

Crockett National Bank had \$263.8 million in assets as of Sept. 30, compared with \$292.9 million in 2009. The bank's deposits and loans also dipped in 2010 compared with 2009.

"The number of bank locations in the nation is going to continue to see consolidation in the industry. The FDIC is expecting several thousand merger acquisitions over the next few years, and an overall reduction in the total number of banks and bank branches," Huckabee said.

"We just feel in the current economy, we have to be way ahead of the curve and make some changes looking forward to the next five to 10 years. We see these as very minor adjustments. We still have our offices here, and in Ozona and San Antonio. We are seeing more gains and we just want to concentrate on staying strong at home."

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Lady Lions play in Reagan County Tourney

The Lady Lions competed in the Reagan County Tournament over the Christmas break. Ozona was 3-2 in the

tournament. The Lady Lions defeated Water Valley in their first game 65-54. Score by quarters: Ozo-

na - 11 14 21 19 - 65; Water Valley - 15 16 12 11 - 54. Leading scorer and in rebounds was RaeLynn Arredondo with 13 points,

9 rebounds. Melanie Miller was the top defensive player with 4 steals and 5 defensive rebounds.

Ozona lost to Reagan County in the second game, 37-28.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 4 9 8 - 28; Reagan County - 12 7 6 12 - 37.

Leading scorer was Miller, 10 points.

The Lady Lions won their third game, 39-37, against McCamey.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 9 6 19 - 39; McCamey - 8 9 6 14 - 37.

Leading scorer was Kristen Mendoza, 12 points. Miller and Mendoza also had 8 offensive rebounds each and Miller had 8 steals and 5 defensive rebounds.

Ozona then lost to Water Valley, 40-32, in their next game.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 1 11 8 12 - 32; Water Valley - 15 11 5 9 - 40.

Leading scorer: Miller, 11 points. Britni Mitchel had 9 rebounds, 8 being defensive. Adrienne Sanchez had 3 steals and 2 defensive rebounds.

The Lady Lions won their final game, 56-43, over Coahoma.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 11 17 20 - 56; Coahoma - 9 12 12 10 - 43.

Leading scorers were Miller, 18; Mendoza, 15 and Sanchez 14. Miller also had 6 rebounds. Arredondo had 6 steals and 4 defensive rebounds.

"The Coahoma game was impressive for our girls. Not only did they play hard and do a really good job, it was their fifth game of the tournament. That's a tough thing to do. They showed their mental and physical toughness by playing full court defense in a game where a lot of teams would complain about being tired and just not be able to go. They didn't complain; they just played hard and got the job done. It was a good way to finish the tournament," said Coach Cristy Isenhower.

Lions win consolation in Reagan County Tournament

The Ozona Lions competed in the Reagan County Tournament over the Christmas break.

The Lions won Consolation in the tournament.

Ozona lost the first round game, 43-40 to Alpine. Leading scorer was Jerrod duBois, 16 points.

In their next game, Ozona defeated Christoval 58-52. duBois had 17 points.

In the Consolation final, Ozona defeated Coahoma 45-43.

The Lions will take on Alpine at 5 p.m. Friday in Alpine and then Crane Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Crane.

LIONS: from page 1

"When we needed a play, when we needed something to happen, he's the guy we were going to turn around and hand it to or pitch it to."

Also named was Jerrod duBois as defensive lineman. Standing 6-foot-6 and 180-pounds, duBois was the only sophomore to make the team this year. He was a first-team all-district pick as a defensive lineman and a tight end. He had 60 tackles and five sacks to lead the Lions' defensive front.

At punter is 5-foot 8, 170-pound junior Alejandro

Mendez. Mendez was a first-team all-district punter for the Lions. He averaged 35.1 yards per punt on 18 punts with none blocked and a long of 58. He was also a second-team all-district defensive back.

Rounding out selections for the Lions is 5-foot-8, 155-pound senior Abey Lara at utility back. Lara was a first-team all-district pick on both sides of the ball. As a safety, he had 78 tackles and four interceptions, two of which were returned for scores. As Ozona's quarterback, he ran for 385 yards and threw for 362 yards. He even had five catches for 60 yards.

2011 Ozona High School Boy's Basketball Schedule

| Date | Day | Opponent | Place | Teams | Times |
|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Jan. 4 | Tues. | Reagan County | Here | JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 7 | Fri. | Alpine | There | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 11 | Tues | Crane | There | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 14 | Fri. | *Sonora | There | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 18 | Tues. | *Brady | There | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 21 | Fri. | *Wall | Here | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 25 | Tues. | *Grapecreek | Here | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 28 | Fri. | *Ballinger | There | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 29 | Sat. | JV Dist. Tourney | Ballinger | JV | TBA |
| Feb. 1 | Tues. | *Sonora | Here | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 4 | Fri. | *Brady | Here | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 8 | Tues. | *Wall | There | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 11 | Fri. | *Grapecreek | There | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 15 | Tues. | *Ballinger - Senior Night | Here | F-JV-V | 5:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 21,22 | Mon.-Tues. | Bi-District | | | |
| Feb. 24,25 | Fri.-Sat. | Area | | | |
| Mar. 2,3 | Regional Quarter finals | | | | |
| Mar. 4 | Regional Semifinals | | | | |
| Mar. 5 | Regional Finals | | | | |
| Mar. 10-12 | State Tournament | | | | |

* Indicates District Opponent

2011 Ozona High School Girl's Basketball Schedule

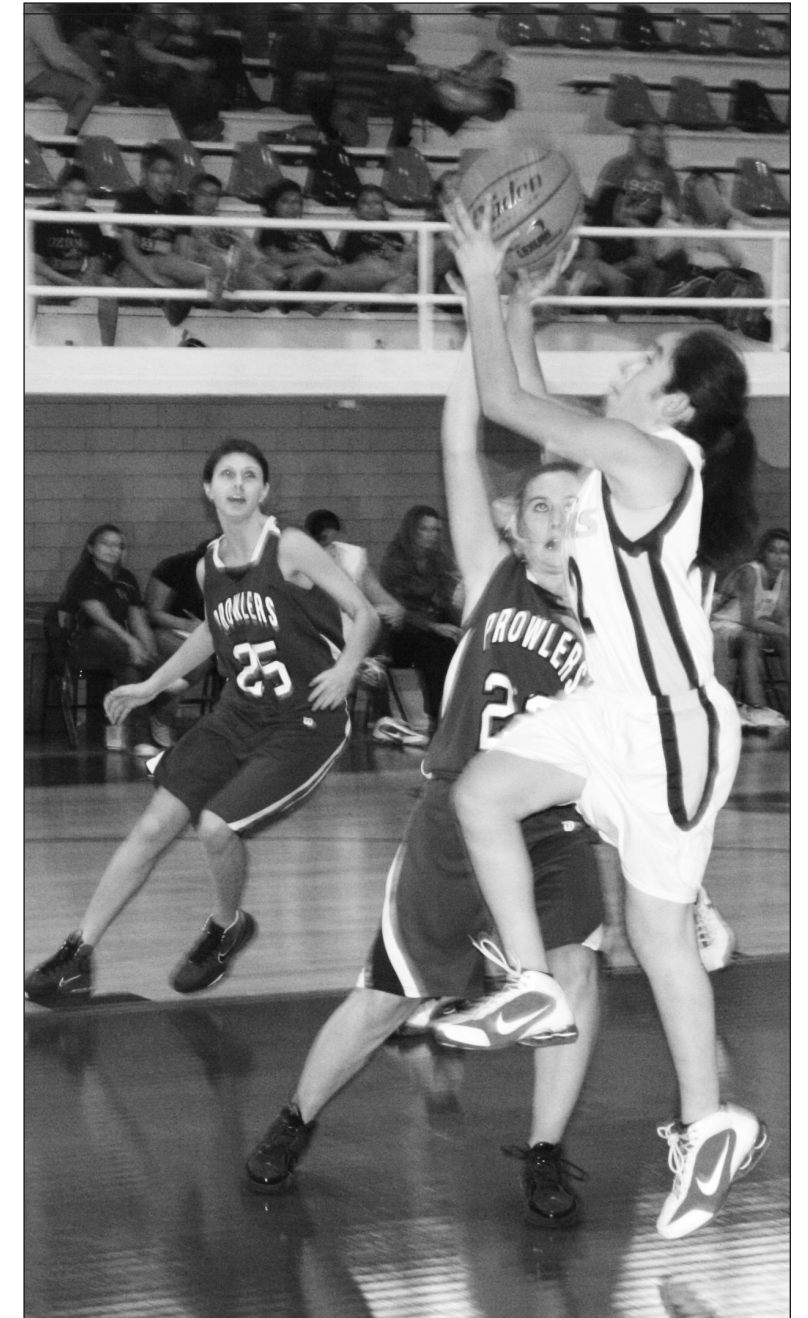
| Date | Day | Opponent | Place | Teams | Times |
|------------|-----|-----------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Jan. 4 | Tue | Reagan Co. | Here | JV/V/9 | 5/6:30/8 |
| Jan. 7 | Fri | Grape Creek | There | JV/V | 5/6:30 |
| Jan. 11 | Tue | Ballinger | Here | 9/JV/V | 5/6:30/8 |
| Jan. 14 | Fri | Sonora | There | JV/V/9 | 5/6:30/8 |
| Jan. 17 | Mon | Iraan | TBA | 9 | TBA |
| Jan. 18 | Tue | Brady | There | JV/V | 5/6:30 |
| Jan. 21 | Fri | Wall | Here | JV/V/9 | 5/6:30/8 |
| Jan. 25 | Tue | Grape Creek | Here | JV/V | 5/6:30 |
| Jan. 28 | Fri | Ballinger | There | JV/V/9 | 5/6:30/8 |
| Jan. 29 | Sat | JV District Tournament | Sonora | JV | TBA |
| Feb. 1 | Tue | Sonora | Here | JV/V/9 | 5/6:30/8 |
| Feb. 4 | Fri | Brady - Senior Night | Here | JV/V | 5/6:30 |
| Feb. 8 | Tue | Wall | There | JV/V/9 | 5/6:30/8 |
| Feb. 14,15 | | Bi-District | | | |
| Feb. 18,19 | | Area | | | |
| Feb. 21,22 | | Regional Quarterfinals | | | |
| Feb. 25,26 | | Regional Tournament | | | |
| Mar. 3-5 | | State Tournament | | | |

We will be looking to add more 9th grades games **Bold** indicates district opponent

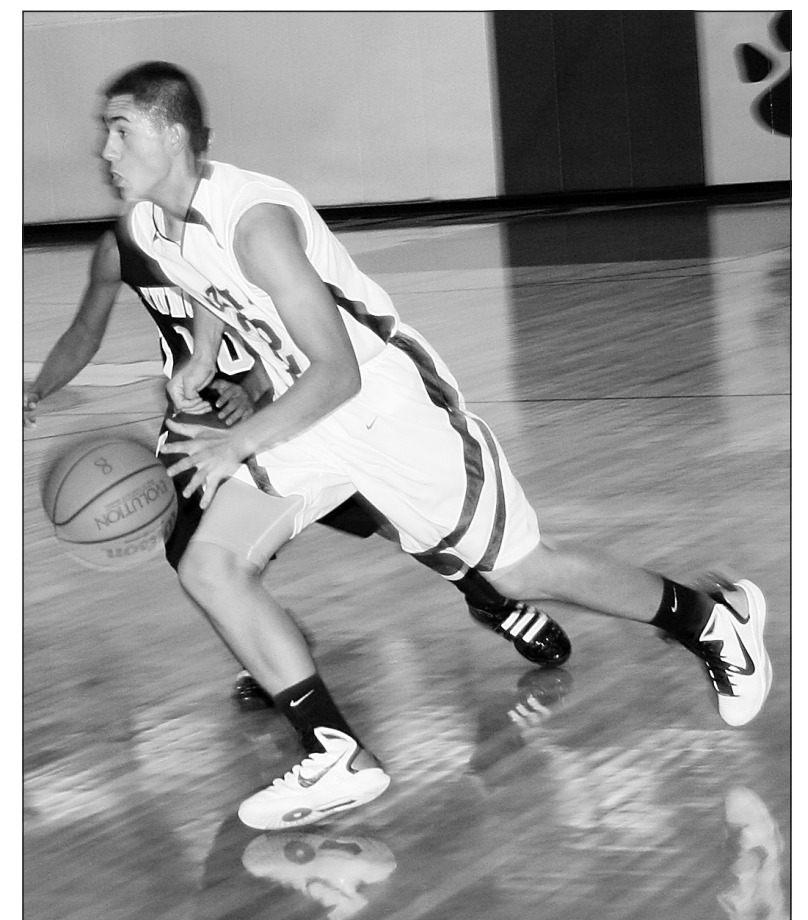
2011 Ozona Middle School Basketball Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Boys | Girls | Teams |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Jan. 6-8-Thurs-Sat. | Comstock B | | | 7B, 8B |
| Jan. 8-Sat. | Ozona JHB Tourney | @ Ozona | | 7A, 8A Boys |
| Jan. 10-Mon. | Ballinger | @ Ozona 4:00 p.m. | @ Ballinger 5:30 p.m. | 7B, 7A, 8B, 8A |
| Jan. 17-Mon. | Sonora | @ Sonora 5:30 p.m. | @ Ozona 4:00 p.m. | 7B, 7A, 8B, 8A |
| Jan. 24-Mon. | Brady | @ Brady 4:00 p.m. | @ Ozona 4:00 p.m. | 7B, 7A, 8B, 8A |
| Jan. 31 -Mon. | Wall | @ Ozona 4:00 p.m. | @ Wall 5:30 p.m. | 7B, 7A, 8B, 8A |
| Feb. 3&5-Thur. & Sat. | Eldorado Tourney | @ Eldorado | TBA | 7 & 8 Girls |
| Feb.10-Thurs. | Grapecreek | @ Ozona 4:00 p.m. | Open | 7B, 7A, 8B, 8A |

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THESE SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



ARLEEN CASTRO TAKES A JUMP SHOT FOR THE LADY LIONS. PHOTO BY JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN



RYAN MAYFIELD WORKS THE BALL TOWARD THE BASKET FOR THE VARSITY LIONS. PHOTO BY JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

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Hernandez 'hand selected' to secure Air Force Global Strike Challenge

BY JESSICA SWITZER
AIR FORCE STAFF SGT.

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. - The son of an Ozona couple is helping re-write military history books as a competitor in a competition within the Air Force's newest command shouldered with the responsibility for nuclear missiles and bombers throughout the nation.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Ernesto (Ernie) A. Hernandez, son of Natividad and Maria Hernandez, of Ozona, is an instructor who converged on this traditional B-52 bomber base in northern Louisiana to compete in Global Strike Challenge 2010.

It is the new Global Strike Command's competition to determine the best missile, bomber and security forces teams within the command.

It began back in April with a bomb loading competition at a bomber base in North Dakota and ended with the security forces competition at Barksdale.

"I was hand selected to serve as a guest cadre for the Global Strike Challenge," said Hernandez, a 2000 Ozona High School graduate. "They brought me down from Wyoming to help with set up and serve as a controller."

All of the nearly 400 competitors, including Hernandez and his teammates, were highly trained in their



AIR FORCE AIR FORCE STAFF SGT. ERNESTO A. HERNANDEZ is an instructor for the 90th Ground Combat Training Squadron, Camp Guernsey, Wyo., who served as a member of the cadre for the security forces portion of Global Strike Challenge 2010.

specialties and tested extensively in their knowledge and abilities in their field. In addition to active duty airmen, members of all of the Air Force's National Guard and Reserve elements also participated in the competition.

"I was selected to come down here because I'm one of the best in my field at my unit," said Hernandez, who is assigned to the 90th Ground Combat Training Squadron, Camp Guernsey, Wyo.

This year's competition is a combination of two older competitions, a bomb

competition and a missile competition, that date back to the 1940s.

From 1948 to 1992 Strategic Air Command (SAC) held a bombing and navigation competition to test its best crews. In 1966 SAC held their first missile combat competition.

Today, Global Strike Challenge combines both of these storied contests into a single highly competitive whole.

Air Force Global Strike Command, activated in April 2009, puts the command and control of the Air Force's nuclear assets

under the control of a single organization.

Its creation began in 2008 when Air Force leaders took a critical look at its nuclear mission after discovering shortcomings in its procedures. They decided the service needed a single command focused on nuclear operations.

"I feel this is a great team building course for all bases," said Hernandez, who has been in the Air Force for over 10 years. "A lot is taken out of this competition that can help each team.

Elementary Parent Preview Night Monday

Parent Preview Night will be Monday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School. All parents of students in first through fifth grades are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the school at 392-5501 ext. 5730.

Stockman Deadline: Monday at NOON

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BOARD: from page 1

This responsibility often entails difficult choices, self-sacrifice, and exposure to public criticism. However, it also brings a great deal of personal satisfaction in sharing with parents, staff, and students their academic successes. This crucial responsibility and the closeness of trustees to the voters make the local school board the purest example of democracy our society presents.

According to TASB, a school board is a local governmental body that can take action only by a majority vote at a legally called public meeting.

The individual board member's major responsibility is to study issues facing the district, evaluate needs and resources, and, after due consideration, vote in the best interest of all students at such a meeting.

A trustee who attempts—without board authorization—to speak for the whole board, direct school staff members, or make other individual decisions is exceeding his or her authority, stated by a release from TASB.

There are a number of requirements to be eligible for election, a local school board candidate must be:

- A qualified/registered voter.

- A resident of the district he or she desires to

represent for six months before the filing deadline.

- A resident of the state for 12 months before the deadline.

School boards must meet in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and make public records available pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act.

Citizens are welcome at all school board meetings, except in a few legally specified circumstances permitting closed meetings. Most school boards allow citizen participation and have policies communicating how and when citizens contribute their input.

Generally, boards set aside a portion of the regular meeting for public comment and limit each speaker to five minutes. This is a chance for citizens to give

input while allowing adequate time for other important board business, according to TASB.

"School board members shoulder critical responsibilities as advocates for our children. They face difficult challenges and make hard decisions with the overall goal of promoting student achievement. Working as a vital link between the community and the classroom, the board is responsible for an annual budget of \$ 26,432,255, 756 students, 170 employees, and three campuses. They serve as the passionate voice for public education and help ensure the future of our state and nation. We truly appreciate every board member for voluntarily tackling the enormous job of governing our local school districts," duBois said.

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Youth Center Board Meeting Jan. 5
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 Adult - 5:30 p.m.
OHS Food Night
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As of Dec. 31, 2010
Crockett County

| OPERATOR | PTID | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|-------------------------|------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Approach Operating | 9007 | Cisco Terry F- #2066 | Nabors Drilling (O) 353 | Drig Ahead |
| New Approach Operating | 9007 | Amatt- #4218 | Nabors Drilling (O) 353 | Assigned |
| Approach Operating | 9007 | Cisco Terry M- #901 H | Nabors Drilling (O) 769 | Drig Ahead |
| Approach Operating | 9007 | University 42-13 #13 | Rings Drilling (L) 17 | Logging 8025' |
| New El Paso E&P Company | 8007 | University 39-7 #1 H | Helmreich & Payne O 301 | Drig Ahead |
| Mic Operating | 4107 | Jade Unit #1 | Felderhoff Bros 25 | Assigned |

Reagan County

| OPERATOR | PTID | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Mariner Energy | 11607 | Holley- 1286- #1 | Big Dog Drilling 10a | Drig Ahead 5111' |
| New Parley Energy | 11607 | Amatt- #4218 | Matchstick Drilling 4 | Drig Ahead |
| New Pioneer Natural/Inv | 11207 | Wheeler #2 | Lariat Services/Slide 44 | As Directed |
| New Pioneer Natural/Inv | 11107 | Gardner- 49- #7 | Lariat Services/Slide 8 | As Directed |
| Devon Energy/Oilc | 11057 | University 9-15 #1 | Patterson Oil/Widmnd 80 | Drig Ahead 9925' |
| New Pioneer Natural/Inv | 10807 | Turner- E- #201- #1 | Lariat Services/Slide 9 | As Directed |
| Mariner Energy | 10307 | Sib- 12- #1214 | Big Dog Drilling 2 | Drig Ahead 4001' |
| New Mariner Energy | 10307 | Sib- 12- #1212 | Big Dog Drilling 24 | W.O.D. |
| New Prime Operating/Mid | 10007 | Lucy Lindsay #1 | Big Dog Drilling 5 | Drig Ahead 1742' |
| Endeavor Energy Res | 9907 | Sib- 9a- #1 | Big Dog Drilling 4 | Drig Ahead 8787' |
| New Endeavor Energy Res | 9507 | Sib- 10a- #1 | Big Dog Drilling 4 | Assigned |
| Final Natural Res | 9507 | Mccaughey Draw #17a | Patterson Oil/Widmnd 742 | Drig Ahead 9200' |
| New Broad Oak Energy Inc | 9007 | Sogg- B- #167a | Patterson Oil/Widmnd 39 | Drig Ahead 8431' |
| New Broad Oak Energy Inc | 9007 | Sogg- B- #168c | Patterson Oil/Widmnd 710 | Drig Ahead 5683' |
| Broad Oak Energy Inc | 9007 | Sogg- E- #209c | Union Drilling Texas 205 | Drig Ahead 1989' |
| Broad Oak Energy Inc | 9007 | Sogg- B- #174a | Union Drilling Texas 206 | Run Casing 8215' |
| New Broad Oak Energy Inc | 9007 | Sogg- B- #174a | Union Drilling Texas 206 | Assigned |
| New Teleco Operating | 2507 | University 48-9- Re- #4 | Sand Dollar Drilling 21 | Moving On |

Schleicher County

| OPERATOR | PTID | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|----------------------|------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Highmount E&P Tx | 8007 | Palmer- 30- #6 | Rings Drilling (L) 20 | Drig Ahead 8036' |
| New Highmount E&P Tx | 8007 | Martigliano #1687 | Rings Drilling (L) 16 | AT L.D. 8399' |

Sutton County

| OPERATOR | PTID | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|----------------------|------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| New Highmount E&P Tx | 7407 | Shurley Rr- 1c- #4 | Rings Drilling (L) 2 | Drig Ahead 1187' |



OZONA FIREFIGHTERS GIL KOMECHAK AND BLAKE MORROW extinguish a grass fire on New Year's Day on Laredo St. Crockett County is under a burn ban due to the dry conditions of the area. Firefighters in Ozona, Barnhart and Big Lake spent Monday extinguishing and chasing seven small grass fires along Highways 137 and 190.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

DEC. 27
• 1:24 p.m. - Grass fire 8 miles east of Iraan on US Hwy 190, two acres. Four units, eight firefighters, Iraan FD two trucks with three firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 32 minutes.

DEC. 29
• 6:05 p.m. - Grass fire off exit 350 I-10 on north service road, less than one acre, unknown cause. Two units, three firefighters. Time in service 57 minutes.
• 6:15 p.m. - Grass fire reported by fire unit 206 four miles north on County Road 203. Two acres, started by a turkey in a transmission line. Four units, seven firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 13 minutes.

DEC. 30
• 2:20 p.m. - Dumpster Fire at 1208 Avenue E, fire extinguished. Three units, eight firefighters. Time in service .31 minutes.
• 4:42 p.m. - Grass fire 2700 block of County Road 102, fire was reported getting close to a house, two acres. Four units, eight firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 25 minutes.

JAN. 1
• 12:30 p.m. - Grass Fire 1100 block Laredo St., small lot fire. Two units, three firefighters. Time in service 16 minutes.

JAN. 3
• 12:26 a.m. - Mutual Aid to Big lake FD, structure fire in two downtown buildings. Three units, six firefighters. Time in service 4 hours 58 minutes.
• 3:03 p.m. - Grass fire US Hwy 190 between County Road 204 and 205 north side, two acres started on the roadway. Time in ser-

vice 45 minutes.
• 3:03 p.m. - Grass fire US Hwy 190 just west of previous call, less than one acre started on roadway. Time in service 45 minutes.
• 3:03 p.m. - Grass fire US Hwy 190 and State Hwy 137, less than one acre started on roadway. Time in service 5 minutes.

• 3:03 p.m. - Grass fire State Hwy 137 two miles north of US Hwy 190, less than one acre, started on roadway. Time in service 5 minutes.
• 3:03 p.m. - Grass fire State Hwy 137, four mile north of US Hwy 190. Less than one acre, started on the roadway. Time in service 5 minutes.

• 3:03 p.m. - Grass fire north of previous call on State Hwy 137, two acres started on the roadway. Time in service 10 minutes.
• 3:03 p.m. - Grass fire north of previous call on State Hwy 137, four acres started on roadway. Time in service 10 minutes.

• 3:03 p.m. - Grass fire on State Hwy 137 north of previous call, two acres started on the roadway. Time in service 30 minutes.
• 3:03 p.m. - Grass fire on State Hwy 137 north of previous call, five acres started on roadway. Time in service 30 minutes.

Fire chief note: All grass fire calls on Jan. 3 had eight Ozona units with 15 firefighters, Big Lake FD two units, five firefighters, Barnhart FD two units, four firefighters. Also, all grass fire calls on Jan. 3 were received at the same time start at 3:03 p.m. and units arrived back at the station at 5:33 p.m.

STATE: from page 2

The State Preservation Board votes to install metal detectors at public entrances to state Capitol.
May: The state initiates an online application program for concealed handgun permits. Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson offers General Land Office's help in massive Deepwater Horizon oil spill off coast of Louisiana.
June: The University of Texas, Texas A&M University and Baylor University decide to stay in Big 12 Conference.
July: Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott says 80 percent of the state's high school class of 2009 graduated on time.
August: The Star Bar of Texas launches pro bono program to assist Texas veterans with

legal issues.
September: Newspapers and other media try to stage a live debate between Gov. Perry and challenger Bill White, but the Perry camp refuses because White had not made public his 1993-95 tax returns.
October: The Texas Attorney General's Office calls for halt on residential property foreclosures because of suspected cases of "robo-signing" of foreclosure documents by loan servicing companies.
November: Gov. Perry wins reelection to an unprecedented third consecutive four-year term as governor and the Republican Party picks up 21 seats in the House.
December: Two just re-elected Democratic state representatives, Aaron Peña of Edinburg and Allan Ritter of Nederland, switch to Republican Party.

Relay for Life Cancer Survivor Dinner Jan. 13

The Crockett County Relay for Life Cancer Survivor Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Civic Center.
"We are excited to host a Relay for Life Cancer Survivor Dinner for all Crockett County as our kickoff," said Coordinator Maria Hendryx. "The event for our Relay for Life will be held later this spring."
Anyone wanting more information on the Relay for

Life Event is invited to attend the next organizational meeting to be held at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, in the Ozona Elementary School Library or contact Hendryx. Anyone that is a cancer survivor or knows a cancer survivor, e-mail E.A. Wadsworth at ewadsworth@mhm.org, call Pina Rivera at (432) 294-2685 or e-mail rivera.pina@yahoo.com or call Hendryx at (325) 716-3291.

EMT class starting Jan. 25

There will be an EMT Class starting Jan. 25. The classes will be between Ozona and Sonora.
For more information, call Eddie Martin at (325) 392-3404. DSHS Course #605951.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

DEC. 20
• Emergency transfer - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center

DEC. 21
• Non-emergency transfer - Transport and treatment Local Residence
• Emergency transfer - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center

DEC. 22
• 911 call - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center

DEC. 23
• 911 call - Transport and treatment Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital

DEC. 29
• Emergency transfer - Transport and treatment San Angelo Community Med Ctr

DEC. 31
• No treatment, no transport

JAN. 1
• Emergency transfer - Transport and treatment

San Angelo Community Med Ctr
• 911 call - Transport and treatment Family Health Clinic

• Emergency transfer - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center
• 911 call - Transport and treatment Family Health Clinic

DEC. 26
• Emergency transfer - Transport and treatment San Angelo Community Med Ctr

DEC. 28
• Transport and treatment - San Angelo Community Med Ctr 3501 Knickerbocker Rd.

DEC. 29
• Transport and treatment - Shannon Medical Center 120 E. Beaugard

DEC. 31
• No treatment, no transport

JAN. 1
• Transport and treatment - Shannon Medical Center 120 E. Beaugard

Driver records now available instantly online

BY TELA MANGE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Texas drivers can now order their driving records online and print them out immediately instead of waiting to have record mailed to them.
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Previously, drivers could order their driver record online but had to wait to receive their record via the U.S. Postal Service.
Now, drivers can place

their order using a credit card and their actual driver license, and then print out their record, which is available in a certified version suitable for submitting to a court for permission to take defensive driving. All Texas drivers, including commercial driver license holders, are eligible to use the online Driver Record System. To request a record, drivers must provide authentication information from their Texas driver license or ID and the last four digits of their social security number. Orders also require a credit card and access to a working printer.
In addition to on-demand driver records, Texas.gov and DPS have introduced two other online services in the past six months: Concealed Handgun Licensing and Contractor Driver Record Requests. Texas.gov also offers an easy, convenient way for Texans to access more than 1,000 other online services, including Driver License Renewal, Vehicle Registration Renewal, and Birth Certificate Orders. Users can even access Texas.gov on-the-go through the Texas.gov iPhone application.
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Bidding instructions and specifications may be obtained by contacting the County Auditor's Office, Courthouse Annex, Ozona, Texas or the Crockett County Road Department.

Each bid envelope must be plainly marked (PAVING AGGREGATE). Any bid received after stated opening time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids shall be mailed or given to John Stokes, County Auditor, P.O. Box 989, Ozona, Texas 76943.

For more information on specifications, contact Ruben Mendez Superintendent, at the County Road Department, (915) 392-3020.

Rock is to be priced at bidders location and Crockett County will do the hauling to job sites. Bid must state location of pit where rock will be hauled from and mileage to Ozona from said site. A map must be included in bid. Bidder must give time that rock will be available for Crockett County to haul to Ozona. Rock must be ready for first job on 30 days after receiving the bid @ 300 cubic yards a day to be hauled by County trucks. Rock can be bid by ton and stating the conversion rate to Cubic Yards. Bidder is to load all trucks on first come first serve basis. Crockett County reserves the right to reject any and all bids that are received on the opening date and also reserves the right to accept either all or part of a bid.

Crockett County reserves the right to not necessarily accept to lowest bid or to waive any minor technicalities in determining what best suits our needs.

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Crockett County Auditor

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

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

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