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OVERNIGHT RAIN led to flooding Saturday morning in parts of Ozona. The draws in town filled up spilling over roadways. Rain total reports were 4.5 inches for Ozona and 6-7 inches in parts of Crockett County.

Rain, flooding hits Crockett County

*Commissioners lift
burn ban*

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Even before the rains hit, the Crockett County Commissioners' Court decided that a burn ban was no longer needed.

Last Thursday, Sept. 27, the commissioners met in a special meeting and voted to

lift the county wide ban. By Friday morning (Sept. 28), rain had started to fall on Crockett County.

The National Weather Service in San Angelo reported 5.17 inches from Friday and Saturday. The south and southwest part of the county had reports of receiving up to 10 inches in some areas. This brings Crockett County's yearly rain total to 19.60 inches, according to officials at NWS-San Angelo.

Ozona averages 14.64

inches of rainfall from January-September. The average annual rain is 18.99 inches.

"This puts Ozona well above normal for precipitation," said San Angelo National Weather Service Meteorologist Joel Dunn.

At this time last year, the county had only received 2.62 inches of rain and was battling massive wildfires. Crockett County's total for 2011 was 5.54 inches.

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No rain on OHS Homecoming Parade



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TOP: THE AVENGERS attacked on the OHS Junior Class Float during last Friday's Homecoming Parade. **LEFT: OZONA'S YMCA FOOTBALL PLAYERS** are ready for the parade. While rain fell most of the day and night Friday, it stopped just in time for the annual parade and pep rally at Lion Stadium. More homecoming photos, pages 6-7 and on The Ozona Stockman Facebook page.

Garcia crowned Queen



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2012 OHS HOMECOMING QUEEN CYNTHIA GARCIA

Lions struggle against Broncos

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

LION STADIUM - It wasn't the homecoming game that the Ozona Lions wanted. The Sonora Broncos overpowered and outran the Lions winning 57-7 last Friday night in a rainy game.

Sonora would dominate the entire game, scoring five touchdowns in the first half and then three more in the second.

The Lions were unable pull together and managed only 88 yards of total offense.

Ozona's only score would come late in the game on a 31-yard run by Rocky Venegas



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JERROD DUBOIS grabs a Sonora Bronco during Friday's 57-7 loss. The Lions are open this week before traveling to Center Point Oct. 12.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

District 1 School Board Race

Editor's note: For the next several weeks The Ozona Stockman will print Q&A articles on the Nov. 6 CCCCSD School Board races. This week features District 1 candidates Travis Davidson and Orlando DeHoyos.

My name is Travis Davidson. I ask for your vote for Crockett County Consolidated Common School District School Board to help keep Ozona schools great. I was born and raised in Crockett County, a product of CCCCSD schools, and a parent of a CCCCSD student. I graduated from Ozona High School in 1995. I then obtained a bachelor



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My name is Orlando DeHoyos. I was born and raised in Ozona, Texas. My parents are the late Oleo DeHoyos and Elisa DeHoyos whom, again, I thank deeply for ensuring that I graduated from the outstanding OHS class of 1977. Afterwards, I received a bachelor of arts degree in 1981 from Angelo State University. My major was in political science and my minor was in English. I then obtained a master degree of



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**OHS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS
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Change is in the cheese, make it successful

Change is a fact of life. It is inevitable. The question that each of us must deal with is, do we recognize it when we see it? Are we even looking for it?

Spencer Johnson has written a great little book that exemplifies how many people face change. The book is called, "Who Moved My Cheese?" Johnson's main characters are two mice (named Sniff and Scurry) and two little people (named Hem and Haw.)

In the story, the maze represents life and there are food supplies of cheese at certain lo-

cations. Sniff and Scurry are always on the move looking for cheese, but Hem and Haw find a large source and begin to live near the cheese.

One day, they discover that their supply of cheese is gone and hence the title



BUSINESS TIPS

JAMES LEAVELLE

of the book. What they took as a never ending supply of cheese is gone. Haw goes looking for it, while Hem stays put hoping it will come back. For Haw, it is a big step to leave his comfort zone and look for a new source of cheese. But, he manages to build the courage and eventually finds a new source of cheese, learning much along the way.

Business owners must be more like Sniff and Scurry always looking for change, "sniffing" it out, so to speak.

I recently met an owner who had been in business for a

number of years. It was refreshing to hear how he has constantly been looking for change over the years. He managed to stay in tune to what was happening in his industry and in his market area. As change approached, he "sniffed" it out and adapted to it. He didn't "hem-haw" around until it was too late. Mr. Businessman came to the SBDC because he was sniffing out another opportunity to change his business model and wanted some ideas on how to market his new model.

For businesses, change occurs in a number of ways. New government regulations may affect a business's profitability by imposing new compliance regulations through various agencies.

New technology may render a business obsolete if they fail to adapt or incorporate the new technology to their business model.

New competition, or old competition that has improved their model, is a market change that businesses can't afford to overlook or ignore.

Successful businesses look

for change and in many cases, embrace it.

That is much easier than trying to play catch up. Businesses that try to play catch up, either because they missed the change that came or ignored it, often times fail because the challenge to catch up was too great.

I hope you are looking for change.

"Business Tips" was written by James Leavelle, Business Development Specialist of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact him at James.Leavelle@angelo.edu.

Texas Open Meetings Act: not tough enough

The following editorial is from the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Some public officials around Texas might feel frustrated by the Texas Open Meetings Act because it prevents them from horse-trading before they come to do their business in front of the public.

And they might have convinced themselves they have something to fear because the law has teeth: It carries jail time and fines for those who knowingly violate it.

And they might believe TOMA is impossibly vague because the Legislature has required that they get trained on obeying it.

But they would be wrong, wrong and wrong again.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has said as much in a 3-0 panel ruling that holds the law is constitutional.

Maybe now those officials who've spent years challenging TOMA's penalties -- along with the Texas Municipal League, which has helped them -- will refocus their energies on really serving the public interest.

The 45-year-old law doesn't restrict political speech based on its content, the court said. It meets the legal test of being "substantially related" to furthering an important government interest.

Openness isn't just an "important" interest, it's a vital one.

Allowing government officials to discuss public business in private "lessens government transparency, facilitates corruption, and reduces confidence in government," Judge Jerry Smith wrote for the panel.

The law doesn't prevent local elected representatives from talking about policy on the radio, sending flyers to constituents, receiving e-mails from fellow officials -- or even meeting as a group to celebrate each other's birthdays or chat about knitting. As the courts recognized, the law doesn't prevent them from discussing the public's business, and it doesn't care about their particular views on any issue. It merely requires that when a quorum of them are doing it, they must do so where their constituents can see what's go-

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ing on. This does force officials to hash out difficult decisions in front of the world, even when they'd rather not. That's what they were elected to do.

This group took up the cause after an earlier suit that started in Alpine got dismissed because the officials initially involved left office.

TOMA defines a "meeting" as a gathering of a quorum of elected officials to discuss or take action on public business. Meeting notices must be posted publicly at least 72 hours beforehand, giving a location and an agenda. Only a few topics, such as personnel, litigation and real estate transactions, can be discussed in closed sessions, and all votes must be in public. It's a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum \$500 fine and up to six months in jail, to knowingly discuss public business in secret or deliberately circumvent the law.

Though the plaintiffs argued their free-speech rights were threatened, the appellate panel said public officials have no First Amendment right to deliberate in private, and enforcing the law doesn't amount to harassment.

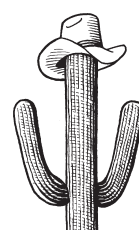
The officials might be right on one point: TOMA is under-inclusive by exempting the governor, mayors and state legislators, they argued. That doesn't make it unconstitutional; that means it doesn't go far enough.

Mayors and other heads of public bodies are notorious for working their colleagues privately to find out where they stand on issues. This "rolling quorum" inevitably leads to vote-trading and majority-building, too often resulting in limited discussion in a public forum.

More officials also are skirting openness by blatantly "talking" to each other via cellphone texts during meetings. A bill that would have barred texting, e-mailing, instant messaging or Internet posting during a public meeting died in committee during the 2011 session.

Lawmakers should re-examine the Texas Open Meetings Act next year -- and consider making it tougher.

Back To The Caves



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I know I'm getting old but when a tiny tot recently asked me if I'd ever seen a real live dinosaur it caused me to rethink my antiquity. Although I've never seen a live brontosaurus I have interacted with CAVE people, and you have to, that's CAVE as in Citizen's Against Virtually Everything. These are the folks who want to tear down the dams, reduce their carbon footprint, and give the land back to wolves and bears.

If we're going to do this let's do it right. Let's get rid of GMO food, bread and butter, soda pop and pizza and farmers and ranchers. From now on get your own food. If the locavores want locally produced food let them grow it themselves. You can't get any more local than that! If the vegetarians don't want to eat beef and the health-fanatics don't want to eat anything that isn't "natural", let them try to live on the nuts and berries they collect when they go into the forest where evil lurks around every tree. They'll soon discover that tofu is not a naturally occurring substance in the wild. For people who hate fast food let them see how long it takes them to gather up breakfast lunch and dinner. If PETA members don't like farrowing crates let them try to kill a wild boar with a crudely made slingshot someone will have to make for them. I guarantee they'll be eating horses, their pet dogs, endangered species and anything else they can get their hands on.

I have a feeling the CAVEmen and CAVE-

women, excuse me, CAVEpersons, won't be nearly as worried about political correctness when they have other things to worry about, like finding dinner with a pack of wolves circling. The animal rightists won't be as concerned about rat's rights and will have an entirely different outlook, as will all CAVEpersons who are freezing to death in their loin cloths without

Big Oil to complain about. If they want to reduce their carbon footprints, let's go all the way: no more cars, heating and air conditioning, dams or electricity. That means no more Google, Facebook or irritating their fellow CAVEpersons talking on their cell phones in restaurants. There won't be any restaurants. And that means Starbucks too! You won't need your daily adrenaline rush anyway when you have lions and bears to outrun.

We'll satisfy the anti-NRA crowd by eliminating guns. You'll have to throw rocks for your supper and your life expectancy will be about 20 minutes. You want to turn the entire west into one big wilderness? Why stop there, let's make the whole country one big National Monument without roads or fire trucks. And remember, NO harvest-

ing of trees. That's what you want, isn't it. Let's go back to nature where your choice of mate won't be determined by personality or money, but by how much potential body heat they'll produce when you're entire family is all rolled up into one big ball trying to keep warm. Entire families will stay together in the cave forever simply for the heat.

Women will be freed from daily chores like dusting and vacuuming the cave, polishing the silver or taking the kids to school. What school? There won't be any dishes to wash and you can clean the family loin cloths in the river. Watch out for rattlesnakes though. There won't be any symptoms of civilization such as spas, Monday Night Football, Twitter, colonoscopies, Prozac, Louis Vuitton bags, \$200 jogging shoes, cable TV, chocolate, 200 thread count sheets, Disneyland, or Wal Mart. Socialists will be happy because BIG Business will be a thing of the past, in fact, there won't be any business to overregulate and tax to death to pay for social programs. There won't be any Medicaid, Social Security or ObamaCare. If you get a toothache, so what? Mountain lion rip your arm off? Suck it up. This is what you wanted wasn't it?

Just think, it will be one big happy camp-out. Won't that be fun? Actually I think I'll fit right in as I already work with primitive tools on hide, my writing looks like hieroglyphics, and I like to eat with my hands. Hey, I can take it if you can. www.LeePittsbooks.com

Appeals court upholds Texas open meetings law

AUSTIN — A case brought by a group of 15 city officials naming the State of Texas and Attorney General Greg Abbott as defendants failed before the New Orleans-based U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals on Sept. 25.

In *Asgerirsson et al. v. Abbott*, plaintiffs sought to have the court declare the Texas open meetings law "unconstitutionally vague" and "overbroad" primarily because of criminal provisions local governmental officials face if accused of knowingly circumventing the law. A violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$500, confinement in jail for one to six months, or both.

Plaintiffs' central argument was that the criminal portion of the law abridges their right to free speech under the First Amendment. However, in a unanimous decision by a three-judge panel, the 5th Circuit affirmed a lower court ruling that the law is constitutionally sound.

After the court released its

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decision on Sept. 25, Abbott said the outcome "... is a great victory for democracy and the First Amendment. The decision further guarantees the public will continue to have access to information about how their government works. Making meetings accessible and allowing the public to see how decisions are made are the foundation of open government. A healthy democracy requires that the public have access to how government operates."

In 2006, again in 2009-2010 and currently in 2011-2012, sets of more than a dozen city officials from many regions of Texas unsuccessfully brought the same general case and arguments before a federal district court and the 5th Circuit.

Originally adopted by the Texas Legislature in 1967, the open meetings law is intended to discourage public officials from

meeting in non-public settings to deliberate on public business. According to the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, invalidating the law potentially would allow government corruption to escape public scrutiny.

Disclosure: Texas Press Association participated in a friend-of-the-court brief in support of the state's position in *Asgerirsson v. Abbott*.

PUSH IS ON FOR SPENDING LIMITS

Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and other Republicans last week called a stricter constitutional spending limit for the state budget ahead of the upcoming legislative session.

In calling for a spending limiting amendment to the state constitution, Perry said, "Government growth, if any, should be kept to the bare minimum and should be limited ... to the

rate of our population growth combined with the rate of inflation."

Dewhurst said Texas is "the national model when it comes to keeping state spending to a minimum," adding, "We take pride in the fact that Texas ranks 47th out of 50th per capita in state spending."

Perry called on lawmakers to

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



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EL CHATO'S EMPLOYEES: (left to right) Judy Flores, Jill Marquez, Carolina Ojeda, Leslie Rodriguez, Irma Moran, (owner), Melony Moran, Linda Valencia and Debbie Tambunga.

El Chato's named September business of the month

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
 OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Danny and Irma Moran purchased El Chato's Restaurant and reopened its doors in November of 2010. It is a family owned and operated restaurant, which has been in business for over 30 years.

El Chato's has a new menu that includes a variety of nacho appetizers. They have taco, chicken or beef fajita, and shrimp salads. They offer child's plates with chicken strips, corn dogs or a small Mexican plate. You will find flour tortilla tacos. Sandwiches include hamburgers, grilled cheese or chicken, ham and cheese, or a club sandwich. There are a variety of dinner plates from which you can choose that include enchiladas, tacos, beans, rice, chaluapas, tamales and more.

They still offer their favorites like the El Chato's special, tacos al carbon, the Mexican village, Spanish steak, carne enseboada, quesadillas, flautas, chile relleno, tacos jalisco and a guiso plate. You can order beef, chicken, shrimp, a trio or lemon pepper chicken fajitas.

From the grill they offer chicken fried steak or chicken, pork chops, club steak, pepper steak, steak and shrimp or hamburger steak. You can also enjoy beef liver, steak fingers, chicken strips or a grilled chicken breast. For seafood lovers

try the catfish or fried jumbo shrimp.

Build your own menu from a list of sides to choose from like chili con queso, rice, beans, baked potato and much more. If you still have room, finish off your meal with a dessert of cheese cake, flan or pie.

"Without the help of our parents Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Joe To-bar, Leticia and Lilly (Irma's sisters), and our employees, who are like family, we could not run a successful business. We are very grateful for our customers. Without them, we wouldn't have a business. Ozona has been very supportive. We give many thanks, beyond words, to each and every one of you," said Irma.

El Chato's Restaurant is located at 1201 15th Street and open for business Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Sundays, they are open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They offer a lunch buffet on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays. Furthermore, they offer Gift Certificates and orders to go as well. For more information, call (325) 392-5808.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize El Chato's Restaurant for their efforts to provide quality service in addition to being an added asset to the local business community.

Chamber luncheon featuring AgriLife Extension

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
 OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce is hosting an Educational Luncheon featuring the Texas AgriLife Extension Office.

The event will take place Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Visitor Center.

The event will start at 11:30 a.m. with a meet and greet. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. and program from noon-1 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

Chase McPhaul and Bill Thompson of the Texas AgriLife Extension Office will discuss and provide many resources and programs available to landowners and residents.

-As a resident, do you know the agriculture history of Crockett County?

-Are you familiar with the services of the AgriLife Extension offices, and that they are offered to both residents and landowners?

-Do you know how you can sustain your Ag operation during a drought?

-What can landowners do to recover from fire.

-Are there drought or fire subsidized programs for ranchers?

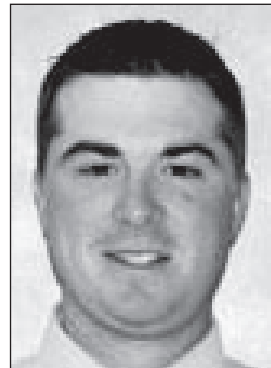
-As a landowner, do you know how you can generate revenue outside of oil and gas, ranching and hunting?

McPhaul is the Crockett County Extension Agent for AgriLife.

He has been with Crockett County for four years. He went to college at Howard Junior College and transferred to Texas Tech University and in 2007 Chase graduated with a bachelor of science in Agriculture Leadership.



BILL THOMPSON



CHASE MCPHAUL

Thompson is the Assistant Professor and Extension Economist out of San Angelo.

He has a master of science from Texas A&M University in Agricultural Economics and bachelor of science from Arizona State University in Agribusiness Management and Finance.

RSVP is needed by Oct. 5. For more information, call the chamber at (325) 392-3737.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 3

- Flu Shot Drive-thru Clinic, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the EMS Building.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, Oct. 4

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

Friday, Oct. 5

- End of First Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Saturday, Oct. 6

- OHS Cross Country Teams at Round Rock.
- Ozona YMCA Football, Pee Wee vs. Sonora, 11:30 a.m. and Heavy Weights vs. Sonora, 2:30 P.M. at Eldorado.

Monday, Oct. 8

- Columbus Day
- Staff Development Day/Student Holiday at Ozona Schools
- Exercise Classes, 8 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.
- Friends of the Library annual meeting and program, 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Tuesday, Oct. 9

- OHS and OMS Cross Country at Eldorado.
- Ozona Chamber of Commerce Educational Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance lessons, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Fields of Faith, 7 p.m. at Lion Stadium.

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Oct. 4 - Bryce Gutierrez, Christopher Rodriguez, Kurtlan Reyes, Jesus Guerra and Mike Vitela

Oct. 5 - Benita Castellanos, Jose M. Esparza Jr., Avery Sofia Fierro, Orinaldo Meza and Ashlynn Borrego

Oct. 6 - Ted Cotton, Adam Madrid, Dorothy Perez, Baylor Myers, Jose Martinez Jr. and Mary Ybarra

Oct. 7 - Salomon Duron Jr., Virginia Bishop, Frances Flanagan, Tonalaa Thomas, Nancy Davis, Jack Adams and Austin Suddreth

Oct. 8 - Doris Hood, Estelle Williams, Mary Sellers, Helen Maness, Randy Branch, Cacy Savala, Annalisse Nichole Fuentes and Laura Pierce

Oct. 9 - Sarah Ann Rodriguez, Jessica Lynn Rodriguez, Agueda Sanchez, Denise Moran, Janet Rodriguez, Cassidy McCutcheon, Jose Martinez Sr. and John M. Lopez IV

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Al-Anon meetings Thursdays

Weekly meetings of Al-Anon are Thursdays. The Al-Anon program is based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. The purpose of Al-Anon Family Groups is to help family and friends affected by someone else's drinking/drug use. There are no fees or dues. Anonymity is a central principle - participants must keep confidential the identities and everything said during meetings. For information or questions, call (325) 277-9669.

Win an iPad, support the Wellness Center

Ozona Wellness Center is raffling off a iPad. Tickets are \$1 drawing will be at the Halloween Carnival at the Wellness Center cake walk booth. Tickets are available at The Ozona Stockman and from any Wellness Center Board Member. People do not have to be present to win.

Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M.
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COUPLES COUNSELING.



OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL and Ozona High School students joined others around the world in the annual "See You at the Pole" event held on Sept. 26 to participate in the global day of student prayer. "See You at the Pole" is a student-led gathering of students, parents and faculty for prayer, scripture reading and fellowship before the school day begins that originated in 1990.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals and accepting applications for cooks. Pick up applications at Helping Hands. If you have a few minutes, call 392-5026 and help deliver meals.

OCTOBER 3
-Beef pasta bake, vegetable medley, garden salad, garlic bread, melon, diet dressing and milk.

OCTOBER 4
-Barbecue beef, hamburger bun, pinto beans, hot cinnamon apples, lettuce, tomato and pickles, potato salad and milk.

OCTOBER 5
-Potato crisp fish, corn, okra and tomatoes, wheat roll, fruit cup with oranges, milk and tarter sauce.

OCTOBER 8
-Herb baked chicken,

baked crispy potatoes, broccoli normandy, wheat bread, tropical fruit salad and milk.

OCTOBER 9
-Breaded pork, great northern beans, steamed cabbage, wheat bread, rosy pears and milk.

OCTOBER 10
-Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat bread, cinnamon applesauce and milk.

Card of Thanks

To my family, friends and fans. Thank you all so very much for all your love and support throughout the years. Marking my 28 years in being able to do what I love, making my fans happy. Saturday night was one of the most inspirational moments for me. You received me with open arms making me feel so special. I will cherish this for the rest of my life. I am SO blessed and would like to thank you for allowing me to have such wonderful people in my life. First, I would like to thank God for the gift He has given me and being able to share with everyone. Secondly, to my beautiful wife and daughter Lupe & Ruth, for allowing me to live my dream. To my daughter Ruth, Thank you from the bottom of my heart for thinking so highly of your dad and for coordinating this event for me. I love you dearly. I am so grateful and honored by all who helped make this event very special. I appreciate everyone's hard work, kind words and support given to me and my band. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your special celebrations. Thank you also for all the gifts given. To the following (no particular order) thank you and God Bless you all. In case I accidentally forget to mention someone your support is greatly appreciated. **Performers:** Grupo Fuerzo, Hope Cardenas, Lupe Torres, Albert Moncibais, Richard Lasoya, Evan Fierro, Anthony Borjas, Rudy Sanchez, Raymand Cedillo, Edward Fierro, Jimmy Ortiz, Jackson Castro and Jason Marquez **Special Guest:** Cacy Savala, Judson Cole Band, DJ-Pacho Marcus Badillo, and Former band members Rylee Ramos, Thomas Medina, Lonnie Longoria, Mando Dominquez, Eric Martinez, Family of the late Lionel Martinez, Hector Dehoyos, Jessie Ortiz, Johnny Rodriguez. Announcer - Ruben Cruz **Meal provided by:** Mr. & Mrs. Willie Fierro, & Mr & Mrs Elpidio Martinez, Jr., Mr & Mrs Dean Fierro, Donika Martinez, Cassie & Dallas Martinez, Mrs Barbra Sanchez, Mrs. Norma Martinez, Mr & Mrs Lico Fierro, Mr. & Mrs Jessie Fierro, Mr & Mrs. Angel Fierro, Mr. David Munoz, Danny Dehoyos, Mr. Hector DeHoyos, Monty & Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Vasquez, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Tambunga, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Beto Ramos, Mr & Mrs Arthur Franco and circle of friends. **Sponsors:** Elsa Kressler, Mr. & Mrs. John Galvan, Kayleigh Tambunga, Mr. & Mrs. Randy Dehoyos, Mr & Mrs. Manuel Munoz, Mr. & Mrs Pete Gomez, Jr., Mr & Mrs Rick DeHoyos, Mr. Jason Galvan, Jeanie Alvarado & Lonnie, Mr & Mrs Mario Mendoza, Rose Garza, Mr. Robby Tambunga, Mr & Mrs Ed Dotson, Gloria Abalos, Mike Abalos & Bot, Danny Dehoyos, Mr & Mrs Dennis DeHoyos, Mr & Mrs Oscar Gutierrez, Emily Cervantez, Dingo, Jimmy, Jackson & Raymond, Catarino Cervantez, Jr., Linda Ruiz, Mr & Mrs Harvey Sanchez, Mr & Mrs Ruben Cruz, Jr., Mr & Mrs George Quiroz, Mr & Mrs Lupe Castro, Letty Galindo, Debbie Puckett, Yolanda Borrego, Mr & Mrs Coy Tambunga, Mr & Mrs Ricky Ortega, Lione Martinez Family, Mr & Mrs Johnny Tambunga, Jr. Chon Munoz, Irma Ortiz, Rojelio Sanchez, Chelsey Tinney, Brianna Cervantez, Mr & Mrs Ray Garcia, Linda C. Vitela. **Decorations:** Mr & Mrs Rojelio Longoria, Roger Longoria, Caden Longoria, Cheryl Resendez, Adam Resendez and Phillip Garcia and Gino Rodriguez Cake, Vedio, Pictures: Mr & Mrs Charlie Ramos, Ashlee & Carlie Ramos Shirts & Koozies, table coordinator: Tommy Longoria **Advertisement:** Mr. & Mrs. Dean Fierro, Ozona Stockman-Melissa Perner, KRCT-Elijio Martinez, Ashlee Ramos Door Prizes: Mr & Mrs Angel Fierro & Kerrie's Creations

It's a girl

Piper Mae Scott was born Sept. 26, 2012 in Fort Stockton, Texas. She weighed five pounds, nine ounces and was 19 inches long.

Proud parents are Park and Jake Scott. Proud grandparents are Tracey Preddy and Rita and Darrell Scott.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

Annual meeting Monday, bring antiques

"Much speech is protected that is not wholesome or uplifting. The court was merely saying that the choice as to whether to engage in or receive such speech should be made by us, not by government."
- First Amendment attorney Steven Helle on the June 27 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that video games are fully protected speech, even with regard to minors, Chicago Tribune, June 29.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK
"Don't just teach your children to Read, teach them to Question what they read. Teach them to question Everything!" - George Carlin

Banned Books Week is an annual event sponsored by the American Library Association celebrating the freedom to read. Typically held during the last week of September, it highlights the value of free and open access to information.

Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community - librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types - in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular.

The books featured during Banned Books Week have all been targeted with removal or restrictions in libraries and schools. While books

have been and continue to be banned, part of the Banned Books Week celebration is the fact that, in a majority of cases, the books have remained available.

This happens only thanks to the efforts of librarians, teachers, students, and community members who stand up and speak out for the freedom to read.

Come check out a Banned Book today!

FRIENDS

ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of the Library invite everyone to their Annual Meeting and Dinner on Monday, Oct. 8, from 6-9 p.m. at the Civic Center. The buffet meal will be catered by the Guadalupana Ladies of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

The program will be presented by Chuck Sonnenberg from Santa Fe Western and Rustic Furniture in San Angelo. The Friends plan an Antiques Roadshow type program, so be sure to bring an antique item with you for discussion.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Library. Call 392-3565 to R.S.V.P. today and reserve your seat for this fun program. Good food and good friends!

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Decorate pumpkins Tuesday

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Can you believe it is already October? This is the month of spooks and pumpkins.

Speaking of spooks and pumpkins, how about coming out and decorating a pumpkin on Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the morning. I will try to get some pumpkins here to decorate and have the decorations ready.

Also, I would like for the ones that are interested in quilting to come out on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 9:30 a.m. with your scraps and remnants

and a good pair of scissors so we can get started piecing. This should be fun.

We still have exercise on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m., or anytime you would like. The bridge is still on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. and the Mexican Train is on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. The prayer group is still meeting here on Wednesday afternoons. I am looking forward to seeing these ladies. Levis and Lace have their square dancing lessons on Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m. and a dance on Oct. 13 from 7-9 p.m.

Again I say, come on out, the coffee's on.

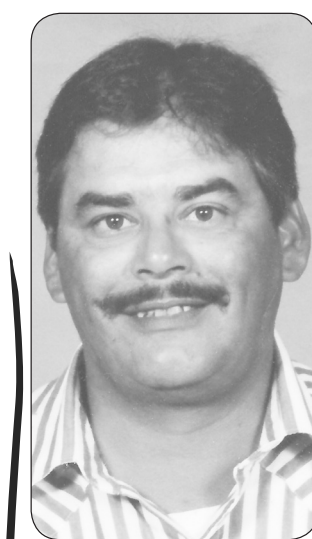
Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everybody who helped us with the fund-raiser for Arturo Aguilera. Your prizes and donations were greatly appreciated.
The Harris & Aguilera Families

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

EMILIO L. GUTIERREZ

28 SEPTEMBER 2009 - 28 SEPTEMBER 2012



"ON ANGEL'S WINGS"

On Angel's Wings you were taken away, But in my heart you will always stay. I will hear your whisper in the tallest of trees, Feel your love in the gentle summer breeze. And when I find I miss you the most, Inside our beautiful memories I will hold you close. You are my angel watching over me with the comfort and blessings you bring, You embrace my heart, and hold it close, Forever on Angel's Wings.

Babe, this is the third year you've been gone, but not forgotten by the ones who love you, especially me. I still grieve for you and many, many times, I still cry for you. I don't care what people say, I still love and miss you very much!!!!

This will be my last publication, but it doesn't mean I'm forgetting you ++ you will live in my heart forever!
REST IN PEACE, my one and only love!!

WAITING ON THE DOCK

Years ago my wife and I went on a wonderful trip called the journey's of Paul. There were about 300 hundred of us and we flew to Rome Italy and then traveled to the Mediterranean sea to catch a tour boat. We got to the small dock, tired hungry and worn out from a day of travel, were the ship was supposed to be waiting for us. No ship, so we crowded into the small waiting room. "Ship delayed" were the words we kept hearing. It got dark and no transportation to go anywhere else. There was not even food, water or enough chairs for everybody to sit down and the chairs were uncomfortable. Late in the night, cold, tired and hungry I saw something on the distant horizon and as it got closer the ship's whistle blew. Everybody came out anxiously wanting to get on that ship. There were wonderful accommodations like plenty of delicious foods, very comfortable spacious beds and people running around everywhere trying to accommodate us. We spent many wonderful days on that ship and it reminded me of something in the Bible. All Christians are heaven bound, (Philippians 3:20, 1 Thessalonians 1:10). We will be there forever. The accommodations will be out of this world. No discomforts whatsoever. But in this life there can or may be many discomforts, (Hebrews 6:15-19, James 1:2, 1 Peter 1:6). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.</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 Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas 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. Tues. - Sat.: 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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DAVIDSON: *from page 1*

of science degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University in 1999. I moved back to Ozona in 2002 and have been working in my family's ranching operations since. I am married to Kayla Shurley Davidson who formerly taught third grade here in Ozona. We are the proud parents of Mia and Avery Davidson.

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE CCCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES?

Ozona is a great place to live. I am proud to call Ozona home. I feel like the Ozona school

system both helped me further my education and prepare me for the business world.

I feel like it would be a good choice to put my children through this school system and give them the same progressive opportunity. I want to do my part to ensure the best education for all of the youth of Ozona.

The school board is a very important part of the community. It has a sound budget, which needs to be managed properly. It is one of the financially significant pillars, in which the foundation of the community rests upon.

I think it is important to balance all of the different facets of the school district such as, but not limited to, ac-

ademics, finances, and athletics to provide the fundamental building blocks of a strong foundation for today's youth.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING CCCSD AND WHAT IS YOUR PLAN TO RESOLVE IT?

The most important issue facing CCCSD is providing excellent academics for our students. The academics directly affect the school funding and the funding directly affects academics. A priority for our school district is to keep up with the state requirements and to ensure all students receive the best education possible.

In doing this we need to ensure that the teachers, staff,

and administration are adequately supported with what they need by the school board to help them succeed without jeopardizing the taxpayers.

My goal is to keep our finances solvent and our education superb.

WHAT UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION WILL YOU MAKE TO THIS BOARD?

I see a great opportunity to help the community by serving on this board.

The trust of the public rests upon the school board, who must work together to ensure CCCSD is moving forward in a positive direction. If elected, my goal will be to contribute to this board educated decisions made with an open mind and no preconceived opinions.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO VOTERS:

This is an exciting time of the school year. The beginning of school jitters are behind us, and both the OHS football and Cross Country teams are off to great starts. I am moved every day when I see my daughter's smiling face and to hear her enjoyment because of her school experiences that day. My objective would be to make each and every student's, parents' and faculties' smiles last throughout their experiences in CCCSD. I appreciate consideration as your choice for District One Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees.

Holiday Hands Christmas Arts and Craft Fair seeking booths

The Holiday Hands Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair is seeking booths for their annual event.

The show will take place from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Booth rentals are \$25 for a 10x10 indoor or outdoor space. All proceeds go toward the Helping Hands of Ozona Meals on Wheels program.

Unique handmade arts and crafts items or food items are welcome.

For more information, or to register a booth, call (325) 226-4777.

DEHOYOS: *from page 1*

public administration in 1985 from Angelo State University. I then attended the Texas Tech School of Law in Lubbock, Texas whereupon I obtained a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1987.

I began my legal career here in Ozona in 1988. I have been practicing law for over 24 years in our community. In addition, I was the Crockett County Attorney from 1989-1996 having been elected twice to such position in which I represented the legal interests of Crockett County for eight years.

Finally, for the last nine years, Annette and I have together raised her children, all who have graduated from Ozona High School. Ben is the youngest and he is a ninth-grader at Ozona High School. We have three grandchildren, Xaden, Avery and Addison.

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING FOR THE CCCSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES?

Changes are needed in our school district and I will offer solutions to improve the school district. These positive changes will focus on improving the academic performances of our students. I want our school district to be an exemplary school district. We are a "rich" school district meaning, among other things, that we have the resources to be one of the best school districts around. Every school district in Texas has their share of academic, athletic and extra-curricular successes and accomplishments. Our school district is no different.

However, when compared to other schools, our school district's "overall academic performance" (i.e. see most recent TEA and FAST ratings) has been and is mediocre and thus unacceptable. In my opinion, the buck stops with the school board.

Teachers are the backbone of our local educational system and they should know that if their performances meet expectations, they should be recognized. Parents of all students should be encouraged to fully participate in the activities of their children. We should have a counseling program second to none. If these matters are accomplished, I fully expect that the morale at our school district will significantly increase causing better overall performances.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING CCCSD AND WHAT IS YOUR PLAN TO RESOLVE IT?

An ineffective and inefficient use of school revenues is the prime issue and changes are needed in order to improve our academic ratings. Our current school budget regarding school personnel is an issue that must be addressed. We must improve the current low morale with school personnel by making changes that encourages local hiring and parental involvement. All parents should know that they are encouraged and welcomed to express their legitimate concerns to school officials. Parents should not be viewed as if they are only there to complain.

There is no reason that a "poor" school district like Mason, Texas continues to have yearly exemplary ratings, yet our "rich" school district continues to receive average ratings in all of the ratings systems. I will have high expectations for all those involved in educating all of our students from administrators, teachers, at-will employees, parents and of course, our school board.

Once better academic performances are achieved, the overall morale of the school district will increase such that quality ratings for our school district should be a yearly accomplishment.

WHAT UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION WILL YOU MAKE TO THIS BOARD?

As an elected official for eight years, I increased the role, duties and responsibilities of the Crockett County Attorney's office while increasing my budget less than one percent during those eight years. I am proud of the progress made while I was your Crockett County Attorney during those eight years.

For most of the past 24 years, I have volunteered and therefore been involved in both managing little league baseball teams and secondly, sponsoring little league teams, as well as various softball teams. Our little league teams enjoyed many successes when competing in All-Star post-season tournaments due to the efforts of the kids, parents and coaches and all others involved.

In addition, when contacted by school officials, I have enjoyed being a judge for several years at out school's UIL meets.

In 1995, I requested that a law or statute be implemented involving school extracurricular activities and such was unanimously passed and signed into law by Governor Richards. The statute is Section 33.082 of the Texas Education Code.

Therefore, having resided in Ozona most of my life, I understand that this community wants a school board that will keep in place what has worked and is good for our students and our school district, yet make the necessary changes for those things that don't work, whether it is school personnel, policies or budgetary issues.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO VOTERS:

Being born, raised and educated in Ozona and having come back to Ozona after receiving my three educational degrees from both Angelo State University and the Texas Tech School of Law, I have

always publicly expressed my views on our local educational system and taken action to better our school district. I have an understanding of Ozona's educational needs and what it takes to succeed or progress the Ozona way.

I will hit the ground running using the experience and knowledge that I have acquired over the years in order to make the school board more responsive to and representative of this community. In other words, I believe that this community prefers that our school district be one that is rated highly for its academic performances which would lead to recognized ratings by the statewide rating systems.

I recognize that whatever procedural and substantive changes I propose must be done with the consent of the majority of the school board. However, in order to make the school board more accountable, I will vote against our board going into closed meetings, unless the law mandates that we do so. School board policies and decisions should be discussed publicly.

Already, I have talked to many members of this community and I would hope to talk to others who have comments or questions con-

cerning my desire to be the next at-large member of our school board. My door is open to anyone and I would accept any invitation to discuss the issues before election day on Nov. 6, 2012. GO LIONS!

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ACROSS

- ballad sung by TX Roy Orbison in '62
- "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow ___ Be Cowboys"
- TXism for "women"
- Austin band: "Asleep ___ the Wheel"
- TX Ann Richards gave keynote at this in '88 (abbr.)
- pre-season event by "Texas Legends" of minor league BB
- 1st ___ trip in TX was in 1899
- "East Texas ___" at Kilgore College
- TXism: "he's all ___ no beer"
- actress Ross of '99 "Double Platinum" with TX-born Samantha Brown
- "I don't know ___ worse ___"
- TV's talking horse
- someone who helps me (2 wds.)
- TXism: "___ gracias" (thanks)
- several TX cities, including Italy, have an ___ Festival
- time abbr. for TX Hutchison workplace
- white-tail excursions in Nov.-Jan. (2 wds.)
- to be, in philosophy
- Chester, TX was named for this president (init.)
- Grand Saline, TX has a huge salt ___
- TXism: "a ___ burner" (exciting)
- TX George H. lost the '70 ___ to Lloyd Bentsen
- TXism: "never ___ anything by the glow of a neon light"
- Yu Darvish stat.
- European dinero
- TX is often number ___ exporting state
- "Texas ___ Cattle Steak House"
- go in ___
- religious group
- TXism: "flat ___ panhandle prairie"
- pigpen
- main attraction at annual event in Athens, TX (2 wds.)
- Rangers' league (abbr.)
- TX's western neighbor (abbr.)
- this TXn sued Martina Navratilova in a palimony suit
- biggest continent (and Polk Co. farming community)
- meatloaf, corn, & potatoes, e.g.
- TXism: "jumped like ___ ___ hook"
- h.s. class of Friona or Canadian
- ___ tea
- Tex-Mex "queso"
- ex-Cowboy WR Alvin ('91-'94)
- corn tortilla dough, south of the border
- TX Tanya's "Can ___ You Tonight"
- Olympic chant
- ___ picker
- actor Nicolas
- tie up
- "Golden ___"
- ___ Pass, TX
- decompose
- this Howe managed
- discard a bad habit
- beach bronze
- between April and June? (2 wds.)
- "Houston Museum of Fine ___"
- Oilers' star QB ('84-'93) (init.)
- TX-based '63 film Newman

DOWN

- carry a heavy object with effort
- fed. environ. agcy.
- this Cass Co. town was named after a Georgia city
- this group prepared for Houston's '92 Republican Nat'l Convention (2 wds.)
- TX Bonne & Clyde, et al.

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- Discounted pricing on mammograms: total cost of \$120 includes radiologist's evaluation (a savings of \$210 off the standard fee)
- Opportunity to meet Sonora Medical Clinic healthcare providers
- Free refreshments from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- A chance to win a door prize given away that day.
- A chance to win a Grand Prize KitchenAid® blender given away at the end of October

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OHS Homecoming winners

NERD DAY: Jayton Rodriguez, Daniel Gonzales and Ashley Tandy

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PJ DAY: Mrs. DeLeon, Tres Perez and Kodi Glosson

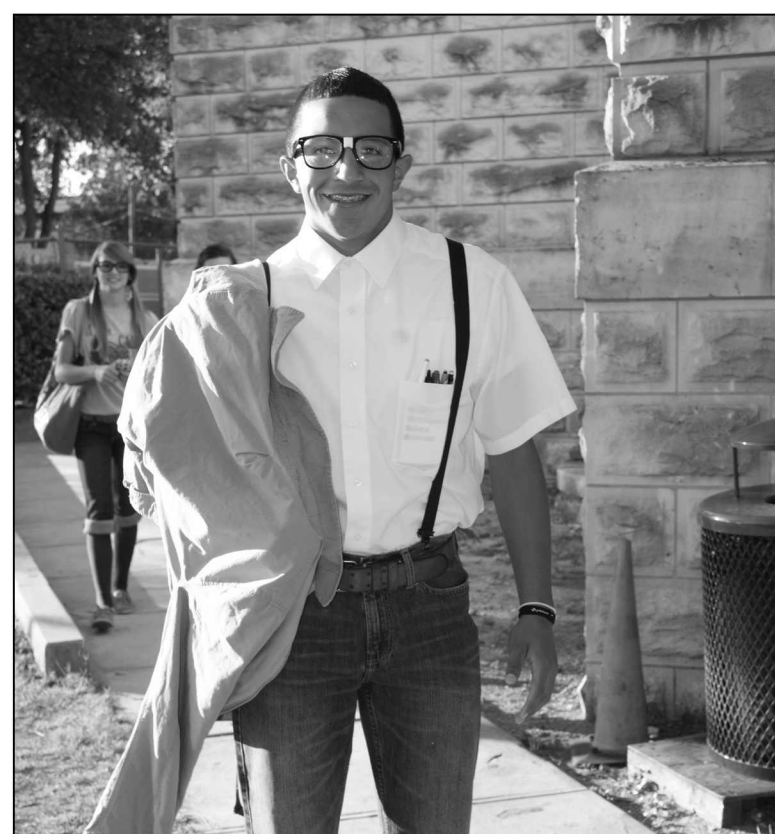
SPIRIT DAY: Mr. Carty, Chase DeHoyos and Elva Gallardo

CRAZY TACKY DAY: Mrs. Brown, Tyler Gunnels and Jadie Marshall

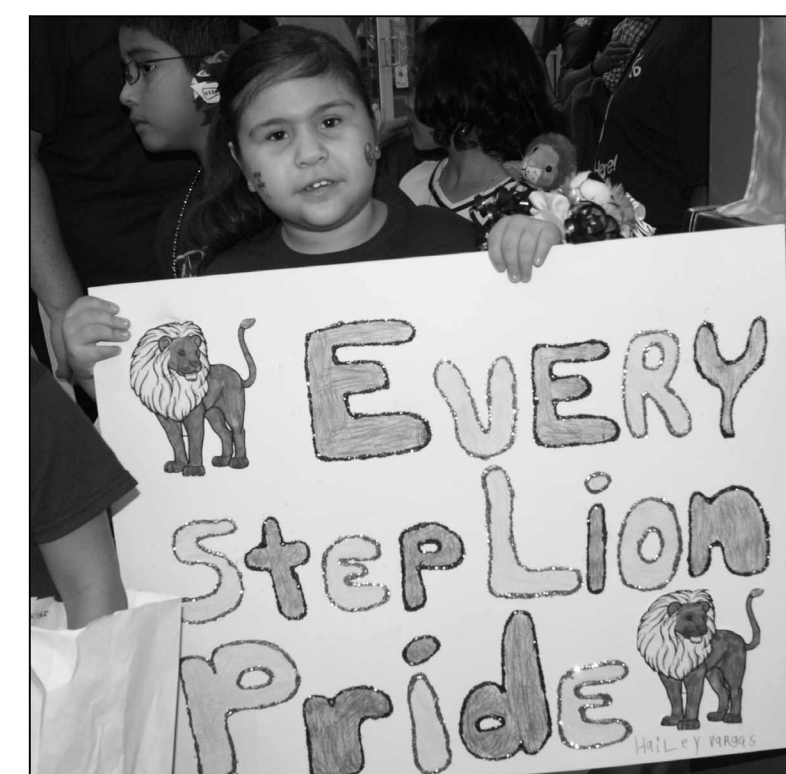
MOST SPIRITED: Mr. Ramon, Chris Cantu and Allie Black

2012 OHS Homecoming

TIFFANY ESPARZA AND JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN



2012 OHS HOMECOMING COURT: (left to right) Rocky Venegas escorting nominee Allie Black; Glen Tinney escorting nominee Jade Carty; Jerrod duBois escorting Queen Cynthia Garcia; Brandon DeHoyos escorting nominee Sierra Trevino and Alex Borrego escorting nominee Jessica Borrego.





CHRISTIAN PEREZ (left) and NOAH TAMBUNGA look to grab a Sonora Bronco during last Friday's game at Lion Stadium.

LIONS: from page 1

with extra-point kick by Tyler Galindo.

"We just need to regroup and have a productive open week. Overall, we're pretty

healthy and should be ready for Center Point," said Coach Ray Brown.

Ozona finishes 4-1 in non-district games. The Lions are open this week before heading to Center Point on Oct. 12 to begin district play.



THE OHS LION BAND leads the way during last Friday's annual homecoming parade.

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Congratulations from *to our players of the week!*



Rooting for the Ozona Lions has just gotten you a better deal on your next meal at Sonic!

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OHS Band Student of the Week



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JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

VARSIITY CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Oct. 6
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Tuesday, Oct. 9
In Eldorado



WEST TEXAS SCORES

Bangs	61
Grape Creek	8
Monahans	47
Kermit	0
Mason	44
San Saba	14
Wink	32
Iraan	21
Wall	55
Brady	7
Eldorado	20
Bronte	6
Colorado City	27
Reagan County	6
Ballinger	21
Coahoma	0
McCamey	20
Van Horn	7
Sabinal	18
Center Point	6
Nueces Canyon	21
Harper	14
D'Hanis	35
Brackett	33

'Think Pink, Play Purple' shirts available




The OHS Cheerleaders are selling "Think Pink Play Purple" shirts this year. They are \$10 each and all proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Payments due up front for all orders. Make all checks payable to CCCSD and the district will make one check to American Cancer Society. T-shirts will be delivered the week of Oct 15-19. Everyone is asked to wear the shirts at the Oct. 19 football game against the Mason Puncers. The sale runs through Monday, Oct. 8. Anyone that wishes to order shirt may contact any OHS Cheerleader or call Tiffany Esparza at 392-5501 ext. 5755.

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OHS BAND MEMBER ABELIKA ESTRADA marches in the rain during Friday's halftime performance at Lion Stadium.

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- Wool Growers

OHS Lions Cross Country takes second in Lubbock

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions competed in the Lubbock Invitational on Saturday.

This meet is typically a close preview of what the regional meet looks like, as teams from all over Region 1 come to Lubbock to get an idea of what they'll be facing in November.

"Both teams gave a great effort and performed well amongst their competition," said Coach Erik Thormaehlen.

The Lions finished in second place as a team, only six points behind Sundown High School. Close behind Ozona were 2011 state qualifiers Bovina, Hartley, and Forsan.

The team scores were: Sundown 90; Ozona 96; Bovina 103; Hartley 113; Sunray 117 and Forsan 118.

"All six of these teams are state ranked in at least one poll (CCCAT or texas-track.com), if not both," Thormaehlen said.

Lions times and places: Omero Rodriguez 18:30 (seventh out of 103 boys); Josiah Jurado 18:56 (10th); Saul Vargas 19:23 (21st); Noe Medina 20:05 (32nd); Ryan Porras 20:36 (42nd); Alan Landa 20:39 (43rd) and Alex Hopper 21:00 (49th).



OHS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS ran in Lubbock Saturday. Pictured are: (left to right) Ryan Porras, Alex Hopper, Alyssa Newlin, Omero Rodriguez, Marissa Held, Saul Vargas, McKenna Moses, Lexi Poindexter, Ashley Tandy, Josiah Jurado, Nicole Higgins, Alan Landa, Cynthia Garcia, Bryce Gutierrez and Noe Medina (front center).

"The boys had another great performance. Finishing second in such a competitive group of teams really says something about how far these kids have come in a

year. We definitely hope that this meet is a 'crystal ball' view of what we can expect in about a month. However, I have explained to the boys that this does not guarantee

us a trip to the state meet, as last year Gruver finished ahead of Hartley by eight points at the Lubbock Invite, but then at the Regional Meet the score flipped and Gru-

ver got to sit at home while Hartley went to state. The moral of the story is that we can't rest on our laurels and just expect that these teams won't improve in the next month. The boys will have to continue to work hard in order to improve their times," Thormaehlen said.

The Lady Lions also turned in a quality performance. They finished in 13th place out of 26 1A teams, including numerous state ranked teams ahead of them.

Team Scores: Gruver 72; Hamlin 82; Wellington 97; Sunray 127; Stratford 161; Sundown 222; Hale Center 263; Vega 268; Panhandle 288; Clarendon 302; Anton 303; Garden City 317 and Ozona 333.

"The 26th place team had 770 points, this was a massive field of teams and runners," Thormaehlen said. "The Lady Lions should be very proud of this performance."

With difficult weather conditions and a 3 hour and 45 minute drive in the rain, Ozona arrived later than expected.

"The girls were rushing their warm-up, rushing their stretching and then got to the starting line and were

only able to get one runner on the front-line. At the Lubbock meet, a good start is critical to a runner's performance. The girls got boxed in and were not able to really start moving up until nearly a mile through the race because of the narrow course. All things considered, we were still able to get in the top half of the field and I think that says something about how resilient these girls are," Thormaehlen said.

Girls times and places: McKenna Moses 14:34 (45th Place out of 190 runners); Marissa Held 15:12 (73rd); Cynthia Garcia 15:12 (74th); Alyssa Newlin 15:13 (76th); Lexi Poindexter 15:26 (92nd); Ashley Tandy 16:34 (148th) and Nicole Higgins (DNF).

"Nicole Higgins had to drop out of the race, due to trouble breathing. Nicole is typically a scoring member of the team, so that stung a bit," Thormaehlen said. "The main purpose of this meet is to give our kids a chance to get familiar with the course they'll have to run on in about a month at regionals. Due to the weather, mud, and a modification to the course, times were really slow for every team that competed."



JADON PEREZ (#23) gets through the line for the Eighth Grade Lions during last Thursday's game against Sonora.



MARK YBARRA (center) runs with teammates Hunter Smith (left) and Brandon Jara during the Seventh Grade Lions game last Thursday.

Seventh Grade Lions fall to Sonora

Seventh Grade Lions lost to Sonora 8-22 Thursday night.

"The Lions played a tough game against the Broncos. We got behind early and had to play catchup. We were very proud of the way the kids responded after getting behind. They fought back and played hard," said Coach John Esparza. "Our line did a great job on the scoring drive opening holes for our backs."

The scoring drive would get rolling behind runs from Mark Ybarra, Hunter Smith, Kobe Rodriguez and Rigo

Gonzalez.

Touchdown drive ended when Mark Ybarra would find the end zone behind blocks from Greg Dehoyos, Brandon Jara, Jacob Schoirder, Jessie Ramos, JD Vela and Ryan Ramos, scoring from 22 yards out. Hunter Smith would add the two-point conversion.

"Though the score doesn't show it this may have been our best game. We are still learning and are improving each week," Esparza said.

Others playing for the Lions is Lalo Rodriguez, Eloy Soto and Lane Rust.

Eighth Grade Lions have shoot out against Sonora

The Eighth Grade Lions came up short against Sonora in a 34-22 shoot out Thursday night.

The Lion defense would get the scoring going when on the Broncos first offensive play Matthew Scheel would stripe the Bronco running back and take the ball 47 yards for the touchdown.

Scheel would also add the two-point conversion making the score 8-0.

Sonora would answer back with two touchdowns and take a 8-16 lead, but the Lions would march back down to the Sonora 12-yard-line. Time would run out before the half.

"We did some good things early in the game but again untimely penalties cost us points," said Coach John Esparza.

The second half would start off with the Broncos recovering a fumble and going down and scoring taking a 22-8 lead.

The Lions would not go quietly.

On the kickoff Jadon Perez would return the kickoff 75 yards for the touchdown and Thomas Fay would add the two-point conversion making it 16-22.

"We were proud of the way the guys responded. They could have shut it down but hey fought on and made some big plays," Esparza said.

Sonora would answer back making the score 16-28.

The Lions defense would come again and make a big play as Jadon Perez and Gage Glidewell would force a fumble and Matthew Scheel would again scoop and score this time going 68 yards for the touchdown making the score 22-28.

"This was a great back and forth game that could have gone either way. We are still making silly mistakes that are costing us points and opportunities. We had some injuries and some guys that stepped up big time. Cade Hardy did a great job of stepping in at center and Edgar Damian played like six different positions for us on both sides of the ball," Esparza said.

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Others contributing the effort were: Orinaldo Meza, Tim Maldonado, Preston McCutchen, Thomas Cruz, Jose Martinez, Alberto Rodriguez, Garry Held, Juan Mendez, Caleb Martinez and Aidan Fierro.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

- High School:**
- Monday: 7-10 p.m.
- Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.
- Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.
- Thursday: 2-10 p.m.
- Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight
- Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

- 7th & 8th Grade:**
- Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.
- Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.
- Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

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- OHS Meal Night:**
- Mondays 7-10 p.m.

- 7th and 8th Grades Meal Nights:**
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As of Sept. 28, 2012

Crockett County			
PTID	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
12750	Petrohawk Oper	Double T- Ranch Op-69 #1 H	Patterson Uti #242
5930	Highmount E&P Tx	University Unit #3012 H	Nabors Drilling #M28
9000	Devon Energy	University 29-5 #1 H	Patterson Uti #49
9000	Approach Operating	Baker-8- #206 H	Nabors Drilling #714
9000	Devon Energy	University 52-10 #3 H	Cactus Drilling #138
6400	Eog Resources	University 40c- #1703 H	Cactus Drilling #102
9000	Approach Operating	Baker-8- #207 H	Nabors Drilling #415
7713	ConocoPhillips	University-8f- #6301 H	Helmerich & Payne #486
5612	Molopo Energy Texas	Baggett- Op5- #541 H	Precision Drig #523
7750	Petrohawk Oper	University-45- #2504 H	Patterson Uti #240
9000	Approach Operating	University 42-15 #7	Heart Land Drilling #8
5843	Highmount E&P Tx	University Unit #3-10 H	Nabors Drilling #M28
Irion County			
PTID	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
9000	Foreland Oper Llc	Captain Coll-15- #1 H	Patterson Uti #187
12000	Endeavor Energy Res	University 5-20-21 #7 H	Big Dog Drilling #11
6700	Exco Res	Suggs Farmer-9- #10	Heart Land Drilling #1
10000	Three Rivers Op	Pflugger-M- #305	Ringo Drilling Llp #16
6100	Eog Resources	Faudree #10 H	Union Drilling Texas #222
7221	Apache Corp	Bennie-4342- #9 H	Patterson Uti #446
10000	Fiml Natural Res	Mallard #3040g	Robinson Drilling #12
12990	Ep Energy E&P	University 43-22 #6 H	Patterson Uti #206
6500	Eog Resources	Munson #1007 H	Patterson Uti #452
7050	Apache Corp	Suggs-2829- #M1 H	Savanna Drilling #649
10000	Fiml Natural Res	Antelope Draw-A- #3a	Patterson Uti #721
Reagan County			
PTID	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
7395	Enduring Resources	University 47-48 #1805 H	Ensign Us Drilling #150
10000	Apache Corp	Sau 18-3 #3c	Capstar Drilling #127
10200	Fiml Natural Res	North Creek-I- #68c	Patterson Uti #495
10000	Fiml Natural Res	Divide Draw #148h	Patterson Uti #742
9000	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Lane Trust-D- #45p	Union Drilling Texas #206
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11500	Apache Corp	Srh-15- #1507	Patterson Uti #35
12000	Endeavor Energy Res	Pool-167- #7	Big Dog Drilling #5
7900	Eog Resources	University-9- #2808 H	Cactus Drilling #103
4500	Pioneer Natural	University 1-32 #9d	Patterson Uti #73
12000	Prime Operating	Turner Ranch #10	Patterson Uti #169
10500	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Srh-B- #60	Patterson Uti #39
9000	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Suggs-C- #271 Hu	Helmerich & Payne #312
8000	Pioneer Natural	Rocker-B-N- #73 H	Patterson Uti #217
8500	Pioneer Natural	University 10-10 #2 H	Nabors Drilling #M55
8300	Pioneer Natural	University 10-13 #6 H	Union Drilling Texas #224

RAIN: from page 1

"We still have to make up for last year's drought. We are still at a huge deficit over a two-year period. It won't solve the problem yet," said KYXX/KHOS-FM Meteorologist Cary Allen Burgess.

Throughout the day Friday, rain was on an off. It turned off in time for the annual homecoming parade and pep rally, but started falling and didn't stop that night.

Saturday morning, people in Ozona and around Crockett County woke to water flowing everywhere. The draws in Ozona filled up and flowed like rivers through the town.

Closed roads and flooding on rural and major roadways were being reported.

Ozona Fire Chief Bob Falkner said fortunately the department did not receive any calls for water rescues Saturday.

The area south of town near Gurley Draw spilled over county roads cutting some citizens off in accessing roadways.

"This is an issue I've been concerned with for three years now. I mentioned before that we needed a bridge on Pecan Street but unfortunately, we weren't awarded a grant this past year for the project," said Commissioner Eligio Martinez.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

WATER FILLED HOWARD DRAW Saturday morning after Ozona received more than five inches of rain.

A project in the Chandler-Dale West area to build an access road is expected to be discussed at Monday's (Oct. 8) commissioners' meeting, Martinez said. This would be a joint project between the county and the Texas Department of Transportation.

"For now, an emergency gate is in place and I expect TXDOT at our next commissioners meeting on Oct. 8. I have already presented TXDOT with a map of that area and plan to take them out to have a look at it themselves when they are in town. I have to thank them for taking the time to meet with us," Martinez said.

The weekend's rains were spread across West Texas and Central Texas, reaching as far as the Midland/Odessa area, where flooding caused school districts in that area to shut down Friday.

Lake levels around the San Angelo saw a dramatic

increase with O.H. Ivie Reservoir gaining an additional 50,000 acre-feet of water.

More rain could occur with a cold front coming in late this week, Dunn said.

While the Concho Valley has a severe weather season in September and October, the area has dry winters, Dunn said. There is nevertheless a chance for a weak El Niño weather phenomenon, which could mean wetter weather. Oddly, a strong El Niño might mean little water for West Texas, while a normal El Niño could mean more wet weather than usual, Dunn said.

The phenomenon refers to weather patterns caused by changing ocean temperatures.

For more information, visit the NWS-San Angelo website at www.weather.gov/sjt.

San Angelo Standard-Times contributed to this report.

Flu Shot Clinic today

The Family Health Center of Ozona will host their annual "Drive-thru Flu Shot Clinic" from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at the Crockett County EMS Building.

Cost is \$20 for those that don't have insurance. Cash or checks accepted. No debit or credit cards at the drive-thru.

For those that have insurance, bring the insurance card. Medicaid does not pay for flu shots.

Companies that normally pay for employees' flu shots, call the clinic at 392-3788.

Wear short sleeves as this helps the line move quickly. Everyone can remain in the car.

Children 12 and older can be vaccinated at the drive-thru, but they need to be with a parent or guardian.

For children under 12, they can receive shots through the clinic.

For more information, call 392-3788.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

SEPTEMBER 17
- 1:20 p.m. - Vehicle/pedestrian accident 1200 block Ave E. Assist at scene and set landing zone for AirMed1. Three units, seven firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 3 minutes.

SEPTEMBER 19
- 5:28 a.m. - Possible grass fire off I-10 near Crockett Heights. No fire. Two units, four firefighters. Time in service 45 minutes.

SEPTEMBER 20
- 8:48 p.m. - Motor vehicle

accident at 14th and Ave E. Worked traffic until roadway was clear. Two units, six firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 2 minutes.

SEPTEMBER 27
- 11:42 p.m. - Reported grass fire, unknown location State Hwy 137 north. Unable to locate. Two units, four firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 39 minutes.

SEPTEMBER 28
- 1:14 a.m. - Truck Fire I-10 mile-marker 368. Flatbed trailer

bed on fire. Three units. Time in service 1 hour 34 minutes.

SEPTEMBER 29
- 9:52 a.m. - Gas leak in house on 400 block of Rugged Road. Leak located, fire department fans used to clear house. Three units, 10 firefighters. Time in service 1 hour.

- 3:10 p.m. Propane Transport hot brakes at 14th St. and State Hwy 163 south. Used water to cool brakes. Four units, seven firefighters. Time in service 39 minutes.

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS
- Nicholas Gusa, Palestine, Texas, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$4,000.
- Ariel Trevino, possession of marijuana less than two

ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000.
- Jerry Bryan McCostlin, Theodore, Ala., possession of a controlled substance, felony, \$20,000.
- Brandon Watson, Midland, driving while license in-

valid, misdemeanor, \$2,000.
- Eliesar Cantu, Mission, Texas, driving while license suspended/invalid, \$2,000.
- Martin Rodriguez, San Antonio, failure to appear/money laundering, felony, \$15,000.

Golfing for Ta Ta's Oct. 13

Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital and Sutton County Health Foundation is hosting Golfing for Ta Ta's on Oct. 13 at Sonora Golf Club.

The tournament is limited to 36 teams. It is an 18-hole, four-person scramble. It will start at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start.

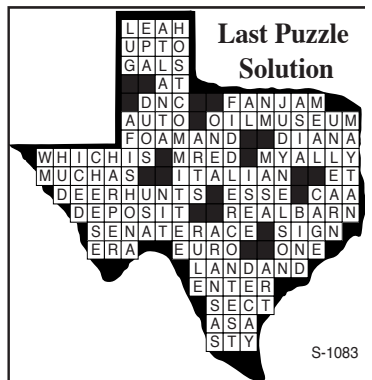
There will be Hole in One Prizes. Cost is \$300 per team.

Proceeds from the tournament help women in West Texas, including Sonora and Ozona, with mammograms.

For more information, call Joe or Tamatha at (325) 387-2521.

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commit to the five principals of his Texas Budget Compact:
- Practice "Truth in Budgeting";



- Support a constitutional limit of spending to the growth of population and inflation;
- Oppose any new taxes or tax increases and make the small business tax exemption permanent;
- Preserve a strong Rainy Day Fund; and
- Cut unnecessary and duplicative government programs and agencies.

In explaining Truth in Budgeting, Perry said, "We owe it to Texans to create a budget process that's more honest and transparent by making the tough decisions Texans make every day and presenting a truly balanced budget free of IOUs and accounting maneuvers."

RED TAPE SITE SEEKS INPUT

Computer users who have an Internet connection now have an easy way to make their thoughts known on an expanding variety of statewide topics including occupational licensing, state agency rulemaking, public school mandates and manufacturing in Texas.

Texas Red Tape Challenge (www.texasredtapechallenge.com) allows citizens to log in and "share ideas, discuss others' ideas and vote the best ones to the top."

According to the site's sponsor, Texas House Government Reform and Efficiency Committee, "workable ideas that gain consensus will be considered by the Committee for

inclusion in its formal report to the 83rd Legislature which begins in January 2013."

MORE KIDS TAKING SAT
Data released by the College Board on Sept. 24 show that in Texas between the 2007-2008 school year and last school year, the number of Hispanic public school students taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test increased by 65 percent.

Gains in SAT-taking also were posted by African-American students, up 42 percent; Asian students, up 29 percent; and white students, up 9 percent.

State Education Commissioner Michael Williams reacted, saying, "We are clearly building a college-going culture in Texas."

Dr. William Edmiston
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GARAGE SALES

FINAL MOVING SALE
Thursday, Oct. 4, and Friday, Oct. 5, at 1206 Ave. B 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Friday, Oct. 5, Saturday, Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m. at 208 Sunset.
Little bit of everything!

THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE
Friday, Oct. 5, Saturday, Oct. 6, 8 a.m. at 1709 Walnut St.
Lots of everything!

CARPORT SALE
Saturday, Oct. 6, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 112 corner of Live Oak & Hereford
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
Crockett County invites all citizens to a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 2012, at the County Courthouse, in Ozona, to review performance and obtain comments regarding its 2011 Texas CDBG Program Community Development Contract 711149. Disabled persons or those who require auxiliary aids or services who wish to attend this meeting should contact the Judge's Office at least two days before the meeting to make arrangements.

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The dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. General admission (includes meal) is \$10.00 per person. Attendees are fed a meal of chicken-fried deer, turkey, axis, deer and pork sausage, deer chili, deer tamales and brisket.

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The Crockett County DeerFest was created 25 years ago as a community wide appreciation banquet for hunters. Typically 1,000 to 1,500 people attend the event and approximately \$40,000 in prizes are raffled. Over the years, the DeerFest Association has raised enough money to build the Crockett County Convention Center in which the event is now housed. After construction, the building was donated to the county.

Again this year 10% of the admission will be donated to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center of Ozona. After the 2011 event we donated \$2,000 to the WT Rehab of Ozona.

The DeerFest Association has purchased A/V equipment and put a roof on the community day care center. The association helped finance the construction of the Crockett County EMS building. In 2011 the DeerFest contributed to the Crockett County 4-H, Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Youth Ministry, Ozona Chamber of Commerce, The Ministerial Alliance, Crockett County Volunteer Fire Department, The Boy Scouts, Crockett County Youth Center, Ozona Community Center, Perceptor Mu Chi, Crockett County EMS, American Cancer Society, Toys for Tots, Helping Hands, FFA, Ozona Little

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The recipient of the 2011 Crockett County DeerFest Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 was Kelsie Ramirez and in the amount of \$1,000 was Erik Carrizales. All monies are raised from the sale of door prize tickets, admission fees and our donors' generous contributions. Among prizes given away in 2011 were 75 guns, numerous gift certificates, any number of wonderful miscellaneous items and a 2012 Polaris Ranger Crew. This year in celebrating our 25th Anniversary, we will be giving away over 80 guns, \$10,000 in gift cards, a 2012 Jeep Wrangler and numerous other prizes.

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Hunter ethics leads to lifelong values

By Dr. David Samuel

Reprinted from his Land Ethics column in the International Hunter Education Assoc. Journal, Winter issue 2007

At age twelve, I vividly remember the first time I shot at a grouse ... it was running on the ground. Dad simply looked my way and said, "they do fly son." That was enough. I never even thought about shooting at any game bird except turkeys, unless they were flying.

Ethics is defined as the discipline which deals with

what is good or bad. Though legal, shooting a grouse on the ground is something no self respecting grouse hunter would ever do. Never. Doing so reflects badly on your values, on your character. Hunting ethics refers to decisions hunters make in the field; a personal code of conduct if you will. Obviously in the same situation, hunters may react differently. I read something somewhere that clarifies this point. It said that hunter ethics is the way a hunter behaves when no one is

looking.

In the market hunting days, prior to game laws, bag limits did not exist, and there was little consideration given to the consequences of indiscriminate killing. As game laws were enacted, duck hunting changed. As duck populations decreased, punt guns, live decoys, and bait were declared illegal. Wooden decoys replaced live ones. Duck calling replaced bait to entice birds to come to the shooters.

How ones ethical standards develop depend to a large degree on how young hunters are mentored. In my case, I was lucky because I had a great mentor. Dad had a number of mini-ethics lessons that he taught me as I grew in hunting. These lessons centered on safety, self control, and respect for myself, the animal, and landowners.

One of the first lessons he taught me was to never shoot unnecessarily while hunting. If you wanted to plink with your 22 rifle, then do it on the shooting range. I also learned to al-

ways keep my gun unloaded except when in a hunting situation. Always carry the gun barrel pointed at the ground. Never climb over anything with a loaded gun. Never climb a tree stand with a bow. Climb first, then use a tie line to pull up the bow.

Then there were the personal lessons that helped to teach me respect and mold me into an ethical hunter, an ethical person. Never brag about your hunt in public in a boastful, rude, manner that showed disrespect for the animal. Sure, I could talk about the hunt and animals harvested with friends. But do so with satisfaction, not disrespect for the animal. Share game taken with the landowner. It's the polite thing to do. Even if the landowner declined, always make the offer before you leave the land.

When young hunters are mentored ethically, there are many values gained from hunting. As a kid, I didn't think much about my values, but I soon learned right from wrong while hunting and the simple truth is that when you hunt "right," you gain more than you can ever imagine.

The values are real and important to ones development as a hunter and as a person.

For example, I'd like to believe that hunting played a major role in teaching me to be patient. As a kid, I had low self esteem. I wasn't big enough for football, basketball, etc., and I wasn't musically inclined. I did well in class, but back then, that quality was not highly appreciated by my classmates. However, I could shoot a bow and I was a good hunter. That did wonders for my self worth.

Life for kids today is different than it was thirty years ago. They spend an average of 6 ½ hours a day looking at a television or computer screen. Two-thirds of them have a television in their bedroom and half have a video game player there as well. No wonder hunting participation has dropped in the double digits over the past five years. Obviously our hunting agencies and organizations haven't done a very good job of letting people know why we should get kids away from the television and into the



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woods. Wouldn't parents be more prone to allow their children to learn to hunt if they understood the values gained? Would today's young people benefit from having more patience, self esteem, and good character? Maybe more so than any time in our history.

Another hunting value is learning to appreciate wildlife and ecosystems from hunting. Would not the future of our ecosystems and wildlife be far more secure if all young people held such an appreciation? For me, that development of an appreciation for wildlife was so intense, that it led to a career as a wildlife professor.

One often overlooked value that comes from being in the woods every fall is the enhancement of ones spirituality. The world for most young people does not center around the importance of becoming spiritual, but as I've grown older it has become quite clear that my spiritual development was enhanced by time spent in the woods. Would our society benefit if more of our young people held higher spiritual values? Silly question.

When you hunt you develop observational skills, and you also learn that you as a hunter have stewardship responsibilities towards wildlife and habitat. Wouldn't it be great if all of society had the same interest in habitat that we see with the turkey hunters in the National Wild Turkey Federation or the elk hunters in the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, etc., etc.?

What does this all mean for the hunting instructor? We spend lots of time talking about responsibility and teaching shooting skills. But maybe we need to somehow let the students and their parents know about the values kids get from ethical hunting. I'm not sure how we teach young hunters the importance of self respect and how that impacts a hunter's ethics. But the future of hunting would be greatly enhanced if all hunters had a better understanding of self respect, the development of hunter ethics, and how that leads to a value system that builds and molds them, their career, and their life.

Yes, but hunting isn't really safe, is it?

Actually hunting is very

safe. Hunting has fewer injuries per 100,000 participants than volleyball, golf, or ping pong. In fact, more people die playing golf every year than by hunting. In recent years bowhunting has been used in urban areas to reduce deer numbers. When such requests are made for bowhunting, some citizens immediately question safety issues. For bowhunting, safety is also a non-issue. Bowhunting leads to around one human death per year, while bees kill 40 and dogs 20. And no non-hunters are involved in bow accidents.....none.

I've heard that wild game is healthy food. Is that right?

In fact, wild game is very healthy. Chapter 4 of "Know Hunting" goes into some detail on this subject. A diet of wild game, fruits and vegetables gives you more than twice the fiber, one-fourth the sodium, and high amounts of omega-3 fatty acids that significantly reduce heart disease. There are heart specialists that advertise for hunters to donate wild game to their heart patients.

And sharing wild game is the oldest tradition in

the world. Some believe that people have shared wild game with family and friends for 1 million years. This important part of culture was good for the family and the evolving community. Sharing wild game is very important in hunting families today. Hunters today share beyond family and friends. Literally hundreds of thousands of pounds of deer meat are donated to soup kitchens and the needy. Healthy food and from a natural resource that reproduces itself every year.

Yes, but what about hunting and guns and teen

violence?

Those of us that hunt, never believed what the media perpetuated, i.e. that guns were the cause of teen violence today. In fact, we feel that activities, such as hunting and others, that get teens into nature, would reduce teen violence. Dr. Randall Eaton is the expert here. He cites many scientific studies that show that hunting is not linked to juvenile crime. In fact, West Virginia has the lowest crime rate in the country (for 24 straight years), and there are hunters living in over 50 % of all West Virginia homes.



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- age 9 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course, or you must be accompanied* while hunting.
- age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course; or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral," and you must be accompanied.

What does "accompanied" mean?

*Accompanied means: By a person (resident or non-resident) who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education or is exempt (born before Sept. 2, 1971), and you must be within normal voice control. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting.

Do I qualify for a Hunter Education Deferral?

Any person 17 years of age or older who has not completed a hunter education program may defer completion for up to one year. A deferral may only be obtained once and is only valid until the end of the current license year. You must be accompanied while hunting if you have a deferral. A person who has been convicted or has received deferred adjudication for violation of the mandatory hunter education requirement is prohibited from applying for a deferral. Take the course (cost: \$10) by August 31 of the current license year and receive a \$5 discount.

Important Facts about your certification

- Certification is good for life.
- Texas certification is honored by other states and provinces requiring hunter education.
- You must carry proof of certification or deferral on your person while hunting.
- The card is NOT required to purchase a license.

I lost my card. How do I get a replacement?

A duplicate certification card may be ordered online at: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter_education/cardform.phtml. Failure to carry proof of certification or deferral while hunting is a Class C, Parks and Wildlife Code Misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine no less than \$25 nor more than \$500.

I took Hunter Education in another state. Do I still need to take the Texas course?

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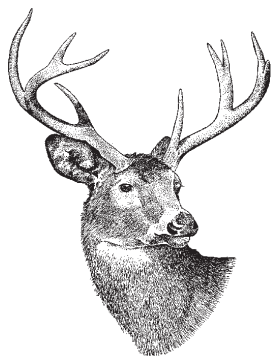
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Can wind affect rifle accuracy?

By Marty Prokop

There he is, Mr. Big, the big buck of a lifetime, out 200 yards in front of you.

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Regardless of wind

speed, bullet drift can occur if the wind is hitting your gun barrel at certain angles.

On the other hand, if you are shooting into the wind or the wind is directly behind you, wind will have little effect on your bullet's path.

Study ballistic charts to see how your bullet will fly and how wind speed can affect your bullet trajectory. Learn the bullet drop of your load at different distances.

Before you head out deer hunting, make sure you listen to the local weather report, specifically wind speed and direction.

With a little research and some perfect practice, you could be zeroed in on a big buck at any range under any circumstances.

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FIELD DRESSING

- Once the deer has died, field dress the deer as quickly as possible
- Wear disposable gloves to reduce the risk of exposure to disease
- Avoid cutting the stomach or intestines to reduce contamination of meat
- Avoid spilling intestine contents, feces or urine onto edible portions of carcass
- Minimize handling of brain and spinal tissues and fluids
- If cavity is rinsed out, be sure to dry the meat with a paper towel; damp meat spoils faster than dry meat
- Rapidly chill the carcass
- Insert ice packs
- Insert clean plastic bags filled with snow
- Prop the rib cage open with a stick to help circulate air and cool carcass quickly
- Maintain carcass at 40 degrees or below to prevent bacterial growth
- Keep out of direct sunlight; do not tie to top of car because this exposes the carcass to contamination and sun
- Process the deer or take it to a commercial processing plant as soon as possible (within 10 hours)

- Do not process any meat if organs smell bad, have greenish discharge, have blood clots, tumors, or are discolored
- Also, examine the deer for parasites, ticks and lesions

HOME PROCESSING

- Maintain the carcass at 40 degrees or below until processing
- Remove the hide
- Wash hands, knives, and cutting boards often and sanitize with a solution of 1 teaspoon of bleach per 1 gallon of water
- Wear disposable gloves
- Store all raw meat separate from other foods in a refrigerator to avoid cross-contamination
- Refrigerated meat should be used within 2 or 3 days
- To avoid freezer burn, use freezer wrap or freezer storage bags; do not overload the freezer
- Properly frozen meat will store 9-12 months
- The flavor of game meats is mainly due to the fat they contain. To reduce the gamey flavor, trim the fat from the meat
- Cook game to at least 160 degrees



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A Tale of Two Hunts...A Crockett County Story

By Johnny Hughes
www.Antleradventures.com

Defining moments in one's life don't occur very often. Defining, as in it changed the course of one's life. When something changes the course of one's life, one would think it would be easy to recognize when it happens. One would think...

I had a defining moment occur in my life during a pair of hunting trips to Crockett County back in 1970 and 1971 when I was only nine and ten years old.

P.C. and Peggy Perner were friends of my family and they had invited my Dad (Billy Hughes) and I to hunt on their ranch in Crockett County that fall. I was elated to say the least.

My family, including my sister Susan Calloway and I, lived in Junction, Texas where I had been fortunate enough to have a Dad who introduced me to hunting at an early age. I had killed my first deer when I

was six and thought I was a grizzled hunting veteran by the time I was nine.

Up to this point, all my deer hunting had been out of blinds and feeders on smaller leases around Junction. I was about to discover the huge canyons of southwestern Crockett County were a completely different world from what I knew.

FALL, 1970

My Dad drove us in the dark of the early morning one Saturday in late November to reach the ranch by first light. I remember being pumped with anticipation for the upcoming day. We met P.C. at the ranch and commenced to hunting once daylight broke.

We weren't an hour or so into the hunt when either P.C. or my Dad spotted what they said was a good buck. I couldn't see it to save my life. So, my Dad shot the deer and I will never forget walking up to that deer on the ground...

It was the biggest deer I had ever seen! It was a dandy, 10-point buck. I was completely in awe. I wished I'd seen it! Visions of greatness were dancing in my head with the anticipation of shooting such a deer.

Well, as the day grew on, my visions of greatness slowly faded into my worst nightmare. I couldn't see most of the deer my Dad and P.C. spotted. Even the bucks I did see, I couldn't hit. It was pitiful. I remember it well.

The day ultimately culminated with me wounding a small buck with another lousy shot. Although finally hitting a deer was an improvement in my shooting, it turned into an even bigger debacle when it didn't go down.

P.C. and my Dad tracked that buck for over a mile before we finally caught up with it just before dark and finished the job. It was amazing they caught up to that deer.

The buck was only a 2 1/2 year old, 7-point which was probably half the size of the buck my Dad had taken that morning. Already realizing I had been a miserable failure at almost every aspect of hunting for the entire day, I received the final dagger through my heart with my inability to go home with a big buck as well.

To this day, I still remember the knot in my stomach driving back to Junction that night. I was mad, embarrassed and ashamed all mixed together into a simmering stew in the front seat of the pickup. I just knew I never wanted to feel like that again.

So the answer was to quit hunting, right? Hardly. I wanted to keep hunting more than anything in this world. The answer was to work and get better at it. During the next year, my dad helped me work on spotting game in the brush and I certainly practiced my long-range shoot-

ing. I waited patiently for next season...

FALL, 1971

Fast forward to November, 1971. Now at the ripe old age of ten, I got a second chance to return to the Perner Ranch and vindicate myself from the demons instilled in me during the hunt the year before.

My dad again drove us in the dark morning hours to the ranch, where this year, we met P.C.'s son, Paul Perner. All I remember about that early-morning meeting was Paul putting a leg of lamb in the oven and we were invited back for lunch. I had never eaten sheep before and didn't quite know what to think about it.

That morning, Dad and I went out to hunt some of the huge, rimrock canyons while Paul attended to some ranching duties.

During the morning hunt, my dad spotted what he said was a good buck on the opposite side of

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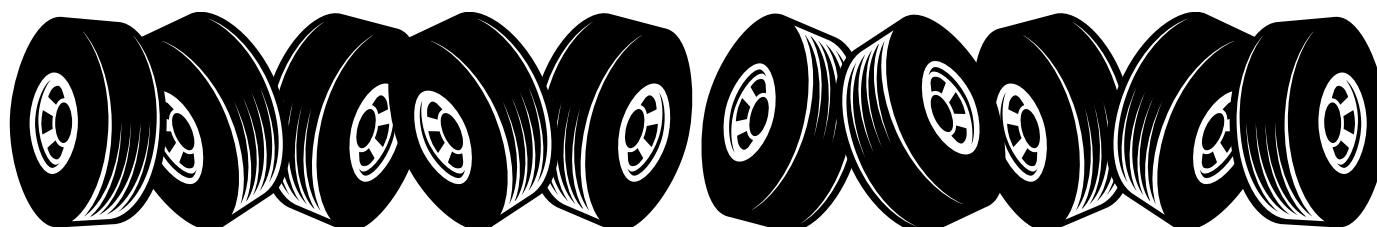
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one of the large canyons. Caught in a spot without a good rifle rest, I used my dad's shoulder as a rest. I only had a 4-power Weaver scope on a .243 Savage Model 99 rifle. I really couldn't tell how big or little the buck actually was in the scope. I just knew the deer had antlers.

Not knowing the distance, I aimed right at the buck, fired, and it just stood there. "Aim higher!" my dad says. So I did. And the second shot crumbled the buck. I couldn't believe I had just made that shot. It was probably 350 to 400 yards looking back on it.

After driving around to the top of the opposite canyon wall above the downed deer, we started down toward it. I will never forget the feeling I had when I saw that buck for the first time. It was my first ten-point and BY FAR, the biggest deer I had ever taken! It was even bigger than the deer my dad shot the previous year. The agony of last year's defeat had finally been replaced with the thrill of victory and my demons had been purged.

That moment is forever etched in my memory.

After watching my Dad drag that deer to the top of the canyon and into the truck, we went to Paul's house where we had his "lamb" for lunch. Think about it, a young bachelor man... living on a ranch... cooking sheep... it had us a little scared going in. Much to my surprise, it was delicious! Paul, I'm sorry we ever doubted you. My Dad and I reminisced about how good that meat was many times over the years.

After lunch, Paul took us out on a search for a deer for my Dad in his jeep. We had quite an afternoon with several more "firsts" for me along the way...

I'd never seen Paul drive straight up a canyon wall in a jeep without a road. We did that...

I'd never shot a porcupine out of a tree in the bottom of a canyon before. We did that...

I'd never shot a javelina before. We did that...

But the most impressive "first" occurred late in the afternoon, when

my dad shot at a buck and hit the deer too low. Weege, Paul's Norwegian elkhound, came along and saved the day. We did that too...

After the wounded buck ran off, my Dad started to go look for it. Paul said, "Take Weege", "If there's a drop of blood, Weege will find him". And he was right! That dog tracked the wounded deer for close to a mile before baying it in the head of the canyon. We would have never gotten that buck without Weege.

My wife and I currently have a 2-year old Norwegian elkhound, partially because I always remembered Weege's heroics.

Needless to say, my mood was in another orbit on the drive back to Junction that night compared to the previous year. It had been an absolutely awesome experience.

In Retrospect

Looking back on things some 40 years later, that first-year debacle was my first taste of complete failure at something I so desperately wanted to suc-

ceed at. It was catastrophic to me at the time. But through practice and desire, I worked at becoming a better hunter.

The success of the second year was extra sweet only because the foul taste of defeat was still in my mouth from the year before. But, without the chance of failure, what is truly the accomplishment?

I was lucky. I had a dad who exposed me to the outdoors. I was even luckier that he had friends such as the Perners who graciously allowed us to hunt their ranch. It was my first taste of "western" hunting and despite my humble start, I was hooked for life.

After high school, I went on to get a couple of college degrees and attempted to work in the real world. After 5 years, I finally listened to my inner voice, quit my job, and started a New Mexico-based outfitting business and guided elk and deer hunters for the next 14 years. It's what I knew I was destined to do. My time on the Perner Ranch started my mind down a

path it never left.

During my adult life, I have been fortunate enough to have been on more than a hundred personal hunts across North America and guided hundreds of elk hunters across New Mexico. I have had so many hunting highs, lows and everything in between during that time, I would struggle to try to remember them all.

But one thing is for certain. I'll never forget those two days I spent hunting the canyons of Crockett County as a wide-eyed youth over 40 years ago.

Looking back, I learned a lot about myself in two days. I proved to myself I could overcome what I considered at the time to be great adversity. Doing it once helped give me the confidence to be able to do it again and again and then apply it to something else. It was truly one of those defining moments in my life.

But at the time, I didn't see any resemblance of a defining moment. I just knew I FINALLY killed a 10-point buck...



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Special Youth-Only Season: Early open season: October 27-28, 2012. Late open season: January 7-20, 2013. Licensed hunters 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer by any lawful means during this season.

MULE DEER - Archery Season: Sept. 29 - Nov. 2, 2012. Bag limit - one buck during archery season. General Season: Nov. 23 - Dec. 9, 2012. Bag limit: two deer; no more than one buck, all seasons combined. Antlerless deer may be taken only by Antlerless Mule Deer or MLD permit.

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Get more results from your deer scent

By Marty Prokop

Placing deer scent directly onto a scrape will attract deer. The down side is that when you place the scent on the ground that the buck might walk over and past the scrape. This could limit the number of bucks visiting the deer scrape.

I hang a scent wick, saturated with deer scent, above the scrape. Wind currents can carry deer scent through your deer hunting area and could attract more deer to that scrape. A saturated deer scent wick in the air could last longer than a few drops of deer scent on the ground.

Another plus to using a scent wick is you will not have keep reapplying deer scent to the deer scrape every day. Not having to apply scent everyday keeps human odors from contaminating the deer scrape you are hunting over.

Don't be discouraged if the deer scrape is not reopened the day after you apply deer scent. A rutting buck may be working a very large area that is filled with scrapes.

The buck may take a couple days to come back to the deer scrape you doctored up. If after two days, the

deer scrape has not been reopened by a buck, chances are the deer scrape is not active any longer. You may want to move your deer hunting tree stand location.

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Top five reasons to miss your deer

By Marty Prokop

There are five main reasons deer hunters miss deer when they are deer hunting.

1.) Not sighting in your deer rifle before you go hunting.

This sounds pretty basic, but year after year some deer hunters refuse to go to the rifle range to sight in their deer rifles.

They may figure, "Well, it shot straight last year when I put the rifle away."

Regardless of how straight your deer rifle shot when you cased it up at the end of season, go to the range and sight it in again for the next season, preferably several times before deer season arrives.

Why?

Sights and scopes can get bumped while cleaning, handling or transferring from gun cabinet to deer hunting woods and back again.

2.) Using different ammunition than used to sight in with.

Different bullet weights and even various ammunition brands will shoot differently from the same rifle.

Make sure you stock up on the same brand and

bullet weight of ammunition, the brand and weight you sighted in your rifle with, before you head to the deer hunting woods.

3.) Taking free hand shots.

Free hand shots are the least effective for deer hunting, because in many situations you are not rock solid when shooting.

If you don't have a good rifle rest in your tree stand or blind when you are deer hunting, use your knee to steady your shot.

Another option is shooting from the prone position, but don't try this from a tree stand.

Always try to use a solid rest before taking the shot.

4.) Not enough perfect practice.

There is more to shooting a rifle and becoming a good shot than just simply sighting in your rifle.

The more you can practice with different shooting scenarios, the better you will become at handling your deer rifle.

5.) Not knowing your shooting limitations.

This is really simple. If you don't feel you can make a long range shot, don't shoot.

At times, some deer hunters let their egos take over.

Only shoot the distance you have practiced for. This will keep you from wounding deer.

How can you avoid missing your deer the next time you go deer hunting?

- Sight in your deer rifle several times before deer season arrives.

- Remember to deer hunt use the same brand and bullet weight of ammo you used to sight in your deer rifle.

- Always use a solid rest when taking a shot.

- Perfect practice. Perfect practice.

- Take shots only at distances you are comfortable shooting.

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Tips on recovering deer after the shot

By Marty Prokop

BANG! - Your shot was well placed. You expect to see the deer not far from where you took the shot.

After waiting 20 minutes, you climb out of your deer hunting tree stand and walk to where you took the shot. You see a good blood trail. You start tracking being careful not to disturb the blood trail.

As you continue following the trail it seems to almost disappear. You look a few feet ahead and off to the left and right and still see no deer.

You are puzzled. Where could it have gone?

"It was a great hit," you rationalize as you replay the shot through your mind.

This happened to me in a past deer hunting season. I shot a huge doe at less than 50 yards with my 12 gauge. Normally, at close range with a 12 gauge slug, deer have dropped in less than 50 yards.

So what did this doe do?

After the shot, the doe turned and ran straight away from me. I followed her blood trail nearly 100

yards. I noticed she turned back to where she had come out of the woods.

I found her another 30 yards up the trail towards the direction she came from. She was circling back around.

Deer are herd animals. I believe they feel safer in numbers. Perhaps this doe was heading back to the group she was with.

Next time you start following the trail of a deer you have shot and can't find it immediately, try circling back to where you first took the shot. Chances are you will find the deer near that location.

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Is your deer hunting rifle shooting straight?

By Marty Prokop

You are at the rifle range sighting in your deer hunting gun. You take a three shot group. You notice the first shot is a bit off from the other two shots.

You take three more shots and find the grouping of bullets very acceptable. You pack up, head home, clean your deer rifle and wait for deer season to open.

Opening morning of deer hunting season arrives. You take a shot at a big buck at the distance you practiced at the range.

At the range you were holding a two-inch group. Today somehow you miss.

Was it deer hunter's error or buck fever perhaps? Or was your gun shooting off target?

Let's look at this.

Remember back at the range when you fired the first bullet from your well cleaned gun? You noticed it was

the only bullet that was out of sync with the other rounds you shot. All of the bullets after that first shot hit perfectly.

Very few deer hunters clean rifle barrels between shots when at the rifle range. This means we are actually judging how well our guns shoot through "dirty" barrels.

In the scenario above shots fired after the very first shot seemed most accurate.

Test the shooting accuracy of your gun by shooting two 3 shot groups.

For one 3 shot group clean the barrel after each shot.

For the second group shoot three consecutive shots without cleaning in between rounds.

Pay close attention to the very first shot out of the clean barrel. Notice if it strikes the target differently than subsequent shots.

If it does, your rifle

may perform better after a shot has been fired.

Remember, the first shot at a deer is usually the most important one and often times the only one you get.

If your gun performs better after a shot has been fired through the barrel, consider safely firing one shot through your barrel before you head out deer hunting.

Clean your gun after shooting, but remember the first shot out of your clean gun will be the least accurate.

Why clean your gun if it shoots poorly when clean?

A dirty barrel will shorten the life of your deer hunting rifle, perhaps causing rust and deterioration. If left extremely dirty, your gun may become dangerous to shoot.

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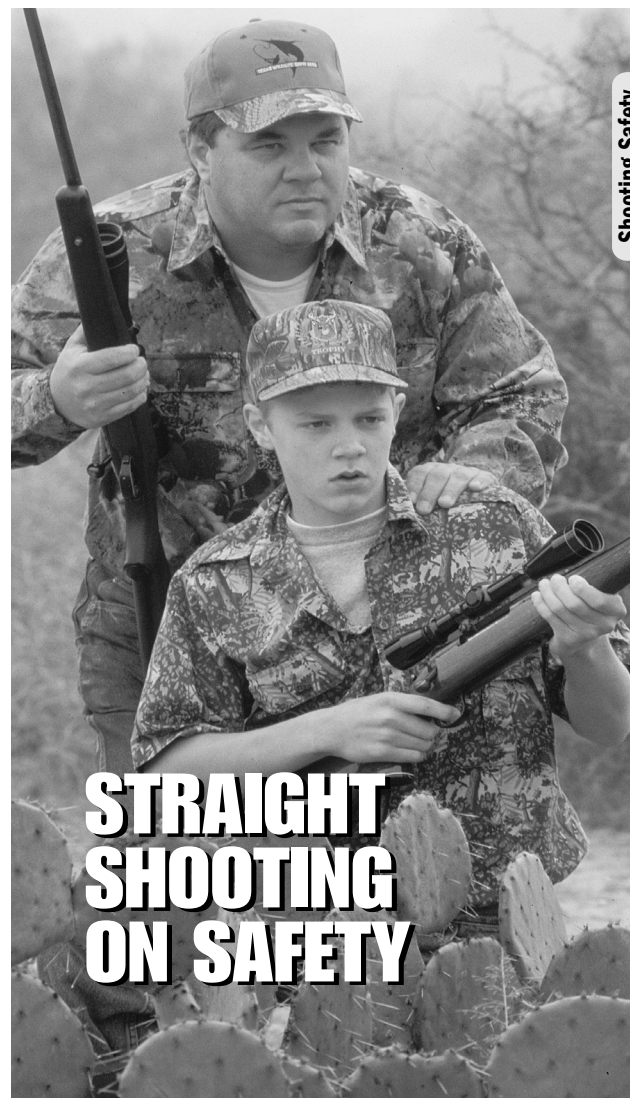
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- Be sure of your target.
- Unload firearms and unstring conventional bows when not in use.
- Handle firearms, arrows and ammunition with care.
- Know your safe zone-of-fire and stick to it.
- Control your emotions when using weapons.
- Wear hearing and eye protection.
- Don't consume alcohol or drugs before or while handling firearms or bows.
- Be aware of circumstances that require added caution or safety awareness.

If you practice these rules, you'll help to ensure a safe future for yourself, for others and for the shooting sports.



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Deer Hunting Quiz

1. A White Tailed deer can run up to:
 - a. 10 miles per hour
 - b. 9 miles per hour
 - c. 40 miles per hour
 - d. 100 miles per hour
2. The deer's eyes can view ____ degrees around itself.
 - a. 45
 - b. 310
 - c. 30
 - d. 180
3. The mule deer is also called:
 - a. Running deer
 - b. Jumping deer
 - c. Walking deer
 - d. None of the above
4. Deer can live up to ____ years in the wild.
 - a. 30
 - b. 18
 - c. 25
 - d. 11
5. A female Key deer carries its baby for:
 - a. 100 days
 - b. 20 days
 - c. 204 days
 - d. 365 days
6. A deer can detect ____ odors at a time.
 - a. 10
 - b. 20
 - c. 30
 - d. 500
7. Deer can smell a hunter from a distance of:
 - a. 2 feet
 - b. Half a mile
 - c. 70 feet
 - d. None of the above
8. The Red Deer Stag loses and again grows its antlers:
 - a. Every two years
 - b. Every three years
 - c. Every year
 - d. Every five years
9. How does a deer mark its territory?
 - a. By urinating on its turf
 - b. By leaving a pair of antlers on its turf
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. None of the above
10. How far can deer jump?
 - a. 15-20 feet
 - b. 5-10 feet
 - c. 30- 40 feet
 - d. Up to 50 feet
11. Deer are non-vegetarian.
 - a. True
 - b. False
12. A mature adult male deer will stand an average in height at the shoulder?
 - a. 24"-32"
 - b. 36"-40"
 - c. 40"-44"
 - d. 44"-48"
13. Deer communicate using odors. Which of these areas on a deer contain scent glands.
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 - c. Near each eye and inside the nose
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14. Which statement best describes the eating habits of whitetail deer?
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 - b. They prefer apples and clover and when that is not available the gather in large numbers in swamps to eat cedar browse.
 - c. They will stay in one area and eat what is there until it is gone and then move on to other places to find food.
 - d. They use their feet to stomp on fish in brooks and streams to eat mixed with larvae found under rocks.
15. The peak breeding season for the whitetail deer is mid November although it can occur in October or as late as January. When a doe comes into heat, they are receptive to a buck for 24 hours. If mating has not occurred, how long before the doe comes into estrus again?
 - a. Never
 - b. In one year
 - c. In 24 hours
 - d. In 28 days
16. Gestation period for the whitetail deer is approximately?
 - a. 100 days
 - b. 200 days
 - c. 300 days
 - d. 400 days
17. Bucks grow antlers each year. Their antlers begin to grow in April triggered by longer daylight and hormones. When do bucks shed their antlers?
 - a. November
 - b. By Christmas
 - c. December to early March
 - d. They fall off just prior to beginning new growth.
18. True or False? It is almost always that the "dominant" buck mates with all the estrus does in his area. If this is true, then is the size of a buck's "rack" (their antlers) a determining factor in reproduction?
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 - c. Mad Cow Disease
 - d. Malnutrition and Disease
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- 1/8 tsp. celery powder
- 1/8 tsp. ground coriander
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper (optional)

Combine the dry spices in a cup and mix well. Liberally sprinkle meat with the spice mixture. Once the meat is well coated, rub thoroughly with Dijon until the meat is slathered with it. Wrap and set aside to marinate for up to 1 hour. Grill over a hot flame for 10-15 minutes or until cooked through.

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- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 med. green peppers, chopped, sauteed
- 3 tsp. garlic powder
- 3 lbs. venison stew meat and browned ground venison
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. ground red pepper
- 5 tsp. chili powder
- 1 1/2 tsp. paprika
- Dash of Lea & Perrins
- 4 (16 oz.) cans tomatoes or equivalent
- 1 (18 oz.) can tomato paste
- 1 (32 oz.) bottle ketchup
- 1 (28 oz.) can pinto beans
- 1 (42 oz.) can red kidney beans

Mix all ingredients and add as much of your favorite liquid hot sauce as you and your doctor see fit. Cover; simmer over low heat 3 hrs. Best refrigerated 1+ days after cooking and reheated prior to serving. Serve with grated cheese and/or chopped onions.

QUAIL CASSEROLE

- 8-12 quail
- Salt
- Flour
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 lb. fresh mushrooms or 4 oz. can sliced mushrooms
- Parsley flakes or fresh chopped parsley
- 2 cups dry white wine

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Split birds down back. Add salt to the flour and dust birds lightly. Melt butter in skillet and place birds skin-side down. Saute until browned on both sides. Remove birds from skillet and place in a casserole dish with lid. Add mushrooms and parsley and pour enough wine into casserole to half cover the birds. Cover casserole and heat in oven for 1 hour. Spoon the clear wine gravy over the birds before serving. Serves 4 - 6 people.

VENISON BURGER SUPREME

- 1/8 lb. sausage mild
- 1 lb. ground venison
- Salt and pepper
- 1 egg
- 1 small onion
- 1 tbsp. bacon grease
- 1/8 tsp. thyme
- 1/8 tsp. oregano
- 1 small clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1/8 tsp. ground ginger
- 1/8 cup sweet cider

Mix sausage and ground venison. Combine with remaining ingredients except cider. Brown until almost done. Add cider and finish cooking.

VENISON SAUSAGE YANKEE

- 5 lbs. cubed venison
- 1 tsp. red pepper
- 1 lb. cubed beef suet
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 3 tbsp. salt
- 1 tsp. sage
- 1 tbsp. black pepper
- 2 tsp. garlic powder

Mix and grind all ingredients. Red pepper can be adjusted to taste. Cook in fat in patty form or casings. Taste is much better if smoked 28-30 hrs. Keeps well in freezer for 2-3 months.

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- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp. ground ginger

Place squirrel halves or rabbit pieces in crock pot. Mix all ingredients in a small bowl and pour over meat. Cover and cook on low heat for 7-8 hours. To thicken gravy, use either flour or cornstarch mixed with water. Cook on high until thickened.

VENISON SPANISH RICE

- 1/2 pound ground venison
- 2 slices bacon, chopped
- 1/4 cup onion, chopped
- Steamed rice for 4
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. paprika
- 1/4 tsp. chili powder
- 1 can stewed tomatoes with celery, green pepper and onion

Saute bacon pieces. Add onion and venison, breaking meat into small pieces. Add seasonings and cook until almost done. Add tomatoes and simmer 30 minutes. Pour over rice. Serves 4.

SIMPLY ELEGANT BEAR STEAK AND RICE

1 1/2 lbs. bear steak
1 1/2 tbsp. vegetable oil
2 large onions, cut into 1/2" slices, rings
1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 (4 oz.) can sliced mushrooms
Drain & reserve liquid
1/2 cup dry sherry
1 1/2 tsp. garlic salt
3 cups hot cooked rice

Cut steak into thin strips. In a large skillet (oven-proof, if desired), brown meat in oil, using high heat. Add onions. Saute until tender crisp. Blend soup, sherry, liquid from mushrooms, and garlic salt. Pour over steak. Add mushrooms. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 1 hour or until steak is tender. (Or cover and bake at 350 degrees.) Serve over beds of fluffy rice. Makes 6 servings.

QUAIL MAGNIFICENT

6 quail, cleaned
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
Vegetable oil
2 1/2 cups chicken broth
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning
1 tbsp. plus 1 tsp. molasses
1 clove garlic, pressed
1 tsp. lemon juice
4 med. carrots, cut into 2-in. pieces
2 stalks celery, cut into 2-in. pieces
1/4 lb. fresh mushrooms
2 green onions
1/2 cup dry sherry

Sprinkle quail with salt and pepper; dredge in flour. Brown quail on both sides in hot oil in a large, heavy skillet. Remove quail and drain off oil; return quail to skillet.

Combine next 6 ingredients, mixing well; pour over quail. Reduce heat; cover and cook 30 minutes. Add remaining ingredients; cover and cook 30 additional minutes. Yields: 3 servings.

STANDARD MARINADE

1/2 cup cider or red wine vinegar
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp. salt
Cold water to cover game

Mix ingredients together in bowl just large enough to cover game with water. Soak frozen or fresh game overnight in the refrigerator. No need to stir this marinade. Use for red meat or game birds.

BEER MARINADE FOR VENISON ROUND ROAST

In a blender, combine the following

1 can (12 ounces) of your favorite brew
1/2 cup olive oil
1 med. onion, chopped
2 cloves of garlic, crushed
2 tsp. powdered mustard
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper

Place roast in a plastic container and pour marinade over it, then cover and refrigerate for 24 hours (turning every 6 hours). This works best when meat is not more than 3 inches thick.

VENISON AND PORK LOG

2 lbs. ground venison
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1 tbsp. salt
1 lb. ground pork (80% lean)
1/2 cup chili sauce
1 cup milk
2 cups cracker crumbs
1 egg
1 med. onion
1/8 tsp. crushed red pepper
1/4 tsp. oregano (optional)

Mix all ingredients except 1/4 cup of the chili sauce. Place in a loaf pan and cover with remaining 1/4 cup chili sauce. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

JERKY - BEEF OR VENISON

3 lbs. boned meat
1/8 tsp. seasoned salt
2 tbsp. liquid smoke
2 tbsp. popcorn salt
3 tbsp. water
3/4 tbsp. seasoned pepper

Slice meat into 1/4" thick strips about 5" long. Remove all fat. Combine liquid smoke, water, and seasonings. Brush on strips and place (layer on layer) in a large bowl. Put a weighted plate on top of bowl and let stand in place overnight. Remove meat and dry it. Place strips across oven racks - edges may touch; don't overlap. Allow room for air to circulate. Racks should be no closer than 4" from top and bottom heat sources. Dry meat in oven for about 11 hours at 150 degrees. Remove and cool completely. Store in an air-tight container.

STUFFED SQUIRREL CANNELLONI

Two squirrels cleaned and ready to cook.

Put two squirrels in a pressure cooker and cook for 45 min. at 15 lbs. (or until the meat is falling off the bones.) Separate the meat from the bones and gristle, then chop the meat (you need 2 cups of boned, cleaned and chopped squirrel meat.)

Cook 18 Cannelloni shells as per the directions on the box (Cannelloni shells are large (3/4 in diameter) pasta-tubes about 4 to 6 inches long) Let Cannelloni cool.

Thoroughly mix the following with the Squirrel meat:

3 tbsp. chopped green onions
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
2 eggs
1/4 tsp. seasoning salt

Stuff the above mixture into the Cannelloni shells. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a square baking dish and lay stuffed shells in it. Cover with 1/4 inch grated smoked-colby cheese (Colby is a medium-strong cheese that will not overpower the delightful flavor of the squirrel meat.) Bake for 20 min. (or until cheese has melted and is nicely browned). Serve immediately.

VENISON MEDALLIONS WITH BALSAMIC REDUCTION

Venison (tenderloin or back-strap medallions)
Butter
Salt & pepper
1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
Several shallots (2 or 3 medium sized), thinly sliced

Pound venison with flat side of meat mallet to 1/4" thickness, season with salt and pepper on both sides

Saute venison in butter, reserve meat on a warm plate.

In same pan as meat was cooked, add more butter and saute shallots until soft.

Add balsamic vinegar, deglaze pan and reduce to a light syrup consistency, continuously stirring so as not to burn the sauce.

Drizzle sauce over venison. Serve with roasted potatoes, carrots and onions, fresh green salad and French baguette.

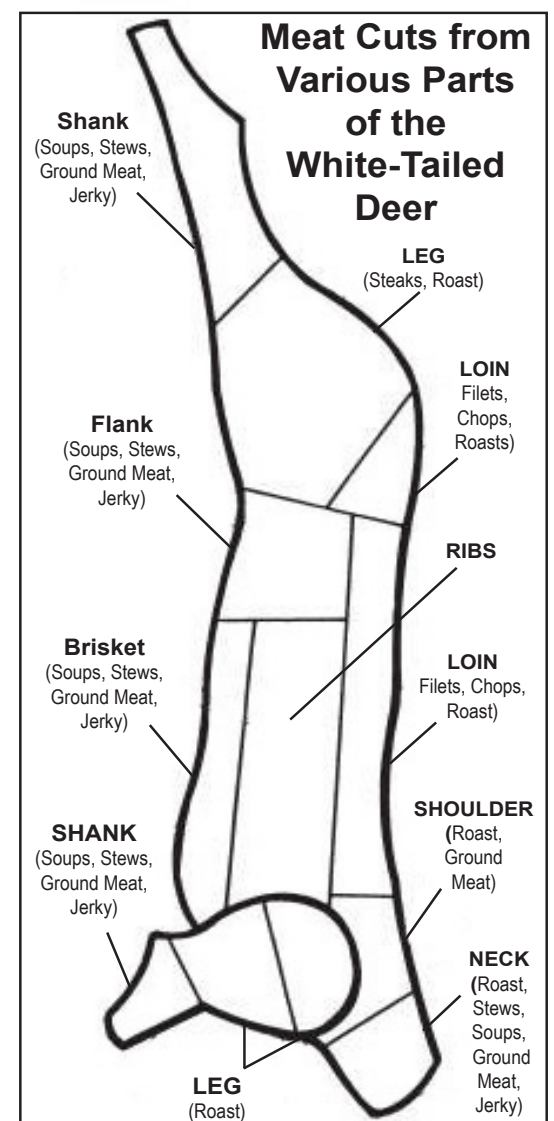
GAME-A-RONI

1/4 cup chopped onion
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
2 lbs. ground lean meat (any kind)
1/4 cup salad oil
1 can (1 lb. 13 oz.) tomatoes
1 small can of tomato sauce
1/2 tsp. pepper
2 tsp. salt for sauce
2 tsp. oregano
5 quarts water
2 tbsp. salt for macaroni
1 lb. macaroni product
2 cups cottage cheese
1 lb. mozzarella cheese, sliced thin
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

Chop onion and garlic, mix with meat and add to heated oil in frying pan. Cook until meat is browned evenly and lightly. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, and spices. Simmer, stirring occasionally, about 45 minutes until mixture is reduced to consistency of sauce.

In a large pot, heat water to a rolling boil, add salt and macaroni. Cook until tender according to package directions. Drain.

In a large flat pan, spread 1/3 of the meat sauce; then half the macaroni, half the cottage, Mozzarella, and Parmesan cheeses; half the remaining meat; the rest of the macaroni; then the rest of the cheeses topped by the rest of the meat, with a bit of cheese sprinkled on top. Bake at 350 degrees F. 20-30 minutes until bubbly. Cool 15 minutes, cut into squares and serve. Serves 12.



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