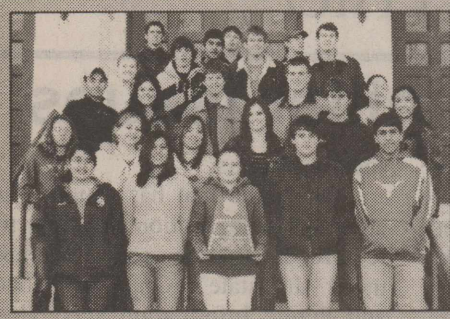
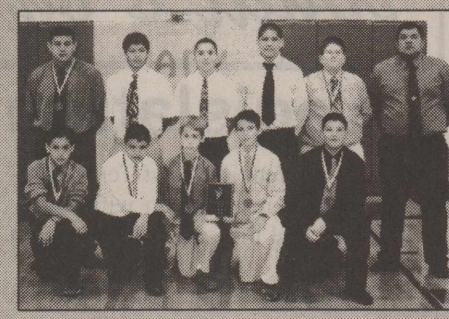


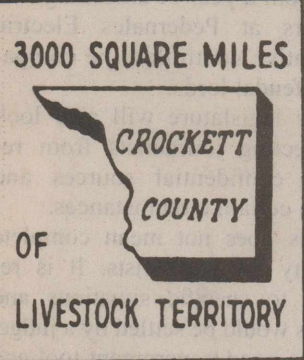
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Lack of deed causes county to alter property deal with school

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The deal between the county and the school on the south pool property was altered due to the lack of a deed.

During Monday's regular commissioners' court meeting, a motion was unanimously approved for Crockett County to execute a quitclaim deed for the south pool property to Crockett County Consolidated Common School District for the consideration of \$16,000 worth of used playground equipment.

In September, the commissioners and the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees approved an inter-local agreement for the school to purchase the property from the county for \$30,000 plus donating the playground equipment.

Monday's motion stemmed from research that resulted in the fact that Crockett County did not have a title or deed stating that the county owned the south pool property.

What was discovered by county officials was that the original owner,

E.M. Powell, deeded the property to the school.

The school never did anything with the property and somehow the south pool was eventually built, but no deeds were made.

The recommendation for the quitclaim deed came from County Attorney Jody Upham, since the county doesn't have a clear title for the property. Upham said the quitclaim deed state whatever interest the county had in this property will not be given over to the school.

"Since this is the case, the school doesn't feel like it is worth the original consideration and that the deal needs to be altered," Upham said.

The commissioners and the school board were scheduled to hold a joint meeting over this matter Monday night, but since the commissioners came to this agreement with Superintendent Abe Gott present the meeting was canceled.

PTO POLICY TO STAY THE SAME

After a lengthy discussion, the commissioners voted to keep their

personnel policy the same pertaining to personal time off (PTO).

What was proposed was to increase the PTO time from 23 to 25 days due to some county offices closing early on days before a holiday and at 4 p.m. on Fridays.

When the county offices close on days before a holiday and early on Fridays, the employees are still paid for a full work week and PTO time is not taken.

Several elected officials and employees spoke to the commissioners about how the elected officials are responsible for setting their own office hours and dealing with their employees pay status.

Upham read through the county's personnel policy, which states that normal working hours may be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, but that each individual office gets to set their own office hours.

Upham said the official could have the leaving early as part of the normal office hours.

"I think there is an argument for it," Upham said.

Justice of the Peace Jim Hearne

presented a State Attorney General's Office opinion that stated that an elected county official decides how to use the employees who work in his or her office, and that a county commissioners county that adopts a policy to keep employees from following their supervising county official's instructions to leave may unlawfully interfere in the official's sphere of authority.

The opinion also stated that the commissioners' court may tell elected officials what resources they have available but may not micromanage those resources.

"My goal is to try to make the county legal in what it is doing," said County Judge Fred Deaton.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga said if anyone has a complaint they should talk to the elected official.

Commissioner Pleas Childress said the complaints he received pertains to people coming into town wanting to conduct business.

"We should leave everything alone and let the elected officials run their own offices," Tambunga said.

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OHS teacher, student to attend presidential inauguration

An Ozona High School teacher and student will witness history next week when they attend the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama.

Teacher Gina Hochreiter will attend with the Presidential Classroom program.

The program provides outstanding high school students from the United States and abroad with rigorous educational experiences in Washington, D.C.

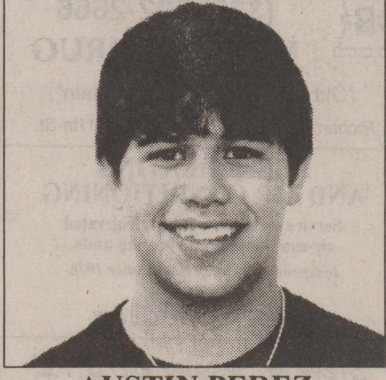
Hochreiter traveled to Washington, D.C. with the Presidential Classroom program when she was in high school and is returning on this trip as an alumni.

Austin Perez, a freshman at Ozona High School, is joining other outstanding high school students from across the United States.

"The Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference will provide students with an opportunity to take part in historic events that coincide with the Inauguration of the President of the United States," said Marguerite Regan, Dean of Academic Affairs for the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors the conference. "Something that is really wonderful about



GINA HOCHREITER



AUSTIN PEREZ

so many young people gathering in Washington, D.C. for this event is that it will provide them a chance to become more familiar with and attuned to the president who will

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Former Ozona resident makes history

Virginia Rios becomes first female deputy in Dawson County

Editor's note: The following article was reprinted with permission from the Lamesa Press-Reporter.

By **REGINA CRUTCHER**
 Lamesa Press-Reporter

Virginia Rios was raised on a ranch outside of Ozona partially responsible for keeping meat on the Rios family table.

This unconventional upbringing has, in many ways, prepared her for her newest job as the first full-time female deputy in Dawson County.

"We didn't have a tv. I was always outside-hunting, riding horses, camping. I'm very lucky. My Mom and Dad always said I could do anything I wanted to. And since I was little, I wanted to be in police work," said Rios after she was given the oath of office on Friday morning.

The maturity it takes to handle a loaded firearm from an early age and learn to shoot it accurately, is ingrained into Rios. She will use that level-headedness to guide her as a role model to young girls.

"I never thought about being the first of anything. I was just following my dreams. My Mom and Dad didn't cut me down. They said in order for you to achieve something, aim higher up and don't settle for anything less," said Rios.

Her parents, Fidel and Adela Rios of Ozona, also told her to ask questions and learn her job.

"You can't go in here as just a female. I mean, I'm ecstatic that I'm the first, but I just came in here respecting the jobs everyone does. My parents always said to do good for people and they will do good for you."

Rios said that she has felt nothing but support from the guys po-



Photo courtesy photo by Regina Crutcher, Lamesa Press-Reporter
VIRGINIA RIOS, formerly of Ozona, was sworn in as the first woman full-time Dawson County Sheriff's Deputy earlier this month. Rios has been with the sheriff's department since 1998, having started out as a jailer.

licing Dawson County.

"This is a good department and we help out whoever needs it. They know they can come in my office and I will help them and I know that I can go to them too," she said.

"If they need me to come talk to a female for them, any time of the day or night-and it's usually night-I will be there for them."

Rios is no stranger to Lamesa. She has lived here for 10 years and is married to Memo Ortiz. The cou-

blers of her family were on hand for the oath of office.

Along with her parents, her sisters Gloria Williams, Ofilia Harris and Rita Rios and her son Cody Gotcher, also live in Ozona.

Rios also has four brothers: Ernest Rios, of Lubbock, Gene Martinez, of Del Rio, Raymond Martinez, of Corpus Christi and Larry Martinez, of Del Rio.

"They're ecstatic. They're so happy for me. I'm so happy that so many people came for this. I couldn't have done it without them."

Rios is a Christian and a firm believer in prayer. She prays for guidance each morning and "I thank the Lord each night for seeing me through another day."

"It's so important for me-I want to give good advice. I take breaks sometimes to ask for Him to talk through me to the kids and to the women. I don't want them to be scared of me or the other deputies. I'm not here to judge anyone," Rios explained. "I know that I've made it this far with God's help and I will continue to ask for his help."

With this new endeavor beginning, Rios wants to learn her job inside and out so that someday she can take that next step in her career.

But for now, Rios sees the days ahead as a challenge to keep the youth of Dawson County out of trouble.

"What I knew at 16 or 17 years old, they know at five or six years old. I think it comes from the tv. I limit tv in my house. If my sister brings her kids over, we spend all the time outside."

Rios enjoys going to the schools during the Drug Awareness Week and teaching Halloween safety.

"We try to help the kids as much as we can. I think this department has always done that really good."

West Texas REHAB Telethon Saturday

Submitted by
 West Texas REHAB

Members of Ozona Woman's League and popular Texas musician Pat Green have something special in common: both have circled Saturday, Jan. 17, as the date they'll lend their voices to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Green, a three-time Grammy award nominee, will be singing on stage at the Abilene Civic Center during Rehab's 39th annual telethon, and League members will be talking on telephones at Crockett National Bank, asking local residents to make donations to Rehab 2009.

"We hope our phones will ring non-stop during the telethon because the Rehab Center makes such a difference every day in the lives of so many Ozona-area residents," said League President Kayla Davidson.

Last year, 876 men, women and children were treated at WTRC-Ozona.

The telethon will be carried live by 10 television stations across Texas, including KLST-TV in San Angelo and KTAB-TV in Abilene.

Joining Green on stage will be hosts Charlie Chase and Red Steagall, as well as entertainers Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Brad Maule, Twyla Foreman and the Rehab 09 orchestra.

In addition to entertainment, the telethon features an auction of more than 400 items ranging from agriculture products and electronics to furniture and travel packages which have been donated by businesses and individuals.

Items can be seen and bids placed on the website from now until midnight on Jan. 17 at www.west-

TO MAKE A DONATION:
 Call 392-3745 on Saturday, Jan. 17 Ozona Woman's League will be staffing the phone bank from 6-9 p.m.

texasrehab.org.

Also, an auction tabloid describing all items and listing toll-free bidding numbers, will be published Jan. 17 in the San Angelo Standard-Times.

"We have a great show in store for viewers and hope Rehab friends across the state will enjoy it, have fun bidding on great auction items and, of a course, pick up the phone and make a pledge to help us provide top-quality care to more than 23,000 children and adults who'll enter our doors in 2009," said WTRC president Woody Gilliland.

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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Legislature should keep focus on familiar issues

This week the 81st Texas Legislature opened session with a new speaker and the same old issues on the agenda.

Once again, public education is a hot topic. Legislators want to create a school accountability system that reduces the emphasis on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test and focus on a student's progress from year to year.

It's not sure yet how the system would work, but it sounds more reasonable than putting students and teachers on the line for one test.

The stress that this one test places on our children and on our teachers is unacceptable. The test is also not in line with federal standards, meaning a school could pass according to the state but flunk at the national level.

Even with the down economy, the legislature should also look into investing more money into public education, without burdening the local taxpayer.

These students are our future leaders and workers, which brings up the fact that the curriculum in our schools should be changed.

Reading, writing and arithmetic are important, but so is welding, carpentry, plumbing and medical assistance. Our country is in desperate need for trade-skill workers and the state legislature should put just as much emphasis on these vocational classes, as it does on the current core-classes.

Health care will also be debated again, as the state tries to decide whether it should expand Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

In a perfect world, this would be a "no-brainer" as Texas leads the nation in the percentage of people without health insurance - one in four. In past years, the Legislature actually gave money back to the federal government rather than spending it on Texans.

Also, bills have already been filed that would start a statewide workplace smoking ban, create a health insurance program for children in the child-support system, legalize needle-exchange programs, ban possession of the hallucinogen salvia and regulate laser hair-removal facilities.

Another issue the state will be looking at includes pumping more money into transportation, including borrowing against the state's general fund, raising the gasoline tax and putting money in a rail relocation.

The legislature will also discuss budget and taxes including funding for new prison treatment and diversion programs that were approved two years ago, as well as a major makeover for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

More than a dozen bills have also been filed relating to environmental issues, including incentives for homeowners and businesses to install solar panels, more monitoring of an air pollutant and one barring homeowner associations from prohibiting solar panels.

An interesting issue is the expansion of gambling. Proponents will promise big returns if Texas builds casinos, allows slots at racetracks and authorizes gambling on tribal reservations.

However, get ready for the opposition to strike stating that gambling brings in the crime and bad

social problems.

One issue that has caught our attention is legislation intended to require electric co-ops to operate under the state's Open Meetings and Public Information acts. This stems from a year of unfolding that managers at Pedernales Electric Cooperative controlled the company like feudal lords.

The legislature will also look at protecting journalists from revealing confidential sources and notes in certain circumstances.

This does not mean complete immunity for journalists. It is restricted to specific situations and disputes would be settled by a judge. This is a good government tool and should be the law in Texas.

Fighting for the public's right to know what its government is doing is a never-ending battle.

Legislative sessions are always so drama-filled, tension-headache, intriguing and entertaining that sometimes our representatives forget their purpose.

Let's keep our eye on the ball this session and work for a better Texas.

IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

Share and Share Alike

The press release had to be someone's idea of a sick joke. It couldn't be true that Montana asked the state of Wyoming if they would share some of their prairie dogs with them. That would be like Colorado, Idaho or Oregon asking California to send them more of their needs, slackers and know-it-all old hippies!

I checked out the story, and it's a fact that officials in Montana did indeed ask Wyoming Fish and Game if they would let them trap up to 100 of their prairie dogs and "translocate" them to replenish Montana's "sparse population."

To the surprise of no one, Wyoming said that they'd be more than happy to help Montana out with their shortage of prairie rats. (Prairie "dogs" are much more closely related to rats than they are your average Poodle or Chihuahua.) The good folks in the Cowboy State, which has

the highest concentration of prairie dogs of any state, must be laughing their heads off at the prospect of unloading some of their rats on Montana.

In making the magnanimous gesture the Wyoming official said, "We're the obvious choice as a donor state."

A donor state! That's a good one! It makes Wyoming sound like they're donating a kidney or a liver instead of a bunch of rat/dogs.

While I'm happy for Wyoming I feel bad for residents of Montana who will soon be overrun with the darn things. But the story did give me an idea that I call "Your Fair Share."

Under my plan donor states would export their problems to other states and be rid of them! A bankrupt state like California could trap washed up movie stars, nose-ringed

rappers and members of their legislature and pawn them off on a state with a sparse population of whackos: like Utah.

Colorado could send a gaggle of ponytailed bicycle riders to Florida who would in turn would send blue-haired-retirees, who don't know how to drive or vote, to Nebraska.

Nevada could export their excess of hookers and blackjack dealers to states like Maine who don't usually see such things.

Massachusetts could send something they have way too much of, like members of the Kennedy family, to Kansas.

As good as all that sounds I'm quite sure that the real money will be made in sharing endangered species.

After all, it really isn't fair that the last time I looked just five states in the far west had over 500 endangered species while the entire north-east part of this country had only 39. (Isn't it funny how so many endangered species prefer to live in the west? I wonder, is it because they are so smart? But if they are so smart, why are they endangered?)

The biggest problem I see with Wyoming sending their rat/dogs to Montana is that western states shouldn't be inflicting their problems on other western states but should be sharing

with the east instead. I'm sure that land-owners in the west would be more than happy to sell some spotted owls, three legged salamanders and fairy shrimp to the original 13 colonies.

In a spirit of sharing I'm almost positive that corrupt western politicians could be persuaded to sell some of their yellow billed cuckoos and suckers to Washington DC. Although I must admit, sending large-mouthed suckers and cuckoos to Washington DC is a bit redundant.

It's also not fair that rural people in New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, California and other western states get to live in fear of molly-coddled bears, mountain lions and wolves. Shouldn't people in Philadelphia and Boston get to share in the fear of having their kids and pets attacked too?

As we were all told in kindergarten, we must all share and share alike.

I know what you're thinking: What would states like New York have to share with the rest of us? That's easy.

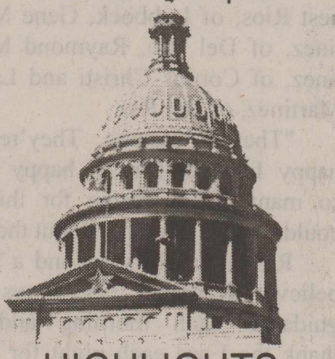
They currently have an excess of investment bankers, out-of-work stock brokers and corrupt CEO's who could be sent west.

After all, if we're going to trap lions, wolves cuckoos and suckers we'll need some bait.

Straus prevails in race to become next Speaker

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - State Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, pulled together 88 vote pledges in the first week of 2009 - more than enough to earn his election as speaker of the Texas House.

Incumbent Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, dropped his bid for a fourth term when it became clear Straus would prevail. Shortly thereafter, Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo had gained the support of many long-term Craddick allies and other House members, but he ended his quest, seeing that the projected vote count for Straus would be insurmountable.

First elected in 2004, Straus is recognized by fellow members as a Republican who works well with Democrats. He represents District 121, which includes the communities of Alamo Heights, Olmos Park, Terrell Hills, Windcrest and north-east San Antonio.

Secretary of State Hope Andrade will preside over the House

in its ceremonial and routine order of business, including the vote for speaker. She will turn the gavel over to the new speaker.

BACKGROUND ON SPEAKER'S ROLE
The Texas Constitution requires the House, each time a new legislature convenes, to choose one of its own members to serve as speaker.

The 150 members of the House will elect the new speaker on the afternoon of Jan. 13, opening day of the biennial 140-day regular session of the 81st Texas Legislature.

It is the speaker's job to maintain order during floor debate, to recognize legislators who wish to speak and to rule on parliamentary matters.

Members determine the speaker's duties by adopting rules by a majority vote at the beginning of the session.

The speaker:
 • Signs all bills and joint resolutions, and as a member of the House may vote on all questions before the body;
 • Appoints members of each standing committee and designates the chair and vice chair for each committee;
 • Refers proposed legislation to committee; and
 • Appoints conference commit-

tees, creates select committees and directs committees to conduct interim studies when the Legislature is not in session.

AGS FILE FIRST AMENDMENT BRIEF
Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general representing all 50 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands on Jan. 8 took legal action to defend the constitutionality of prayer during the inauguration of Barack Obama as president on Jan. 20.

In a friend of the court brief written by Abbott and filed with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the state attorneys general defended the president-elect's right to say the words "so help me God" while reciting the presidential oath of office.

Abbott's office said the brief was filed in an effort to defeat a legal challenge filed on Dec. 30 by parties claiming that the traditions of an inaugural prayer and an oath of office that includes the words "so help me God" violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL FILING CONTINUES
Texas House and Senate members have been able to pre-file legislation since early November. Here

are a few more bills recently filed by House members:

• Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, filed House Concurrent Resolution 14, a measure that would allow the Texas House and Senate to stand adjourned from Jan. 16 to Jan. 26. If passed, members would be free to travel to Washington, D.C., for the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama.

• Rep. Veronica Gonzales, D-McAllen, filed HB 484, legislation that would require each school district to report to the Texas Education Agency on an annual basis, information regarding each incident of bullying that occurred during the preceding school year in the district on school property, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity, including at a school bus stop.

• Rep. Rob Orr, R-Burleson, filed HB 499, a bill that proposes to change the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the Texas Energy Commission, effective Jan. 1, 2010.

• Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, filed HB 508, ordering a study of the effect on this state's economy of replacing all state and school district ad valorem tax revenue with revenue from a tiny tax placed on every financial transaction that occurs in the state.

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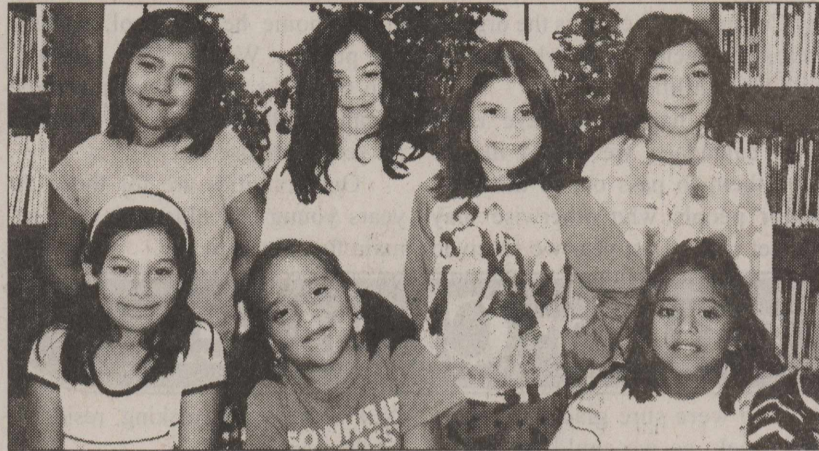
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DEER HUNTERS: (top) Lexie McMullan, 12, and her first buck, killed on her family's ranch off Taylor Box Road; (bottom) Lindsay McMullan, A&M class 08, with her second buck, killed on her family's ranch off Taylor Box Road. The girls are the daughters of Joanie and Ashby McMullan and granddaughters of Ann and Jim McMullan, all of San Antonio.



Submitted photos

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 525 learned to identify burn patches where the indians stopped and worked on their tools and built fires, learned how to look for arrowheads and identify different shapes and uses of arrowheads and had a picnic lunch on the lawn of the old original ranch house at the Rancho Grande Ranch where Angie Alsop's husband.



Submitted photos

BROWNIE TROOP 515 had a slumber party at the library where they read "The Polar Express" and drank hot chocolate and ate cookies.

Happy Birthday

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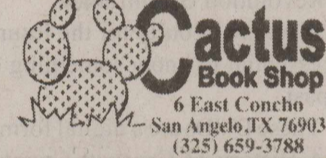
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Wednesday, Jan. 14

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Flu shot clinic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Thursday, Jan. 15

- OMS Lions and Lady Lions at the Crane District Tournament at Crane.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, Jan. 16

- Residents Birthday Party, 3:15 p.m. at the Care Center.
- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Presidio, 5 p.m. at Presidio.

Saturday, Jan. 17

- OMS Lions and Lady Lions at the Crane District Tournament at Crane.
- West Texas REHAB Telethon 2009, 6-9 p.m. at CNB.

Monday, Jan. 19

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lady Lions vs. Sonora at 5 p.m. at the Becky Childress Gym.
- OMS Lions vs. Sonora at 5 p.m. at Sonora.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at Big Lake.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

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

Local SWCD encourages public speaking participation

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District #235 is making known the availability of the 2009 Soil Stewardship Public Speaking Contest Kits to FFA chapters within the district.

The theme for this year's contest is "Dig it! The Secrets of Soil." The packets will be available through the local chapter FFA area coordinators in the next couple of weeks.

The objective of the annual soil stewardship public speaking contest is to provide an opportunity for FFA students to actively participate in a community awareness program which emphasizes that local communities, the state and nation cannot take soil, water and related renewable natural resources for granted, and that ever day human activities can affect these resources either positively or negatively.

Local FFA students participating in the program will have the opportunity to graduate in participation to the area level. At the area level, a \$500 scholarship is awarded by the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts to the area winner.

Both the area winner and second place contestant are eligible to move on to the state contest which takes place during the FFA state convention. A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to the state winner.

FFA students desiring to participate in the program are to consult with their Ag Science teacher and use the Guidelines Packet accessible on the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's website www.tssweb.state.tx.us.

Interested students are reminded that a requisite of the program requires sponsorship by their local SWCD. They are also encouraged to use their local SWCD as a resource.

For more than 50 years, the Na-

tional Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored a national program to encourage Americans to focus on stewardship.

The program relies on locally-led conservation districts, such as ours, to share and promote stewardship year round. Stewardship Week is officially celebrated from the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May in the United States.

The Stewardship concept involves personnel and social responsibility, including a duty to learn about and improve natural resources as we use them wisely to leave rich legacy for future generations. As a result, this is the focal point the public speaking contest.

The annual soil stewardship public speaking contest program is a partnership between the Texas FFA, the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and locally led soil and water conservation districts.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director

We are well into the second week of the New Year. The weather is cold in the a.m. and hot in the p.m.

My New Year began with a reaction to a pneumonia shot. In the ER I said that he also had a reaction to a pneumonia shot a few years ago. In one word, the experience was very painful but a few days later the swelling and pain were gone but I will not be taking the shot in the future.

This past Thursday evening, we had our Senior Bingo Social here at the Crockett County Senior Center. We all enjoyed the food and fellowship. There were several who attended that had not been coming and we were happy to have them.

Our next Senior Bingo Social will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Senior Center. Put it on your calendar and plan to come.

Eileen Childress had back surgery last Wednesday. She will be missed here at the Senior Center and all of us wish her a speedy recovery.

Johnny Johnson has been in rehab since she had surgery on her leg a few weeks ago. She will be released soon but we do not know where she will reside.

Concho Valley Community Action from San Angelo does not know exactly when they will be coming to Ozona. They are out of money at this time and will most likely will not be funded until February. Therefore it may be the first week of March before they are back. The Concho Valley Community Action is the organization that helps those who qualify with their utilities.

If you happen to have extra 2009 calendars, we would like to have them to pass out to the local senior people who otherwise may not get them. Last year we received

enough 2008 calendars so that all of our shut-ins could have one.

The "Walk Two Miles" ladies are still going strong. They meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday here at the Crockett County Senior Center at 8:30 am. Now is a good time to join this group and get the exercise you need to keep healthy.

Monday and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play their favorite past time game. These ladies are faithful about coming and always have a fun afternoon.

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

Our activities are for those 50 years young and older. We will remain flexible as to age.

Care Center Chatter

By **ELSA VASQUEZ**
Assistant Activity Director

We are getting back in our regular routine, but we also have extra work putting up all the Christmas decorations.

We were sure glad for Friday this week, so we could rest a little.

On Friday, Jan. 16, we will have the residents' January Birthday Party at 3:15 p.m.

Thanks to the Iglesia Bautista

Nueva Vida for making residents clothes covers.

We thank all our visitors that we had during and after the holidays.

The residents look so happy.

You would be surprised at the stories they have to tell.

Flu shot clinic today

The Texas Department of State Health Service will host a Flu Shot Clinic from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. today, Jan. 14, at the Crockett County Civic

Center. Cost is \$10 donation. Anyone who cannot afford the \$10 donation, talk to the people at the Texas

Department of State Health Service, they will not deny anyone services. For more information, call 392-2965.

Local historical commission is selling Crockett County DVD, accepting donations

The Crockett County Historical Commission is selling DVD copies of Crockett County History.

The DVDs will feature the history that is currently in the green Crockett County History Book.

The book, published in 1976, is primarily a county history told through the lives of individual families.

The Crockett County Historical Society chose to publish this book

as its part in celebrating the American Revolution Bicentennial.

If we are to build for the future, it is essential to know something of the past.

These DVDs are a digital format of "A History of Crockett County" and include the complete contents of the original book produced as a joint project of the Crockett County Historical Commission and the Crockett County Public Library Ge-

nealogy Archive.

Cost for the DVDs is \$50. Money will be collected when the DVDs are delivered in January.

For more information, or to place an order, call 392-3565.

Anyone wanting to make a donation to help preserve Crockett County history can mail them to the Crockett County Historical Commission, P.O. Box 1317, Ozona, Texas 76943.

OBITUARIES

NaLeen McCollum

LONDON, Texas - NaLeen McCollum, 78, of London, passed from this life on Jan. 7, 2009 with family by her side. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, Bill and Mabel McCollum of Menard, Texas and brother Billie Edd McCollum of Crane, Texas.

She was born April 16, 1930 in London and raised in and around the London community. NaLeen grew up loving horses, sports, cooking, sewing, crafts and being with family and friends. After marrying, she and her family lived and moved around West Texas working in the oil fields. Later in life, she moved back to London and was active in the community cooking and quilting with friends. NaLeen was a member of the Church of Christ.

Family members include one brother, Jimmy Don McCollum and his wife, Brenda, of London; three daughters, Kathy Leen Duncan of Arkansas, Patsy Lee Matheson of Alabama and Wnette Beth Quick of Oklahoma; three sons, Reggie R. Pearl and Eddie R. Pearl both of London and Ronnie E. Pearl of Ozona, Texas; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and three great-



grandchildren on their way.

There is no visitation.

Her memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Church of Christ in London.

The family invites you to leave a message or memory at www.kervillefuneralhome.com by selecting Obituaries. Select "Sign Guestbook" at the bottom of the individual memorial.

Arrangements are under the direction and personal care of Kerville Funeral Home.

Levis & Lace Square Dance News

By **TINA JARVIS**
Levis and Lace Square Dancer.

Saturday night club members Carol Adcock, Nell Wester, Gina Hochreiter, Bobby and Karen McDonald, Danny and Tammi Monzingo, Raul De La Rosa, Sandy and Dale Bebee, Rita Rios, Lucy Hinde and Frank and Debra Fred danced while I called.

Tonight I got to practice my patter calls and then I called some singing calls, we line danced in between tips. Rita Rios called a tip and called to Long Black Train and did an excellent job, we hope she continues with her calling and becomes a caller for our club also.

New Years Eve dance at the Permian Round and Square Dance in Midland, Carol and Leroy Adcock were nominated square dance couple of the year, they were unable to make that dance so we presented them with the plaque at our dance.

Birthdays celebrated tonight were for Joe Moran, Jan. 4. Joe was unable to attend but we all wish him a Happy Birthday.

Our next dance will be Jan. 24 and Tom Harrison from Abilene will be calling that night. Lessons will start on Jan. 19



Submitted photo of **CAROL ADCOCK** and her husband Leroy were chosen as Square Dance Couple of the Year.

at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center in the back room. Anyone wanting more information, call Carol Adcock at 392-2912 or Tina Jarvis at 392-9547. Everyone is invited to come join the fun.

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<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D J.B. Bitner - Interim Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Awana: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
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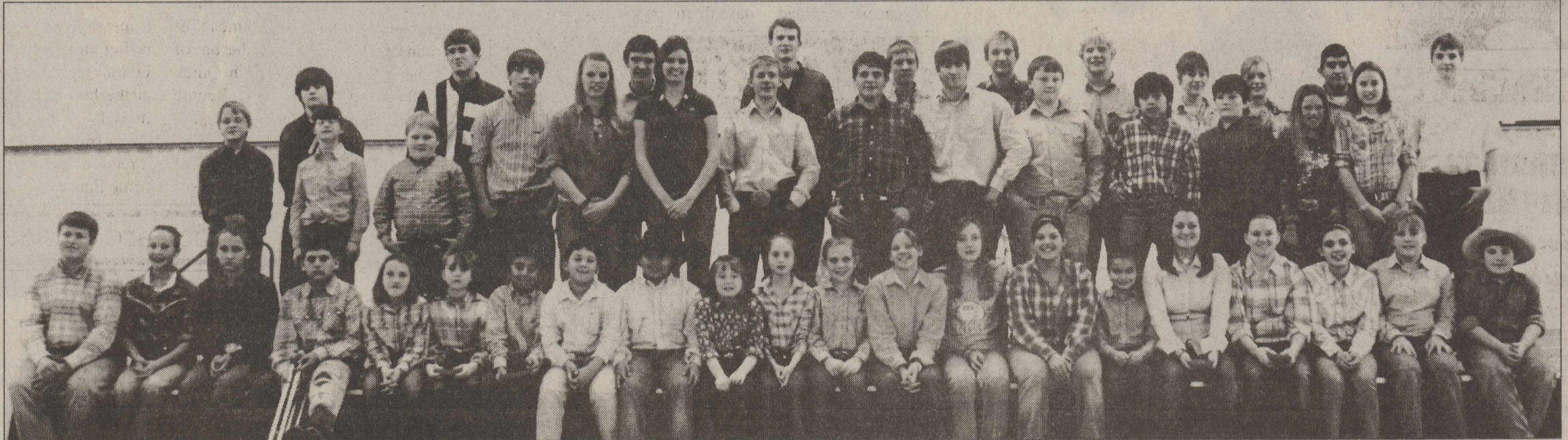
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Ozona High School wins Ozona Winter Invitational Academic meet

Submitted by OHS Teacher Cathy English

Ozona High School had a very exciting day on Jan. 9 hosting the Ozona Winter Invitational Academic Meet.

In fact, the Ozona High School team won the meet. Eighteen schools from all across West Texas participated in 23 different contests.

The first contest began at 8:30 a.m. and the last contest finally ended about 6 p.m. that evening. All of the Ozona school district staff did a great job of pulling together the contests and several local community members joined in to judge.

Everyone did a wonderful job and made the day a tremendous success.

Individual and team results are:
Calculator Applications - 1. Danny Anderson; 6. Kara Bird and 3d place for the team.

Computer Science written - 1. Lane White; 2. Heather Thompson; 3. Ethan English; 4. Corey Kelley; 5. Jayce Logan; 6. Jacie Burciaga and 1st place for the team.

Computer Science Programming - 1. team : Lane White, Heather Thompson and Ethan English; 2. team: Corey Kelley, Jayce Logan and Jacie Burciaga.

Current Issues and Events - 6. Wilson White and 3rd place for the team.

Mathematics - 4. Ethan English and 2nd place for the team.

Number Sense - 1. Ethan English; 2. Danny Anderson; 5. Ruben Rivas and 1st place for the team.

Ready Writing - 1. Duncan Knox and 3. Taylor Newton.

Spelling and Vocabulary - 1. Julie Gutierrez and 5. Sarah Lott.

Editorial Writing - 3. Lane Hale

Feature Writing - 2. Alexandria Macias

Headline Writing - 1. Lane Hale

Social Studies - 4. Wilson White and 1st place for the team.

Informative Speaking - 5. Kramer Hall

Persuasive Speaking - 6. Taylor Newton

CX Debate - 1. team of Barbara Caperton and Iris Vergara

Youth Center Calendar of Events

Jan. 19 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Jan. 20 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



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Lady Lions get second district win over Crane

The Lady Lions defeated Crane, 45-42 on Jan. 6.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 8 18 11 - 45; Crane - 4 16 6 16 - 42.

Scoring: Melanie Miller 5; Vanessa Rodriguez 16; Jessica Elston 5; Alysha Lara 13; Alex Macias 2; Kristen Mendoza 2 and Melissa Miller 4. Also playing: Cristi Rodriguez and Brandt Glosson.

We got off to a real slow start. We were not mentally prepared to play this game. My bench did a

great job of coming in and sparking us in the first half. The second half was a different story. We played a lot better and cut the turnovers in half. If we can put four good quarters together, I believe we can beat anybody in district, but those are just words. The girls have to go into the game ready to play no matter the strength of the opponent," said Coach John Jackson.

The Lady Lions are 13-7 overall and 2-2 in district play.

Lions fall to Golden Cranes

The Ozona Lions travelled to Crane on Tuesday to take on the Golden Cranes.

Crane came out fast and furious and Ozona was not ready to play.

Crane led 18-1 after the first quarter and built that lead to 29-14 at halftime.

Ozona played much better in the second quarter but still trailed by 15 points.

The Lions were plagued by poor shooting and a red hot Crane team who scored the first 10 points

of the third quarter. Eventually Crane went on to win by a score of 67-34.

"We are learning that in order to compete with much taller teams in our district that we must block out on the boards and take care of the basketball. We have not done that recently and have played poorly the last 3-4 games. We need to be more disciplined, share the ball and play unselfishly. Hopefully, we can turn things around," said Coach Ted Rohan.

JV Lady Lions claw Crane

The JV Lady Lions picked up their 10th victory of the season with a 48-28 win over Crane on Feb. 5.

Scoring: Natalie Hernandez 2; Rebecca Ramos 2; Raelynn Arredondo 12; Adrienne Sanchez 17; Alex Rodriguez 1; Stacie Quiroz 12

and Maria Villarreal 2. Also playing: Brenda Venegas, Maria Villarreal and Emalee Hamilton.

The JV Lady Lions are 10-5. They will face Presidio at 5 p.m. Friday at Presidio.

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Seventh Lions win Reagan County Tournament

The Seventh Grade Lions won the Reagan County Tournament last week.

In their first game, the Lions defeated Reagan County 23-5.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 8 6 5 - 23; Reagan County - 2 0 2 1 - 5.

Scoring: Saul Benson 8; Daniel Gonzales 5; Tyler Galindo 4; Michael Ybarra 2; A.J. Ramos 2 and Ely Montanez 2. Also playing: Eric Rodriguez, Lorenzo Hernandez, Jonatan Arredondo, Tiger Lewis and E.Z. Rivas.

In their second game, the Lions defeated Sonora 17-9.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 2 2 7 - 17; Sonora - 0 4 1 3 - 9.

Scoring: Benson 6; Gonzalez 9 and Ybarra 2. Also playing: Galindo, Ramos, Rodriguez, Hernandez, Arredondo, Lewis, Rivas and Montanez.

"The boys did a good job in the tournament. They started out kind of slow, but they bounced back to play Ozona Lions basketball. The team played with a lot of heart and determination to win this tournament. As the coach you like to see that. I want to thank all the parents and community that came out to support us in Big Lake. We play in the Crane District Tournament this weekend," said Coach Amaro Villarreal.

The Lions are 8-1.



THE OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL SEVENTH GRADE LIONS TOOK HOME THE CHAMPIONSHIP in the Reagan County Basketball Tournament held last week in Big Lake. Photo By Joe Hernandez

Seventh Grade Lady Lions compete at Reagan County

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions competed in the Reagan County Tournament last week.

In their first game, the Lady Lions lost to Stanton 11-22.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 5 2 4 - 11; Stanton - 12 8 0 2 - 22.

Scoring: Kyann Hernandez 2; Lazarae Rodriguez 1 and Amy Quiroz 8.

Also playing: Daisy Guerra, Sierra Stokes, Nancy Rodriguez, Vivian Medina, Abby Newton, Savannah Rivera and Lexi Poindexter.

In their second game, the Lady Lions defeated Crane by one point 26-25.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 4 8 8 - 26; Crane - 6 2 6 10 - 25.

Scoring: L. Rodriguez 6; Hernandez 6; Quiroz 4; Stokes 2; N. Rodriguez 4 and Medina 4. Also playing: Guerra, Newton, Rivera and Poindexter.

In their third game, the Lady Lions lost to Stanton 22-31.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 8 4 6 - 22; Stanton - 5 4 11 11 - 31.

Scoring: L. Rodriguez 2; Newton 2; Quiroz 6; Stokes 4; N. Rodriguez 2; Medina 2 and Rivera 4. Also playing: Guerra, Hernandez and Poindexter.

The Lady Lions are 3-6.

Eighth Grade Lions compete at Reagan County Tourney

The Eighth Grade Lions competed in the Reagan County Tournament last week.

In their first game, the Lions lost to Reagan County 28-34.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 7 10 8 - 28; Reagan County - 6 3 13 12 - 34.

Scoring: Tres Perez 2; Blake Morrow 2; Cuatro Jones 5; Jon David De Hoyos 2 and Alex Borrego 17.

Also playing: Matthew Galindo, Jeffery Sanchez, Brandon Dominguez and Noah Tambunga.

"We played a hard fought game. We did a lot of good things and were able to get to the free-throw line and get them in foul trouble, but we were unable to put in the free-throws. Defensively, we played real tough and

got some good rebound that lead to some fast break points," said Coach John Esparza.

In their second game, the Lions lost to Sonora 22-31.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 6 6 4 - 22; Sonora - 6 6 8 11 - 31.

Scoring: Perez 2; Marrow 4; Sanchez 2; De Hoyos 4 and Borrego 11. Also playing: Galindo, Jones, Dominguez and Tambunga.

"This might have been the best game we played all year. We seemed to do everything right in the first three quarters, but foul trouble got to us late in the game and Sonora was able to hit free throws down the stretch. I was proud of the way the guys played and they should a lot of heart and are really coming around," Esparza said.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions win consolation at RC tourney

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions won consolation at the Reagan County Tournament last week.

In their first game, the Lady Lions lost to Stanton 12-28.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 0 4 4 - 12; Stanton - 10 4 7 7 - 28.

Scoring: Mayra Diaz 6; Kodi Glosson 2; Natalia Ortiz 2 and Tesla Caperton 2.

Also playing: Sabrina De La Garza, Cynthia Garcia, Brianna Cervantez, Alex Lozano, Myra Rios,

Marley Tambunga and Arleen Castillo.

The Lady Lions won their second game, 46-21, over Reagan County.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 17 9 17 - 46; Reagan County - 5 8 6 2 - 21.

Scoring: Diaz 10; Glosson 14; Ortiz 9; Garcia 2; De La Garza 4 and Castillo 5. Also playing: Cervantez, Tambunga and Caperton.

The Lady Lions are 6-2.

Girl Scout Cookie Time

Girl Scout Troop 525 and Brownie Troop 515 are currently selling cookies through December.

For more information, call Girl Scout Troop 525 leader Katie Friend

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NOTICE PUBLIC MEETING
Thursday, January 22
6:30 p.m.
OZONA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
DISCUSSION/QUESTION/ANSWERS
REGARDING THE PROPOSED DISTRICT ACADEMIC REWARD TRIPS
(All interested parents and community members need to attend)

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WEST TEXAS REHABILITATION CENTER
The 2009 Rehab Telethon takes place Saturday, Jan. 17.
Call 392-3745 that night to make your donation!
Ozona Woman's League will be staffing the phone bank 6-9 p.m.

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"We didn't have a sheriff for six months and we didn't do anything about it. This is an appreciation for what these people do for us," added Commissioner Alfredo Tobar.

Commissioner Randy Branch said that the commissioners' court is the one who votes on how the taxpayer's money is spent.

"We're ultimately accountable for the taxpayer's money," Branch said.

Deaton said County Auditor Sandy Stokes and Upham should review the personnel policy to determine any legality, and that the auditor's office should put into effect what they feel should be done.

RULES FOR 4-H & COUNTY HORSE FACILITY

The commissioners approved new rules for the 4-H and County Horse Facility.

The rules state that all applicants will register and be assigned a pen number/one pen per person; sign a release and copy of the rules; each applicant will be required to pay stall rent at \$25 a month and 4-H horse project members will be assigned one pen per member (4-H enrollment must be current and each member must attend five 4-H horse clinics in order to be eligible for a 4-H stall).

Additional rules state that negative coggins have to be provided; no stud horses allowed in the rodeo arena facilities or horse stalls; no horses allowed in pens attached to the arena; stalls must be kept clean and manure loaded and hauled to a designated area off grounds; no water should be left running at any time and no parking allowed in alleys between barns, this area is designated for loading and unloading zone only.

The staff fee is due on the first working of each month. A late fee of \$10 will be charged if not paid by the first working day of the month.

If not paid by the 10th of the month, the horse will be evacuated from premises. Money will go toward the 4-H program.

Deaton said he would speak to the sheriff's department about helping to enforce the rules. The extension office will mail letters, post signs in the barn area and place an article in the Stockman about the new rules as well. Deadline to be signed up for the barn is March 1.

RULES & CLEAN UP OF RIFLE RANGE

Discussion between the commissioners and Chief Deputy Jimmy Semmler on the county installing a locked gate at the rifle and pistol range, as well as look at establishing a fee and rules for the complex took place.

Semmler said the sheriff's office is willing to patrol and oversee the range for public and law enforcement use.

"We want to make it the way a range is suppose to be run. We want to keep the alcohol and drugs out of the facility," Semmler said. "The main thing is a control factor."

Deaton said the commissioners would place the item on the February agenda for further discussion and possible approval, as well as to give the public time to voice their opinion.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED:

- Veronica Fierro, Georgia Morrow and Ron Shott as new members of the Senior Citizens Board.
- Bonds for elected and appointed officials.
- Drawing of Bradley E. Thompson, Lupe Gonzales, Bill Black, James Hokit, Charlotte McElwain, Art Roane, Juan Avila, Reid Holmsley and Slate Williams as the grievance committee from the grand jury pool.
- County-wide burn ban.

Crockett County Sheriff's Report

Crockett County Sheriff's Monthly Status Report:

Total Placed in Jail	21
Total Released	13
Currently Incarcerated - Ozona	6
Currently Housed Outside County	2
Housing Cost - Total Housed Month	\$589
Total Dispatch Calls	101
Total 911 Calls	156
Actual 911 Calls	126
Total Civil Papers (includes county/state)	24
Civil Papers Served	24 (1 served by constable)
Total Unserved/Year	29 year
Total Fines Collected	\$3,253.48
Total Civil Fees Collected	\$605 (1 inmate transported)
Cash Bonds Collected	\$11,000 (by constable)
Bonding Fees Collected	\$135
Traffic Citations Issued	38 (issued by constable)

Crockett County Constable Report

Crockett County Constable's Monthly Report:

- Assisted sheriff's office with local calls, served one arrest warrant and two civil citations.
- Served one Justice of the Peace Court as bailiff.
- Eight speeding citations were served for the month of December 2008.
- Trips to Abilene and El Reno, Okla. for the purpose of picking up or delivering prisoners.

Constable Racial Profiling Report for 2008:

Race/Ethnicity	Contacts		Searches		Consent Searches		PC Searches		Custody Arrest	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Caucasian	143	41.2%	3	17.6%	3	21.4%	0	0%	0	0%
African American	27	7.8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Hispanic	159	45.8%	14	82.4%	11	78.6%	3	100%	9	100%
Asian	15	4.3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Native American	1	.3%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	2	.6%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	347		17		14		3		9	

FOR THE RECORD: Weekly Court Proceedings

The following bail bonds were filed in the Crockett County Clerk's Office this past week:

- Ricky Lynn Swearingen, Ozona, resisting arrest, \$10,000 bond.
- Joyce Elena Caldera, Ozona, purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a

minor, \$10,000 bond.

- Mary Rocelia Garlick, Fort McKavett, false report, \$4,000 bond; unlawful carrying of a weapon, \$10,000 bond; public intoxication, \$2,200 bond and injury to a child, \$40,000 bond.

Attorney General urges parents to protect young cell phone users

DALLAS - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today encouraged parents to utilize tools that can help protect young mobile telephone users from harmful content and child predators. Citing a recent increase in young cell phone users--and increasingly versatile wireless devices' potential for exploitation by sexual predators--the Attorney General urged parents to protect their children in the wireless world.

According to a September 2008 study by Harris Interactive, an inter-

national research firm, approximately 79 percent of teenagers ages 13 to 19 have mobile devices. By implementing parental controls on their child's wireless communications device, parents can block young users' access to potentially dangerous Web sites, such as chat rooms.

The Attorney General's Cyber Crimes Unit routinely conducts sting operations in chat rooms, where highly-specialized investigators create online profiles falsely indicating that they are children.

Because of the dangers posed by online predators, Attorney General Abbott recently urged the Legislature to update Texas' sex offender registration laws. If enacted, the Attorney General's proposal would require that sex offenders register their e-mail addresses, mobile telephone numbers, social networking aliases and other electronic identification information.

For tips parents can use to keep their children safe in a wireless environment, visit The Wireless Foundation's Web site, www.wirelessfoundation.org.

Reader expresses appreciation for recent 60th birthday notice

Dear Editor:

I want to express my appreciation for the recent picture and notice placed in The Ozona Stockman commemorating my 60th birthday.

It was most thoughtful of all family participants that contributed to my "best wishes" for having successfully achieved such a milestone.

The fact that it was placed on a page with the musicians of Ozona is appropriate due to the fact I was such a dedicated and memorable member of my own high school band.

In fact, my band director always had a comment directed toward my friends or me concerning our participation on the impact we had for advancing the goals of our own out-

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standing band. Thus, fond memories were recalled. The only musical instrument I can now play is the radio.

Thanks to all my family that participated in providing for the notoriety and my "five or fewer minutes of fame."

Love,
Benny Williams
Amarillo, Texas

PS: I am grateful that my big hair or big glasses picture was not selected.

Fire department runs

JANUARY 6
• 9:42 a.m. - Mutual aid to the Barnhart Fire Department for a grass fire just east of Barnhart. Cancel while in route. A unit with two fire fighters. Time in service 54 minutes.

JANUARY 7
• 3:18 p.m. - Grass fire on I-10 east, just east of County Road 108. Small roadside fire. A unit with six fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 20 minutes.

JANUARY 8
• 11:44 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, I-10 west at mile-marker 341. Traffic control. Three units and five fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 14 minutes.

JANUARY 10
• 11:45 a.m. - Grass fire State Highway 163 near U.S. Highway 190, small grass fire behind a drilling rig pit, out on arrival. Four units and eight fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 26 minutes.

Local EMS runs

JANUARY 6
• Transfer - patient transported to San Angelo Community Hospital.

JANUARY 8
• Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.

JANUARY 9
• Local run - patient transported to Intercept with Air Med 1.
• Local run - patient transported to Family Health Clinic.

JANUARY 11
• Local run - patient transported to Family Health Clinic.
• Transfer - patient transported to San Angelo Community Hospital.

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govern our country over the next four years. We certainly hope this will inspire the next generation of U.S. leaders."

Inaugural Scholars will have the opportunity to interact with a major presidential candidate, White House officials, congressional staff members, political experts and other VIPs, such as former Secretary of State, General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.), and former Vice President Al Gore. After witnessing the inauguration, scholars will experience the grandeur of the inaugural parade, as the president, vice president and their families make their way down Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol Building to the White House.

To further honor and celebrate Inauguration Day, scholars will attend a Black Tie Gala Inaugural Ball.

In addition to participating in

inaugural events and festivities, scholars will have the opportunity to explore the numerous historic sites and monuments in our nation's capital, as well as participate in roundtable discussions, debates and other activities that will help to expand their knowledge of democratic principles and the presidential election process.

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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

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

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

This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times.

In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

ADOPTED this the 12th day of January, 2009.

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Public Notices

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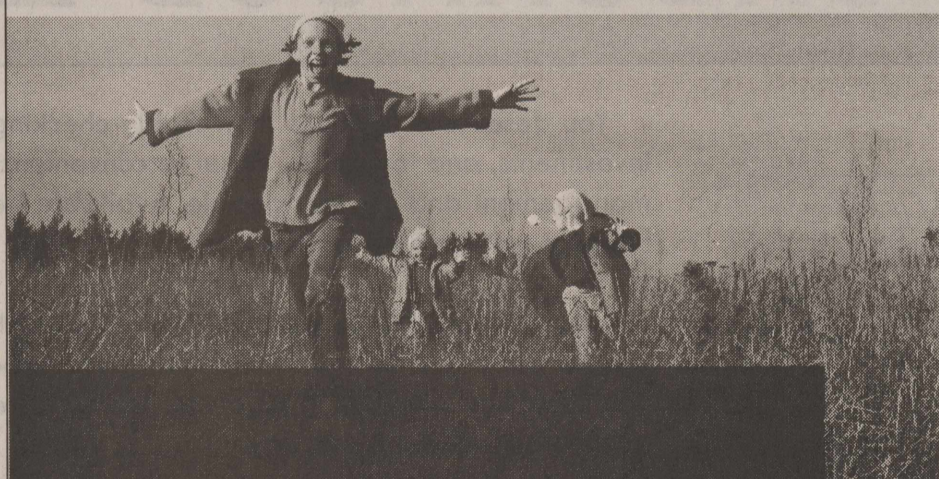
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