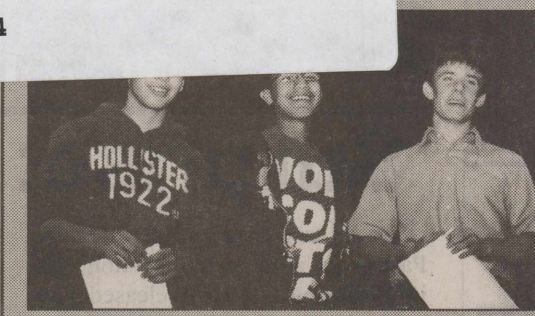


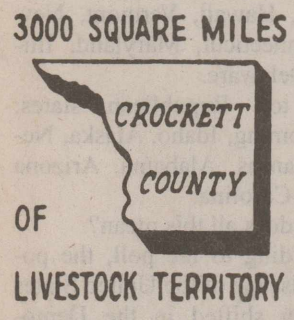
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County Judge Q&A: Every day has a new set of challenges

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

This is the first in a series of Ozona Stockman articles of question-answer articles featuring county and state officials in our community.

Today there are 254 counties serving the needs of more than 18 million Texans.

Major responsibilities include building and maintaining roads, recreational facilities, and in some cases, county airports; constructing and operating jails; operating the judicial system; maintaining public records; collecting property taxes; issuing vehicle registration and transfers; and registering voters.

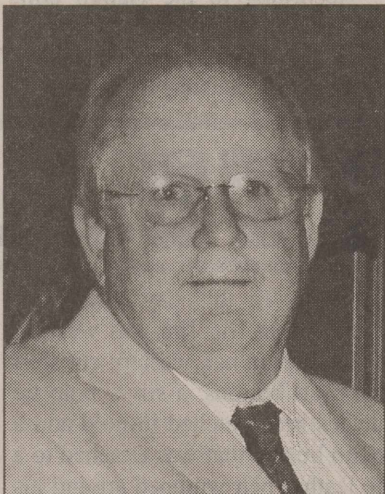
Counties also provide law enforcement, conduct elections and provide health and social services to many poor county residents.

Increasingly, county governments are playing a vital role in the economic development of their local areas.

Today's article features Crockett County Judge Fred Deaton.

Throughout Texas, the county judge performs many duties and

Crockett County Judge



FRED DEATON -
 2 years in office

The Texas Constitution vests broad judicial and administrative powers in the position of county judge, who presides over a five-member commissioners court, which has budgetary and administrative authority over county government operations.

The county judge handles such widely varying matters as hearings for beer and wine license applications, hearing on admittance to state hospitals for the mentally ill and mentally retarded, juvenile work permits and temporary guardianships for special purposes. The judge is also responsible for calling elections, posting election notices and for receiving and canvassing the election returns. The county judge may perform marriages.

A county judge in Texas may have judicial responsibility for certain criminal, civil and probate matters - responsibility for these functions vary from county to county. In those counties in which the judge has judicial responsibilities, the judge has appellate jurisdiction over matters arising from the justice courts. The county judge is also head of civil defense and disaster relief, county welfare and in counties under 225,000 population, the judge prepares the county budget along with the county auditor or county clerk.

- Source: Texas Association of Counties

is often seen as the figurehead of county government.

Judge Deaton responded to these questions.

Why did you decide to run for

your position?

Eight years as a Crockett County Commissioner instilled in me an appreciation for county government and a desire to serve the people of

Crockett County. I saw first hand how our local government truly is the strongest, most visible and closest form of government for the people.

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Congressman Rodriguez to stop Friday in Ozona

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez will be making a stop in Ozona Friday, Feb. 6.

Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, will meet with Crockett County Commissioners during a noon public meeting at the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse.

Rodriguez recently voted for President Barack Obama's \$819 billion economic stimulus bill.

In a press release, Rodriguez stated "through the coming economic stimulus package, I hope that we may address some of these problems as well as aid consumer confidence so that we may boost our economy. Though we won't fill every pothole or fix every classroom we, will work to fix what ails us and in turn address the needs of the masses through better oversight and by also keeping watch over waste, fraud and abuse."

The House bill would mean almost \$24 billion for Texas, including



CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

\$3 billion for highways, bridges and other infrastructure projects; \$9.7 billion in tax cuts and credits; \$3.7 billion for education program; and \$7.4 billion in grants, energy assistance and health and child care services.

Rodriguez also stated in the release how he voted against the three bailout bills that benefited Wall Street and the auto industry.

For more information, visit <http://rodriguez.house.gov>.

FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW CHAMPIONS



Submitted photos by Peri Hughes of Barron Photographix LTD.

MURPHEY BLACK won the Champion Finewool Lamb (left) and the Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb (right) at the Fort Worth Stock Show Saturday. Also pictured with him is Allie Black, Kassidy Wilkinson, Kelbie Renroe and Crockett County Extension Agent Chase McPhaul.

Black, Renfroe pick up division wins

Crockett County 4-Hers competed in the 2009 Fort Worth Stock Show this past weekend.

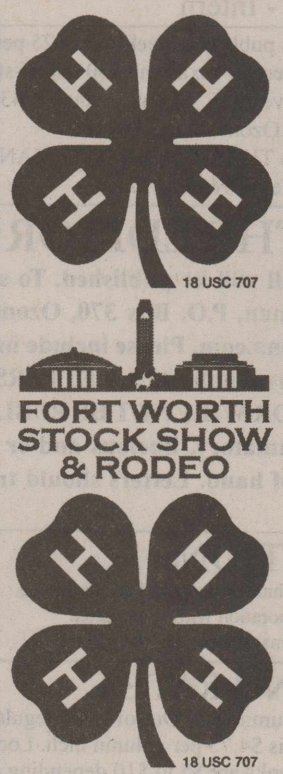
Murphey Black won Champion Finewool Lamb and Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb.

Kelbie Renfroe won Champion Finewool Cross Lamb.

Kelbie also placed fourth and 10th in the Lamb Show.

Allie Black placed third and sixth in the lamb show and second in the hair sheep show.

Crockett County 4-Hers will travel to San Antonio next which takes place Feb. 5-22.



KELBIE RENFROE won the Champion Finewool Cross Lamb at the Fort Worth Stock Show Saturday.

Sheriff's office, DPS nab two drug arrests

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety made two significant drug arrests last month.

On Jan. 23, the sheriff's office arrested Juan Borrel Villarreal Jr., also known as Johnny Fox, for possession of a controlled substance.

Villarreal, 41, of Ozona, was also charged with possession of dangerous drugs and operating a motor vehicle with an invalid drivers' license.

Villarreal's bonds were revoked on his previous charges of one count of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver and two counts of felony driving while intoxicated, according to a press release from the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

Villarreal presently has a combined bail bond of \$107,000.

Earlier that same week, Larry Ryan Keith, 48, of Natalia, Texas, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers for driving while intoxicated, two counts of possession of a controlled substance in penalty group 1, less than one gram of the substance, and possession of dangerous drugs.

Keith also had outstanding arrest warrants for sex offender violations and possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone.

Keith's bail bonds total \$75,000.

Crockett County Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton stated in the press release that "with help from our prosecutors, judges and all other law enforcement, the sheriff's office plans to curtail the drug trafficking in Crockett County."

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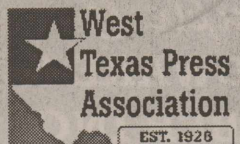
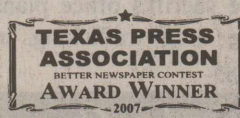
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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Surprise: Texas is stuck in the middle

The last time the Democratic Party won a statewide election was in 1994, but a newly released poll states that Texas leans slightly to the left.

The Gallup polling organization says that, based on its daily tracking polls during the 2008 election, 43 percent of Texans say they're Democrats or lean Democratic, compared with 41 percent who say they're Republicans or lean Republican.

The results were so unfathomable that Cal Jillson, a political science professor at Southern Methodist University, told the Austin American-Statesman "I don't believe it for a minute."

It is hard to believe. During the 2008 Presidential Election, John McCain beat Barack Obama in Texas 56 percent to 44 percent.

Our two U.S. Senators, John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison, won re-election when Republicans were dropping like flies nationally. Our state representative, Harvey Hilderbran, a Republican from Kerrville, has not had a Democratic opponent in his last two elections.

Texas, which once was considered a Democratic state, has become widely-known as a "safe-haven" for the Republican Party.

In fact, the biggest state race next year is looking to be against two Republicans. Hutchison and current Governor Rick Perry may duke it out in the primary for governor. Unless a big time opponent from the Democratic side pops up, all the political experts are stating the primary could choose our next state leader.

The only place I knew where Democrats won in Texas was in Crockett County, and that is because we do not have a Republican Party in our county.

However, Democrats have picked up 12 seats in the Texas House since 2003. Our U.S. representative, Ciro Rodriguez, is a San Antonio Democrat. Our state senator, Carlos Uresti, is also a San Antonio Democrat.

"In the body politic, the Republicans have lost some ground," said James Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project at the University of

Texas in a Statesman article. "Where Democrats have gained ground is among people who don't vote as much."

Jillson, the political science professor, said in the Statesman article that voters who identify themselves as Democrats but repeatedly vote for Republicans are like those who say they disapprove of Congress but support their own member of Congress.

"It is true that Texas is moving slowly back into a competitive two-party status," Jillson said. "But I think this is still a decade away in terms of voting statewide."

The Gallup numbers reflect phone interviews with 19,415 Texans during last year's campaign.

In Gallup's 2006 tracking polls, 50 percent of Texans identified themselves as Republicans or leaning Republican, compared with 42 percent who were Democrats or leaning Democratic.

According to the Gallup poll, states in which the partisan advantage is less than 5 points in either direction are considered "competi-

ting." That was Texas, along with South Dakota, Mississippi, North Dakota, Montana and Kansas.

The top Democratic states in the poll were: Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Hawaii, Vermont, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, Illinois and Delaware.

The top Republican states: Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Alaska, Nebraska, Kansas, Alabama, Arizona and South Carolina.

What does all this mean?

According to the poll, the political landscape of the United States has clearly shifted in the Democratic direction, and in most states, a greater proportion of state residents identified as Democrats or said they leaned to the Democratic Party in 2008 than identified as Republicans or leaned Republican.

I don't think we needed a poll to tell us that our country has shifted. That was obvious on Nov. 4.

However, the fact that Texas is riding down the middle, does make you think.

As my government teacher use to tell me, history repeats itself.

IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

Quit While You're Behind

Before auction markets came along with a better form of price discovery there existed a class of characters known as 'traders.'

There were three prerequisites to be a member of this cattle tradin' fraternity: a big Cadillac with a glove box full of speeding tickets, a silver stick pin that cost more than the price of two calves on an up market, and female acquaintances in every state where you did business.

Jim's grandfather was a purebred member of this clan with a long line of Missouri mule traders in his pedigree. Grandpa Jim is decomposing now but back in the day when a man's poverty was measured by the number of cattle he owned, Jim was a card-carrying member of the cattle trader's cartel.

I've been told that Big Jim had all the charm of a west Texas rattlesnake, the ethics of a street gang and could

be crueler than a pair of Mexican spurs. He was the kind of guy who'd think nothing of belching in church or putting his thumb on the scales when he was selling cattle to you.

It's been said that Big Jim started his trading career with absolutely nothing and by the time he died he still had most of it left.

In the twilight of his life Jim drifted south like the cattle. Besides trying to find warmer weather Jim wanted to train yet another generation in the tradin' game. He moved in with his daughter and started schooling Little Jimmy, his grandson.

Whatever his faults, Grandpa Jim was a larger than life character who was more colorful than a box of crayons.

Little Jimmy was awed by him and didn't say much as they trolled through cattle country in the Cadillac, trying to collect another speed-

ing ticket. To this day Jimmy remembers that Big Jim was wearing a huge Stetson hat, western cut shirt with pearl buttons, a silver bolo tie with his brand etched in gold and a Bohlin buckle that was attached to a fine leather belt wrapped around his considerable girth.

"Now Jimmy," said Grandpa Jim as they rode along, "today I'm gonna give you your first lesson in cattle tradin' and how to outswamp the local yokels. In this game, kid, you make your money on the buyin' end, not the sellin' end. You follow me?"

Little Jimmy didn't... but he said he did.

"Before you even look at the cattle you should have in your mind what you're willing to pay. In this case the rancher has a couple hundred pairs to sell and I aim to steal them for \$100 a pair. Not a penny more. You got that? Then I'll overwinter them and make a killing next Spring. You just watch your old Grandpa and I'll teach you how this tradin' game is played," said the old pro as they rolled up to the rancher's house.

After their howdy-do's were completed the rancher showed Big Jim and Little Jimmy the cattle. They

were as fine a set of pairs as Big Jim had ever laid eyes on, although he could tell they were starting to lose flesh due to a lack of groceries. They were a set of cows that never would have been for sale if not for the drought that was ravaging the countryside. Big Jim could sense that this was a ripe plum just waiting to be picked and he mischievously asked the rancher, "What will you take for them?"

"I'm asking \$85 per pair," said the rancher firmly.

Big Jim winked at Jimmy and asked the rancher, "Would you take off ten bucks?"

"Mister, I would not take off my hat for you," said the rancher. "Clearly you are no gentleman. I offered choice cattle to you at a fair price and you're trying to take advantage of me. The price to you is now \$100 per pair and just shake your head yes or no if you want them because if you utter one more word the price will be \$110!"

As you might expect, it was pretty quiet on the ride home but after about half an hour Little Jimmy turned to his Grandpa and said, "That sure was slick Grandpa how you got that yokel to sell you those cows for \$100."

Perry gives lawmakers his list of priorities for next budget cycle



AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry delivered his biannual "state of the state" address Jan. 27 in the House Chamber of the state capitol, during a joint session of the House and Senate.

Despite a sobering revenue estimate, Perry said, the state can still invest in priorities that will help Texas weather the economic downturn.

The governor said his policy objectives include:

- Freezing college tuition for four years at the rate a student pays as an entering freshman.
- Revisiting the business margins tax and to consider raising the small business exemption to \$1 million in an effort to protect small businesses in Texas.
- Emphasizing student performance accountability and funding of teacher incentive and dropout prevention programs like the Texas High School Project.

- Tapping the Rainy Day Fund to pay for critical water needs outlined in the state's Water Plan.

- Diversifying the state's energy sources.

- Passing a constitutional amendment limiting the government's eminent domain authority to traditional public uses.

- Combating transnational gangs.

- Establishing a fund to help local communities prepare for and respond to disasters, such as hurricanes Ike and Dolly, which struck the state last year.

Perry also presented his budget ideas for 2010-11.

He suggested:

- Replenishing the state's economic incentive funds with \$260 million to the Texas Enterprise Fund and \$203.5 million to the Emerging Technology Fund - the state's most powerful tools for job creation and research and commercialization funding - and \$60 million to the Texas Film Incentive Program, a growing economic resource for the state, which contributed \$102.4 million to the state's economy in 2008.
- Allocating \$622.5 million to continue and expand teacher incentive and reward programs, including the District Award for Teacher Excellence and Texas Educator Excellence Grant programs.

- Increasing funding for higher education incentives and funding for nursing education.

- Increasing student financial aid with \$110 million for the TEXAS Grant program; tripling funding for community college financial aid through the Texas Education Opportunity Grant; expanding the Skills Development Fund program to \$60 million for the next biennium; and funding \$10 million for the hospital-based nursing program that leverages partnerships between hospitals and academic institutions to graduate more nurses.

- Allocating \$150 million for a disaster contingency fund for essential needs prior to and following natural disasters, including assisting local communities in recovery efforts.
- Improving border security with \$135 million to continue the state-led border security strategy and to combat the growing threat of transnational gang activity across the state.

BILL LINKS PROPERTY TAXES TO PAY

Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, filed HB 866, a step toward linking property taxes to a homeowner's ability to pay.

Villarreal's bill directs the state comptroller to study and make recommendations for establishing a

"circuit breaker" program in Texas to limit the amount of property taxes that may be imposed on a residence based on the owner's annual income.

HB 866 also instructs the state comptroller to set up a panel of school districts, real estate agents and organizations to make recommendations on establishing the circuit breaker program.

At least 18 other states have circuit breaker programs that limit property taxes on homeowners for whom the tax payments represent a significant portion of their family's income, Villarreal said.

BILL WOULD EXPAND CHIP COVERAGE

Rep. Ellen Cohen, D-Houston, filed HB 787 to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to cover more children.

"Clearly, this expansion isn't just money well spent; it is a needed investment in the health of Texas children," Cohen said.

CHIP provides a federal match of \$2.52 for every dollar invested in the program by the State of Texas.

Texas leads the nation in the number of uninsured children and to date has turned away almost \$1 billion in matching funds. In Harris County - Cohen's home county - one out of every three people do not have insurance coverage.

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Castro-Fierro to wed in August

Lupe and Elaine Castro have the honor of announcing the marriage of their daughter Erin Yvonne Castro to Robert John Fierro, the son of Eliseo and Diana Montanez. The couple will marry Aug. 15, 2009 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona.

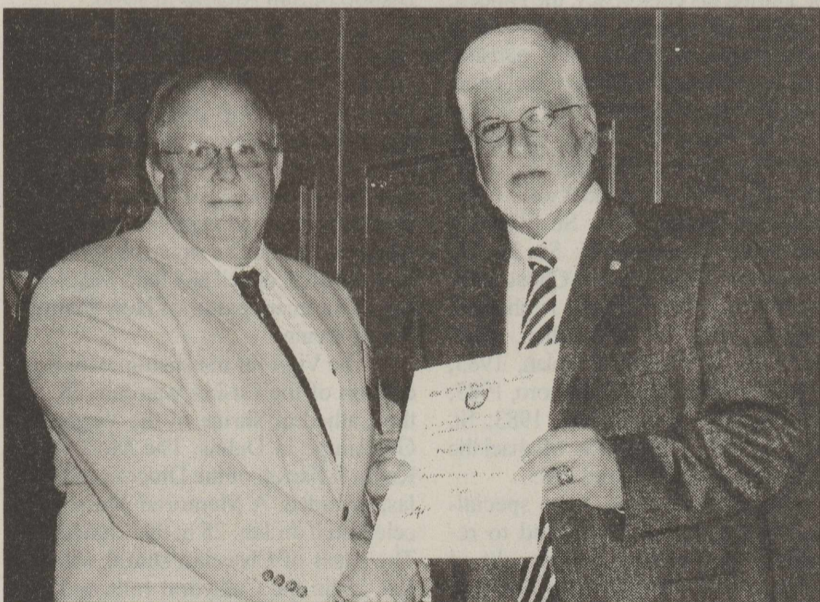
The bride-elect and future bridegroom are both 2002 graduates of Ozona High School.

Erin obtained her bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in 2006 and is currently attending University of Texas at San Antonio pursuing a master's degree in environmental science. She will be graduating in the summer of 2009.

Robert is a former United States Marine Sergeant whom served a tour of duty in Operation Iraqi Freedom from August 2004 to March 2005. He is currently working towards getting into the United States Customs and Border Protection.



Photo by Melissa Perner
DEL'S LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE with tour guide Carol Richie at Dr. Sessom's dental office on Jan. 30. The group learned how to brush their teeth and showed off their "sunshine smiles" to Mrs. Carol.



Submitted photo
COUNTY JUDGE FRED DEATON (left) was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy on Nov. 20, 2008 at a reception in the Moody Gardens Hotel at Galveston during the 2008 Fall Judicial Education Session. The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, names as Fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law.

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The Texas AgriLife Extension Service & The Wesley Nurse Program will be hosting Do Well, Be Well with diabetes. Do Well, Be Well with diabetes will teach you how to manage diabetes. You CAN be well with diabetes. These classes focus on Type 2 Diabetes. It will be very beneficial to those diagnosed with diabetes and their family, or even those wanting to lower their risk of developing diabetes. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Class topics that will be covered include:

- What is Diabetes?
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- One Diabetes Diet-No Longer the Sole Option
- Managing Your Blood Glucose
- Nutrition Labels
- Diabetes and Exercise
- For Good Measure at Home and Eating Out
- Diabetic Medicines
- Preventing and Managing Complications

The Class starts Feb. 4 at 10 a.m.

at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Parish Hall

If you are interested please call and pre-register.

Susie Bishop EA Wadsworth
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THE OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE held a ribbon cutting ceremony for West Central Wireless on Jan. 29 located at 1002 Avenue E. Mary Hartgrove and Sylvia Fay of West Central Wireless cut the ribbon. Also pictured are Shanon Biggerstaff, chamber executive director, Commissioner Frank Tambunga, County Judge Fred Deaton, Chamber Board Chairman Randy Verner, Chamber Board Members Clay Engdahl and Kaushang Shah and Chamber Ambassadors JoAnn Babbitt, Shirley Kirby, Lynn English and Nell Wester. West Central Wireless is open noon to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Services provided are West Central Wireless post pay service (monthly bill, contract and credit check required), Right Wireless pre-paid service (no contract or credit check), and customers may make payments and purchase phones at the local store.

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Feb. 6 - Veronica Mendoza and Michael Nicks

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Feb. 8 - Jan Van Shoubrouek, Mary Moran Sr. and J.D. McGuire

Feb. 9 - Ryan Thomas Ramos, Duston Vargas, John E. Lopez III, Gene Castro, Paarth Raj Bhakta, Jason Puckett, Lonnie Dorris and Odelia Alba

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 - Do Well, Be Well with diabetes, 10 a.m. at OLPH Parish Hall.
- Thursday, Feb. 5**
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friday, Feb. 6**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - U.S. Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez meeting, noon at the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse.
 - OHS Varsity Tennis Team at the West Texas Championships in San Angelo.
- Sunday, Feb. 8**
- Bingo, 3 p.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall.
- Monday, Feb. 9**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OMS Lady Lions vs. Reagan County at 5 p.m. at Big Lake.
 - OMS Lions vs. Reagan County at 5 p.m. at Becky Childress Gym.
 - Crockett County Museum annual Appreciation Dinner, 6 p.m. at the museum.
- Tuesday, Feb. 10**
- Med Way blood pressure, blood sugar checks, 11 a.m.-noon at the Senior Center.
 - Concho Valley Community Action Agency, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Wednesday, Feb. 11**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Saturday, Feb. 14**
- Wish your sweetheart Happy Valentine's Day with a "Singing Valentine" by the Library Sisters from the Friends of the Library 6 a.m.- noon. Cost is \$20, call 392-3565.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director

February has arrived and this month will be a short month. It is strange that we are having very cold nights and warm beautiful afternoons. We are praying for rain and do wish for moisture soon.

Betty Bullard was here this morning and reported that her son, Asa was still in the hospital. Hurry up and get well Asa.

We have a new couple in town this week. Dr. Marcus Sims and Beth were married last Saturday. There were family and a few guests invited to the beautiful wedding. Everyone said that Beth was such a beautiful bride and that her gown was breathtaking. We wish you both a life of happiness.

On Friday, Feb. 1, I will be going to San Angelo to attend the quarterly Concho Valley Chapter of Activity Professionals meeting. The entire area of activity professionals participate at

this meeting and we earn our CEU's.

Med Way Health Care will be sending a nurse on Tuesday, Feb. 10. They will be taking blood pressures and blood sugar test. There will be no charge for these two tests. The nurse will arrive around 11 a.m. and will test until noon.

Concho Valley Community Action Council will be here on Feb. 10 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This organization helps those who qualify with their utilities.

Our next Senior Bingo Social will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Senior Center. We will be serving Fiesta Mac with cheese, green salad, dessert, tea, water and coffee. Put it on your calendar and plan to come.

Our VCR has not been functioning properly and as a result Marolyn Bean donated to the Senior Center a VCR. Thank you, Marolyn for your generosity.

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.

We have recently added to our activities a new projector with stand and a screen.

Also for your enjoyment, we have a Wii game and three different simulating games. We are anxious for these games to be used.

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

OBITUARIES

Frank Sessom

Funeral services for Frank Sessom will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Ozona Church of Christ. The services are open invitation. Frank Sessom, 67, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009, in a San Angelo hospital.

Survivors include one son, Johnny Sessom, of San Angelo; two daughters, Sylena Sessom of San Angelo and Kala Sessom of Ozona; one brother, Tommy Sessom of Ozona; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

Margie Webb Black



Services for Margie Webb Black, 79, of Brownfield were Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Brownfield Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael R. Gee officiating. A private burial followed in Terry County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Margie passed from this life on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009 in Brownfield. She was born Nov. 6, 1929 in Wheeler, Texas to Wesley and Annie Bradfute Brasher. She graduated from Spur High School. Margie married Jay Judge Webb of Spur in February of 1948, following his return from the Navy and WWII. Together they had four sons. They lived in Spur, Union and finally Brownfield. They farmed and ran the country store at Union for many years until finally relocating to Brownfield. Margie retired as a secretary from Brownfield Reginal Medical Center. Judge preceded her in death on Jan. 23, 1992. Margie and her friends enjoyed going to the area dances where she met Harold Black of Andrews, Texas. Margie and Harold were married Nov. 28, 1997 in Brownfield. Margie never knew a stranger and took in more kids than God gave her the ability to have, yet she had enough love for the whole world. Margie was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband Judge Webb.

Margie is survived by her husband Harold Black of Brownfield; four sons and their wives, Steve and Paula Webb of Burseson, Glenn and Lana Webb of Brownfield, Danny and Susan Webb of Ozona and Tracy and Donna Webb of Lockney; a foster daughter, Angelia Perez and husband Bobby of Levelland; a foster son, Ramon Soliz of Brownfield; four step-sons, Harold Black Jr. of Solbatna, Alaska, Vernon Black of Kenai, Alaska, Ronald Poston of Houston and Gary Poston of Odessa; a brother, Robert W. "Bob" Brasher and his wife Charlene of Idalou; 12 grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, 10 step great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bishop Thomas Tschoepe

Bishop Kevin J. Farrell, the seventh bishop of Dallas, on Jan. 27 spoke for Catholics throughout the diocese, "We mourn the passing of a wonderful leader, bishop and priest. Bishop Thomas Tschoepe was instrumental in building up the Catholic Church in Dallas. He built churches to meet the needs of the growing Catholic population and established ministries and programs in English and Spanish that helped so many people to grow in their faith. I ask that all join me in prayers of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tschoepe's leadership, life and priesthood and that Eternal Light now shines upon him."

During Bishop Tschoepe's tenure, in the Diocese of Dallas, he continued to enact the reforms dictated by Vatican II that his predecessor had begun to implement. The years immediately following Vatican II were times of great change. Bishop Tschoepe ministered to a flock that included Catholics who welcomed those changes as well as others who did not. During his episcopacy, the Diocese of Dallas experienced great growth in every direction. Fifteen new parishes were established by Bishop Tschoepe: Church of the Incarnation DD, Irving, 1973; St. Francis of Assisi, Lancaster, 1973; Holy Spirit, Duncanville, 1974; Our Lady of the Lake, Rockwall, 1975; All Saints, Dallas, 1976; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Plano, 1976; St. Joseph, Richardson, 1976; Corpus Christi, Ferris, 1977; St. Michael the Archangel, Garland, 1980; St. Jude, Allen, 1981; Our Lady of Fatima, Quinlan, 1983; St. Francis of Assisi, Whitesboro, 1983; Holy Family, Van Alstyne, 1983; St. Ann, Coppell, 1984 and St. Michael the Archangel, Grand Prairie, 1985.

Ministry became very specialized as the church attempted to respond to new challenges brought on by Vatican II. Bishop Tschoepe also established many new diocesan offices including Diocesan Archives Museum, Family Life Office, a full-

time Vocations Office, Deaf Apostolate, Diocesan Youth Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, the Archbishop Sheen Center for Communications and the Office for Pastoral Planning and Research. Other services were expanded, including the Catholic Schools Office, the diocesan newspaper, Texas Catholic, Catholic Charities, the Diocesan Tribunal and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, which was established as the Office of Religious Education.

On Dec. 12, 1976, Bishop Tschoepe promulgated the Vatican decree redesignating Sacred Heart Cathedral as the Cathedral Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Guadalupe (Catedral Santuario de Guadalupe). The Cathedral Parish had earlier been combined with Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Prior to his appointment as Bishop of Dallas, Tschoepe served as chancellor and vicar general before being appointed Bishop of San Angelo in 1966.

He is survived by three sisters: Vera Duesman and Clara Simmel, both of Pilot Point, and Bertha Holley of McKinney. He was preceded in death by a sister, Nettie Ross, and three brothers, Paul Tschoepe, John Tschoepe and George Tschoepe. He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Rev. Msgr. Leon Duesman, pastor of St. Ann Parish, Coppell and Rev. Msgr. Jerome Duesman, pastor of Holy Family Parish, Irving.

The Vigil for the Bishop with Reception of the Casket was Jan. 28, at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Dallas, The Most Rev. Kevin J. Farrell of the Diocese of Dallas, presided. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Jan. 28 in the Cathedral. The Mass of Christian Burial will be Jan. 29 in the Cathedral followed by Entombment at the Crypt of the Bishops located at the Main Altar located in Calvary Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Robert Gene Latiolais II

Robert Gene Latiolais II, 45, of Holly Springs died on Dec. 1, 2008 at M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. Funeral services were held on Friday, Dec. 5, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Newton with burial at the Newton City Cemetery. Visitation was held on Thursday at Smith Funeral Home in Newton with a rosary recited.

Robert was born in Port Arthur on April 9, 1963 and had lived in Newton since 1974. He graduated from Newton High School in 1981 and was president of Latch Oil Inc. in Jasper. The Latiolais family owns ranches in Holly Springs and Pandale, Texas where Robert enjoyed spending time outdoors working with his longhorn cattle and deer hunting at the Rockin' L Ranch in Pandale, Texas. Robert is survived by his son, Robert G. Latiolais III of Houston, Texas, his parents, Bob and Pam Latiolais of Newton, Texas, his sister, Patrice Wagstaff and husband, Jimmy of Jasper, Texas and a special friend and caregiver, Paula Hughes Samford of Newton. The family request that donations be made to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life Latch Oil Team, 2210 Highway 63 West, Jasper, Texas 75951.



To express our sincere appreciation to all our family and friends for their loving support during this difficult time. We are amazed at the outpouring of love for our family, through flowers, food, cards, calls, gifts and memorials to several charities. Robert touched so many people's lives during his short time on earth and we will all miss his smile. We rejoice in knowing that he is in heaven and free of pain.

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:1-3

Care Center Chatter

By **ODILIA SANCHEZ**
Assistant Activity Director

Can you believe how fast time goes by. It seems like just yesterday that I turned in the last article. Well, this is how we spent this week.

Saturdays and Sundays are a bit more relaxed than the weekdays, for the most part. On Saturday, the residents enjoyed a game of bingo and in the afternoon they watched a movie and had snacks.

On Monday, we had some more bingo winners. They were Mrs. Mildred Couch, Mrs. Elsa Cervantez, Mrs. Mozelle Houston and Catarina Cervantez. The residents really enjoy playing bingo and thanks to Ann Shaw for donating so many prizes. If you would like to donate some bingo prizes, come by or call me or Marta at 392-3096.

On Tuesday, we all enjoyed a

time of singing and visiting. Thanks to Nannette and Carol from the First Baptist Church. Some of the residents really enjoy singing old songs from the hymn book. Those older songs like "Speak to Me, Jesus," "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "Shall We Gather at the River," "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "When We All Get to Heaven." These really touch the heart and soul.

On Wednesday, we had a blast playing "Musical Chicken" and "Beach Ball Toss" with the residents. We all got a good workout and it was good to see the residents enjoying themselves.

On Thursday, some of the residents worked on puzzles and others played table games. I played checkers with a couple of the residents and they had to refresh my memory on how to play the game. I hadn't played checkers in ages and couldn't even remember how to play. Before

too long, I was a pro.

We usually have beauty shop day on Thursday but this week we styled hair on Friday. As usual, we had ladies lined up to have their hair styled for the weekend. A lot of the residents have family and friends visit them over the weekend, so they like to look their best. For a lot of our beautiful ladies, this used to be a routine when they were still active in the community, so this really makes them feel loved and special. We enjoy doing this for them.

In closing, a special "thanks" to Mrs. Margie Dorris, one of our residents, for helping us with the residents' calendars for her. We also want to say "thanks" to Caitlin Mendoza, Josie Mendoza's granddaughter, for helping us with the calendars. Also, she did an awesome job. We appreciate all the volunteers that help make the days better for our residents.

American Heart Association 'Go Red' luncheon Feb. 26

"Go Red for Women" is a national movement led by the American Heart Association to raise women's awareness of heart disease, their No. 1 killer.

It also helps women learn how to lower their risk and live longer, stronger lives.

The Ozona Wesley Nurse Pro-

gram will be hosting a "Go Red for Women" luncheon at noon, Thursday, Feb. 26, in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

A heart-healthy menu will be served and recipes will be given. There will also be handouts on risk factors and lowering these risk factors.

The main focus is to gain sup-

port from each other in learning and Actually Making the changes that will increase the chances of us living a longer, healthier life.

So, let's all get decked out in red, come, enjoy a good meal and start a healthier life.

For more information, or to RSVP, call E.A. Wadsworth at 392-3060.



WATCHING THE SUPER BOWL

We had been talking about it all week and there were various phone conversations going on about it. Which house would we go to and who would be there and what food would each individual cook or bring. The youth group from another Church was going to have their Sunday night Bible study early so they could be there. When we arrived, I was amazed to see all the food and people. When the game started, we all got our seats or places either in a chair or on the floor. As the game went on it became more intense. Both teams fought very hard and the outcome could go either way. That game reminded me of some future events and another battle that is going to be fought in the future. Prior to Christ's return things will get very bad on earth. Israel will be persecuted, (Matthew 24:3-12). Lawlessness and disorder and the rise and dominion of the Antichrist will occur, (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4). Many will be deceived and worship the Antichrist and led astray, (Hebrews 3:12, Revelation chapter 13). At that time Christ Jesus will return to earth with his angels and there is to be one great battle, (Revelation chapter 19). It will be the battle of all battles. Guess what? Our side wins! If you are trusting Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, you are on the Lord's team, (John 1:12). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

<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. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Rodney White Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 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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Local couple place African artifacts on display at library

By CHARLOTTE HARRELL
Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library is pleased to announce a new series of exhibits of African artifacts from the collection of Roy A. Harrell, Jr. The first exhibit is comprised of brass sculptures from various countries in West Africa, including Chad, Mali, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, and Niger.

Roy Harrell has had an enduring interest in and relationship with Africa, dating from his geography class with Mrs. Denham in Ozona. He developed a love of maps and the far flung parts of the world they depicted. Later his father took him to the Ozona Methodist Church to hear a speaker who had been on a big game hunt in Africa. Roy was hooked on Africa. From the 1950s to the present he has lived, worked, and studied about Africa and its emergence into the modern world. He was a close observer as the African countries, one by one, became independent from their colonial masters, beginning with Ghana in 1957.

Mr. Harrell's studies included economics, romance languages, and law, ending, ultimately, with a doctoral dissertation on the former Portuguese areas of Africa from Johns Hopkins University. He did a year of research at Stellenbosch University in South Africa. In the early 1960s he joined the Department of State and was detailed to the Agency for International Development, the economic assistance arm of the Department of State, and began his first tour of duty in newly-independent Guinea. He was able to combine his interests in anthropology, political science and economics with the goal of bettering the economic prospects of the African people.

In Guinea Mr. Harrell began by coordinating an exchange student program, which enabled several hundred Guinean students to study in the United States. He was the lone duty officer at the American Embassy in Conakry, Guinea, at the time of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. It was a frightening time but he set up a table with a condolence book, draped the president's picture in black, and oversaw the trooping of hundreds of Guinean visitors through the embassy to express their condolences and sorrow. President Kennedy was popular and revered throughout Africa because he was the first American president to recognize the newly-independent countries of the continent. Mr. Harrell said the American ambassador nearly fainted when he returned to town from a fishing trip and learned what had happened.

After three years in Guinea, Mr. Harrell served nineteen months



ROY and CHARLOTTE HARRELL have part of their African artifacts on display at the Crockett County Public Library.

at Bamako, Mali, as well as several temporary assignments in various other African countries. While in Mali, one of his chief duties was to escort congressional delegations who found sundry reasons to visit the fabled Malian city of Timbuktu. He returned to the United States in late 1966 and married Charlotte in Dallas in 1967. They began married life in Fort Lamy (now N'Djamena), Chad. He was promoted to Director of AID shortly after arriving at the post. His duties included the oversight of all the American foreign assistance projects in the country, as well as serving on the multi-country Lake Chad Basin Area Commission, which included Chad, Cameroon, Nigeria, and Niger. Some projects included equipping a dental clinic serving a population of over 100,000; installing windmills along a livestock corridor, which produced both water and electricity and facilitated the movement of livestock to market without so much dehydration and resulting weight loss; rural health clinics; disease immunization programs; agricultural programs; and public safety programs. As has been the case for decades, there was tension and sporadic warfare between the Muslims of the north and the Christian or animist peoples of the south. At one point the French Foreign Legion was brought in to quell the disturbances. What a rough bunch they were!

After serving back in Washington for over six years, the Harrells again returned to Africa ... Niamey, Niger this time ... for a three-year stint. Mr. Harrell was again working as an economic consultant on various projects. He remembers fondly a long trek by camel in the northern region of the country, which ended at the famed city of Agadez with the towering mud brick mosque. It was once an important city on the West African trade route. Camels loaded

with huge salt slabs trudged across the Sahara on their way to coastal markets. Back in Niamey, the John F. Kennedy Memorial Bridge, spanning the Niger River, was an important landmark of American assistance. Charlotte always refers to it as the John F. Kennedy Memorial "Clothesline," as the local people found the bridge a handy place to dry laundry, which had just been washed in the river.

After Niger, the Harrells spent two years in Accra, Ghana, on the West Coast of Africa and enjoyed a milder coastal climate after all those years at the edge of the Sahara Desert. The Ghanaians were a cordial people with a well-educated upper class who were familiar with Great Britain and the United States, which made life enjoyable for foreigners despite the economic hardships being endured at that time. Mr. Harrell was again involved in economic development projects. Among delightful memories of Ghana, is the time Newlove Mamatah (head of the National Rabbit Project) came to the Harrell home one Sunday morning to present them with a live goat to celebrate the release of the American hostages from Iran. After the Dec. 31, 1981 coup d'etat when Col. Jerry Rawlings re-assumed power, the country's economic prospects began to improve. A less delightful memory was when Charlotte nearly stepped on a green mamba coiled on a green rug in the house.

Though Mr. Harrell has undertaken numerous temporary assignments abroad since 1982, Ghana was the final long-term posting for the family. After over 30 years of government service, the Harrells returned to their Texas roots to settle on the Harrell ranch south of Ozona the summer of 1995. The ranch home is filled with artifacts, books, and other reminders of their years dedicated to life in Africa.

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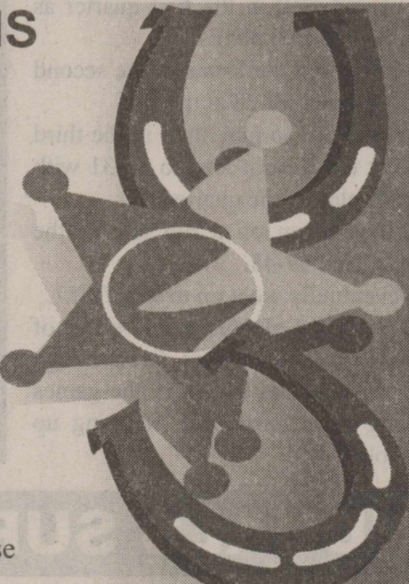
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If you have not signed up at the extension office by Feb. 12, 2009 by 5 p.m. then you will be asked to move your horses by the local sheriff's department and then your stall will become available to others needing a stall. No EXCEPTIONS.

Crockett County 4-H horse project members must also register at the extension office by Feb. 12. One stall is allowed per person. Once everyone has signed up by Feb. 12 then the stalls leftover will be assigned as a first come first serve basis.

If you have any question or would like a copy of the rules please come by the extension office or call 392-2721.



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Larry T. Melton - February 1, 2008

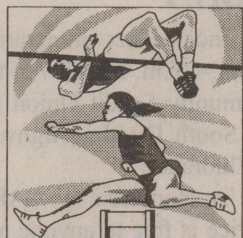




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Lady Lions keep playoff hopes alive with victories over Crane, Kermit

The Lady Lions kept their post-season hopes alive with district wins over Crane and Kermit last week. Ozona defeated Crane 56-41 on Jan. 28. Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 13 22 13 - 56; Crane - 8 10 7 16 - 41. Scoring: Melanie Miller 13; Adrienne Sanchez 7; Jessica Elston 11; Vanessa Rodriguez 17; Alysha Lara 6 and Alex Macias 2. Also playing: Cristi Rodriguez, Brandi Glosson, Stacy Silva and Stacie Quiroz.

They have three games left and we have two," Jackson said. "The girls played great even with a lot of our kids in foul trouble. Our bench really came through again and played

well. We have to continue playing hard and smart to get to the post season." The Lady Lions are 17-9 overall and 6-4 in district play.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Feb. 24	Eldorado	Eldorado	4:00
Feb. 26 -28	Sonora Tournament	Sonora	TBA
Mar. 3	Van Horn	Van Horn	7:00
Mar 5-7	Crane Tournament	Crane	TBA
Mar. 10	Sonora	Ozونا	7:00
Mar. 12 -14	Ozونا tournament	Ozونا	TBA
Mar. 17	Alpine	Alpine	7:00
Mar. 21	Presidio	Ozونا	4:00
Mar. 24	Kermit	Kermit	7:00
Mar. 27	Reagan County	Ozونا	7:00
Mar. 28	Presidio	Presidio	4:00
Mar. 31	Sonora	Sonora	7:00
Apr. 3	Crane	Ozونا	7:00
Apr. 7	Alpine	Ozونا	7:00
Apr. 17	Kermit	Ozونا	7:00
Apr. 18	Reagan County	Big Lake	4:00
April 23	Crane	Crane	7:00



"This was a great win for us. We needed this going into the Kermit game on Friday. We had a slow first half but got off to a great start in the third quarter with a 22 point spurt. That is what we are capable of doing every quarter if we play up to our potential," said Coach John Jackson.

Ozونا defeated Kermit 32-28 on Jan. 30. Score by quarters: Ozونا - 8 7 17 7 - 32; Kermit - 2 9 20 6 - 28.

Scoring: Sanchez 5; Elston 4; V. Rodriguez 10; Lara 11 and Macias 2. Also playing: C. Rodriguez, Melanie Miller, Glosson, Silva and Quiroz.

"This puts us a step closer to the playoffs. We are currently tied for third with Kermit.

JV Lady Lions get win over Kermit

The JV Lady Lions defeated Kermit 32-21 on Jan. 30.

Scoring: Natalie Hernandez 5; Rebecca Ramos 4; Raelynn Arredondo 16; Brenda Venegas 5 and Layla Perez 2. Also playing: Alex Rodriguez, Maria Villarreal and Emalee Hamilton.

"Alex Rodriguez helped break the press and cut down our turnovers, which helped win the game. Raelynn Arredondo has been playing the role of team leader all year and helped to pull a win," said Coach Cherokee Bolen.

The Lady Lions are 11-9.

Lions step up play in last two games

The Ozونا Lions played the Crane Golden Cranes on Jan. 27.

The Lions trailed at halftime by a score of 24-13.

"The Lions played an aggressive man to man defense against a much bigger Crane team and were able to cut the lead to 6 points in the third quarter," said Coach Ted Rohan.

Crane maintained their lead and eventually went on to win by a score of 44-33.

The Lions were led in scoring by Abey Lara with 9 points, Jose Aguilar with 6 points, and Ryan Mayfield with 6 points.

The Lions then travelled to Kermit to take on the Yellowjackets on Jan. 30.

Kermit was at the top of the district standings and Ozونا is still seeking their first district win.

Kermit led after the first quarter by a score of 20-13.

Ozونا played well in the first quarter as Kyle Sewell poured in 6 points.

Kermit outscored the Lions in the second quarter 19-15 and led 39-28 at the half.

Ozونا continued to play hard in the third quarter and cut the Kermit lead to 38-31 with four minutes to play in the quarter.

Kermit then when on a run late in the third quarter to lead 59-43.

Kermit eventually went on to win 77-57.

"I have been real pleased of the effort of this team the last two ball games. Even though we have not won we have been in the games and the young guys have been stepping up their play," Rohan said.

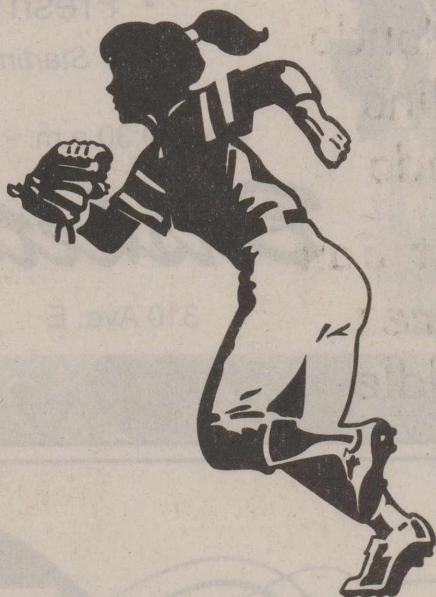


Photo By Joe Hernandez

JESSICA ELSTON MOVES THE BALL DOWN THE COURT for the varsity Lady Lions win over Crane.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site/Time
Feb. 19-21	Crane Tournament (Varsity)	TBA
Feb. 27	McCamey	McCamey
March 3	Menard	Ozونا
March 5-7	Angelo Tournament (Varsity)	TBA
March 10	Sonora	Ozونا
March 13	Crane	Crane
March 17	Alpine	Alpine
March 21	Presidio	Ozونا
March 24	Kermit	Kermit

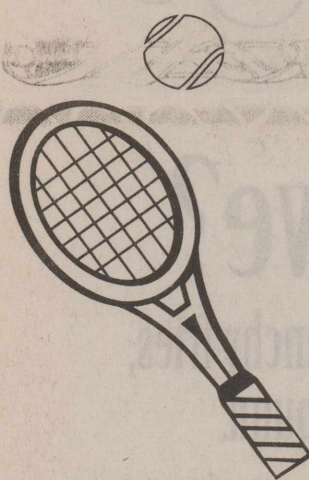


March 27	Reagan County	Ozونا
March 28	Presidio	Presidio
March 3	Sonora	Sonora
April 3	Crane	Ozونا
April 7	Alpine	Ozونا
April 17	Kermit	Ozونا
April 18	Reagan County	Reagan County

All games will start at 5:00 with JV following after.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

Date	Tournament	Location	Teams
Feb. 6	West Texas Champ.	San Angelo	Varsity
Feb. 20	Big Lake Tourm.	Big Lake	Varsity/JV
Feb. 26	Central Tourm.	San Angelo	Varsity/JV
Mar. 6-7	Regional Team Tennis	San Angelo	Varsity Team
Mar. 13-14	State Team Tennis	Round Rock	Varsity Team
March 13	Sonora Inv.	Sonora	Varsity/JV
March 24	RCHS Inv.	Big Lake	JV
Mar. 27-28	RCHS Inv.	Big Lake	Varsity
April 2-4	Mason Inv.	Mason	Varsity/JV
April 6 & 9	District Tourm.	Big Lake	Varsity/JV
April 22-23	Regional Tourm.	Odessa	Varsity
May 11-12	State Tourm.	Austin	Varsity



GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Site	Division
Feb. 20-21	Fort Stockton	Boys Golf Tournament
Feb. 27-28	Fort Stockton	Girls Golf Tournament
March 4	Ozونا Girls	Golf Tournament (Tentative)
March 5	Sonora	Boys Golf Tournament
March 9	Ingram	Boys Golf Tournament
March 10	Sonora	Girls Golf Tournament
March 13-14	San Angelo	Boys Golf Classic
March 23	Christoval	Boys and Girls Tournament
April 1	1st Round of District in Fort Stockton	
April 13	2nd Round of District in San Angelo	



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

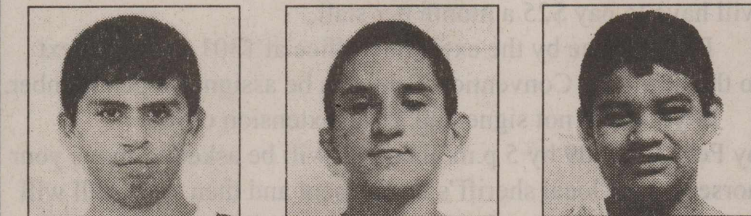
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Eighth Grade Lady Lions get 32-28 win over Sonora

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions defeated Sonora 32-28 on Jan. 26. Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 7 10 11 - 32; Sonora - 6 6 8 9 - 28. Scoring: Cynthia Garcia 3; Kodi Glosson 8; Arleen Castillo 5;

Brianna Cervantez 1; Tesla Caperton 2; Natalia Ortiz 11 and Myra Diaz 2. Also playing: Sabrina De La Garza and Marley Tambunga. The Lady Lions are 10-5.

Seventh Grade Lions stomp Colts

The Seventh Grade Lions defeated Sonora 33-16 on Jan. 26. Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 13 6 8 - 33; Sonora - 4 4 3 5 - 16.

Scoring: Tyler Galindo 5; Saul Benson 14; Daniel Gonzalez 10 and Michael Ybarra 4. Also playing: Ely Montanez and E.Z. Rivas.

7th Lions B Team pounce Sonora

The Seventh Grade Lions B Team defeated Sonora 5-4 on Jan. 26.

Scoring: Eric Rodriguez 4 and Jonathan Arredondo 1. Also playing: Tiger Lewis, Matthew Gallindo, Lorenzo Hernandez and Joaquin Meza.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 1 4 - 5; Sonora - 4 0 - 4.

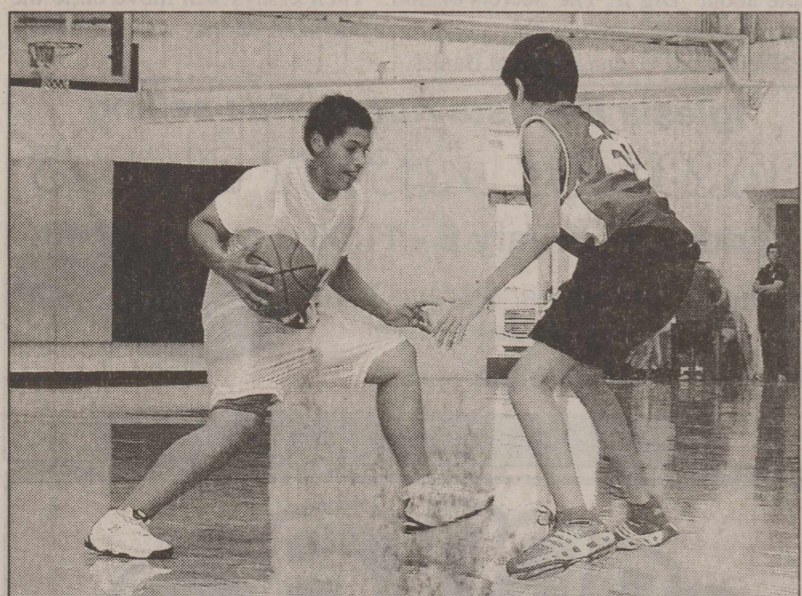


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JOAQUIN MEZA works the ball toward the basket in the 7th grade B Lions victory over Sonora on Jan. 26.

Eighth Grade Ladies "B" fall to Lady Colts

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions B Team lost to Sonora 7-10 on Jan. 26. Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 4 - 7; Sonora - 2 8 - 10.

Scoring: Narce Unate 2; Gaby Aranda 1; Jaylynn Vargas 2 and Elisa Tambunga 2. Also playing: Sierra Trevino, Melynda Cordova, Stephanie Cervantes, Jessica Borrego, Kelsey Perez and Cheyenne Lopez. The Lady Lions are 6-4.

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Eighth Grade Lions outplay Colts for one-point victory

The Eighth Grade Lions came out on top with a one-point victory over Sonora on Jan. 26.

John David De Hoyos hit the layup with seconds left to put Ozona on top 28-27.

"We played a really good defensive game. We fell behind early and missed some easy baskets. We came out strong in the second quarter, only gave up two points and had a tied ballgame at the half. The second half was a lot of the same, with the game, going back and fourth, and no one taking more than a two-point

lead. We were able to play some great defense in the closing seconds and get some tough rebounds, which lead to Jon David De Hoyos hitting the go ahead shot with less than 10 seconds left. It was a great team win with everyone making some type of play," said Coach John Esparza.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 7 4 11 - 28; Sonora - 11 2 5 9 - 27.

Scoring: Tres Perez 4; Blake Marrow 5; Cuatro Jones 4; Alex Borrego 10; John David De Hoyos 4 and Jeffery Sanchez 2. Also playing: Brandon Dominguez.

Girl Scout Cookies are here

Girl Scout cookies are here!!!!!! Girl Scout troop 525 will be selling cookies at the square Saturday February 7th from 10a-3pm and at OLPH Catholic Church bingo Sunday at 3pm.

to help our community. We are participating in the gift of sharing program. This is a program whereby cookies bought are donated back to the troop and then are given to those organizations that are in need. We need your help and donations. Any questions please call Katie Friend at 392-5154.

GIFT OF SHARING
Girl Scout Troop 525 is busy selling cookies but we need your help

Seventh Grade Lady Lions lose to Sonora on Jan. 26

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions lost to Sonora, 6-47, on Jan. 26.

Also playing: Daisy Guerra, Kyann Hernandez, Nancy Rodriguez, Abby Newton, Savannah Rivera, Lexi Poindexter and Sierra Stokes. The Lady Lions are 4-10.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 2 2 2 - 6; Sonora - 14 9 14 10 - 47.

Scoring: Lazarae Rodriguez 2; Amy Quiroz 2 and Vivian Medina 2.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

Feb. 7 - OHS Sweetheart Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight

Feb. 9 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

OHS Pool Tournament Jan. 24

- 1. Jonatan Arredondo
- 2. Michael Molina
- 3. Josiah Jurado

OHS Pool Tournament Jan. 27

- 1. Tristan Alvarez
- 2. Robert Weddle
- 3. E.Z. Rivas

OHS Pool Tournament Jan. 30

- 1. Richard Borrego
- 2. Ruben Rivas
- 3. Stefan Wilson

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Sandy Stokes to perform in Eldorado production

"Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming" slated for February at Ratliff Civic Theater The Way Off Broadway Players of Eldorado will present their 2009 production of "Smoke On The Mountain Homecoming" were the gospel-singing Sanders Family is back together again.

There's a rite of passage at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, where Reverend Mervin Oglethorpe, played by Charlie Bradley, is giving his last service. He's been called to preach in Texas, and he's already bought a cowboy hat and is preparing to ride into the sunset with his wife June (Kara Garlitz) who is eight months pregnant. Dennis Sanders (Carl Weaver) will take over as Mount Pleasant's pastor. Join the Sanders Family as they send Mervin and June off in style, with hilarious and touching stories and twenty-five toe-tapping Bluegrass Gospel favorites.



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SANDY STOKES (Cletus) will be performing in "Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming" Ratliff Civic Theater, Eldorado

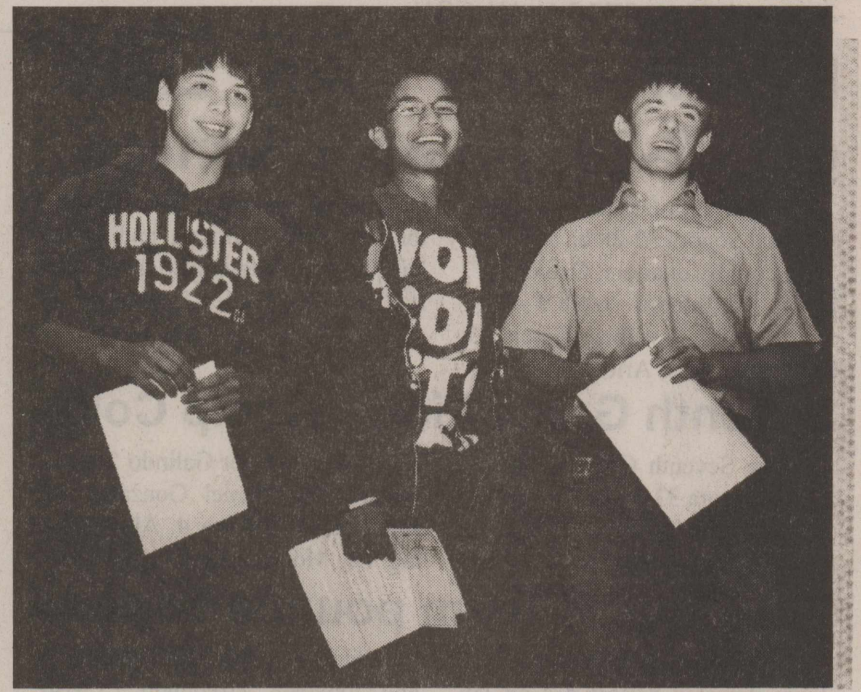


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SWCD ESSAY WINNERS: (left to right) First Place Kramer Hall, \$75; Second Place Tevin Cordova, \$50 and Third Place Lane Hale, \$25. The trio wrote about "Dig It! The Secrets of Soil." Their essays will move on to the area competition with possible advancement to state. Money was donated by the SWCD and Ozona National Bank.

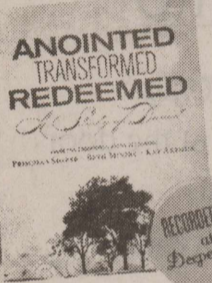
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Community action council to visit Feb. 10 on low-income energy needs

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To be eligible for the programs the households must meet 125 percent of the federal poverty income guidelines.

Priority is given to households that are elderly (60 years and above); disabled (individuals who are unable to engage in substantial employment by reason of a medically determined physical or mental condition which is determined

Performances will be Fridays 8:00 pm; Saturdays 8:00 pm; Sundays at 3:00 pm; February 13--February 15; Dinner Theater February 14th ONLY, (two seatings) Feb. 20; Feb. 22; Feb. 27-March 1.

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to last); households with children under 6 years; households with the lowest income that pay the highest portion of their income for home energy and households that have been on the weatherization waiting list for two or more years.

The Concho Valley Community Action Agency administers these programs in the Concho Valley.

The group will be in Ozona from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Senior Center.

For more information, visit www.cvcaa.org or call call (325) 653-1680 (or) 1-877-41-CVCAA.

Mohair council to meet Feb. 11

The Mohair Council of America will hold its annual Membership Meeting on Feb. 11 at the Fairfield Inn in San Angelo.

The Winter Meeting of the Mohair Producers Board will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the Mohair Council Executive Committee following at 10 a.m. There will be a noon break for lunch and the Annual Member-

ship Meeting will be called to order at 1:30 p.m.

If needed, overnight accommodations may be secured by calling the Fairfield Inn at (325) 482-8400.

All planning to attend are asked to RSVP to the Mohair Council office at 1-800-583-3161 or you may email Judy Hyde at judy@mohair-rusa.com.

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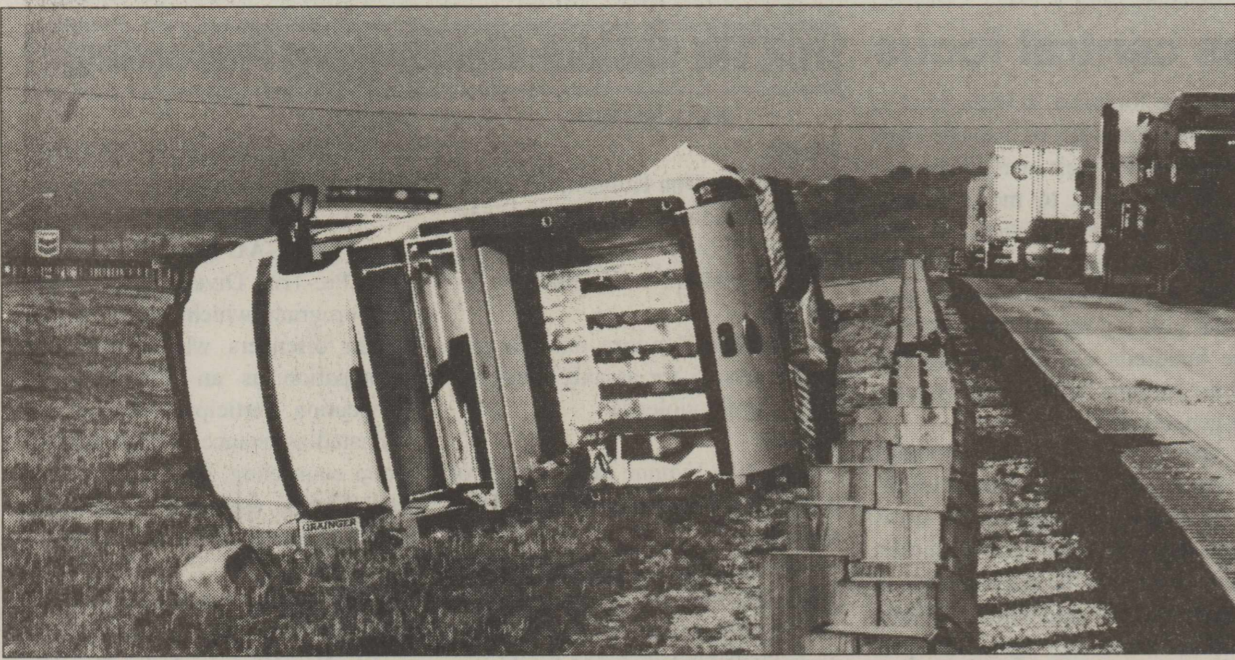



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ICY ROAD CONDITIONS caused a serious of vehicle accidents on Jan. 27 and Jan. 28. The vehicle above rolled off of Interstate-10 at the 365 mile-marker due to an icy roadway.

Fire department runs

JANUARY 27

- 9:15 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident at 368 mile-marker westbound on I-10, icy road conditions. Forced door to remove victim. Three units, 12 firefighters. Time in service 29 minutes.
- 11:39 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident at 368 mile-marker westbound on I-10, icy road conditions. Assisted EMS. Three units, eight firefighters. Time in service 52 minutes.

JANUARY 28

- 9:02 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident at 365 mile-marker on I-10 due to icy bridge. Assisted EMS and traffic control. Two units, five firefighters. Time in service 32 minutes.
- 9:20 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident between 365/366 mile-marker on I-10 due to icy roadway. Assisted EMS and traffic control. Two units, four firefighters. Time in service 12 minutes.

- 9:30 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident at 366 mile-marker westbound on I-10 due to icy roadway. Assisted EMS and work traffic. Two units, four firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 20 minutes.
- 10 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident at State Highway 163 and 14th Street, two vehicle accident. A unit with two firefighters. Time in service 33 minutes.
- 4:07 p.m. - Small grass fire at County Road 205, 1/4 acre. A unit

with three firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 8 minutes

JANUARY 31

- 2:48 p.m. - Grass fire on Brooks/Bean Ranch, 20 acres. Four units, seven firefighters. Time in service 3 hours 10 minutes.

FEBRUARY 1

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JUDGE Q&A: 'I pray to make the right choices for our citizens'

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What kind of training, education or experience did you have to have for your position?

According to the Texas Constitution, in Article 5, Section 15: "There shall be established in each county in this State a County Court, which shall be a court of record; there shall be elected in each county, by the qualified voters, a County Judge, who shall be well informed in the law of the State; shall be a conservator of the peace, and shall hold the office for four years."

Judges of the constitutional county courts are not required to be lawyers. Most of the 254 constitutional county judges are not licensed to practice law.

A candidate must be 18 years of age, and may not have been convicted of a felony. The qualifications of this office reflect the intentions of this position to be governed by its local citizens.

What is the one thing about your job you enjoy the most?

No two days are ever alike. Every day is a new day with a new set of challenges.

I like the people of Crockett County. I also enjoy the operation of county government at the local level.

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- County Judge Fred Deaton

What is one duty in your job that you enjoy the least?

I do not take this position lightly. This job directly affects lives as well as ensures the safety of our citizens.

No person can see the future especially in our ever changing society. The results of the decisions which we make in commissioners' court can reach into the future.

David Crockett's famous saying sums it up: "be sure that you are right, then go ahead." The drive and force to go ahead is always present. Getting it right is the difficult part of the job.

Therefore, I pray to make the right choices for our citizens.

What is one duty that you perform that most people may not realize falls under your position?

The county judge is a full vot-

ing member of the commissioners' court and not just a tie-breaker.

What are some duties that you often get questions about that DO NOT fall under your position?

Our local government has many checks and balances insuring accountability. Each elected official oversees the operation of his or her own office.

The commissioners' court votes on budgets determined once a year for each office. The elected officials decide how to use their own budgets appropriately.

If you could change anything about your position, what would it be?

This position was set up by the State of Texas and can only be changed through state legislation; I would make no changes.

What do you want the people of Crockett County to know about your position?

We operate as a county and do not have ordinance making ability. Ozona is the largest unincorporated town in the state.

Our county government operates the county and town without a mayor, city council, city police, city manager or city court. The county saves money without this duplication of services.

Without the ability to make ordinances, Ozona is less regulated than a city.

Any additional information you would like to add:

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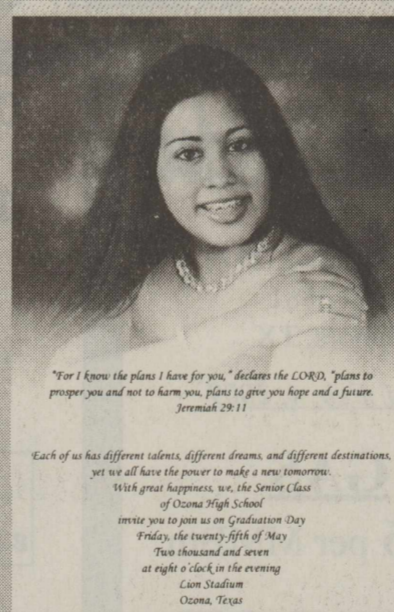
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Leaders of our country do not have nation's concerns as central focus

"Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other." - Ronald Reagan

Dear Editor,

These words were spoken some 25 years ago, and set the tone for where we are today as a nation. I say this after watching our Congressional House of Representatives vote yesterday for the largest financial package in our nation's history, worth some \$825 billion dollars.

Supposedly, this "economic stimulus" is to help rejuvenate our ailing economy. Already politicians are running hard for this particular public trough to get all that they can. So far allocations are being asked for National Public Radio, the Public Broadcasting System, the National Endowment for the Arts, and studies into sexually transmitted diseases.

Just how this is all supposed to create millions of jobs is beyond me, and I doubt if you could get an informed answer from any representative who voted for this. If truth be told, they really don't know themselves.

Letters to the Editor

After all, there were no committee hearings on this bill before it made it to the floor, and once there it was voted upon within about an hour. Furthermore, by the time this bill becomes law, the true figure will actually be closer to the magical one-trillion dollar mark.

For a moment, try to visualize just how much money that really represents. We first started hearing the word banded about the past six months or so.

Remember the mammoth hue and cry then? We were going to have to do something within the next 48 hours, or financial Armageddon would be upon us all.

Well, they argued over it for about two weeks and the bill grew from three pages to over four hundred during the process. So did the number of ear marks and sweet deals, until they arrived at a nice, even number of \$700 billion dollars

of the taxpayers' money.

So far, \$350 billion of that has been spent. Unfortunately, our elected officials cannot tell us just where and how the money was distributed. Furthermore, economists and financial commentators now tell us that for all the good it did, we might as well have flushed it down the toilet.

Who voted for this new bill? You can start with our own representative, Democrat Ciro Rodriguez. Not that we should be any happier with the Republicans, they pushed real hard for that \$700 billion bailout plan that has since fizzled flat. The really sad part is that after admitting to this past failure, the status quo solution is to throw still more money at the problem. Hence the fashionable word of the day: "trillion."

We are no longer represented by elected officials who truly have our nation's concerns as their central focus. Somewhere along the way, we traded in all of our statesmen for politicians, and politicians care for one singular thing the most. Power. It is not about the homeless, the jobless, the infirmed, the children or most importantly, this great nation. What

they have foremost in their mind is to build, conserve or expand their own power for their own purposes.

If they have to mortgage our country's future and stick our children and our grandchildren with the bill to feed that need of power, they do not give it a second thought. Picture hundreds of Rod Blagojevich clones running amok, and you get the general idea.

We citizens need to take back the responsibilities we have abdicated for so long. So many of us know much about the latest football scores, what occurred in the latest episode of "American Idol" and which celebrity checked into rehab again this past week. So few of us take the time to find out what happened in the halls of our state or nation's capitol yesterday.

Those who would control every facet of our daily lives and fortunes thank you for that negligence, and hope that you will continue to look the other way.

May God bless America,
Ben H. English
Ozona, Texas

Reader shares insight to unclaimed property site

Dear Editor:

I wanted to share something with the citizens of Crockett County.

If you go to <http://www.window.state.tx.us/up/>, that is the Texas Unclaimed Property website. Once you are on the website, click on "Search Unclaimed Property."

For a town as small as Ozona, you can do this in the blanks that need filling in: type in any initial in the alphabet ("A", for example) in the "Last Name" blank, leave the "First Name" blank empty, then type in the city ("Ozona"), and hit "Search."

This will give you a list of all the last names in Ozona that start with "A" and have unclaimed funds.

Once you see the list, you can follow the instructions about clicking on a particular name or names, see how much money is unclaimed,

and how to go about getting it if it is yours, or if you are the executor of someone's will.

Sometimes, names are a little bit misspelled, so be sure to look around the site.

The list that is published in newspapers a couple of times a year is very incomplete, so this one is well-worth a look.

Look at other cities, as well, where you may have had an account of some kind.

Utility deposits may be sitting there unclaimed, as well as dividends from banks or stocks, etc.

If you don't have a computer at home, you can use the computers at the Crockett County Public Library.

Ann Stapper
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Anyone interested in an Emergency Medical Technician Basic Class, starting in March, call Eddie Martin at (325) 392-3404. Class is dependent on DSHS Approval

FOR THE RECORD: Weekly Court Proceedings

BAIL BONDS:

- 2-2-09
• Aaron Don Hobson, 25, Odessa, possession of marijuana, misdemeanor, \$1,000.

COUNTY COURT

- 1-22-09
• Joshua Mendoza, one year pre-trial diversion for assault bodily injury - family violence.

- 1-26-09
• Kayla Yvonne Pratt, charge of minor in consumption enhanced dismissed.

- Mary Aguilar, charge of failure to identify dismissed.

- Corey Edward Galindo, revoke probation - 60 days in jail for driving while intoxicated.

1-30-09

- Armen Ghazarian, \$194 fine, \$304 court costs on failure to appear.

GLOSSARY OF LEGAL TERMS:

• Pre-Trial Diversion - a diversion program which is offered to certain offenders who qualify for participation as an alternative to prosecution. Participants receive coordinated assistance in personal and group counseling, drug and alcohol rehabilitation and other community agencies appropriate to their needs.

The above information was obtained from the Crockett County Clerk's Office and the Crockett County Attorney's Office.



Marijuana haul one for the record books

Submitted photo and article by the Texas Department of Public Safety

DPS is asking for the public's help after finding almost five tons of marijuana in an abandoned school bus in Webb County.

A DPS Highway Patrol trooper on routine patrol saw the school bus on the side of the road Saturday morning on U.S. 59 and went to investigate.

He discovered more than 9,210 pounds of marijuana worth \$3.9 mil-

lion. The 560 bundles of marijuana were hidden under cardboard and in a secret ceiling compartment.

This is the second largest marijuana seizure by DPS during routine traffic enforcement since 1997.

The bus may have experienced engine problems. No suspect has been identified at this point, and DPS Narcotics is now conducting the follow-up investigation.

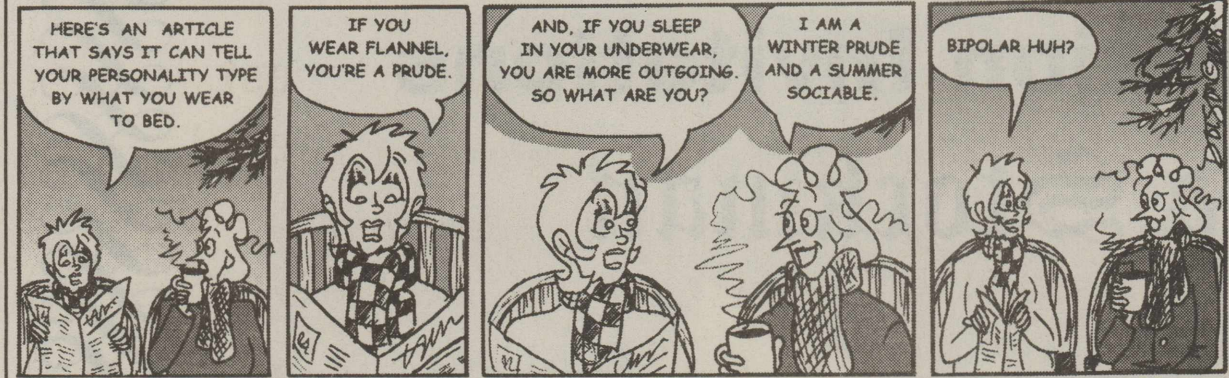
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The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners'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

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

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.

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All persons having claims against the estate being administered are required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. Claims may be addressed in care of the Administratrix's attorney, Joe Warren Friend, Jr., at P.O. Box 1966, Ozona, Texas 76943. Joe Warren Friend, Jr., Attorney for the Estate

LEGAL NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the partners of DAJ Investments, Ltd., have agreed to terminate their limited partnership. The parties ceased the operation of their regular Partnership business effective at the close of business on October 21, 2008, and have liquidated and wound up the affairs of the Partnership. None of the parties will transact any further business or incur any further obligations on behalf of the partnership.

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Endeavor Energy Resources L.P., 110 N. Marienfeld St. Ste 200, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres University -50- Lease, Well Number 3. The proposed disposal well is located 27 miles NNW of Ozona in the Farmer (San Andres) Field, in Crockett County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1739 to 2107 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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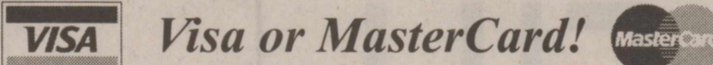
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