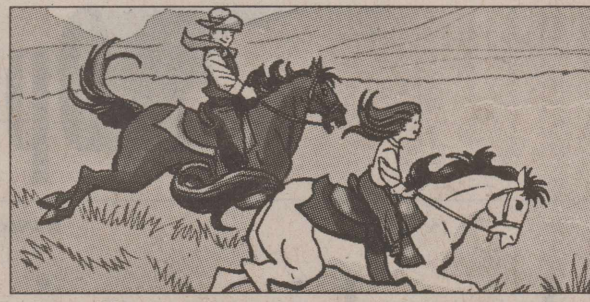


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**'Daddy's Little Squirrel':**  
 Children's book signing  
 to feature local author  
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## De Hoyos, Myers win school board

The results were early Tuesday night for local races.

Roland De Hoyos and Ray Don Myers found out nearly an hour after the polls closed that they were going to be the two new members on the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees.

De Hoyos, who will replace Veronica Fierro in District 3, received a total of 91 votes. Michael Ybarra, the other candidate running for District 3, received 61 votes.

"I'm excited. I'm glad the results came out the way they did, and I hope to do the best I can for the whole public," De Hoyos said.

Myers will replace Laurie Hale in District 4. In the three-man race, Myers won with 124 votes, Ty Williams 74 and Wesley Bean 32.

"Thank you to everybody for voting. I'm glad that they put the confidence in me to be on the school board for four years. I hope I can do a good job for the people, the kids and the whole district," Myers said.

Dwight Childress, who was unopposed in District 5, received 82 votes.

De Hoyos, Myers and Childress will all be sworn in at the Nov. 17 regular school board meeting.

In the General Election, it was big night for Republicans as they took back control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

For Crockett County, a new congressman was elected as Republican challenger Francisco "Quico" Canseco narrowly defeated incumbent Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio by a 50 percent to 43.75 percent margin.

Canseco, 61, a wealthy banker-attorney, said "third time was the charm" in his race for congress.

"The voters are asking for new leadership, someone with common sense values who will be a strong check and balance against Nancy Pelosi and her liberal agenda in Washington,"

Canseco said in an online article.

In Crockett County, voters favored Canseco 570 to 300 for Rodriguez.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry won re-election over Democrat challenger Bill White. Perry, already Texas' longest-serving governor, won a record third full term.

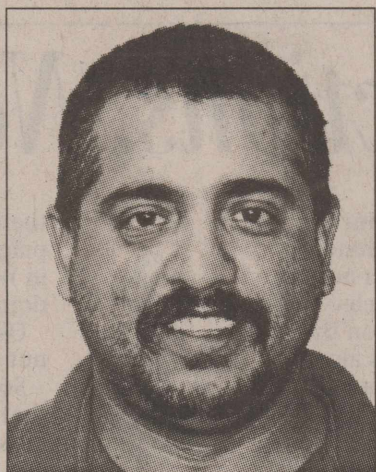
With about 1.4 million votes in, the Associated Press called the race with Perry ahead of White 59 percent to 38 percent. Crockett County voters favored Perry with 616 votes over White at 302.

Incumbent State Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, won his race over El Paso challenger Dick Bowen, 51.76 percent to 45.44 percent. Bowen won Crockett County with 595 votes to Uresti's 282.

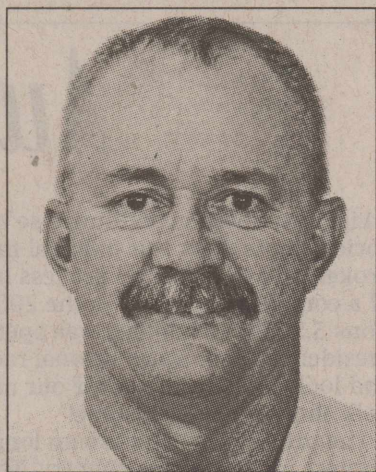
State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, won big over Libertarian challenger Brian W. Holik, 89.97 percent to 10.12 percent. In Crockett County, Hilderbran received 680 votes to Holik's 81.

Republicans also won major state races in Crockett County and statewide: Lieutenant Governor-David Dewhurst, Republican incumbent; Attorney General-Greg Abbott, Republican incumbent; Comptroller of Public Accounts-Susan Combs, Republican incumbent; Commissioner of the General Land Office-Jerry Patterson, Republican incumbent; Commissioner of Agriculture-Todd Staples, Republican incumbent and Railroad Commissioner-David Porter, Republican.

Crockett County did not have any contested local elections. Incumbents returning to office are County Judge Fred Deaton, District and County Clerk Debbie Puckett, County Treasurer Burl J. Myers, Justice of the Peace James (Jim) Hearne and County Commissioner Precinct 2 Pleas Childress III. County Commissioner Precinct 4-elect is Eligio Martinez. He will replace incumbent Alfredo Tobar in January.



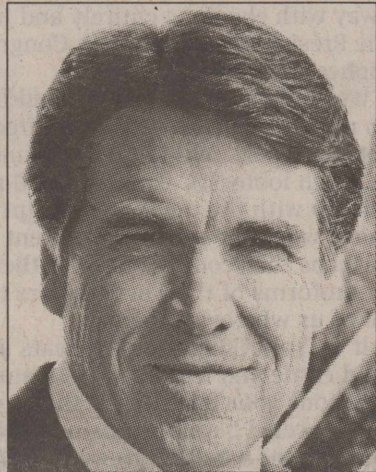
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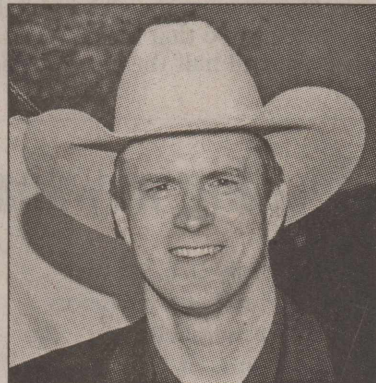
**FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO**  
 U.S. Rep., Dist. 23 Winner



**RICK PERRY**  
 Governor winner



**CARLOS URESTI**  
 State Senator, Dist. 19 winner



**HARVEY HILDERBRAN**  
 State Rep., Dist. 53 winner

## Trick-or-Treat: Carnival, Haunted House a success



THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL, sponsored by the Ozona Community Center, and the Knights of Columbus Haunted House was successful as Ozona's ghosts and goblins came out Sunday night. More photos, page 9.

## Lions must win over Harper to secure playoff spot

BY MELISSA PERNER  
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

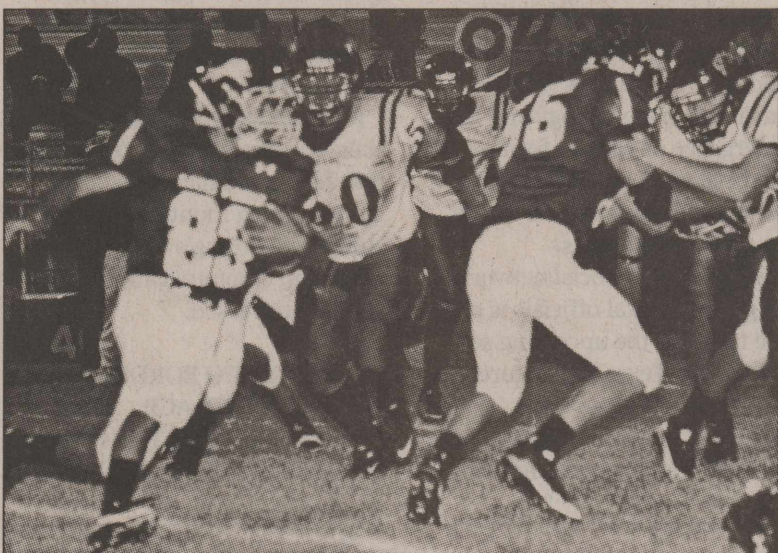
LION STADIUM - It wasn't the final home game that the Ozona Seniors were hoping for Friday night.

The Lions took the field to try and clinch the district championship, but the San Saba Armadillos proved to be too much winning 10-7.

"We knew going in that we would have to limit our mistakes and execute well in all three phases of the game. San Saba has the best defense we have seen all year, and they are disciplined on offense. They made the plays and we didn't," said Coach Ray Brown.

Now, the Lions must beat the Harper Longhorns this week in order to fully secure a playoff spot.

If Sonora and San Saba also win, there would be a three-way tie for first, second and third places. The teams



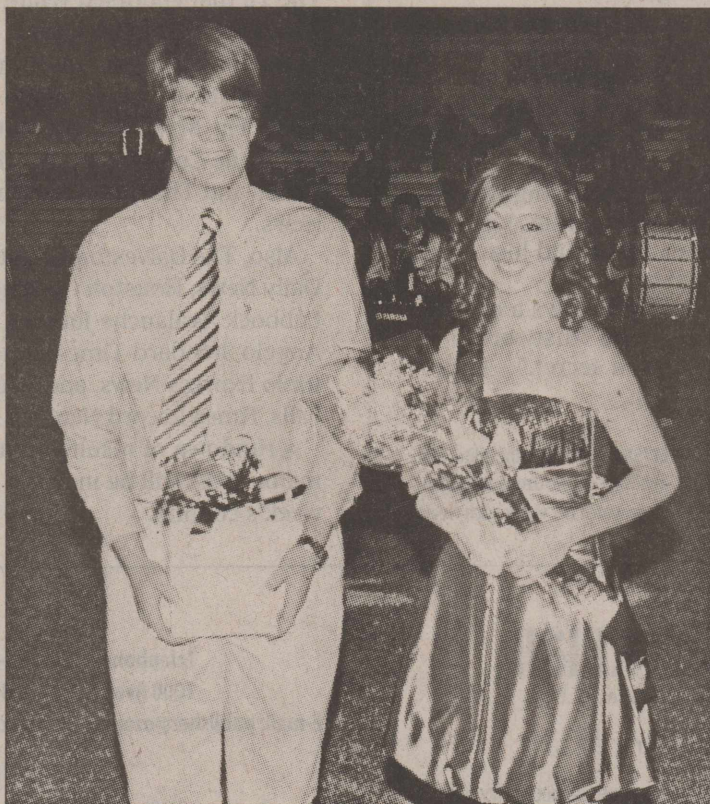
SAUL VARGAS (left) looks for an opening in Friday's game against San Saba at Lion Stadium, as Austin Suddreth blocks an Armadillo. The Lions must win Friday night against Harper to secure a spot in the playoffs. Along with playing football, Vargas will compete in the Region I Cross Country Meet Saturday in Lubbock.

would then go to a tie-breaker point system, Brown said. Sonora would be plus 7 putting them at first, Ozo-

na would be at 0 making the Lions second and San Saba

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## 2010 Band Beau and Sweetheart



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## Track repairs put on hold

BY MELISSA PERNER  
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Resurfacing, re-coating or renovating the track at Lion Stadium has been put on hold, for now.

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees decided to wait before making a decision on the track during their Oct. 27 regular meeting.

After some discussion, the board came to an agreement that it would wait and look at the situation later when they could work it into the 2011-2012 budget. The track was resurfaced in 1999 and then re-coated in 2004.

Cost to resurface and relocate the pole

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**OZONA LIONS VS. HARPER**  
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## Building a brand image is key to locking in customers

When it comes to marketing your business, one of the most valuable steps you can take is determining how you want to brand your business.

By branding your business, you begin to create in your customers' minds a subconscious level of trust that is built from a history of met expectations.

By breaking down exactly what branding is, discussing some businesses that have successfully built a strong brand image and learning a few branding tips, you'll be ready to roll out a new branding strategy in no time.

Branding your business is not merely advertising and mar-

keting. Branding means integrating every aspect of your business to create a cohesive look, feel and experience for every customer.

It is more than just using your logo to help people recognize your business, although that is still helpful. It means that every interaction a customer has with your business is consistent, each product



**BUSINESS TIPS**

JESSICA LAMBERT

or service has a reliable level of quality and every customer walks away with a similar, positive experience.

Many lessons can be learned from some of the big-name businesses we all know.

For example, when you are on the road, where do you usually stop for a quick bite to eat? Unless you are an adventurous type, you probably stop at a place like McDonald's or Subway. That is because we have come to expect from franchise chains a certain type and quality of food at a fair price.

Those businesses have built a brand image in your mind that

allows you to trust them.

So how do you begin to build your brand image?

First you have to figure out what your brand image already is. Ask your loyal customers what they like about your business.

What are some words they use to describe it? Do they use words like "relaxed, fun and innovative" or "professional, quick and efficient"? Whatever they say, that is the brand image you are already portraying.

Your brand includes such things as the personalities of your employees, décor and style of your location, colors and fonts in printed material, language (is

your business more relaxed or formal?), quality and more.

If you want your business to be professional, check that your employees are portraying this in dress and manner when they are helping your customers. Make sure your business's décor and color scheme is consistent as well.

Do you want to appeal to kids? Then make sure your employees are interacting in a fun way and the colors and design of your building portrays a feeling of fun and excitement.

Do you want to be known for having great customer service?

Make sure every purchase is handled with care, and each

complaint is dealt with promptly and courteously.

Keeping your customers' experiences consistent and positive will help to build an image of trust. By integrating each aspect of your business into a certain style, you will begin to create a cohesive feel and experience for your customers.

By using some of these lessons and tips, you can begin to design what you would like your brand image to be.

"Business Tips" was written by Jessica Lambert, Business Development Training Coordinator of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact her at Jessica.Lambert@angelo.edu

## Watch your words

Words can make you feel good. They can lift your spirits, cheer you up and put a smile on your face.

Words can also take a turn and cause tears, anger and hatred.

Every one of us has been guilty of saying things, or writing things, that can cause pain in others.

What can hurt the most, is when these words come from people we think should be leaders, or setting examples for others.

Last week, I was told about a group of adults talking about people in our community. These adults were not just merely talking, but being vicious toward the people they were mentioning.

It was disappointed to hear that this was being done, but truthfully I'm not surprised. One of the disadvantages of living in a small town is everyone seems to know everyone else's business.

With cell phones, texting, Facebook and Twitter, we all seem to know way more than ever.

You look at person, one that seems to have it altogether, plenty of money and life going well for them. It's easy to talk about the fact that they have no problems, no worries, but you have no idea what it is like to walk in their shoes.

That "perfect person" you see, may be having marriage troubles, their health may be in jeopardy, money could be their trouble, or any number of issues.

We all have our troubles, our worries, our problems, but not all of us air them in public, or online, for the world to see.

My life is an open book. Ask me about it and I will probably give you the full enchilada about what is going on with me. That's just how I am.

However, not everyone is like that. Some people expect and deserve privacy about their personal lives.

It's easy to share a rumor, talk some gossip with your friends or discuss what you've overheard at work. We've all done it, myself included.

Do we stop to think about



**WHAT'S ON MY MIND**

MELISSA PERNER

the people we are talking about? Do we stop to think that there is more to their story that we don't know, and may never know?

We spend time on-line reading and thumbing through

celebrity gossip magazines, anxious to see who is dating who, if that movie star and singer broke up and what rock singer has been arrested for drugs again.

Yet, when we sit and discuss the people that live down the street in the same manner as we read those publications, we are talking about people we see every day. People that teach us, preach to us, conduct business with us and are a part of our lives.

Nobody is perfect, not even close, but before opening our mouths, or posting on Facebook, stop and think about what your intention is for your words.

To those people who were maliciously gossiping, my heart goes out to you. I hope you realize that those words may come back to haunt you at some point.

Remember, never criticize another person, except to their own face with an intent to help. Criticism can never be "constructive" if expressed to anyone else.

You can also remember the old saying: "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all."

Instead of gossiping, why not use those words to help those who are spreading rumors.

There are times when people need to confide their own problems with a friend, but try to avoid revealing that information as gossip. Just remember, you could lose a friendship.

"A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret." - Proverbs 11:13.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She has to watch her words each week.

## Auctions, Not Elections

Like just about everything else in our society these days, our political machine is broken and our election process is in need of a complete overhaul. In the 2008 elections 5.3 BILLION dollars was spent on the Presidential and Congressional races alone and look at what we got for our money! Talk about buyer's remorse!

The problem is there are no longer two distinct parties in this country. There is only one: the money party. The politicians only listen to cash, not their constituents. With this in mind I propose that we do away with elections entirely and just sell the Presidency and seats in Congress to the highest bidders at auction.

We could get rid of all the middlemen so that all the cash would go directly to the politicians without being laundered through lobbyists. Granted, we'd probably end up with the same corrupt leaders, but it would be more transparent this way. Perhaps they could even wear the jerseys or uniforms of their benefactors to remind all of us who owns them.

If we sold Congressional seats like we sold cattle and had auctions instead of elections your favorite TV shows wouldn't get canceled because of lame debates and your phone wouldn't ring off the hook from telemarketers soliciting your vote. Look at all the money we'd save on ethics panels! The sale of the Presidency and every Congressional seat would all be on the same day so that incumbents wouldn't have to spend half the time we're paying



**IT'S THE PITTS**

LEE PITTS

them for back home campaigning. They could stay in Washington full time doing their jobs.

Okay, so maybe that's not such a great idea. Some might suggest that selling seats in Congress would be dishonest but isn't that what we do now? Besides, it's more of a lease rather than a purchase because alliances could change every four years depending on supply and demand.

Money talks and I can hear the auctioneer

now... "Welcome to the sale of the Presidency and Congress. Watch your step because, as you can see, we're holding the sale at a sale barn because they're used to cleaning up lots of manure.

Today we're proud to offer the most crooked and sleaziest candidates ever sold at public auction. Get out your checkbooks because past leaders have sold for more than anywhere in the world and the sale of the last President brought the highest price ever.

Our first lot is a Senate seat and our first politician is the incumbent who, for the past 36 years, has distinguished herself for her stupidity, arrogance, wealth and ineptness. She is a Democrat who attended Berkley, and obtained her law degree be-

fore joining the Peace Corps. Since then she has been a career politician, never having done an honest day's work in her life. Her many repeat buyers include environmental groups, trade unions and the American Bar Association. We're selling a full interest and past buyers agree that she has the highest integrity... once you buy her, she'll stay bought.

"Facing off against her is a blue blooded Republican with many career politicians in his pedigree. He started off poor, with only \$150 million, graduated from Harvard and goofed off on Wall Street before joining the family law firm. The family quickly saw his lack of potential and suggested he run for public office where he might help the family business instead of harming it. We're selling a full interest and a guarantee that the winning bidder will receive favorable legislation, kickbacks, government contracts, Presidential pardons and a willing servant who will tirelessly promote your agenda.

"Let's start the bidding at two million. Do I hear five? Yes, GM/Ford/Chrysler you are in, who'll give \$10 million? Thank you Archer/Exxon/Monsanto. Might I remind the big bankers in attendance today, you aren't going to acquire your very own lackey by sitting on your hands like you usually do. General Electric are you bidding or do you have an itch? You'd better be careful or you could scratch your nose and end up with a Congressman in your pocket."

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## Most big newspapers favor White, but pre-election polls favor Perry

AUSTIN — By Oct. 19 - the first day of early voting before the Nov. 2 general election - the editorial boards of 12 of the larger daily newspapers had endorsed Bill White, the former mayor of Houston and the Democratic candidate for governor.

And one editorial board, the Waco Tribune-Herald's, endorsed incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry.

But, by Oct. 29 - the last day of early voting - polls of likely voters showed Perry with a lead of around 10 percentage points.

Now, back to the newspapers. The 12 that endorsed White were listed as the Amarillo Globe-News, Austin American-Statesman, Beaumont Enterprise, The Bryan-College Station Eagle, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times and The Dallas Morning News.

Also, The Galveston County Daily News, Houston Chronicle, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, San Angelo Standard-Times, San Antonio Express-News, and Wichita Falls Times Record News.

A rundown of results in the major races will be in next week's column.

### STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

#### THOUSANDS ATTEND 'SANITY' EVENT

Between 5,000 and 6,000 people gathered on the Capitol grounds Oct. 30 for the Texas version of cable television "infotainment" czar Jon Stewart's "Rally for Sanity."

The event was in tandem with Stewart's national rally on the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C., which was attended by more than 250,000 people.

#### SOCIAL NETWORKING EXPANDS REACH

Back on May 11, the Senate Committee on State Affairs met and heard testimony on how advances in technology and the emergence of various forms of social media have affected communications by and within governmental bodies.

So, the use of social networking by governmental officials is on the table for the upcoming session of the Texas Legislature.

Now, here's a new twist. Recently, an incumbent running for reelection posted a negative

comment about his campaign opponent on the local government body's Facebook page.

The Texas Ethics Commission said the candidate's posting was not campaign speech. (The state Election Code addresses paid political advertising not social networking communications in campaigns for public office.)

Last April, Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion No. 491 said political advertising that appeared on a social networking site (like Facebook) requires a political advertising disclaimer statement that is linked to information about who paid for the advertisement.

If legislation addressing officials' use of social networking for routine communications is filed in the coming months, perhaps social networking's effects on campaign communications might also be addressed.

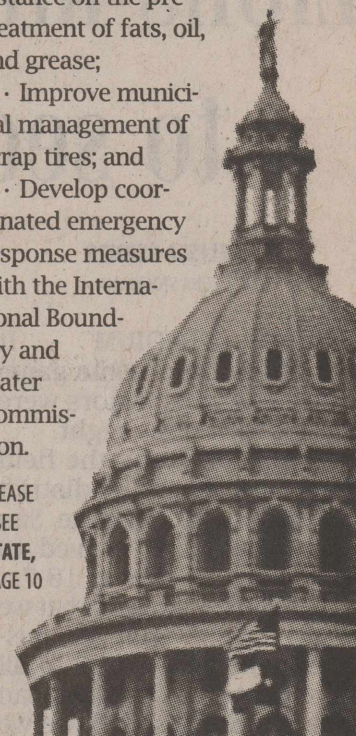
#### TCEQ-MEXICO BORDER PLAN IN PLACE

Did you know the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

has its own border initiative with Mexico? The initiative, created in 2008, aims to:

- Continue bi-national air quality monitoring in Ciudad Juárez;
- Develop a Lower Rio Grande water quality initiative;
- Provide technical assistance on the pre-treatment of fats, oil, and grease;
- Improve municipal management of scrap tires; and
- Develop coordinated emergency response measures with the International Boundary and Water Commission.

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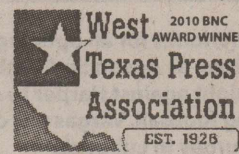
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# Local author dedicates first children's book to her father

*Book signing  
Tuesday  
at Small Fashions*

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Growing up, Kayla Davidson remembers spending her days with her dad working on the ranch.

Riding horses, feeding livestock, Davidson's memories of her late father are as vivid today as they were when she was a little girl. Those memories are the ones Davidson wanted to share with her two daughters, Mia and Avery.

What began as a simple story to share with her children, has evolved into Davidson's first children book "Daddy's Little Squirrel."

"My love for children's books made me want to write a children's book. As a child, my mom instilled the importance of reading to me at an early age. Instead of getting a toy when shopping, our treat entailed picking out book at the bookstore," Davidson said.

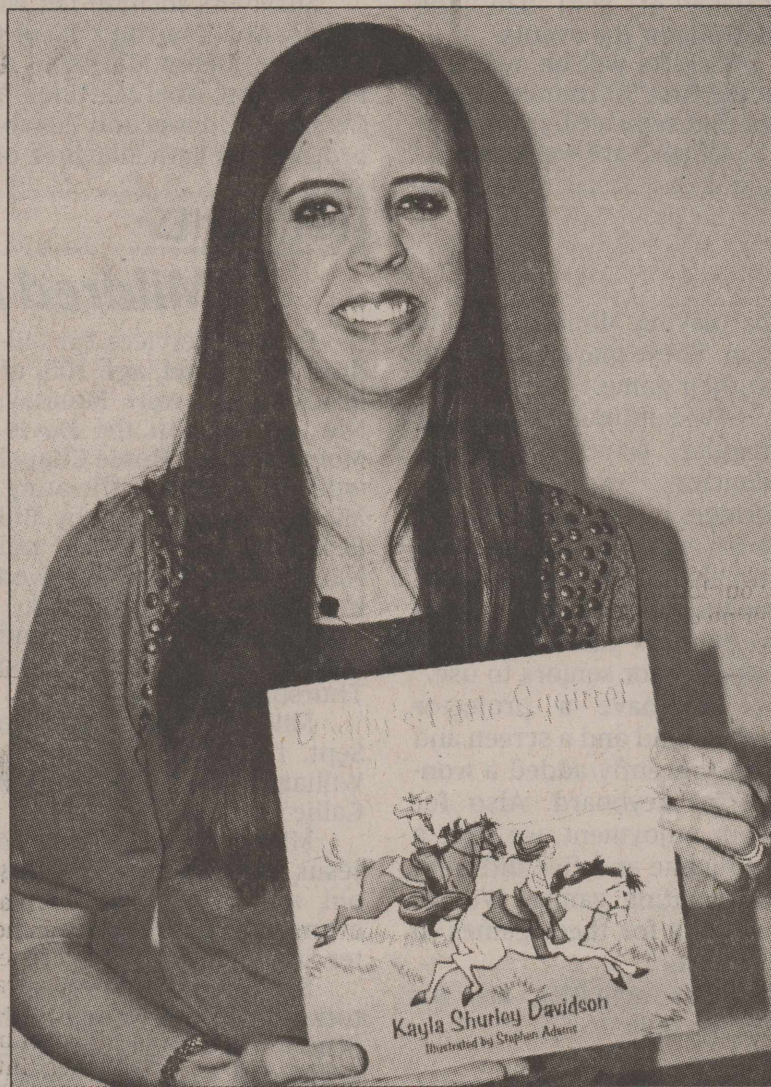
Davidson's mother is Mary Anne Deaton, a sixth grade teacher at Ozona Middle School.

For her first book, the story Davidson picked is based on her relationship with her late father, Scott Shurley. Shurley passed away when Davidson was 19.

"That was a life-changing experience for me, and I wanted my girls to know him," Davidson said. "People have told me 'I can see your dad' saying 'this' or 'I had no idea how close you were to your dad' whenever they read the book."

In the book, the main character, a little girl named Kallie, follows her dad as she helps him with every day ranch activities. The duo's adventures are never dull, and they are always made possible with the help of Kallie and her special memory rock.

Davidson said people have to read the book to see what happens when Kallie turns the table on her Dad and asks Dad to start remembering.



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LOCAL AUTHOR KAYLA DAVIDSON will sign copies of her new book "Daddy's Little Squirrel" Tuesday at Small Fashions.

"It's neat to see how the story turns. It's all about that special relationship between fathers and daughters," she said.

At first, Davidson said she wrote the story and thought about having it published just for her daughters, Mia, 4, and Avery, 2.

The idea of a children's book evolved due to the fact that there are very few stories about the West Texas culture, Davidson said.

It took Davidson around a year and a half to publish the book, which includes full color illustrations by Stephen Adams. Mia and Avery received the first two copies.

"Becoming published was a lot more involved than I thought. There's a lot you have to do yourself. I'm learning more every day," she said.

Davidson grew up in Sonora and Ozona and graduated from Ozona High School and Angelo State University. After marrying Travis Davidson, of Ozona, she taught third grade at Ozona

Intermediate School for one year before becoming a stay-at-home mom.

"If I were to say I collected one thing, I would say it was children's books. As a child I collected them for entertainment, in college and my early twenties, I collected them for my classroom, and now I collect them for my daughters," she said.

The public is invited to a book signing that will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, at Small Fashions & Gifts in Ozona where Davidson will be on hand with copies of "Daddy's Little Squirrel." Davidson also has a beginning website set up at <http://daddyslittlesquirrel.com> where people can buy the book online.

"I would like to give a special thanks to Andie Richardson, Amy Conner and Colbey Bunger for surprising me by setting up this book signing and Heather Claburn for letting us have the book signing at Small Fashions," Davidson said.

# Knights hosting follow up live auction Saturday

The Ozona Knights of Columbus will have a follow up Live Auction on Nov. 6 at 10 a.m.

The auction will be held at the former Ozona Intermediate School Building.

Auction items include folding tables, file cabinets, desk, bookshelves and much more.

Please mark your calendars and come out and take advantage of the auction.

So many good deals were made at the last auction and we are pretty sure the follow up auction will be the same.

# Ozona Athletic Booster Club drawing winners

The Ozona Athletic Booster Club would like to thank all the businesses that donated towards our Drawing and to The Ozona Stockman, KYXX Radio and Circle Bar Cable TV.

Also, we appreciate everyone that purchased a ticket. Ozona businesses and fans have always shown great support towards our athletes. Your contributions will certainly help us reach our goal for this year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Go Lions, with every step Lion Pride!

**12 - Stripes Certificates:** Joe S Moran, Amanda Jackson, Armando Arredondo, Tonya Bullard, Kyann Kothman, Randy Wilson, Gary Vannoy, Jesse Fierro, Antonio Vasquez, Brock Jones, Natalia Villarreal and Jerry Cantu

**Mi Taco Certificate - Eddie Vitela**

**Two Sets of Deerfest Tickets and two meals by Crockett County Deerfest Association - Monette Wilborn and Alex Trujillo**

**Certificate to the Holiday Inn Express: Manuel Flores**

**Two certificates Irma's Nail Salon - Sharon Martin and Richard Storms**

**3 In 1 Printer - Hillcrest Motor Inn - Monette Wilborn**  
**Gas Grill - Armando Arredondo**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Wednesday, Nov. 3

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

### Thursday, Nov. 4

- Third Grade Field Trip to Fiddlesticks Farms in Midland.
- OMS Lions vs. Harper, 5 p.m. at Harper.
- JV Lions vs. Harper, 5:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- Crockett County Care Center Health & Emergency Services Board of Directors, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

### Friday, Nov. 5

- End of the Second Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions vs. Harper, 7:30 p.m. at Harper.

### Saturday, Nov. 6

- OHS Lions Cross Country at the Region I Meet in Lubbock.
- Crockett County 4-H Food Show, 9 a.m. at the Civic Center.
- Knights of Columbus Follow Up Live Auction, 10 a.m. at the intermediate building.
- Funeral Pre-arrangement Event, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express in Ozona. Hosted by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

### Sunday, Nov. 7

- Daylight Savings Time Ends.

### Monday, Nov. 8

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lady Lions vs. Grape Creek, 4 p.m. at Grape Creek.
- OHS Lady Lions vs. Irion County, 5 p.m. at Mertzon.
- Athletic Booster Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

### Tuesday, Nov. 9

- OHS FFA at District in Wall.
- Book Signing with Kayla S. Davidson and her book "Daddy's Little Squirrel," 5-7 p.m. at Small Fashions & Gifts.

### Wednesday, Nov. 10

- CCCCD Board of Trustees called meeting, 8 a.m. at the Administration Building.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Dominoes, 1:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Please join us for a book signing with

*Kayla S. Davidson*

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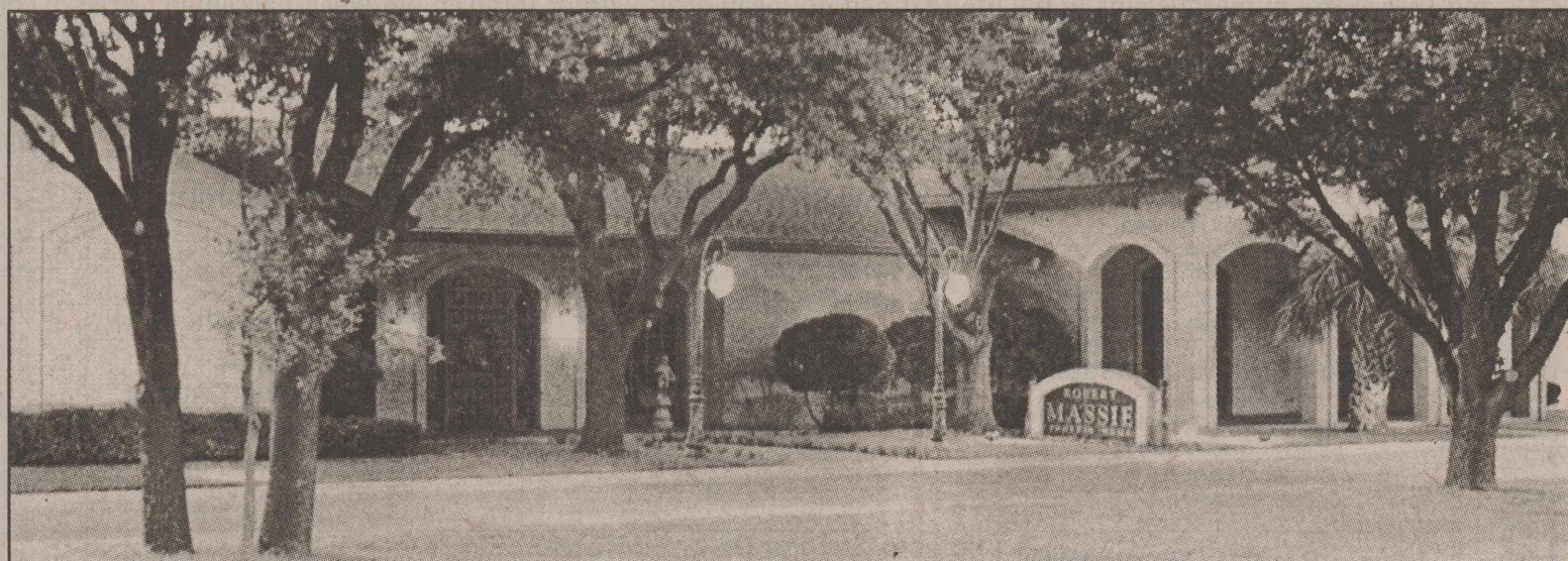
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# Second Annual Get Healthy Gallop and Wellness Walk Nov. 20

The Second Annual Get Healthy Gallop and Wellness Walk 5K and 1 Mile Courses will be held at 9 a.m. Nov. 20 at the town square.

Cost is \$15 for the 5K and \$10 for the 1 Mile. Proceeds benefit the Crockett County Wellness Center.

Participants may also register at 8:30 a.m. the morning of the events.

T-shirts will be available to the first 500 runners/walkers that register by Nov. 12. All ages are welcome.

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## OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

October, including Halloween, now lies in memory good or bad. This year is going so rapidly.

Lupe Gomez came to lunch last week showing a baseball signed by Nolan Ryan. It seems she was given the ball by Nolan Ryan himself when she was working 25 years ago. We thank you Lupe for letting us all see the baseball if only for a brief while.

Diane Phillips visited the Senior Center last week. She had recently returned from a trip to Russia.

On Thursday, Diane showed a group of us pic-

tures that she had taken on her trip on our large screen. The pictures were so beautiful. We were all grateful to Diane for sharing them with us.

Diane plans to return to Ozona in February with pictures of her trip to India. I hope many of you will come out to see them.

Our Halloween Senior Bingo Social was really good. One couple came in costume and won a prize of one pumpkin each. The mystery couple was none other than Rosa and Mingo Leal.

Any of you who would like to play dominoes are welcome to come and play any morning or afternoon that you would like to play.

The bridge ladies will

be playing Monday at 1:30 p.m. These players have fun at their game.

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

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

Our activities are for adults only.

## West Texas Rehab clay shoot Nov. 13

The fourth annual Frank Caraway Sporting Clays Classic benefiting West Texas Rehab Center will be held Nov. 13 at the San Angelo Claybird Association.

Entry fee \$175. The fee includes 100 targets per shooter, lunch, random drawing for a Benelli Vinci 12-gauge shotgun or \$800 cash; \$600 gift certificates to the Outdoorsman in San Angelo or \$500 cash, plaque for the top scorer for each rotation and a gift for each shooter from the

Rehab Center.

There will be two rotations - 8:30 a.m. and noon. The event will also feature shooting games and a silent and fast-paced live auction.

Entry forms can be picked up at the West Texas Rehab in San Angelo or at www.rehabclayshoot.com.

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## DEATH NOTICES

### Abel Martinez III

Abel Lara Martinez III died Nov. 1, 2010 in San Angelo. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010 at Templo Siloe Assembly of God with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Norma Martinez of Ozona, father, Abel Martinez Jr. of Ozona; three daughters Nichol Martinez, Debra Martinez and Naomi Martinez all of Ozona; one son, Abel Martinez IV of Ozona; two sisters, Betina Ortega of Odessa and Elizabeth Martinez of Ozona and one brother, Joe Lara Martinez of Monahans.

## OBITUARIES

### Mildred Allie Bond

Funeral services for Mildred Allie Bond, age 100, of Brookesmith, were Monday, Nov. 1, 2010 in the Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel with Bill Wells officiating. Music was provided by Bill Fishback, James Ervin and Nancy Ervin. Burial followed in Eastlawn Memorial Park.

Mildred Allie Bond joined the Lord in Heaven on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010.

Mildred was born on Sept. 19, 1910, in Ozona to William Lively Miller and Callie Claire Dunlap Miller.

Mildred put her faith in Jesus when she was 9 years old and was baptized by evangelist E.J. Pond on Easter Sunday. She graduated Valedictorian from the Ozona High School in 1928. Mildred graduated from San Angelo State University in its second year as a Junior College. She also graduated from beauty school. Mildred married M.D. Crowder on Oct. 3, 1930 in Ozona, Texas. They had one son, Billy Morris Crowder. M.D. Crowder passed away on Feb. 29, 1936. Mildred married James Henry Bond on Jan. 21, 1937, in Snyder, Texas. They had two sons, James Howard Bond and Eddie Jack Bond. She lived in Snyder, San Angelo and on the Lazy B Ranch at Winchell, Texas.

In her youth she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Ozona and later, Park Heights Baptist Church in San Angelo. Mildred and Jack bought a ranch in Brown County on the Colorado River and moved their church memberships to Brookesmith Baptist Church. She taught the adult women's Sunday School class for 30 years.

Mildred is survived by her sons, Billy Morris Crowder and wife, Sharon of Brookesmith; James Howard Bond and wife, Margaret of Boerne; and Eddie Jack Bond and wife, Betty of Brookesmith.

Her grandchildren are Mark Crowder of Brownwood; Judy Crowder Parker of Lubbock; Deborah Crowder Russell of Allen; Robin Bond Ramsey of Boerne; Craig Bond of Thompson's Sta-



tion, Tennessee; Kristin Bond Bain of Brownwood and William Bond of San Angelo. Mildred's great-grandchildren are Callie Ramsey, Luke Ramsey, Seth Ramsey, Annie Ramsey, Brandon Crowder, Stephen Crowder, Sarah Crowder, Lindsey Parker, Lauren Parker, Travis Parker, Evan Barger, Will Russell, and Matt Russell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Henry Bond; three sisters; Erma Vee Miller, Vivian Eunice Miller Akins and Dorothy May Miller Cates and one brother, William Morris Miller.

Mildred was a caring and generous person and she will be dearly missed by all her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Salvation Army of Brownwood, 405 Lakeway, Brownwood Texas 76801, Good Samaritan Ministries of Brownwood, PO Box 1136 Brownwood, Texas 76804-1136, or to the American Heart Assn.

Condolences can be offered to the family at www.davismorrisfuneralhome.com.

## VISITING THE LOCAL JUDGE

Several years ago I went by our local judge's office to visit and when I arrived the judge was in despair because the computer with all their records had crashed. I asked the judge if I could look at it so I took it apart and found the problem and got it working; somewhat. The judge was excited and wanted me to backup all the files we could because their backup had failed. That event reminded me of something in the Bible. There are books of records in heaven and everything we have ever done is recorded there, (Revelation 20:12-15). The judge said, "let's look at your records" and we typed in my name. To my surprise it went back years and yes, there were some offenses, (minor traffic) but the fines had been paid or taken care of. That reminded of my life before I accepted Christ and there were numerous sins in my life that had not been dealt with or forgiven but when I accepted Christ, I acknowledged or confessed them and asked Christ to forgive them, (1 John 1:8-10, 2:12, Romans 4:7). As the judge looked at the more recent years there were no offenses. The judge said, "You are in good standing with this court and you are free to come and go as you please" (Galatians 5:1). Where or how do we really stand before God? See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b> 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. Wed. Worship - 5 p.m.-Meal, 5:30 p.m.-Study</p>
<p><b>Templo Bautista Jerusalem</b> 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><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b> 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church</b> 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan &amp; Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat &amp; 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><b>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia</b> 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 219 Martinez St. Fr. Felix Okeke Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</b></p>	
<p><b>New Beginnings Church</b> 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Apostolic Church</b> 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> 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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## Pandale Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 11

The annual Thanksgiving dinner in Pandale will be held at noon Nov. 11 at the Pandale Community Center (old school house).

Bring a covered dish or dessert. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**The Ozona Military Support Group**  
is conducting the annual  
**"Christmas Goodies for Our Troops" Drive!**  
Boxes will be placed at Dollar General, Duckwalls, Super S Foods and the Courthouse Annex.  
Any and all donations are appreciated.  
Items may include: beef jerky, flower seeds, gum, candy, packaged cookies, crackers, Chex Mix, nuts, books & magazines (sports, games, puzzles, etc...), individual powder drink mixes, individual size puddings, Jello, fruit cups, packaged dry fruit, pretzels, letter stationary, envelopes, stamps, socks, disposable razors, hometown items (T-shirts, beanies, caps etc...)  
Monetary donations to help with shipping can be made at Crockett National Bank.  
Addresses for troops can be taken to Sylvia Lara (226-2944) or Michelle Medley at the Courthouse Annex or Melissa Ybarra (226-3894)  
Last day for donations will be Tuesday, Nov. 30.





MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**A VEHICLE ACCIDENT** at Crockett National Bank on Oct. 29 knocked out part of the bank's entrance and patio. Fortunately, nobody was injured including the driver of the vehicle. Ozona Volunteer Firefighters, Crockett County Sheriff's Office, Crockett County EMS and Texas Department of Public Safety all responded.

### Commissioners, health board discuss rental agreement with Shannon

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Discussion over a rental agreement with Shannon Medical Center took place at an Oct. 28 called meeting between the Crockett County Commissioners and the Crockett County Care Center Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors. The group met because they thought an agreement would be ready to vote on for approval. However, negotiations with Shannon are continuing.

Last month, the health board and commissioners agreed to pay Shannon \$500,000 for the last quarter of 2010 and the first three

quarters of 2011, saving county taxpayers \$250,000.

County Auditor Sandy Stokes said Shannon only required \$451,884, making the total to \$253,590.

The rent that the county and Shannon are still negotiating, is expected to make up the difference and get the total to \$250,000 or more. That money will be put into a fund to be used for the Family Health Center of Ozona or for other health and emergency related items.

"We just want to be sure when the time comes we've got the money. We don't want the residents in our county or someone in the ambulance to suffer," said Mack Richie, health board member.

County Judge Fred Deaton said for the county to have rental property, they must go through the same procedures as if they were buying property, which includes advertising a notice in the newspaper.

The agreement is expected to be ready by the Dec. 13 regular meeting.

Also at the called meeting, the commissioners approved to change to Ameritas for dental and vision insurance with Ameritas' three-way rate structure. Enrollment begins this week for county employees.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 8, at the courthouse annex.

## Iraan-Sheffield ISD appeal granted by TEA

SUBMITTED BY IRAAN-SHEFFIELD ISD  
IRAAN, TEXAS

The Texas Education Agency recently granted an appeal filed by the Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District changing the district's rating to exemplary after an initial rating of academically unacceptable.

The original rating was based on the district's alternative residential campus in Sheffield.

Although all other ISID campuses including the elementary, junior high and high school were rated exemplary or recognized, a problem with the completion rate at the Sheffield campus caused the entire district to receive the unacceptable rating.

Superintendent Kevin Allen filed an appeal as soon as the initial ratings were released.

"I knew the initial unfavorable rating was based on the inclusion of data from the Sheffield campus. Because that campus is a residential facility, their data should not have been combined with the rest of the ISID campuses," Allen said. "I knew if TEA would look at what ISID is doing to help troubled youth, then the appeal would be granted."

The Sheffield campus is a part of the Texas National Guard Youth Challenge Program designed to help the state tackle the growing problem of educating at-risk students.

Students enrolled at the

Sheffield campus have either dropped out or were in danger of dropping out of another high school.

Many have also been in trouble with law enforcement, but the program is entirely voluntary and the student may return home at any time.

Students are selected by the National Guard from all over the state and want to enter the five month program as a way to turn their lives around.

Iraan-Sheffield ISD operates the educational component of the program where students work to recover

credits, pass the TAKS, and graduate from high school and/or pass the GED.

After TEA granted the district's appeal based on the alternative campus and residential status of the students, the district received an exemplary rating which is the highest rating given to districts.

"TEA responded appropriately to our appeal, and they understand Iraan-Sheffield ISD should not be penalized for attempting to find a solution to the growing crisis of dropouts and at-risk students in the state of Texas," Allen said.

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### Ozona schools, local group hosts Veterans Day events

In honor of Veterans Day, Ozona Elementary School is inviting all area Veterans and their families to attend a coffee reception at 10:30 a.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

Then at 11 a.m., a Veterans Day Program will be held in the elementary gymnasium.

"The public is encouraged to attend so that we may honor our military personnel on this special day," said Elementary Principal Amanda Jackson.

Ozona Middle School will serve lunch to Veterans and spouses from noon-1 p.m. also on Thursday, Nov. 11, at the OMS Library.

The school is asking for those who will be eating, to RSVP by calling 392-5722.

OMS students will be serving the lunch.

Ozona High School will host a student awareness assembly at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the OHS Auditorium.

The annual Veterans Day Appreciation Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Civic Center.

"We welcome all our Veterans, their spouse and families to come join us as we take the time on this special day to honor all of our Veterans," said Coordinator Frank

Tambunga.

The dinner is free to all Veterans and spouse. All other guests, cost is a \$5 donation.

"Even though we will have our appreciation meal on Thursday afternoon, we encourage everyone to take the time wherever you are at, especially our young students and their teachers in school, to take the time to pause on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. from whatever you are doing and remember all those Veterans that are among us that served our country. Our Fallen Heroes and always remember those that are still currently in arms way," Tambunga said.

Tambunga is also collecting names, branch of service, phone numbers

and name of parents for anyone that has joined the Armed Services and does not have a banner on display in town.

Orders will be placed on Nov. 15 for more banners. Deadline to turn in names is Nov. 12.

Anyone interested in donating to help purchase the banners can do so through the Crockett County Veterans account at the Ozona National Bank.

All flags, and possibly banners, will be removed on Nov. 20 due to the holiday decorations, at 10 a.m.

Anyone interested in assisting with the removal of flags can meet at the Gazebo at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Tambunga at 392-2827.

#### Card of Thanks

Chayo and Jesusita Flores express their utmost appreciation for all prayers, phone calls, visits, food and cards received since his diagnosis.

Thank you for your compassion as it gives us strength, courage and love. May the Lord enrich your lives for your kindness.

#### Card of Thanks

The Jesusa M. Dominguez family would like to extend its deepest gratitude to each and everyone of you for taking time out of your day to accompany us in our time of sorrow. We thank all who assisted with medical care, kept us in your prayers, sent flowers and food, and have called and visited us. We truly appreciate all of your kindness.

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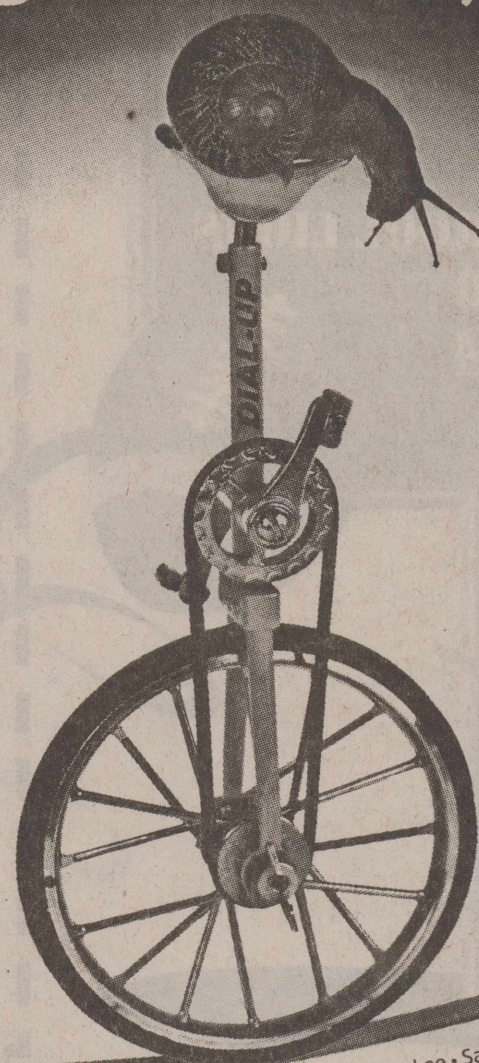
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would be minus 7 putting the 'Dillos at third.

If Harper wins, the Longhorns would be the third place team, with San Saba second and Sonora first provided that the 'Dillos and Broncos also win.

Brown said Ozona could still be the first place team with a win over Harper and a San Saba loss to Junction, since the Lions have the head-to-head over Sonora.

"The bottom line is - we win, we're in," Brown said.

The game against San Saba would be a defensive battle in the first half. The only first half score came late as San Saba's Diego Gonzales booted a 40-yard

field goal to give the Armadillos a 3-0 advantage heading into the half.

Ozona would take the lead in the third quarter as Kyle Dean zigged and zagged past the 'Dillos and sprinted into the end zone for a 75-yard touchdown. Nathan De Hoyos' extra-point kick would be good putting Ozona up 7-3.

However, the 'Dillos would answer and regained the advantage with a 4-yard touchdown run by Jack Whitten late in the fourth quarter.

The Lions had one final drive, but a failed fourth down conversion turned the ball over to the Armadillos, who were able to run out the final minutes of the game.

"I'm disappointed for the kids, but we will make a quick recovery and be ready to go Friday," Brown said.

Ozona is now 6-3 overall and 3-1 in district play. Ozona takes on Harper at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Harper.

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Coleman	0
Sonora	38
Harper	29
Stanton	42
Forsan	20
Wall	41
Grape Creek	12
Eldorado	49
Reagan Co.	0
Goldthwaite	42
Mason	7
McCamey	28
Marfa	10
Van Horn	55
Wink	17

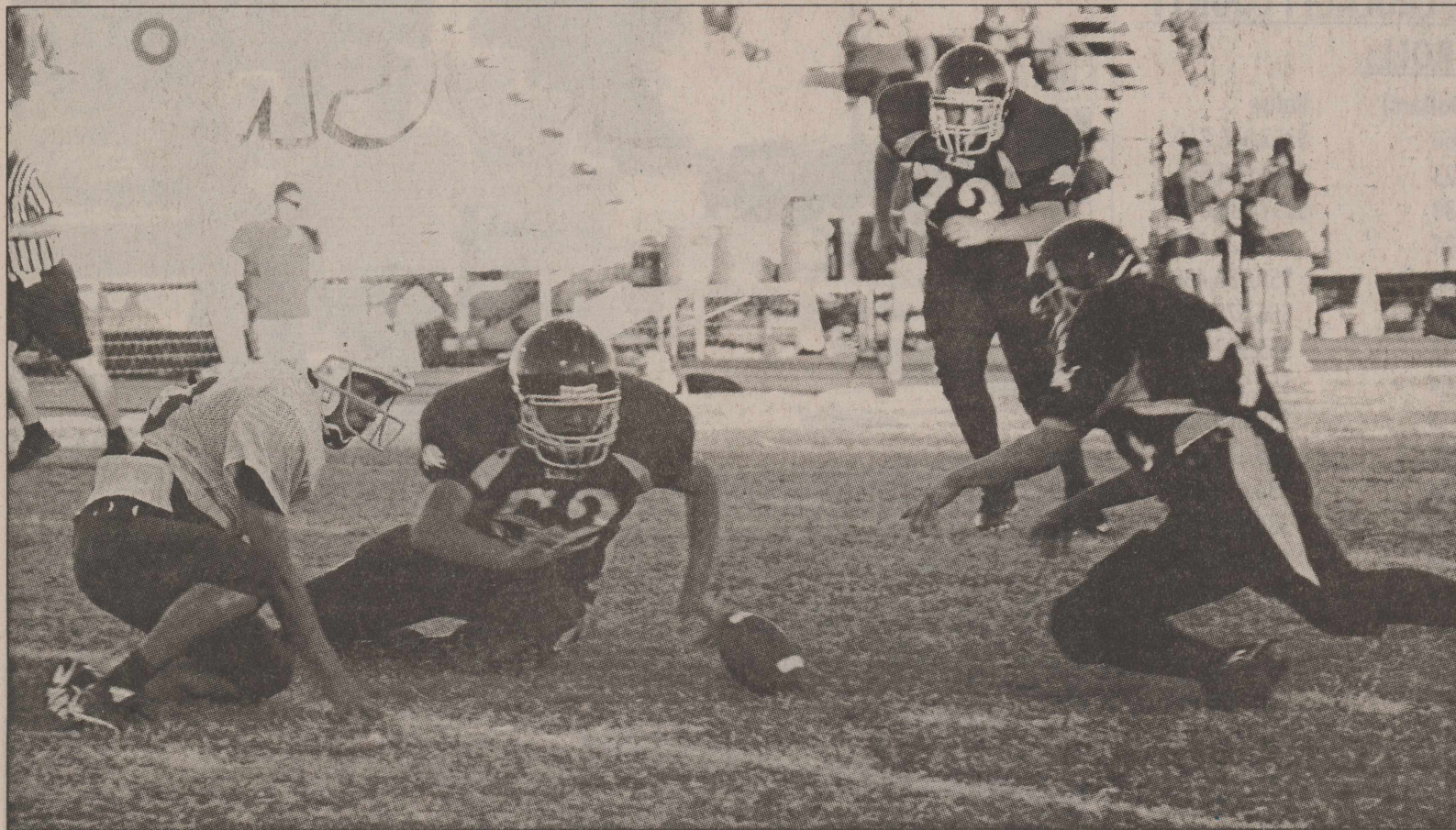


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OHS SENIOR BAND STUDENTS HONORED AT THE PEP RALLY ARE: (front, l. to r.) Joe Borrego, Jill Marquez, Jadyn Poindexter, Roxanne Talamantex and Leandra Hernandez. Back: Duncan Knox, Jayce Logan and Tyler Vitela.

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#52 FERNANDO SIFUENTEZ (l.) CAUSED A FUMBLE THAT WAS RECOVERED BY JUSTIN MARTINEZ (r.) in the eighth grade Lions 28-0 shutout of the San Saba Armadillos on Oct. 28 in Lion Stadium. #72 Zack Taylor moves in to assist on the play.

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## Seventh Grade Lions perfect against San Saba

The Ozona Seventh Grade Lions hosted the San Saba dillos last Thursday night and defeated the Dillos by a score of 28-0.

In first quarter action, neither team was able to put points on the scoreboard.

However, Ozona's Kalen Perez broke loose to put the Lions ahead 6-0. The two-point conversion failed

making the halftime score 6-0 in favor of Ozona.

San Saba kicked off to start the second half and John Gomez returned the kickoff 65 yards. The two-point conversion was good, making the score 14-0.

John Gomez would score his second touchdown of the night when in the third quarter and Bryce

Martin ran in the two-point conversion to make the score 22-0.

Bryce would score again on a 60-yard run to make the final score read: Lions 28-0.

The Seventh Grade Football Team improved their season record to 4-3.

The Lions will be closing out their season at Harper at 5 p.m. Nov. 4.



SEVENTH GRADE QUARTERBACK BRYCE MARTIN MAKES GOOD YARDAGE FOR THE LIONS IN THEIR 28-0 WIN over San Saba.

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EIGHTH GRADE QUARTERBACK JAYTON RODRIGUEZ (l.) MAKES A PITCH BACK AS #82 BRYCE GUTIERREZ, #70 Jon-Luke Rodriguez and #65 Josh Porras hold the line against the San Saba Armadillos.

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## Eighth Grade Lions shutout 'Dillos

The Eighth Grade Lions shutout the San Saba Armadillos, 28-0, last week.

The Lions would start off with a great special teams play when Dylan Perez would recover the opening kick off and the Lions would start their first drive on San Saba's 40-yardline.

Quarterback Jayton Rodriguez would run down the sideline for the touchdown. Rodriguez would also add the two-point conversion.

The Lions would have a great defensive stand that would end when Justin Martinez would recover a fumble caused by Fernando Sifunetes and give the Lions the ball again inside the Armadillo's 45.

The offense would go back to work and this time it would be Dylan Perez finding the end zone after a 27-yard run. Chase De Hoyos would add the extra-point.

The Lions would force

San Saba to punt and the defense would again come up big by getting to the punter and giving the Lions the ball inside San Saba's 30-yardline.

Daniel Lombrana would rumble his way into the end zone for a 28-yard touchdown.

The Lions would score one more time when Jayton Rodriguez would again go down the sideline this time for a 45-yard touchdown behind a key block from Richard Gomez and Chase De Hoyos would again nail the extra-point.

"This was a great team win with everyone contributing in some way. We did a great job on defense and flew to the ball and caused some turnovers, offensively we controlled the line of scrimmage and did a great job of following our lead blocks. A great way for us to end our last home game," Esparza said.

## Youth Center Calendar of Events

**Nov. 5**  
Closed for football game

**Nov. 11**  
Closed for Veteran's Day

## Youth Football Banquet Nov. 16 at Civic Center

The Annual Youth Football Banquet will be held at the Crockett County Civic Center on Tuesday, Nov. 16th at 6:00 p.m. The meal will cost \$5:00 per plate and the public is invited. Coaches, football players, and cheerleaders eat free. For more information contact Lalo Rodriguez at 325-226-0186, Jerold Savala at 325-716-0256 or Michael Ybarra 325-226-2450.

We want to give a Big Thank you to the following Ozona Youth Football Program 2010 Sponsors: Preddy's Tire Service, Nalco Company, Triple C Hardware, Champion Technologies, Lilly Construction, Mike's Auto Care, Ozona National Bank, Weatherford Fishing & Rental, Sorrelley's Hot Shot Service, Production Specialty, IPS and Oilfield Fishing & Rental

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vault pit ranged from \$145,650 to \$170,678. An additional \$113,220 to \$155,000 could also be added on if the asphalt base needs replacement, which will not be known until the track surface is removed.

Current funding for this expense would come out of the district's \$4.5 million fund balance, an account that the majority of the board did not want to dip into.

"My opinion is we need to patch that thing and then budget for it," said Board President Dr. Marcus Sims. "I would like to make it a very nice, first-rate track but I think we need to put it in the budget. I'm opposed to using any fund balance. I'm also concerned about the students' safety as well. I think we are going to have to take care of it and budget \$250,000 at least."

Athletic Director Ray Brown said the district cannot host a meet on the track the way it is right now, but that the track can be used for practice.

"When we do it obviously up to you guys," Brown said. "It depends on how much you want to spend in the future."

Brown said the ideal would be to expand the track to eight lanes, which is what most schools that host district meets use. Also, eight lanes is also used at the regional meet.

Board member Tom Anderson said the board could possibly group the track in with improvements to the stadium and the repaving of the home parking lot for the high school band.

Superintendent Chris duBois also said if the district's is able to find the money in the budget to do this next, it wouldn't be done until after the 2011 football season.

"We have a lot of options to look at. Eventually, it's going to get done," duBois said. "We have physical needs that we are going to have to deal with at some point. This board decides what and how and when, but there is a lot we haven't explored. We want to take care of our kids and we want safe facilities, but we are not going to have a fund balance to do big projects for the next several years."

**DELIQUENT TAXES**

Crockett County Tax Assessor-Collector Rhonda Shaw gave a presentation to the board about the county's delinquent taxes.

"As of right now probably everybody in this room doesn't owe any delinquent taxes and nobody running for school board has any delinquent taxes," Shaw said during her presentation.

County and school property taxes are due by Jan. 1. Anyone who hasn't paid their taxes by then, a property tax lien immediately goes on any and every property, according to the law.

Shaw said the only lien that supersedes the property tax lien is the IRS.

From Sept. 1, 2009 to Aug. 31, 2010, \$173,643.23 was still due on the delinquent tax roll for the school. Property taxes on real property after 20 years are uncollectable, and on personal property it is after 10 years unless a suit is already pending against them, Shaw said.

On July 1, the delin-

**2010 TOP TAXPAYERS ON CROCKETT COUNTY**

**MINERAL ROLL:**

	Levy (Tax Dollars)	Value
Occidental Permian Ltd	\$6,585,255.66	\$352,326,810
Anadarko E&P Co. LP	\$3,810,301.23	\$214,636,850
Approach Operating LLC	\$2,641,273.30	\$151,934,010
EOG Resources Inc.	\$1,499,518.21	\$86,823,000
Chevron USA Inc.	\$1,409,089.66	\$59,784,480
University of Texas (PUF)	\$289,340.65	\$56,575,340
Thompson, J. Cleo (WI)	\$1,101,301.13	\$55,902,060
FIML Natural Resources LLC	\$934,046.64	\$50,928,700
O'Ryan Oil & Gas	\$656,813.15	\$35,648,350
Devon Energy*	\$1,020,672.60	\$35,107,560
Harrison Int. Ltd WI	\$653,527.34	\$34,446,340
DCP Midstream (PL)	\$1,041,623.21	\$30,979,080
Shannon West TX Mem. Hos.	\$476,825.24	\$25,469,920
Encore Energy Ptnrs Oper LLC	\$521,282.28	\$22,956,580
MLC Operating LP	\$374,108.63	\$20,571,750
Devon Energy	*see above	\$19,888,190
Chesapeake Operating	\$401,998.73	\$19,219,490
Highmount E&P Tx LLC	\$415,153.91	\$19,207,130
Pioneer Natural Res. USA Inc WI	\$330,296.85	\$18,729,170
AEP Texas North Co.	\$258,482.86	\$18,486,260

TOTAL: \$24,420,911.28 (64 percent of county tax roll)

- Source: Crockett County Tax Office

quent tax roll is turned over to the law firm used by the county. The entire county and school delinquent tax roll is more than 300 pages, Shaw said.

Shaw also said she has a 99.4 percent collection rate from 2009 and prior on delinquent taxes.

"I can also go in and seize someone's mineral and royalty payments," Shaw said. "I'll take payments. I'll work with anybody."

The 2010 taxes for the school district that have been paid so far are \$716,000 for maintenance and operation and \$152,000 for interest and sinking. That is \$40,000 more than was collected this time last year, Shaw said.

Also in her presentation, Shaw presented the top 19 taxpayers in the county. The majority of the businesses listed dealt with the oil and gas industry. The amount collected by these companies totals around \$24.42 million, which is 64 percent of the county's \$39.6 million total tax collection.

Shaw said Crockett County has more than \$2 million in oil and gas property.

"We don't have to fight for value to our local people because we have such a tax base," she said.

Shaw also said appraisals are done on county property every three years. Starting this month the re-appraising of the town of Ozona will begin.

Three representatives of the school board serve on the county tax board. By law, a person can't be on the county tax board if they have delinquent taxes.

All of the information Shaw presented is public record and available at the Crockett County Tax Office at the courthouse annex.

**FIRST HEARING**

During the public hearing on the district's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas report. The report is presented annually.

CCCCSD received an overall rating of above standard achievements, which is not where duBois said he wanted the district.

duBois said he hopes the district will receive the higher rating of superior next year, after some things are worked on to achieve

this. Out of the series of 22 indicators that the district was measured on, CCCCCSD received low ratings on three. Of the three, two deal with the student-teacher and the staff-student ratios.

CCCCSD has 9.5 students to every one teacher. Texas Education Agency states that the standard needs to be between 10-22.

The district has 5.8 staff for every 14 students. TEA states the ration needs to be 4.64.

"TEA considers us over-staffed. We're managing it. Overall, we are in good shape and the State of Texas is happy with us," duBois said.

**ENROLLMENT**

In his report, duBois presented enrollment numbers for the district, which are up from this time last year.

- Elementary - 404
- OMS - 159
- OHS - 195
- District Total - 758

**OTHER ITMES:**

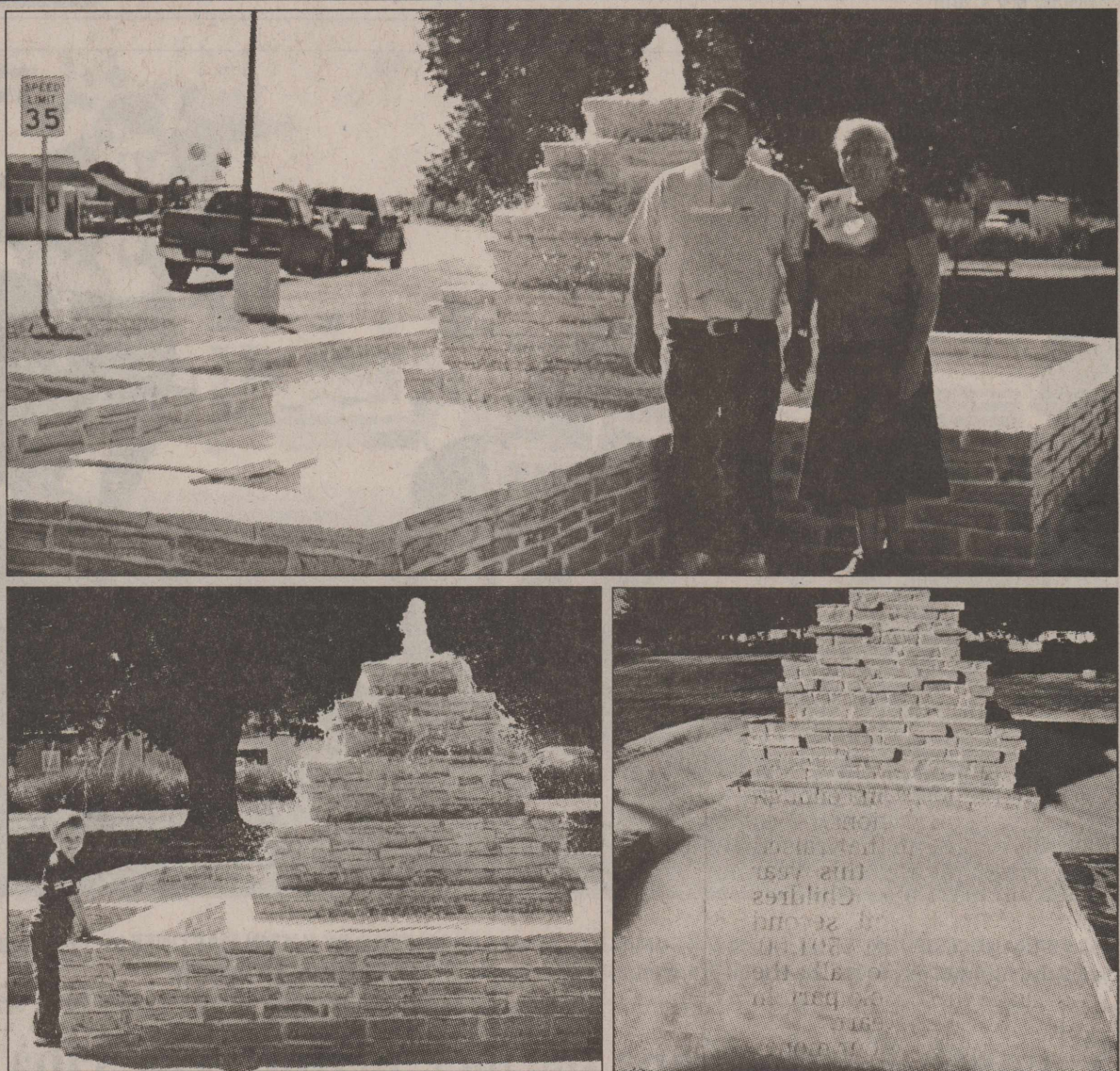
The district received a \$4,170 incentive from AEP Texas for the new elementary school being an energy efficient building.

The board approved a \$12,000 budget amendment to finish the furniture plan at Ozona Elementary School.

The board approved the following people to the School Health Advisory Council for 2010-2011 Millie Grannis, Shawna Hopper, Ana Knaack, Sharon Martin, Diana Mata, Laura Reyes and Lisa Venegas.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

The board will meet at 8 a.m. Nov. 10 to canvass the district school board election. The regular meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 17. Both meetings will be at the Administration Building.



THE NEW FOUNTAIN in the Triangle Park was officially turned on last Friday. TOP PHOTO: Maria A. and Claro Quiroz, who worked on the rock work for the fountain, stand by their project. BOTTOM LEFT: Seth Childress smiles by the new fountain, which was a joint project between Crockett County and the Ozona Garden Club. BOTTOM RIGHT: However, it didn't long before bubbles started coming out of the new fountain as a part of a Halloween prank Sunday night. Crockett County officials have filed a report with the sheriff's office.

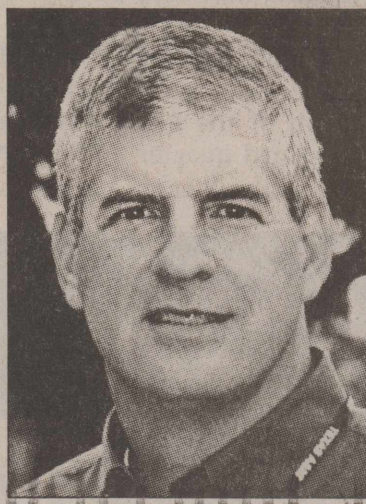
**TxDOT San Angelo District announces new district engineer**

BY KAREN A. THRELKELD  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Texas Department of Transportation is pleased to announce the appointment of John Obr, P.E., as the new District Engineer for the San Angelo District, effective Nov. 1.

John, a 23-year TxDOT veteran, most recently served as the Director of Construction for the Beaumont District. He replaces Walter G. McCullough, P.E. who retired in August after 39 years with the agency.

John began his career with the department in 1987 in the Waco District as a summer hire in the district bridge office. In January 1988 he was hired as a full time engineering assistant in the Waco District and



spent the next five years in the Waco Area Office involved in both design and construction.

Upon receiving his professional engineer license in 1993, John briefly worked in the district advance plan-

ning section before serving as the Belton Assistant Area Engineer and then Gatesville Area Engineer. In 1999, he was tasked with the start-up of the Waco I-35 Project Office before returning to Belton in 2003 as the Area Engineer for the Belton office.

John is a past president of the Central Texas Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He was very involved with the communities in Bell County and is a member of the Temple Business League.

A Waco area native, he earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University in 1987. John and his wife, Bridgette, have 5 children, Courteney, Cameron, Britany, Zachary and Connor.

**ASU Teacher Education Department adds master's programs**

BY ROY IVIE  
ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

Angelo State University's Department of Teacher Education is offering two new graduate degree programs for elementary and special education teachers, and others interested in teaching.

The master's degree in special education includes local certificates in dyslexia and behavior management that may also be beneficial in fields outside of education. The master's degree in professional education offers an advanced degree for current elementary teachers and an optional route to certification for bachelor's degree holders who wish to

teach in early childhood to sixth grade.

The new programs include course work to meet the needs of practicing teachers who wish to extend their skills and knowledge. Both programs are offered through Web-blended courses with online activities and occasional face-to-face meetings, as well as some fully online Web-based courses.

Each degree requires 36 semester credit hours (SCH), including nine SCH of core coursework, 15 SCH in elementary or special education and 12 SCH in an individually selected area of study. During fall and spring semesters, Web-blended courses will be con-

ducted only on Saturdays. Summer sessions will utilize the Web-blended format with occasional meetings on weekdays.

The ASU graduate school application and admission requirements may be found at [www.angelo.edu/dept/grad\\_school/](http://www.angelo.edu/dept/grad_school/)

For more information on the master's in special education, contact Dr. Richard Evans at (325) 942-2052, ext. 377, or [Richard.Evans@angelo.edu](mailto:Richard.Evans@angelo.edu).

For information on the master's in professional education, contact Dr. Donna Gee at (325) 942-2052, ext. 480, or [Donna.Gee@angelo.edu](mailto:Donna.Gee@angelo.edu).

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# Elementary students Jump Rope for Heart

BY DAVID PORTER  
OZONA ELEMENTARY PE TEACHER

Ozona Elementary School held its 26th annual Jump Rope for Heart event on Oct. 26.

Because of the students hard work and the generosity of the citizens of Ozona the event was a huge success.

Each year Ozona Elementary participates in the American Heart Association fund raising event (Jump Rope for Heart).

The money raised is used for research to combat HEART DISEASE and STROKE which are the #1 and #3 leading killers of Americans.

This was a super year for the event in Ozona. Our students raised over \$8,100 this year.

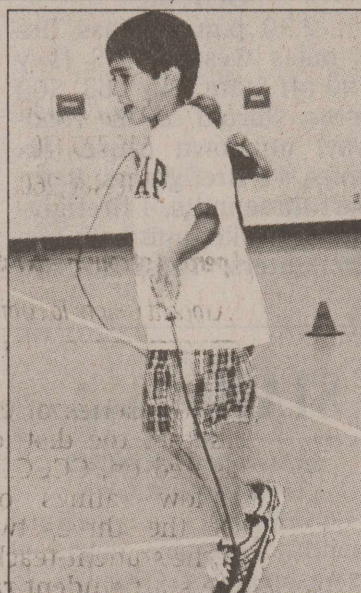
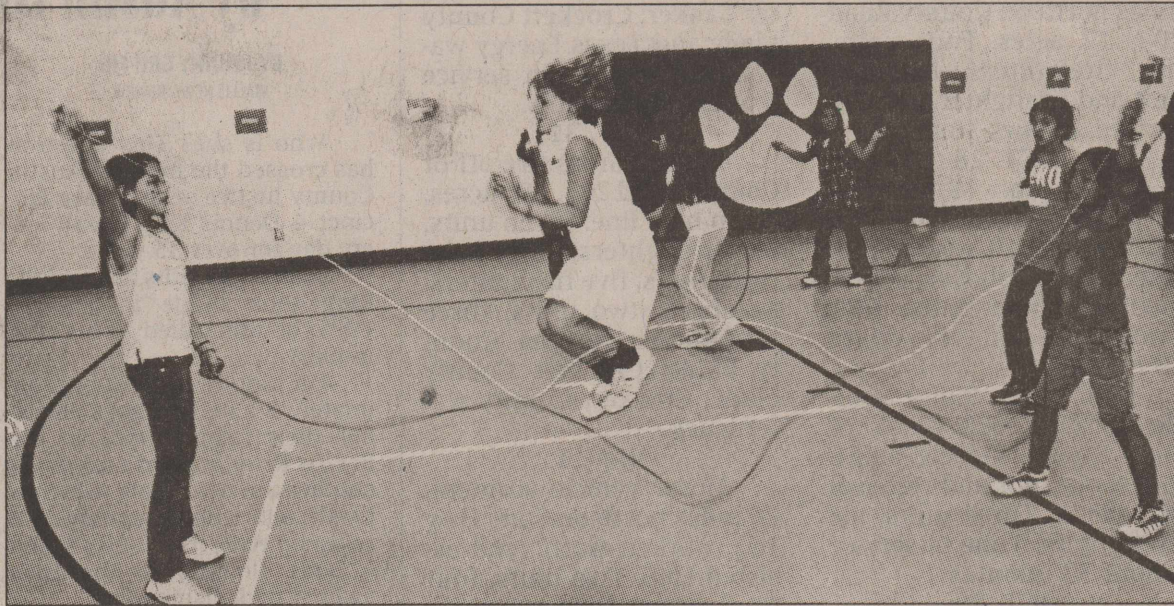
I cannot thank the generous people of Ozona enough for their contributions.

The student that raised the most money this year was John Cole Childres with \$503.33 and second was Eloy Soto with \$501.00. Thanks again to all the students that took part in Jump Rope for Heart.

On Oct. 26, at our money turn in celebration, over 100 students jumped, participated in jump rope contests and had refreshments and generally had a great time.

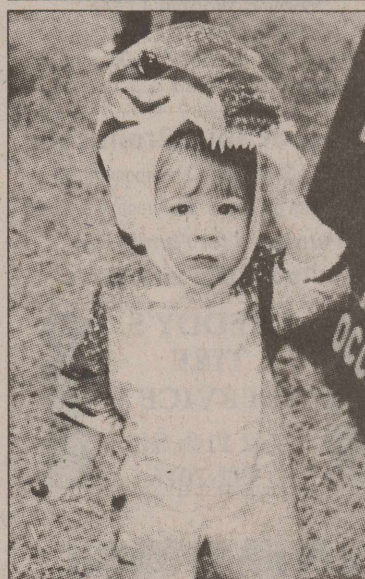
I would like to thank the mothers that brought cookies and water bottles for the kids to enjoy.

I also want to thank Eljio Martinez for providing the music for the two hour event. Thanks to all who helped.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN  
ELEMENTARY STUDENTS participated in the annual Jump Rope for Heart on Oct. 26. The students raised \$8,100 for the American Heart Association.

# Halloween fun!



## Pre-K, PPCD parents invited for Thanksgiving lunch Nov. 12

Ozona Elementary School cordially invites the parents of our Pre-Kindergarten and PPCD students to eat Thanksgiving lunch with their child on

Thursday, Nov. 12, from noon-1 p.m. in the OES cafeteria.

Due to limited seating space, we are asking that only the parents/invited guests of

Pre-K and PPCD attend this meal. The other grades will be invited throughout the year for other meals.

Call the office of OES for

additional information. Tickets are three dollars. These tickets can be purchased at the OES office. Thank you for your cooperation.

## SWCDS Seek Official Designation of a State Soil

BY CLYDE GOTTSCHALK  
TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD  
INFORMATION SPECIALIST

TEMPLE, Texas — "If the 216 soil and water conservation districts are successful, Texans may soon find added to the list of state symbols a state soil," said José Dodier, chairman of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Conservation district directors who attended the 70th annual meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Directors in Lubbock passed a resolution where they will seek to have the Houston Black Clay designated as the official State Soil by the 82nd Texas Legislature.

Dodier added, "Conservation district directors would like to have this soil designated as a state symbol in culmination of the completion of the first generation soil survey of Texas."

The soil mapping program in Texas began in 1899 with the first soil survey published in Montgomery County in 1901. Since that time soil surveys have been completed in all of Texas' 254

counties. Over the last 111 years the evolution of technology in soil science now enables soil scientists to update past surveys to current standards.

"What makes the Houston Black Clay significant, along with it being named for the legendary Sam Houston, is the fact that it is an extensive soil series comprising nearly 1.5 million acres in Texas. It occurs in the north part of the state near Bonham and Dallas to south central Texas near San Antonio. What is unique about the soil is that it is not found in any other state," said Dodier.

"Of the 18,000 different soil types identified in the United States, Texas has 1,300 soil types. Each of these soil types has distinct properties consequential to their formation as a result of climate, vegetation, surface geology, landform and time," said Dennis Williamson, State Soil Scientist for the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

"The key to sustaining life, the environment, and a healthy food supply is underneath our feet. Many peo-

ple just assume that soils are all more or less alike. They are unaware that great differences in soil properties can occur within even short distances on their property," said Dodier.

Soil Taxonomy recognizes 12 soil orders which represent the highest category in the classification system. In Texas 9 of the 12 orders are recognized. Soil taxonomy is similar to other taxonomic systems that are used to classify plants and animals. In a hierarchical system, each soil order is then subdivided into suborders, great groups, subgroups and families.

"The Houston Black series is recognized throughout the world due to its uniqueness as a classic Vertisol. It is one of the most studied soils in Texas due to its extent and distinctiveness. Vertisols are soils that have a high content of expansive clays and shrink as they dry and then swell again as they become moist," added Williamson.

Williamson said that the Houston Black is one of the highest agricultural producing soils in Texas. Accord-

ing to NRCS studies, the soil generates between \$300-500 million in annual revenue for farmers and ranchers in the Blackland Prairie.

"By getting this soil series designated as the State Soil of Texas, we hope to generate more awareness of the importance of soils because they have varied unique characteristics that are important to supporting the state's diverse plants, wildlife and domestic animals that we depend on to supply us with food, fiber, and shelter as well as numerous other products.

I would also be remiss if I did not mention how soils act as water filters and waste recyclers," added Dodier.

Today the National Cooperative Soil Survey partnership consists of USDA's NRCS, Texas AgriLife Research, Texas AgriLife Extension and local soil and water conservation districts.

The partnership works cooperatively to investigate, inventory, document, classify, and interpret soils and to promote the use of information about soils for agricultural and urban communities.

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**OCT. 26**  
• 1:13 p.m. - Grass fire two miles north on County Road 204, 17 acres. Four units, five firefighters; Barnhart unit and firefighter. Time in service 3 hours 30 minutes.

**OCT. 28**  
• 10:57 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident at the 350 mile-marker on I-10 westbound. One vehicle rollover, center median. Three units, four firefighters. Time in service 39 minutes.

• 2:56 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident 600 block of First Street, vehicle/building, shore roof and removal of vehicle. Three units, six firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 53 minutes.

**OCT. 30**  
• 2:30 p.m. - Grass fire 4 miles west on US Hwy 190 off State Hwy 163, 500 acres, started on the roadway, unknown cause. Six units, 17 firefighters; Barnhart three units, 4 firefighters; Big Lake unit with two firefighters; Eldorado two

units with three firefighters; Crockett County Water Tanker; Crockett County blade and Texas Energy water tanker. Time in service 5 hours 10 minutes.

**OCT. 31**  
• 4 p.m. - Grass fire off of County Road 208, 200 acres, down high line. Seven units, 12 firefighters; Big Lake three units, five firefighters; Barnhart two units, three firefighters; Reagan County Blade; Crockett County blade; Crockett County water truck.

**NOV. 1**  
• Motor vehicle accident, 20 miles north on State Hwy 163, worked traffic and assisted EMS. Two units, four firefighters. Time in service 3 hours.

**NOV. 2**  
• 7:55 a.m. - Gas meter hit, 1900 block Santa Rosa, NATGAS advised, stood by until line was plugged. Three units, five firefighters. Time in service 10 minutes.

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**MAGAZINE HONORS TWO OF OUR OWN**  
GOVERNING, a national monthly magazine published in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 26 announced its top governing officials for the year 2010. On the list of eight honorees are two Texans.

The announcement said, "Sen. John Whitmire and Rep. Jerry A. Madden, State of Texas, teamed up to oppose funding another round of prison building in Texas, the world center of incarceration; opting instead for a smaller investment in treatment and diversion that has since become a model for corrections reformers everywhere."

A short list of Public Officials of the Year from state, city and county government have been

singled out and honored for outstanding accomplishment annually by the magazine for the last 17 years.

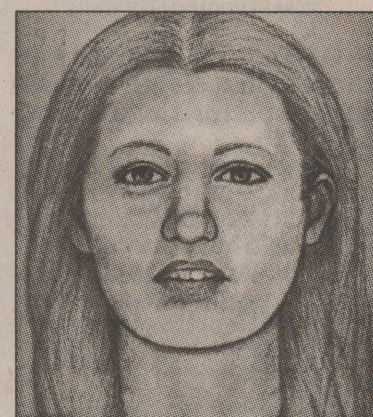
Whitmire, D-Houston, is chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and dean of the Senate. Madden, R-Plano, is vice chair of the House Corrections Committee.

**TEXAS WINES DUEL WITH NEW YORK**  
The New York Giants won the Oct. 25 NFL match-up with the Dallas Cowboys at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington 41-35, but Texas beat New York 8-3 in a nearby pre-game wine-tasting contest hosted by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The 2010 Grape and Gridiron Classic, a blind taste-testing event featuring a selection of 11 wines, was conducted in Dallas at El Centro College's Food & Hospitality Institute.

## Thirty-five year-old case reopened by Austin County officials

BY JOHNNY GRIFFIN  
WALLIS NEWS-REVIEW



Who is she? This question has crossed the mind of Austin County Justice of the Peace Precinct 4 Dennis King nearly every day for over 35 years.

Just six months after Judge King took office in January 1975, he was called to his first inquest.

On June 7, 1975, at approximately 6 a.m. two boys checking their fishing lines in the Brazos River, behind Lazy River subdivision near Sealy (which is north and approximately two miles up river from I-10); found a body floating in the river against their fishing line.

The Austin County Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Chief of Police, Judge King and a funeral home representative were dispatched to the scene.

The body, a female with blonde hair around 15 inches long, now thought to be between the ages of 17 to 25, had no clothing, no jewelry, but well manicured fingernails and toenails with a deep red/dark wine nail polish.

The original autopsy report states the cause of death as asphyxia due to drowning. The decedent had a 5-1/2 inch scar on the upper left quadrant of her abdomen from splenectomy (surgically missing spleen), a large gall stone present and may have been pregnant or given birth at some time.

The body was transported to the Harris County Morgue. It was estimated the body had been in the water for 3 to 4 days and with the existing level and flow of the Brazos, may have come from some distance up river.

The investigation centered on contacting law enforcement agencies up river and all over the state for missing person's reports, or abandoned vehicles. The Sheriff also used an airplane to search the river for any evidence such as vehicles, clothing, boats or any other items of interest.

Finger prints and other methods of identification available in 1975 all had negative match results. Leads continued to fade into nothing.

The body was returned to Austin County and buried in an unmarked grave in the Wallis Cemetery. Judge King, Pastor Gene Frank and Rudy Knesek were the only people present at the burial.

Judge King has never let the case travel far from his thoughts. He carried with him, and still does, a notebook with all of the pertinent facts, notes of conversations and photos. Every time he attended a training session, an inquest, a fact finding mission to a morgue or just a phone visit with a medical examiner, he took the opportunity to ask what else he could do to identify this person.

Several local law officers activated the case over the years, but they kept hitting dead ends. Deputy Don Easton, Deputy Jerry Renfro and Texas Ranger Brian Taylor all took time on the case.

For nearly 35 years, there was always an issue. A lab was too far to transport a body, cost was very high for available reconstruction processes, the person on the other end of the phone didn't have time or the case was out of their jurisdiction area.

### A BREAK IN THE CASE

Finally, persistence paid off. In a phone conversation with a medical examiner from Galveston, Judge King brought up the case. This time, the medical examiner referred Judge King to the University of North Texas, Center for Human Identification in Denton.

Technology had been developed to extract DNA from skeletal remains and communications had advanced to the point of instantaneous transfer of information around the world. However, when Judge King replied about what finally reinvigorated the investigation, it went back to people.

"I finally got someone on the other end of the phone who cared as much as I did," said Judge King.

The University operates under a federal grant and is one of the top forensic laboratories in the United States. Conversations with Dr. Harrell Gill-King and Mark Ingraham of UNT developed a plan to proceed with DNA studies.

Meanwhile, a phone call from Ranger Taylor to Texas Ranger Forensic Artist Suzanne Lowe set in motion the process necessary to create a likeness of the decedent from the skull.

Judge King petitioned Austin County Commissioners Court for the funds and authority to exhume the body. Actual exhumation took place on July 29, 2009. Judge King and Inv. Charles Holmes cleaned, measured and examined the skull and long bones following exhumation. The skull was delivered to Lowe in Austin by Judge King. Judge King also took the long bones to UNT to begin the DNA studies.

Lowe is the only forensic artist employed by the Texas Rangers. Her work load is incredibly heavy, but she is devoted to her profession. She works not only with the skull, but relies on medical examiner reports, descriptions and, in the Austin County case, she had scene photos as well.

"We have to work cases with sort of a triage type process," said Lowe. "Of course current, active crimes have to be dealt with in a very timely basis, but when I get on a project I give it my all. It still comes down to one case at a time. It takes a lot of people working together, but our goal is the same. We want to get the image in front of the public eye."

One year to the day after exhuming the body, on July 29, 2010, Judge King received a copy of Lowe's drawing.

"I couldn't believe it when I actually saw her face," said Judge King. "I really believe we will find out who she is."

DNA identification from the long bones was unsuccessful. However, the teeth are much harder and preserve the DNA for a much longer time. After Lowe completed the image, Inv. Holmes transported the skull from Austin to UNT where they are currently working on DNA extraction from the teeth.

The next step is distributing the information and likeness to the public. Several websites are devoted to this part of the process including Texas Department of Public Safety, Missing Persons Clearing House, NamUs, NCIC Missing and Unidentified Persons and the DOE Network.

According to Dawn Workman-Duke with the DOE Network, groups of volunteers as well as the general public will look at the information and check for possible matches. All possible matches then go to a Possible Match Committee made up of 12 or so trained professionals to verify a possible match. Then, likely matches are referred to law enforcement working the case.

"Hopefully we hear back from law enforcement," said Workman-Duke. "If it is a negative match, we start over again. It is a daunting task, but there is a great deal of hope out there."

If you have any information concerning this case or any missing person's case, please contact the Austin County Sheriffs Office at 979-865-3116, Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 at 979-478-6723, or Texas DPS Missing Persons Clearing House at 1-800-346-3243.

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