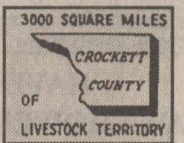


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Some street addresses to change next year due to new system

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

Street addresses throughout Crockett County are subject to change in 2005, due to a new 9-1-1 call system being implemented throughout the Concho Valley.

The system, which is expected to take effect in March, shows the location of a person's house or

business in a four block radius on a computer screen when a 9-1-1 call is made, said Bob Falkner, county addressing coordinator.

The system is being implemented and funded by the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

"This is a more up-to-date system that allows our dispatchers to easily identify where the call is coming from," Falkner said.

The present system just pulls up a person's phone number, name and address. The dispatcher then has look up a location map on a different program, Falkner said.

In order for the new system to work properly, the street addresses must have even house numbers on the right side of the street and all odd numbers on the left side depending on the direction of the street.

Falkner said he has been surveying the entire town and county and he has found at two streets to be completely wrong and a few houses to be wrong.

In order for this new system to work, these streets and houses will have to be renumbered, Falkner said.

Letters will be sent out after the holiday with more details, Falkner said. For information, call Falkner at 392-2661 or 392-2626.

Stockman closed Friday

The Ozona Stockman will be closed Friday for the New Year's Holiday. **Our normal DEADLINE is NOON Monday for the Jan. 5 edition.** Happy New Year!

Flu Vaccine is now available in Ozona

The general public can start receiving shots Monday

After months of waiting, the flu vaccine is now available at the Family Health Center of Ozona.

Beginning Monday, Jan. 3, the vaccine is being offered to the general public.

(Currently under federal guidelines it is restricted to those 65 and older, or adults and children suffering with long

term illnesses. Those who fall under those guidelines are welcome to receive the vaccine now.)

Vaccines will be given from 6-8 p.m., seven days a week.

No flu shots will be given during regular clinic hours unless you are there as a patient.

Safety is a concern, however, so we will vaccinate

those who live out on ranches or other areas of distance during clinic hours so that you do not attempt to travel at night.

Cost of the vaccine is \$15 per injection.

Contact Susan Bilano at 392-3788 during clinic hours for questions, or to discuss arrangements for your employees to receive their vaccines.

Toys-for-Tots has another successful local campaign

By **FRANK TAMBUNGA**
Toys-for-Tots Coordinator

The Crockett County Veterans 2nd Annual Toys-for-Tots Campaign turned out to be another big success. We collected well over 250 toys and received \$1,057.18 dollars in money contribution. This was enough to provide toys for all the applications received by the local Salvation Army.

A total of 58 children ranging from 1 week to 18 years old received at least 2 or more toys each and we had enough to provide 22 families with a turkey, flour, and some additional non-perishable food. We even were able to provide the Ozona Salvation Army with extra items and funds to help needy families throughout the year.

This would not have been possible if it were not for all the generous people of Ozona that

donated and volunteered for this worthy cause.

There are so many adults as parents in Ozona that are having a rough time in life and this has a bad effect on the children.

We cannot turn our backs on our own people and provide others with what our people here need. I have always believed that before we can help others we need to help our own.

I hope and pray that we all can always look at the people in need and take that extra step to help one another.

The Veterans Toys-for-Tots Campaign was a big success because we had different organizations and people that came together and made our Toys-for-Tots campaign a big Success.

I would like to give a Special Thanks to the following people, organizations and business that

helped in our 2005 Toys-for-Tots campaign.

Volunteers - Noah, Roman and Irma Tambunga, Emilio, Mary and Elisa Tambunga, Tom and Lou Morrow, Brian and Georgia Morrow, Lou Anna Haire, Kathy Hogget, Bailey Bishop and Helen Wall.

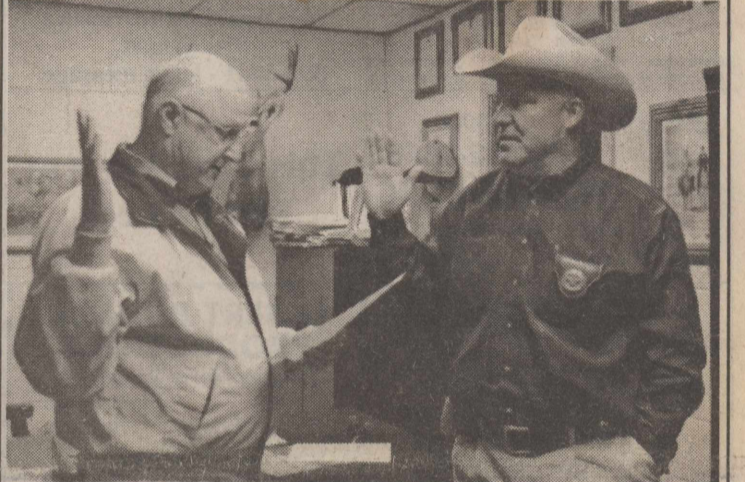
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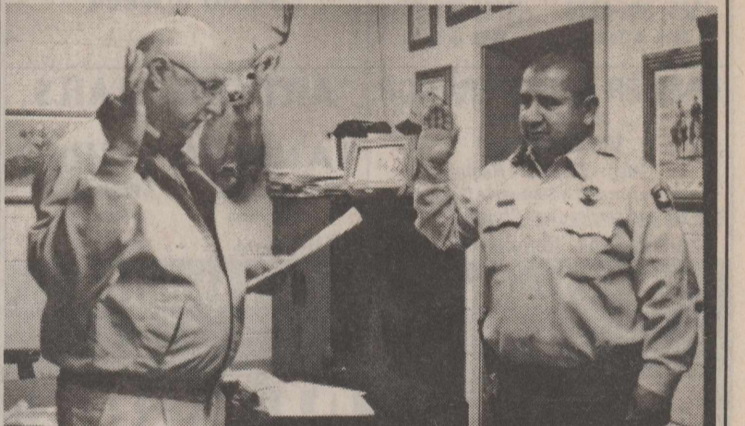
Let's not forget all the many people that donated Toys or Money. I apologize if I failed to mention anyone or any business it was not intentional.

God Bless you all!!!!

ANOTHER TERM BEGINS



Photos by Melissa Perner
COUNTY JUDGE JOHNNY JONES (left) swears in Sheriff Shane Fenton on Dec. 21 at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. This is Fenton's third term to serve as sheriff.



Photos by Melissa Perner
COUNTY JUDGE JOHNNY JONES (left) swears in Constable Raymond P. "Bear" Borrego on Dec. 21 at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.



Photos by Melissa Perner
COUNTY JUDGE JOHNNY JONES (left) swears in the Crockett County Sheriff's Deputies on Dec. 21 at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

NEIGHBOR KICKS DOWN DOOR TO EXTINGUISH FIRE



Photo by Melissa Perner
OZONA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER ROLAND DEHOJOS examines the area where an electrical fire started at the home of Eustolia Villarreal on Dec. 20 at 1606 Piedra St. A neighbor kicked the front door down and used a garden hose to extinguish the flames, according to the fire report. Villarreal was transported by Crockett County EMS to the Family Health Center of Ozona where she was treated and released for smoke inhalation. Fire Chief Bob Falkner said this was the department's 243 call for the year. Normally, the OVFD receives 130 runs a year. Around 80 calls this year were bee calls, Falkner said.

Rehab gears up for annual telethon

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center is gearing up for the 35th annual telethon on Jan. 15.

Ozona telethon coordinator Kay Stewart, along with other volunteers, are currently seeking advance donations. The group will also be manning the local phone bank during the show.

That number is 392-9872 at the Ozona Rehab Center.

The telethon's auction Web site is also open for bids on more than 250 retail items and dozens of handcrafted quilts and afghans at www.rehabauction.org or by dialing 1-866-219-7013. Deadline is midnight Jan. 15.

Items include a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado extended cab pickup, a 2005 Ford Mustang, a 2005 Polaris Ranger, a Tige boat, a Texas Motor Speedway experience or a six-person spa.

The 17 categories of retail merchandise and handcrafted items have been donated from businesses throughout the Big Country and Concho Valley.

Donations can be mailed to WTRC Telethon c/o Kay Stewart, P.O. Box 1928, Ozona, Texas 76943.

Three indicted on local burglaries

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

Three people were indicted this past April by a Crockett County Grand Jury for the burglaries of the Village Drug and Triple C Lumber and Hardware stores.

Keith Allen Bailey, James L. Richardson and Stacy Lynette Brues were all indicted for two counts of burglary of a building, which is a state jail felony and is punishable up to two years in jail and a fine up to \$10,000. All three people are from around the Houston area.

According to a report from the Crockett County Sheriff's Office and Texas Ranger Brooks Long, the three allegedly broke into the Triple C Lumber and Hardware store on April 11, 2003, and took assorted tools, a cooler and 200 pocket knives all estimating to be around \$1,995.

The report stated that a

person or persons had trashed different areas of the store, damaged telephone lines outside the building and the fence was cut on the north side of the building.

On that same day, the three allegedly broke into the Village Drug store and took several bottles of prescription medications, jewelry items, colonges and \$2,750 in cash totaling to around \$5,279 total in stolen goods, the report stated. Some of the medicines taken included hydrocodone, Viagra and diazepam.

Kirk Boyd, a relief pharmacist from Midland, was working at the time when he showed up at 7:30 a.m. at the store and found a door opened, the report stated. Other doors, drawers and the safe were also opened.

The case is now pending. The incident was investigated by deputies of the Crockett County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers.

Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Dec. 20	68	46	-0-
Dec. 21	57	37	-0-
Dec. 22	41	26	-0-
Dec. 23	29	20	-0-
Dec. 24	27	20	-0-
Dec. 25	58	17	-0-
Dec. 26	65	25	-0-

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)

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Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 66	Hi 69
Lo 50	Lo 43
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

New Year's Eve		New Year's Day	
Hi 68	Hi 67	Hi 67	Hi 67
Lo 49	Lo 53	Lo 53	Lo 53
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What's on My Mind
By Melissa Perner

We survived year one

I can hardly believe one year has passed. This time last year, Paul and I were embarking on adventure that we couldn't image. We had moved, bought a business and I was about to call Ozona home for what I hope is many years to come. The year has not just flown by, but zoomed like a speeding bullet. We have had our ups and downs. We have also learned several lessons when it comes to running a business. I guess the biggest thing I have learned is that if you don't try it, at least once, how will you know if it works. That's how a lot of things have happened this year. I have also learned to look at life with a sense of humor, and remember that one day I will look back on many of these things and laugh at them. I survived my first stock show, DeerFest, goat roping, football season, Christmas events, numerous school events and other activities that at this time last year I didn't know too much about. I have tried to learn names, meet faces, put faces with names and remember who is related to who as best I can. Of course, if you gave me a pop quiz right now I'd probably get an 'A' for effort, I hope. The nice thing about this year was the people of Ozona who welcomed my husband and I as new business owners with open arms. It's often scary being the new birds in town. While my husband is from here, I am not. I wasn't sure how Ozona would welcome me and I'm glad to say that it has been a delight living here this past year. When I left the "big city" of San Angelo last year, all my friends thought I was crazy because I was moving back to a small town. Now, I tell them they are crazy for living in the big city. Thank you Ozona for helping us survive year one.

Letters to the Editor

Ozona reminds traveler that people really do care

I grew up in a small Oregon farming community with parents who also grew up in farming families. Some of those years I helped care for a farm; I was responsible for milking a small herd of cows and learned how to work with my father. In my adult life, however, I have moved away from the farm, become a professional, married and raised children and lived in large cities - Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, London and now Salt Lake City. Through all of these years I have forgotten the gift of living in a small rural town. For this reason I have written my accounting of a recent significant event in my life. My daughter and her husband had made the personal and professional decision to move from the Los Angeles area where they were both working as professionals to the Houston area where my son-in-law's family lives. They were going to drive two vehicles and pull a trailer, so in a moment of good father's judgment, I volunteered to fly to Los Angeles and drive with them to Houston - then flying home to Salt Lake City. I did fly to L.A. and together we did the move to Texas. The trip was three very long days with everything mechanical that could go wrong with both vehicles. Late one evening my daughter and I were driving the van, pulling a large U-haul trailer, when the van started losing water about 60 miles from Ozona (a "city" then unknown to me but the star of this story). Her husband was a few hundred miles back tending to another broken down vehicle - we were connected by cell phones only. When it was obvious that the van was not drivable, I accepted the offer of a fellow traveler who stopped, to take me into the next town (Ozona) while my daughter locked and tucked her self and her two kittens in the van for "a long winter's nap." I had no idea how far away we were from a town. The next 24 hours were amazing. The Good Samaritan who took me into Ozona stayed with me for hours until he was sure I had the help I needed. A man I met at the local service station (a retired school teacher of 30 years) put his arm around me and made the world respond. After giving up on AAA's response - he helped me find the local Church of Christ minister who owned one of the towing services. What a gift - we ended up spending several hours together in the tow truck - discussing life, God, helping families, etc. I believe my tow truck friend even tolerated the fact that I might be a Mormon from Salt Lake City. My daughter was safe. After several hours and lots of work the van and the trailer were safely at the motel that my teacher friend also found for us. The local garage was usually not open on Saturday but my new friend directed me to the owner the next day that just happened to be in the garage on Saturday morning. He diagnosed our water pump problem and called one of his friends to come in from home on Saturday morning to help him replace the pump so we could get on the road. Even the smudge pot that offered some warmth in the garage took me back to my younger years and our family's efforts to save the fruit on our few fruit trees. Another resource was offered to me as well, as the local bail bondsman gave me his card - "just in case" my troubles turned darker. I remember growing up helping neighbors build fence, rounding up errant cows, sharing a water turn in the middle of the night, but I had forgotten that there was a place in the world where that still goes on. Thank you for the gift of Ozona, Texas. Only because of my problems did I have the opportunity of getting to know you and sharing you huge hearts. Thank you for taking me back to my roots and a belief that human beings really do care and can reach out to a stranger in need. Also, what father wouldn't jump at the opportunity go on an "outward bound" experience with his young adult daughter and spouse and observe how comfortably they handle adversity and the unexpected.

Bob Johnson
Salt Lake City, Utah
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 29 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• Ozona Varsity Lions and Lady Lions in the Reagan County Tournament in Big Lake.
Dec. 31 - JV and Varsity Lady Lions and Lions vs. Grape Creek, 1 p.m. at the Davidson Gymnasium.
• Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dance at the Fair Park Convention Center.
Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
Jan. 3 - Classes resume at Crockett County Schools.
• Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• Games, 1-3 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
Jan. 4 - Crafts 3 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• Ozona JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. in Sonora.
Jan. 5 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.



NEWS REEL
DEC. 26, 1974

Sam Perner, Chairman of the Crockett County ASC Committee for the past nine years, has received a Certificate of Service and Letter of Commendation from Charles Calhoun, Chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee. Perner has served 13 years on the committee. Erby Chandler was elected to replace Perner for the three-year term of office. Tony Allen and Bud Coates were elected 1st and 2nd alternates for 1975.

NEWS REEL
DEC. 27, 1945

Christmas was almost perfect for Mr. and Mrs. Strick Harvick for along with Santa Claus on Christmas Eve came their son, Sgt. Martin Harvick, back from 22 months in Europe.

Christmas gift purchases of Victory Loan bonds added about \$1,000 to the total sales of Series E bonds in Crockett County this month.

The 126th District Court has cancelled a 17-year-old oil and gas lease on University of Texas lands in Crockett County on finding that the leaseholders have failed to comply with the lease.

It's the Pitts
By Lee Pitts

Don't Bet On It

A friend of mine who runs my column in his paper asked me to make some predictions for the coming year and, predictably, I did the foolish thing and said I would. My first prediction is that none of the things I predict here will actually occur. In the year 2005 the following will be "IN": Satellite radio, hybrid cars, stocks that pay dividends, natural and organic food, charter planes, flat screen monitors, junk jewelry, hats, garden grown vegetables, camera phones, cruises, stem cell research, bartering for goods and services, text messaging, walking as a form of exercise, olive oil and history books. On the OUTS will be public opinion polls, cigars, books written by Hollywood stars who can't read, cheap wine and hockey. 2005 will also mark the year that rap music begins its steep decline into the waste bin of history. Things that will be HIGHER in 2005 include: interest rates, foreclosures, the national debt and the price of cigarettes and pickups. Things that will be LOWER will be the price of cattle, the cost of housing and the morals of Wall Street and politicians. Making big comebacks in 2005 will be Martha Stewart, Tiger Woods, high mileage cars, Siegfried and Roy, the tooth fairy, pipe smoking, station wagons, horror movies, and the Sierra Club. The Steelers, Spurs and Yankees will all be named champions and yet another horse won't win the Triple Crown. Things you'll see more of next year include: counterfeit cash, sushi bars, airport security people, Alzheimer's, cancer, O.J., Starbucks, ATM's, South American vegetables, teenage clerks, good grass conditions, self-checkout lines in grocery stores and even more TV channels. (Although they'll offer fewer shows worth watching.) Things you'll see a lot less of in 2005 include: Yasser Arafat, Mrs. Kerry, hurricanes and clerks in stores who know anything about what they are selling. We'll still be in a quagmire in Iraq, Osama will be found dead and there will be no major terrorist attack in this country, although there will be an attempted hijacking using a medical device as a weapon.

A major political figure will be assassinated and the media will dig up a scandal about our President. They will also position Rudy Guliani and Hilary as the front runners for the 2008 presidential election.

The border with Canada will be opened to live cattle and Japan will only buy a fraction of the beef from us that they used to. Wal-Mart will open another 300 stores next year in this country, people will continue to flock to them to buy products made in China, and then wonder why there are no jobs to be found in this country.

The Free Trade of the Americas agreement will fall apart because it will finally be recognized for what it is: NAFTA on steroids. And anything on steroids will be taboo. Journalists will investigate the quality of homeschooling, religion in the red states, the real value of a college education and the takeover of the media by huge corporations.

At least one person will be killed by a bear or a mountain lion and yet the only discussion regarding the wisdom of repopulating semi-civilized areas with meandering carnivores will concern the gerrymandering of political districts.

The number of gastric surgeries will explode while sales of Slim-Fast will recede. McDonalds will try to reinvent itself as a health food restaurant. Things that we'll overdose on in the year 2005 include reality TV, poker, Donald Trump, plastic surgery and NASCAR.

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Happy Birthday

Dec. 29 - Desiree' Young, Steve Taylor, Cheyenne Coy, Ethan F. Gonzalez, Emily Merrill, Jorge Luis Sarabia and Alicia Perez
Dec. 30 - Bryan Lacy, Marco Sandate Jr., Artemio Hernandez Jr., Eva Tinney and Josh Gonzales
Dec. 31 - Caden Rutherford and Vivian Casarez
Jan. 1 - Maria DelaRosa, Rigo Treto, Jesus Castillo and Lisa Tijerina
Jan. 2 - Erik Bachman, Butch Gonzalez, Regina Garcia and Victor Villarreal Jr.
Jan. 3 - James Caldera, Michael Ybarra and James Matthew Galindo
Jan. 4 - Arretta Gandy, Joe S. Moran, Realee Capry Borrego, Vince Huffman, Kaylee Ramirez, Ramon Ybarra and Mark Ybarra
To add a name to the birthday list, call 392-2551

Ozona Garden Club News

By **JERRI LYNN PIERCE**
Ozona Garden Club
Eighteen members of the Ozona Garden Club met Dec. 13 at the beautiful home of Mrs. Marolyn Bean for their annual "Christmas Brunch" hosted by Esther Williams and Judy Jones. After a short business meeting conducted by President Charlotte Harrell. The annual Christmas decoration auction was held by auctioneer Jan Van Shoubrouek. Following the meeting, "goody bags" were filled with homemade cookies and candies to be given to Meals on Wheels for delivery. The Club Bake Sale was a success, coordinated by Vivian Childress. Members in attendance were: Marolyn Bean, Bobbie Bird, Vivian Childress, Ella Clegg, Nancy Forehand, Debi Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Judy Jones, Mary Jo Mason, Pamela Maresch, Dorothy Montgomery, Jean Odom, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouek, Celia West, Esther Williams and Shanon Williams. There was one guest, Alice Brewer. Happy New Year!

EMS to sponsor EMT-B class next month

The Crockett County EMS will be sponsoring an EMT-B class beginning in January. If interested, call Vonda Flanagan at 392-3879 or 278-7881 or Dee Keilers at 392-3158

Holiday hours for county offices

All Crockett County offices will close at noon Thursday, Dec. 30 and all day Friday, Dec. 31 for the New Year's Day holiday. Property taxes paid in the tax office on Monday, Jan. 3 will have a posted paid date of Dec. 31, 2004.

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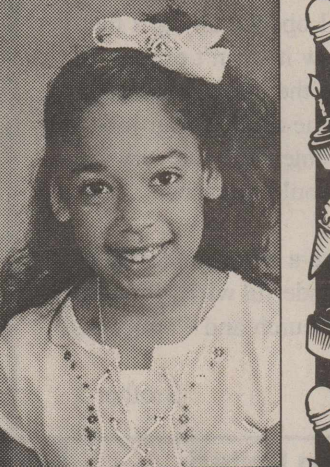
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Happy 9th Birthday on Dec. 29 to Desiree



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Care Center Chatter

By JAN ST. CLAIR
Activity Director

Monday morning volunteer beauty shop with our faithful volunteers Nell Wester, Rachel Ybarra, JoAnn Williamson. Thank you ladies very much for fixing our lady residents for the special evening to take place.

At 6 p.m. Katherine Russell played the piano with her Christmas songs. Katherine has been my Christmas piano player for the last five years. Thank you.

At 7 p.m. our Levis and Lace Square Dancers took to the floor with their entertainment of square dancing. Thank you it was great.

Our appreciation award for this past year and many other years went to Blanca Martinez from Baskets & More. Volunteer of the past year went to Otis Nester. Employee of the Year went to our Maintenance Department, which includes Rusty Harris and Elijo Martinez. All these awards were presented by Resident Council President Frances Flanagan.

Activity Director Jan St. Clair presented the Resident of the Year Award to Francis Flanagan.

The 2004 awards are voted on by Resident Council members only.

Congratulations goes to all our people that received awards.

We had the largest crowd ever seen before at our facility for the Christmas party. Thanks goes to our employers Frances Davis, Ramiro and Gelacia Josie Mendoza and Jana Harrison for doing our lady residents' makeup. They all looked lovely.

Thanks goes to the Levis and Lace Square Dancers, Rachel Ybarra, the Ozona United Methodist Church and the Catholic Bible Class for being our Santa Helpers for our residents' Christmas party. Thank you all.

Westerman Drug provided each resident with fresh fruit plates. Residents really enjoyed the peeling and cutting of the fresh fruits. Thank you Laura, Junior and Katie.

Elma Buckner brought one of her delicious cakes. Thank you Elma.

A special thank you goes out to all our volunteers. There is never enough good words to express our appreciation and love to everyone. As "it's" stated, there is no place like Ozona, Texas.

Our New Year's Party will be 3 p.m. Thursday in the main dining room, with refreshments.

From our large family to yours, a safe and Happy New Year! See you all next year!

Care Center receives health foundation grant

The Crockett County Care Center received a \$10,000 grant last week from the San Angelo Health Foundation.

The grant is for a new call light system that is being implemented at the Care Center.

The Care Center also received a \$20,000 grant from the Abell-Hanger Foundation to help pay for the new system, as well as numerous donations from local citizens.



Submitted Photo
ANADILIA FIERRO wins the raffle at the care center.

ASU graduates for the 2004 Fall Semester

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 358 students during the 2004 Fall Semester on Dec. 18 in San Angelo.

Those from Ozona are: Susan White Bishop, B.A.; Charla E. Fehr, B.B.A.; Kelli Anne Goble, B.S., magna cum laude and Cyndie Jane Worley, B.S.

(2) And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to everyone according to his work.
(13) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."
(22) If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed O Lord, Come!
Revelation 22:12,13 1 Corinthians 16:22
(Jesus said:) (Paul wrote:)

Obituaries

Viola Ruth Allen

Viola Ruth Allen, 84, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004 in the Greenbrier Care Center in Palestine.

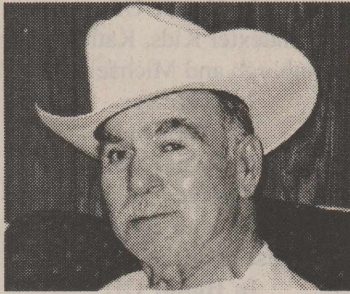
Graveside service was Tuesday, Dec. 28 in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Allen was born Aug. 30, 1920 in Fremont Calif. to Erva Bedona and Dona Maude Turrill.

Survivors include her six children, Jesse Turrill and Linda Allen of Palestine, Patricia Ruth and Charles Milton Luckett of Corpus Christi, Rodney Truman of Pleasanton, Debra Kaye and Parker Hamilton of Ozona, Mark Windfield of Las Vegas, Nev. and Sara Beth Lanphier of San Marcos.

Her grandchildren include, Michael Scott Allen, Tracy Lee Lasser, Christopher Wade Allen, David Henry Allen, Richard Douglas Smith, Daniel Lee Henley, Jon Allen Luckett, Laura Jane Deason, Donna Mae Zapata, Eugene Allen, Matthew Troy Mecke, Emalee Kaye Hamilton, William Parker Hamilton, Robert Bryan Hamilton, Donald James Hamilton, Jeremy Ryan and Stephanie Ann Pollard. She also had 17 great-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Joe Gonzales



Dayton, Oregon, Elena Gonzales and Josefina Garcia both of Logan, Utah; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He also left behind a large number of friends because nobody was a stranger to Joe.

Joe was a great man with a heart of gold. His biggest pleasure was cooking a big meal and getting all the family together to enjoy it. He would bake the best pecan pies which he loved to share.

He will be greatly missed by all of us who knew and loved him.

"Forever in our hearts," Irene, Edna, Richard, Norma, Betty, Joyce, Jadon, Andrea and all the grandkids.

We didn't know that morning God was Going to call your name.

In life we loved you dearly and in Death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you; you Did not go alone.

For part of us went with you that Day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories and your Love is still our guide.

And though we can not see you, you Are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken and Nothing seems the same.

But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again!

Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

We can only hope that your Christmas was as wonderful as ours was here at the Crockett County Senior Center. Now, we are counting down to the New Year 2005. I wish all of you out there a very Happy New Year.

It is quiet here at the senior center with so many of our folks gone. Lefty Walker was gone all last week visiting his daughters in Dallas. We miss you Lefty.

I will be out of commission for several weeks and I will miss all of you more than you will ever know. I will have a complete knee replacement at Midland Memorial on Jan. 4. Though I dread the surgery, it has to be done.

We are going to start a lending magazine exchange here at the senior center. If you would like to trade

some magazines, come out and see what we have available.

Our first pot luck of 2005 will be at noon Jan. 12. Put this activity on your calendar, as it will be a good way to begin your New Year.

One of our faithful volunteers, Helen Owensby, had a birthday Dec. 17. All of us here at the senior center wish you a belated Happy Birthday.

We now have hot chocolate for those of you that prefer chocolate over coffee.

Remember we have games here to play. Every Tuesday we have crafts at 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday we have our "Walk Two Miles" at 8:30 a.m. and "Walk One Mile" at 10 a.m. Come and join us.

Our activities are for those 50 years of age or above (we are flexible). Our building is alcohol and smoke free.

Wishing you all a happy and safe New Year.

It's a girl

Michael Garza is pleased to announce the birth of his niece, Cyndah Deanne Garza. She was born at San Angelo Community Hospital at 6:51 p.m. on Dec. 22. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Eric Garza

and Merisa Lacy of San Angelo. Grandparents are Eric and Anna Fierro from Ozona and the late Cynthia Lacy from San Angelo. Great-grandparents are Sulema Martinez and the late Elpidio Martinez Sr. from Ozona and the late Jackie Martin from San Angelo.

Card of Thanks

Joe would have been overwhelmed by all the love and support shown to us. We are so fortunate to have so many friends and family who helped us during a very difficult time in our life. We would like to thank Father Serafin and the choir for the beautiful service, the Guadalupanas for the great meal, Melvin and Laura Parker and Van and Jann Miller. Also a big thank you to everyone who sent cards, food and flowers. A special thank you to Laura Blaylock and Ronnie Fierro for taking care of Joe. Thank you to our family for helping us and being so close to us. We will never forget all the love shown to our family. Thanks also to B-B and Apie.

Irene Gonzales, Edna Davila, Norma Perez, Betty Castro, Richard Gonzales, grand-kids and great-grandkids

Need Some Holiday Rest? CROCKETT COUNTY CARE CENTER now offers 24-hour a day Respite Care

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- Room and Board
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For more information, contact Crockett County Care Center Administrator Benny Gibbs or Director of Nurses Vicki Childress

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Opening Presents

It used to make my mother mad and I do it totally different today. It was the way or when I opened any gift that I was given. I didn't open them immediately and I would wait sometimes until the next day. I knew it wasn't exactly the right way to treat a gift or the giver of the gift but I enjoyed just the thought of getting a gift and the idea that someone loved me. It is wonderful that we still celebrate Christmas in our country because we are given time off from our jobs to be with family and friends and can celebrate in whatever way we want. One thing I try to do is remember one very special gift that was given to me. It was sent to me many many years ago but I did not receive or would not accept it till I was twenty-seven years old.

It was the gift of Jesus Christ, (Isaiah 9:6, Matthew 1:23) from God to and for us. I now have a new wonderful life because I accepted that gift, (Romans 5:8-11 & 15-17). I have many other special gifts like my wonderful wife, (Proverbs 18:22) who loves me and takes care of me, my children, (Psalms 127:3), family, friends, local Church and County just to mention a few. Enjoy the wonderful gifts God has given us.

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	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.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man 'O War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.	Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Worship: 9 a.m.	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Jon & Charly McCullough Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.
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.	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.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Serafin Avenido Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.	Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.
New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.		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. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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THE SEVENTH GRADE LADY LIONS BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS are: (front, l. to r.) Libby Moore, Brandi Glosson, Abbie Rodriguez and Jayci Miller. Middle row: Manager Lauren Najar, Jolissa Payne, Angelic Gutierrez and Manager Adrienne Tijerina. Back: Vanessa Rodriguez, Kelsey Childress, Alex Cruz, Shelby Ortiz, Alex Macias, Myra Dominguez, Brandyn Tebbetts and Coach Kim Miller.

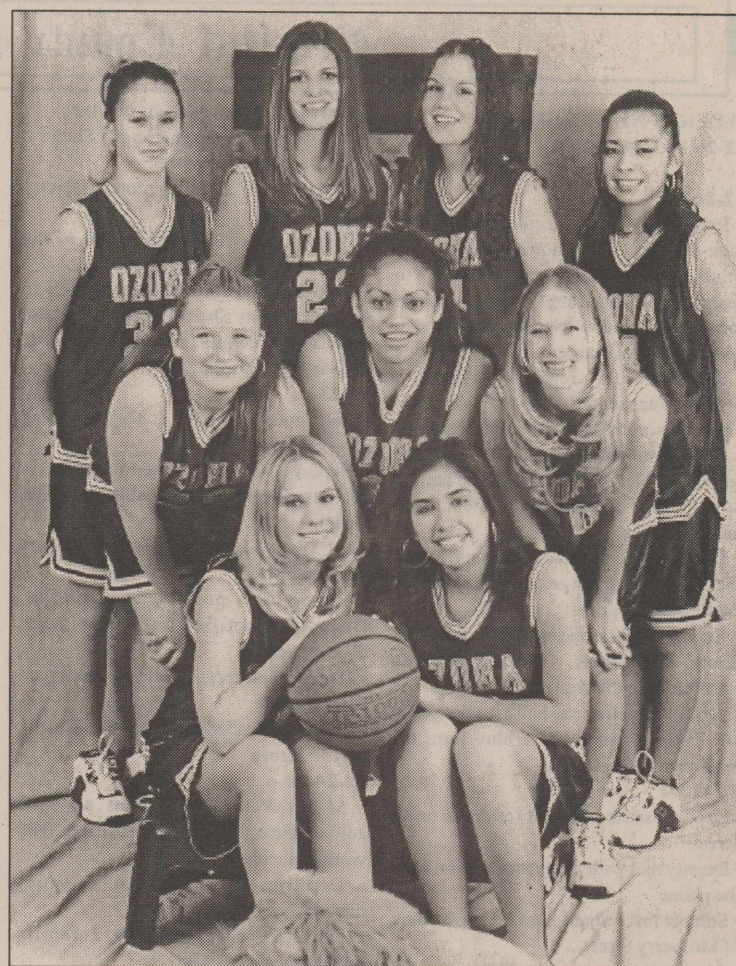


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THE JV GOLD LADY LIONS BASKETBALL team members are: (front, l. to r.) Julia Henderson and Paloma Taylor. Middle row: Morgan Glosson, Blanca Dominguez and Britni Buchanan. Back: Kelley Eckert, Adrienne Bendele, Melanie Wallace and Anna Hernandez.



Photo by Cameras Two
THE EIGHTH GRADE LADY LIONS BASKETBALL TEAM MEMBERS are: (front, l. to r.) Jasmine Moran, Christina Rodriguez and Sarah Lott. Middle: Kendra Pratt, Samantha Torres, Alysha Lara and Melissa Miller. Back: Chelsea Spence, Kara Bird, Manager Linda Talamantez, Stacy Silva and Crystal Gonzales.

The Ozona Booster Club would like to invite everyone to Davidson Gym on New Year's Eve for the district opener against Grape Creek.

**J.V Boys & Girls - 1:00 p.m.
 Varsity Girls - 2:30 p.m.
 Varsity Boys - 4:00 p.m.**

Bring your "Rally Rags" that were given away at the Mason football game and come support the Lions.

OZONA HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME	GIRLS	BOYS
Dec. 31	* Grape Creek	Ozona	1:00/1:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 4	* Sonora	Sonora	5:00/5:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 7	* Wall	Ozona	5:00/5:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 11	* Eldorado	Eldorado	5:00/5:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 14	* Mason	Ozona	5:00/5:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 18	* Reagan County	Ozona	5:00/5:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 21	* Junction	Ozona	5:00/5:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 25	* Sonora	Ozona	5:00/5:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 28	* Grape Creek	Grape Creek	5:00/5:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Feb. 1	* Eldorado	Ozona	5:00/5:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Feb. 4	* Wall	Wall	5:00/5:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Feb. 8	* Mason	Mason	5:00/5:00 PM	JV & V	JV & V
Feb. 11	* Junction	Junction	6:30 PM		JV & V
Feb. 15	* Reagan County	Big Lake	6:30 PM		JV & V

* District Games Home Games in BOLD Away Games in ITALICS

Girls Coaches: Glen Gleghorn, Dale Mayfield, Traci McGinnis
Managers: Heather Price, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Kyle Webb
Boys Coaches: Lynn Searsy, Lenny Morrow, David Delgado

OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	GIRLS	BOYS
Jan. 8	Iraan Tourn.	TBA	7th & 8th	7th & 8th
Jan. 10	Wall	5:00 p.m.	Home	Away
Jan. 17	Grape Creek	5:00 p.m.	Away	Home
Jan. 20-22	Reagan Co. Tourn.	TBA	7th & 8th	7th & 8th
Jan. 24	Reagan Co.	5:00 p.m.	Away	Home
Jan. 31	Sonora	5:00 p.m.	Away	Home
Feb. 7	Eldorado	5:00 p.m.	Home	Away

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT 12-20-04 to 12-27-04

12-20-04
• Report of a major accident on I-10 at mile-marker 335 unknown injuries.
• Subject request a deputy go with him to search his residence after noticing a screen torn off the window.

Deputy spoke with subjects involved.
• Deputy assisted Reagan County Sheriff's Office in taking statement.
• Medical call at local motel. Deputy assisted EMS.

12-27-04
• Jaime Valasquez Blanco, 27, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff's deputy on an out of county warrant for aggravated assault.

OFFENSE REPORT 12-22-04

• On Wednesday, Dec. 22, at about 7:56 p.m. Crockett County Sheriff's Deputy was dispatched to the sheriff's office in about a burglary of a vehicle. Unknown person/persons took items from a vehicle, parked at local business. Incident under investigation.

Insurance bill repeats hold on homeowner policies



AUSTIN -- The Legislature this session will be trying to put more bite into Senate Bill 14, the measure passed last session giving

the Texas Department of Insurance power of prior approval of homeowner insurance rates.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said at a press conference last week that 28 of 29 insurance companies doing business in Texas had reduced rates since passage of Sen. Mike Jackson's (R-La Porte) SB 14. The one holdout, the lieutenant governor said, had been State Farm Insurance.

"I am calling again on State Farm to stop playing Scrooge and give back your ill-gotten gains to policyholders in the form of an immediate 12 percent rate reduction," Dewhurst said.

State Farm responded that a state district court had found a portion of SB 14 unconstitutional and that the company's rates have been unchanged for nearly two years.

The new measure, filed Dec. 21 also as SB 14, would amend the Insurance Code to add stiffer penalties for companies charging rates determined to be excessive or using delay tactics to forestall reducing rates. The measure also would require refunds of excessive rates to be paid with interest amounting to the prime rate plus 6 percent.

If Santa brought a new shotgun or rifle...

Much of South Texas may have been blanketed with a once-in-a-century Christmas Eve snowfall, but for hunters, many species are either briefly back or still in season.

On the day after Christmas, the little-known and little-

remembered winter dove season began in the central and south zones. It continues only until Monday in the central zone, but hangs on until Jan. 16 in the south zone.

Quail season continues in all counties until Feb. 27, and opportunities still exist for certain varieties of duck, geese and white tail deer.

To assess the possibilities, check the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.

Texas Historical Commission plans WWII project...

Some 320,000 living Texans served in the U.S. military during World War II, but scores of them are dying every day.

In an effort to capture some of their stories before they are gone, the Texas Historical Commission has launched an \$800,000 effort to collect oral histories of WWII veterans, conduct a survey of Texas WWII military sites and place a series of WWII-related historical markers, and otherwise commemorate the approaching 60th anniversary of the end of the war.

For more information, check the agency's Web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

Something for the kids...

The Texas General Land Office is looking for entries from schoolchildren for the annual "Treasures of the Texas Coast" children's art contest.

Open to kids from kindergarten to the sixth grade, the contest seeks an original piece of art (nothing computer-generated allowed) showing why the Texas coast is special.

Deadline for contest entries is Feb. 7.

Parental release forms, information on how to enter the contest and the range of prizes can be found on the GLO's Adopt-A-Beach Program Web site, www.texasadoptabeach.org.

American Cancer Society raises money, awareness during smokeout campaign

BY SHELLY CHILDRESS Memorial Chairman American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society holds the Great American Smokeout each November to help smokers quit cigarettes for at least one day, in hopes they will quit forever.

Since 1977, the Great American Smokeout has challenged Americans to quit smoking and fueled a cultural revolution against tobacco. Today, lung cancer deaths are falling in states with strong tobacco control laws.

This year, the Great American Smokeout was on Nov. 18. This event was sponsored by the Wesley Nurse Program, and the Ozona High School National Honor Society.

The National Honor Society students made posters and donation cans to distribute around

town, about two weeks prior to this event. The purpose of the posters and donation cans was to raise awareness amongst the students and local community, and to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The Ozona Primary School faculty and staff raised the most money, with local businesses trailing behind. The local businesses who participated in this event were: The Village Drug, Crockett National Bank, Ozona National Bank, Subway and The National Honor Society.

Two hundred thirty eight dollars, and ninety eight cents, was donated to the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

The National Honor Society students worked hard on a project worthwhile. We thank the students for their time and effort, all of you for your donations, and for your support.

NOTICE OF REWARD I AM OFFERING \$500 REWARD for apprehension and conviction of guilty parties to every theft of livestock in Crockett County - except that no officer of Crockett County may claim the reward. Shane Fenton SHERIFF, CROCKETT CO.

12-24-04
• Loud music on Ave J. Deputy asked subject to turn it down.
• Report of an intoxicated motorist on Walnut. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle.

12-25-04
• Family Disturbance U.S. Highway 163 south. Deputies arrived and settled the problems.
• Loud motorcycle 600 block Ave G, deputy unable to locate.

12-26-04
• Deputy met with complainant on someone dumping trash on the street.
• Report of kids playing in the parking lot of a local restaurant.

ARREST REPORT 12-25-04

• Judy Lynn Lombana, 17, was arrested for disorderly conduct. Subject was later released after paying a fine.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Joint Application of AEP Texas North Company and LCRA Transmission Services Corporation to Transfer Certificate Rights and for Approval of Transfer of Facilities

PUC DOCKET NO. 30451

Notice is hereby given that on November 19, 2004, AEP Texas North Company (TNC), formerly known as West Texas Utilities Company, and the LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) filed a joint application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission or PUC). The docket number and style of this application are Docket No. 30451, *Joint Application of AEP Texas North Company and LCRA Transmission Services Corporation to Transfer Certificate Rights and for Approval of Transfer of Facilities*. Both TNC and LCRA TSC are engaged in the transmission of electricity under certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN). In their application, TNC and LCRA TSC request that the Commission approve their proposal in which TNC will transfer to LCRA TSC TNC's existing CCN rights concerning the four transmission lines described below; and find that the transfer of the lines from TNC to LCRA TSC is consistent with the public interest. No new facilities are being sought in this filing; nor are the boundaries of TNC's service area affected by this filing. Persons with questions about PUC Docket No. 30451 should contact Lauri White, representative of TNC, at (512) 481-4540 or Becky Motal of LCRA TSC at (512) 473-4033. Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon the action sought, should mail their requests to intervene or their comments (along with 10 copies of your letter) to: Public Utility Commission of Texas, Central Records, Attn: Filing Clerk, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is February 3, 2005, and a letter requesting intervention should be received by the Commission by that date. To obtain additional information about this case, contact the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

The transmission lines subject to this transfer request are currently 138 kV transmission lines that will be rebuilt and upgraded for 138 kV operation by installing bundled 795 aluminum conductor-steel reinforced (ACSR). All four lines are rebuilt as activities for which additional CCN authorization is not necessary. The following provides for each transmission line a description of the construction activity; for exempt CCN filings that have been made, the Project Number used in the PUC Monthly Construction Report that identifies the project; the estimated cost; and a general route description:

- (a) **Project No. 40079259:** The existing Rio Pecos Substation to North McCamey Switching Station line consists of approximately 9.67 miles of 138 kV transmission line constructed on wood poles in an H frame configuration. The line is rebuilt primarily with single pole, concrete structures, double circuit capable, and reconducted with bundled 795 ACSR and will continue to be operated at 138 kV. The transmission line originates at the North McCamey Switching Station, located approximately one mile north of the City of McCamey, and exits the switching station to the southwest. The line continues in a southwesterly direction for approximately 0.5 mile before the line crosses County Road 475 approximately 0.1 mile north of its intersection with U.S. Highway 385 and continuing in a southwesterly direction for approximately 0.17 mile before the line crosses U.S. Highway 385 approximately 1.2 miles north of the intersection of U.S. Highway 385 and U.S. Highway 67 in McCamey. The line continues in a southwesterly direction for approximately 4.5 miles before crossing the Crane/Upton county lines and then continues in the southwesterly direction for approximately another 4.5 miles before entering the southeast side of the Rio Pecos Substation, which is located in Crockett County. The estimated cost of the rebuild project is \$3,535,182.
- (b) **Project No. 40078866:** The existing Rio Pecos Substation to Mesa View Switching Station line consists of approximately 27.13 miles of 138 kV transmission line constructed on wood poles in an H frame configuration. The line is rebuilt primarily with single pole, concrete structures, double circuit capable, and reconducted with bundled 795 ACSR and will continue to be operated at 138 kV. The transmission line exits the Rio Pecos Substation in a southeasterly direction and continues for approximately 2,650 feet before crossing U.S. Highway 67/385 and then continues in a southeasterly direction for approximately 8.7 miles before crossing County Road 1901. From this crossing the line continues in a southeasterly direction for approximately 12 miles before turning to the south where it continues for approximately 750 feet before crossing U.S. Interstate Highway 10 and continues to the south for approximately another 950 feet before turning to the southeast again. The line then continues in a southeasterly direction for approximately 5.6 miles before entering the Mesa View Switching Station. The estimated cost of the rebuild project is \$10,857,304.

Project No. 40078884: The existing Mesa View Switching Station line to Ft. Lancaster Substation transmission line consists of approximately 19.76 miles of 138 kV transmission line constructed on wood poles in an H frame configuration. The line is being rebuilt primarily with single pole, concrete structures, double circuit capable, and reconducted with bundled 795 ACSR and will continue to be operated at 138 kV. The existing line begins at the Mesa View Switching Station and travels in a southeasterly direction, roughly paralleling State Highway 290 and Fourmile Draw, a natural water feature. The line travels on the south side of State Highway 290 for approximately 7.15 miles until it turns north for 900 feet while crossing State Highway 290. The line continues in a southeasterly direction for another 3.59 miles where it turns south for 600 feet and recrosses State Highway 290. The line then continues in a southeasterly direction for another 1.95 miles where it turns to a more southerly direction for 1.38 miles until it again crosses State Highway 290. From that point the line continues in a southeasterly direction for another 1.72 miles until it crosses the Pecos River. The line travels another 1.12 miles in a southerly direction until it recrosses the Pecos River. From that point it travels in the same southerly direction for 2.57 miles until it enters the Ft. Lancaster Substation. The estimated cost of the rebuild project is \$7,911,817.

- (d) **Project No. 23426044:** The existing Twin Buttes Cut-In to SAPS line consists of approximately 7.05 miles of 138 kV transmission line constructed on single pole, concrete structures, double circuit capable, and reconducted with bundled 795 ACSR. This line originates at the tap point or cut-in with the Big Lake 138 kV transmission line. The rebuilt section begins at the tap point and travels in an east-northeasterly direction for approximately 2.98 miles. The line then turns in an east-southeasterly direction for approximately 750 feet; crosses U.S. Highway 67 and continues in the same direction for approximately 2.09 miles. The line then turns in a more eastwardly direction and continues for another approximately 1.53 miles where it crosses an abandoned railroad right-of-way. From this crossing the line turns to the southwest and travels for approximately 1,650 feet before entering the San Angelo Power Station. The estimated cost of the rebuild project is \$3,757,766.

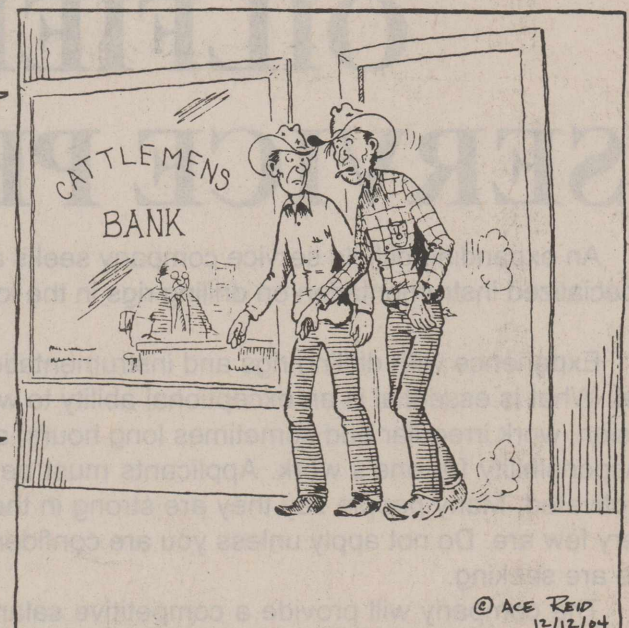
TNC and LCRA TSC have entered agreements in which, subject to PUC approval, LCRA TSC will own these transmission lines and TNC will continue with the construction of these transmission lines as project manager. TNC will also operate and maintain the transmission lines for a multi-year period.

Copies of maps illustrating the facilities are available for viewing at the TNC Service Center located at East Highway 67, McCamey, Texas. Arrangements to view or obtain copies of the maps may be made by contacting Lauri White at (512) 481-4540.

This application is being filed under sections 14.101 and 37.154 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act.

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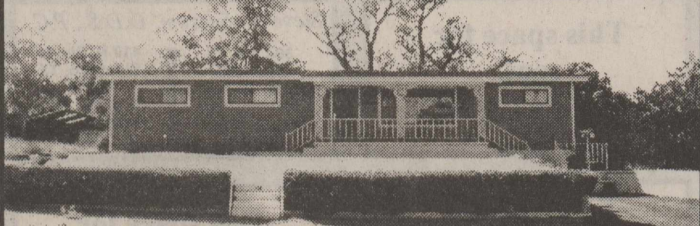
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