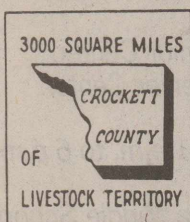


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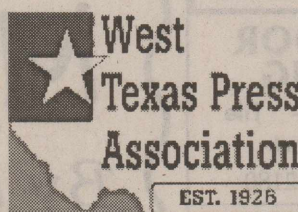
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Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo

Library to host annual Tour of Homes Sunday

By LOUISE LEDOUX
Crockett County Public Librarian

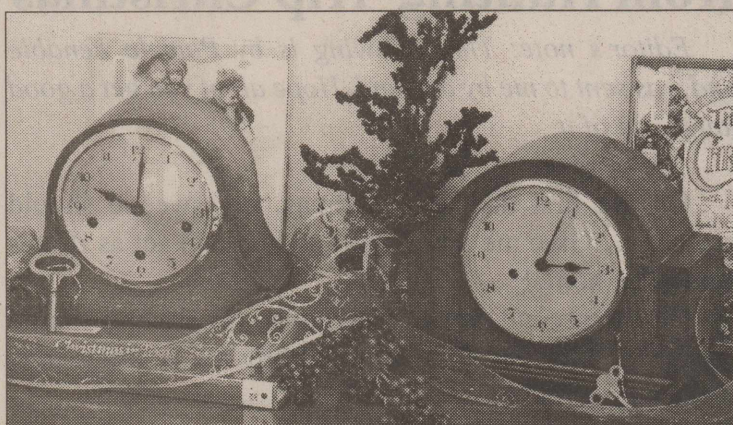
Get in the Christmas Spirit on the Tour of Homes, see the Ozona Visitors' Center festively decorated for the holidays and end up with refreshments at the Crockett County Public Library from 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

Tour tickets are \$5 per person.

The Friends will also be raffling off two beautiful chiming Mantle Clocks for \$5 per ticket as a library fundraiser.

We have four of Ozona's most beautiful homes plus the Ozona Visitors' Center at I-10 and State Highway 163 on the tour.

Featured stops on the tour this year include the homes of Betty and Morris King at 1103 11th Street, Amparo and Natividad Hernandez at 702 9th Street, Judith and Randy Jones at 1205 Avenue C and Georgia



Submitted photo

THESE TWO CHIMING MANTLE CLOCKS will be raffled off during the annual Tour of Homes on Dec. 10 hosted by the Crockett County Public Library.

and Brian Morrow at 218 Live Oak.

We urge everyone to end their tour with a visit to the Public Library at 1201 Avenue G for Christmas refreshments and door prizes.

We have many new books on display for holiday reading and listening.

Come and enjoy all the Library Christmas decorations joyfully arranged by the Friends of the Library volunteers.

Mark your calendars now and spend a magical afternoon on the Friends of the Crockett County Public Library Christmas Tour of Homes from 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

THOUSANDS ATTEND DEERFEST



Photos by Joe Hernandez
TOP: THOUSANDS attended the annual DeerFest dinner Saturday night at the Fair Park Convention Center. Participants feasted on a meal of fried venison, turkey, and feral hog, venison sausage, tamales, chili, tortillas, river potatoes, beans and bread.

RIGHT: JOHN PILCHER, of Ozona, was the big winner Saturday night. Pilcher won the 2007 Polaris Ranger 4x4, which was the Grand Prize for the event. Other prizes that were given away included 26 rifles and shotguns, Cabela's gift cards totaling \$12,700 and other prizes donated by local and area businesses. For more on the DeerFest prizes, see page 9.



Bands to perform holiday favorites Thursday

Concert to feature sweet treats with a cake bake silent auction

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

This year's annual bands Christmas concert will feature some sweet treats.

The Ozona High School and Ozona Middle School Bands Christmas Concert will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Fair Park Convention Center.

There is no admission charge.

There will be performances by the Sixth Grade Band, Combined Seventh and Eighth Grade Bands, the High School Band and a Woodwind Ensemble.

These groups will be performing traditional holiday music, as well as some popular holiday songs, said Band Director Gretchen Bloebaum.

During the concert, the Band Boosters will be holding a silent cake auction.

Ozona High School and Middle School Band students are baking the cakes for the auction.

OZONA HIGH SCHOOL and MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

6 P.M. THURSDAY, DEC. 7
AT THE FAIR PARK CONVENTION CENTER.

EVENT WILL FEATURE
A CAKE BAKE
SILENT AUCTION



The cakes will be decorated according to categories: Batman Theme, Band Theme, Patriotic Theme, Ozona School Spirit Theme, Christmas Theme, the Most Delicious Looking Cake and the Biggest Cake.

First, second and third place will be awarded in each category. After the cakes have been judged, they will be put up for auction.

The cakes will be on display for bids before and during the

concert.

At the end of the concert, the highest bidders will win the cakes on which they bid.

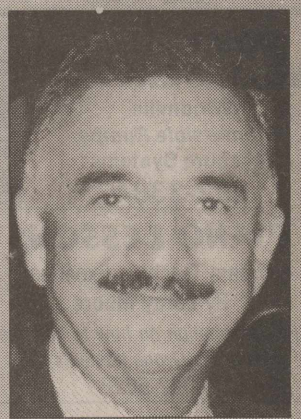
"We would love for people to come out, help the band. We are raising money for the annual Band Banquet, OHS Band trip to Houston and other Band Booster expenses," Bloebaum said. "Buy some delicious cakes. They will make great desserts for the holidays!"

Early voting continues in Bonilla, Rodriguez runoff

Election day is Tuesday
By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher



BONILLA



RODRIGUEZ

Early voting continues through Friday in the runoff election for U.S. Rep. District 23 position.

Incumbent Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, is facing Democratic challenger Ciro D. Rodriguez, also of San Antonio.

Voting is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

Election Day is Tuesday, Dec. 12. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

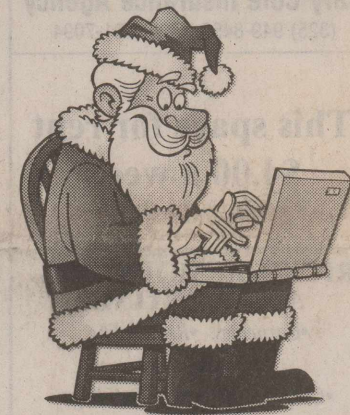
Voting locations are as follows:

- Precinct 1 - Crockett County Courthouse
- Precinct 2 - Crockett County Senior Citizens Center
- Precinct 3 - Crockett County Civic Center

Precinct 4 - Ozona Primary School.

For more information, call the Crockett County Clerk's Office at 392-2022.

Letters to Santa due Friday



FRIDAY, DEC. 8 is the deadline for submitting Santa letters for publication in The Ozona Stockman.

Letters will be published in the Dec. 20 issue of the news paper.

For more information, call 392-2551 or e-mail publisher@ozonastockman.com.

SHOWING OFF STYLE

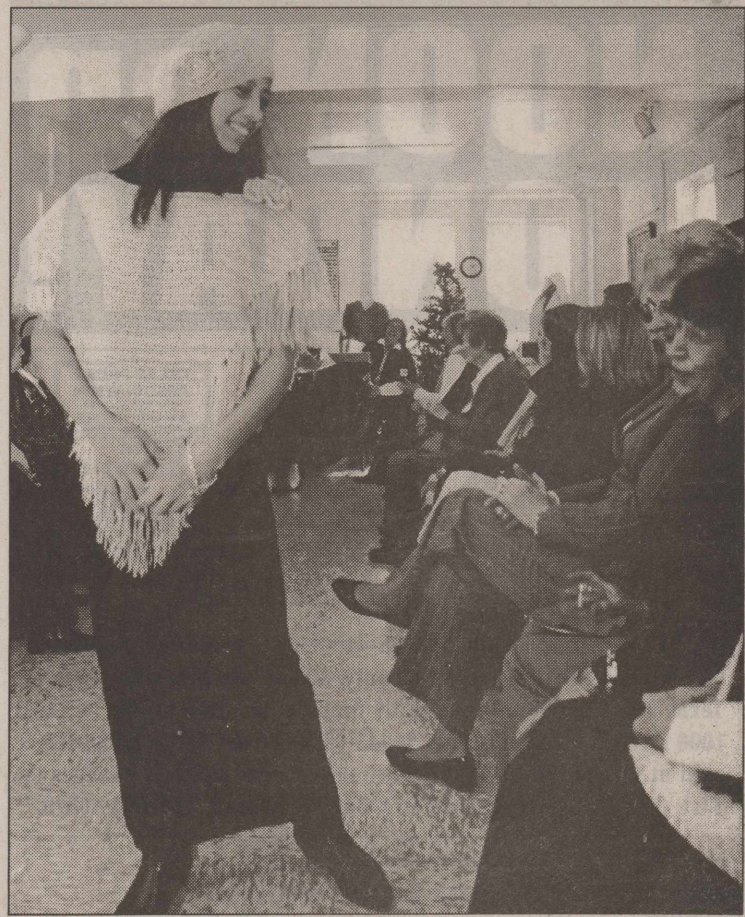


Photo by Melissa Perner

ALEX MACIAS (left) shows off her mohair hat and shawl to Charlotte Harrell and JoAnn Babbit during the annual Wool and Mohair Style Show Saturday at the Crockett County Museum. The show featured designs by Dolores Vernor of Camp Wood, Texas.

Dickerson wins the coat at annual event

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

Ozona resident Peggy Dickerson was the big winner Saturday at the annual Wool and Mohair Style Show.

Dickerson won the mohair coat, donated by Dolores Vernor, of Camp Wood, Texas. The event was held at the Crockett County Museum.

Around 35 people attended the show, which netted sales of \$900 in tickets for the coat.

Those winning door prizes

at the show were: Nell Wester, plaid scarf; Heidi Williams, turquoise scarf; Rosalind Williams, turquoise wrap and Carmen Sutton, turquoise sweater, which she gave to her mother Crystelle Childress.

Modeling this year were Cathy Carson, Camille Dammon and the OHS Cheerleaders Cassandra Salazar, Julia Henderson, Alex Macias, Alex Cruz and sponsor Karen Huffman.

The show featured Vernor's designs, which are made from wool, mohair and alpaca.

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Community Calendar

Dec. 6-Dec. 8

- Early voting for Runoff Election for U.S. Rep. District 23, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Line Dancing Classes, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, Dec. 7

- Helping Hands Arts and Crafts Show, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Christmas Concert featuring the Ozona Middle School and Ozona High School bands, 6 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.
- Ozona High School basketball teams in the Ozona Tournament at the Davidson Gym.

Friday, Dec. 8

- Ozona High School basketball teams in the Ozona Tournament at the Davidson Gym.

Saturday, Dec. 9

- Toys for Tots collection drive, 10 a.m. to noon at the town square.
- Ozona High School basketball teams in the Ozona Tournament at the Davidson Gym.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Sunday, Dec. 10

- Christmas Tour of Homes, 2 p.m. sponsored by the Crockett County Public Library.

Monday, Dec. 11

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Reception for Johnny Jones, 1-4 p.m. at the courthouse annex.
- AA meetings, 8 p.m. at the Lutheran Church on 802 First St.
- Ozona Middle School Lady Lions vs. Iraan, 5 p.m. at Iraan.
- Ozona Middle School Lions vs. Iraan, 5 p.m. at the Becky Childress Memorial Gym.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

- Runoff Election for U.S. Rep. District 23, polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Ozona Varsity and JV Lady Lions and Lions vs. Eldorado, 5 p.m. at Eldorado

Wednesday, Dec. 13

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Line Dancing Classes, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

The 12 Days of Returning from Hunting-Trip Christmas

Editor's note: The following is by Pamela Venable and was sent to me by a friend. Hope all of you get a good laugh out of it.

On the first day of Christmas, my sweetie should probably...Give me a big kiss and hug and act as if he's glad to be home!

On the second day of Christmas, my darling should probably...Get into the spirit and buy a Christmas tree, while being glad he's home!

On the third day of Christmas, my honey should probably...Help decorate for our holiday party, acting as he shouldn't have ever left home!

On the fourth day of Christmas, my cutie should probably...Feed all the animals and pretend that he's glad to be home!

On the fifth day of Christmas, my husband should probably...Take me to dinner and a movie and be glad that he's home!

On the sixth day of Christmas, my dearest should probably...Take out the trash and be glad that he was allowed to come home!

On the seventh day of Christmas, my beloved should probably...Stop telling me he's already spent all his money and be glad that he has a home!

On the eighth day of Christmas, my sweetheart should probably...Consider getting a spa package so there is peace in the home!

On the ninth day of Christmas, my sugar should probably...Be creative in his Christmas shopping for the home!

On the tenth day of Christmas, my baby should probably...Remember that Flash and Turbo are beloved members of the home!

On the eleventh day of Christmas, my precious should probably...Consider himself lucky that he has such a wonderful home!

On the twelfth day of Christmas, my pet should probably...Think of getting granite countertops for the kitchen of his home!

Merry Christmas to all you hunting widows!!

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Out The In Gate

I've been witness to many a wreck during 35 years of working livestock auctions. These wrecks have ranged from the fender-bender variety to the head-on version with multiple injuries. Without exception all these mishaps occurred at "on-the-ranch auctions where people erected a temporary sales ring to sell their purebred livestock once a year. So whenever anyone asks me for advice on how to stage a sale I tell them to pay for the services of their local auction yard and leave it in the hands of professionals who do this kind of thing for a living.

It's the little things that usually cause the worst wrecks. Like using cables instead of bars on a sale ring and then forgetting to tighten the turnbuckles. This resulted in a big bull lunging through the cables as if they were cobwebs. Those in attendance that day dispersed in all directions faster than if a skunk had dropped in on their picnic. I heard later that there were several lawsuits as a result but I don't know if it was the legal settlements or the fact that the wife found her husband in bed with someone else, but whatever the reason, they never had another sale.

Then there was a Longhorn sale years ago in Elko, Nevada, where a group of breeders sold their animals INSIDE a county fair building normally reserved for selling docile 4-H lambs and pigs. The ring consisted of panels that were wired together. One of the Longhorns lifted up the entire ring with her horns and escaped to terrorize the crowd. In a bit of brilliance one of the consignors closed the door to the building so that the valuable animal could not escape, which meant that everyone was trapped inside and subject to being shish-kabobbed and tenderized. Many observers ran to the top of the bleachers to escape which caused the bleachers to tip over backwards.

People have no idea of all the little details in staging a successful sale. Like cementing the posts of the bullboard which serves as a buffer between the ring man and the cattle. One breeder I know lazily buried the posts about two feet in loose dirt and then put his best friend behind the bullboard during his sale. The breeder meant to convey a high honor to his friend by placing him there but I am told the two never spoke again after a mad bull started battering the bull board with his head. Every time the bull hit the bullboard the posts would give another inch in the loose dirt and the crease in the ex-friend's considerable midsection got deeper and deeper until he had a severe case of furniture disease: his chest got pounded into his drawers.

I almost got decapitated once at a bull sale where I was working ring. Trying to be considerate to those who sat on the front row the breeder had placed sheets of Plexiglas on the outside of the ring bars so that the patrons would not get hit with flying sawdust and recycled hay. Instead they were hit with sharp edged flying pieces of Plexiglas when a bull kicked the plastic and shattered it into a million pieces.

Poor ring design results in cattle that refuse to leave the ring after they're sold. Usually they want to exit through the in-gate. One commonly used trick that seldom works is to let another bull into the ring to lead the way out but what you end up with is two animals that won't leave. Whenever my friend Skinner had an animal that refused to leave the ring at his auction market he'd turn out all the lights. The animal would see the light coming from the out-gate and would vacate the premises immediately.

Another mistake people make is building their auction block too low. Many times I have seen bulls try to escape a ring by jumping up on the block with the auctioneer. I saw an auctioneer get two teeth knocked out in this manner which hindered his chant somewhat. He just sort of whistled the prices after that. Usually the cattle don't succeed in actually getting all the way on to the block but one time I did see it happen. Then the big riddle became... how do you get a 2,000 pound bull off the auction block?

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Letters to the Editor

Cheerleaders deserve praise for efforts in promoting spirit

Dear Citizens of Ozona,

We are so very proud of our youth in this town and all the extra-curricular school activities they are involved in. We realize that they sacrifice many extra hours of their own personal time to practice and play games in the name of representing Ozona. And we want to say "THANKS" for the way you so proudly represent Ozona! Hats off to you all! I couldn't be prouder to wear purple and gold and say that I am an Ozona Lion!

Whether you are an Ozona Lion, a Lady Lion, band member or a cheerleader and mascot, we appreciate you ALL and ALL that you do!

I feel the need to write this letter because it has come to our attention, as cheerleader moms, that someone has complained to the superintendent that our girls (cheerleaders) are lazy and un-spirited and not doing enough. I wish the person who said those hurtful words would follow in the life of a cheerleader for just one day. Our girls are juggling school demands, other extracurricular activities, and cheerleading on a daily basis.

There are times when we don't see our daughters until 8 p.m. at night because they are going from one activity to another with barely enough time to eat dinner.

Amongst all of the running from one activity to the next, they are also making ribbon toppers at home in their "spare" time and also keeping up with their school work. I would also like to add, that the glitter (in massive amounts), glue, poster board, markers, paint, etc. are the financial responsibility of the cheerleader herself. And never once have I heard a cheerleader complain because they have to do these things. They do them because they want to.

So, to say that our cheerleaders are lazy and un-spirited and not doing enough is just so very far from the truth that we want the citizens of Ozona to hear our side.

These girls love what they do and they do it to the best of their ability with the time they have available. I see these girls jump around and yell at the football games, trying to get the fans involved. I see the pep rallies they have put together and the spirit they show for our football team. I see the signs they have made and the time and effort it takes to make them and put them around town. And I believe they are doing, and did, an excellent job during our wonderful football season! I guess this person is just not "seeing it."

The next time you see a cheerleader, thank her for all that she does. These girls do an awesome job and deserve to be praised for their efforts, determination, and unselfishly giving of their time.

Ronald and Jill Koerth
Ozona, Texas

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2. To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or e-mail us at publisher@ozonastockman.com. Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published. Letters are subject to editing. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should try to not exceed 250 words.

Toys for Tots taking applications



Applications for Toys for Tots will be taken from Dec. 11 through Dec. 22 at the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

Applications can be picked up and filled out at the fire department.

For more information, call Lou Morrow at 392-9963.

The Crockett County Veterans have started collecting toys for their annual Toys for Tots campaign.

There are toy containers at Dollar General and Duckwalls.

There are money containers

located in several convenience stores for money donations.

Veterans will be collecting Toys every Saturday from 10 a.m. till noon by the park across from the courthouse.

Dec. 16 is the last day to collect toys.

The distribution of toys will be done by the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department before Dec. 22.

Anyone that is needing help with providing Christmas for their children can complete an application at the Salvation Army office which is located at the fire department.

For more information or questions, call Frank Tambunga- 392-2827.



Dec. 6 - Eddie Moore, Kyle Dean, Matt McGuire, Candace Gandar, Miguel Hernandez, Connie Arredondo, Vince Castro Jackie Sanchez, Joe Sanchez and Andrea Borrego

Dec. 7 - Kaleta Shepper-son, Martin Childress, Laney Galindo, Lupe Cervantez, Rachel Mendoza, Ken Sessom, Jose Aguilar, Mikey Burleson and Erik Carrizales

Dec. 8 - Ella Clegg, Joe Brandon Ortiz, Amanda Ramirez, Alma Longoria and Jimmy Tambunga

Dec. 9 - Artemio Hernandez Sr., Jeremiah Armando Ramirez, Terry Adams, Cade Clark, Margaret Coates, Jeremiah Sanchez and Ida Perez

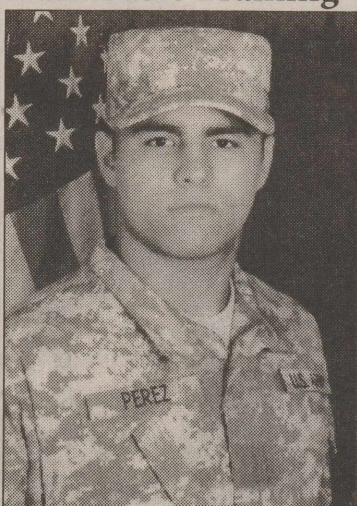
Dec. 10 - Elizabeth Clark and Laura Stapper

Dec. 11 - Melissa Trevnino, Arnie Hartman, Willena Holden, Roger Longoria, Amanda Maldonado and Dallas Goff

Dec. 12 - Abe Gott, Randy Carter, Lillian Tijerina, Robert Barrera, Felicitia Ramirez and Aiden Nicks

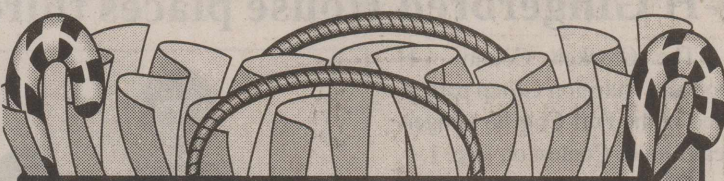
To place a birthday on the birthday list, call 392-2551

Nick Perez graduates from Basic Training



Submitted Photo

NICOLAS S. PEREZ, graduated from Basic Training in Fort Benning GA on Dec. 1. The ceremony took place on Sand Hill was attended by Richard Cardona, Irene Gonzales, Betty Castro, Richard Perez, Joey Perez, Jeff Perez, Raven Perez, Joyce Perez, Jadon Perez, Andrea Cortez and Joe Derek Perez. The group, along with Nick, headed back to Ozona with brief stops in Panama City, FL and New Orleans. Nick will be leaving for New York on Dec. 14.



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Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

"Help Us Stop the Invaders" is the theme for this year's Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Poster Contest.

The contest is dedicated to helping prevent the spread of invasive species in our Nation's forests.

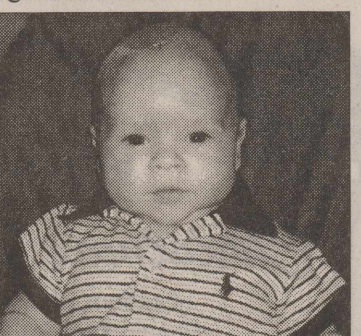
Invasive species can be plants and animals, and other organisms (e.g. microbes) that are non-native to an area. Human actions are the primary means of invasive introductions.

POSTER TIPS

- A good poster is bold and simple in design.
- Its message is delivered in both the picture and the slogan.
- Its message is easily understood.
- Posters are to be completed by individual student artists.
- Competition may include students from 1st to 5th grade.
- Posters will be judged 20 percent each for originality, design, slogan, artwork, and overall effectiveness of the message.

POSTER RULES

- Posters must feature Smokey Bear or Woodsy Owl.
- Smokey posters should focus on fire prevention and the message "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires." Woodsy posters should focus on the message, "Lend a Hand - Care for the Land."
- The entry posters should encourage children to take a personal role in preventing wildfires or conserving natural resources by preventing the spread of invasive species.
- Each entry should be 11 x 17 inches in size.
- Materials that can be used: crayons, markers, poster paints, watercolors, etc.
- No three-dimensional posters, computer-scanned, or electronically generated images will be accepted!
- Please print the artist's name, address, home phone number, grade level, school, teacher's name, city, and state on the back of the poster in the lower right corner.
- Do not use dark marker for this as it may show through.
- Submit poster entries no later than January 15, 2007, to the Ozona Garden Club, Pamela Maresch 392-3283.



It's a boy

Jeff Harvey and Jennifer Evans Harvey, of Nixon, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Jeffrey Blaine Harvey.

Blaine was born on Sept. 22, 2006 at 11:20 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Blaine is the grandson of Beverly Evans, of Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Evans, of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Parks, of Nixon, and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Harvey, of Nixon. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John L. Cook, also of Nixon.



It's a girl

Alizae Unique Huereca Ortiz was born Nov. 10, 2006 at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Dorthiann Huereca and Steven Ortiz.

Very proud grandmother is Elizabeth Huereca.

Great-grandparents are Howard and Rudy Huereca.

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4-H Gingerbread House places third at Fort Concho

The Crockett County 4-H Food and Nutrition Group participated in the Fort Concho Gingerbread House Contest on Dec. 1.

This year, the kids built a very large ranch house.

Features of this house include: a "log cabin" look, a shingled roof, a deer feeder with grazing reindeer and turkeys, a fire pit, a snowman with a cowboy hat, decorated Christmas trees, prickly pear cactus, and a Santa Claus making his trek down the chimney.

The gingerbread house is made completely of edible items including: homemade gingerbread structure, royal icing "glue", pretzels, jelly beans, marshmallow ropes, fruit roll-ups, dinner mints, candy canes, gum drops, ice cream cones, and many more edible treats.

The gingerbread house was entered into the Adult Group Category and placed 3rd out of 10 house entries.

The kids worked hard constructing the gingerbread house for more than three weeks, and put in many, many hours.



Submitted photo

4-H FOOD and NUTRITION group members participated in the Fort Concho Gingerbread House Contest on Dec. 1. Those pictured are: (front row of picture left to right) Abby Newton, Madison Childress, Lauren Miles, Jadie Marshall, and Kimberly Borrego. (Back row of picture left to right) Matthew DeWolfe, Harrison Gott, Justin Pullig, and Jacob Barrow. (Not pictured) Adison Aaron, Lane White, and Wilson White.

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thew DeWolfe, Harrison Gott, Justin Pullig, Jacob Barrow, Adison Aaron, Lane White and Wilson White.

Texas 4-H 'sounds the alarm' with fire prevention program

Texas 4-H, part of Texas Cooperative Extension, will begin a new statewide community service project this fall.

The National Fire Prevention Association reports that home fires continue to be the number one cause of fire deaths. Inhalation of smoke and poison gasses is the leading cause of death in fires and kill long before the flames reach the victim.

Roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms. Because of this, Crockett County 4-H is

kicking off a smoke alarm drive to help "Sound the Alarm" and prevent unnecessary deaths.

"Sound the Alarm" was started by two 4-H members in Victoria County, Texas, after they were impacted by the death of four schoolmates killed in a house fire with no smoke alarm. The 4-H members wanted to prevent such a tragedy from happening again. Texas 4-H is kicking off "Sound the Alarm" as a statewide service campaign this fall.

To help prevent house fire

deaths in this area, new smoke alarms can be donated to the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department or the Crockett County Extension Office. 4-H members, families and community supporters will then distribute and install these smoke alarms locally to those in need.

If you have any questions or are interested in receiving a "Sound the Alarm" smoke alarm, contact the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-3671.

Together, we can make a difference and save lives.

TPWD Deer Check Station On Dec. 10

In an attempt to gain better knowledge of our native white-tailed and mule deer herds in Crockett and surrounding counties, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be collecting deer age and antler measurement data from hunter-harvested deer.

Information that will be gathered is ages of does and bucks by tooth-wear classification, and inside-spread, basal circumference, and beam length

on spikes and all other fork-antlered bucks. TPWD personnel need only the head of the deer from which to collect the data and the procedure to collect the data takes only a few minutes per head.

The procedure can be safely conducted and won't harm the hide on a buck head that is being saved for taxidermy mounting.

TPWD personnel will be at the Ozona Chamber of Com-

merce Visitor Center Park at the Southeast corner of Interstate 10 and Hwy. 163 on Sunday, December 10, 2006 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Hunter participation is purely voluntary and greatly appreciated by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the state of Texas.

For more information about Ozona checkstations, contact the TPWD office in Sonora at 325.387.5539.

The Ozona Stockman E-Mail address is publisher @ozonastockman.com

Dr. William Wilson opens Sonora practice Jan. 2

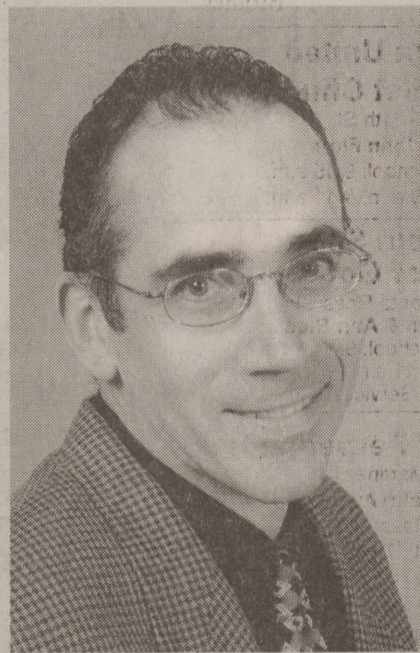
William Wilson, M.D. will open a private practice in the Sonora Medical Clinic on Jan. 2, 2007.

Dr. Wilson is board certified in family practice medicine. He treats men and women of all ages and accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurance plans.

A graduate of Texas Tech Medical School, Dr. Wilson served his family practice residency in Fort Worth and a rural family practice fellowship in Louisiana. He has been in private practice the past 10 years.

Dr. Wilson met his wife, Diana, while doing medical missionary work in Columbia. Dr. Wilson grew up in Honduras, where his parents served as missionaries. He is fluent in Spanish.

"Sonora is a perfect fit for Diana and me," Dr. Wilson says. "My parents live in Carrizo Springs, so we will be closer to them. Sonora is the right size for the kind of medicine I want to practice. You get to know your patients. You treat neighbors, not strangers on an assembly line."



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NRCS Texas makes \$73 million available for conservation practices

TEMPLE - The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has received its allocation for conservation cost-share programs for 2007; nearly \$72.5 million for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and \$665,000 for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP).

Agricultural producers interested in funding for 2007 need to apply at their local

NRCS office by Dec. 15.

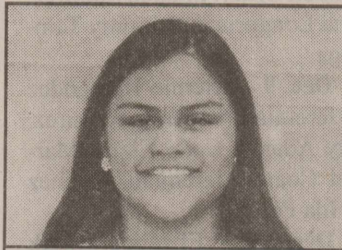
"Visit your local NRCS office as soon as possible to be sure to have enough time to meet the application ranking deadline," said Dr. Larry Butler, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "By ranking applications in December, we will be able to sign and fund contracts shortly after ranking so producers can begin implementing conservation practices."

The application cutoff date

applies to EQIP and WHIP; the application deadline for the Wetlands Reserve Program is Feb. 16, 2007.

NRCS accepts conservation program applications year-round; however, applications must be made by the Dec. 15, cutoff date to be considered for funding in 2007.

Applications made after the application deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle.



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Care Center Chatter

By **MARTA DE LA GARZA**
 Assistant Activity Director

Our week started Sunday with visitors from the Ozona Church of Christ, followed by football.

Monday, we played bingo followed by some pretty competitive trivia.

Tuesday, we got our exercise out of the way so we could get on to the good stuff which was volleyball. We all like a

good game of volleyball.

Wednesday, it was bingo once again. As we know, we have to have our weekly doses of bingo followed by decorating, which involved staff and the big help of some residents.

Who can forget that Thursday is the day we do beauty shop, in order to look great for the weekend. A big thank you to Rachel Ybarra for all her help as well as for the yummy pumpkin roll dessert she brought.

Later, residents got to listen to Christmas music, which will start getting us all in the mood since Christmas is just right around the corner.

Friday, we continued bingo. Later on that day, some of our residents got to start on their Christmas lists by going shopping, which was rather enjoyable as well as a great topper for the end of a busy week here at the Crockett County Care Center.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By **NELL WESTER**
 Senior Center Board Member

Another week has gone by. How many of you feel like me that time is absolutely flying. Christmas will be here before we know it.

We are now connected to the Internet and invite anyone who likes to play games or look up things to come in.

Our Angel Food Ministries went really well. This is really a good deal. You get a lot of food for \$25. The food will be here

at the Senior Center on Dec. 16. If you want to get the food for January, come by and sign up.

Lynn is still struggling with her broken ribs. She is still in a lot of pain. Give her a call or go by and visit.

I understand Audrey Glynn is on the mend. I even heard she is back to driving. Good for you Audrey. Lots of prayers and well wishes have gone your way, and we know it helps.

I've heard nothing about Jan St. Clair Tice. I hope she is improving. We wish her well.

If you missed the Museum's Wool and Mohair Style Show Saturday, you missed a treat. Our Ozona Varsity Cheerleaders modeled and were adorable. The lucky winner of the beautiful coat was Peggy Dickerson. The coat was donated by Dolores Vernor. Congratulations Peggy!

Bingo will be at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Senior Center.

Remember our activities are for those 50 years of age or older. We are flexible.

Come and enjoy all that goes on here at the Senior Center.

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Obituaries

Teresa Gonzalez



She was a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church in San Angelo. Teresa was a devoted wife and loving mother who volunteered her time at her children's functions.

She is survived by three sisters, Mary Jane and her husband Luis Flores, of Lubbock, Mary Frances and Rudy Sedeno, of San Angelo, Linda and Tony Vasquez, of Ozona and a brother, Ernesto Martinez Jr., of Ozona.

Teresa had an extended family of six nieces and eight nephews.

She also leaves behind her in-laws, Eugenio and Gregoria Gonzales, of Hamlin, and a brother Carlos and sister-in-law Millie.

Teresa graduated from Ozona High School in 1979 and attended two years at Angelo State University.

Funeral service was Dec. 4 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Teresa Gonzalez, of San Angelo, went to meet the Lord on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006.

Teresa was born Oct. 28, 1960, in Ozona to Elvira Martinez and the late Ernesto Martinez.

Teresa was married to George Gonzalez of Hamlin, Texas and had celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 5.

They raised two daughters, Anna Maria, 21 and Katherine Renee, 19 and a son, Sergio Nicolas Gonzalez, 12.

Levis & Lace Square Dance News

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

This will be our only dance in December due to the holiday.

Saturday night at 7 p.m. we will have our Christmas dance featuring caller Tracey Dowell from McCauley. Everyone is invited to join the fun.

From all of us to all of you we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Everyone have a safe holiday.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

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TWO MONTHS BEHIND

I have been busy and it slipped up on me, maybe due to the holidays and the end of the year approaching. As I reviewed our home finances I realized that I had not paid our tithe in the last two months. What a shock! My wife usually gives me a little piece of paper with the amount of money we received that month and I figure our tithe from that and give it to our local Church. It pleases God when we give but we have to watch out how we do it. For example, Cain and Able were both giving offerings to God and God was pleased with Abel's offering but dissatisfied with the Cain's, (Genesis 4:3-5). Early on God taught the nation of Israel that one tenth of every thing that they had belonged to Him, (Leviticus 27:30) and it was special and to be set aside. In Old Testament times part of the tithe was to provide a living for the Priests and even they were to tithe from what they received, (Numbers 18:25-27). It was not to be kept at home but brought to the place of worship, (Deuteronomy 12:17). The tithes were used to carry on Gods work like, salaries for Pastors, to build and maintain local places or worship; fellowship meals, to help orphans, widows, and the needy, (Deuteronomy 14:29). There are blessing and curses related to tithing, (Malachi 3:7-12). See you in Church next Sunday.
 Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Tuesday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Tuesday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
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<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>

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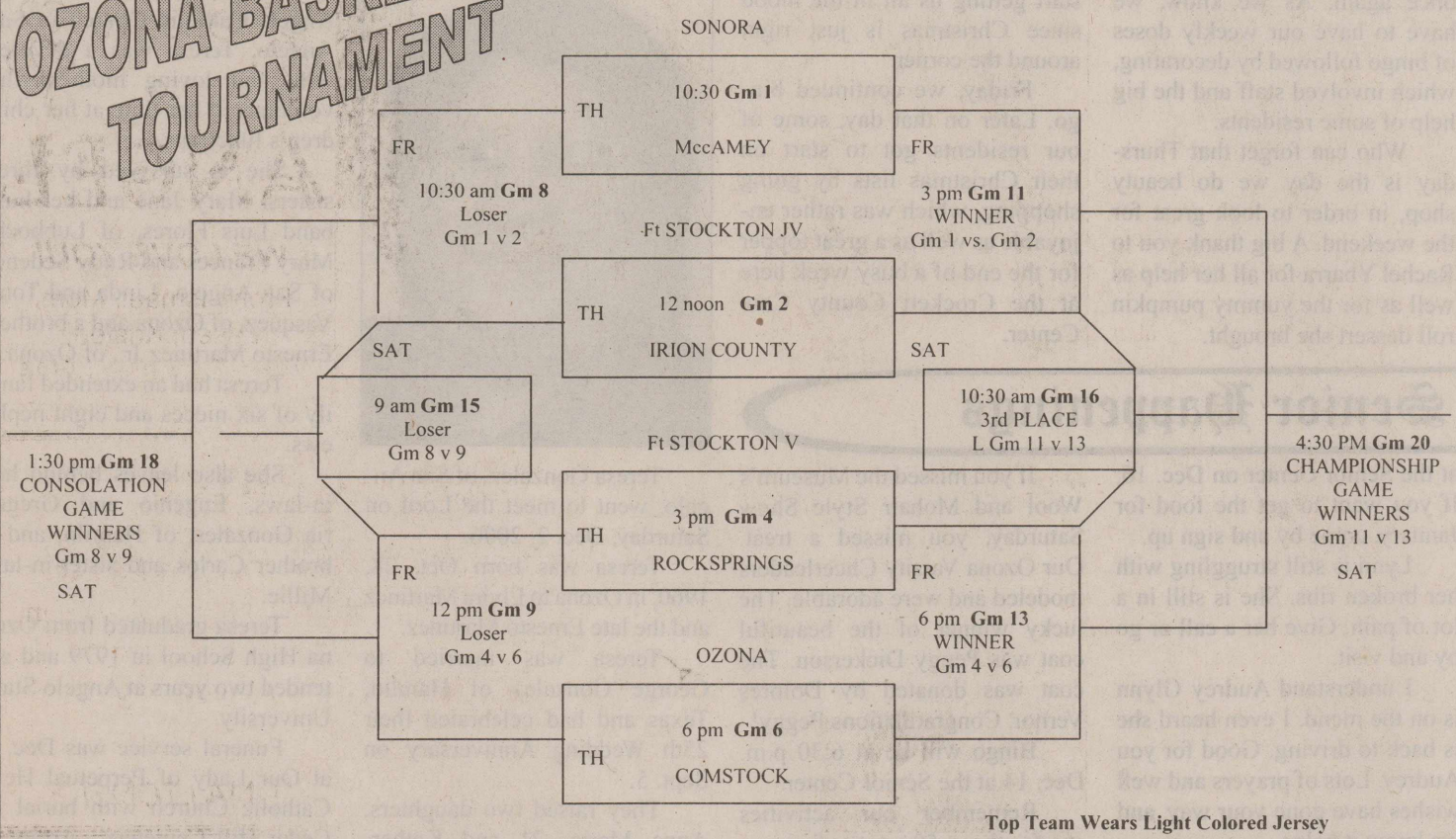
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GIRLS BRACKET



Top Team Wears Light Colored Jersey

Lions make debut in Coahoma Tourney

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Varsity Lions made their debut in the Coahoma Tournament Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 in Coahoma.

The Lions lost their first game 43-58 to Coahoma.

Scoring for the Lions was: Levi Vargas 10, Justin Maldonado 8, Matt Turland 6, Josh Santos 5, Rylee Ramos 4, Tate Collis 4, Matthew Bullard 4 and Colby Mayfield 2.

Also playing was: Caleb Mitchel and Stevie Vargas.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 8 14 12 - 43; Coahoma - 15 16 15 12 - 58.

"This was a very good effort for a first game with two full practices under a new system," said Coach Hollis Moore.

In their second game, Ozona lost 31-55 to Wall.

Scoring was: L. Vargas 10,

Mitchel 7, Santos 4, Mayfield 4, Ramos 4, Maldonado 2, Collis 2, Turland 2 and Bullard 2.

Also playing was: S. Vargas.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 7 14 11 - 31; Wall - 15 13 15 12 - 55.

In their final game, the Lions only lost by four, 30-34, to Sterling City.

Scoring for the Lions was: Maldonado 15, Santos 5, Mayfield 4, Ramos 2, Turland 2 and L. Vargas 2.

Also playing was: Collis, Bullard, S. Vargas and Mitchel.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 14 7 7 2 - 30; Sterling City - 7 10 9 8 - 34.

Maldonado was selected to the All Tournament Team for his consistent play throughout the tournament.

The Lions will compete this weekend in the 76th annual Ozona Tournament.

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Rocksprings

THURSDAY - December 7, 2007 - (All games @ HS)

Home Team listed first - wears light colored jersey

10:30 am	Sonora vs. McCamey	GIRLS	Gm 1
12:00 noon	Ft. Stockton JV vs. Irion County	GIRLS	Gm 2
1:30 pm	Grape Creek vs. Rocksprings Pool B	BOYS	Gm 3
3:00 pm	Ft. Stockton V vs. Rocksprings	GIRLS	Gm 4
4:30 pm	Sonora vs. Irion County Pool A	BOYS	Gm 5
6:00 pm	Ozona vs. Comstock	GIRLS	Gm 6
7:30 pm	Irion County vs. Ozona Pool A	BOYS	Gm 7

FRIDAY - December 8, 2006

Home Team listed first - wears light colored jersey

10:30 am	Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2	GIRLS	Gm 8
12:00 noon	Loser Game 4 vs. Loser Game 6	GIRLS	Gm 9
1:30 pm	McCamey vs. Grape Creek Pool B	BOYS	Gm 10
3:00 pm	Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2	GIRLS	Gm 11
4:30 pm	Rocksprings vs. McCamey Pool B	BOYS	Gm 12
6:00 pm	Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 6	GIRLS	Gm 13
7:30 pm	Sonora vs. Ozona Pool A	BOYS	Gm 14

SATURDAY - December 9, 2006

Home Team listed first - wears light colored jersey

9:00 am	Loser Game 8 vs. Loser Game 9	GIRLS	Gm 15
10:30 am	Loser Game 11 vs. Loser Game 13	GIRLS	Gm 16
12:00 noon	Consolation 3 rd Place Team Pool A vs. Pool B	BOYS	Gm 17
1:30 pm	Consolation Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 9	GIRLS	Gm 18
3:00 pm	3 rd Place Game 2 nd place Team Pool A vs. 2 nd Pool B	BOYS	Gm 19
4:30 pm	Championship Winner Game 11 vs. Winner Game 13	GIRLS	Gm 20
6:00 pm	Championship Winner Pool A vs. Winner Pool B	BOYS	Gm 21

Lady Lions compete in Coahoma Tournament

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Varsity Lady Lions competed in the Coahoma Tournament Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 in Coahoma.

The Lady Lions lost, 29-64, to Coahoma in their first game.

Scoring for the Lady Lions were: Meagan McDaniel 13, Kasey Gray 1, Celia Rivera 4, Adrienne Bendele 1, Alysha Lara 9 and Alexa Cervantez 1.

Also playing were: Vanessa Rodriguez, Frankie Skinner, Farran Wilson, Jayci Miller, Peyton Fenton, Morgan Glosson and Melissa Miller.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 1 11 7 - 29; Coahoma - 20 26 10 8 - 64.

"This was a tough game for us," said Coach John Jackson. "With 3:22 left in the first quarter, it was 8-8 and then Coahoma went on a 36-3 run to finish the half. In the second half, we played them even 18-18, which is a positive for the game."

Ozona won their second game, 42-29, against Sterling City.

Scoring for Ozona was: McDaniel 10, Skinner 4, Wilson, 2, Rivera 7, Bendele 3, Lara 14 and Glosson 2.

Also playing was: Rodriguez, Fenton, Gray, Cervantez and M. Miller.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 11 8 6 17 - 42; Sterling City - 7 6 8 8 - 29.

"This was the best game we've played all year," Jackson said. "The girls all played

within themselves and within the system. We did everything well and played the entire game. I was really proud of the girls, and the way they performed."

In their third game, the Lady Lions fell 17-63 against Roscoe.

Scoring was: McDaniel 2, Skinner 2, Gray 1, Rivera 2, Bendele 1, Lara 5, Cervantez 2 and Glosson 2.

Also playing was: Rodriguez, Wilson, Fenton and M. Miller.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 5 5 7 - 17; Roscoe - 16 17 12 18 - 63.

"Roscoe is a really good team. We just couldn't put the ball in the basket that night," Jackson said. "The girls never quit and they played hard. We just didn't get that many breaks."

In their final game, Ozona fought hard, but came up short, 22-36, against Sweetwater.

Scoring was: McDaniel 2, Skinner 4, Wilson 4, Gray 1, Rivera 2, Lara 4 and Cervantez 5.

Also playing was: Rodriguez, Fenton, Bendele, Glosson and M. Miller.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 9 3 2 - 22; Sweetwater - 8 11 9 8 - 36.

"This is a game I felt we could of one. We had a good first half, but we came out really flat in the second half and just couldn't recover," Jackson said.

The Lady Lions will compete this weekend in the 76th annual Ozona Basketball Tournament.

Seventh Grade Lions win first game

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions won their first game of the season on Nov. 27, defeating Comstock 27-16.

Scoring for the Lions was: Andy Trevino 11; Alejandro Mendez 10 and Adriel Zamarripa 6.

Also playing was: Kramer Hall, Lane Hale, Marty Moran, Steven Rubio, Mario Sifuentes, Craig Fluth, Jorge Sarabia, Kent Fluth and Austin Perez.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 4 6 10 - 27; Comstock - 5 6 1 4 - 16.

"We played great for our first game. It is always good to start with a win. We were a little nervous at first, but that is to be expected. We played as a team and I think that really helped us," said Coach Levi Box. "The key to the game was out defense though. We played tough defense and that opened up a lot of easy baskets."

The Lions are 1-0. They will take on Iraan at 5 p.m. Monday at the Becky Childress Memorial Gym.

8th Grade Lions pounce Panthers 40-25

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions pounced all over the Comstock Panthers on Nov. 27, winning 40-25 in their first game of the season.

Scoring for the Lions was: Abey Lara 7; Chris Rendon 7; Russel Komechak 8; Jose Aguilar 10 and Eric Talamantez 8.

Also playing was: Richard Borrego, Stefan Wilson, David Perez, Anthony Gonzales, Kyle Dean and Trey Fierro

Score by quarters: Ozona - 11 14 5 10 - 40; Comstock - 7 7 5 6 - 25.

"This was a great way for us to start off the season. This group of guys are all hard works and we are real excited about the season," said Coach John Esparza. "There are still a lot of little things we need to work on, but over all I could not have been more pleased with how well they did."

The Lions are 1-0. They will take on Iraan at 5 p.m. Monday at the Becky Childress Memorial Gym.

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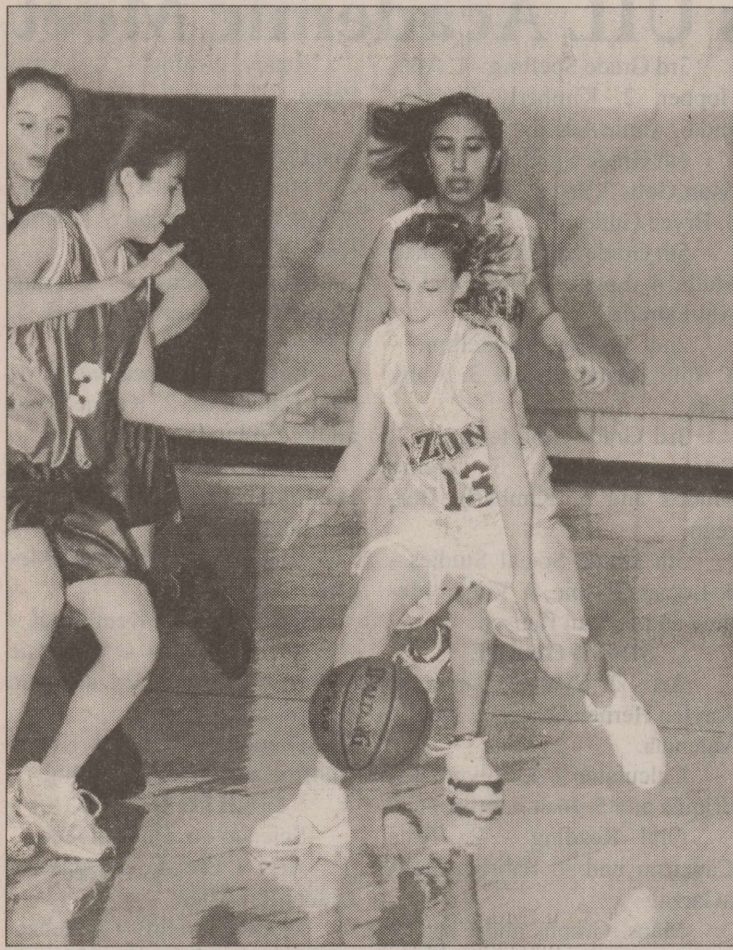


Photo by Joe Hernandez

KELBIE RENFROE gets some pressure as seventh grade teammate Natalie Hernandez comes in from behind her to assist.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions defeat Comstock

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions defeated Comstock, 27-26, on Nov. 27.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Adrienne Sanchez 4, Stacie Quiroz 14, Maria Villarreal 4 and Johna Pullig 5.

Also playing was: Isabel Ybarra, Nancy Rodriguez, Kelbie Renfro, Gaby Gutierrez, Natalie Hernandez and Alex Rodriguez.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 10 4 5 - 27; Comstock - 11 6 4 5 - 26.

"We played very well to start off the game," said Coach Brandon Marino. "We just have to continue to play well all four quarters. We still have a lot of things to work on and I can only expect us to get better as the season goes on."

The Lady Lions are 1-1. They will take on Iraan at 5 p.m. Monday in Iraan.



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ADRIENNE SANCHEZ scored four points in the seventh grade Lady Lions first game.

8th Grade Lady Lions pounce Panthers

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions defeated Comstock on Nov. 27, 36-20.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Kristen Mendoza 14, Britni Mitchel 8, Chelsea Moore 5, Makayla Badillo 3, Jennifer Allen 2, Brenda Venegas 2, Rebecca Ramos 2 and Gabby Rodriguez 1.

Also playing was: Rae Arredondo, Kelly Pilcher, Melanie Miller and Mariah Gallardo.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 14 11 7 - 36; Comstock - 1 11 4 4 - 20.

The Lady Lions are 2-0. They will take on Iraan at 5 p.m. Monday in Iraan.

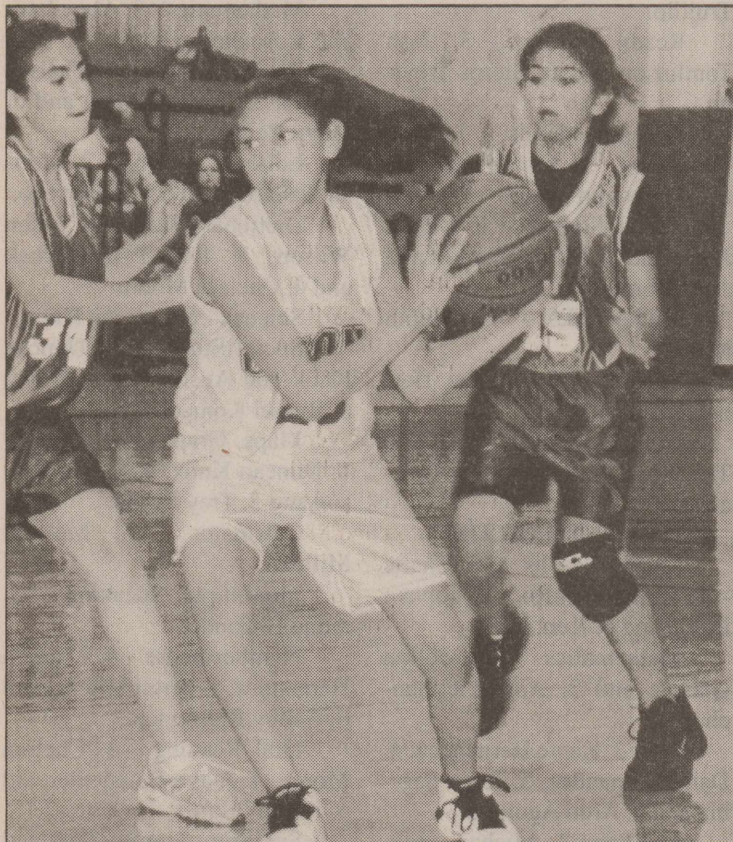


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STACIE QUIROZ gets double teamed by two Comstock Lady Panthers. Quiroz scored 14 points for the seventh grade Lady Lions.



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MELANIE MILLER drives the ball down the court for the eighth grade Lady Lions.

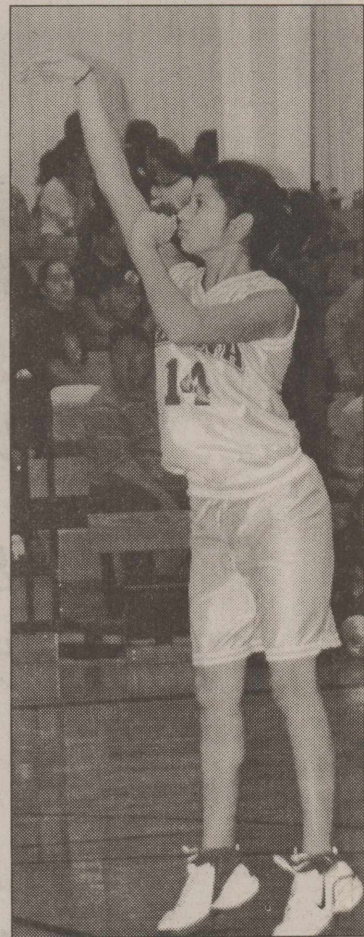


Photo by Joe Hernandez
MAKAYLA BADILLO shoots a free throw in the eighth grade girls game against Comstock.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

KRISTEN MENDOZA dribbles toward the basket in the eighth grade girls game against Comstock. Mendoza racked up 14 points.

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On Terrorism
Henry Bonilla voted to **create the Department of Homeland Security** and to **fully fund those agencies fighting terrorism**. Ciró Rodriguez voted against strengthening our borders two weeks after 9/11.

On Private Property
Henry Bonilla has consistently voted to **protect private property rights** and is **pushing a law that stops government from seizing your land for special interests**. Ciró Rodriguez supported seizing private lands in West Texas, and voted to keep you from stopping government land seizures.

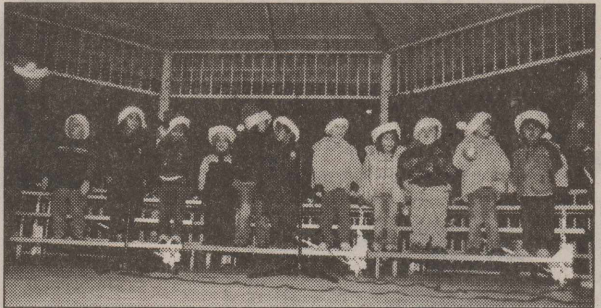
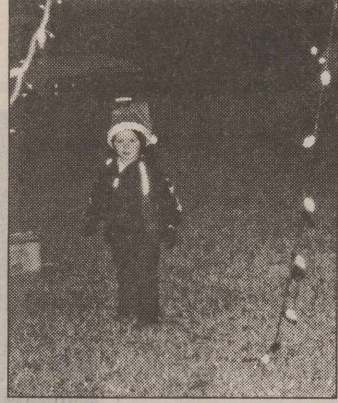
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Election Day is Tuesday, **Dec. 12**

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The Ozona Stockman Deadline is Monday at NOON!

SANTA CLAUS COMES TO TOWN



Photos by Melissa Perner
SANTA CLAUS arrived in Ozona Monday night after students from the Ozona Community Center, Head Start, Del's Little Schoolhouse, AWANA kids and Ozona Primary School performed.

Ozona wins UIL Academic Meet

The Ozona Middle School was host for this year's annual UIL Academic meet for grades second through eighth.

Ozona won the meet, defeating Reagan County and Crane.

The results are:

SECOND - FIFTH GRADES

4th Grade Art - Ozona 1st place: 1. Harrison Gott; 2. Jacob Barrow; 3. Alan Salazar and 4. Marissa Held.

5th Grade Art - Ozona 1st place: 2. Abby Newton; 3. Kelsey Smith and 5. Lisa Dorrough.

2nd Grade Creative Writing - 6. Asia Lara.

5th Grade Dictionary Skills - 1. Vivian Medina; 4. Katelyn Tidwell and 5. Ruben Soliz.

5th Grade Listening - 1. Katelyn Tidwell; 2. Lorenzo Hernandez and 4. Lisa Dorrough.

5th Grade Maps, Graphs and Charts - 2. Justin Pullig; 3. Lisa Dorrough and 5. Lexi Poindexter.

3rd Grade Music Memory - Ozona 3rd Place: 4. Alex Hopper and Noel Fierro and Kimberly Borrego.

4th Grade Music Memory - Ozona 3rd Place: Jadie Marshall, Stormy Rinehart, Jana Munsell, Richard Gomez and Ryan Porras.

5th Grade Music Memory - Ozona 2nd Place: 4. Desiree Marshall and Tiger Lewis, Erick Rodriguez, Lorenzo Hernandez and Katlyn Tidwell.

4th Grade Number Sense - 1. Bryce Gutierrez, 2. Jadie Marshall and 4. Alan Salazar.

5th Grade Number Sense - 2. Vivian Medina and 3. Saul Benson and Justin Pullig.

4th Grade Oral Reading - 4. Jadie Marshall and 5. Wade Allen.

5th Grade Oral Reading - 4. Lorenzo Hernandez.

3rd Grade Ready Writing - 1. Estifinia Torralba and 3. Lauren Miles.

4th Grade Ready Writing - 1. Jadie Marshall and 6. Bryce Gutierrez.

5th Grade Ready Writing - 2. Abby Newton.

3rd Grade Spelling - 1. Alex Hopper, 2. Kimberly Borrego and 6. Annie Adams.

4th Grade Spelling - 1. Harrison Gott, 2. Jacob Barrow and 3. Bryce Gutierrez.

5th Grade Spelling - 2. Chad Fluth, 4. Logan Glaspie and 5. Abi Estrada.

2nd Grade Storytelling - 1. Julie Marshall and 3. Abby Gott.

3rd Grade Storytelling - 2. Estefania Torralba, 3. Jeremy Munoz and 5. Kimberly Borrego.

5th Grade Social Studies - 1. Logan Glaspie, 2. Vivian Medina and 5. Saul Benson.

SIXTH GRADE

Art - 2. Cynthia Garcia, 4. Kaylen Hernandez and 5. Khalid Valencia.

Calculator - 4. Jolynn Rodriquez and 5. Josh Tomlinson.

Oral Reading - 2. Tesla Caperton and 4. Sabrina DeLaGarza.

Maps, Graphs and Charts - 1. Tesla Caperton, 4. Josh Tomlinson and 6. Jessica Borrego.

Dictionary Skills - 5. Elisa Trujillo.

Ready Writing - 3. Josh Tomlinson and 6. Sierra Trevino.

Listening Skills - 1. Josh Tomlinson, 3. Cynthia Garcia and 5. Joaquin Meza.

Social Studies - 1. Cuatro Jones and 2. Tesla Caperton and Alex Borrego.

Mathematics - 4. Joaquin Meza.

Spelling - 3. Kaylen Hernandez.

Number Sense - 4. Sierra Trevino and 5. Sabrina DeLaGarza.

SEVENTH GRADE

Maps, Graphs and Charts - 1. Collyn Glaspie, 2. Johnna Pullig and 6. Kent Fluth.

Mathematics - 2. Collyn Glaspie and 3. Adrienne Sanchez.

Art - 3. Katye Hernandez, 4. Dalia Hernandez, 5. Jorge Sarabia and 6. Aron Aguilera.

Spelling - 2. Michael Medina.

Ready Writing - 3. Austin Perez.

Editorial Writing - 3. Michael Medina and 4. Lane Hale.

Oral Reading - 4. Lane Hale, 5. Erik Carrizales and 6. Kramer Hall.

Number Sense - 2. Craig Fluth, 3. Kramer Hall and 5. Johnna Pullig.

Impromptu Speaking - 1. Erik Carrizales, 2. Kramer Hall and 6. Collyn Glaspie.

Modern Oratory - 1. Emalee Hamilton, 2. Kelsie Ramirez and 4. Collyn Glaspie.

Science - 6. Michael Medina.

Calculator - 4. Kent Fluth. Social Studies - 1. Kelsie Ramirez, 4. Erik Carrizales and 5. Kent Fluth.

Dictionary Skills - 1. Kelbie Renfroe and 2. Johnna Pullig.

EIGHTH GRADE

Science - 6. Duncan Knox. Art - 4. Brenda Venegas and 6. Jennifer Allen.

Modern Oratory - 1. Rebecca Pierce and 5. Chelsea Moore. Listening - 1. Britni Mitchel and 2. Austin Suddreth.

Mathematics - 3. Abey Lara and 5. Austin Suddreth.

Ready Writing - 1. Chelsea Moore, 3. Duncan Knox and 5. Jady Poindexter.

Editorial Writing - 2. Mari-ah Gallardo and 6. Joe Borrego.

Dictionary Skills - 2. Stefan Wilson, 3. Russel Komechak and 4. Chelsea Moore.

Science - 6. Duncan Knox. Social Studies - 1. Duncan Knox and Austin Suddreth and 5. Russel Komechak.

Maps, Graphs and Charts - 1. Duncan Knox, 4. Stefan Wilson and 5. Trey Fierro.

Calculator - 5. Melanie Miller.

Impromptu Speaking - 3. Alma Elizondo.

Number Sense - 4. Leandra Hernandez, 5. Britni Mitchel and 6. Gabby Rodriguez.

Oral Reading - 3. Chelsea Moore, 4. Jady Poindexter and 5. Kellie Pilcher.

Spelling - 1. Abey Lara and 2. Rebecca Pierce.

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Helping Hands Arts and Crafts Show Thursday

Holiday Helping Hands Arts and Craft Show and Noon Meal will be this Thursday in the Crockett County Civic Center. Members of the Helping Hands Board have worked hard to put together a wonderful day of fun and excitement for the community of Ozona.

This weekday extravaganza will be on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Board members will be serving a noon meal for everyone to drop in to eat and then stop by and check out the various craft booths.

The meal will consist of a wonderful stew for the cold weather, cornbread, salad, drinks and dessert. This meal will be served most of the day so don't worry about the time schedule if you are in your working clothes - we want you there.

The Board members have also worked really hard to gather up many raffle items and door prizes for all who attend. You will be able to buy tickets at the door and from members of the Board. Many businesses here in Ozona have donated articles for the raffle. A few of the items donated are: Ozona National Bank a Savings Bond, Ozona TV Cable a 13 inch TV, Triple C Hardware a ice chest, Caleb's Restaurant a Welcome Sign, JET Supply and Water Jug, The Hitching Post a Dinner for Two, Gregg and Corba Jones have donated a Socket Set, Pepe's Restaurant a Dinner for Two, and Crockett National Bank has made a Donation to the Helping Hands Board to be used for the many meals to help the elderly of our town.

There are many other businesses who have donated to the raffle - to see these many won-

derful items are sure to stop by and see the table that is displaying the items on Thursday at the Civic Center.

June and Bill Haynes, Nancy Smith and Sara Hignight have worked hard in gathering up vendors for the day. These people will be coming from Ozona and many of our neighboring town. Applications are still coming in the mail and it looks like a very big day will be this Thursday in Ozona.

There is a total of 22 vendors with many of them have several booths rented.

There is a wide variety of things for sale from Christmas items, metal work, candles, goat milk lotions and soaps, to crosses and hand made blankets. These vendors will be donating door prizes so you want to be sure to be in on the drawing for these.

VENDOR LISTING

• Linda Rodriguez of Ozona will be exhibiting angels, wreaths, gift baskets and other holiday gifts. Linda has shown in various shows through the past years and you will remember her from seeing her displays from the previous years Arts and Crafts shows.

• Wanda Coburn of Crane with Sweet Memories handles jewelry. She and her husband have sold jewelry for many years and have been seen in many different communities with their jewelry.

• Haynes, Metal & Vinyl Creations is owned by June and Bill Haynes of Ozona. This couple creates metal art with several different motifs. Western designer stars and many animals' designs are seen in their work. Bill also creates signs and banners with vinyl. You will see many

beautiful things from signs, cup holders and tables at their booth. Bill and June recently participated in the Oma's Christmas Show in Bourne a juried show. Bill and June are also helping in gathering of vendors, setting up for the show and the many little things it takes to make it a success this year.

• Jo Elkins from Odessa will be showing many her own creations. She specializes in Doggy Dudes (clothing), Tater Bakers, painted soap buckets, patio lights, picket fence pictures and furniture, Christmas trees, and many decorations for the Christmas season for indoor and outdoor use. Jo is formally from Ozona.

• Epsie Hanna of San Angelo will be here showing her hand made throw pillows, fringed fleece school throws, faux stone vases and candle sticks. Epsie has shown in many of the area shows and is a master seamstress with her pillows and throws.

• Nancy Smith owner and creator of Lone Star Candles will be exhibiting her candles that center on the Texas theme. Texas Crude is one of the many favorite candles that people enjoying having in their homes. Nancy recently participated in the Oma's Christmas Show in Bourne a juried show. Nancy and her family are residents of Ozona. Nancy is also one of the Ozona vendors helping to make this show a success.

• Maria Gran of Monahans will be here promoting her Home Interior and Avon products. If you have not seen many of the new items from these companies you will want to come and visit with Maria.

• Roberta Schoenhals and Nelda Wagner will be selling

many 'odds and ends' for your home and family members. They will also have small gift items and some jewelry as well as little toys, figurines, chicken decorations, hand sewn articles. Roberta and Nelda are both long time members of our community.

• Carmen Villarreal will be selling plaques and wall hanging for your home many of these will be of the religious theme. Carmen is also a member of community and has assisted many different organizations here in Ozona.

• Johnny Johnson will have a special booth showing her many pastels, acrylics, pen and ink drawing. She is also very well known for her oil paintings also Johnny will be displaying her painting of the hands uniting those who are a part of the organization of Meals on Wheels. Johnny has been a resident of Ozona for many years.

• Antonio and Mary Zapata will be coming to Ozona from San Angelo. The Zapata's will be exhibiting many Christmas Decorations that will make the season brighter. The Zapata's are like many other crafters in that they have been to many shows this season and are eager to come to Ozona this Thursday.

• Sara Hignight owner of Blessed Soaps and Lotions will be displaying her handmade Goat Milk and Honey Lotion and Goat Milk and Glycerin Soaps. Sara has been making these items for the past three years and selling them at Craft Shows and the larger county fairs through out the state of Texas. Sara just lately sold at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock. Sara also recently participated in the Oma's Christmas Show in Bourne, TX

a juried show. Bill and June are also helping in gathering of vendors, setting up for the show and the many little things it takes to make it a success this year.

• Judy Reagor who is also a resident of Ozona will be selling her wonderful Angel jewelry. She has also added fine jewelry with gold and white gold and fine gemstones to her collection of jewelry. Judy will also have several antiques there for those who are looking for something special to give in the antique department.

• Jerry Freeze will be showing wind spinners. These are really pretty to watch and have been fairly new on the market this year. Jerry also makes leather products and is a resident of Monahans.

• Carolyn Stover of Ozona will be selling crosses and sun catchers. The crosses are made of painted wood. The sun catchers are in many shapes from butter flies, tulips, and unicorns. She will also have small figurines that she has made for all ages. Carolyn has made necklaces with crosses and has also several crosses for wall hangings. Carolyn is also from Ozona.

• Charlie & Carmon Ramos will be exhibiting hand made jewelry. This has been a new adventure for Charlie in the creative world. There will be some decorated candles other things for the Christmas Season. The Ramos's are from Ozona and own Carlye's.

• L.P. and Kim Nixon of Eldorado will be exhibiting their hand made jewelry for all ages and the wood items they make. The Nixon's have done this for several years and learned many tricks of the trade for making

beautiful jewelry. The Nixon's are from Eldorado and many mothers will remember Kim from her work here with Girl Scouting.

• Crafts by Mary of San Angelo will be special in that she specializes in Indian jewelry, dolls, dream catchers, and various other things all center on the Indian theme. Mary has a beautiful booth at the many shows she does and is very knowledgeable in her crafts.

• Laura DeHoyos will be selling her wonderful wreaths and Christmas decorations for the home. She is known for these and you have seen them here in Ozona. Laura is of course from Ozona.

• Lupe Martinez of Ozona will be having some of her special things that she has made for the season. Lupe is one of the regular members of the Helping Hands Organization and has spent many hours helping this group. Lupe will have Christmas decorations for sale this year along with many other things.

• Sissy Mann of Big Lake will be here with hand made canning that she makes yearly. She has a wide variety of different delights from cactus jelly and jalapeño sauce. She is very well known in the surround communities for her wonderful jars of love that she has made

• Brenda Myers of Smiling Angel Crafts will be here from Odessa. She will be exhibiting her floral, barn wood pictures, photography, jewelry, heat packs, paintings, purses, scrap booking enhancements and many more things. Brenda has sold her things in many of the area shows. Brenda shown in Ozona before and is excited to come again.

Our Deadline is MONDAY at NOON

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Thanks to all the folks who helped make the 19th Annual DeerFest a success This event could not happen without you and your time is greatly appreciated.

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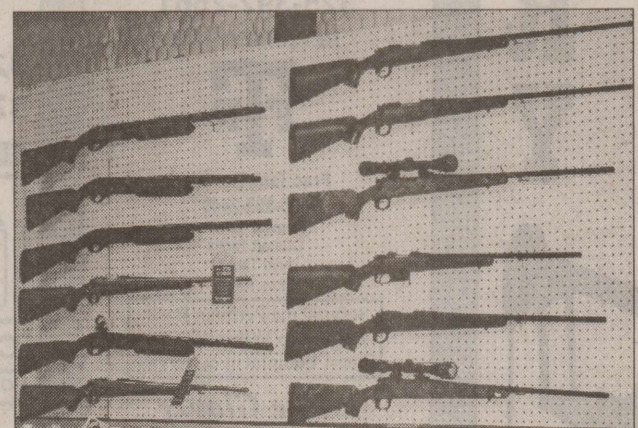
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Animal control, Livestock Complaints	2
Civil Service	3
Courtesy Transports	2
Criminal Activity Complaints	12
Disturbances, Domestic, Loud Noise etc.	12
Gas Thefts	3
Juvenile Complaints	3
Locked Vehicles	7
911 Medical, Fire Calls	14
Motorist Assistance	5
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	3
Security Alarms	1
Sheriff's Office/Jail Admin	37
State/County Road Calls	3
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles	4
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	1
Welfare/gas/food	1
Vehicle Accidents	5
Traffic Citations Issued	10

DPS: Hire only licensed locksmiths

Since January 2004, the Private Security Act has required that individuals and companies performing locksmith services in the state of Texas be licensed by the Department of Public Safety.

As part of the licensing process, fingerprint criminal history checks are performed on applicants to ensure they do not have criminal convictions that would prohibit them from receiving a license.

However, many individuals and companies are still performing services without the required license—and the required criminal history check.

Giving an unlicensed locksmith access to your home or business places you at risk of criminal acts against you or your property.

The Department recommends that before you allow a locksmith access to your home, business or other property, you ensure he or she is licensed. Li-

censed locksmiths will be able to provide you a Department-issued license number.

You should also check our website using the search feature at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/psb/> to verify an individual or company's licensed status.

The Department has 27 troopers located throughout the state who investigate violations of the Private Security Act. Among the violations they investigate are allegations of individuals or companies performing locksmith services without a license, which is a class A misdemeanor, punishable by a jail term up to 1 year and/or a fine of up to \$4,000.

If you encounter an unlicensed individual or company offering to perform locksmith services, please contact the Department's Private Security Bureau by mail (PO Box 4087, Austin, Texas 78773-0241), by fax (512-424-7729) or by e-mail (psb@txdps.state.tx.us).

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

NOTICE: Parents that are considering purchasing mini motorbikes, off road 4 wheelers etc., make sure you are aware of laws and restriction of use on public roadways.

Also recommend all serial numbers of these items be recorded, or items be engraved with names, to help in recovery in case items are stolen or lost.

Notice: Key ring with various keys located on Ave E near NAPA Auto Parts, can be picked up at Sheriff's Office

The following persons have outstanding Crockett County Warrants. It is recommended that these persons surrender into custody at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office as soon as possible.

• Rhonda Cerda, of Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check

• Yuri Saenz, address unknown, 112th District Court-Delivery of Controlled Substance- State Jail Felony

• Jack Grannis, of Ozona, Crockett County Justice of the Peace-Theft by Check

• Lacy Fleming, of Odessa/Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check

• Brandon O'Neil, of Barnhart, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check

• Michelle Romero, of Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check

• April Alvarez Dominguez, of Ozona/Del Rio, Crockett County Court- Theft

• Valentino Castillo, of Ozona - Crockett County Court making alcohol available to minors and evading arrest.

ARREST REPORT 11-29-06

• Kevin Miguel Rodgers, 46, of California, arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving while intoxicated and a parole violation warrant. Subject remains in custody pending trial/transfer.

12-01-06
• Angelica Esquivel Perez, 47, of Ozona, arrested by DPS Trooper for public intoxication. She pled guilty in Justice of the Peace Court and paid fine. She was released.

• Joel Najjar, 26, of Ozona, arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while intoxicated. He posted bond and was released.

12-02-06
• Francisco Villarreal Galan, 57, of Ozona, arrested by DPS Trooper for felony driving while intoxicated. He remains in custody pending bail/trial.

12-04-06
• Ricardo Alberto Lopez, 34, of Eagle Pass, was arrested by sheriff's office for possession of dangerous drug, driving while license invalid and a warrant from Maverick County. Subject posted bail and was released.

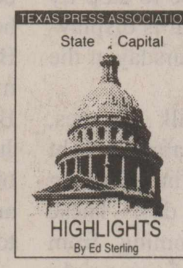
INCIDENT REPORTS 11-29-06
• Sheriff's office filed an abandoned vehicle report following impoundment of a vehicle on Highway 349.

• Sheriff's office filed an abandoned vehicle report following request from local citizen on Santa Anna Street to have junked vehicles removed.

11-30-06
• Sheriff's office filed a driving while intoxicated report after a routine traffic stop on I-10. Subject was arrested.

12-01-06
• Sheriff's office filed an abandoned vehicle report following impoundment of a vehicle on I-10 east of Ozona.

Effect of tax cut complicates budgeting process



AUSTIN - Passing a 2008-2009 budget will be an over-arching priority for lawmakers when the 80th regular session of the Texas Legislature convenes Jan. 9.

But the amount the Legislature will be able to spend is in question. Last spring, the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1, a tax-spreading measure meant to bring school district property tax relief, and the commitment to reduce school property taxes by one-third will have powerful consequences.

According to a late-November report by the Center for Public Policy Priorities, an Austin think-tank, lower revenue because of the tax cut will trigger a constitutional spending cap. That means less money will be in play.

Lawmakers and the executive branch already are looking at formulas to minimize the pain. **BILL WOULD PREVENT USE OF IMAGES**

Legislation filed by State Rep. Linda Harper-Brown, R-Irving, would make it a crime to use the image or name of a U.S. serviceman or servicewoman in an advertisement.

Harper-Brown's staff said one of the lawmaker's constituents asked for the legislation to prevent businesses from printing the names or images of service members, especially of the fallen ones, on merchandise such as T-shirts without their permission or the permission of their surviving spouse or legal representative.

SENATOR'S BILL WOULD KILL TAKS
Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said she plans to file legislation that would do away with the high-stakes Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exams that schoolchildren must pass to advance in grade and graduate.

Her legislation would replace the controversial TAKS with end-of-semester testing that is tied to the normal curriculum. **JUDGE SAYS GIVE UP THE TAPE**

The Texas Department of Public Safety must release a May 2005 Capitol security videotape, a state district judge and the attorney general agree.

A two-hour portion of the tape was sought by the Austin biweekly Texas Observer to see if Republican campaign donor James Leininger of San Antonio took part in a hallway debate with lawmakers over his proposal to spend state money on private school vouchers.

The DPS maintains that it would constitute a security breach if the tape were made public.

In late November, Austin state District Judge Stephen Yelenosky ruled the tape must be made public, but the DPS had not released it to the Texas Observer, as of press time.

Yelenosky's ruling is in line with an earlier opinion by Attorney General Greg Abbott.

FORMER LAWMAKERS LAID TO REST
Former state Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, was laid to rest in the Texas State Cemetery on Dec. 1.

Madla, 69, and two close family members died in a house fire a week earlier.

Madla served in the Texas Legislature from 1972 to 2006.

Former State Sen. Temple Dickson, D-Sweetwater, died Nov. 29. He was 72.

Dickson served in the Senate from 1989 to 1993. His funeral was at the family ranch in Nolan County on Dec. 2.

GIFT DISCLOSURE STANCE STAYS SAME
The Texas Ethics Commission voted 5-3 to stick with its earlier position that state officials do not have to disclose the amount of cash gifts they receive.

A cash gift simply may be reported as "currency," "check" or "money order" under the Nov. 26 ruling.

The agency earlier ruled that State Employee Retirement System board member Bill Ceverha of Dallas did not have to report a \$50,000 check he received from Houston homebuilder Bob Perry as anything other than a "check."

Government watchdog organizations and several of the state's larger newspapers criticized the ruling.

STATE RAILROAD TO KEEP RUNNING
There will be enough money in the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department budget to keep the Texas State Railroad operating through the end of the fiscal year, Aug. 31.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick, informed the agency the money would be available to allay concerns by citizens that the railroad would shut down at the end of the current calendar year.

The railroad, built in 1880, runs between Palestine and Rusk.



LANCE McMULLAN killed this nice buck after a long day of hunting on the family ranch near Ozona. Lance, a junior at Seven Lakes High School in Katy, is the son of Ashby and Joanie McMullan of Katy and grandson of Jim and Ann McMullan of San Antonio.

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#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	95-1.10
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#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs.	65-80
Fat ewes	40-50
Thin ewes	25-35
Bucks	30-50
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies	40-50
Stocker Angora muttons	55-65
Angora Kids	1.15-1.25
Angora Kids-shorn	1.00-1.15
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	15-25
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	30-40
Stocker Spanish nannies	65-75
Fat Spanish nannies	45-60
Fat Spanish muttons	90-1.10
Fat Spanish billies	95-1.05
Fat yearlings	1.05-1.10
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Wills Oil & Gas Exp	15000	Arledge #508	Grey Wolf Drilling/A 43	Drig Ahead
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Henry Petroleum	10000	Unit 5-Subirna24-43	Patterson Utli/Midian 57	Drig Ahead 6900'
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	10000	Meibin #4-822	Patterson Drilling/A 109	Drig Ahead
Encore Operating Lp	9100	Jean Scheuber-A-#2026	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	J R Bailey-A-#520	Nabors Drilling (O) 347	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8950	PL Childress-C-#903	Patterson Drilling/A 710	Drig Ahead
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8500	Clyton-7-#1	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Assigned
Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8500	Ira Carson-54-#16	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Assigned
Ram Energy/Tulsa	7200	Ira Carson-54-#11	Patterson Drilling/A 38	W.O.O.
New Fiml Natural Res	5500	Childress Ranch #1-178	Patterson Drilling/A 169	Drig Ahead
		Baggett Oz-A-#64	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9650	Morris Brothers-E-#3-2	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Moving On
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9650	Nobles Ranch-A71-#2	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9250	Whitehead-2-#5	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9150	Winnie R Hill-Aldwell Trust E	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8950	Whitehead-2-#7	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8950	Mayfield-33-#22	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8900	Whitehead-10-#5	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8550	Edwin S Mayer Jr #26	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8375	Mayer-49-#8	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8025	Genli #162-2	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7800	Shurley-165-#13	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7350	Shurley-141-#20	Patterson Drilling/A 117	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7250	J W Ward-118-#23	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7250	Canyon Ranch #1065s	Patterson Drilling/A 161	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7150	Kelly-102-#25	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7150	Canyon Ranch #1064s	Patterson Drilling/A 161	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7125	Shurley-141-#21	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6900	Ward #63	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6250	Neckel #86	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	6000	Steer #98	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned

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New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8650	University 57-23-#1	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Drig Ahead
Pogo Producing Co	7000	Jones-A-#10	Heart Land Drilling 2	Drig Ahead 6580'

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Prime Operating/Mid	9000	South Stiles Spraberry Unit	Adobe Drilling Mulesk	Drig Ahead 3233'
New Mariner Energy	9000	Weatherly-#-#21m	Lariat Services/Ode 13	Drig Ahead 7400'
New Mariner Energy	9000	Alexander #5m	Lariat Services/Ode 16	Drig Ahead 504'
New Mariner Energy	8650	North Stiles Spraberry Unit	Lariat Services/Ode 19	Drig Ahead 4350'
Mariner Energy	8550	Sau Mariner 24-2-#2	Lariat Services/Ode 17	Drig Ahead 8190'
New Pioneer Natural/ir	8300	Merchant Unit #3504k	Martlock Drilling 2	Drig Ahead
New Cimarron Energy OF Co	7000	Recher-#28-#2	Patterson Utli/Midian 614	Moving On

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ConocoPhillips/Odes	13100	Creek Ranch-12-#7	Patterson Utli/A 481	Drig Ahead 1543'
Bp America Prod/Mid	12000	Banner State #5 H	Hetherich & Payne/A 214	Drig Ahead
Fasken Oil & Ranch	7500	Brown-Sc-22B-#53	Patterson Drilling/A 102	Drig Ahead
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