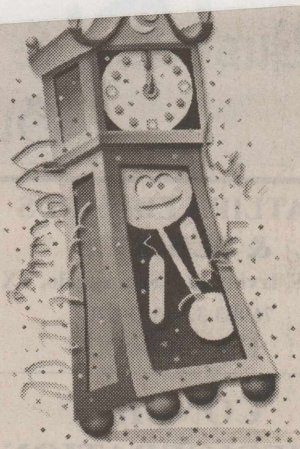
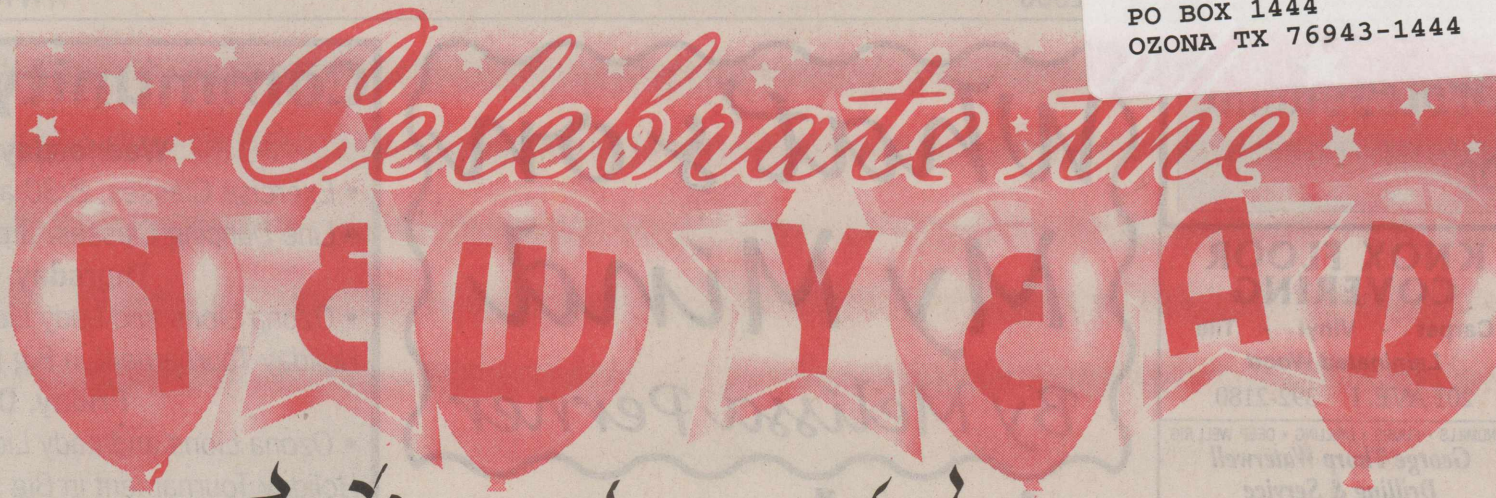
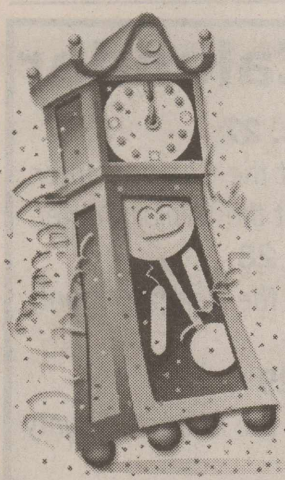
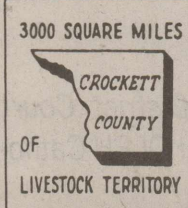


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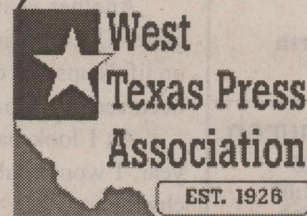
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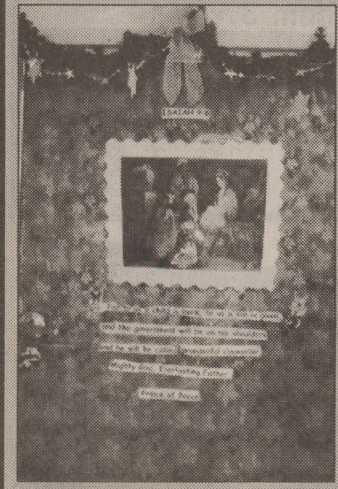
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Partly Cloudy	
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High 53	Low 26
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Mostly Sunny	
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## School board to look at replacing three high school roofs

By MELISSA PERNER  
 Editor and Publisher

Advertising for bids to replace three building roofs was approved by the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees at the Dec. 20 regular meeting.

The roofs of the high school band hall, high school woodshop and high school library are the three that have been identified as needing to be replaced now before they turn worse, said Superintendent Abe Gott.

Brandon Brasher, territory manager of the Garland Company Inc., presented the board with photos and descriptions of all three roofs and the work that needs to be done.

On the band hall and woodshop, part of the roof has been

sprayed over the top of a gravel system with foam, which is a "paper thin layer of protection" that doesn't stay water tight, Brasher said.

The other part of the roof is a concrete decking which acts as a water barrier. The roof keeps the inside dry, but water remains stored on the roof.

"The main concern is what can grow in that medium. It's a Petri dish up there," Brasher said. "Water takes about 20 years to evaporate out of a roof if it never rains."

On the library, the roof is simple with the edges coming off allowing water to run off in all directions, Brasher said.

"This one just kind of got old on you under your nose because there was no reason to go up

there. You don't have gutters, you have internal drains," he said.

While none of these buildings have had reported leaks, Brasher said it's easy to assume that the roofs are good when actually they are getting worse.

"Most school districts at the age of schools you have are going to have bad roofs. Farther away you get of major cities, the lower the quality. You haven't had a maintenance program, most schools don't," he said.

The estimated cost to replace all three roofs is around \$176,000. The money will come out of \$300,000 budgeted to replace the primary school roof.

Since the primary school is planning on being the main focus of the upcoming bond issue, Gott said it's the district's best

interest to work on these buildings since the district is planning on keeping them.

"What I was considering is since the primary school is in question; we know we're keeping these (buildings). We've budgeted the money. Let's fix these before they get as bad," Gott said.

"I really would like to recommend we do something with those three roofs, quickly," added Ray Don Myers, maintenance and transportation supervisor.

The board also approved a contract with Pfluger and Associates for an architectural engineering survey for district facilities improvement needs. The survey, which is often on of the first steps in working on a bond, will cost an estimated \$29,500.

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## Stockman to close for New Year's

The Ozona Stockman will be closed for the New Year's Holiday at NOON Thursday, Dec. 28, Friday, Dec. 29 and Monday, Jan. 1.  
 Our DEADLINE is NOON THURSDAY, Dec. 28 for the Jan. 3 edition.  
 Have a safe and Happy New Year!

# FINAL COURT DATE

## Brock Jones retires after 22 years on the bench

By MELISSA PERNER  
 Editor and Publisher

While practicing in Judge Brock Jones' courtroom, Laurie English never heard the dreaded words "move along counselor."

The 112th Judicial District Attorney said that Jones has the "distinct reputation" for allowing attorneys to "try their cases."

"It means that attorneys are allowed to put on the evidence necessary to make an adequate record and represent their clients to the fullest extent," English said.

For 22 years, those similar sentiments have been echoed by other attorneys who presided in Jones' territory, the 112th Judicial District. On Dec. 31, Jones will retire and the courtroom doors will close on his judicial era.

During a reception on Dec. 20, a packed courthouse gave gifts, offered found words and said goodbye to Jones.

Justice of the Peace Jim Hearne said that he took office 16 years ago, he was smart enough to seek Jones out for advice.

"He (Jones) was a sounding board for the pulse on things, or to just vent a little steam," Hearne said.

County and District Clerk Debbie Puckett said it is Jones' wisdom and stories that will be missed in her office.



Photo by Melissa Perner

**BROCK JONES** addresses a packed courthouse during his retirement reception on Dec. 20. Jones is retiring after 22 years as the 112th Judicial District Judge. Also pictured is Jones' Court Administrator Cathy Carson who has worked 11 years for Jones. Pete Gomez will take over as judge on January 1 during a 12:30 p.m. swearing in ceremony at the Crockett County Courthouse.

English said her first impression of Jones was one of "amazement."

"I took my sons to watch Judge Jones take a plea for a murder defendant and I was amazed (and continue to be amazed) at how he can arraign the defendant and do all the judicial dialogue from memory," she said. "His memory for facts and details is unending."

Former Ozona resident and San Angelo attorney Rick DeHoyos said Jones was "the best judge in the state of Texas."

"He can sit here, listen to both sides and if he has to be hard on a decision he will do it," DeHoyos said.

Judge-Elect Pete Gomez, who will replace Jones in Janu-

ary, said he hopes to have the respect Jones has come to have in his many years on the bench.

"I've always told everybody, I cut my teeth as a layer practicing in front of Judge Jones," Gomez said. "You can't replace Judge Jones. Don't try to replace him. Instead, try to be as good as him in the eyes of the law."

The most tearful goodbye came from Jones' Court Administrator of 11 years, Cathy Carson.

"Judges like him recognized the need for court administrators," Carson said. "This has been the most wonderful experience of my life to work for this man."

Jones said he will miss his

work as a full-time judge, but plans on making himself available as a visiting judge.

"What we do in this court is important," Jones said. "We should be proud every day of it. I'm proud of each and every one of us in what we do. I've been proud of it and I will always be proud of it."

Along with the many gifts Jones has received from friends and associates in the five-county region, he also received a proclamation from Governor Rick Perry, letters from U.S. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchinson and John Cornyn and the Texas Legislature is planning on passing a resolution honoring him in the next session, which begins in January.

## Angel Food Ministries currently taking orders for January

By MELISSA PERNER  
 Editor and Publisher

Angel Food Ministries is currently taking orders for January.

The program is sponsored by the Ozona Ministerial Alliance.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States.

The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, Georgia (between Atlanta and Athens), and has grown to serve thousands of families every month across 17 states.

Angel Food Ministries crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through salvation tracts that are placed in each food order.

Angel Food's groceries are sold in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box at \$25 per unit. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$50.

Comparison shopping has been done across the country in various communities using a wide range of retail grocery stores and has resulted in the same food items costing from between \$42 and \$78.

Generally, one unit of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one would purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

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# What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

## Another year comes to an end

Another year has come and gone. Once again we all reflect on life's ups and downs that have occurred in the past 365 days.

As I look back on this past year, I would call this a year of change.

Many changes occurred in my family's life. We lost family members, both near and far.

We are learning to live our lives without them as remember the good times we had with them.

There were also many changes in our business as we finished our third year here in Ozona. We are continuing to learn new technology and took deep breaths as we cleaned out some of our clutter in our office.

I feel like I have learned some new lessons of business this year in that you should always be flexible, if you haven't used it in three years it's time to throw it out and always be open to compromise.

Changes also happened in our small community with the elections of new officials.

In the new year, we will have a new county judge, a new commissioner, a new district judge, a new state senator and a new U.S. Representative.

It will be interesting to see what positions they take on issues, locally, state and nationwide.

Not all changes are good, just ask the Texas Department of Transportation. Ozona voiced its opinion and slowly the landscaping is being removed.

However, before you judge keep an open mind and listen to both sides before making a decision.

With the New Year approaching Monday, this is also the time of year to make resolutions. Making them is always the easy part but keeping them is another task altogether.

I read an article recently that said in making resolutions you should have a clear purpose, put them in writing, be committed and create a sense of accountability.

These steps also stated that in doing all this it should be able to help anyone keep these resolutions.

So here is mine, in writing: My clear purpose this year is to be committed and accountable in giving our community the best newspaper, office supplies and printing service possible.

Happy New Year to all!

## 'Business Tips' BY DAVE ERICKSON

### Adapting to change

For many years I managed autonomous retail stores as a manager and district manager.

The stores were in the building material industry and were comprised of multi-acre lumberyards and large indoor showrooms. The company that owned these stores was national in scope and in business for over 75 years. Now it no longer exists as a company.

What happened?

The big-box, warehouse-type building material retailers like Home Depot and Lowes changed the industry for those pursuing do-it-yourself customers. We were unprepared for the change because we did not realize the industry was rapidly evolving around us. If we had carefully scanned our environment, we would have noticed how the customer preferences and methods of doing business were changing, and we could have adapted to the change.

Instead, we were unaware of — or maybe ignored — the changes in methods of doing business and customer preferences. As a result, and as they say, the rest is history.

How do you keep your company from suffering the same fate? The answer is simple, but like everything else in business, difficult to execute consistently. The answer is to regularly scan the environment in which you do business, allowing you to understand changes in your industry in regards to customer preferences, customer makeup, technology and product or service innovations.

How do you scan your industry's environment?

You can attend trade shows and other venues that bring firms and customers in your industry together. They often are a hotbed of what's new and different and can be on the cutting edge of

changes in the business. Attending these events will give you a chance to talk to customers and competitors in order to get a sense of what is going on.

You can become a member of trade organizations related to your industry. These organizations are in business to provide members with the latest information and statistics on customers, trends and new products and services. They also can provide information on the general economic, political and legal environment in which you do business. These same trade organizations often have online or hard copy publications that can give you up to date knowledge in these areas.

You will also want to scan the local environment in the trade area you conduct business. Seek out information about your local competition through visits, if appropriate, or through customers and vendors. This will keep you up to date on what they are doing. Take time to understand your local economic conditions and political events. Most importantly, regularly talk to your customers so they can give you accurate and informal feedback into their needs and wants.

To notice the gradual changes — or sometimes the quick ones — in your industry, it is important to regularly scan the environment. Doing so will enable you to stay competitive and continue as a successful business. If my former company had done so, I am certain it would have still been in business today.

"Business Tips" was written by Dave Erickson a director and certified business advisor at Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For more information on the topic of this article or the services of the ASU - SBDC, contact him at David.Erickson@angelo.edu.

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## Community Calendar

Wednesday, Dec. 27

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

Thursday, Dec. 28

- Ozona Lions and Lady Lions in the Reagan County Holiday Tournament in Big Lake.

Friday, Dec. 29

- Ozona Lions and Lady Lions in the Reagan County Holiday Tournament in Big Lake.

Saturday, Dec. 30

- Ozona Lions and Lady Lions in the Reagan County Holiday Tournament in Big Lake.

Sunday, Dec. 31

- New Year's Eve

Monday, Jan. 1

- Happy New Year!
- Mass of Thanksgiving for 112th District Court Judge-Elect Pete Gomez Jr., 11 a.m. at OLPH Catholic Church.
- Swearing in ceremony for 112th District Court Judge-Elect Pete Gomez Jr., 12:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Crockett County Courthouse. Reception to follow in the Crockett Room at 503 11th St.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

- Ozona Schools Staff Development Day, Student Holiday.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

- Ozona Schools resume classes for second semester of 2006-2007 school year.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Line Dancing Classes, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**It's the Pitts**  
by Lee Pitts

## Not A Friend In The World

I was sitting in an airport terminal waiting for someone who was three hours late so I had time to read portions of the newspaper I usually never get around to. Like the front page. And the big news of the day? It seems that Americans don't have near as many friends as they used to. We are turning into a nation of total strangers.

The General Social Survey found that between 1985 and 2004 the average American went from three good friends down to two. Probably as a result of death, divorce or not returning a borrowed tool. One of every four Americans have absolutely no one to talk to. Not a shrink, spouse or relative. Some people have all the luck!

It seems this country is turning into a nation of lonely hearts; of bachelors, widows and old maids with no one to confide in. According to the study, people are meeting their new "friends" on the Internet and while that may be true I think I know the real reason that your average American can lose friends even faster than I can. Simply put, this nation of isolationists is going to the dogs. And cats, and birds, and horses. People are substituting their pets for the more traditional friends.

Speaking as someone who has a lot of experience in this area, I must say that I see nothing wrong with this trend. In fact, I think it's healthy. Pets are not as demanding as a spouse nor as embarrassing as parents. They call home as often as teenagers and when pets die, leave or don't call for a long time you don't get near as upset as you would if a close family member did the same thing. And you know that old saying that you can't buy a friend? People buy friends all the time, it's just that buying one at the dog pound or the auction market is a more transparent transaction.

Dogs, cats, parrots and horses make better friends than people because they never ask to borrow money and you get a sense that if they had any they'd give it to you. (After all, isn't that what friends are for?) Pets don't ask for special favors, are

forgiving of your faults and almost never stick you with picking up a restaurant tab.

Pets are easier to talk to than humans. Have you ever experienced that uneasy feeling while talking to a friend? Well, I've never had that feeling while talking to a sheep or a cow. I've had more meaningful and rational conversations lately with a cat than I have with any human. Pets are never too busy to listen to your problems and they have bigger ears which makes them better listeners. They hardly ever interrupt and only occasionally do they argue. They can keep a secret too. I get a sense in talking to animals that even if they could talk they wouldn't. They aren't the gossipy type.

This is why you see ponytailed men talking to parrots perched on their shoulders and lonely young girls talking to their horses. It's why soccer moms in their SUV's can be seen carrying on meaningful dialogue with their Labs and Rottweilers in the front seat while their kids in the backseats all have I-Pods stuck in their ears. I was thinking about all this at the airport when a lady, sat down two seats away from me with an empty seat between us. In that chair she placed an expensive designer cage with her Welsh Corgi inside. There was not another soul within earshot and I couldn't help but hear her talking.

"I know you don't feel good honey," she said. "I know your tummy hurts and you can't sleep but when we get home we'll take you to Dr. Jackson and pick up some medicine and get you feeling better."

Trying to help, and remembering my recent vow to mingle more, I said to the nice looking lady, "It's probably worms." I asked what her stool was like, if the poor thing had been eating grass lately, recommended an excellent brand of dog food that's not too gassy and suggested that a good drenching might help.

How was I supposed to know that the shocked woman was actually talking to one of her two friends on one of those invisible cell phones people have nowadays?

# FOOD: No applications or qualifications for program

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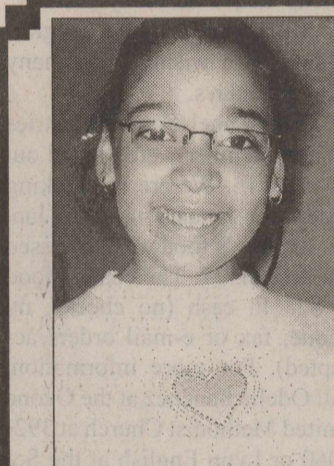
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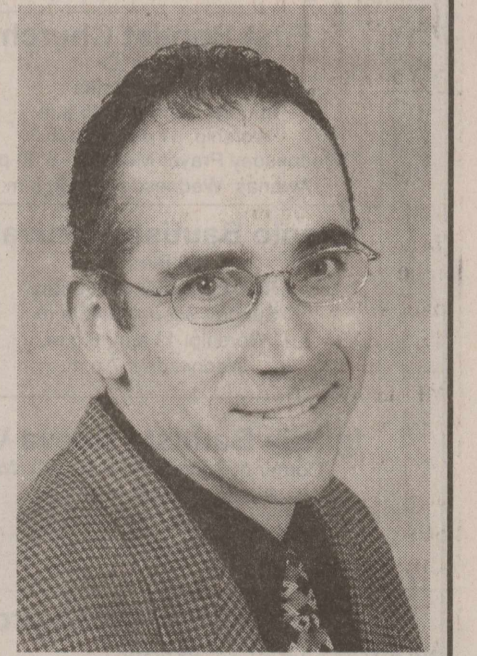
William Wilson, M.D. will open a private practice in the Sonora Medical Clinic on Jan. 2, 2007.

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.

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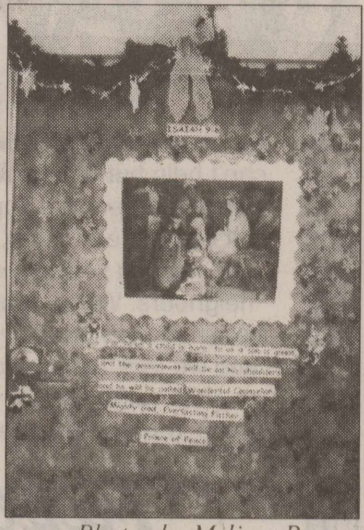
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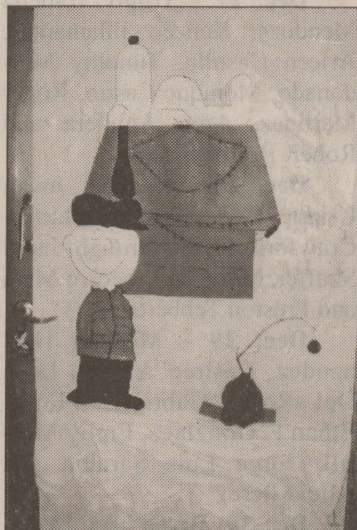
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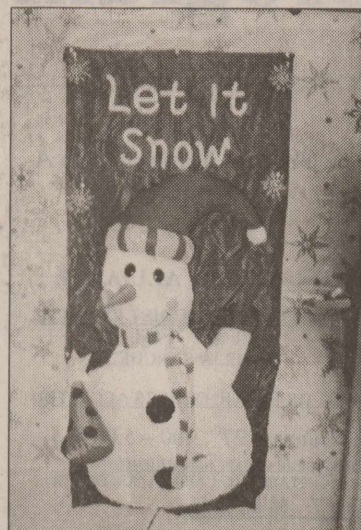
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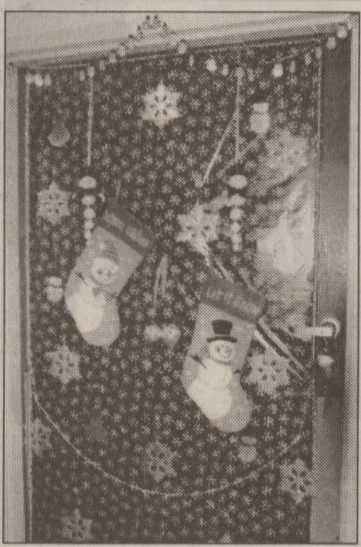
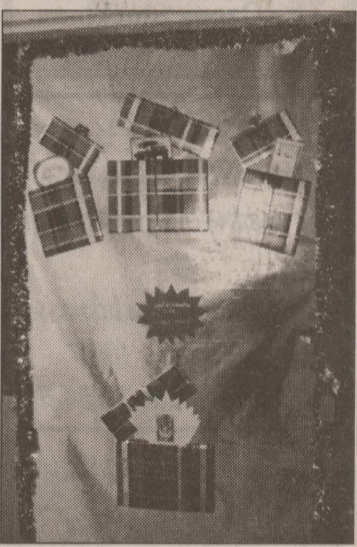
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## Obituaries

### Ronald B. McMullan

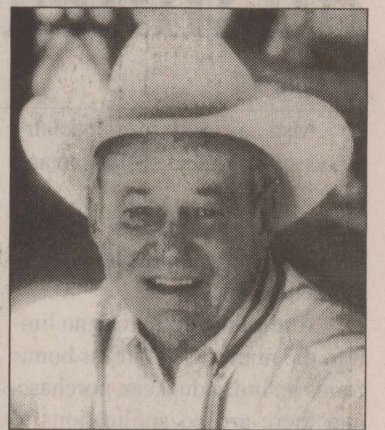
Ronald B. McMullan, 69, died on Nov. 23, 2006, losing his brave battle with cancer.

Ron was born in San Angelo on Sept. 18, 1937, graduated from Ozona High School in 1955 and attended San Angelo Junior College on a football scholarship.

He then attended McNeese State University and Sul Ross University on rodeo scholarships and graduated from Sul Ross University in 1960, where he received his B.A. in Education. Ron taught school and ranched in Big Lake. He became a District Manager with Farmers Insurance Group and relocated his family to San Antonio in 1969. After a successful career in the insurance business, he retired from Farmers in 1976 to enter into private real estate and investments.

Ron was a 32nd degree Mason, Shriner and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Helotes, Texas. After moving to San Antonio, Ron dedicated 30 years to raising scholarships for youth in agriculture with the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. where he was a volunteer, Life Member, Director and Director Emeritus. He was honored as Outstanding Committeeman for the Hall of Fame Committee in 2006. He was an active member of the Go Rodeo and Hall of Fame Committees. Ron was also a former committeeman of the Ambassador, Horse Show and Auction Committees. For many years he was an active member of the Helotes Festival Association and was instrumental in bringing first PRCA Rodeo to the Helotes Festival.

Ranching was a very important part of his life and his finest times were spent with his



grandsons at the ranch in Crockett County - looking for "Old Mossy."

Ron was preceded in death by his father Ashby McMullan and his mother, Alice Henderson McMullan.

He is survived by his best friend and life long love, Vivian Trotter McMullan, of Helotes; his daughter, Alicia Lyles and her husband Carl Lyles, of Helotes; and his son Mitchell McMullan and his wife Sue McMullan, of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas. He is also survived by his four grandsons, Jayson Williams and his wife Allison Williams, Jarrett Williams, Chuck McMullan and Scott Lyles. Also surviving him are his two brothers James McMullan of San Antonio and Joe McMullan of Bandera.

In lieu of floral offerings, memorial donations may be made to the San Antonio Livestock Exposition General Scholarship Fund, P. O. Box 200230, San Antonio, Texas 78220-0230 or to Cancer Therapy Research Center.

A Memorial Service was held in Mission Park Funeral Chapels North on Nov. 27, 2006.

## Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH  
Senior Center Director

Christmas is now behind us until next year. I do hope all of you had a joyous Christmas. I was very blessed to have all five of my grandsons in town Christmas and it was wonderful.

Our good friend Dorothy Friend had a birthday on Dec. 21. We are sending our congratulations and wishing you many more birthdays.

The Angel Food Ministries for December were passed out on Dec. 16. We are now taking orders for January up until Jan. 11. January's food will be passed out on Jan. 27. The cost of food is \$25 in cash (no checks, no phone, fax or e-mail orders accepted). For more information, call Odalia Sanchez at the Ozona United Methodist Church at 392-3060 or Lynn English at the Senior Center 392-9094.

Every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon Intrepid Health Care Service will be here at the Senior Center taking blood pressures.

Last week we had Patsy Redding come in bringing in a number of cookbooks donated by Pat Nicks to add to our bookshelves. We thank you Patsy and Pat for the cookbooks.

We recently added, for your use, a computer that has DSL. Please feel free to come in and use it even if you only want to play computer games.

On Friday, Dec. 29, we will

### Iraq Equipment Fund

First Lieutenant Joshua Araujo, son of Sandy and Mike Glover and grandson of Jan and Fred Van Shoubrouek, is deploying for his second tour of infantry duty in Iraq in March 2007 with Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

As certain upgraded military equipment can be purchased at personal expense, Lieutenant

be having our afternoon movie here at the Crockett County Senior Center. The movie will begin at 2 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Plan to come out and join in our movie fun.

We do have the Defensive Driving videos (or DVD's) to rent here at the Crockett County Senior Center. The cost to rent them is \$40 and you are allowed to keep them 72 hours.

We have a number of books to select from in our bookcase. We also have magazines and a few recipes. If you bring any books in to lend please bring them to my office to be labeled so that we may keep track of them.

Come "Walk Two Miles" with us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This exercise program conditions you to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel better. Our numbers are small and we welcome new people to join us.

The bridge players come to the Senior Center to play every Monday and Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. These ladies have such fun and bring smiles with them. Those who played bridge last week were Dorothy Friend, Jean Odom, Katharine Russell, Celia West and Liz Williams.

Our activities are for those of you over 50 years of age (we are flexible). Come out and see us soon and see what you are missing.

Happy New Year.

## GIVING GIFTS

This time of year, I try to spend some time in the evenings thinking about my loved ones. What a joy comes to my heart when I think about each one and how much I love them. When we give gifts from the heart, we are motivated by love. As I think about giving a gift to my loved ones, I try to find a balance between what they want and what they need. What warmth comes to my heart when I have given a gift that they really need and enjoy. In my trying to decide what gifts to give reminds me of a dilemma God may have faced many years ago. He loved us very much (1 John 4:8) and was facing the problem of giving us what we needed the most or the things we wanted. He knew that mankind was going to disobey Him and forever be separated from Him. He wanted to make a way that fellowship could be restored with Him (1 John 4:9,10). He did this by sending His own son to die for us (Romans 5:8) so a new relationship could be established with Him (Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:16). Let us make sure we have received and accepted that special gift and are experiencing the love of God. Then we can experience, enjoy, and understand the true meaning of Christmas, (His Son, John 1:12).  
See you in Church on Sunday. Brother J

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<p><b>New Beginnings Church</b> 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>	

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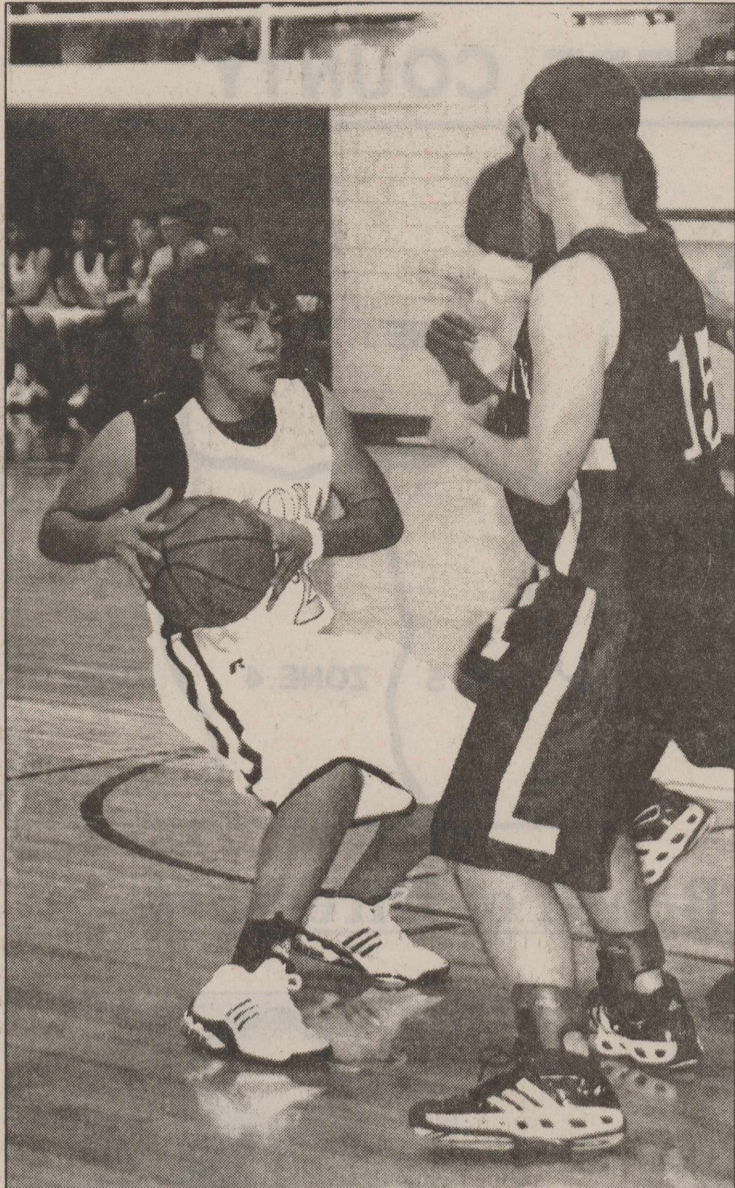
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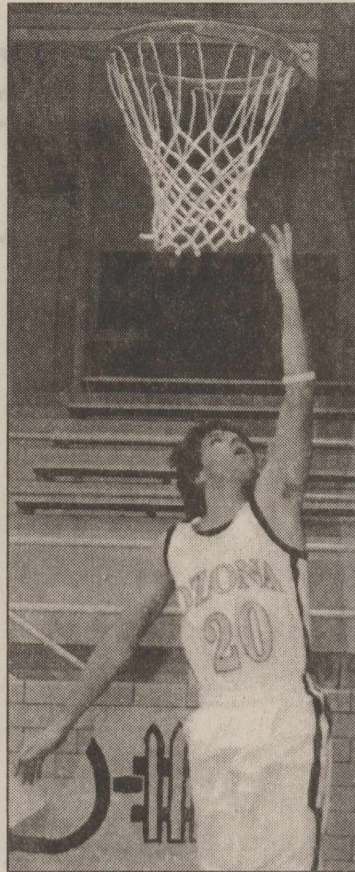
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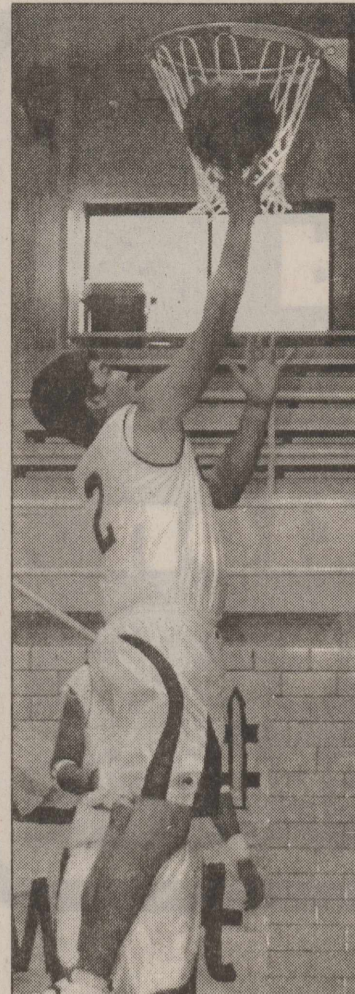
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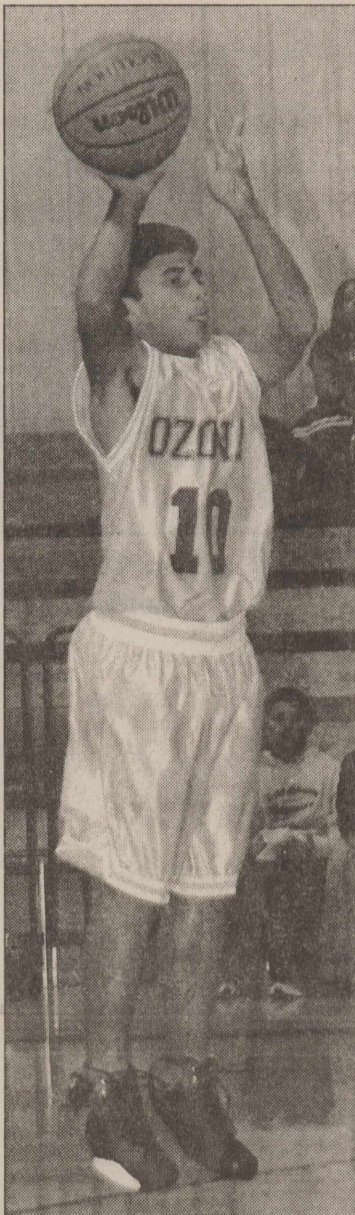
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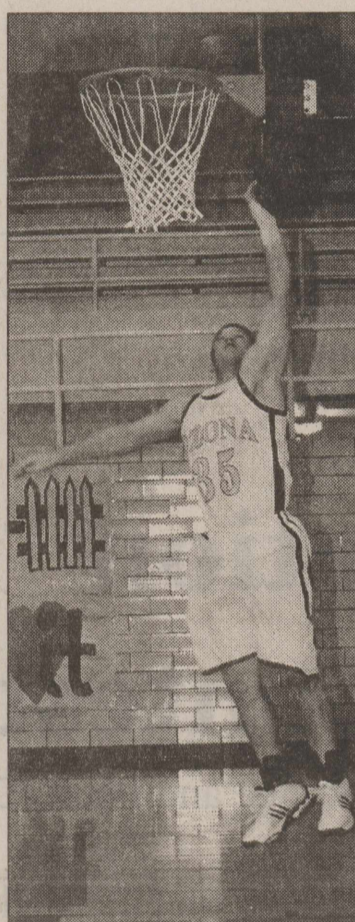
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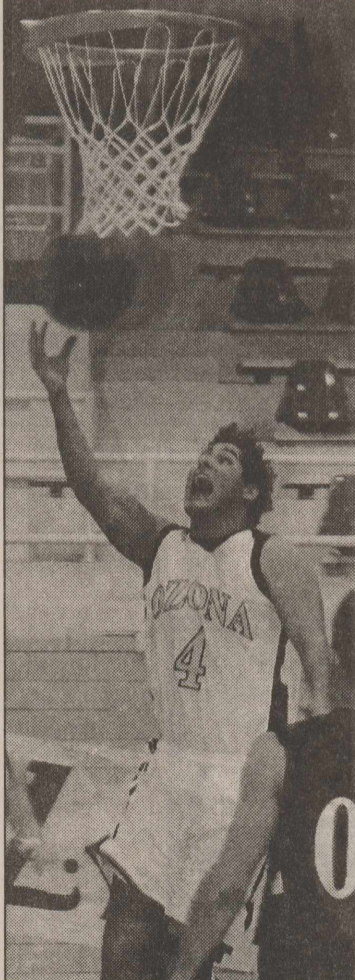
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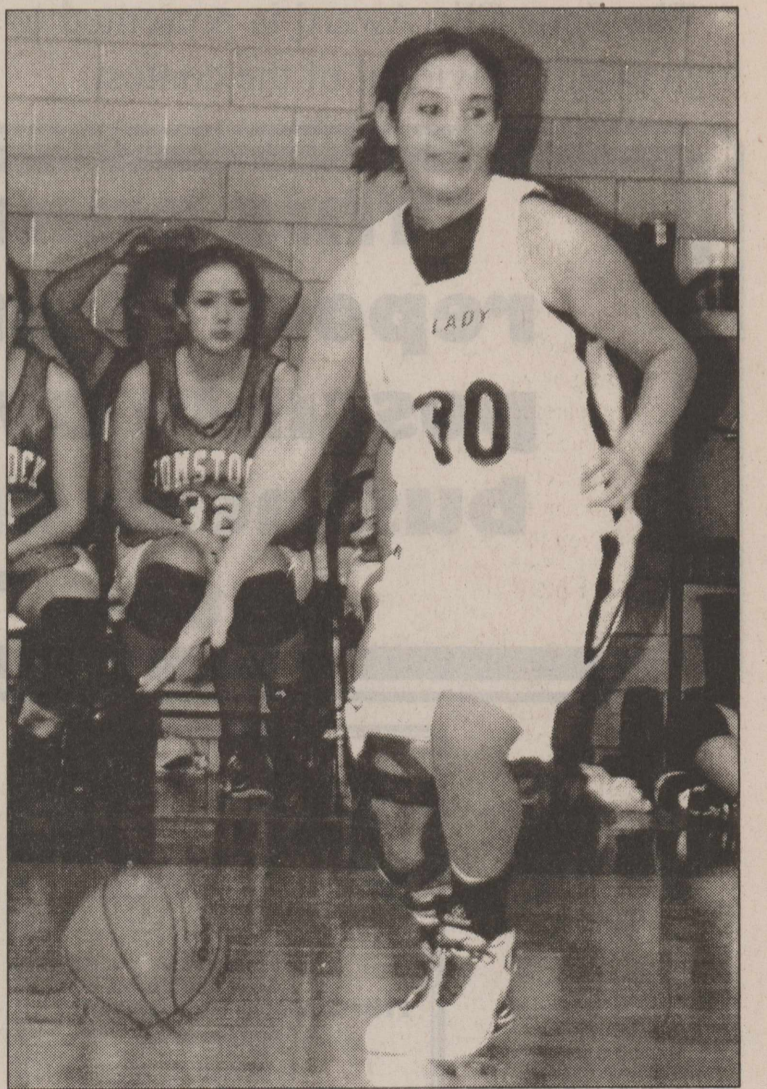
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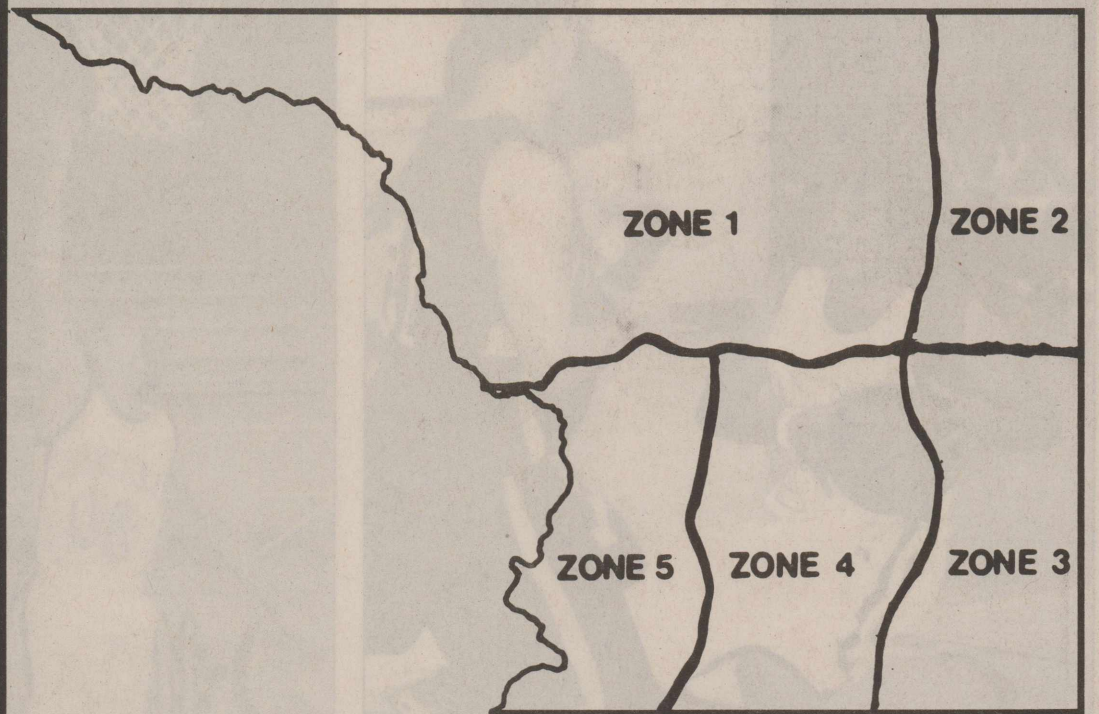
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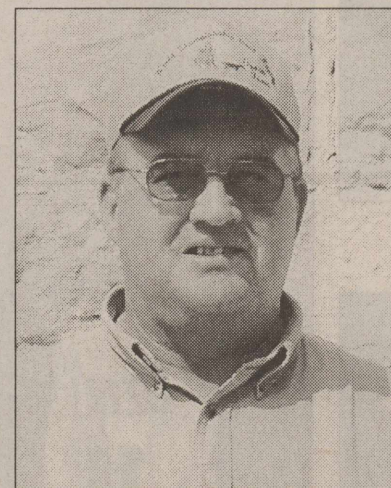
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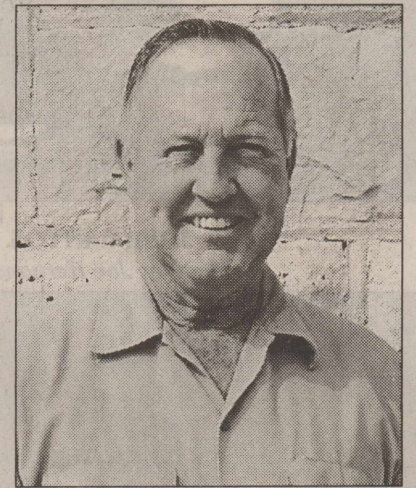
The Crockett SWCD cosponsored the Range and Plant ID Contest each year.

Of the participating 4-H members, Craig Chandler of Sanderson won the Spur Clip award which was presented by Larry Williams.

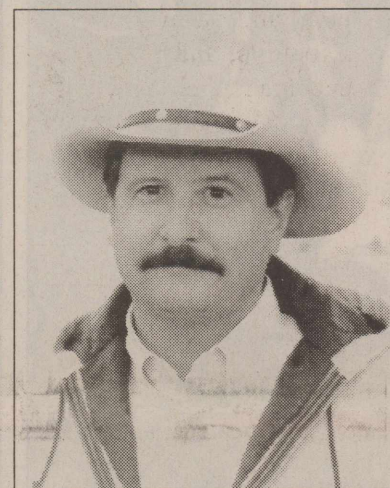
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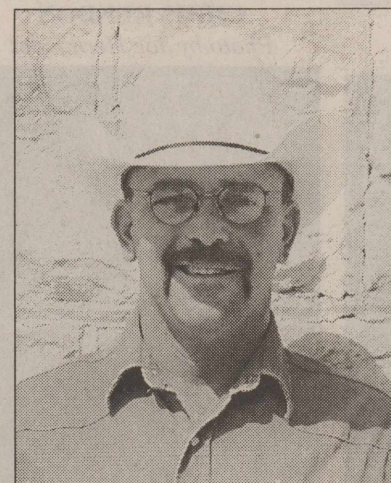
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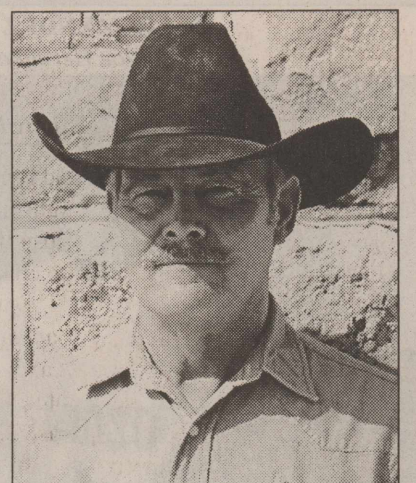
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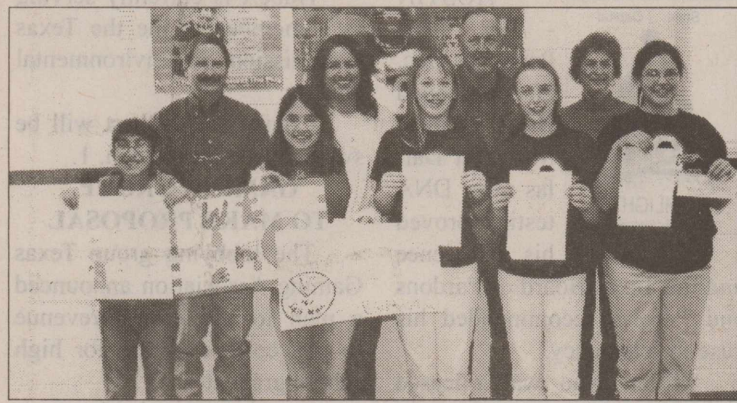
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# Conservation Poster and Essay Winners



2006 Ozona Middle School Poster & Essay Contest Winners

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District and Ozona National Bank co-sponsored conservation essay and poster contests for the sixth and seventh grade classes at the Ozona Middle School. Students were presented with information concerning conservation and then given the themes for this year's contests.

The two themes were "Water Wise" for the essay topic, and the poster contest addressed one of the following subjects "Water Wise" and "Celebrate Conservation" in the poster division. There were some very nice posters and essays submitted with great ideas and art work this year.

### POSTER CONTEST:

First place was awarded to Kelsie Ramirez, second place to Amber Sanchez and third place to Johnna Pullig.

### ESSAY CONTEST:

First place went to Chelsea Moore, second place to Jen-

nifer Allen, and third place to Jadyn Poindexter.

Cash prize awards in both categories were presented by Pleas Childress, III, and Jack Baggett, Jr., directors of the Crockett SWCD, and Annalou Gonzales, Junior Loan Officer from the Ozona National Bank. Prior to the awards presentation, Jack Baggett, Jr. presented a very informative question and answer session about conservation for the students. Essay and Poster winners posed with their entries for pictures after the awards ceremony.

Crockett SWCD and the Ozona National Bank would like to congratulate these students for their efforts and accomplishments.

We really appreciate their interest and participation in our contests, and would like to encourage their continuing interest in soil and water conservation.

# Trees, seed and 911 signs available

The District offers a variety of trees for sale to landowners and homeowners. Orders can be placed throughout the year. Trees are available in several sizes at competitive prices. The District can also assist in fertilizing needs for seedling and mature trees.

Grass seed for range seeding is also available. Professional employees with the Natural Resources Conservation Service can assist individuals with grass seed mixtures and rates for a particular geographical area and soil type.

Crockett County 911 emergency address signs are now available for \$10 for single sided and \$15 for double sided. Obtain the 911 address by calling the 911 addressing coordinator's office at 392-8888 and then drop by the Conservation District office at 201 11th Street, Monday-Friday, to place an order.

# Annual Sixth Grade Conservation Field Day



Demonstration on brush management was part of the annual Conservation Field Day.



Virgil Polocek talks to the students about water monitoring and conservation

The 22st annual sixth grade Conservation Field Day co-sponsored by the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District and the Crockett National Bank was held on April 26, 2006 at the Fred and Jan Van Shoubrouek Ranch.

The purpose of the tour was to give the students a basic understanding of what natural resources are and how they must be properly cared for to sustain the current way of life.

Students were presented with information about soil and water conservation, brush management and range management. Demonstrations on soil chemical and physical properties, erosion, water infiltration and watershed management were presented.

The information was presented to the students by Ty Williams, District Conservationist with NRCS, Ronnie May, NRCS, Virgil Polocek, Emerald Underground Water, Mary Humphreys, Parks & Wildlife Biologist, Rusty Dowell, NRCS, Sutton Page along with the Farm Bureau van, Kelbie Renfro, Lane Hale and Marty Acton.

A presentation on wildlife

management was given to the students by Mary Humphreys of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Service. The group played games which demonstrated how hunting deer helps keep the animal populations in check.

Students were treated to a hamburger lunch provided by Crockett National Bank. The meal was prepared by Paul Perner, III, Marty Acton, Virgil Polocek, Diane Anderson, Ginger Perner and Ty Williams, Carol Yeager.

Virgil Polocek talked about water monitoring and conservation.

Diane Anderson of Emerald Underground Water Conservation District assisted Mr. Polocek with his presentation to the students with a demonstration concerning water levels, water quality and water sources.

Kelbie Renfro and Lane Hale gave a demonstration for 4-H Method Demonstration on wool and mohair.

Marty Acton presented information to the students about shearing along with a tour of the pens and general aspects of working sheep.

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Farm Bureau presented information and presentations from the Farm Bureau van. Information provided from the four stations included products grown or produced in this area and showed how the product evolved from the field stage to the finished product. The four stations presented were corn, cotton, cattle, and wool & mohair.

The final stop of the day was at Ozona Wool and Mohair where the students learned about how wool is handled and sold and saw a demonstration compressing bags of wool into bales.

Throughout the day the students learned how important agriculture and the conservation of natural resources are to Crockett County and the world.

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District would like to thank the Ozona school officials for their continued support and all the individuals who helped to make the day a success.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Fred and Jan Van Shoubrouek for making this day possible.

# Group tours Crockett County flood channel and dams

Maintenance and upkeep of the town's flood channel and county dams were discussed during a local tour on May 17.

The tour, hosted by the Crockett County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Natural Resource Conservation Service took participants around to the various dams and along the channel.

Don Ford, a zone engineer for the NRCS, and Ty Williams, district conservationist for the Crockett County SWCD, said that brush removal along the channel banks is needed to allow for smooth, unimpeded flow of water in the channel.

Vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles and motorcycle traffic, can cause damage to the channel such as the formation of mud holes and damage to the banks, Ford and Williams said.

The use of education to inform the public of vehicles, ATV and motorcycle damage to the flood channel was also discussed among the group.

There is also a pipeline in the channel that can catch debris



Members of the Crockett County SWCD, as well as County Road Department tour the county's flood channel and dams.

and form a back wash that under high to full flood stages could catch the water to jump out of the channel.

South of Interstate-10 are roadways that have been built as a low water crossing that can catch debris and form a back wash.

In a full flood, the deepest points of the channel can handle up to nine feet of water.

Along the flood control dams, annual maintenance of the flood gates to ensure proper operation, as well as brush

control in critical areas was discussed.

If major repairs are needed, federal grant money is available that pays up to 75 percent, Ford said.

"Overall all the dams are in good shape needing only minor work, but the flood channel thorough town needs the most repairs done," Williams said.

The NRCS provides teaching and advice on the upkeep of the flood control areas, but the areas are to be maintained by the county, Williams said.

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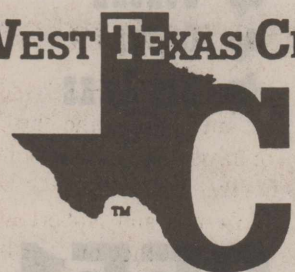
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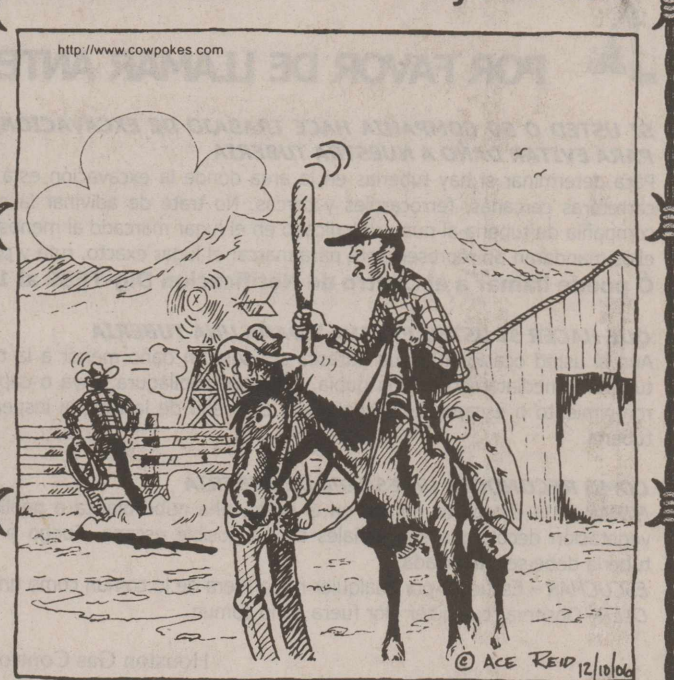
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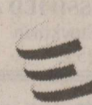
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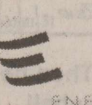
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