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#### FIVE-DAY WEATHER **FORECAST**

Wednesday Low 32 High 46 Chance of Rain

Thursday

High 50 Low 30 Chance of Rain

Friday

High 51 Low 36 Chance of Rain

Saturday High 57 Low 34

> **Partly Cloudy** Sunday

High 58 Low 38

**Mostly Sunny Forecast information** 

provided by the **National Weather** Service in San Angelo

## election moved to November

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

The voting of a school bond will take place in November instead of May.

Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees decided during their Jan. 17 monthly meeting it would be more feasible to take more time and prepare a bond to go to voters in November, which will also be the same time as school board elections.

The decision came after reviewing the timeline schedule the district received from architects Pfluger and Associates.

"You will get more voters out because they will have to vote for school board," said Superintendent Abe Gott. "I just don't want everybody to get the feeling that we are trying to ramrod (the bond) or push (the committee) too hard. This will allow more time for the committee to get out and seriously look at things.'

"We need to educate the community and we won't be able to do it by a May election," added Board Secretary Veronica Fierro.

Members of the bond committee are: Douglas Bean, Dennis Clark, Kayla Davidson, Craig Deaton, Bernice Fierro, John L. Henderson, Dan Pullen, Wade Richardson, Carmen Sutton, Frank Tambunga, Fred Van Shoubrouek, Sally Roane, Sandy Stokes and Concha Zapata.







Photos by Melissa Perner

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Texas

Rehab

Telethon

sets new

By MELISSA PERNER

tion Center's annual telethon Around \$1.26 million was

raised during the 2007 week-

end event, which included auc-

prised," said the center's president, Woody Gilliland. "I was

just overwhelmed with the re-

Last year, the event raised a then-unprecedented \$1.246

Gilliland said he was

initially concerned that bad

weather might deter people

from participating this year,

but speculated that Internet

auctions and donations over

the phone drove the outcome

auction items - ranging from

sports memorabilia to a 2007

Mitsubishi Eclipse Spyder

convertible - and the willing-

ness of people to support the

organization contribute to its

success annually. This year, he

"We had our best auction

Locally, Kay Stewart said

Stewart worked the phones

"More people actually

The telethon took place

the local phone donatios were

\$1,774. The grand total was

\$2,500, which included bid-

from the Ozona Chamber of

bought auction items this

Saturday evening in Abilene,

90 miles northeast of San An-

gelo, and was televised live

throughout the surrounding

three locations in Abilene, San

tient rehabilitative service for

physically disabled people re-

gardless of their ability to pay

the event, which raises rev-

enues to fund the center's ser-

The nonprofit center has

The Rehab offers outpa-

This was the 37th year for

Commerce Visitor Center.

added, was no exception.

ever," Gilliland said.

ding on auction items.

year," Stewart said.

Angelo and Ozona.

for treatment.

Gilliland said high-quality

was pleasantry sur

A new record has been set for the West Texas Rehabilita-

Editor and Publisher

tion items.

million.

this year.

PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (left to right) Asia Lara, Paige Lewis, Abby Gott and Trace Justiss presented the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees with posters their classes made in Lucy Bird's computer class. The posters were thanking the school board members for all they do as part of January being School Board Recognition Month. Board members were also presented certificates from Please see BOARD page 5 Superintendent Abe Gott and a meal was provided by intermediate school faculty and staff members.



Photo by Paul C. Perner IV

SNOW FELL IN CROCKETT COUNTY LAST WEEK giving some residents a bit of a work and school holiday. The draws became a place to try out a homemade sled with the help of a four-wheeler.

Crockett County turns white as snow and ice fall

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

Snow and ice fell on Crockett County and much of Central and West Texas last week causing many closures and a day off for school students.

The storm started early last week with freezing moisture on Jan. 15, followed by snow and ice the next two days. Some parts of Crockett County reported up to 6-7 inches of snow.

This was the first significant snow in four years since Crockett County.

The Texas Department of Transportation closed down Interstate-10 for two days from Ozona to San Antonio.

Highway U.S. 90 around Comstock, and roads around Rocksprings, Camp Wood and Leaky, also had closures.

State-wide, TxDOT ran out of the liquid agent it uses to melt ice on the roads. In Crockett County, sand and gravel was placed on bridges until the office ran out. TxDOT officials spent the majority of Jan. 17 scraping ice and clearing water off of major highways and the

The road closures led to travelers spending the night in Ozona at local motels and at the Fair Park Convention Center.

Local emergency personnel converted the convention center into a shelter, with donations of food, blankets and air mattresses by community members.

Please see WEATHER page 5







Photos by Joe Hernandez

TOP: FREEZING TEMPERATURES made the snowfall hazardous as accidents on Interstate-10 led to the closing of the roadway from Fort Stockton to San Antonio. MIDDLE: THE I-10 CLOSURE caused 54 travelers to make the Fair Park Convention Center their temporary home until roads opened. BOTTOM: Texas Department of Transportation officials spent Jan. 17 sweeping off I-10 to help prevent re-freezing. TxDOT had a state-wide shortage of the liquid material used to melt ice off roadways.

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aside two days each year for bad 392-2016 weather, but from the view of the Stockman office we noticed that OZONA there were other businesses that **STORAGE** had employees quickly retreating to the warmth of their houses. New Units Available

The first obvious one was the county courthouse. I imagine that was the fastest court session ever held. By noon, the lawyers and alleged criminals had scattered as fast as the snowflakes that were coming down.

work or took part of the day off

high, because we know who you

are. It's not that hard to figure

largest for my guess, was anyone

associated with school. When the

snow started falling on Jan. 16,

school was let out at 10 a.m. On

Wednesday, school was closed

and it was time to build a snow-

Now, schools always set

Come on, raise your hands

The first group, being the

last week due to the snow?

Not to mention their neighbors at the annex also split just as fast.

Downtown, just looking down the street on that first snow day and the only vehicles around were those of us printing a paper and those trying to buy last minute supplies at Dollar General and Triple C.

Not everyone got to have a snow day off, local emergency personnel were busy housing up to 60 people in our local convention center, and the oil field kept flowing as usual. Restaurants stayed open (thank goodness because I don't cook) and the wool houses were open for the local coffee drinkers on Jan. 17.

How many of you took off expected that West Texans will flee and stop everything to enjoy the cold weather from the confides of their house.

What's on My Mind By Melissa Perner

Crockett County should

declare annual snow day

When snow falls, a snow day should be declared. It should become a yearly holiday. If it doesn't snow, then we all take off a day in March and call it our spring break (for those of us who don't get one).

The county should incorporate this annual into their holiday schedule, and then other businesses could follow suit.

The school would be excluded because they already get a spring break and two snow days. For the rest of us, this would be a good boost.

In case anyone wondered why the Stockman office was closed on Friday, we were taking our Snow Day.

#### **WEST TEXAS SNOW WEENIES**

In going along with last week's column where I declared myself a weenie in cold weather (I've discovered many of you are also weenies), I believe I have found the ultimate West Texas weenies.

Last week, as the cold weekend approached, I saw an article in the San Angelo Standard-Times titled "Polar Bear swim can't bear the Arctic cold."

It seems the annual Polar Bear Swim Club in San Angelo just couldn't bear to jump into Lake Nasworthy with the 30-degree temperatures and mixture of freezing precipitation on Saturday. They've rescheduled for Feb. 10.

themselves the 50-degree and Snow is a phenomenon that sunny Polar Bear Swim Club. only occurs in our far West Texas Proof positive that us West Texarea once every few years, so it's ans are weenies in cold weather.

#### **Community Calendar**

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior

 Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Thursday, Jan. 25

 Bingo social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Friday, Jan. 26

 Afternoon movie, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. · Ozona Lady Lions and Lions vs. Alpine, starting at 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

Monday, Jan. 29

· Ozona Middle School Lady Lions vs. Iraan, 5 p.m. at the Becky Childress Gym.

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Tuesday, Jan. 30

 Ozona Lady Lions and Lions vs. Kermit, starting at 5 p.m. in Kermit.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior
- Called Commissioners' Court meeting, noon at the Courthouse Annex.
- Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

#### Letters to the Editor

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@ozona.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.



#### **Never Meet Your Heroes**

Maybe they should call Convention where several cou- all the credit. rageous FFA members walked out on Carrie Underwood's performance because she turned out to be a vegetarian/animal rightist who would rather sing to cows than eat them. I remember watching American Idol, the show that made Carrie famous, when she was first introduced to viewers. She was shown caring for her show steer and seemed like a good old country gal and I hoped she'd win. Now it appears I should have been rooting for the long-haired hippy who finished second. He may have done drugs but at least he ate beef.

> I should've known better than to like someone who I only knew through the boob tube. Almost every time I have met someone I thought I knew through press releases and magazine articles they turned out NOT to be the person I thought they were.

> For many years I attended the 26 Bar bull sale in Arizona where the owners, John Wayne Hereford offering. Of course, ground. I know it's ticky-tack but I've never seen a real cowboy wear their pants like that.

I also met another of my heroes one time in Texas at a Brangus sale. I was a big James book Centennial is one of the best books I've ever read. That information for his book about Texas, or at least his research as-Business Tips is provided by sistants were doing research. Af-Ms. Lisa Michalewicz, Business ter I learned that Michener relied heavily on his assistants I didn't

I don't know why I should dream, listen in on other people's

I suppose you heard about conversations, steal their stories, the big uproar at the National FFA borrow their words and then take

I met the baseball star Steve Garvey once and he struck me as having nothing under his ball cap but hair. As an FFA officer I once spent an afternoon with an important Senator that I'd previously admired but afterwards I vowed that if I ever got old enough to vote I wouldn't waste it on him. I was fortunate to have a friend who toiled largely in anonymity as the offensive line coach for the San Francisco 49ers. He was everything the athletes who he introduced me too were not: intelligent, fair-minded and humble. I don't idolize athletes much any more after having met some.

The problem is we build up images in our mind of who and what we think people are and they seldom deliver. Oh, there have been a few people who lived up to their billing. My friend E.C. arranged for me to sit with Nolan Ryan and his wonderful wife during a luncheon once. I was a big fan and Nolan was even more impressive in person. So was Ronald Reagan. I got to present him with an honorary FFA State Farmer Degree when he was Governor and he was one of the most inspiring people I've ever met. I think I'd like to meet team roper Walt Woodard too for the same reason.

Although our writing careers began about the same time I've always looked up to Baxter Black and fans will be glad to know he's the real deal. An hour after I met Baxter for the first time he was helping feed my cows. He's down-to-earth, witty, smart and compassionate. I'll bet the FFA'ers at their national convention were much more impressed with Baxter than they were with the American Idol. And rightly so.

If there are any young people who read this simple column I'd like to pass along a little advice, for whatever it's worth. Unless you want to be disappointed, pick your

heroes a little closer to home. Perhaps a parent, a grandparent, a teacher, soldier, fireman or a coach. People you know for sure to be worthy of

## **Business Tips** BY LISA MICHALEWICZ

#### Develop a system to collect accounts

just finished, it is likely you will encounter a bit of trouble when collecting on invoices. People may decide to spend money on Christmas gifts instead of paying bills. Chances are this problem will continue into January and February as well. To help alleviate some of the stress, set up an in-house collections system.

You may choose to contact your customers by phone, mail, or personal visits. The number of accounts you need to collect will determine the most cost-effective method of collection for you. If you have a large number of accounts, decide which ones you will benefit the most from by collecting on. An easy way to determine this is to apply the 80/20 Rule. The 80/20 Rule states 80 percent of a company's accounts consists of about 20 percent of its sales volume. In turn, this means about 20% of a company's accounts consist of about 80 percent of its sales volume. Therefore, by focusing on the top sales accounts, you can bring more money in with less effort. Here are some tips to help you get the revenues in:

1. In applying a telephone contact, prepare for the call by determining the client's pay history with you and identify if there were any internal issues that may have caused nonpayment. If you have had to collect on this account in the past, what method was used and was it effective? And, make sure you are talking to the right person – the one who makes the decision to pay.

a collection letter as your form of contact, you want to get the debtor's attention and present the facts regarding the account. Give or call 942-2098.

With the holiday season them a reason the account needs to be taken care of promptly, (i.e. you will turn the account over to a credit reporting agency if it is not paid within so many days). Let them know what you expect as far as payment - if the balance is due in full or if payment arrangements are available. And lastly, request action on their part.

> 3. These same principals apply when using the direct contact approach to collecting past due accounts. Develop communication skills - both as the speaker and the receiver of information. Know which questions to ask to get the specific information you and Louis Johnson, sold their need. It may be hard, but as the collector, you must keep an even prior to meeting John Wayne I temperament and remain asser- was a huge fan, having grown up tive at the same time. Keep in watching his cowboy westerns. mind the reasons customers get The Duke certainly was a larger behind - they just can't pay it than life figure but I never could at the time, their reason for not get past one little irritating thing paying is stronger than it is for about John Wayne: He wore his paying, or they simply have not pants about five inches off the been directly asked for payment.

> Whichever method of contact you use, the goal is to always come away with some kind of commitment be it a check date, a call back time or a payment plan. Remember to maintain the Michener fan and I think his customer relationship, coach the customer on paying on time, and know how to watch for potential one man could do that much reproblems in the future. If you search amazed me. It turns out would like further assistance on that perhaps one man didn't. Miestablishing a collection system chener was at the sale gathering in your business, please contact the SBDC at 325/942-2098.

Development Specialist & CBA I with Angelo State University's enjoy his writing quite as much. 2. If you have chosen to use Small Business Development Center. For more information on have idolized a writer anyway, this topic, please contact Lisa at there's nothing romantic about Lisa.Michalewicz@angelo.edu what they do. We mostly day-

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Coach Tom and Dana Duncan proudly announce the arrival of our first grandchild, Albert-Jacob Douglas Garcia, on Nov. 28, 2006 at 12:39 p.m.

A.J. weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long. Proud parents are Steven and Traci Garcia of Midland.

Also, welcoming our little gift from God are Aunt Terri Duncan, of Amarillo and Uncle Doug Duncan, of Lubbock.

#### It's a boy

Danny and Terrie Huskins would like to announce the arrival of their son, Sean Patrick.

He was born in Waxahachie, Texas on Dec. 20, 2006 He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and 18 1/2 inches long.

He is welcomed into this world by big sister Zoe and grandparents Charles and Margie Huskins of Waxahachie and James and Pat Willmon of Westport, Okla., along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.



By MARTA DE LA GARZA Assistant Activity Director

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

On Monday, we played bingo followed by some art work getting ready for Valentine's

Tuesday, we exercised with the dancing chicken.

Although we got some snow on Tuesday, that did not stop us from having our ice cream social that afternoon.

Wednesday was bingo again, followed by toss ball.

We have missed Judy and her singing. We hope to see you

Thursday was beauty shop day for our residents to get ready for the weekend. A big thanks to Rachel Ybarra for all her hard work. We had volleyball later and cross stiching.

I think it was Elsa and I who learned more from our residents on cross stitching, thanks ladies.

pleasure to listen to Mr. Allen

We finished the weekend with Bingo on Saturday.

#### Sonora church to host Beth Moore simulcast Feb. 24

On Feb. 24, renowned author and Bible teacher Beth Moore will speak to tens of thousands of women across North America in a live satellite simulcast based on her new book "Get Out of That Pit."

Community Lighthouse Church in Sonora is hosting the live international simulcast event.

In a special message titled "Straight Talk About God's De-



Photo by Joe Hernandez

SNUG AS A BUG store in Fort Worth was chosen as the "Best Place for Unique Baby Gifts" in the Dec. 2006 edition of Fort Worth Child Magazine. The store is owned by Stefny Nance, daughter of Carmen Sutton, of Ozona.

#### Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH Senior Center Director

This is one winter that we will not soon forget. Sunday was beautiful with the sun shining. The day gave us a short break from cold and cloudy days.

This will be a sad week in Ozona because we will bury two wonderful people. Both Lucille Littleton and Carl Mayfield passed away and it is a great

We send our condolences to both of their family members.

We are happy to have Diane Phillips back in Ozona. We were surprised when she walked in the door, at least I was. Diane comes to the Crockett County Senior Center to play bridge and to exercise. She is an avid supporter of the Senior Center and always encourages others to join

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, we will have our Senior Bingo Social at the Senior Center. Before playing bingo, our guests will be served taco soup, tea or coffee and ice cream.

For those of you who may be interested, there is a Retired and Senior Volunteer Program which is very rewarding. We have the information here at the Senior Center and would like for you to come in and inquire about it. If you would like to sign up I have the papers here at the Senior Center.

Also there are several other programs sponsered by the Area Agency on Aging. I have request-Also, on Friday, we had the ed information about them to be sent out to the Senior Center.

The line dancing lessons that had been set up for Jan. 17 were

#### cancelled due to weather. E.A.

liverance," Moore will discuss the fact that deliverance is for. everyone - no matter how you got stuck, no matter how long you've been down, whether you

think you deserve it or not. Presented by the Church Communication Network (CCN) and Integrity Publishers, the event will be broadcasted live via satellite to hundreds of churches in the U.S. and Canada.

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7 at the Crockett County Senior Elizondo and Mac Fred Center. Come out and give line dancing a try.

having our afternoon movie here rego at the Senior Center. Refreshments will be served. Plan to birthday list, call 392-2551 come out and join us!

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. On Monday we had Norma Carson come to our exercise class. We are so glad to have Norma.

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. Playing bridge last week was: Liz Williams, Nell Wester, Sandy Bebee, Jean Odom, JoAnn Babbitt, Katherine Russell, Marolyn Bean, Diane Phillips and Eileen Childress.

Friday of last week we had a domino game. There were 10 who came to play and everyone had a good time just being able to visit with each other after being snowed in.

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.

CCN Director of Events Deborah Layman said, "We are excited to have the opportunity to bring Beth Moore's powerful and personal message right into the local church. This will be a life-changing day for women all over North America."

For more information, or ticketing, contact Lighthouse Community Church at 325-387-

#### Happy Birthday

Jan. 24 - Katrece Hale, Manuelita Tobar, Romelia Hopper Ortiz, Stephen Humphery and Tom Anderson

Jan. 25 - Elaine Williams, Matilda Cervantez and Meagan

Jan. 26 - Glenn Conner, Cathy Carson, Rod Tijerina, Yvonne Lopez and Jackie Seale

Jan. 27 - Tony Castillo, Diane Peerson, Courtney Anderson, Brandon Payne and Chelsea

Jan. 28 - Daizy Trujillo, Andrew Galindo, JoAnn Fenton, Sabrina De La Garza, Andy Birkenfeld, Jessica M. Mata and Desiree Galan

Jan. 29 - Jean Odom, Emily Wadsworth R.N. has resched- Mata, Leah De La Rosa, Kathy uled the lesson until 3 p.m. Feb. Calzada, Juan C. Perez, Alma

Jan. 30 - Steve Sanchez, Lara Harrison, Mandy Fierro, At 2 p.m. Friday we will be Frank Bradley and Queta Bor-

To place a birthday on the







#### Flowers-Garliz to wed in March

Angela Miller Flowers and Charles Clay Garlitz, both of Midland announce their wedding on Saturday, March 24, 2007 at Los Patios in San Antonio.

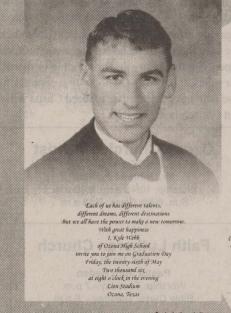
The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jeffery Lynn Miller of San Antonio. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Marion Miller of Austin and the late Mr. and Mrs. Herbert LaMartine of Tampa, Fla.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gary Garlitz of Midland and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clay Addison Adams of Ozonas and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis Garlitz of Fort Worth





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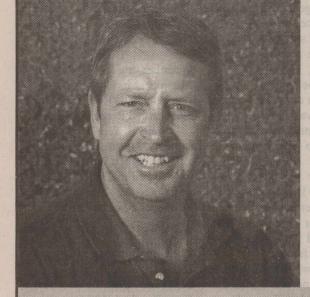
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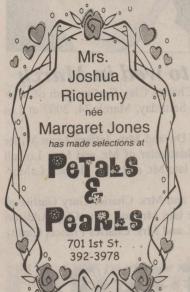
#### Lynn Hinsley Ambassador

Devon Ambassador Lynn Hinsley is a west Texas native and has been a district foreman for the company for 13 years. Sports of all kinds play a significant role in Lynn's life, which is why he is a committed Sonora City League activity supporter. Lynn is also an avid football fan and looks forward to the time he spends coaching YMCA Youth Football in Sutton County. Lynn and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of 11-year-old twins, Aaron and Jared, and daughter Kayla, who is the mother of grandchildren, Bailey and Kenzie. Lynn fills his free time during every season pursuing his other hobbies, which include hunting, fishing and golfing.

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#### Carl Wayne Mayfield

Carl Wayne Mayfield, 44 of Ozona died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2007

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2007 in the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

Survivors include his wife, Dale Mayfield of Ozona; two sons, Bradley Wayne Mayfield of Lubbock and Colby Barnett Mayfield of Ozona; his father, George Wayne Mayfield of Breckenridge, Texas; two sisters Jackie Wahler of Richardson, Texas and Michelle Thompson of Waco, Texas and one brother Jeff Teague of Haskell, Texas. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

#### Margaret Ella Drake Fowler

Margaret Ella Drake Fowler, 89, died Jan. 19, 2007 in a local care center in Floydada, Texas.

Graveside services were Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2007 in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Fowler was born June 18, 1918 in San Angelo. She was married to Samuel Austin Fowler July 5, 1957 in Ozona. She was a member of the First Methodist Church in Floydada.

Survivors include a daughter Fotane Cope, of Floydada, and one sister Dorothy Friend of Ozona.

#### Mary Esther Lilly (Ellison)

Mary Esther Lilly (Ellison), 62, of Tchula, died on Monday, Jan. 1, 2007 at Greenwood Leflore Hospital in Greenwood, Miss.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 3, 2007 at Southern Funeral Home chapel in Lexington Mississippi with burial in Pinecrest Cemetery in Tchula Miss: Brother Perry Irvin officiated.

She was born in Holmes County on March 5, 1944 to W. B. and Clara Hughes McBride. She was a homemaker and a member of Horseshoe Baptist Church in Tchula. She was preceded in death by her father and sister, Gladys Branscum.

Survivors include a son, William E. (Wedd) Downs and wife Nancy of Austin; two daughters, Annette Vargas and husband Jap of Leander, Texas and Lynette Rodriquez and Jimmy Perez of Ozona; mother Clara McBride of Tchula; brother John B. McBride and wife Barbara of Tchula; 5 grandchildren; Will Harlow and wife Jessica of Grenada Miss.; Johnito, Janet, and JoLynn Rodriquez of Ozona and Kevin Vargas of Leander.

Pallbearers were: Tim Joiner, Kenny Joiner, James Allen Hughes, Jimmy McBride, Jay McBride, Tory Hughes, Robert Rogers, and Will Harlow. Honorary pallbearers were: Victor Hughes, Marshall Hughes, Allen Hughes, Junior Hughes, Don Leflore, William Hughes, and Choyce Diffey.

Mrs. Lilly was formerly a resident in Ozona.

#### Beginning Adult Bible Class: 7 p.m. Wednesday,

at the Civic Center Everyone is welcome to attend!

Devotion to St. Jude

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It started gently falling in the morning and occasionally I went to the window to watch it. After dark I even turned on the out-

side light just to watch it fall. We ended up with three or four inches of snow and it covered everything. The next day while

driving to feed some sheep I stopped, turned off the motor, got out of the old truck and just looked around and listened. There

were no sounds and it was so quiet and I noticed a whole new world. Everything was covered with a beautiful soft white

blanket and looked so clean, pure and untouched. The trees and bushes looked like frosted Christmas trees. There were no

human or vehicle tracks. As I stood there gazing around with awe I thought about heaven and how wonderful it would be to

see the beauty and splendor of it. The Bible says there will be no sin, ugliness, hurt, crying, mourning, sorrow or death there.

#### **Obituaries**

#### LUCILLE HARDBERGER LITTLETON



LUCILLE "SUCI" LITTLE-TON passed away on January 18, 2007 in Ozona. She was 101 years old and died of old

age. Suci was widely known and universally loved.

Lucille lived all of her adult life in Ozona. Her late husband, Lowell Littleton, was President of the Ozona National Bank where he worked for 51 years until he had a disabling stroke which eventually led to his death. Lucille was buried in the Ozona Cedar Hill Cemetery alongside her husband on Jan. 22, 2007.

Lucille "Suci" Hardberger Littleton was born Sept. 1, 1905 in the small community of Heifner in Haskell County. Growing up she lived with her family in Munday, Knox City and Lubbock. She moved to Ozona as a bride in 1928.

She was married for 57 years until her husband, Lowell,

She was the sister and sister-in-law of Mary Geniece and Pleas Childress, a ranching family of Ozona. The sisters lived side by side in adjacent homes.

Lucille was a graduate of Knox City High School and Hardin Simmons University. She later was a member of the Board of Trustees at Hardin Simmons.

While she was attending college, she was crowned the beauty queen of Hardin Simmons. Her striking dark eyes and intensely attractive looks lasted well into old age. She met her husband at Hardin Simmons and they both stayed close to the University until the time of their deaths. On Lucille's 100th birthday, the Har-

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traveled to Ozona and played a concert in her behalf. She loved it and thoroughly enjoyed herself, singing along with vigor. Despite her many years and assorted ailments near the end of her life, she kept her keen intelligence and sense of humor.

Lucille was a remarkable woman and lived a remarkable life. She was a second mother to all of her nieces and nephews, which are many, and subsequently, their children as well. There is not a one of these subsequent generations who was not touched and shaped at her

Although Lucille never gave birth to any children herself, she helped raise dozens of children. And, outside the family, she and Lowell sent several young people through college. Many of these young people were from Ozona, but others were from various countries throughout the

She also bought a building to be used as a House of Prayer in the Ukraine.

It is much in use today and has a plaque honoring her for

Lucille taught in the public schools of Ozona, both English and Hispanic, for more than 30 years. She taught Kindergarten, 3rd grade and Junior High School and could remember most of her students' names until the end of her long life. The impact of her life was multi-generational and multi-ethnic.

Many honors and distinctions came her way. She was active in community life and was President of the Ozona Women's Forum from 1968-70. In addition to being a Trustee of Hardin Simmons University, she was also a Trustee for the Baptist Memorial Center in San Angelo. She was formerly the Superintendent of young people at her beloved church, the First Baptist Church of Ozona, where she faithfully attended, come rain or shine. 30 :33001111 .191

Lucille also sold life insurance for Southwestern Life and was quite successful. She was an excellent business person and bought several farms near Lubbock over the years. She was, for a period of time, the local reporter from Ozona to the San Angelo Standard Times. It pleased her to report on the local affairs, from the rodeo to color stories of ranch life, to the births and deaths in the community. She loved people, told good stories and had thousands of friends.

Lucille and her sister, Mary Geniece Childress, lived in adjacent homes in Ozona much of their lives, including the last several years. Even by sister standards, they were very close all of their lives. A large portion of their meals in life were shared together.

Suci was a famous hostess and gave large and grand parties, which she enjoyed presiding over, until she was well into her 90's. She was also an outstanding cook, happily humming hymns or some nameless tune as she cooked for dozens of people.

Lucille was very close to her nieces and nephews from childhood into their senior years as well as all of their children. Some actually lived with her for a part of their lives, such as Phil Hardberger, her nephew and the current Mayor of San Antonio, who delivered the eulogy at the request of the family.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents Rufus Edwin and Jenny Lee Reeves Hardberger, and by her husband Lowell Littleton, by her four brothers

din Simmons University Band and three sisters-in-law, Homer Hardberger of O'Donnell, Texas, R.E. Hardberger and wife Mary Jo of Beaver, Oklahoma, George Hardberger and wife Modena of O'Donnell, Billy Hardberger and wife Kathryn of Lamesa, Texas, and by one brother-in-law, Pleas Childress of Ozona, Texas and one niece, Katrina Hardberger Pullen of Ozona.

She is survived by her only sister Mary Geniece Hardberger Childress of Ozona and by her sister-in-law Bess Hardberger of San Antonio, formerly of O'Donnell, and by her nieces and nephews and their children and grandchildren.

Her nieces and nephews are: Mayor Phil Hardberger and wife Linda of San Antonio, Jan Hardberger Peranteau of San Antonio, Dr. R.E. Hardberger and wife Sandra of Little Rock, Kathryn Ann Hardberger Porter and husband Daniel of Victoria, Joe Hardberger and wife Mary of Houston, Dan Pullen of Ozona, Genelle Childress Berry and husband Ronald of Houston, Pleas Childress III and wife Sandra of Ozona, Elizabeth Lucille Childress Huff and husband Joel of New Braunfels, Charle Childress and wife Alice of Aus tin, George Hardberger and wife Theresa of Lubbock and Melissa Hardberger of Port Aransas.

Her great nieces and nephews are: Kimberlea Hardberger Moser and husband Chris, Amy Hardberger, Jarad Peranteau, Derek Hardberger and wife Crystal, Todd Hardberger and wife Stephanie, Matthew Porter and wife Sharla, Ryan Porter, Judd Hardberger, Drew Hardberger, Cynthia Berry Ollig and husband Alex, Catherine Berry Hamburger and husband David, Ronald Berry, Jr., Elizabeth Berry, Sarah Pullen, Susan Pullen, Martin Childress and wife Vicki, Julie Childress Harrison and husband Matthew, Melissa Huff Fischer and husband Jason, Abigail Huff, Philip Huff, Grady Childress, Colton Childress, John Hardberger and James Hardberger.

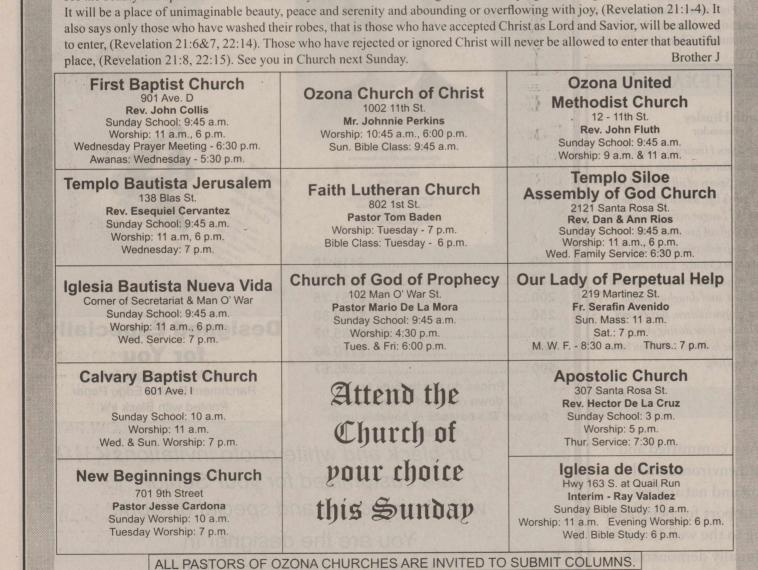
Her great-great nieces and nephews are: Austin Jones, Victoria Jones, Max Ollig, Milo Hamburger, Lauren Hardberger, Max Hardberger, Yale Hardberger, Raney Hardberger, Joshua Pullen, Layson Powell, Madison Childress, Jacob Childress, Seth Childress, Lana Harrison and Haley Harrison.

Pallbearers are the deacons of the First Baptist Church of Ozona, Douglas Bean, Pleas Childress III, Bob Falkner, Abe Gott, Les Hale, Gene Hood, Doug Meador, Burl Myers, Jerry Perry, Harold Shaw, Richard Storms, Jason Sullivan, and Bill Williams.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Sims, Ike Whitten, PA, and Benny Gibbs, Administrator, and the entire staff of Crockett County Care Center, especially Vicki Childress, Director of Nursing, as well as the personal care givers who helped Lucille with so much competence and sincerity in her last years. They are: Norma Martinez, Mary Fierro, Patsy Enriquez, Felicita Ramerez, Melory Galindo and Romelia Fierro.

Funeral services were on Monday, January 22, at the Ozona First Baptist Church and burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Suggestions for those wishing to make a memorial gift are: The First Baptist Youth Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1608, Ozona, Texas 76943, or West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904 or any charity of your choice.



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## WEATHER: 'Everyone cooperated together'

Fifty-four people stayed at the convention center on Jan. 16 and 60 stayed there on Jan. 17.

"Everything went really well," said Fire Marshal and Emergency Coordinator Steve Kenley.

Many county employees worked at the convention center around the clock in shifts. New Crockett County Judge Fred Deaton was faced with the task as being part of the emergency services team.

"He (Deaton) did a fantastic job. He stepped up to the plate and hit a home run," Kenley said.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church opened up their Parish Hall for the travelers to take showers. Transportation was provided to and from the hall, Kenley said.

Only one incident occurred at the convention center, when a traveler had to be transported to San Angelo by Crockett County EMS due to chest pains, Kenley

"Everyone cooperated together and it all worked out well," he said.

The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department traveled out to a drilling rig and pumped 500 gallons of water into a tank.

The truck that brings their water for bathing and bathroom could not make it due to ice, Kenley said.

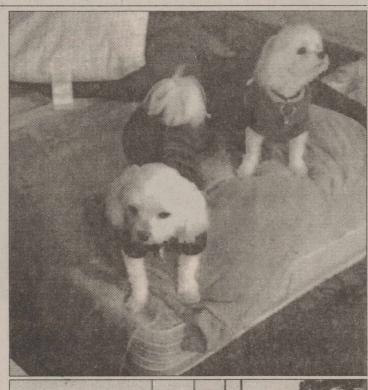
For the children of Crockett County, they got a day to have a snowball fight and build a snowman.

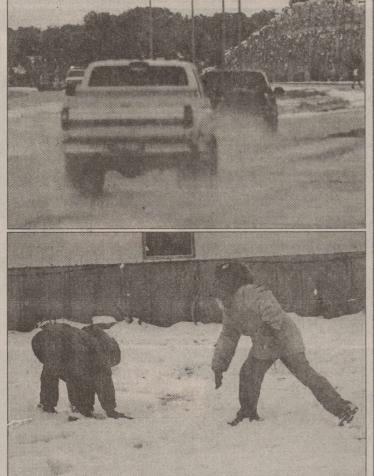
Crockett County CCSD took a snow day on Jan. 17. For the majority of the week, school started late.

According to the National Weather Service in San Angelo, a subtropical jet stream, the source of the precipitation, came up over colder Arctic air causing the freezing temperatures.

The NWS is calling for a high of 48-degrees today (Jan. 24) with a 40 percent chance of rain. The low is expected to be 32-degrees. There is a 20 percent chance of rain for Thursday with a high of 50-degrees and a low of 32. John H

For more weather information, visit http://www.srh.noaa.





Photos by Steve Kenley, Paul C. Perner IV and Joe Hernandez TOP: THE MIGHTY GUARD DOGS of the convention center. These two were some of the residents that spent the night at the shelter. MIDDLE: DESPITE THE I-10 CLOSURE there were some vehicles that just had to go through the barriers and try to travel on the interstate. BOTTOM: Snow equals a good snowball fight for these two Ozona students who enjoyed their day off from school.

Submitted by the Concho Valley Council of Boy Scouts

At its annual Scout Banquet, held Jan. 13 in San Angelo, the Concho Valley Council presented two awards to Ozona Scouters the Rev. John A. Fluth and Roy A. Harrell Jr.

The banquet featured more than 100 people in attendance.

Fluth received the highest award, which can be presented to a volunteer adult scouter, the Silver Beaver Award.

Fluth, an Eagle Scout, orginially from San Angelo, has been involved in scouting for nearly 40 years. He has served as Range Officer at Camp Fawcett, continued to portray the Scout Oath and Law during his college career as a member of Alpha Phi Omega, the national scouting service fraternity, and has served the Permian Basin District as a District Chairman and District Commissioner as well as the Council Advancement Chair of the Three Rivers Council.

Currently, he serves as the Chartered Organizational Representative for the cub scout pack and scout troop in Ozona while professionally serving as the pastor of Ozona United Method-

Additionally, he serves as the Spiritual Director of Epiphany Youth Prison Ministry located in Sheffield. He also serves as Worshipful Master of the Ozona Masonic Lodge and the Ozona Lion's Club.

Fluth also is the holder of the Daniel Beard Masonic Scouter award

Harrell was awarded a service metal denoting 65 years of service to scouting.

Since becoming a cub scout in Ozona, he has served on fundraising and popcorn committees, served numerous councils both in the United States and abroad as Assistant Scoutmaster, served as a District Commissioner and helped with numerous Wood Badge courses-the Wood Badge being the highest award which

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can be earned by volunteer scounters.

During his diplomatic career, he served scouts abroad by procuring funding from both diplomatic communities and civic organizations as well as providing outreach from American Embassies to scout troops.

He was a member of the Lion Woodbadge Patrol in Kenya as well as a delegate from the Alpha Phi Omega (of which he is a life member) which celebrated the originating of the Woodbadge Course by Scout Founder Lord Robert Baden Powell by helping organize numerous celebration activities in Nyreri where Lord Powell is

Harrell also holds the Beard Masonic Scouter award, has paritcipated in activities in Gilwell, the United Kingdom, the home of Woodbadge today, and the headquarters of the British Scouts and is a member of the Order of the Arrow.

#### Superintendent receives BOARD: \$3,000 raise, one-year contract extension

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John Esparza, middle school; Vicky Munoz, primary school; Wilda Ramos, high school and Patricia Sutton, intermediate school.

The committee will also include Gott and three school board members.

After a lengthy executive session, the board unanimously days off for Thanksgiving, with voted to extend Gott's contract an early out on that Wednesday, by one year and add \$3,000 to his salary.

The board also unanimously approved the 2007-2008 official calendar.

The calendar includes an Aug. 27 start date, as mandated by the Texas Legislature. The legislature also stated that schools cannot apply for waivers to start earlier than Aug. 27.

However, Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, has introduced a bill in the house to allow schools to play around with. Every day ing on 797 Avenue D.

School representatives are: to apply for waivers for earlier start dates, but schools that chose to do so will be charged a fee for each day they start early.

> "We don't know how much we would be charged and we don't know if this will even pass," Gott said.

The calendar includes 2 and a Friday staff development day on Jan. 11. This day is for the UIL Academic Invitational Meet, Gott said.

Spring break will be March 3-7, which is same as Midland College

Christmas break is also trying to get the first three sixweeks completed.

one. You don't have a lot of room 21 at the Administration Build-

you increase you go into June 2," Gott said.

The last day of school will be May 30.

The board tabled 2006-2007 Campus and District Improvement Plans as well as looking at the possibility for a sick leave bank to be adopted into local policy. These items will be placed on the February meeting

By a vote of 6-1, the board appointed Tom Anderson, Fierro and Dwight Childress to the County Appraisal District Board. Anderson voted against the mo-

The board will meet at 7:30 shorter, Dec. 21-Jan. 2, due to a.m. Jan. 24 to open bids on the vacant lot on Monterey Street.

The next regular board "The fall semester is a hard meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb.

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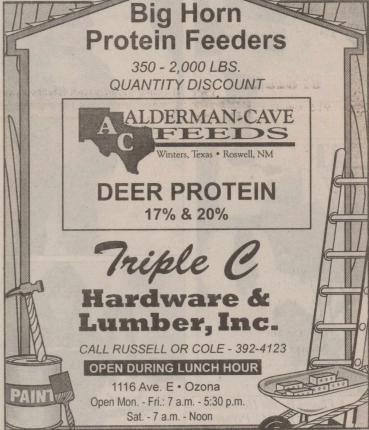
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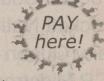
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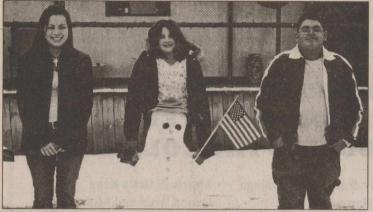
A graduate of Texas Tech Medical School, Dr. Wilson served his family practice residency in Fort Worth and a rural family practice fellowship in Louisiana. He has been in private practice the past 10 years.



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#### IN THE MEADOW WE CAN BUILD A SNOWMAN...













Photos by Joe Hernandez, Paul C. Perner IV, Shelly Childress and Ann Stapper SNOWMAN OF SHAPES AND SIZES could be found all over Ozona last week during the snow.

#### Students win at Ozona UIL Meet

The following is the results Richie of the Ozona UIL Academic Invitational Meet held Jan. 13. SCIENCE 3rd Levi English **NEWS WRITING** 4th Morgan Capps COMPUTER SCIENCE 1st Levi English 4th Puja Bhakta 2nd place Team **HEADLINE WRITING** 5th Morgan Capps CX DEBATE 2nd Brady Granger & Barrett

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#### HILL COUNTRY DISTRICT JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW WINNERS By MELISSA PERNER

Editor and Publisher

Crockett County 4-Hers had a great day at the Hill Country District livestock show, where they crowned three champions in the Market lamb and Market goat divisions.

LuCinda Birkenfeld won first place in class two with her light weight market goat and went on to win the division champion.

LuCinda also placed fifth with her class three goat.

Emalee Hamilton also exhibited goats in the fourth and fifth classes.

In the finewool market lamb division Crockett County members exhibited three first place lambs in the championship drive.

They were Allie Black first place class 2, Lane Hale first palce class 3 and Murphey Black first place class 3.

Murphey received Champion Finewool and Lane received Reserve Champion.

State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, was the buyer of Lane and Murphey's lambs.

Placing finewool lambs included Kelbie Renfroe third in class 4, Alie Black fifth in class 3, Wes Megurie sixth in class 2, Murphey Black sixth in class 3 and LuCinda Birkenfeld 11th in class 2.

In the Finewool Cross division Lane Hale place third in class 3, Murphey black placed fifth in class 5 and Kelbie Renfroe place eighth in class 3.

Exhibitors next show will be in Fort Worth this weekend.

Photos submitted by Vickie Black CROCKETT COUNTY 4-

H MEMBERS WON BIG during the 2007 Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show this past weekend. Winners are: (from top to bottom) Murphey Black with his Champion Finewool Lamb; Lane Hale with his Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb and LuCinda Birkenfeld with her Champion Market Goat. The 4-Hers will travel to Fort Worth this weekend.







#### Lady Lions defeat Van Horn, Lions lose to Owls fall to Crane and Reagan County

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lady Lions lost

to Crane, 30-36, on Jan. 9.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Megan McDaniel 8; Frankie Skinner 7; Kasey Gray 2; Celia Rivera 4; Alysha Lara 7 and Alexa Cervantez 2. Also playing was: Farran Wilson, Adrienne Bendele, Peyton Fenton and Morgan Glosson.

"We started out great, we just couldn't hold on in the end. We played well enough to win, we just didn't get the shots to fall," said Coach John Jackson.

Van Horn, 47-25, on Jan. 12.

The Lady Lions defeated

Scoring was: McDaniel 7; Skinner 17; Wilson 1; Gray 1; Rivera 7; Lara 6; Cervantez 4

was: Fenton and Bendele.

'We really needed this win. We cam out ready to play and never really let up the entire game. I was really proud of the way the girls played," Jackson

The Lady Lions lost, 29-76, to Reagan County on Jan. 18.

Scoring was: McDaniel 5: Skinner 4; Fenton 1; Gray 4 Rivera 6; Lara 5 and Glosson 4. Also playing was: Wilson, Cervantez and Bendele.

"We always have one bad quarter and that is what usually does us in. This time it was a 31 point, third quarter by Reagan County that killed us," Jackson

The Lady Lions will face Alpine at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Davidson Gym and then Kermit and Glosson 4. Also playing at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Kermit.

#### By MELISSA PERNER Turland 2, Matthew Ballard

Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions lost to the Reagan County Owls 79-40 on Thursday.

Colby Mayfield 8, Justin Mal-

2, Levi Vargas 14 and Caleb Mitchel 4.

Also playing was: Rylee Ramos and Stevie Vargas. The Lions will face Alpine

Scoring for the Lions was: at 8 p.m. Friday at the Davidson Gym and then Kermit at 8 danado 6, Tate Collis 4, Matt p.m. Tuesday in Kermit.

#### JV Lady Lions fall to Lady Owls

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher

The Ozona JV girls lost a tough game to Reagan County Thursday night 41-23.

Reagan County came out firing outscoring the Lady Lions 11-3 in the first quarter.

The Lady Lions drew back to within 8 points at the half 18-10, but mental mistakes and poor defensive play cost the Lady Lions down the stretch. Jayci Miller had 8 points in

Other contributors were

Alex Macias (4 points), Melissa Miller (4 points), Melanie Wallace (2 points) and Brandyn Tebbetts with 2 points.

"I look for better hustle and defensive play as we start the last part of district play. We have a very talented group of young ladies and when they get everything together we will be a very scary team," said Coach Justin Holloway. "Thank you for all the support from parents and fans! Go Lady Lions!"

The Lady Lions will take on Alpine at 5 p.m. Friday at the Davidson Gym and then Kermit Vanessa Rodriguez (5 points), at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Kermit.

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The Crockett County Extension Office and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce have partnered to provide a new program to both Chamber members and anyone in Ozona interested in becoming active in their community. We are calling this program the Crockett County "Building Connections" Leadership Program.

It is designed to seek and help develop future leadership for Ozona by providing intensive training in areas strategic to the community's well-being. Individuals will leave the program knowing their personal leadership traits and styles, strategies to effectively lead organizations, and understand the political process. Participants will be acquainted with community needs, problems and opportunities. This program will challenge potential leaders to become involved in their community.

The community has identified that there is a lack of interest of citizens wanting to serve in a volunteer or leadership capacity. Those who have had leadership positions in the past either move away from the city or must take a less active role and new leaders must fill the gaps. Leadership Ozona is a practical means of developing a pool of informed persons who can become involved in the various areas of community service

Citizens, we need your help! We are talking with employers and individuals about taking an interest in this program. If you are an employer, we are asking you to consider sponsoring an employee who is civic minded and may have an interest in be-If you are an individual, we are asking if you, or if you know someone that would be a good candidate for the program, to

consider participating. The cost or tuition is \$100, and the participant will receive a certificate of completion during the graduation activity planned by the class. This is an eleven month program; however, it is only one day a month (Begins Feb. 8 and ends Nov. 15). Tuition also includes snacks, a meal each class day and learning materials. Classes will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Conference Room. The program will also include tours of local facilities so that participants will get a first-hand look at how our community operates and the organizations and individuals that make it happen.

For more information about the program, or to receive a brochure with class topics/tours,

contact the Crockett County

#### **WEEKLY NEWS REPORT**

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
- · Yuri Saenz, address unknown, 112th District Court- De- 1-16-07 livery 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 Courtfor Ozona, Crocke Theft by Check
  - · Brandon O'Neil, of Barnhart, 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. · Johnny Ray Villarreal, of coming active in the community. Ozona- Crockett County Court- evading arrest (not aggravated Motion to Revoke-Evading Ar-
  - · Britney Aline Chandler, of Ozona-Crockett County Court-Assault Cause Bodily Injury
  - · Rogelio Sanchez Jr., of Ozona-Crockett County Felony Warrant of Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon on a peace
  - · John Mansell Clark, of Ozona-Crockett County Felony Warrant of Burglary of a Habitation.
  - · Erick Nathaniel Martinez, of Ozona- Coke County Warrant for Possession of Marijuana under 2 ounces, motion to revoke.
  - Apolonio Morales Damian, of Ozona- Tom Green County Warrant for driving under the influence of liquor.
  - · Fernando Nino Fernandez, of Ozona/Midland-Attorney General's warrant for failure to vestigation continues.

appear/child support.

· Albert E. Ramos, of Ozona-Tom Green County warrant for motion to revoke probation.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS FREE GUNLOCKS UNTIL SUPPLY RUNS OUT, LOCKS CAN ALSO BE USED TO LOCK BICYCLES

#### ARREST REPORT

· Bobbie Darling, 19, of Ozona surrendered into custody at sheriff's office for a warrant of assault causing bodily injury. She posted bail and was released.

Ozona was arrested by sheriff's words, to many ears, belied deputy for public intoxication. grander political ambitions. He paid fine and was released.

· Gabriel James Flores, 35, iff's deputy for public intoxica- second full term as governor. tion. He paid fine and was re-

 CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK'S REPORT. Rogelio Sanchez Jr., 22, of Ozona was arrested on a warrant for assault). He posted bail and was released.

#### **INCIDENT REPORTS** 1-19-07

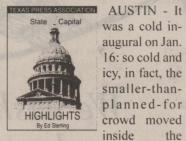
· Sheriff's office filed a making false report to a law enforcement officer report following an investigation of an unauthorized motor vehicle report that was filed last week. A warrant has been issued for suspect.

attended death report. A local cit- and possible higher aspirations, izen passed away at a residence the governor flew to the nation's on Avenue C.

Junction Stockyards Market Report

 An assault causing bodily injury report was filed by subject assaulted him while at a residence on Santa Anna Street. In-

#### Chief execs outline priorities in inaugural speeches



was a cold inaugural on Jan. 16: so cold and icy, in fact, the smaller-thanplanned-for

Texans and the rest of the world enjoyed access to the inaugural ceremonies via live webcast for the first time ever.

Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst were sworn in. Both men made speeches broad · Joel Perez Ortiz, 21, of in scope: so broad, in fact, their

Perry regaled strong families as the backbone of society of Ozona was arrested by sher- and outlined his agenda for his

> He spoke of the need for tighter immigration control, a secure border with Mexico, safer neighborhoods, affordable health care, improvements in education, substantial and long-lasting property tax relief, and budget reforms that would protect tax-He also echoed a theme that

has a Washington, D.C.-ring to

"Texas is better off when Republicans and Democrats work together because our potential is too vast to be spoiled by a politics leavened with partisanship," Perry said.

Diverging here for a moment • Sheriff's office filed an un- on the subject of bipartisanship capital with Texas Democratic congressional representatives to meet with other Democrats.

The Washington, D.C., - reporting that a known relative Democrats let Perry know they have not forgotten his role in bringing about the unusual midterm redistricting in 2004 that squeezed a few Democrats out of office.

> Dewhurst also delivered an expansive inaugural speech, with months, the agency reported. First" package of legislation.

The legislation, he said, is based on the premise that, "Safe and healthy children learn, they grow, and they go on to lead lives that strengthen our state and make us proud."

Dewhurst asked lawmakers to pass tougher laws dealing with child predators, put defibrillators in public schools and take illegal

AS PRESS ASSOCIATION AUSTIN - It steroids out through mandatory, random drug testing.

Dewhurst assured the audience there would be a "Jessica's Law" in Texas, including an automatic 25-year sentence for first-time child molesters and a death sentence for those convicted a second time.

#### SPEAKER REASSURES **EX-CHALLENGERS**

Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick told The Dallas Morning News, in effect, he's holding out the olive branch to members of his own party.

Craddick, R-Midland, was re-elected speaker after Rep. Jim Pitts, R- Waxahachie, dropped his challenge.

Pitts threw his support behind Craddick when it was decided the vote for the speakership would be a recorded vote, not by secret ballot.

Earlier, Pitts and another former challenger, Rep. Brian McCall, R- Plano, individually expressed the need for a change in atmosphere in the House, because transparency and bipartisanship in the legislative process had eroded under the speaker's

Craddick said he would do a better job of communicating. STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.5 in December, the lowest in five years, the Texas Workforce Commission said in a report released Jan. 19.

To illustrate the improvement, the unemployment rate in November was 4.7 percent, and a year ago, in December 2005, the rate was 5.2 percent.

Nonagricultural employment grew by 15,600 jobs in December as Texas employers continue adding jobs.

Over the last 12 months, the Texas economy grew by 213,200 jobs, and Texas employers have added jobs for 27 consecutive emphasis on his "Texas Children SENATOR PROPOSES

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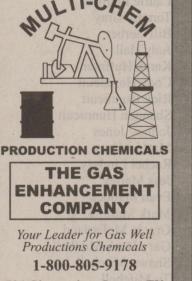
Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he would file legislation banning smoking in all public buildings in Texas.

Ellis is looking for a House sponsor of his bill and expects to file his version this month.

Eighteen states have laws banning smoking in public build-



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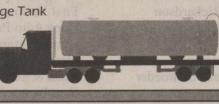
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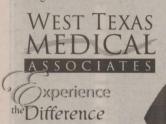
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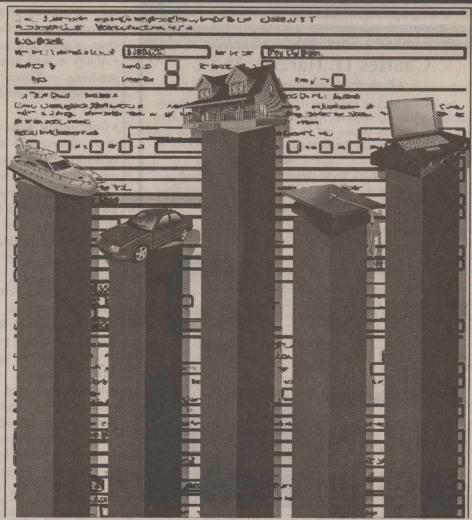
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