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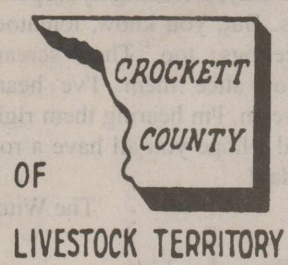
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Commissioners approve new courtroom technology

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

New technology is going to be implemented into the commissioners' courtroom.

During their Monday meeting, the commissioners approved spending \$10,000 from the courthouse security fund to purchase a document scanner, laptop computer, projector and screen for the courtroom.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the purpose of the equipment would be to hold courthouse security training, but that the new technology would be able to help with a lot of other things as well.

The document scanner will be able to take documents, such as the commissioners' agenda, and then project it on the screen for the meetings. The scanner can also show photos, Deaton said.

The laptop computer will be able to be hooked up to the projector for slide shows or other presentations.

"The things I see that this will help us the most will be during budget time when we will be able to project our budgets and work on them from there. We can change our budget right there at that time," Deaton said. "This will also save us in paperwork."

Deaton said they are hoping to have the new equipment installed by the January meeting.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION
 Deaton said Templeton Construction is still getting in material for the courthouse renovation, and that they are waiting for the roof material to come in.

Renovations will probably start in January, he said.

The county is also still waiting on the Texas Historical Commission to approve a second set of plans for the courtroom.

PAVILION COVER TO VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL
 Commissioner Frank Tambunga

said he has asked architect Henry Schmidt to draw up some blueprints about placing a gazebo or similar structure at the Veterans Memorial Wall, located in front of the cemeteries. Tambunga also said he has a person willing to make a sizeable donation toward the project.

Deaton said he thinks the area is very beautiful how it is and that the flagpoles would have to be moved if something is placed in that area.

"We are also running up into a year that we don't know what the finances are going to be," Deaton said.

"I want to look at it and make sure it looks balanced with the rest of the area," added Commissioner Pleas Childress.

The commissioners voted to table this item until the blueprints are ready by Schmidt.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

- Resolution supporting the interpretive trail at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

- Burn ban resolution for another 30 days.

- Setting 2009 Holidays as: Jan. 1 New Year's Day; Feb. 16 President's Day; April 10 Good Friday; May 25 Memorial Day; July 3 Fourth of July; Sept. 7 Labor Day; Nov. 11 Veterans Day; Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving and Dec. 24-25 Christmas.

- Designating the second Monday of each month as the day commissioners' court will convene in regular term.

- Hiring of Jody Upham to draw up deeds for the alley between 13th and 14th streets on Avenue B.

- Purchasing of two new one-ton cab and chassis welding trucks through Buy Board for \$21,976 for each unit. These are to replace the current welding trucks at the road department.

The commissioners will hold a called noon meeting to discuss budget items on Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the courthouse annex.

Library to host Christmas Tour of Homes Sunday

The Friends of the Library Christmas Tour of Homes will be on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2-5 p.m.

Tour some of Ozona's most beautiful homes decorated for Christmas and end your tour at the Ozona National Bank for refreshments and door prizes.

This year we have the home of Eugene Miller, 902 Avenue H; Katie and Joe Warren Friend, 202 Mesquite; Marolyn and Joe Bean, 802 Angus; Ozona National Bank, 503 11th Street and the Crockett County Public Library at 1201 Ave. G.

At the Friend's house, there will be two Christmas trees, one of red and white and a Christmas village on top of the piano.

Marolyn and Joe Bean's house features an outdoor lighted scene with reindeer made by the late Freddie Nicks.



Robilen Miller has decorated Eugene Miller's house to reflect the holiday spirit.

Ozona National Bank will feature a "Nutcracker Theme" with toy soldiers standing around the tree guarding the presents.

At the end of your tour, be sure to put your ticket in the drawing for beautiful door prizes donated by Baskets and More.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Library or at any of the homes. Mark your calendars now and let us help you get into the Christmas Spirit!

SANTA COMES TO TOWN



Photos by Joe Hernandez
 SANTA CLAUS made his annual visit to Ozona last week during the Lights of Love singing. Children from Ozona Community Center, Ozona Head Start, Del's Little Schoolhouse, Ozona Elementary School and First Baptist Church AWANA program all participated in singing Christmas songs.

ELDORADO MAN WINS BIG PRIZE AT DEERFEST



Photo by Joe Hernandez
 DAVID HUGHES of Eldorado was the big winner at the 21st annual Crockett County DeerFest Saturday. Hughes won the grand prize of a 2008 Polaris Ranger. More DeerFest winners and photos on page 9.

Santa Letters due Friday, Stockman holiday hours

the Stockman at 392-2551 or e-mail publisher@ozonastockman.com.

Anyone interested in advertising in our Santa Letters Special Section can call Susan Calloway at 392-2551 or e-mail susan@ozonastockman.com.

Deadline for advertising is also Friday, Dec. 12.

The Ozona Stockman will be closed at noon Dec. 24 and all day Dec. 25-26.

DEADLINE for the Dec. 31 issue is NOON MONDAY, Dec. 29.

The Stockman will be closed Jan. 1-2 for the New Year's Holiday.

DEADLINE for the Jan. 7 issue will be NOON MONDAY, Jan. 5.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Letters to Santa Claus need to be in by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, at The Ozona Stockman office on 1000 Avenue E.

The letters will be printed in the Dec. 24 edition.

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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Keeping focus this holiday

Many of you have probably seen this email before, but I think it's a humorous reminder in keeping us focused on the true meaning of Christmas. It recently appeared in my former church's newsletter:

DATE: December 1st
TO: ALL EMPLOYEES

I'm happy to inform you that the company Christmas Party will take place on Dec. 23 at Luigi's Open Pit Barbecue. There will be lots of spiked eggnog and a small band playing traditional carols ... feel free to sing along. And don't be surprised if our CEO shows up dressed as Santa Claus to light the Christmas tree! Exchange of gifts among EMPLOYEES can be done at that time; however, no gift should be over \$10. Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Patty Lewis - Human Resources Director

DATE: December 2nd
TO: ALL EMPLOYEES

In no way was yesterday's memo intended to exclude our Jew-

ish employees. We recognize that Hanukkah is an important holiday that often coincides with Christmas. However, from now on we're calling it our "Holiday Party." The same policy applies to EMPLOYEES who are celebrating Kwanzaa at this time. There will be no Christmas tree and no Christmas carols sung. Happy Holidays to you and your family.

Patty Lewis - Human Resources Director

DATE: December 3rd
TO: ALL EMPLOYEES

Regarding the anonymous note I received from a member of Alcoholics Anonymous requesting a non-drinking table, I'm happy to accommodate this request, but, don't forget, if I put a sign on the table that reads, "AA Only," you won't be anonymous anymore. In addition, forget about the gifts exchange — no gifts will be allowed since the union members feel that \$10 is too much money.

Patty Lewis - Human Resources Director

DATE: December 7th
TO: ALL EMPLOYEES

I've arranged for members of Overeaters Anonymous to sit farthest from the dessert buffet and pregnant women closest to the restrooms. Gays are allowed to sit with each other. Lesbians do not have to sit with the gay men; each will have their table. Yes, there will be a flower arrangement for the gay men's table. Happy now?

Patty Lewis - Human Racehorses Director

DATE: December 9th
TO: ALL EMPLOYEES

People, people — nothing sinister was intended by wanting our CEO to play Santa Claus! Even if the anagram of "Santa" does happen to be "Satan," there is no evil connotation to our own "little man in a red suit."

Patty Lewis - Human Rat races Director

DATE: December 10th
TO: ALL EMPLOYEES

Vegetarians — I've had it with

you people!! We're going to hold this party at Luigi's Open Pit whether you like it or not, you can just sit at the table farthest from the "grill of death," as you put it, and you'll get salad bar only, including hydroponic tomatoes. But, you know, tomatoes have feelings, too. They scream when you slice them. I've heard them scream. I'm hearing them right now. Ha! I hope you all have a rotten holiday!

The Witch

DATE: December 14th
TO: ALL EMPLOYEES

I'm sure I speak for all of us in wishing Patty Lewis a speedy recovery from her stress-related illness. I'll continue to forward your cards to her at the sanitarium. In the meantime, management has decided to cancel our Holiday Party and give everyone the afternoon of the 23rd off with full pay.

Terri Bishop - Acting Human Resources Director

Remember the reason for the season!

IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

Post Hole Withdrawals

I don't mean to start another gold rush but did you know there are many fortunes in gold and silver buried in many locales in the great southwest? I'm not referring to mythical mines or undiscovered cities where the streets are paved in gold. Nor am I suggesting that you quit your job and buy a string of mules to go looking for buried treasure that both the Spaniards and the Mexicans left behind on their hasty retreats. I am referring to the money buried in cans, chests and caves — back in the days when a "bank" deposit was made by first digging a hole.

With banks and businesses going broke people might once again be bringing their money back to the safety of their own premises where, unlike Social Security or stock in Lehman Brothers, AIG, Freddy and Fannie, it may actually be there when they need it. This explains why safes

are the only thing jumping off store shelves these days.

When that parched part of this country where ranches are measured in sections, not acres, was first settled there were no banks to distrust. Even if there were, the banks were usually far away and your bank deposits weren't guaranteed by the FDIC. If the James gang stole all your money in the bank it was gone.

Back then if you had to travel a long way to buy a string of cattle you had to take your money with you. You could hide some bank notes (often printed by a bank, not the government) in your money belt, but that's the first place bandits would look, so many ranchers carried gold dust or gold and silver coins. A jigger of gold dust was worth \$100 and \$1,000 dollars in silver coins weighed over 62 pounds. Such a load made you an obvious target for thieves and when

ranchers sensed that robbers were on their trail, or laying in wait for them, they'd stop and hastily bury their money. Many of them never came back to get it either, and even if they did sometimes they couldn't find it because the landmarks they used were no longer there.

There are countless cases where a rancher somehow managed to make a little money and rather than risk it being stolen on the ride into town he simply buried it. A popular place to bury your life's savings was under a fence post. It was secure there; maybe even too secure. Sometimes the rancher forgot which post was his bank branch. Even if the rancher remembered the right post the gold was often as hard to find as the smoke from yesterday's campfire because gold sinks six inches every year in sandy or light soil and the rancher gave up when it was not found at the right depth.

In some cases the ranchers left behind instructions or a map called a "derrotero" but usually the rancher's secret died with them. If they met a sudden or untimely death. "Los muertos no hablan," was a popular saying. The dead do not talk. Neither

do post holes, unfortunately.

If you've been unnerved by recent economic events and are considering burying your own treasure, there are a few rules that may aid your selfish kids in finding your fortune without spending their adult lives tearing down all your corrals. First, if you are going to bury paper money put it in an airtight container with a silver dollar on top so that your stash will register on a metal detector. And if you are going to leave behind a map use landmarks that don't change. Your fortune may be planted equal distance between a tree and a certain rock but someone may cut down that tree and move the rock. Or, a sandstorm could alter the landscape and then your kids would have to dig up the entire homeplace. (Although it would be a good way to get the seedbed tilled for your wife's garden when you're no longer around to do it!)

Alternatively, you could draw a map and send it to me for safekeeping. If you do don't set your posts very deep and I'd prefer gold coins. No stock certificates or paper money please. That stuff is hardly worth digging for these days.

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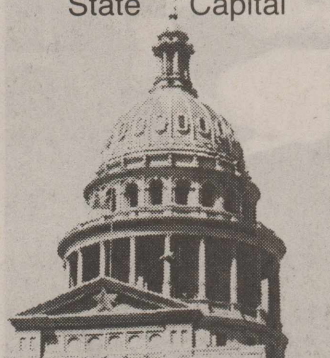
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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - The Texas Board of Criminal Justice met in Austin on Dec. 3 and decided to ask the state for \$66 million in immediate funding to purchase airport-style and mobile screening units and other surveillance equipment to stop cell phones and other contraband from being smuggled into Texas prisons.

Democrat John Whitmire of Houston, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, and Republican Jerry Madden of Richardson, chairman of the House Corrections Committee, said they support the idea.

In the summer and early fall, Whitmire was the target of illegal cell phone calls made by a death row inmate.

Gov. Rick Perry responded in October, ordering a sweep of Texas prisons that netted 144 illegal cell phones, plus weapons and other contraband.

HUTCHISON EYES GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Texas' senior U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison on Dec. 4 filed papers with the Texas Ethics Commission and formed an exploratory committee, signaling her interest in running for governor in 2010.

Hutchison also transferred funds from her federal campaign finance account to a state campaign finance account.

A Republican, Hutchison won her U.S. Senate seat by special election in 1993. She was re-elected to full terms in 1994, 2000 and 2006. She served as Texas state treasurer 1991-92 and in the Texas House as a Houston-area representative from 1972-76.

COMBS STEPS UP TRANSPARENCY

Because of a slackening economy, legislative committees and teams of state number crunchers must be at their best to find money and deliver the fiscal 2010-11 budget, which could be around \$185 billion.

Meanwhile, taxpayers can learn how much of their money government is spending and what it's being spent on.

Nearly a year ago, Texas Comptroller Susan Combs launched "Where the Money Goes" a Web site that now shows all state agencies' spending in detail.

In continuing along those lines,

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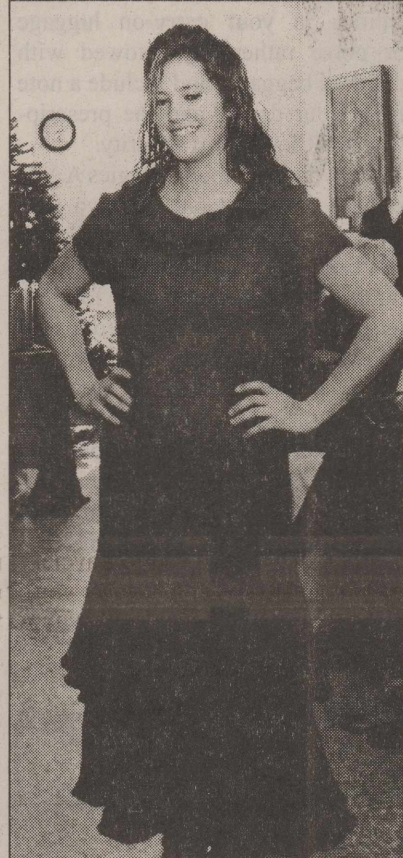
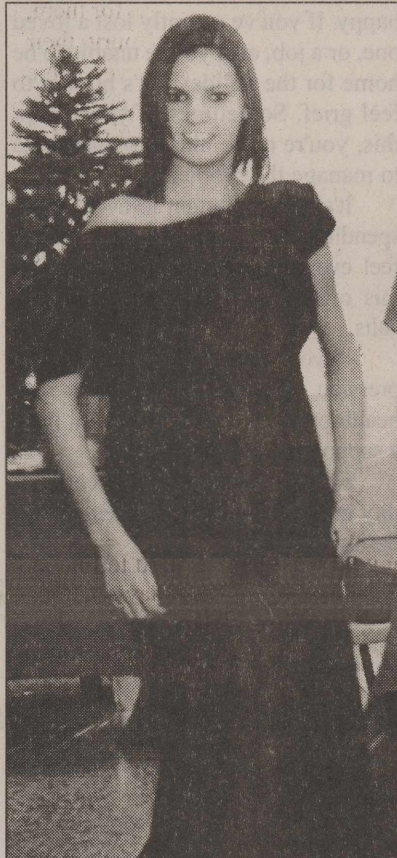
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Museum hosts annual wool and mohair style show



Photos by Melissa Perner

JESSICA BALDRIDGE (right) of Abilene, Texas won the mohair coat at the Crockett County Museum's annual wool and mohair style show on Dec. 6. The coat was donated by Dolores Vernor of Dolores' Unique Designs. Pictured with Jessica is her aunt Cathy Carson of Ozona. Door prize winners were: Dianne Phillips, Marilyn Cox, Bonnie Whitaker, JoAnn Babbitt, Melissa Perner, Jean Odom and Veronica Fierro.



MODELS for this year's style show included (starting at top left) Desiree' Young, Kelsey Childress, Madye Hubbard, Katie Friend, Kara Bird and Melissa Miller. Dolores also modeled some designs herself, which are made of mohair, wool, alpaca and leather.

Happy Birthday

- Dec. 10** - Elizabeth Clark, Angel Garcia and Laura Stapper
- Dec. 11** - Lauren Miles, Melissa Trevino, Arnie Hartman, Willena Holden, Roger Longoria, Amanda Maldonado and Dallas Goff
- Dec. 12** - Abe Gott, Randy Carter, Lillian Tijerina, Robert Barrera, Felicitia Ramirez and Aiden Nicks
- Dec. 13** - Lyndon English, Cookie Worthington, Matias Gandar, Billy Reagor, Jose Luis Sarabia, Kramer Hall and Emily Vargas and Valysa Hartman
- Dec. 14** - Kylan Burleson, Johnna Pullig, Jeanie Thompson, Dusty Wilson, Harvey Fierro, Sara Estrada and Alexa Cervantez
- Dec. 15** - Mia Davidson, Rick Hunnicutt and Trey Fierro
- Dec. 16** - Anna Marie Fierro, Janina Savala, Manuel Gutierrez Sr., Markaus Galindo, Rianna N. DeLaRosa

DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, Dec. 10**
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, Dec. 11**
 - OHS Varsity and JV Lions and Lady Lions in the Iraan Tournament.
 - OMS B Teams in the Comstock Tournament.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friday, Dec. 12**
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 - OHS Varsity and JV Lions and Lady Lions in the Iraan Tournament.
- Saturday, Dec. 13**
 - OHS Varsity and JV Lions and Lady Lions in the Iraan Tournament.
 - OMS B Teams in the Comstock Tournament.
 - Toys for Tots, 10 a.m.-noon, at the town square.
 - Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Sunday, Dec. 14**
 - Christmas Tour of Homes, 2-4 p.m., starting at the Public Library.
 - "Child of Wonder" Christmas program, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
- Monday, Dec. 15**
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OMS Lady Lions A Teams vs. Comstock, 5 p.m. at the OMS Gym.
 - OMS Lions A Teams vs. Comstock, 5 p.m. at Comstock.
 - OHS Varsity and JV Lions and Lady Lions vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
- Tuesday, Dec. 16**
 - OHS Varsity and JV Lions and Lady Lions vs. Fort Stockton, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
 - Ozona Schools Band Concert, 6 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.
 - Fire department/EMS Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, Dec. 17**
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - CCCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

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5 years - Andy Coates, Margarita Longoria, Georgia Morrow, Elsa Vasquez and Margarita Villarreal.

10 years - Lara Sue Baggett, Elliot Barrera, Catarina Cervantez, Roland De Hoyos, Gil Komechak and Evelyn Lozano.

15 years - Lou Carson, Burl Myers, Frank Tambunga and Estalfo Vargas.

20 years - Connie Nelson, Sandy Stokes and Arturo Vasquez.

22 years - Shane Fenton.

25 years - Eddie Moore, Nasario San Miguel and Fred V. Fierro.

35 years - Dee Keilers.

A plaque was also presented in memory of former county judge Johnny Jones.



Healthy Living
by Marcus Sims, M.D.,
Family Health
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With the holidays upon us, it's a time for parties, travel, food and family get-togethers. But for many people, the holidays are filled with potential health risks, both mental and physical. Problems can range from simply eating too much at a party, to depression, to allergic reactions.

With planning, you and your family can avoid many of the problems associated with holidays, and enjoy them in good health.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Holidays tend to be a time when people display decorations both inside and outside their homes. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has these suggestions:

In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable, keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to avoid the child swallowing or in-

Tips for a Healthy Holiday

haling small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a child to eat them.

Avoid candles, or use only with extreme caution. CPSC says that each year there are 11,600 candle-related fires, resulting in 150 deaths, 1,200 injuries and \$173 million in property loss.

FOOD SAFETY

It is also important to make sure the foods you offer guests are prepared and served with safety in mind. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate food borne infections cause 76 million illnesses, 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,200 deaths in the United States each year. To help avoid the problems CDC and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have these suggestions:

- Clean - Wash hands and food-contact surfaces often. Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen and get onto cutting boards, knives, sponges, and counter tops.

- Chill - Refrigerate promptly, public health officials advise consumers to refrigerate foods quickly because cold temperatures keep most harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying. Refrigerators should be set at 40 degrees F and the freezer at 0

degrees F, and the accuracy of the settings should be checked occasionally with a thermometer. Use small, shallow containers so food chills quickly.

ALLERGIES

People with allergies or asthma need to be aware of potential triggers during the holidays, and to be prepared by bringing their medication along while traveling. If you're traveling, the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) says to keep the medications in your carry-on luggage or purse rather than stowed with checked baggage, and include a note from your doctor and the prescription label for airport security.

If you have food allergies AAAL says to carry not one but two Epi-pens for treating a severe allergic reaction. Holiday treats can contain hidden nuts, dairy or other food allergy triggers. Make sure your host knows of any allergies you have.

If you're allergic to pets and will be visiting a home where pets may be present, tell your host, and perhaps they can make accommodations for you. Make sure you bring your medication as well. Remember too that holiday decorations can be full of dust when they're pulled out of storage. If you have mold allergies, they can trigger problems.

MENTAL HEALTH

The holidays can be a difficult time for people with depressive illnesses. Even in people without a depressive illness, the holidays can bring up sad memories. Holiday shopping, travel and events can also be a time of stress. There are several ways to help yourself cope.

One thing that can help is to simply be aware of the fact that holidays can trigger stress and depression, and you can't force yourself to be happy. If you've recently lost a loved one, or a job, or if you're unable to be home for the holidays, it's normal to feel grief. Sometimes, if you accept this, you're more likely to take steps to manage the problems.

It's also important to avoid overspending during the holidays. Don't feel everything has to be perfect, as this often leads to disappointing results.

If you are being treated for depression, anxiety or other mental health problems, make sure you have a support structure in place.

Family, friends, church, community groups can all be sources of help during this time.

All of us at the Family Health Center of Ozona would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

Care Center Chatter

By ELSA VASQUEZ
Assistant Activity Director

We have beautiful wreaths for every resident's door from the Ozona Garden Club. Thank you all.

We have our home fully decorated inside and out. Thanks to all our staff.

We will be having church groups this coming week to sing and school students.

Our big Residents and Family Christmas Party will be at 6 p.m. Dec. 19. You all come out and join us.

There will be door prizes and a raffle on a big screen TV.

A great big thanks to the Ozona Stockman for giving us the paper throughout the year.

Also, thanks to Lillie Tobar Payne for making her cakes once a month for our resident's birthdays.

Friday, we chilled out with popcorn and music from our very own Dillie Sanchez and Betty Castro. There is some hidden talent there.

Stay warm and come see us here at the CCCC.

Angel Tree gifts due Tuesday

The Ozona United Methodist Church Wesley Nurse Program is sponsoring this year's Angel Tree program, which ensures all Crockett County residents experience the blessings of Christmas.

Around 100 children and elderly residents in our community have been contacted. Their clothing needs have been placed on ornaments, which are decorating Christ-

mas trees located at OLPH Catholic Church, Crockett National Bank and Ozona National Bank.

Anyone wanting to participate, can go by one of these three locations and pick up the ornament of your choice, purchase the items and return your gift by Tuesday, Dec. 15, at any of the three locations.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060.

A VERY SPECIAL YOUNG WOMAN

She was not from a wealthy family or the big city. If we would have been around her when she was growing up we would not have paid any extra attention to her. She was not a superstar physically or at the top of her class academically but there was something special about her. She reminds me of some girls that were my classmates in high school and college. They were quiet and did not bring much attention to themselves. It seemed like they always had an arm load of books and were on their way to study. They dressed modestly and were polite. Another thing they were not boy crazy and had chosen to keep themselves pure or remain virgins until their wedding night. Every now and then one of them would invite me to church or to a special youth program. They had one special characteristic that the other girls did not have and that was they loved God very much and wanted to obey him. This does not go unnoticed by God because many years ago He chose one such young woman for a very special mission. It was Mary the one chosen to be the mother of Jesus. She was to bear the Christ Child that would bless the whole world, (Luke 1:26-33, Romans 6:23, Ephesians 1:3).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D J.B. Bitner - Interim Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Awana's: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastores Ramio & Maria Salcedo Domingos: Escuela dominical: 9:45 a.m. Servicio Evangelistico: 5:00 p.m. Lunes a viernes: Oracion - 6:00 a.m. Martes: Servicio evangelistico - 6:00 p.m. Miercoles: visitas a los hogares Jueves: Servicio evangelistico - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Rodney White Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail R.N Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	

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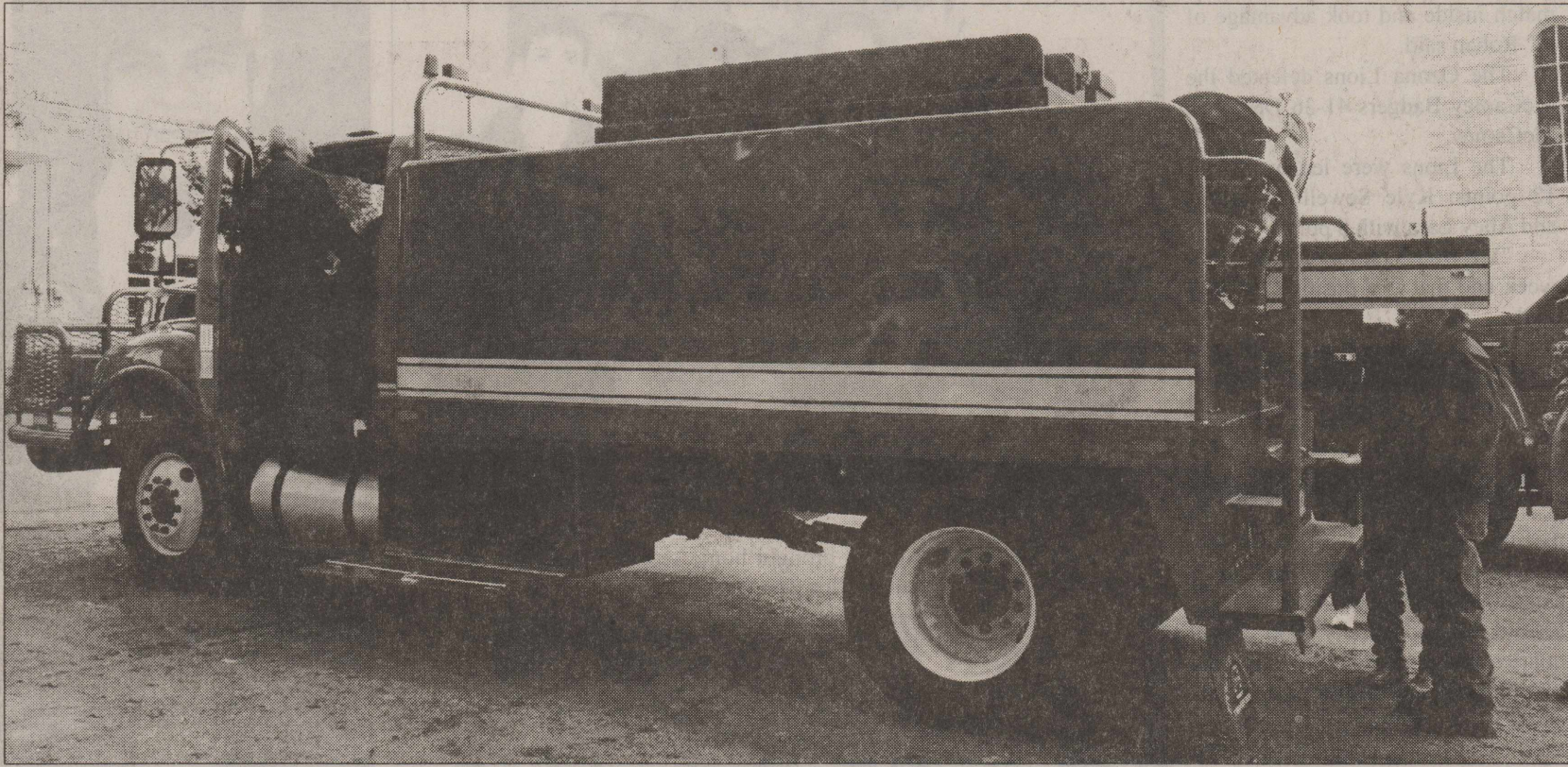
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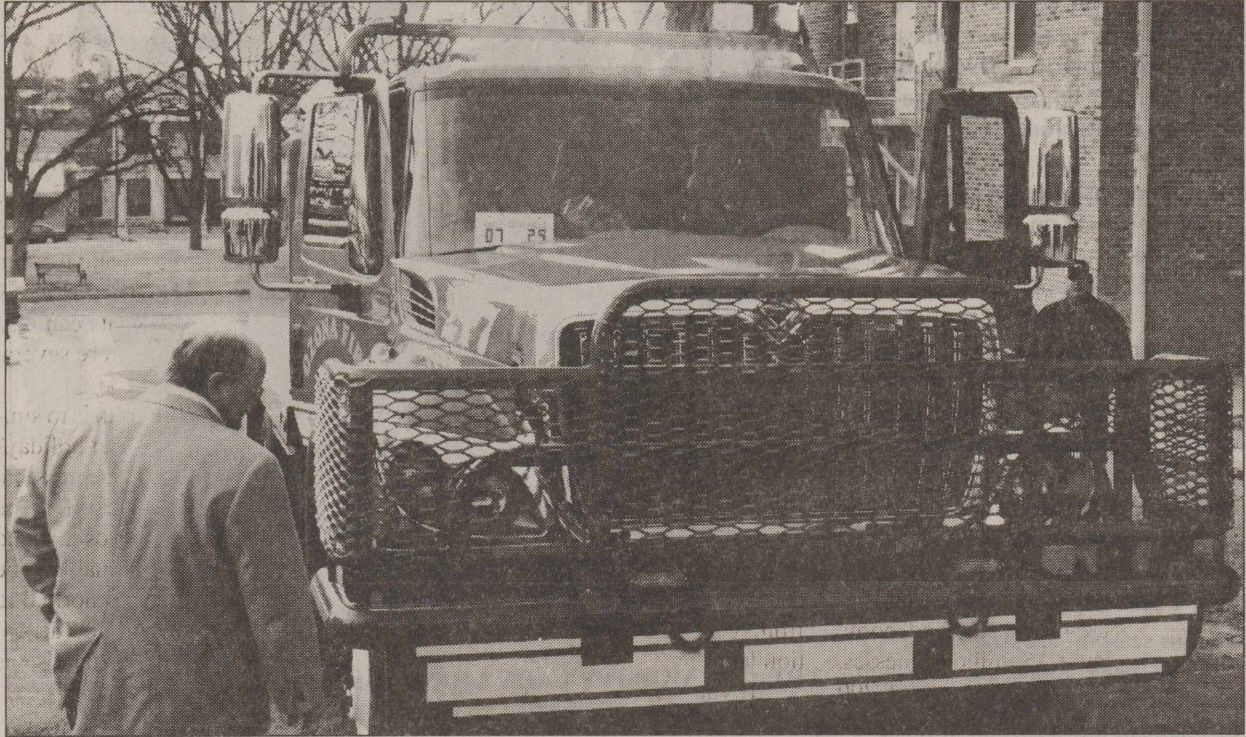
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- Duets by Nanette Verner and Guest Soloist Jerrie Anne Salvato
- An Awana Children's Choir
- Narration by Gary Vannoy

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES NEW BRUSH TRUCK



Photos by Chris Lara

THE OZONA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT received a new brush truck last week. This is the first brush truck the department received that was built by people that build just brush trucks, said Fire Chief Bob Falkner. The same company has been contracted for a sister truck that will be in Ozona by late February or the first of March. The two brush trucks were purchased through approval of the Crockett County Commissioners' Court due to the need to replace the two older brush trucks that have seen better days fighting grass fires. The new truck has an automatic transmission and nozzles on the front that are controlled with a switch in the cab. Primarily the truck, number 217, will be used to fight brush and grass fires.



Historical Commission is selling Crockett County DVD

The Crockett County Historical Commission is selling DVD copies of Crockett County History. The DVDs will feature the history that is currently in the green Crockett County History Book. The book, published in 1976, is primarily a county history told

through the lives of individual families. The Crockett County Historical Society chose to publish this book as its part in celebrating the American Revolution Bicentennial. If we are to build for the fu-

ture, it is essential to know something of the past. These DVDs are a digital format of "A History of Crockett County" and include the complete contents of the original book produced as a joint project of the Crockett County Historical Com-

mission and the Crockett County Public Library Genealogy Archive. Cost for the DVDs is \$50. Money will be collected when the DVDs are delivered in January. For more information, or to place an order, call 392-3565.

TOYS FOR TOTS Free hot dogs on Dec. 20 for Toys for Tots donations

Veterans of Crockett County are once again collecting new unwrapped toys and money donations as we enter this holiday season. These donations will be used to provide a gift during Christmas for the children in Crockett County that might not be as fortunate as others. Our Toys for Tots campaign will last until Dec. 20 at which time all toys and money collected will be turned over to the Ozona Salvation Army where they will distribute the toys, with the support of the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department. Crockett County Veterans will be asking everyone to join them in bringing a smile to a local child this holiday season. Toy containers are located at Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Duckwalls and Dollar General. Not only are toys needed for

children, but also for teenagers ages 13-17. Anyone wanting to drop off a toy or a money donation, our volunteers will be collecting at the town square every Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon until Dec. 20. For donating on Dec. 20, people will receive a free hot dog and drink from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the town square. The Ozona Salvation Army will have applications for the people that need some assistance this holiday beginning Dec. 1 and continuing through Dec. 15. These applications are available at the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department. For more information, call Frank Tambunga at 392-2827 or Lou Morrow 392-9963.

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Lions place second at Irion County

The Ozona Lions took second place in the Irion County Tournament this past weekend.

Senior Steven Silva was named to the All Tournament Team.

In their first game, Ozona defeated Sterling City 48-42.

The Lions trailed at halftime, but a tough man-to-man defense in the second half allowed Ozona to outscore the Eagles 22-14, said Coach Ted Rohan.

Silva had 15 points and Matthew Garza had 11 points.

In their next game, the Lions

lost to Lake View JV 61-43.

"Sluggish shooting and an athletic opponent kept us at bay for most of the game," Rohan said.

Silva led the Lions with 20 points.

In their final game, the Lions defeated Irion County 50-44.

The Lions jumped out to a 29-16 halftime lead. The Lions lead grew to 17 points at one point during the game, Rohan said.

Silva had 31 points.

"Steven had a big offensive game for us. We knew he had a mis-

match inside and took advantage of it," Rohan said.

The Ozona Lions defeated the McCamey Badgers 41-36 Dec. 2 in McCamey.

The Lions were led by Silva's 12 points, Kyle Sewell's 9 points and Abey Lara with 8 points.

"We won 3 of 4 games this past week and that is a positive," Rohan said.

The Lions are 5-4 with upcoming games at the Iraan Tourney scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



Photo By Joe Hernandez

THE OHS VARSITY LIONS brought home second place from the Irion County Basketball Tournament this past weekend

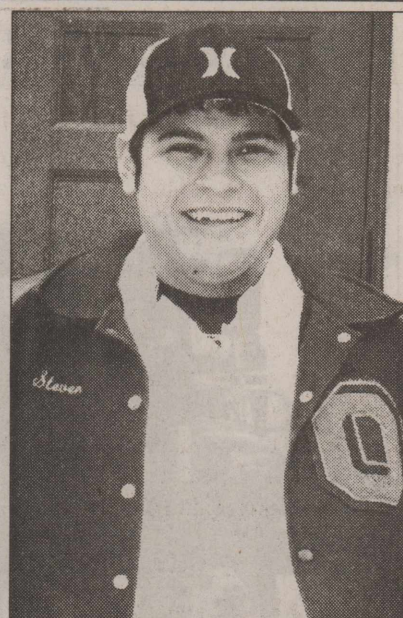


Photo By Joe Hernandez

STEVEN SILVA was named to the Irion County All Tournament Team.

Lady Lions take second in Irion County Tourney

The Lady Lions won second place in the Irion County Tournament over the weekend. Alysha Lara was named to the All Tournament Team.

In their first tournament game, Ozona lost to Irion County 46-53.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 10-10 16-46; IC - 9 13 11 20-53.

Scoring: Brandi Glosson 3, Melissa Miller 6, Vanessa Rodriguez 5, Melanie Miller 9, Jessica Elston 8, Lara 13 and Alex Macias 3. Also playing: Cristi Rodriguez.

"This was probably our best game of the year in terms of intensity and playing hard the entire game. This was a great turn around from the McCamey game. We got after it and did not let there press hurt us. I am really proud of their performance," said Coach John Jackson.

In their next game, Ozona defeated Sterling City 59-26.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 12 9

23 13 - 59; SC - 7 7 9 3 - 26.

Scoring: Glosson 13, Melissa Miller 2, Melanie Miller 9, V. Rodriguez 4, Elston 4, Lara 15 and Macias 11.

"We came out really flat for this game because we had played Irion County such a great game the night before, but we have to learn how to play through that. We had a really good third quarter where we matched our first half production in one quarter of play. I had some people come off the bench and spark us. These players were Alex Macias and Brandi Glosson," Jackson said.

In their final game, Ozona defeated Iraan 40-23.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 17 8 12 - 40; Iraan - 8 4 6 5 - 23.

Scoring: Glosson 2, Melissa Miller 2, V. Rodriguez 6, Melanie Miller 4, Elston 10, Lara 8 and Macias 2.

"This was our second game of

the day with about a five-hour lay-over between games. We were really sluggish and allowed Iraan to hang around. We had a pretty good second quarter, but could not maintain. I am just thankful we got the victory because it was an ugly game," Jackson said. "You have to learn how to win even when you do not have you're 'A' game and we did that today with these two victories. This was our second runner-up trophy of the year and I am really proud of the girls and our effort."

Earlier last week, Ozona lost to McCamey 26-45 on Dec. 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 4 2 12 - 26; McCamey - 14 7 6 18 - 45.

Scoring: Glosson 3, Melissa Miller 6, V. Rodriguez 7, Elston 2, Lara 6 and Macias 2. Also playing: Melanie Miller and C. Rodriguez.

"We were not ready to play we lacked focus and intensity. There full court pressure really hurt us. This was just a bad night everyone has them I just hope this was our only one this season," Jackson said.

The Lady Lions are 7-4 overall. They will compete in the Iraan Tournament this weekend in Iraan.



Photo By Joe Hernandez

THE OHS VARSITY LADY LIONS won second place this past weekend at the Irion County Basketball Tournament.

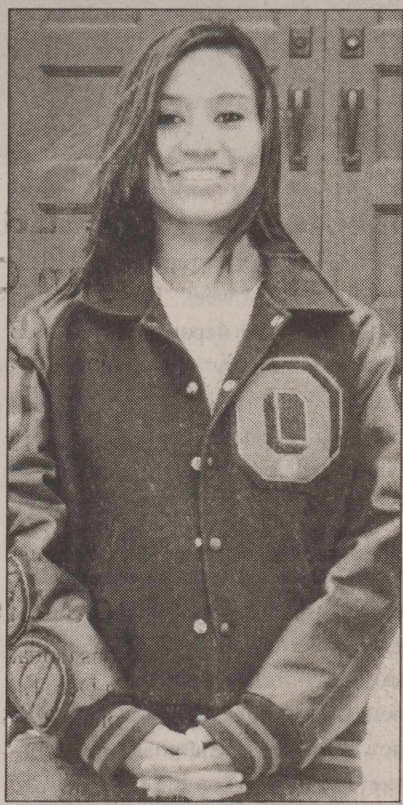


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ALYSHA LARA was named to the Irion County All Tournament Team.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Nancy Rodriguez
7th Grade A Team



Amy Quiroz
7th Grade B Team



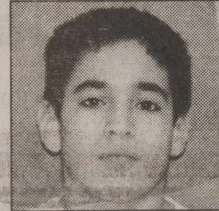
Savannah Rivera
8th Grade B Team



Cynthia Garcia
8th Grade A Team



Kelsea Perez
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EZ Rivas
7th Grade Lion

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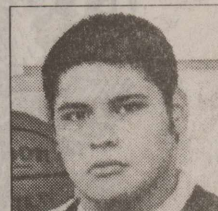
Adrienne Sanchez
JV Lady Lion



Stacie Quiroz
JV Lady Lion



Tres Perez
8th Grade Lion



Steven Silva
Varsity Lion



Alysha Lara
Varsity Lady Lion



Rebecca Ramos
JV Lady Lion

JV Lady Lions thrash McCamey, take consolation in Eldorado Tourney

The JV Lady Lions thrashed McCamey 55-18 on Dec. 2.

Scoring: Adrienne Sanchez 16, Rebecca Ramos 8, Raelynn Arredondo 10, Brenda Venegas 1, Stacie Quiroz 10, Layla Perez 2, Kellie Pilcher 4 and Emalee Hamilton 4.

"Everyone contributed in this game. All eight players scored. We had 17 steals and 13 turnovers which is great. They also had a total of 44 rebounds this game," said Coach Cherokee Bolen.

The Lady Lions took consolation in the Eldorado JV Tournament over the weekend.

In their first game, Ozona lost by one point, 24-25, to Mason.

Scoring: Natalie Hernandez 2, Ramos 6, Arredondo 2, Sanchez 5, Rodriguez 1, Venegas 2 and Quiroz 6. Also playing: Perez, Maria Villarreal, Pilcher and Hamilton.

In the second game, Ozona defeated Rocksprings 37-20.

Scoring: Hernandez 2, Ramos 2, Arredondo 3, Sanchez 15, Venegas 2, Quiroz 7, Perez 4 and Villarreal 2. Also playing: Rodriguez, Pilcher and Hamilton.

In their final game, Ozona defeated Menard 27-16.

Scoring: Hernandez 3, Ramos 4, Arredondo 2, Sanchez 3, Quiroz

11, Pilcher 2 and Rodriguez 3. Also playing: Venegas, Perez, Villarreal and Hamilton.

The Lady Lions are 6-2. They

will compete in the Iraan Tournament this weekend and then against Reagan County at 5 p.m. Monday at the Davidson Gym.



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THE JV LADY LIONS TOOK CONSOLATION at the Eldorado JV Tournament over the weekend.

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Eighth Grade Lions win over Owls

The Eighth Grade Lions claimed their first victory with a 35-29 defeat of Reagan County on Dec. 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 6 15 12 - 35; Reagan County - 6 5 9 9 - 29.

Scoring: Tres Perez 23, Blake Marrow 8, Cuatro Jones 2 and Jon David De Hoyos 2. Also playing: Jeffery Sanchez, Matthew Galindo, Jaquin Mesa, Brandon Dominguez, Noah Tambunga and Hector Gonzales.

"This was our best game so far.

We were able to create some baskets late in the first half, and our defense was outstanding from the second quarter on. We played some solid defense and made some great plays. Everyone either had a great shot, or rebound or diving for a loose ball, the hustle was there. These young men have worked hard and are now starting to make plays and their confidence is going up," said Coach John Esparza.

The Lions are 1-3. They will take on Comstock at 5 p.m. Monday at Comstock.

Eighth Grade Ladies crush Big Lake

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions crushed Reagan County 27-6 on Dec. 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 5 8 8 - 27; Reagan County - 0 4 2 0 - 6.

Scoring: Cynthia Garcia 2, Kodi Glosson 6, Arleen Castillo 2, Bri-

anna Cervantez 4, Alex Lozano 1, Marley Tambunga 2, Natalia Ortiz 6 and Mayra Diaz 4. Also playing: Sabrina De La Garza, Tesla Caperton and Marley Tambunga.

The Lady Lions are 3-1. They will take on Comstock at 5 p.m. Monday at the OMS Gym.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions B Team defeats Reagan County Lady Owls

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions B Team defeated Reagan County 15-9 on Dec. 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 12 3 - 15; Reagan County - 6 3 - 9.

Scoring: Gaby Aranda 2, Jessica Borrego 5, Stephanie Cervantes

4 and Kelsea Perez 4. Also playing: Serria Trevino, Narce Uinate, Elisa Tambunga, Jaylynn Vargas and Melinda Cordova.

The Lady Lions are 2-1 going into the Comstock Tournament Thursday and Saturday in Comstock.

Seventh Grade Lions claw RC Owls

The Seventh Grade Lions defeated Reagan County, 16-12, on Dec. 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 4 6 4 - 16; Reagan County - 5 2 2 3 - 12.

Scoring: Daniel Gonzalez 8, Saul Benson 4, Tyler Galindo 2 and E.Z. Rivas 2. Also playing: Eric

Rodriguez, A.J. Ramos, Lorenzo Hernandez, Michael Ybarra, Jonathan Arredondo, Ruben Solis and Ely Montanez.

"I was really proud of our defense effort that we playing whole game. The bench did a good job relieving our starters. I am really proud of our team it is the little that we need to work that will make us a better team. I am really pleased with all the hard work they are doing in practice to get better. I also, want to thank our fans that came out to support us in Big Lake," said Coach Amaro Villareal.

The Lions are 3-1. They will take on Comstock at 5 p.m. Monday at Comstock.

Seventh Grade Ladies B Team beats Lady Owls

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions B Team defeated Reagan County 7-2 on Dec. 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 1 4 2 - 7; Reagan County - 0 0 2 1 - 3.

Scoring: Savannah Rivera 3, Lexi Poindexter 2 and Angelina Ramos 2. Also playing: Abby Newton, Rebecca Hernandez and Desiree Marshall.

The Lady Lions are 2-1 heading into the Comstock Tournament Thursday and Saturday in Comstock



BARBARA CAPERTON AND IRIS VERGARA placed second in the CX Debate division of the Sul Ross State University Speech Meet.

Debate Team takes second at Sul Ross Meet on Dec. 5

The Ozona High School Debate Team attended the Sul Ross State University Invitational Speech Meet on Dec. 5.

Barbara Caperton and Iris Vergara placed 2nd in CX Debate.

Barbara Caperton also received the Outstanding CX Speaker Award for having the highest number of speaker points throughout the meet.

"A hardy congratulations and well done to the debate team," said

Coach Dottie Deleon. Also attending the meet was Michael Medina.

Seventh Grade Ladies lose to Big Lake

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions fell short to Reagan County, 13-15, on Dec. 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 1 6 2 - 13; Reagan County - 6 3 6 0 - 15.

Scoring: Sierra Stokes 2, Nan-

cy Rodriguez 6, Amy Quiroz 1 and Vivian Medina 4. Also playing: Daisy Guerra, Lazarae Rodriguez and Kyann Hernandez.

The Lady Lions are 1-3. They will face Comstock at 5 p.m. Monday at the OMS Gym.

Ozona Bands to host Christmas Concert Tuesday

Ozona Schools will host their annual Christmas Band concert at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Fair Park Convention Center.

There will be performances by the sixth, seventh and eighth grade bands, the high school band and the new jazz class.

There will also be small ensembles of high school students performing Christmas Carols.

The Band Boosters will be holding a raffle and a cake auction.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Band students will be selling them this week or at the concert.

This would be a great time for people to purchase goodies for the holidays. All proceeds help support Ozona Bands.

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Youth Center Calendar of Events

Dec. 15 - OHS Food Night

4-Hers attend District Food Show, Quiz Bowl

Submitted by Leesa Marshall

On Dec. 6, several members of the Crockett County 4-H Food and Nutrition Group competed in the District 6 4-H Food Show and Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl. District 6 is the largest 4-H District in the state, comprising of 23 counties, so competition is very stiff.

In the Junior Main Dish Category, Azaylea Tovar placed second with "Stuffed Cabbage." In the Junior Fruits and Vegetables Category, Brenna Hale placed second with "German Apple and Pecan Salad." Participating in the Junior Breads and Cereals Category was Lauren Miles with "Extreme Zucchini Bread." Participating in the Junior Nutritious Snacks Category was Trace Justiss with "Roast Beef Bruschetta." In the Intermediate Main Dish Category, Jadie Marshall placed first with "Cabbage Patch Stew." Participating in the Intermediate Fruits and Vegetables Category was Abby Newton with "Apple and Gorgonzola Salad with Maple Dressing".

Several members also participated in the District 6 4-H Food and Nutrition Quiz Bowl competition. Quiz Bowl is a jeopardy style quiz game consisting of questions about basic nutrition, food preparation skills and storage, nutrition and health, consumer information, and food and kitchen safety.

Placing second in the Junior category was Team 1: Julie Marshall, Azaylea Tovar, Brenna Hale and Sarah Vargas. Placing third in the Junior category was Team 2: Sidney Perez, Vanessa De La Rosa, Megan Shook and Alyssia Newlin.

Placing first in the Intermediate category was the team of Lauren Miles, Jadie Marshall and Savannah Rivera.

All of the youth participating in the Food Show and Quiz Bowl attended many hours of meetings and practice sessions, gaining the knowledge needed to successfully compete in these competitions.

Their hard work paid off! Congratulations to all! Many thanks to the parents, leaders, and volunteers for making this a very successful year for the Crockett County 4-H Food and Nutrition project.



Photos submitted by Leesa Marshall

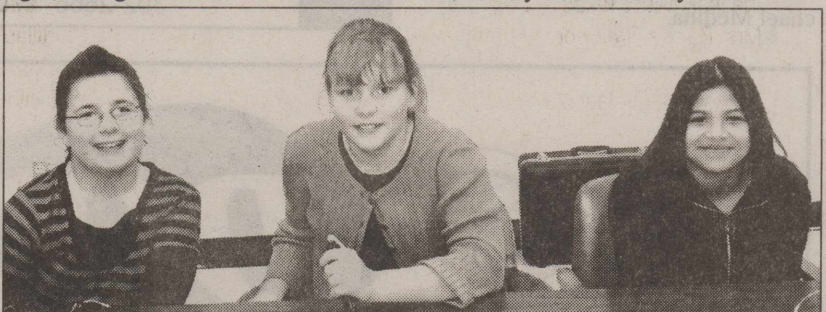
CROCKETT COUNTY 4-Hers participated in the District Food Show on Dec. 6. Pictured are (clockwise): Azaylea Tovar, Abby Newton, Jadie Marshall, Lauren Miles, Trace Justiss and Brenna Hale.



THE QUIZ BOWL TEAM that placed second in the Junior category are (left to right) Sarah Vargas, Brenna Hale, Azaylea Tovar and Julie Marshall.



THE QUIZ BOWL TEAM that placed third in the Junior category are (left to right) Meagan Shook, Vanessa De La Rosa, Sidney Perez and Alyssia Newlin.



THE QUIZ BOWL TEAM that placed first in the Intermediate category are (left to right) Lauren Miles, Jadie Marshall and Savannah Rivera.

1ST ANNUAL CROCKETT COUNTY GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

Sponsored by the Crockett County Agrilife Extension Office

Classes:
 Youth - Ages 6 yrs - 11 yrs
 12 yrs - 19 yrs
 Adult -
 Group - A group of 3 or more people

Prizes:
 Awarded in each class
 1st - \$15.00 and a ribbon
 2nd - \$10.00 and a ribbon
 3rd - \$5.00 and a ribbon

\$5.00 per entry

You do not have to be a 4-H member to participate in this contest. Anyone can enter.

Houses will be accepted at the Fair Park Convention Center
 December 18th from 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

For more information, rules and entry form, call the Extension Office at 392-2721

1ST ANNUAL CROCKETT COUNTY DECORATED COOKIE CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE CROCKETT COUNTY AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE

Classes:
 Youth - Ages 6 - 8 yrs
 Ages 9 - 11 yrs
 Ages 12-15 yrs
 Ages 16 - 18 yrs
 Adults

Prizes:
 Awarded in each class
 1st - \$15.00 and a ribbon
 2nd - \$10.00 and a ribbon
 3rd - \$5.00 and a ribbon

\$5.00 per entry

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 December 18th from 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Parents and grandparents of Kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd and 5th grade students are invited to eat Christmas lunch on Friday, Dec. 19. Kindergarten and 2nd grade's lunch will be at 11:35 a.m. Third grade's lunch will be at 11:15 a.m. and 5th grade's lunch will be at 11:45 a.m. Kindergarten will be eating in the Ozona Middle School cafeteria, while 2nd grade will be in the Ozona High School cafeteria. In order to feed everyone efficiently, we will be pre-selling lunch tickets. The tickets MUST be purchased BEFORE 11 a.m. Dec. 12. Lunch tickets are \$3 per adult and \$3 per child. You can purchase your tickets from Patty Villarreal, OES Secretary. Your receipt will be your ticket. Only adults and children with tickets are going to be allowed to eat so please make sure you have your ticket with you on that day. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you, Faculty of Ozona Elementary School

COMIDA DE CHRISTMAS

Padres de Kinder, Segundo grado, Tercer grado y Quinto grado estan invitados a comer con su hijo/a la comida de Christmas el Viernes, Diciembre 19, 2008. Kinder y Segundo grado comeran a las 11:35 a.m. Tercer grado comerá a las 11:15 y Quinto grado comerá a las 11:45 a.m. Kinder comerá en la cafetería de Ozona Middle School y segundo grado comerá en la cafetería de Ozona High school. Para poder servir a todos eficientemente estaremos pre-vendiendo boletos. Los boletos deben ser comprados antes de las 11:00 a.m. Viernes, Diciembre 12. El costo de los boletos son \$3.00 por adultos y \$3.00 por niños. Podrán comprar los boletos con Patty Villarreal, secretaria de OES. El boleto será su recibo, no mas serviremos a adultos y niños con boleto so por favor traiga su boleto el día de la comida. Le agradecemos mucho su cooperación y aqui los veremos. Gracias! Ozona Elementary School

Levis & Lace Square Dance News

By TINA JARVIS
 Levis and Lace Square Dancer

Saturday, Dec. 13, will be our last dance of the year and we will feature caller Tracey Dowell from McCauley, Texas. Tracey is our regular caller for our Christmas dance and he is always fun to dance to.

Our dance will start at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Senior Center in Ozona. Everyone is invited to join the fun.

Two of our members of Levis and Lace and also our friends Jim Couch and JoAnn Babbitt were married on Nov. 26 in a small intimate ceremony at their home, congratulations to you both and many years of happiness from us all.

Everyone in Levis and Lace square dance club would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We would also like to thank Melissa Perner and her staff for working with us on our articles and special events.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

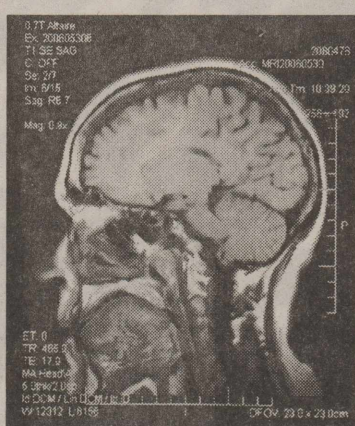


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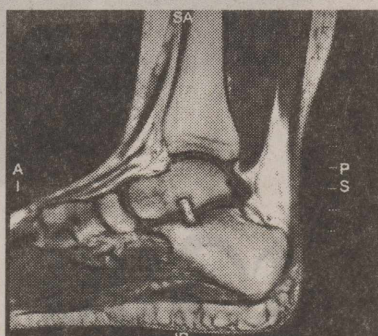
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THE 21ST ANNUAL DEERFEST was a huge success! We raised over \$57,000 on raffle tickets alone. We gave away over \$60,000 in guns, Cabella's gift cards, hunting blinds, feeders, a 2008 Polaris Ranger and lots of other prizes. Thanks to all of you who helped make it a success.

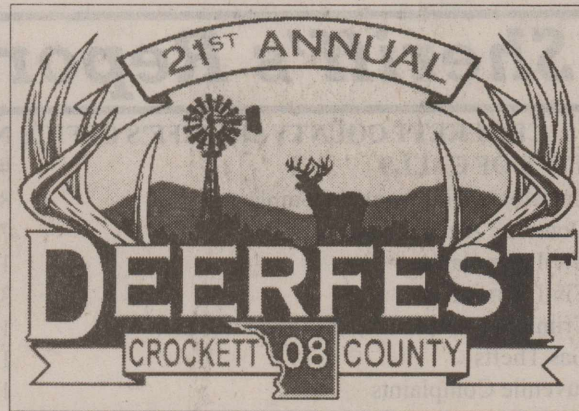


Photo by Joe Hernandez: **STEFAN WILSON** was one of the big winners at this past weekend's DeerFest.



Photo by Joe Hernandez: **GIL KOMECHAK** helps cook up some of the wonderful food at the DeerFest.



Photo by Joe Hernandez: **MORE THAN 600 DEERFEST PATRONS** were served in a speedy fashion by the many volunteers in the three serving lines.



Photo by Joe Hernandez: **NOVICE SERVERS** Ray Young and Allen Williams fell right in the groove while volunteering for the Crockett County Youth Center.

2008 DEERFEST THANK YOU

The Crockett County DeerFest Association would like to extend a big THANK YOU to all of those who helped make our 21th year anniversary a success. Many people do not realize all the planning and hard work that it takes to put on an event. We had so many volunteers as well as organizations that went above and beyond the call of duty in order for the night of the DeerFest to run smoothly. Your efforts did not go unnoticed. Let's not forget those who donated deer for the meal. We had an amazing response from the Ozona community and our visiting deer hunters to donate deer. Crockett County workers did a tremendous job. They did everything we asked and more.

Please keep in mind that The Crockett County DeerFest Association is a community organization and has given so much to the community. Look around town and you can see the many ways in which we give back and will continue to do things that benefit the town of Ozona.

The Crockett County DeerFest would like to thank the following deer donors. Without their generous donations, this meal wouldn't have been possible.

Desert Runner	Pleas Childress	Mark & Patsy White
Flying W Ranch	Martin Childress	Larry & Barbara Walker
Double T Ranch	John & Chris Beckham	Gary & Michael Mitchell
Seahorn Ranch		Triple J Outfitters

We would also like to thank everyone that has helped put the DeerFest together!

Knights of Columbus, Cub Scouts, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Youth Group, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Ozona Community Center, Ozona Chamber of Commerce & Chamber Ambassadors, Crockett County 4-H, Crockett Co. Sheriff's Department, Crockett County Youth Center, Preceptor Mu Chi, Helping Hands, Girl Scouts, CCCCSD FFA.

We would also like to offer a special thank you to all of the Crockett County employees that have been so giving of their time and effort. Cooks and Meat Preparation - Thanks to all of the guys that did all of the cooking. It was great! Let's not forget the bean counters in the ticket room. That is a rough job and they do a great job. - Thanks. Let's thank Cabella's for bringing all of these wonderful doorprizes. Thank you to Cade Clark, Cody Watkins, Jordan Goedrich, Triple C, Pleas Childress, Ft. Lancaster State Historical Site, Chris & Daphne Elliott, Jeremy Lumpkin, Trey & Breanne Hale, Kelsey Childress, Matthew & Russell Komechek, West Texas Rahab Center, Roland De Hoyos, Frank Reeves and Ray Don Myers, Jon Torrez with Mrs. Baird's Bread donated the bread and Jesse Minjarez donated the tortillas from Marquez Bakery. Finally, to the families of the committee members and all of our volunteers: Thank you for putting up with the stresses of the last couple of weeks, we would not be able to do all of this without your amazing support.

A "BIG" Thank you to John L. Henderson and Mike Glover for donating the Heritage Safe and for everything you guys do to help the community.

Door Prize	Donor	Winner
1 skin and quarter w/ 3 day storage	Desert Runner Deer Storage & Processing	Hank Dahon
\$25 Gift Certificate	Pepe's	D. Wankan
CZ 527 American .22 Hornet	Anadarko, Clayton Friend	Chicky
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	AEP Texas	Jan Gray
Organic Shampoo/Cond. & Paul Jardin Watch	West Ranch Hunting Club	Allan Adair
\$150 off Predator Pedestal Mount	4-K Outdoors and Taxidermy	R. Taylor
350 lb. Protein Feeder with 350 lbs of Feed	Alderman-Cave	Gary Reese
Pot Belly Blind	G & G Fiberglass - Eldorado, TX	Blake Esparza
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Arlene Clayton	Cade Solsbery
Mossberg 535 12/28" Synthetic	Art & Sally Roane	Charli Thompson
Remington 700 BDL LSS .270	Baggett Companies	J. Riverbank
Remington 870 Youth 20/21"	Best Value Inn	Ray Chisolm
Remington 700 ADL Varmint .223	Best Western Ozona Inn	Trey Hale
Henry Golden Boy .22 Mag	Dick Hall	Mike & Sandy Glover
Weatherby Vanguard SS/SYN .270	Bill & Mary Jo Mason	A. Kinsey
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Bill & Susie Black/Shaw's General Repair	Ed Cates
Browning BPS Micro 20/26"	Billy Dell & Bobbie Renfro	Gary Reese
Remington 870 Laminate 12/26"	Buck & Jan Owens	Mac
Buck-Vu Trailer Blind	Buck-Vu Blinds, Snyder, TX	Armondo Robles
Browning X-bolt Hunter .270	Bunger & Cameron/G&L Livestock	Tony Allen
1/5 Crown Royal Reserve	The Ice House	Wayne Chisolm
Stoeger Condor .410/26"	Carmen Sutton / Tony Allen	Terry Hildreth
Remington 11-87 Laminate 12/28"	Carson AirDrilling	Dalan Wilson
\$1000 Cabella's Gift Card	Carson AirDrilling	Wes Mc Guire
Marlin 915Y .22	Casey & Jody Upham	Dylan Means
Ross Handmade Knife w/ Pecan Burl Handle	Ross Handmade Knives	Andy Smith Jr.
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Crockett Automotive	Eric Ramirez
12 Volt Solar Corn Spinner	West Texas Feeder Supply	White - Ticket # 41927
Browning BPS 10/28" Stalker	Crockett National Bank	Ticket # 4118
Stoeger Condor 20/26"	Cudd Services	Trey Van Shoubrouek
Remington 710 .300 Win Mag	Dairy Queen of Ozona	Annalou Gonzales
Stoeger M2000 APG 12/28"	DCP Midstream	Lauren Albers
Hitchin Post \$100 Gift Card	Hitchin' Post Steakhouse	Mia Cruz
1 skin and quarter w/ 3 day storage	Desert Runner Deer Storage & Processing	Dr. Terry Lindsey
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Joe Pierce/Stokes Drilling	Trey Van
Steyr Mannlicher 30-06 SS	Hugh and Melissa Childress	Randy Branch
Skinning Knife	Pat Patterson	Garrett Knight
Weatherby Vanguard Compact .243	Dick Hall	David Armstrong
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Donny McClure	Pat Lange
Remington 700 ADL .270	Crockett County Deerfest	Mike & Sandy Glover
Remington 710 .243 Youth	Double T Ranches	Jimmy Strube
DPMS AR-10 .308	DPMS Panther Arms/Penn Baggett Ranch	Jay Ben Alls
Stoeger IGA Coach Gun 20/20"	Fred & Jan Van Shoubrek	Dick Southers
Mossberg 835 12/20" Camo	Fred & Jane Chandler	Ben Ramon
Marrnade & Dipping Sauce Basket	Megan Nowell	Steve Williams
Ruger 10/22T Hogue Stock .22	George Bunger Jr.	Patrick Leckie
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Giles & Becky Madry/Dan Davidson	Terry Quick
H&R Handi-Rifle .243	Glover Company	O'Harrow Ranch
H&R Handi-Rifle .204	Graham Childress	Mark Teer
Browning BPS Trap 12/30"	Hargrove Crop Insurance	Lanna Stapper
Hitchin Post \$100 Gift Card	Hitchin' Post Steakhouse	WW Smith
\$100 Processing	Ozona Deer Processing	Ross Crawford
350 lb. 6 Volt Corn Feeder	Texas Energy	Mike & Sandy Glover
2 Columbia Fleece Vests	Holistic Management International	Dan Contreras
Marlin 336XLR .30-30	Hope Drilling/John L. Henderson	Camille Davidson-Vasquez
Executive Blind	Hunter's Equipment - San Angelo, TX	Menzies
Savage 111FYXP3 .243 Youth Package	Ira Childress	Craig Duhon
Benelli SuperNova APG 12/24"	Jack & Janie Riggs	Mark Burkhart
TriStar Compact Max-4 20/24"	James Owens	Mike Collins
TriStar Hunter 12ga Over/Under	Jim Terry	Jordan Goedrich
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Joe Bean	S. Brown

Door Prize	Donor	Winner
1/5 Jack Daniels Single Barrel	The Ice House	Stefan Wilson
Mossberg 500 Bantam 20ga	Joel & Lucy Huff	Ticket # 45657
Henry Lever .22"	John Beckham	Peñny Elliott
Remington 870 Wingmaster 28ga	John Ed Meador Construction	Floyd West
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Katie & Joe Friend/SWTexas Electric Coop	Dr. Terry Lindsey
5 gallon and 7.5 gallons propane bottles	West Texas Gas	Abel Campos
Weatherby Vanguard Compact 7mm-08	Kelly Walker	WW Smith
Ruger 10/22 Blue/Synthetic .22	Kenneth & Linda Gage	Floyd West
Remington 870 Super Mag 12ga	Crockett County Deerfest	Alex Hopper
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Light Tower Rentals	Ray Chisolm
Savage 12FV .204	Lilly Construction	Randy Beasley
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Crockett County Deerfest	Marcus Sims
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Lilly Construction	Terry Hildreth
Remington 7600 .30-06 Pump Syn	Mesa Land Serv./Ozona Fresh Water Station	Gil Engdahl
Ruger 77/17 SS Grey Heavy Barrel .17HMR	Mike Glover	Ryan Bean
Remington 700 ADL 7mm Mag	Mike Williams Construction	Randy Branch
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Monte Noelke/Diamond TF Enterprises	Travis Dollar
Remington 700 Guide 7mm-08	National Oilwell Varco	Zach Hicks
Browning BPS NWTF 20/22"	Niblett's Oilfield Services	Kirk Brannon
1000 lb. Corn Feeder	Outback Wildlife Feeders	Ray Chisolm
H&R Sportster .17 HMR	Reliant Distribution	Floyd West
\$100 Processing	Ozona Deer Processing	Dalan Wilson
Propane Heater with 2.5 and 5 Gallon Bottles	West Texas Gas	Mike & Sandy Glover
350 lb. Protein Feeder	Ozona Wool & Mohair	Gary Massey
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Pam Acton	Wes Mc Guire
1 White-tailed deer Process	Desert Runner Deer Storage & Processing	Montana Chick
\$25 Gift Certificate	Pepe's	Cody Delamar
Mossberg 702 Plinkster .22	Pleas & Sandra Childress	Jimmy Jumper
Browning A-bolt Medallion .25-06	Pon Seahorn & Will Seahorn	Tell Churchill
Savage 11FYXP3 .223 Youth	Reliant Distribution	Ray Chisolm
The Hold-Up Winch up Feeder	Triple C	Dan Snow
\$500 Cabella's Gift Card	Crockett County Deerfest	Dennis Quick
350 lb. Protein Feeder with 350 lbs of Feed	Alderman-Cave	Dalan Wilson
Remington Home Defence 870 12/18"	Rick Bird - Village Drug	Wayne Chisolm
Remington 870 20/28" Synthetic	Sally Harris/Adcock Pumping Services	Lillie Garanzuay
Remington 700 SPS .270	Steve & Belinda Wilkins	Mark Katzner
Paul Jardin Watch	West Ranch Hunting Club	
	in Memory of Tom Cooper	Floyd West
	Steve Helbing	Rodrigo Rodriguez
	Steve Sessom, DDS	Cade Solsbery
	T.R. Conner	Mike & Sandy Glover
	Terry & Peggy Dickerson	Mike Macon
	Texas Energy	C. Mc Donald
	Tom Mitchell, Louis Brooks Jr.	Matt Kuykendall
	Tom Stokes	Garrett Knight
	4-K Outdoors and Taxidermy	Ryan Bean
	Travis & Kayla Davidson	Justif Luff
	Trey Trucking	Ray Myers
	Triple C	Tom Miebach
	Joe & Peggy Maddox	Ticket # 24048
	Crockett County Deerfest	Stefan Wilson
	VIP Livestock	Knox Hall
	4-K Outdoors and Taxidermy	Mike & Sandy Glover
	West Texas Feeder Supply	Stefan Wilson
	Wool Growers	Casey Bynum
	Reliant Distribution	Max Schroeder
	Desert Runner Deer Storage & Processing	Josh Woodfin
	DPMS Panther Arms & Penn Baggett Ranch	J.N. Riverbank
	John L. Henderson/Mike Glover	Rick Hunnicutt
	Town & Country/Stripes, Yamaha Polaris	D. Hughes
	of Del Rio and the C.C. DeerFest Association	

Crockett County Sheriff's Report

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.

- Timothy Edward Beseril, of Ozona/Midland - Crockett County District Court warrant for burglary of a habitation.
- Jamie Valasquez Blanco Jr., of Ozona - failure to appear/forgery and criminal mischief/failure to appear.
- Brittany Aline Chandler, of Ozona - Crockett County warrants (2), motion to revoke/furnishing alcohol to a minor and motion to revoke/making false report.
- Frederick J. Christensen, of Sonora, Crockett County Court, theft by check.
- Christopher Lashaun Johnson, of Ozona - Crockett County J.P. - no drivers' license.
- Gilberto Montelongo Mata, Crockett County J.P. warrant - minor in consumption of alcohol.
- Luranda Lazue Morris, of Ozona - Crockett County warrant, adjudication of guilt/aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- Blas Ramos Jr., of Midland/Odessa, Crockett County J.P. warrant - no drivers' license and unrestrained child.
- Joe Angel Salinas, of Ozona - Crockett County J.P. - two counts no drivers' license.

deputy for criminal mischief and public intoxication, a traffic violation warrant was also added later in the week. He remains in custody.

12-5-08

- Dannie Weir Patterson, 43, of Brownwood, arrested by sheriff's deputy with a Brown County warrant of theft of property more than \$50 and less than \$500. He was released to Brown County officers for transfer.

12-8-08

- Weston Louis Hearne, 21, of Ozona, arrested on view by sheriff's deputy for driving while intoxicated-first (with child in vehicle). He remains in custody.

12-8-08

- Raymond Marshall Taylor, 30, of Ozona, arrested on view by sheriff's deputy for public intoxication. He pled guilty in J.P. court, and remains in custody.

12-3-08

- Sheriff's office filed a driving while license suspended report, following an arrest of a vehicle driver after a traffic stop for failing to signal turn.

12-4-08

- Citizen at apartment complex on State Highway 163 filed a criminal mischief more than \$50 and less than \$500 report. Former common law spouse damaged property at the apartment. An arrest was made at the scene.

12-5-08

- Sheriff's office filed a cruelty to animal report and a discharge of firearm in public report. A report of a dog shot by a known person on Avenue L, investigation continues.

12-6-08

- Sheriff's office filed a driving while intoxicated - first (with child in vehicle) report following a traffic stop on Avenue E. Two know persons were arrested at the scene.

12-4-08

- Ray Jordon Villarreal, 19, of Ozona, arrested on view by sheriff's

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Livestock/Wild Animal Complaints	8
Domestic Animal Calls	7
Civil complaints	1
Civil Service	3
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	16
Gas Thefts	1
Juvenile Complaints	1
Locked Vehicles	4
911- Fire, Medical, Vehicle Accidents	4
Motorist assist, gas/food welfare	5
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	2
Security Alarms	1
Assist other Law or county Agencies	1
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	15
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	13
Minor vehicle accident	4
Traffic Citations Issued	6
Prisoners Currently in custody/Ozona	12
Prisoners Housed in other counties	3
Inmate Transfers/transport	2

DPS troopers equipped with in-car computers

Submitted by the Texas Department of Public Safety

An effort to equip all DPS troopers with in-car computers is sweeping across Texas, now finishing up in the Houston and Austin areas.

The \$15 million project, approved in the last legislative session, is mostly complete. All areas of Texas now have at least some patrol units equipped with the wireless technology.

When the project is completed, nearly 2,000 Highway Patrol and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement units will have the in-car computers.

"We appreciate the Legislature providing us with this capability"

said interim DPS Director Stanley E. Clark. "From an officer safety and efficiency standpoint, this puts our troopers on the cutting edge and moves us light years ahead in our law enforcement capabilities."

With in-car computers, troopers have the ability to instantly identify wanted persons and stolen vehicles. The secure network provides real-time alerts, digital photographs and homeland security information, and equips the units with GPS (Global Positioning System) technology. The computers will also speed up the citation process.

DPS is also testing in-car computers in the Texas Ranger and Criminal Law Enforcement divisions.

Grand jury indictments

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

A Crockett County Grand Jury handed up the following indictments on Dec. 1:

- Rocky Matthew Munoz, 19, of Ozona, state jail felony of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

- Jimmy Bentley Mendoza, 54, of Ozona, third-degree felony of felony driving while intoxicated.

- Armando Arellano, 57, of Ozona, third-degree felony of felony driving intoxicated.

- Timothy Beseril, 18, of Ozona, second-degree felony of burglary of a habitation.

- Joshua Cole Tebbets, 17, of Ozona, second-degree felony of burglary of a habitation.

- Carlos Ochoa, 18, of Ozona, second-degree felony of burglary of a habitation.

- Steven Alexander Sanchez, 19, of Ozona, two counts of a second-degree felony of indecency with a child.

- Jorge Luis Aranda, 25, of Ozona, three counts of a state jail felony for failure to comply with sex offender registration.

- Manuel Corona, Healeah, Fla., 37, third-degree felony of failure to appear.

- Maribel Castillo Rodriguez, 36, two counts of second-degree felony for aggravated assault with a

deadly weapon.
• Billy Trevino, 37, of Odessa, Texas, third-degree felony of felony driving while intoxicated.

Following is a glossary of legal terms in the records.

Indictment: To bring an indictment the Grand Jury will not find guilt, but only the probability that a crime was committed, that the accused person did it and that he/she should be tried.

Punishments: State Jail Felony - shall be punished by confinement in a state jail for any term of not more than two years or less than 180 days and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

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- Source: Texas Penal Code

Rodriguez announces \$1.26 million funding for Big Bend Ranch State Park

By JOSH ROSENBLUM
Communications Director

SAN ANTONIO — Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, has announced \$1.26 million in funding for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to acquire 6,817 acres of land located next to and Big Bend Ranch State Park in Presidio County. The total cost of the land will be \$2,520.

"Further acquisition of park land will help ensure quality of life, tourism and benefits our local economy," said Rodriguez. "This land will further enhance our system of state and national parks that see millions of visitors each year. Conserving this land will ensure future generations can enjoy its beauty and utility."

The proposal will result in permanent protection and management of ecologically significant Rio Grande riparian habitat, low desert flats, desert grasslands, hills to an elevation of roughly 4,600 feet and extremely important desert springs and associated cienegas (wetlands). Ownership will improve the ability to manage and protect tens of thousands of acres of adjacent park land from grazing

(Presidio County being an open range county), water withdrawal, and other detrimental land uses.

Big Bend Ranch State Park is the largest state park in Texas with over 300,000 acres of Chihuahuan Desert wilderness in a remarkably rugged, remote and unpopulated setting. The park extends along the Rio Grande from southeast of Presidio to near Lajitas in both Brewster and Presidio Counties. Embracing some of the most remote and rugged terrain in the Southwest, it encompasses two mountain ranges containing ancient extinct volcanoes, precipitous canyons, and waterfalls. The area has been a crossroads of human activities for over 11,000 years, as diverse people and cultures have been drawn by the abundant resources of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo corridor.

These funds are made available from a grant from the Land and Water Conservation fund.

Following is the link to the article Big Bend state park expands boundaries that recently ran in the Houston Chronicle with regard to the land acquisition: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/6128997.html>.

ARREST REPORT

12-3-08

- Jessie Badillo, 38, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with a Crockett County Court warrant for theft by check more than \$50 and less than \$500. He posted bail and was released.
- Sandra Reyes, 37, of Ozona, arrested on view by sheriff's deputy for driving while license invalid. She posted bail and was released.

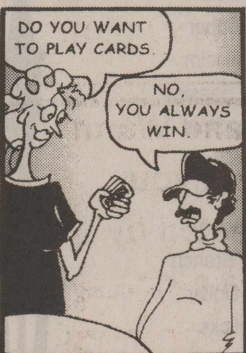
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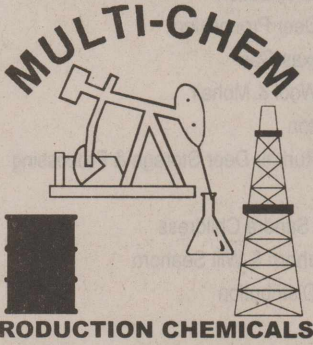
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PUBLIC NOTICE:

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All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand.

This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times.

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