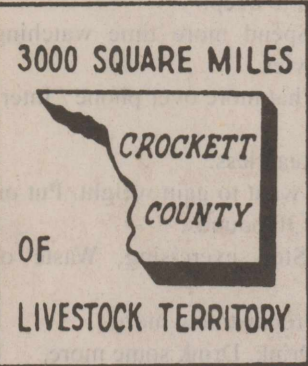


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Commissioners end year with two meetings, dedication of flagpoles

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Commissioners Court finished up 2008 with two called meetings and dedication of the new flagpoles at the courthouse annex.

At the Dec. 23 dedication, County Auditor Sandy Stokes said the purpose of the flagpole is to display the symbols of our country and state and the ideals they represent.

"The men and women of our community who are members of our nation's armed forces serve the same purpose, when they wear the uniform of our country in the many of the troubled places around the world," Stokes said. "In this holiday season, it is appropriate to honor those whose service keeps them away from the warmth of their family and friends. Because of their sacrifice, we can celebrate the season according to our faith in a free and safe country."

County officials and road department employees said "The Pledge of Allegiance" and the pledge to the Texas flag at the dedication.

At the Dec. 23 called meeting, the commissioners approved the adoption of the minute order, articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Texas CVC Aggregation Project Inc., also known as the public power pool, for electrical service.

At the Dec. 16 called meeting, the commissioners voted to reject all electrical service bids they had received due to the public power pool's quote being the lowest. The public power pool is used by several counties including Midland and Ector counties.

The commissioners also approved Susie Bishop becoming the county wellness coordinator and County Judge Fred Deaton as the executive sponsor for the Texas Association of Counties Healthy County



CROCKETT COUNTY OFFICIALS and ROAD DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL dedicated the new flagpoles outside the courthouse annex on Dec. 23.

Awareness program.

As coordinator, Bishop will attend training in February in San Antonio.

The program was designed to learn the "best practices" for creating a wellness program and gain valuable insight into our comprehensive statewide wellness initiative

that can provide county employees more accessibility to resources for health improvement.

According to the Texas Association of Counties, healthy employees save county taxpayers money through decreased health care expenses, reduced workers' compensation costs and lower rates of absen-

teism.

Also approved during two called meetings was the mutual aid agreement for regional councils of government and amendments to the 2008 budget.

The commissioners will hold their next meeting at 9 a.m. Jan. 12 at the courthouse annex.

Knights of Columbus to host New Year's Eve dance

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a New Years Eve Dance on Dec. 31. The dance will be at the Fair Park Convention Center. The doors will open at 7 p.m. and we will have free margaritas until they last. Music will be provided by "CARLOS AND LOS CACHORROS" also we will have local DJ's "TEX-MEX" and "TKO." Cost is \$125 to reserve a table for 10 people. No individual pre-sale tickets available, but pre-sale tickets for tables are available at the KC Hall.

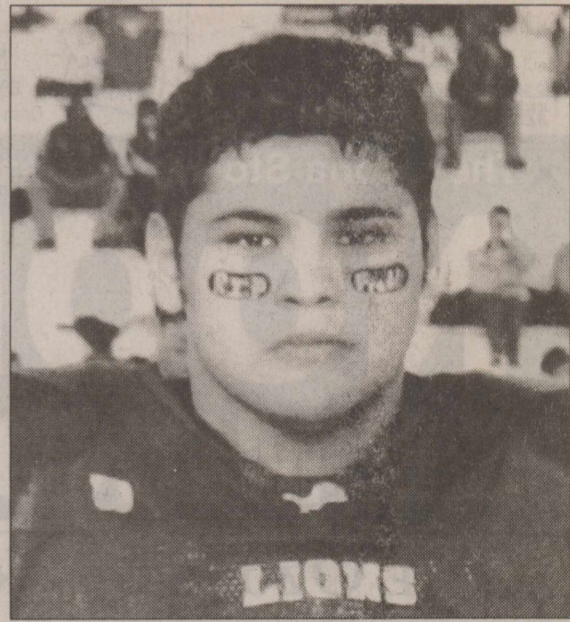
Individual tickets are \$12 at the door. For more information, call Frank Tambunga at 392-2827 or Jeff Sanchez at 392-3112.

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Steven Silva named to All West Texas 2A Football Team

Senior Lion Steven Silva was chosen for the All West Texas Class 2A Football Team by the San Angelo Standard-Times.

Silva was an all-district selection in 2007 and again in 2008 as a first-team defensive line selection in District 4-2A. He was also on the second-team selection on the offensive line.



Toys for Tots has another successful year

The Crockett County Veterans 6th Annual Toys-for-Tots Campaign was another big success. Together with the help of our local Cub Scouts from Pack 153 and their leaders, we donated \$1,574.51 which \$453.56 were collected by our Scouts along with toys or gifts. Our Ozona Middle School teachers and students collected over 2000 canned goods. All this was raised in less than 6 weeks.

This was enough to provide toys for all the applications received by the local Salvation Army. We provided toys or gifts including 16 bicycles to 97 children ranging from 1 week to 18 years old. We provided a food basket with a turkey to 42 families.

Georgia Morrow and her helpers wrapped all the gifts and then the volunteers with the Ozona Fire Department and Santa Claus delivered



Photo by Melissa Perner

DCP MIDSTREAM and EMPLOYEES donated two bicycles and an assortment of toys for all ages for this year's Toys for Tots. Small Fashions also donated two stick-camels. Pictured are: Bailey Bishop of DCP and Frank Tambunga, Toys for Tots coordinator. Toys were delivered on Dec. 23.

all these gifts and food baskets by Tuesday December 23rd.

The Ozona Salvation Army will use all the food and funds left over to help people in need of assistance through out the year.

Collecting Toys and donations is just a part of our program. It also takes the generous people of Ozona

that donate. The local business's and the great volunteers. Everyone has a hand in what I believe each community should be doing and that is taking care of our own before we can help others. I always know that Ozona citizens will come through. Everyone is so supportive of our com-

Please see Toys for Tots page 6



Photos by Joe Hernandez

TOP: MRS. BROWN'S and MRS. LIGHT'S fifth grade class collected toys for Toys for Tots. Below: Frank Tambunga and his crew spent every Saturday in December collecting toys on the town square. On their final Saturday, Dec. 20, the crew gave away free hot dogs and drinks.

Stockman office will be closed Thursday, Friday for the New Year holiday

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

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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Funny New Year Resolutions

We all make the usual New Year Resolutions: lose weight, stop smoking, cut down on drinking and so on.

However, here are some to make you smile:

- Just for today, I will not sit in my living room all day in my nightdress. Instead, I will move my computer into the bedroom.
- I will no longer waste my time relieving the past, instead I will spend it worrying about the future.
- I will not bore my boss by with the same excuse for taking leaves. I will think of some more excuses.
- I will do less laundry and use more deodorant.
- I will avoid taking a bath

whenever possible and conserve more water.

- Assure my lawyer that I will never again show up drunk at a custody hearing.
- I will give up chocolates totally, 100 percent. Completely. Honestly....
- I will try to figure out why I *really* need nine e-mail addresses.
- I will stop sending e-mails to my wife (husband).
- I resolve to work with neglected children -- my own.
- I will stop sending e-mail, ICQ, Instant Messages and be on the phone at the same time with the same person.
- I will spend less than one hour a day on the Internet. This,

of course, will be hard to estimate since I'm not a clock watcher.

- I will read the manual... just as soon as I can find it.
- I will think of a password other than "password."
- I will not tell the same story at every get together.
- I won't worry so much.
- I will cut my hair.
- I will grow my hair.
- I will stop considering other people's feelings when they so obviously don't consider mine - if that unwashed fellow sits next to me again, I'll tell him he stinks!
- I will be more imaginative.
- I will not ring the stewardess button on airplanes just to get her phone number.

making resolutions here are some resolutions they would actually be tempted to keep:

- Spend more time watching TV/movies.
- Chat more over phone / Internet.
- Read less.
- I want to gain weight. Put on at least 30 pounds.
- Stop exercising. Waste of time.
- Procrastinate more.
- Drink. Drink some more.
- Start being superstitious.
- Spend more less time at work.
- Stop bringing lunch from home: I should eat out more.
- Take up a new habit: Maybe smoking!

IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

Rustling Up Some Grub

I often criticize city folks for having no idea where their food comes from but recently it came to my attention that there are some farmers and ranchers who have no idea how their dinner magically makes its way to the supper table either.

My friend Jack is no drugstore cowboy, in fact, he's never been in one. Or a grocery store either, for that matter.

And Jack is no spring chicken, if you know what I mean. Once a year Jack and his wife attempt to outrun the snow and go live where the climate fits their clothes.

The last time they were in Arizona Jack's wife was laid up after an operation and for the first time in his life Jack had to do the grocery shopping.

Out of the blue one day Jack's lovely wife handed him a list of the "other men" in her life: Orville

Reddenbacher, Dr. Pepper, Oscar Meyer, Chef Boy-Ar-Dee, Snappy Tom, Uncle Ben and Jimmy Dean.

You can imagine what a shock that was for poor old Jack, as he thought he had been his wife's "one and only" all these years.

By following a detailed set of instructions Jack found his way to these gentlemen's place of business: a "super store" where you could bank, buy your motor oil and buy a Big Mac all in the same building.

Jack unknowingly parked in the handicapped space, which was appropriate because when it came to shopping he was definitely impaired.

Never having shopped for groceries my friend was unaware of the age old traditions of going to market. Instead of picking up a grocery cart outside the store Jack just appropriated one in the meat aisle.

Then he went the "wrong way" down a crowded aisle causing a traffic jam in jellies.

For an hour he crisscrossed the store looking for lunch.

It made no sense to him why they didn't put all the ingredients in one spot for a peanut butter, banana and pickle sandwich but he couldn't find the bananas by the Skippy and he never did find the dill pickles.

And just like a man, Jack refused to ask directions. Had he known he would have been in the store for THREE HOURS he would have worn more comfortable boots.

Jack's emotions ran the gamut from anger to wonder.

He got jealous when he strolled down the pet food aisle and saw how good the dogs and cats were eating and the cookie selection made him break out in chocolate chips.

When the store manager found Jack shaking in his shorts by the meat freezer he couldn't tell if it was because the rancher was angered at the price per pound of beef or if Jack had just been trying to cool down from the Arizona heat and had stayed too long.

As all women know, shopping is not for sissies! Jack was clearly not aggressive enough and far too sensitive to the needs of others. He

didn't cry over spilt milk but he did break down in tears when a candidate for Weight Watchers grabbed the last dozen cream puffs right out of his trembling hands.

By shopping when he was hungry Jack had broken the #1 rule of procurement. He compensated by gorging on "free sample" bran muffins in the bakery and thereby learned rule #2: don't go shopping when you're in a hurry to go some place either!

Despite Jack's many revelations his greatest shock occurred at the "check-out stand when he read the "news" in the tabloids. He was deep into a pregnant man article when the clerk asked, "paper or plastic?"

Of course, Jack thought she was referring to his method of payment. By the time the checker yelled for a "carry out" Jack was ready. But he seriously doubted the smallish box girl could lift him.

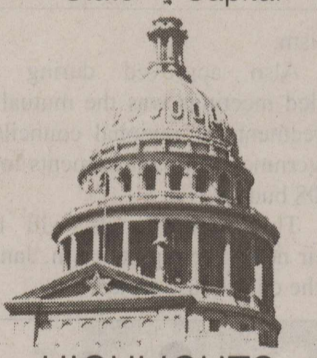
Once home Jack took a much needed nap.

But when he awoke from his fitful snooze his convalescing wife asked him to go to the kitchen and prepare dinner.

But that's another story about another place Jack had never ever been before.

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

Governor appeals FEMA decision to deny aid

Those standards measure student graduation rates for high schools and districts; attendance rates for elementary schools; and passing rates and participation rates on state reading and mathematics tests for grades 3 through 8 and grade 10.

TEXAS MAY GAIN SEATS IN 2010
Texas stands to pick up as many as four seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, if population projections come true.

Reallocation of the 435 U.S. House seats will be based on the 2010 decennial U.S. Census.

TXDOT ASKS FOR FREIGHT IDEAS

The Texas Department of Transportation says it is looking for innovative, environmentally sensitive ways to move freight across the state.

On Dec. 19, TxDOT published a "Request for Information," a document asking for suggestions on how to develop freight transport systems that minimize environmental impacts and technologies with low carbon emissions in particular.

"Potential systems could include technology involving electromagnetic propulsion where the electricity is supplied by green technology

such as wind or solar generation. Such systems could potentially operate on a rail or other fixed channel," an agency release stated.

TxDOT also asked for help with developing a business model to finance, develop and operate these systems.

AG REACHES 'AIRBORNE' SETTLEMENT

The state of Texas, 31 other states, and the District of Columbia on Dec. 16 resolved their enforcement action against Airborne Health Inc. and its operators, Victoria Knight-McDowell and Thomas John McDowell.

Under the multi-state agreement, Airborne is prohibited from continuing to claim that its dietary supplements cure or prevent certain diseases.

Airborne's cold prevention, sore throat and allergy remedies have not been recognized as approved drugs by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Texas Attorney General's Office stated.

Airborne marketed its products as over-the-counter remedies for illnesses.

Because the FDA has not recognized Airborne's dietary supplements as drugs, the company was charged with introducing unapproved drugs

into commerce, which is a violation of the Texas Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

The state's enforcement action against Airborne involves a referral Attorney General Greg Abbott's office received from the Texas Department of State Health Services.

AGENCY RELEASES YFZ REPORT

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services on Dec. 22 released a report on its ongoing investigation of the polygamous YFZ Ranch near Eldorado.

The findings are summarized as:

#9632: "12 girls are confirmed victims of sexual abuse and neglect because they were married at ages ranging from 12 to 15. There were 43 girls removed from the ranch from the ages of 12 to 17 - which means that more than one out of every four pubescent girls on the ranch was in an underage marriage."

#9632: "262 other children were subjected to neglect because parents failed to remove their child from a situation in which the child would be exposed to sexual abuse committed against another child within their families or households."

The complete 20-page report can be found at www.dfps.state.tx.us.

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Community Calendar

Monday, Dec. 22-Friday, Jan. 2

- Ozona Schools closed for Christmas Holiday.
- Wednesday, Dec 31**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dance, 7 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.

Thursday, Jan. 1

- New Year's Day

Friday, Jan. 2

- Stockman closed.
- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Kermit, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

Monday, Jan. 5

- Classes resume at Ozona Schools.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, Jan. 6

- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Crane, 5 p.m. at Crane.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

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

2009 Texas Soil and Water Conservation Awards

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, in cooperation with the state's 217 soil and water conservation districts, annually sponsor the Texas Conservation Awards Program to recognize and honor those who dedicate themselves and their talents to the conservation and wise use of renewable natural resources.

On the local level, the conservation awards program provides opportunities for competition and incentives to help our conservation district expand and improve conservation efforts, resource development and increase the wise utilization of renewable natural resources.

Though our district has several categories for which local citizens are honored for their soil, water and related natural resources conservation efforts, two primary categories, are a major focal point of the district. These categories focus on a poster and essay contest for youth in our district.

The post contest is open to boys and girls ages 12 and under. The district's expected artistic content of a poster is for a student to graphically demonstrate the importance of conservation of soil, water and related renewable resources within the realm of their community environment.

The theme for this year is "Dig it! The Secrets of Soil." The post-

ers will be judged at the local soil and water conservation district level with winning posters sent to area-level competition. The state winner will be selected from the winners of the five area competitions. The posters must be turned in to the Crockett Soil & Water Conservation Office by Jan. 16.

The essay contest is open to boys and girls in two age categories: ages 13 and under and ages 14-18. The contest's theme "What Soil and Water Conservation Means to Me" provides participating students with the opportunity to express in a written format the importance of soil and water resources and how they are linked to providing food and clean water.

The essays will be judged on the local district level with winning essays sent to the area level. The state winner will be selected from the five

area winners. As with the poster contest, the 2009 essay entries must be turned in to the Crockett Soil & Water Conservation Office by Jan. 16.

Both state winners in the poster and essay contest are recognized and

honored at the annual meeting of the soil and water conservation district directors.

For more information, call the Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District Office at 392-2301 ext. 3.

Happy Birthday

Dec. 31 - Vicki Cooper, Jarrett Justiss, Joe Mendoza Jr. and Caden Rutherford

Jan. 1 - Jamie Moore and Lisa Tijerina

Jan. 2 - Patsy White, Gloria Wilson, Butch Gonzales, Erik Bachman, Regina Garcia and Victor Villarreal Jr.

Jan. 3 - James Caldera, Ruben Cruz, Goyo Del Hoyos, Michael Ybarra Sr., Matthew Galindo, Wesley Crawford and Chago Ybarra Jr.

Jan. 4 - Douglas Bean, Arretta Gandy, Joe S. Moran, Realee Capry Borrego, Vince Huffman, Kaylee Ramirez, Felipe Ramirez Jr., Hope S. Moran and Mark Deion Ybarra and Ramon Ybarra

Jan. 5 - Z. Ray Hill, Frances Davis and Audrey Tijerina

Jan. 6 - Keshia Dean, Victor DeLaGarza, Genesis Venegas, Trista Bush, Avalon Trujillo, Kristofer Torres and David Perez

S. Natalie Marie Hernandez, would like to thank all my family and friends who contributed and helped make this joyous occasion a dream come true. A special thanks goes to my mom and Aunt Romie for decorating and truly giving us "A Midnight in Paris." My greatest appreciation goes out to my dad who without him, none of this could be possible. "Thank You Dad, I Love You."

Once again, thank you to everyone who shared this wonderful day with me. May God bless you always.

Love always,
Natalie Hernandez



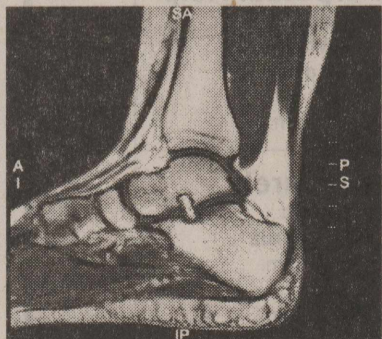
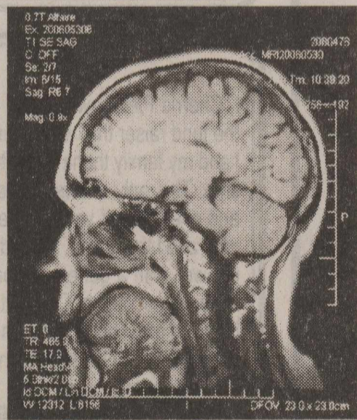
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Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director

Christmas has passed and is now just a wonderful memory. My Christmas was one I will not soon forget. I not only spent time with my four children and their families. Al Fields is improving was the last report I heard from Betty. We have all been thinking of both Al and Betty during his illness. Keep getting stronger Al and we are planning to see you out soon along with Betty.

I spoke with Jonny Johnson from her hospital bed in Midland. She said she was doing ok but the day of her fall she was in so much pain. They are planning to move her to San Angelo in a few days. We certainly hope she recovers in a short while.

Esther Williams has been having a rough time of it since her surgery. We learned at last she is doing bet-

ter today. Esther we are happy to hear that you are recovering.

Crockett County Senior Center and Helping Hands will be closed on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009. We will open again on Friday, Jan. 2, 2009.

If you happen to have extra 2009 calendars we would like to have them to pass out to the local senior people who otherwise may not get them. Last year we received enough 2008 calendars so that all of our shut ins could have one.

The Crockett County Senior Center Board will meet on Monday January 5, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. All board members are urged to attend.

On Tuesday January 6, 2009 the Helping Hands Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The "Walk Two Miles" ladies are still going strong. They meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday here

at the Crockett County Senior Center at 8:30 am. Now is a good time to join this group and get the exercise you need to keep healthy ..

Monday and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play their favorite past time game. These ladies are faithful about coming and always have a fun afternoon.

We continue to have our regular activities: square dance lessons and dances, exercise class, bridge, bingo, home health, pool, canasta and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines and three computers that are on the internet for seniors to use.

Our activities are for those 50 years young and older. We will remain flexible as to age.

I want to wish everyone a safe and profitable New Year. I will see all of you next year.

Care Center Chatter

By **ELSA VASQUEZ**
Assistant Activity Director

On Wednesday, Dec. 24 we had a Christmas luncheon with residents,

staff and families. Altogether it was an awesome time for everyone.

We would like to thank all of the wonderful people for gifts and candy for the holidays. Thanks to

Mrs. Nancy Hale, Mrs. Shirley Kirby, Mrs. Tom Stokes, Stacy Mefford and Shannon Hunnicutt, also to Baskets and More for the beautiful flower arrangements, and to Rusty Harris and Flor Aguilera for bringing us a new bingo set.

Residents that went home for Christmas with their families are: Mrs. Gibbs to Fort Stockton, Pete Solis to Sonora, Mrs. Dorris to Brackettville and Mrs. Stokes and Mr. Castro in Ozona.

As we get ready to celebrate the New Year, we can't help but remember our favorite moments with customers like you. From the moment we first opened our doors, we've had the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful friends and neighbors. We're grateful to have so many cherished memories to take with us into 2009, and we look forward to celebrating another year with you, our valued customers.
Wishing You and Yours a Very Happy New Year!

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Library News

by Louise P. Ledoux

CCPL will close early on Wednesday, Dec. 31, and will be closed all day Thursday and Friday, Jan. 1-2, for the New Year holidays. Happy New Year everyone!

NEW PUBLIC COMPUTERS

Just in time for the New Year, CCPL has installed new computers for Public Use. We now offer 10 fast, accurate and dependable workstations with free Internet access for our patrons to use for recreation, reference, school and business. CCPL was able to provide these new computers through our Loan Star Libraries Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and our membership in the Big Country Library System.

CCPL is also now a WiFi Hot Spot. We now offer wireless Internet access to our patrons that want to use their own laptops in the Library. This is a service that has been requested over and over from students working on reports and projects for school that need to access their own computers in the Library.

Come check out our new computers and take home a new book or audio from our excellent selection of materials for your enjoyment during the holiday break.

CROCKETT COUNTY DVD

CCPL is working with the Crockett County Historical Commission and has produced a DVD copy of the County history book that is no longer in print.

We are now selling the DVD and are ready to deliver in January 2009. The DVDs are in and can be picked up at the Public Library. The single DVD set costs \$50.00. Please make payment to the Crockett County Historical Commission.

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FMI call the Crockett County Public Library 392-3565.

Ozona Woman's Forum News

By **CHARLOTTE HARRELL**

Members of the Ozona Woman's Forum met Sunday, December 14, 2008, at the home of Marilyn Cox for a brief meeting before participating

in the annual Friends of the Library Christmas Tour of Homes. Kathleen Shott sang several Christmas songs, accompanying herself on the guitar, which all enjoyed.

The Tour of Homes included the homes of two Woman's Forum members, Marolyn Bean and Katie Friend, as well as the home of Eugene Miller. Each home was beautifully decorated in unique ways for Christmas. The weather was lovely and all who participated reported that a good time was had by all. Ozona National Bank and the Crockett County Public Library were also decorated and a part of the tour. Ozona National Bank employees served delicious refreshments to all who toured the bank.

Members attending were Marolyn Bean, Sandy Bebee, Norma Carson, Arlene Clayton, Jimmie Cloude, Marilyn Cox, Janie Everett, Katie Friend, Betty Harrell, Charlotte Harrell, Virginia Hubbard, Betty Huffman, Shirley Kirby, Brenda Newton, Jean Odom, Diane Phillips, Ann Shaw, Louise Taliaferro, Celia West, Nell Wester, and Rosalind Williams. Judy Reagor and Kathleen Shott were our special guests.

Wedding Gift Selections
have been made by
Whitney Hernandez
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Mark Tambunga

Baby Shower Selections
have been made by
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REPEATING THOSE VOWS

Several years ago my wife and I took some young married couples to a marriage retreat and seminar that a good friend of mine was teaching. We had a great time while we were there and at the very end we all stood up and repeated our marriage vows to each other. My wife and I said those vows years ago to each other and we have been faithful to those vows. When it came time for me to recommit my vow I told my wife, this is not what I originally committed to and I wanted to think about it because it had a lot of fine print in it. I was just kidding her but she took it very seriously. Boy have I paid for not quickly agreeing to repeat those vows. As we end this year maybe we need to think about our commitments and especially our commitment to the Lord. Perhaps we have grown lax in our worship attendance, or daily Bible reading, or our prayer life, or quiet time. Possibly our relationship or love for God has grown cold. A good marriage relationship takes a lot of nurture, tender loving care, time and commitment. So does our relationship to God. Let us recommit ourselves to the Lord, (Psalms 37:5, 22:8). Proverbs 3:5-12 has some very good guidelines for the New Year. Start the year off right. Be 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. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. 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>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</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 Ru. Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	

ALL PASTORS OF OZONA CHURCHES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT COLUMNS.

Card of Thanks
I would like to thank all the parents and teachers who helped with the Band Cake Auction and Raffle on December 16. A special thanks goes out to Peggy Logan, Justina Saunders, and Dottie DeLeon for all they did! A very BIG thank you goes to Petals and Pearls, Dairy Queen, Sonic, Mr. Alan Bloebaum and the Ozona Stockman for their donations to the raffle -- we couldn't have had a raffle without you! And finally, thank you to all the students who baked cakes and cupcakes and to all the people who bid on them -- your support is very much appreciated.
Dianne Lott, Ozona Band Boosters president.

Card of Thanks
I, Cherrie Fielder would like to thank the citizens of Ozona for your support. Thank you for the fund raiser that was given on my behalf. The donations were a gift from your hearts and I and my family thank you. Thank you for your prayers and cards. They all came at a needed time. This only shows how a community can come together to support one another. Each and everyone of you are blessed. God has blessed me with many friends and family who care and I thank you. I would also like to thank whomever sent me a Christmas card wishing me well with a generous donation as well as to whomever placed a generous donation in my bank account at Crockett. Again, thanks and may God continue to Bless you all, for he is blessing me. I hope to return to work soon and for now I am feeling blessed and will be back on my feet thanks to God and the loving friends I have. God Bless you all. Have a Blessed New Year everyone.
Cherrie Fielder

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STEVEN SILVA WAS THE HIGH SCORER for the varsity Lions in their Dec. 16 game against Fort Stockton. Photo By Joe Hernandez



PLAYING GOOD DEFENSE AGAINST THE JUNIOR VARSITY JUNCTION EAGLES on Dec. 19 are: (l. to r.) Johnathan Martin, Chris Fierro-Williams, Andy Trevino and Eric Talamantez. Photo By Aries Hernandez

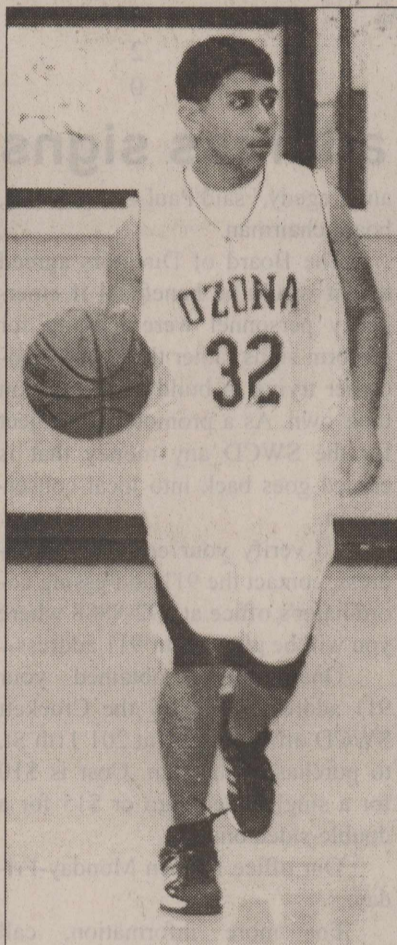


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KYLE SEWELL plays good defense against the Junction Eagles.

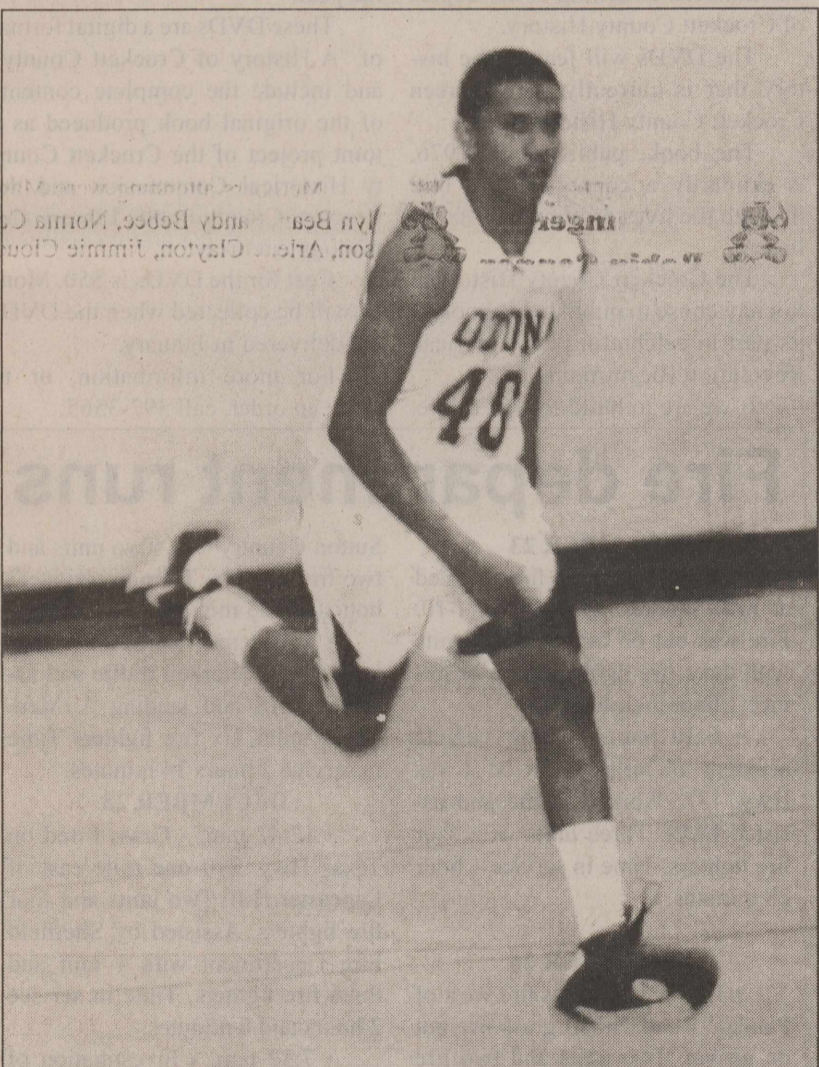


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CHRIS FIERRO-WILLIAMS moves down the court in the Junior Varsity Lions Dec. 16 game against Fort Stockton.

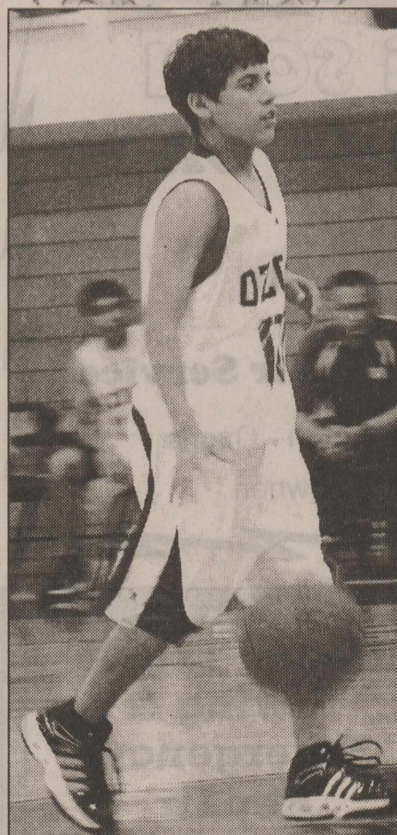


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ANDY TREVINO

Ozona High School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Girls	Boys
Jan. 2	*Kermit	H	5:00	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 6	*Crane	T	5:00	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 10	*Presidio	H	10 a.m.	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 13	*Sonora	H	5:00	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 16	*Presidio	T	5:00	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 20	*Reagan County	T	5:00	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 23	*Alpine	H	5:00	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 27	*Crane	H	5:00	JV & V	JV & V
Jan. 30	*Kermit	T	5:00	JV & V	JV & V
Feb. 3	*Sonora	T	5:00	JV & V	JV & V
Feb. 6	Open				
Feb. 10	Open				
Feb. 13	*Alpine	T	5:00		JV & V
Feb. 17	*Reagan County	T	5:00		JV & V

Ozona Middle School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Girls	Boys
Jan. 8 & 10	Reagan County Tourney	There	There
Jan. 12	Kermit	Here	There
Jan. 15 & 17	Crane District Tourney	There	There
Jan. 19	Sonora	Here	There
Jan. 26	Sonora	There	Here
Feb. 2	Crane	There	Here
Feb. 9	Reagan County	There	Here

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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.

• 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/Odesa. 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.

• Christina Carrasco, of Ozona - Crockett County Court, theft by check.

The following persons have warrants in Tom Green County and need to surrender in San Angelo, or Ozona:

• Alan Cruz, of Ozona - Tom Green County driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

• Robert Bryan Reeves, of Ozona - Tom Green County issuance of bad check and failure to appear.

ARREST REPORT

12-25-2008

• Ricky Lynn Swearingen, age 46, of Ozona was arrested on view by sheriff's deputy from the 1700 block of Monterey for public intoxication and resisting arrest. Fine and bond set, remains in custody.

12-26-2008

• Russell Jay Hicks, age 45, of Crane

was arrested on view by DPS from I-10 for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces and possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams. Released on bonds.

12-28-2008

• Jose Elder Funes, age 25, of Honduras was arrested on view by sheriff's deputy from I-10 for illegal entry. Released to Border Patrol.

12-29-2008

• Bertha Lee Ramos, age 22, of Ozona was arrested on multiple warrants by sheriff's deputy from the 1900 block of Mulberry for multiple traffic violations. Awaits arrangements.

INCIDENT REPORTS

12-24-2008

• Abandoned vehicle report filed by sheriff's deputy. Car impounded from the 1700 block of Santa Rosa by local wrecker service on the authority of the sheriff's deputy.

• ID fraud report filed by Ozona citizen. Unknown person used complainant's identity to obtain a student loan. Investigation continues.

• Assault report filed by Ozona citizen. Female family member hurt by male family member at a local apartment complex. Warrants for assault/family violence and interference with an emergency call have been issued.

12-25-2008

• Intoxicated pedestrian report filed by sheriff's deputy. One male arrested for public intoxication and resisting arrest.

12-26-2008

• Theft report filed by Ozona citizen. Toolbox filled with tools taken from local gas plant located on Hwy 163 S. Investigation continues.

12-27-2008

• Theft report filed by Lakeside City citizen. Generator taken from work truck while parked at local motel. Investigation continues.

12-28-2008

• Dog bite report filed by local medical center. Adolescent female bitten on her face. Investigation revealed dog's shots are current.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

TYPE OF CALLS # OF CALLS

Abandoned/impounded vehicles/property	7
Livestock/Wild Animal Complaints	2
Domestic Animal Calls	0
Civil complaints	2
Civil Service	11
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	16
Gas Thefts	0
Juvenile Complaints	3
Locked Vehicles	8
911 - Fire, Medical, Vehicle Accidents	10
Motorist assist, gas/food welfare	12
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	1
Security Alarms	4
Assist other Law or county Agencies	0
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	14
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	27
State /County Road Calls	0
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle/Activity	7
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	3
Utility Services/complaints	0
Minor vehicle accident	3
Traffic Citations Issued	8
Prisoners Currently in custody/Ozona	10
Prisoners Housed in other counties	2
Inmate Transfers/transport	0

911 emergency address signs

While traveling in adjoining counties, you may have noticed signs, especially blue with white numbers, hanging from fences or gates in rural areas, denoting the resident's 911 Emergency Address.

Crockett County 911 emergency address signs are now available at a normal cost through the Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District.

Since it is sometimes not possible for emergency staff, law enforcement, electric cooperatives and other services to be familiar with names of ever ranch or landowner in the county, having uniform signs at gates or home entrances may cut minutes from response time, perhaps even saving a life.

"We feel that the sale of these signs will greatly enhance the safety and security of the landowners we serve. Quick response to an emergency might help save a life or critical minutes gained in the event of

any tragedy," said Paul C. Perner III, board chairman.

The Board of Directors agreed that it would be beneficial if emergency personnel were looking for uniform signs rather than each landowner trying to build something on their own. As a promotional project for the SWCD any money that is earned goes back into local conservation.

To verify your correct 911 address, contact the 911 addressing coordinator's office at 392-8888 where you will be given your 911 address.

Once you've obtained your 911 address, come by the Crockett SWCD office located at 201 11th St. to purchase your sign. Cost is \$10 for a single-sided sign or \$15 for a double-sided one.

Our office is open Monday-Friday.

For more information, call Crockett SWCD at 392-2301 ext. 3.

TOYS FOR TOTS

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community needs and Ozona is blessed with wonderful and caring people.

I would like to give a Special Thanks to the following people, organizations and business that helped in our 2008 Toys-for-Tots campaign.

VOLUNTEERS

Noah and Irma Tambunga; Alice P. Borrego, Kolby and Jayton Rodriguez; Jesse, Justin and Michell Badillo; Luis Cruz, Rosie Longoria, Lou Morrow and Benny Logan

ALL THE GIFT WRAPPERS

Karen and Kendra Webb; Janet and Heather Thompson; Griz and Vivian Medina; Georgia Morrow and Joe Bradford

ORGANIZATIONS

Cub Scout Pack 153, Ozona Middle School teachers and students; Mrs. Light and Mrs Brown and their students from the Intermediate School; Ozona Salvation Army; Ozona Vol-

unteer Fire Department and Ozona Ministerial Alliance

BUSINESSES & INDIVIDUALS
The Ozona Stockman, Joe Hernandez, KHOS/KYXX Radio station, Circle Bar Cable, J R Bhakta (Best Western Ozona Inn), Georgia Morrow (Dollar General), Mary Jenkins (Duckwalls), Paul Stroope (S & S Trucking Co.), DCP Midstream and their employees, T & C Village Market, Dairy Queen, Texas Energy, Clay and Shelly Childress and Michael Maldondo.

A special thanks to all the many wonderful people that provided time and support behind the scenes also to all that donated Toys or Money.

I apologize if I failed to mention anyone or any business it was not intentional. But, I do appreciate your support.

God Bless all of you!!
Frank Tambunga



Photo by Joe Hernandez

OZONA STUDENTS collected more than 2,500 canned food items for the needy during their Christmas drive.

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.

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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.

Fire department runs

DECEMBER 23
• 3:44 p.m. - Grass fire reported at mile marker 345-346 on I-10. Fire was out on arrival. Two units with three fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 34 minutes.
• 6:30 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident 14 miles north on Texas Hwy. 137. Worked traffic and assisted EMS. Three units with four fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 28 minutes.

DECEMBER 26
• 1:50 p.m. - Grass fire west of Pandale Road. Small grass fire out on arrival. Two units and two fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 23 minutes.

DECEMBER 27
• 1:30 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident on Country Rd. 102 and

Sutton Country 410. Two units and two fire fighters. Time in service 3 hours and 23 minutes.

• 4:34 p.m. - 26 South Country Rd. 101. Worked traffic and assisted EMS and landing AirMed. Three units, six fire fighters Time in service 2 hours 34 minutes.

DECEMBER 28
• 12:42 p.m. - Grass Fired on Texas Hwy. 290 one mile east of Lancaster Hill. Two units and four fire fighters. Assisted by Sheffield Fire Department with 1 unit and three fire fighters. Time in service 2 hours and 6 minutes.

• 7:32 p.m. - Investigation of possible fire in residence. Found a shorted light switch and turned off breaker. Two units with two fire-fighters. Time in service four minutes.

Local EMS runs

DECEMBER 22
• Local run - patient transported to Family Health Clinic.
• Transfer - patient transported to Community Hospital
DECEMBER 23
• Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.
DECEMBER 24
• Transfer - patient transported to Community Hospital
DECEMBER 26
• Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.
DECEMBER 27
• Local run - patient transported to Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital
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These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on January 26, 2009. You have until July 25, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#1039 \$1,000 Black-jack** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.87, **#1044 Lucky Symbols** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.97, **#1086 Match for Cash** (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.38, **#1111 Monster Money** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 3.64, **#1092 Red Hot 5's** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.90. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on February 2, 2009. You have until August 1, 2009, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#1050 Pieces of Eight** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.59, **#1071 Table Stakes** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.59, **#1078 Mucho Dinero** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.59. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$999,999 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at www.txlottery.org for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas

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Open House

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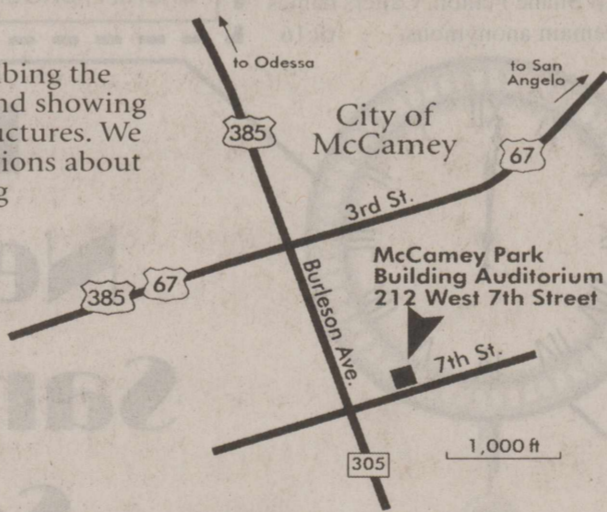
LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA-TSC) is proposing to add to existing electric transmission facilities in Upton, Crockett, and Pecos counties. This project is one of several projects intended to allow for reliable and cost-effective delivery of power produced from wind generators located in areas of West Texas and the Panhandle called Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZ) to load centers throughout the state.

As ordered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) on November 6, 2008, LCRA TSC will add a second 138-kV circuit to its existing double circuit capable structures on the North McCamey to West Yates transmission line between its North McCamey Substation and the future location of the McCamey B Substation. The new McCamey B Substation will be constructed approximately 15 miles south of the North McCamey Substation. The exact location of the McCamey B Substation will not be determined until the PUC awards it to LCRA TSC or another transmission service provider in the early part of 2009.

The open house is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 15, McCamey Park Building Auditorium 212 West 7th Street, McCamey.

The open house will have exhibits describing the project and the PUC approval process and showing the transmission line and associated structures. We will share information and answer questions about the project. We look forward to receiving your input.

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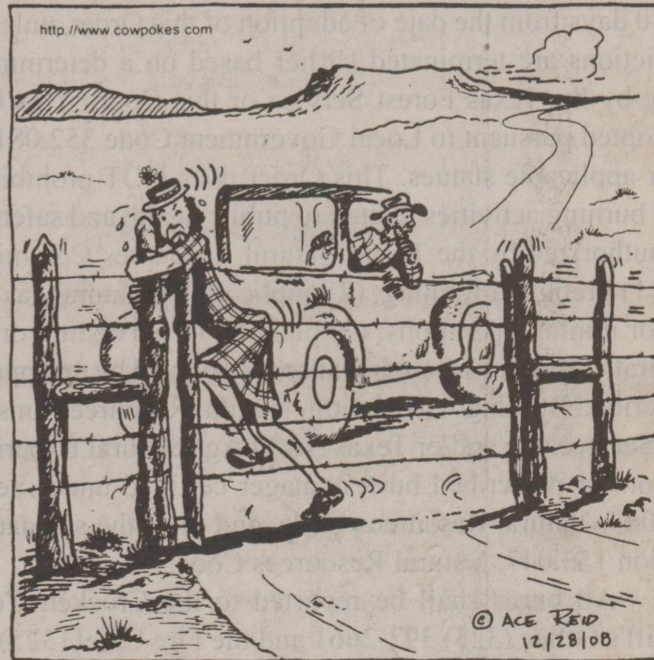
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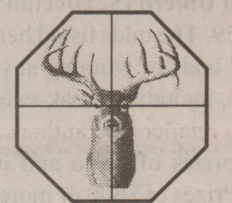
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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, that outdoor burning is restricted in Crockett County for 30 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting or agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by an approved Prescribed Burning Association, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the and/or Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, or prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

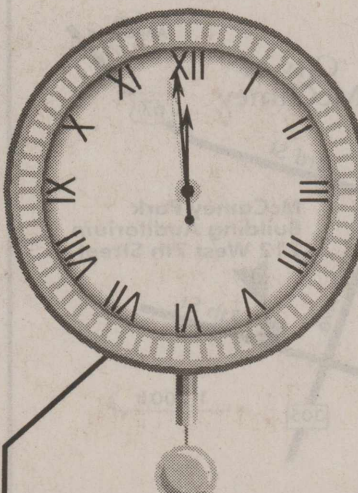
All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand.

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

In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of December, 2008.

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