

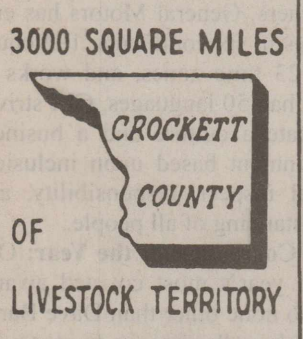
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New year begins with a new sheriff

Sutton, deputies and other county officials take oath of office

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

There is a new sheriff in town. Roy Glenn Sutton was sworn in as Crockett County Sheriff at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1 at the Crockett County Courthouse Annex.

Sutton takes over after defeating Shane Fenton in the March 2008 primary. Sutton was unopposed in the November General Election.

A retired Supervisory Special Agent with the Department of State/Immigration and Naturalization Service, Sutton has run for sheriff three times before.

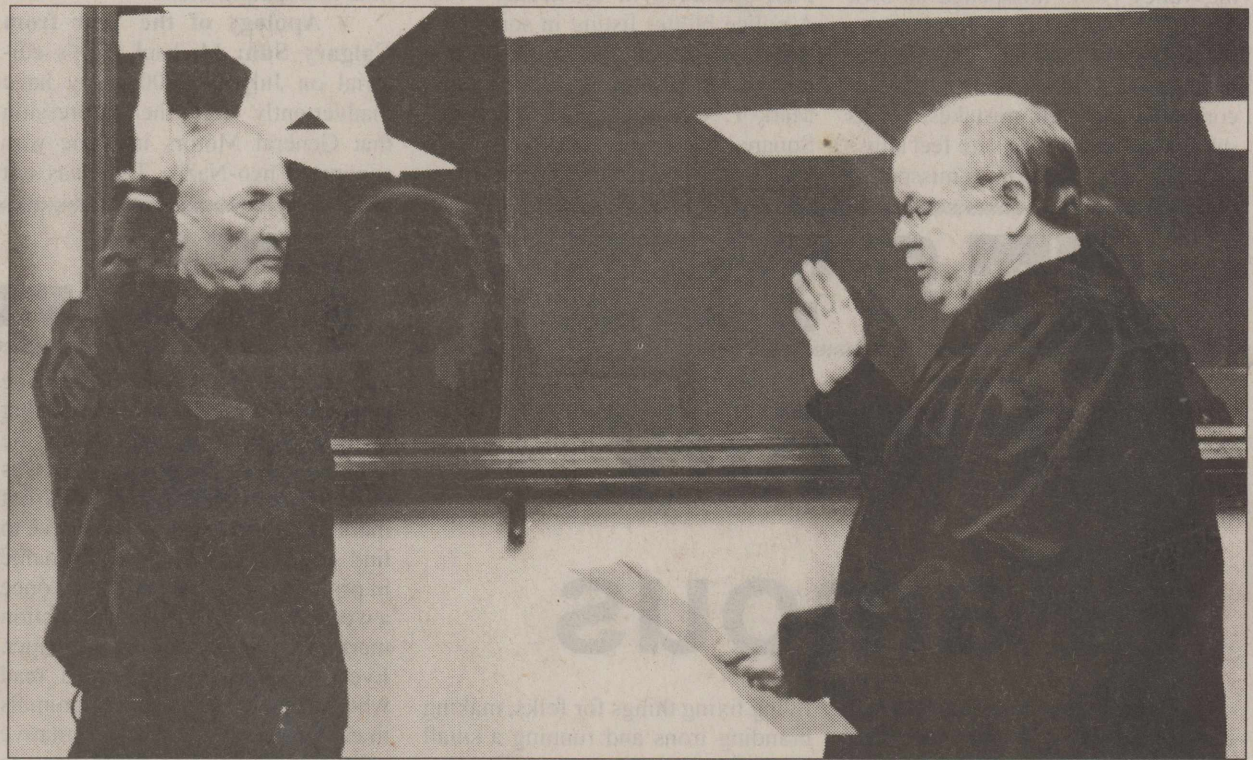
Sutton said he continued for to run for office because "a change was needed."

On Monday, the new sheriff spent most of the day at the courthouse meeting with elected officials.

Along with Sutton, were the deputies of the sheriff's department, which includes new employees Chief Deputy Jimmy "Bo" Semmler and Deputy Clay Woods.

"We are very excited," Sutton said.

These elected officials, who



ROY GLENN SUTTON (left) was sworn in as Crockett County Sheriff by County Judge Fred Deaton at 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1 at the Crockett County Courthouse Annex.

Photo by Susan Calloway

- ran unopposed, were sworn in last week:
 - 112th Judicial District Attorney Laurie English.
 - County Attorney Jody Upham
 - County Tax Assessor-Collector Rhonda Shaw.
 - Constable Bear Borrego
 - Commissioner Precinct 1 Frank Tambunga.
 - Commissioner Precinct 3 Randy Branch.

Annual winter rabies bait drop to begin today

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Texas Department of State Health Services' annual airdrop of vaccine baits, credited with turning the tide against the spread of rabies strains carried by coyotes and gray foxes, will begin today, Jan. 7.

Some 2.9 million baits will be dropped over parts of 41 Texas counties.

"The purpose has been to create and maintain zones of vaccinated coyotes in South Texas and gray foxes in West-Central Texas to prevent the spread of rabies to other animals and humans and to eventually eliminate canine and gray fox rabies in Texas," said DSHS veterinarian Ernest Oertli, director of the department's Oral Rabies Vaccination Program. "No human cases of rabies in either area have occurred since the airdrops began," he said.

Flights of five specially equipped airplanes will be from four airports. Scheduled start dates and locations are:

Jan. 7 - Zapata County Airport

near Zapata and Kimble County Airport in Junction

Jan. 12 - Pecos Municipal Airport and

Jan. 19 - Del Rio International Airport.

The 11 counties in the 2009 South Texas vaccine distribution area are: Cameron, Dimmit, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, La Salle, Maverick, Starr, Webb, Willacy, Zapata and Zavala.

The 30 counties in the 2009 West-Central Texas vaccine distribution area are: Concho, Crane, Culberson, Ector, Edwards, El Paso, Irion, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Regan, San Saba, Schleicher, Sutton, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler.

The number of animal cases of canine rabies in South Texas has declined from a high of 142 animal cases when the program began in 1995 to none through October 2008.

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COUCH CATCHES STORAGE BUILDING ON FIRE

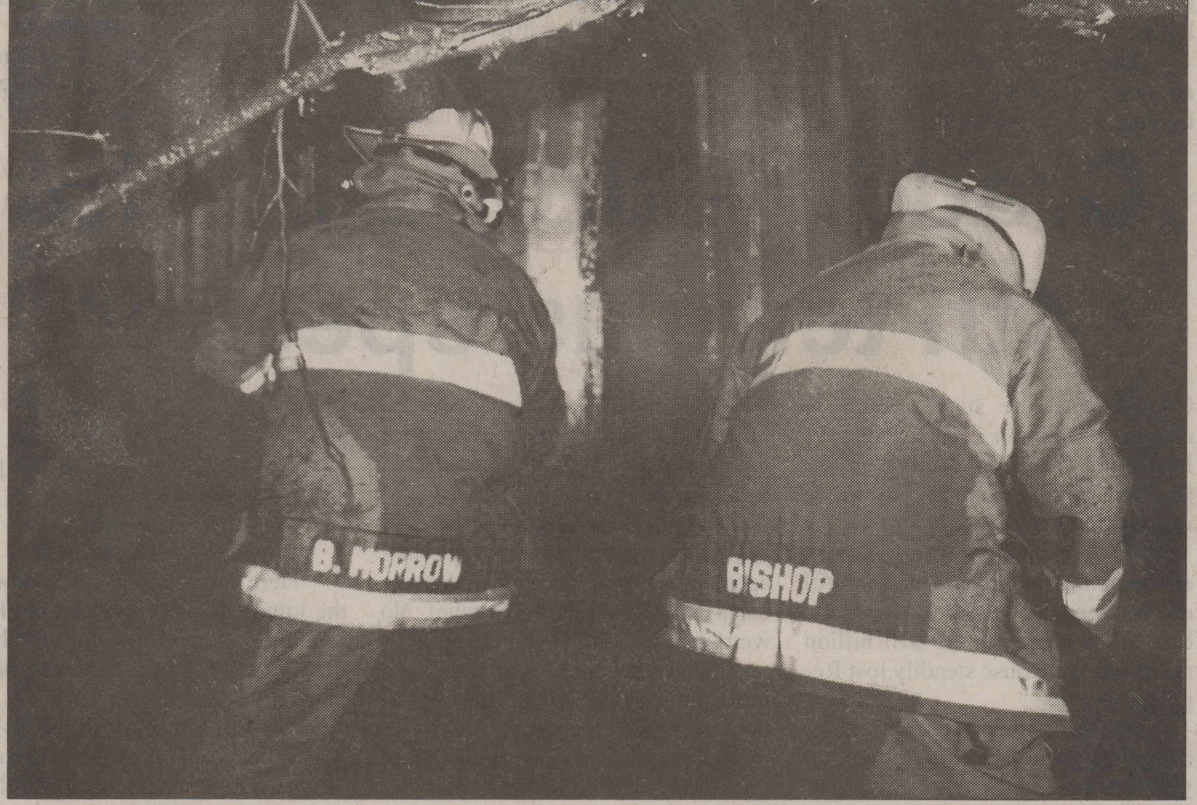


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OZONA FIRE FIGHTERS Brian Morrow and Bailey Bishop help extinguish a fire in a 4x8 storage building on the 300 block of Avenue O on Jan. 3. A couch located next to the storage building caught fire and then spread to the wall of the storage building and to the inside, said Fire Marshal Steve Kenley. Nothing was left of the couch but the metal frame. Fire fighters had to break the locks to get inside the building, Kenley said. Cause of the fire is undetermined but the Crockett County Sheriff's Office confirmed there was use of fireworks in the area, Kenley said. Occupants of the nearby mobile home were unaware of the fire until someone knocked on their door.

Commissioners, school board to hold joint meeting Monday

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Commissioners and the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees will hold at joint meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the courthouse annex.

The meeting involves the discussion and action regarding the

school district's acquisition of the south pool.

In September, the county and the board came to an agreement on the sale of county property.

Both boards unanimously approved a motion for the school district to enter into an inter-local agreement for the school to purchase the south pool property from

the county for \$30,000 plus donating the primary school's used playground equipment for paramount public use of the land.

The motion also included splitting the cost of an environmental impact study, which is around \$2,000 total.

For more information, call 392-5501 ext. 5700

January is School Board Recognition Month

Submitted by CCCSD and Texas Association of School Boards

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2009 as School Board Recognition Month.

Crockett County CCSD, along with other districts across the state, will use this opportunity to show their appreciation of the vital role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. School board members are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the enormous job of governing school districts. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of all our children," said Abe Gott, CCCSD Superintendent.

Recognizing board members for this commitment and sacrifice takes a combined effort on the part of all they serve: administrators, school staff, students and the community.

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their work reflects a year-round commitment," Gott said. "Every day trustees demonstrate strength and dedication as they focus on excellence for their district programs, their teacher and most importantly their students. They unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public schools, and represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education."

The men and women serving



Photo by Melissa Perner

JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH: members of the CCCSD Board of Trustees are (back row, left to right) Dwight Childress, Grizz Medina, Harvey Sanchez, Tom Anderson (front row, left to right) Veronica Fierro, Laurie Hale and Dr. Marcus Sims.

- Crockett County CCSD are:
- Dr. Marcus Sims - 14 years.
 - Laurie Hale - 9 years.
 - Veronica Fierro - 15 years.
 - Tom Anderson - 8 years.
 - Dwight Childress - 4 years.
 - Grizz Medina - 1st year.
 - Harvey Sanchez - 1st year.

School board members come from all walks of life. They are farmers, secretaries, doctors, lawyers, homemakers, architects, truck drivers, professors and business owners, to name just a few.

While they wear many hats in the workday world, school board members put on a collective hat when they get down to the business of leading their school districts. Board members must pull together as a team toward a common goal helping students achieve.

Board members contribute hundreds of hours each year leading their districts.

They also work hard at seminars

and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are involved in community activities and spend many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events.

"Today's public schools face tremendous challenges and opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "Local trustees diligently work with community leaders, parents, and educators to develop sound education policies. They help set high standards in the education system, encouraging us to strive to reach those goals and better prepare the next generation of leaders in our state and nation." Crow said. "We urge every community to acknowledge the commitment that board service requires of more than 7,000 locally elected school board members in Texas and support them as they tackle the enormous task of governing school districts."

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What's on My Mind by Melissa Perner

Mistakes made in 2008

We all make mistakes. This is a naturally part of being human.

However, in the newspaper world when you make a mistake everybody sees it. Over the years, I have learned that you can write the most fantastic story but if one, little mistake is in it then people will remember that mistake.

A Canadian feelancer, Craig Silverman, has compiled the best of the best newspaper mistakes in his yearly report "The Year in Media Errors and Corrections 2008" by Regret the Error.

The Valley News, distributed in Vermont and New Hampshire, won Typo of the Year in 2008 for misspelling its own name on its front page, according to the annual report.

On the front of the paper, "Valley Newss" appeared. Here's the resulting Editor's Note:

"Readers may have noticed that the Valley News misspelled its own name on yesterday's front page. Given that we routinely call on other institutions to hold themselves accountable for their mistakes, let us say for the record: We sure feel silly!"

The New York Times misspelled

the Best Picture of the Year: A headline in some editions of The Arts on Monday with an article about the Academy Awards ceremony misspelled, in some copies, the title of the film that won best picture. It is, of course, "No Country for Old Men," not "Old Country for Old Men."

Only one Texas newspaper made Silverman's error report in 2008 with this correction from the Austin American-Statesman:

"A story on Thursday's Page B1 transposed the name of an Austin police officer with that of a man facing sexual assault charges. The story should have made clear that former motel manager Douglas Wayne Ward is the suspect in the case, and that police say they found photos of children on a computer seized from Ward."

Other funny and interesting corrections from Silverman's report:

• **Best Blotter Error from The Post-Standard in Syracuse, N.Y.:** A police blotter listing in some editions of Neighbors on Thursday mistakenly listed charges against Mark P. Campbell, 54, of Central Square. The listing incorrectly said the Oswego County Sheriff's Office

charged Campbell with aggravated driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated, third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failure to keep right. Campbell faces no such charges. Campbell appears in a sheriff's report that says on Dec. 26 his car was struck by a horse on county Route 4 in Palermo. The collision resulted in no tickets.

• **Best Headline Error:** The American Family Association's OneNewsNow site has a standard practice of using the word "homosexual" instead of "gay." They even set up a filter to automatically make the change. This didn't serve ONN well when a sprinter named Tyson Gay made news at the U.S. Olympic track and field trials. He suddenly became Tyson Homosexual when the site's filter got a hold of an AP story: "Homosexual eases into 100 final at Olympic trials."

• **Apology of the Year from Calgary Sun:** Michael Platt's editorial on July 21, 2008 may have inadvertently left the impression that General Motors in some way supported neo-Nazis. That was not

the intention of the line in question and the Sun greatly regrets not being more clear in the story. The Sun apologizes to GM, its dealers and customers. General Motors has employees in six continents, 192 countries, 23 time zones, and works in more than 50 languages. GM strives to create a culture and a business environment based upon inclusion, mutual respect, responsibility, and understanding of all people.

• **Correction of the Year:** One of the year's most coveted awards goes to none other than Dave Barry. Here's how the famous humor writer chose to correct a misspelling he made in a column published by the Miami Herald: In yesterday's column about badminton, I misspelled the name of Guatemalan player Kevin Cordon. I apologize. In my defense, I want to note that in the same column I correctly spelled Prapawadee Jaroenrattanakarak, Poompat Sapkulchananart and Pornnip Buranapraseatsuk. So by the time I got to Kevin Cordon, my fingers were exhausted.

For more errors, visit www.regrettheerror.com

IT'S THE PITTS BY LEE PITTS

Finally Famous

His real name was Tom but everyone called him Wimpy due to his diminutive stature; "diminutive" as it applied to his physical size and his standing in the community. Wimpy was one of those anonymous people who live good, simple lives and are taken for granted by the rest of us. The kind of folks who, after they die, people say of them, "Whatever happened to good old so-and-so?"

Wimpy was not what you'd call a "colorful character". He was a bachelor who lived like a hermit and minded his own business. He camped out like a shepherd in his old two bedroom shack and spent most of his time in a shop out back that he kept cleaner than his home. His best friends were his tools, many of them homemade. Wimpy had been a lifer mechanic in the Navy and when he retired he eked out a

living fixing things for folks, making branding irons and running a small herd of cows.

There's hardly any record that Wimpy existed. He led a totally unremarkable life that never merited mention in his local newspaper. He'd never been an officer of Rotary, never got arrested, or received a DUI and never won an award at the county fair. There's no evidence that he even got his name in the paper when he was born. He had nothing to advertise and he was not the type of person to write a letter to the editor. In his entire life Wimpy had never been first, best or different in anything. Not once had he ever seen his name in the newspaper. And that bothered him. A lot.

Although Wimpy was in no way an egotistical man, just once before he died he wanted to be somebody;

just enough to be mentioned in the paper. He wanted some record that he tread upon this earth. Since he was well over 80 years old it was quite obvious that Wimpy was not marked for greatness so he'd have to find some other way to get his name in print. It just so happened that once a week the owner of the local auction market ran an ad in the newspaper. Every Wednesday you could read who owned the high selling animals in each category in their representative sales column and you could also see the featured consignments for the following week's auction.

Wimpy concluded that this was his only chance of getting his name in print, but there were two problems with the plan. First, Wimpy had a very small herd and only harvested an animal when he needed some extra cash. It was more akin to fishing than cattle raising. Wimpy never knew a week in advance when he'd be selling something, and even if he did it wouldn't merit being featured in the advertisement of upcoming consignments. As for topping the sale, well, you could forget that. The only way Wimpy's cattle would be mentioned is if they also mentioned the cheapest cattle.

Undeterred, Wimpy devised a

plan. He had a barren young cow that he figured he'd grain until she was hog fat. Surely she'd top the cull cow sale on a slow week with not many cattle consigned to the sale. Sadly, the cow was getting close to being ripe when Wimpy keeled over dead from a heart attack. The same edition of the newspaper that carried Wimpy's short obituary also carried an advertisement for the dispersal of his small herd. Wimpy finally made the paper!

Just as Wimpy had planned, when the barren cow sold the following week she was the high selling slaughter cow. Wimpy had gone 87 years without ever being mentioned in the newspaper and in the space of two weeks he'd made the paper three times!

Wimpy was not a church goer so he was not well known to the preacher who delivered his eulogy at a memorial service several weeks later. The only thing the preacher dug up was that Wimpy had "market topping cattle". At least one anyway!

The auction owner was sitting in the front pew and when he heard about Wimpy's "market topping cattle" he whispered in his wife's ear, "Poor Wimpy was just like Van Gogh, Lane Frost and Anna Nicole Smith. He didn't become really famous until after he died."

Craddick drops bid for 4th term as speaker

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, abandoned his bid for a fourth term as speaker when it became clear that a challenger had secured enough vote pledges to win.

The official vote won't be taken until Jan. 13, opening day for the 81st Texas Legislature.

According to his pledge list, Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, gained the support of more than 80 House members, many of them Democrats.

On the other hand, many members who had intended to vote for Craddick signaled their support for Rep. John Smither, R-Amarillo.

Straus, a 49-year-old insurance executive, is a relative newcomer who has been a House member since the 2005 session. Smither, 57, is an attorney. He began serving as a House member in 1985 and has been elected to 13 consecutive terms.

As of Jan. 1, the Texas Ethics

Commission, the state agency in charge of election filings, listed 13 House members as candidates for speaker. Neither Straus nor Smither was on that list.

Craddick's three terms as speaker were contentious. While in control of the agenda, Craddick overcame budget shortfalls in the \$10 billion range but the House steadily lost Republican seats.

Craddick, the most senior member of the House with more than 40 years to his credit, withstood parliamentary challenges to his leadership and walkouts by Democrats. He bucked party tradition by championing a tax on business profits that was designed to compensate for a statewide reduction in local property taxes.

PERRY NAMES DIVISION CHIEF

Gov. Rick Perry on Jan. 2 appointed Ellen Witt as director of his office's Division of Disaster Recovery and Renewal. Witt succeeds Brian Newby at the post.

The division's job is to support the Governor's Commission for Disaster Recovery and Renewal, a public/private sector advisory panel that is guiding the state's long-term recovery and renewal efforts in the wake of the 2008 hurricane season.

The division works with local officials to help ensure communities are positioned to rebuild after future catastrophic events.

In other news, Gov. Perry appealed the Federal Emergency Management Agency's decision to deny an extension of Hurricane Ike relief. No word yet on the status of the appeal.

In December, Perry asked for 18 more months of 100 percent reimbursement of emergency protective measures, debris removal and other relief work related to the September hurricane.

PERRY HAS SERVED LONGEST

On Dec. 19, Gov. Perry became Texas' longest-serving governor, with 2,919 consecutive days in office. That's eight years. At the end of his current term in 2010, he will have served more than 10 years as Texas' highest-ranking state official.

Perry was serving as lieutenant governor in 2000, and he succeeded George W. Bush as governor a month before Bush's presidential inauguration.

ETHICS PROSECUTOR COMPLETES TERM

Ronnie Earle, Travis County district attorney and the state's chief ethics prosecutor since 1977, completed his final term in office on Dec. 31.

Earle's successor, his long-time first assistant Rosemary Lehmborg, was elected by popular vote in the general election of 2008.

LAWMAKERS FILE MORE BILLS

Here are samples of a few of the hundreds of proposed new laws senators and representatives have filed in advance of the soon-to-begin legislative session.

• HB 375 by Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, would reclassify farm elk as livestock under the agriculture code. Other species currently classified as livestock include horses, mules, asses, sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, exotic livestock and hogs.

• HB 438 by Eddie Lucio III, D-Rancho Viejo, would make it illegal for a motor vehicle operator to use a wireless communication device to read, write or send a text-based communication while driving.

• SB 392 by Dan Patrick, R-Houston, would amend the election code by eliminating straight party voting for judicial offices, such as supreme court justices, courts of criminal appeals justices, district judges, criminal district judges, family district judges, county court at law judges, county criminal court judges, county probate court judges and county justices of the peace.

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Tambunga-Taylor to wed in August

Wendy and Robert Tambunga of Ozona, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Paige, to Sean Jeffrey Taylor. Paige is the granddaughter of Doris and Gene Hood of Ozona and the late Albina and Santiago Tambunga of Ozona. Sean is the son of Terri and Mike Taylor of Salado, Texas. Paige is a 2003 graduate of Ozona High School and 2007 graduate of Baylor University. Sean is a 2003 graduate of Van Alstyne High School and a 2007 graduate of Baylor University. Both currently attend Texas Tech School of Law in Lubbock Texas and have a graduation date of 2010. They are planning an Aug. 1, 2009 wedding.



Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Mitchel

Anna Hernandez and Caleb Mitchel were married on Dec. 20, 2008 in Ozona with Justice of the Peace Jim Hearne officiating. The bride is the daughter of Victor and Patricia Hernandez of Ozona. She is the granddaughter of Natividad and Maria Hernandez and Frank D. Sanchez and the late Adela Alicia Sanchez of Brackettville, Texas. The groom is the son of Arvin and Drucilla Mitchel of Ozona. He is the grandson of Lou Hardin of Menard. Maid of Honor was Kasey Gray. Bridesmaids were Rebecca Hernandez, Alexa Cervantez, Morgan Glosson and Cassandra Salazar. Best Man was Cory Mitchel, brother of the groom. The bride is a 2008 graduate of Ozona High School. She is a C.N.A. at Crockett County Care Center in Ozona, and hopes to begin nursing school in the fall. The groom is a 2007 graduate of Ozona High School. He is enlisted in the United States Navy and will be leaving to basic training on Jan. 11. He will be attending Nuclear Power Training in South Carolina to become a Nuclear Engineer of the United States Navy. The couple would like to thank everyone who attended the ceremony, and made this beautiful day possible. God Bless everyone and may your life be filled with love, peace and happiness.

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 poster 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.

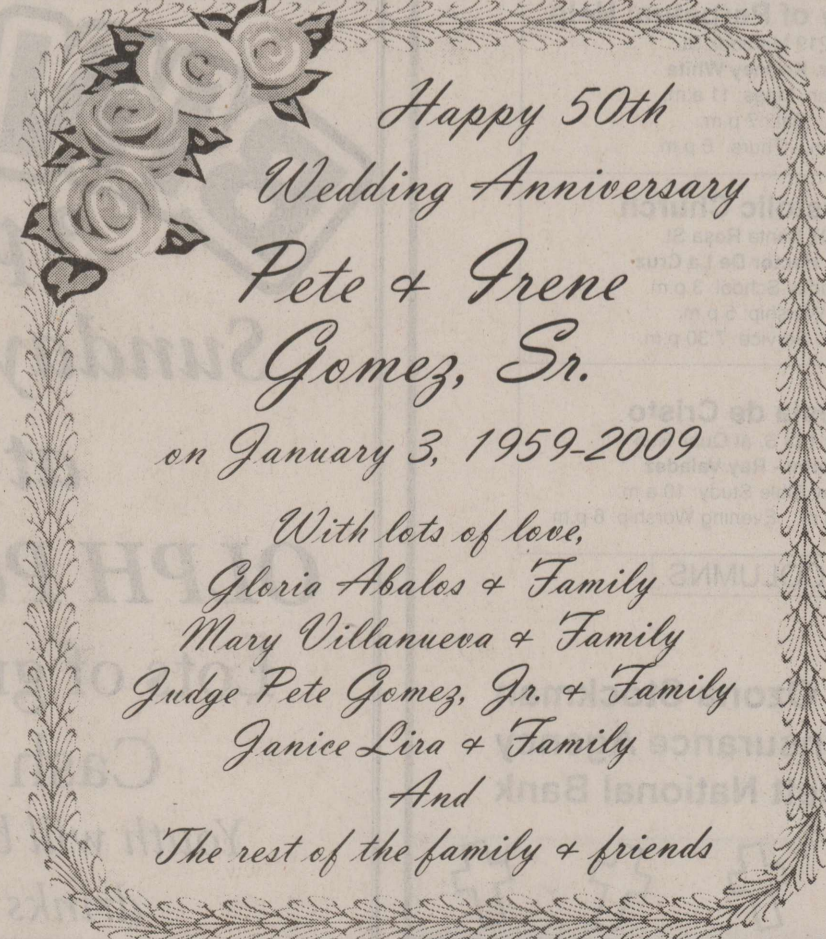
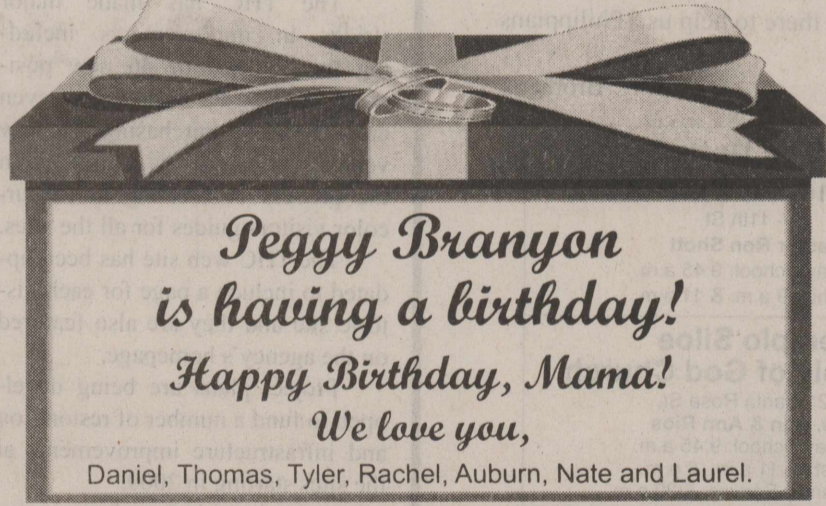
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Happy Birthday

- Jan. 7 - Rita DeLaRosa, Michael Savala, Virginia Lea and Johnny Tambunga Jr.
- Jan. 8 - Peggy Branyon, Tyson Vordick, Linda Talamantez, Jonathan Anderson, Penny Ramirez
- Jan. 9 - Tiger Lewis, Janette Lozano and Barbaree Fierro
- Jan. 10 - Zeke Gonzalez, Willie Payne Jr., Cipriano Perez, Cody Hunnicutt, Nereyda Vega, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Will Hoover and Nikolas Santiago
- Jan. 11 - Sean Davis, Melissa Oviedo Samarripa, Michael Esparza, Penny Stewart, Lydia Fierro and Alicia Lopez
- Jan. 12 - Kevin Webb, Mario F. Mendoza, Maria Antonia Quiroz, Heidi Williams and Alan Bloebaum
- Jan. 13 - Mark Valadez

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Community Calendar

- Wednesday, Jan. 7**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, Jan. 8**
- OMS Lions and Lady Lions at the Reagan County Tournament at Big Lake.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friday, Jan. 9**
- OHS UIL Academic Meet, student holiday.
- Saturday, Jan. 10**
- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Presidio, 10 a.m. at the Davidson Gym.
 - OMS Lions and Lady Lions at the Reagan County Tournament at Big Lake.
 - Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Monday, Jan. 12**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Commissioners Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OMS Lady Lions vs. Kermit at 5 p.m. at the Becky Childress Gym.
 - OMS Lions vs. Kermit at 5 p.m. at Kermit.
 - Joint Commissioners Court and CCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6 p.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Tuesday, Jan. 13**
- Intrepid Home Health Care blood pressure and blood sugar checks, 11 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
- Wednesday, Jan. 14**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

This week a New Year began with a cold day and we are forecasted to get even colder. Here in West Texas it is always a wait and see situation.

Al and Betty Fields must be better because they were seen out riding on Saturday. Saturday was just too beautiful for them to be indoors. Both of you keep getting better.

Esther Williams is up and going again. We were happy to see her back in church Sunday. She really had a difficult time after her surgery.

Crockett County Senior Center will be having the Senior Bingo Social at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8. Please plan to come out and join us. For supper we will be serving Mexican Stack, cookies and coffee, tea or water. There will be no charge but we need you to bring a bingo prize.

On Tuesday, Jan. 13, Intrepid Home Health Care will be here at the Senior Center at 11 a.m. to check blood pressure and blood sugars.

There is not a charge for this and only a short wait.

Our condolences go to the family of Celia Galvan who passed away this past Saturday. Celia will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

Concho Valley Community Action from San Angelo does not know exactly when they will be coming to Ozona. They are out of money at this time and will most likely will not be funded until February. Therefore it may be the first week of March before they are back. The Concho Valley Community Action is the organization that helps those who qualify with their utilities.

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 "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. Everyone is in agreement that it is time to get back in shape after Christmas and New Years after eating all that delicious food.

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.

Is it red or bright pink? Jean Odom came in to play bridge wearing a new suit and it became the topic of the day as to what color it is. My consensus is that it is raspberry color.

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.

Care Center Chatter

By MARTA DE LA GARZA
Activity Director

Happy New Year to all from the residents and staff of the Crockett County Care Center.

Residents and staff celebrated New Year's Eve with snacks, listened

to music and some of the residents had wine as they enjoyed each other's company.

During these holidays, the staff took time to visit with residents and families. Our staff has been wonderful help with decorating the facility resident's rooms and taking good

care of our residents.

We continued to play bingo, dominoes, puzzles, exercise, reading, nail care and beauty shop.

We are looking forward for our fund-raiser this summer.

Call Marta-Activity Director, at 392-2671 for more information.

Flu shot clinic Jan. 14

The Texas Department of State Health Service will host a Flu Shot Clinic from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Jan. 14 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Cost is \$10 donation. Anyone who cannot afford the \$10 donation, talk to the people at the Texas Department of State Health

Service, they will not deny anyone services.

For more information, call 392-2965.

Historical commission to host house museum workshop

AUSTIN, Texas The Texas Historical Commission (THC), in partnership with the American Association for State and Local History and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is hosting the Historic House Museum Issues and Operations workshop Feb. 19-20 in Austin. The event will be held at the French Legation Museum, 802 San Marcos St.

Participants can explore management, collection and interpretation issues during workshop sessions and address questions about how to translate research into interpretive themes, storylines and plans. An interpretive exercise focused on designing interesting house tours is also included in the program.

Other topics will feature marketing, working with volunteers, understanding earned income, developing membership programs and caring for buildings and landscapes.

The workshop is designed for first-time directors, new and mid-career professionals and dedicated volunteers involved in historic house museums.

Early registration for the event closes on Jan. 19. For more information, visit www.aaslh.org or contact the THC's Museums Services Program Specialist Carlyn Hammons at 512.463.5756 or carlyn.hammons@the.state.tx.us.

OBITUARIES

Celia Emma Galan

Our beloved Mother and Grandmother went to our heavenly Father on Jan. 3, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband Jose Galan, son Frank Galan and grandson Joe Thomas Galan.

Survivors include her sons Jose Galan of California, Javier and Ofelia Galan of Ozona, Andy Galan of Ozona and daughters Queta and Jesse Fierro of Ozona, Ludy and Ernest Vargas of Ozona, Mari and Bob Ferguson of Belton, Texas.

Grandchildren include Jesse Fierro Jr. of Ozona, Harvey and Gloria Fierro of Pflugerville, Texas, Mark and Nicole Fierro of Aurora, Colo., Frank and Lynn Galan of Ozona, Lee David and Cheryl Galan of Midland, Ernest Vargas of Houston, Dennis and Ashley Vargas of Fort Stockton, Levi and Mackaly Vargas of San Angelo, Paul and Terry Galan of Illinois, Paula and Richard Martinez of Ozona, Kimberly and Melo Dominguez of Ozona and Joann Galan and Rieco Galan of California.

She is also survived by 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Survices were Monday, Jan. 5, at Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

Local historical commission is selling Crockett County DVD

The Crockett County Historical Commission is selling DVD copies of Crockett County History.

It is essential to know something of the past.

The DVDs will feature the history that is currently in the green Crockett County History Book.

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 Commission and the Crockett County Public Library Genealogy Archive.

The book, published in 1976, is primarily a county history told through the lives of individual families.

Cost for the DVDs is \$50. Money will be collected when the DVDs are delivered in January.

The Crockett County Historical Society chose to publish this book as its part in celebrating the American Revolution Bicentennial.

For more information, or to place an order, call 392-3565.

If we are to build for the future,

Levis & Lace Square Dance News

By TINA JARVIS
Levis and Lace Square Dancer

Saturday night we will dance at the Senior Center at 7 p.m. and I will be calling the dance.

Everyone is invited to join the fun. Keep it square and happy dancing!

Free caregiver series Thursday

Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley presents a caregiver mini-series "A Healthy Start to a New Year" with Amber Christianson and Amber Miller.

Come and receive hands on instruction to help you become a better caregiver.

The series will be from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Concho Valley Council of Governments, 2801 W Loop 306 Suite A in San Angelo.

All classes and materials are offered free of charge. Refreshments provided.

Free respite care available to qualified caregivers. To register, call Mary Herbert or Mary E. Palos at (325) 223-5704.

Historical commission marks anniversary of new historic sites

AUSTIN, Texas — January marks the one-year anniversary of the transition of 18 historic sites from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

In August 2008, approximately 228 acres of land adjacent to Varner-Hogg Plantation was acquired, reclaiming land that was previously part of the plantation and also protecting the area from encroaching development.

These sites, which tell the real stories of Texas, join the THC's two other historic properties, the National Museum of the Pacific War and the Sam Rayburn House Museum.

Two small city lots were also obtained adjacent to the Fulton Mansion, which will be utilized for a future visitor and education center.

The THC has made major strides in improvements including the addition of 46 new positions, opening all sites six or seven days a week, purchasing 21 new vehicles and staff is currently in the process of creating new four-color visitors guides for all the sites.

A complete list of the acquired sites includes Acton Historic Site, Caddoan Mounds, Confederate Reunion Grounds, Eisenhower Birthplace, Fannin Battleground, Fort Griffin, Fort Lancaster, Fort McKavett, Fulton Mansion, Landmark Inn, Levi Jordan Plantation, Magoffin Home, Sabine Pass Battleground, San Felipe, Starr Family Home, Sam Bell Maxey House and Varner-Hogg Plantation.

The THC web site has been updated to include a page for each historic site and they are also featured on the agency's homepage.

To learn more about the THC's historic sites contact the Historic Sites Division at (512) 463-7948 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

Project plans are being developed to fund a number of restoration and infrastructure improvements at the sites starting in 2009.

HITTING THE TARGET

This Christmas season my son decided to teach his son some gun safety. Finally, after a lot of instructing on how to properly handle a firearm, we went outside to shoot a little target by the trash barrels. We made sure no one else was around and we gave him one bullet and taught him how to safely load and unload the little gun. We also taught him how to check to see if it was on safety or not. Eventually, the time came for him to shoot at the target. He could not or would not hold the gun very still. He shot all around the target and after many tries hit the edge of it. He still had not hit the bull's-eye but he was getting closer. Later on that day, we went out again and this time he got in the red, not dead center but close. That event reminds me about something about the Christian life. We have to learn how to live the way God wants us to, (1 Thessalonians 4: 1-2, Ephesians 4: 17-19, 5:15) and the Bible is our instruction manual, (2 Timothy 3:16). Maybe we can not hit the bull's-eye dead center now, but we can keep trying and God is there to help us, (Philippians 4:13). And who knows we might even learn to hit it dead center.

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. 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>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>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 Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>

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TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN TRUSTEES GRAHAM CHILDRRESS AND DAN DAVIDSON both of Ozona, Texas, are presented with TSRHC travel bags as a token of appreciation for their dedication to the San Angelo Sporting Clay Shoot benefiting TSRHC. Both conceived the idea of creating a sporting clay fundraiser for the benefit of TSRHC in the San Angelo area. Pictured from left to right are: Abby Tomlin, TSRHC staff; Betsy Yeckel, TSRHC staff; Graham Childress, TSRHC Trustee of Ozona, Texas, and his wife Marion Childress; Dan Davidson, TSRHC Trustee of Ozona, Texas; John Schoonmaker, senior vice president and chief financial officer of TSRHC, and Bob Walker, executive vice president and administrator of TSRHC. The clay shoot raised more than \$110,000 and more than 485 shooters attended.

Texas Forest Service distributes \$5.7 million to local fire departments

COLLEGE STATION, Texas— Texas Forest Service is delivering a little holiday cheer to more than 900 Texas fire departments.

Through a legislative grant, TFS is distributing \$5.7 million to departments that helped fight wildfires during the 2005-06 wildfire season.

Ozona Volunteer Fire Department was included on the list.

Fire Chief Bob Falkner said he is still awaiting word on how much Ozona will receive.

House Bill 15 of the 80th Texas Legislature provided funds to help pay for the cost of fighting wildfires statewide between Dec. 1, 2005, and Sept. 18, 2006. A portion of these funds were designated to help local fire departments recover some of the expenses incurred during that time period.

"We were in total surprise when we received the check," John Rob-

inson, assistant fire chief for the Retreat Volunteer Fire Department, said. "This money will definitely help us purchase things we need. We are hoping some of it will go towards a down payment on a new tanker."

Texas Forest Service's role in this reimbursement process is to verify fire reports and to distribute the payments to the fire departments. Expenses eligible for reimbursement were reported and determined through the Texas Forest Service Fire Reporting System.

House Bill 15 provided for the recovery of fire department expenses that were not already covered by FEMA or TFS emergency grants. Some local fire departments received reimbursements from FEMA for the period of time that Texas was under a Presidential Emergency Declaration. In addition, fire departments that submitted eligible requests for

grants during the fire season received TFS Rural VFD Assistance Program emergency grants.

Delbert Robertson, fire chief for the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Department, said his department was very glad to get the reimbursement money.

"We had no idea this money was coming," Robertson said. "We are going to use it to get a new pumper tanker to use on rural fires."

To view a listing of fire departments receiving reimbursement payments, visit <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu>.

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LCRA to hold transmission project open house Jan. 15 in McCamey

Submitted by the Lower Colorado River Authority

The public is invited to attend an open house in McCamey for a transmission line improvement project in Upton, Crockett and Pecos counties.

The "come-and-go" style open house will be Thursday, Jan. 15, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the McCamey Park Building Auditorium, 212 W. Seventh St., in McCamey.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) in November 2008 ordered LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) to add a second 138-kilovolt circuit to its existing structures on the North McCamey to West Yates transmission line between its North McCamey Substation and the future location of the new McCamey B Substation.

New easements only will be required at two specific locations, while the remainder of the transmission line will be installed on existing structures and easements.

The new McCamey B Substation will be constructed about 15 miles south of the North McCamey Substation.

The exact location will be determined after the PUC issues a final order to construct the McCamey B Substation to LCRA TSC or another transmission service provider. A decision is expected in early 2009.

LCRA employees will share information with the public and answer questions about the project during the open house.

Exhibits describing the project and the PUC approval process will be explained.

The McCamey B to North McCamey 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 areas

of high demand throughout the state. The CREZ effort, as approved by the PUC in summer 2008, will approximately triple Texas' current level of wind generation capacity.

The transmission lines developed through CREZ also will increase reliability of the Electric Reliability Commission of Texas grid and increase the transfer of wind and other power into various parts of the state.

LCRA Transmission Services Corporation was formed in 2000 to separate LCRA's generation and transmission operations according to the rules established in Senate Bill 7 in 1999.

The wholly owned nonprofit corporation today owns, operates and maintains more than 4,000 miles of transmission lines, 300 substations and a state-of-the-art system operations control center.

LCRA is a nonprofit conservation and reclamation district that provides energy, water and community services to Texans.

Created by the Texas Legislature in 1934, LCRA has no taxing authority and operates solely on utility revenues and service fees. LCRA supplies electricity to more than 1.1 million Texans through more than 40 wholesale customers.

LCRA also provides many other services to the region. These services include managing floods, protecting the quality of the lower Colorado River and its tributaries, providing parks and recreational facilities, offering

economic development assistance, operating water and wastewater utilities, and providing soil, energy and water conservation programs.

For more information, see <http://www.lcra.org/crez>.

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Texas starts testing horses for Contagious Equine Metritis

Submitted by the Texas Animal Health Commission

Texas is among 27 states tracing and testing horses that may have been exposed to contagious equine metritis (CEM), a highly contagious disease that can be transmitted during breeding or artificial insemination. CEM can cause temporary infertility of horses.

The disease, not known to affect humans, was first detected in the U.S. in 1978, then again in 1979. In both instances, the infection was eradicated.

In mid-December 2008, a CEM-infected quarter horse stallion was detected in Kentucky during routine testing for international semen shipment.

The USDA and Kentucky animal health authorities quickly initiated an epidemiological investigation, leading to the testing of more horses.

To date, seven infected stallions have been detected: four in Kentucky, and three in Indiana.

The Indiana stallions had spent part of the 2008 breeding season on the Kentucky premises where the initial CEM case was detected.

As of Jan. 2, 2009, 78 potentially exposed horses (nine stallions and 69 mares) in 27 states have been iden-

tified and located, and placed under hold order or quarantine by state animal health authorities, pending test results.

In Texas, veterinarians from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state regulatory agency for livestock health, have contacted the owners of 14 mares and a stallion with epidemiological links to the infected horses.

Testing of the 15 horses in Texas will begin the week of Jan. 5. Currently, Texas has no known CEM infection.

As the epidemiological investigation widens, at least 250 additional horses are being traced in more than 25 states.

Dr. Ellis, Texas assistant state veterinarian, stressed that CEM is spread by infected equine animals during breeding, not by casual contact or shared boarding facilities. CEM is a venereal disease transmitted by infected stallions either during natural service or through artificial insemination.

CEM-infected horses must be quarantined and treated with disinfectants and antibiotics over a period of several weeks. Following a course of successful treatment and re-evaluation, the animals may be certified CEM-negative and released from quarantine.

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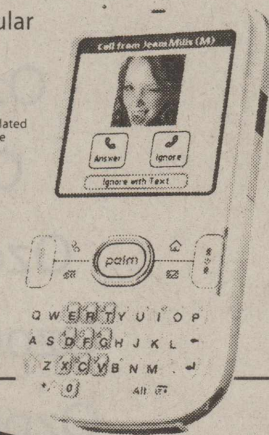
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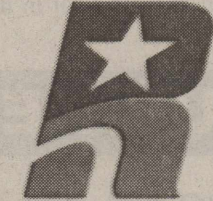
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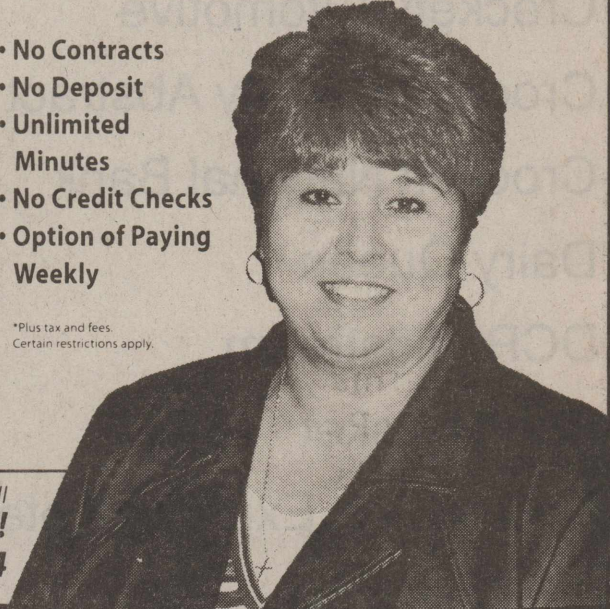


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JV LADY LION STACY QUIROZ RACKED UP 10 POINTS for the Lady Lions in their 47-35 victory over the Kermit Lady Yellowjackets.

JV Lady Lions pounce Kermit

The JV Lady Lions defeated Kermit 47-35 on Jan. 2.
Scoring: Natalie Hernandez 6; Rebecca Ramos 7; Adrienne Sanchez 12; Alex Rodriguez 4; Stacy Silva 6; Stacie Quiroz 10 and Maria Villarreal 2. Also playing: Layla Perez, Emalee Hamilton and Raelynn Arredondo.

The JV Lady Lions are 9-5. They will face Presidio at 10 a.m. Saturday and then Sonora at 5 p.m. Tuesday. Both games are at the Davidson Gym.

Lady Lions fall to Kermit by one point

The Ozona Lady Lions lost by one point, 25-24, to Kermit on Jan. 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 11 6 5 - 24; Kermit - 4 8 4 9 - 25.

Scoring: Brandi Glosson 2; Melanie Miller 4; Vanessa Rodriguez 4; Jessica Elston 5; Alysha Lara 2; Kristen Mendoza 3 and Melissa Miller 4.

The Lady Lions are 12-7 overall and 1-2 in district play.

They will play Presidio at 10 a.m. Saturday and then Sonora at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Both games will be at the Davidson Gym.



Photo By Joe Hernandez

ALEX RODRIGUEZ added four points to the JV Lady Lions win on Jan. 2 against Kermit.



Photo By Joe Hernandez

CHRISTY RODRIGUEZ works the ball toward the basket in the varsity Lady Lions Jan. 2 game against Kermit.



Photo By Joe Hernandez

JV LADY LION NATALIE HERNANDEZ passes the ball.



Photo By Joe Hernandez

MELANIE MILLER dribbles past a varsity Kermit Lady Yellowjacket.

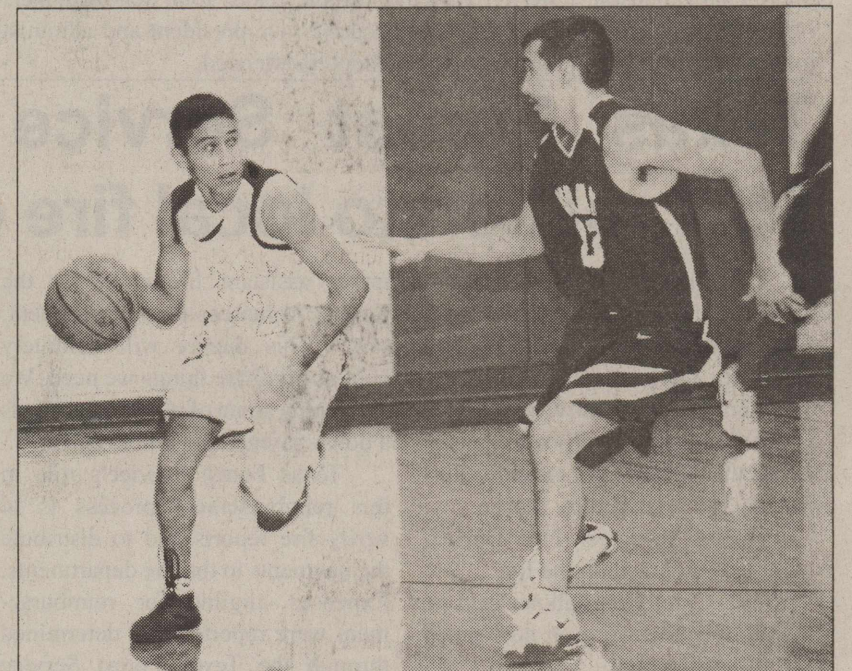


Photo By Joe Hernandez

ABEY LARA moves down the court for the Varsity Lions.

Lions fall to Yellowjackets

The Ozona Lions took on the Kermit Yellowjackets Jan. 2 in Ozona. The Lions were hoping to play well in their first district game of the season.

Ozona trailed after the first quarter by a score of 20-15.

Kermit expanded on their lead at half by a score of 32-25.

The Lions had difficulty finding the basket in the third quarter and were outscored by the jackets by a score of 27-8.

Kermit continued its dominance of the Lions and went to win by a score of 82-47.

The Lions were led in scoring by Steven Silva with 18 points.

"When you shoot 38 percent from the free-throw line, shoot 13 percent from the three-point line and play as little defense as we did giving up 50 points in a half, your not going to win," said Coach Ted Rohan. "We will address the defensive side of things in practice Monday, and look to play better."

The Lions are 9-9 overall and 0-1 in district play.

They will play Presidio at 10 a.m. Saturday and then Sonora at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Both games will be at the Davidson Gym.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Adrienne Sanchez
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Natalie Hernandez
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Gingerbread, Decorated Cookie contest winners

By **SUSIE BISHOP**
County Extension Agent-FCS

Winners in the 1st annual Gingerbread House and Decorated Cookie Contest:

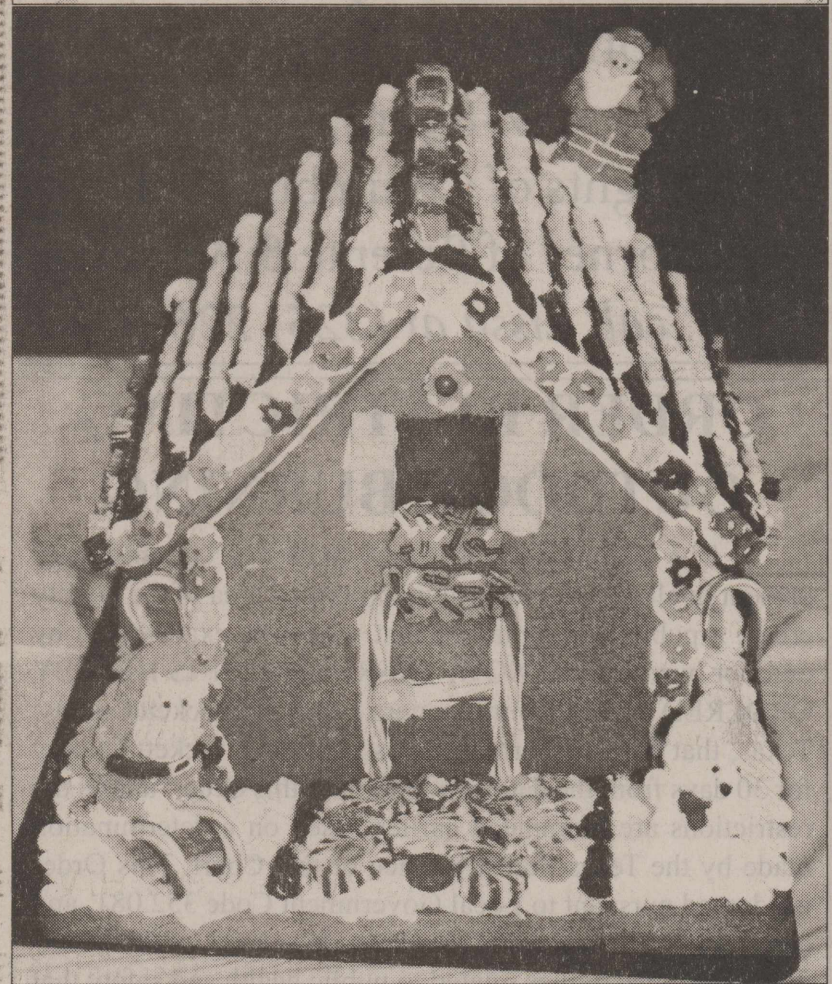
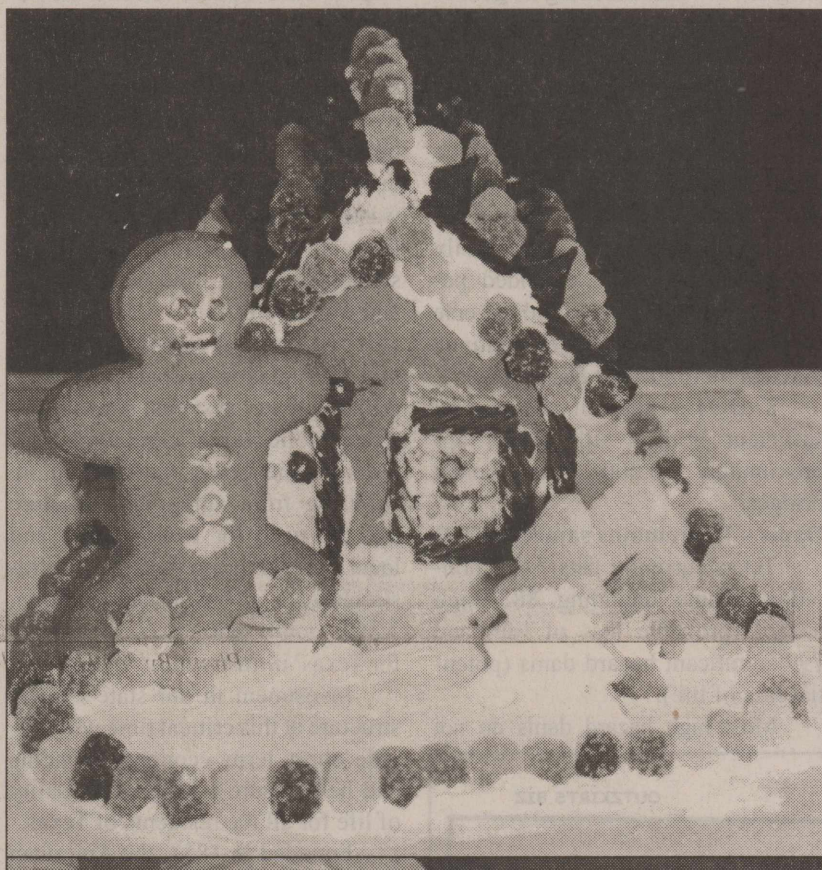
- 6-11 years age group - 1st place Madison Childress, 2nd place Trace Justiss, 3rd Place Noel Fierro and Thomas Cruz
- Adult Gingerbread House - 1st place Christy Cruz and friends.

- Group Gingerbread House- 1st place Ozona Community Center, Miss Amiee's Class
- Decorated Cookie Contest:
- 6-8 years age group - 1st place Jacob Childress and 2nd place-Austin Martinez.

- 9-11 years age group - 1st Place Madison Childress.
- Group - 1st place Ozona Community Center - Miss Selma and Miss Alishia's class.



JACOB CHILDRESS and MADISON CHILDRESS each placed first in the first annual 4-H Gingerbread and Decorated Cookie Contest last month. Pictured below are photos of some of the entries.



The Stockman Deadline is NOON on MONDAY!

Girl Scout Cookie Time

Girl Scout Troop 525 and Brownie Troop 515 are currently selling cookies through December. For more information, call Girl Scout Troop 525 leader Katie Friend at 392-5154 or Brownie Troop 515 leaders Bernice Fierro at 226-8093 or Sylvia De Hoyos-Longoria at 392-2466.

4-Hers compete at Odessa show

By **SUSIE BISHOP**
County Extension Agent-FCS

Exhibiting lambs at the Sand Hills Stock Show and Rodeo this past Thursday and Friday were Brenna Hale, Lane Hale, and Wes McGuire.

Lane Hale won the Sr. Showmanship Award.

In class 2 Brenna Hale placed 15th. In class 3 Lane Hale placed 3rd. In class 4 Lane Hale placed 11th. In the class 5 Wes McGuire placed 8th.

Exhibiting Meat Goats were Trace Justiss, Cuatro Jones, Alex Hopper, and Lexi Poindexter.

In class 1 Trace Justiss placed 10th, Cuatro Jones placed 12th, and Alex Hopper placed 16th.

In class 2 Trace Justiss placed 15th. Trace was called back for Junior Showmanship.

We appreciate all the parents that helped hall animals and kids to Odessa.

We will be going to Kerrville for the Hill Country District Jr. Livestock Show on Jan. 22.



Submitted Photo
ADRIAN TREVINO, nine year-old son of Ramiro Trevino killed his first buck on a lease in Ballinger. The buck had eight points.



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PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, January 22
6:30 p.m.

OZONA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

DISCUSSION/QUESTION/ANSWERS

REGARDING THE PROPOSED DISTRICT ACADEMIC REWARD TRIPS

(All interested parents and community members need to attend)

Youth Center Calendar of Events

Jan. 12 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Dec. 19 - OMS 7th Grade Air Hockey Tournament

1. Vivian Medina
2. Robert Weddle

Dec. 27 - OMS Pool Tournament

1. Jeffery Sanchez
2. Saul Benson
3. Hazael Damian

Dec. 30 - OMS Pool Tournament

1. Jon David De Hoyos
2. Jonatan Arredondo
3. Christian Perez

Jan. 3 - OMS Pool Tournament

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

No report was available this week from the Crockett County Sheriff's Department.

RABIES:

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Gray fox cases are down overall from an all-time high of 265 cases in 1994 to 11 reported through October 2008.

The specialized baits for coyotes are made of fish meal. The vanilla-flavored bait for gray foxes is made of dog-food and molasses. Encased in each bait are 2 milliliters of oral rabies vaccine. "The vaccine cannot cause rabies in people or animals," Oertli said.

Because baits contain a biological agent and are less likely to be eaten by wildlife if people touch them, baits should not be handled.

The brown baits, measuring 1/4 by 1/4 by 1/4 inches, are marked with a DSIS toll-free number, 1-877-722-6725, people may call for information.

"Getting pets vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian as required by law is still essential to preventing the spread of rabies," Oertli said. He added that a domestic animal's rabies vaccination can be safely given even if the animal recently ate an oral rabies vaccine bait.

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Texas earns C- on infrastructure

Submitted by the Texas Section American Society of Civil Engineers

AUSTIN, Texas - Unfortunately traffic congestion, stressed drinking water systems, overloaded wastewater treatment plants, and flooding events are all too common experiences.

The Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Monday released its 2008 Texas Infrastructure Report Card Update, which assigned the state's infrastructure a cumulative grade of C- in 13 infrastructure areas - roads and highways, bridges, transit, aviation, schools, drinking water, wastewater, dams, solid waste, hazardous waste, navigable waterways, flood control and energy.

The purpose of the 2008 report card update is to help continue to raise public awareness of the importance of a dependable and well-maintained infrastructure.

This infrastructure is essential for our public health, quality of life and serves as a foundation for economic growth in the state. These three infrastructure areas were chosen for re-evaluation to help provide background and support for the upcoming legislative session and due to the growing demand on our transportation infrastructure, the recent catastrophic bridge failures with the concerns these have raised and the significant threat to the general public should a high hazard dam fail. Previous grades of the condition of Texas's transit, aviation, schools, drinking water systems, wastewater, solid waste, hazardous waste, navigable waterways, flood control and energy were used with the three updated grades to calculate the cumulative grade of C-.

"The health, safety and welfare of our residents is tied directly to the condition and quality of our state's infrastructure" said Ricky J. Bourque, P.E., president of the Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. "This dismal grade indicates the below average condition of many infrastructure systems in Texas. Not only is our infrastructure currently being under funded based on current needs, but at present levels of investment we will continue to fall further and further behind unless we take action to close the funding gap.

If Texas wants to grow economically and maintain our quality of life, investment into infrastructure needs to be a higher priority."

The 2008 update focused on three areas from the 2004 report card - Texas's roads and highways, bridges and dams in terms of condition and performance, capacity versus need, and funding versus need.

Road and Highways - D (reduced from C- in 2004)

The Texas Transportation Commission can fund less than 40 percent of projects deemed worthy and cost-effective, and this situation is often a direct result of inequities in the re-distribution of Federal gasoline taxes to states where drivers log higher numbers of vehicle miles. The construction cost index increased by 66 percent over the past five years. The 2009 Texas Legislature should work on addressing the current lack of funding to avoid further degradation of roads and highways in Texas.

Bridges - B-

(increased from C- in 2004)

Texas has 49,829 bridges. Of these, 11,336 are considered non-sufficient: i.e. structurally deficient, functionally obsolete, or sub-standard. The number of non-sufficient bridges is decreasing by an average of 218 bridges per year.

For the 5-year period between 2001 and 2006, TxDOT has made significant progress in the improvement of bridges and has made steady progress towards reaching its goal of having 80 percent of our bridges sufficient by September 2011.

However, at current inventory levels, the state still needs to improve 274 bridges per year to reach its goal. Recent large reductions in maintenance and replacement/rehabilitation expenditures could easily disrupt progress and extended periods of budget cuts could reverse progress as many bridges continue to reach their 50-year design life.

TxDOT's goal of 80 percent sufficient bridges still leaves approximately 10,000 non-sufficient bridges.

Dams - D- (remains same as 2004)

Texas currently lists 7,478 non-federal dams including 888 high hazard (probable loss of life) and 799 significant hazard dams (potential loss of life).

Most high hazard dams do not

have regular inspections or maintenance and the estimated cost for repairs, in 2003, exceeded \$710 million.

The owners must provide all funding because there are no dedicated State or Federal funds.

While some dam owners have been able to fund rehabilitation projects, the number of structures improved each year represents only a very small percentage of the dams in Texas.

In 2007, the Texas Dam Safety program only received \$590,601 that was used primarily for inspections. In 2008 the program received \$666,549. Although the Dam Safety Program has increased the number of annual inspections and new rules will be enacted in 2008, the program still lacks the funding needed to ensure the safe construction, maintenance, repair, or removal of dams in the State of Texas.

Although the state has made significant investments many areas, most infrastructure areas are still in need of substantial investments for repairs, rehabilitation and expansion in order to provide quality service to the state's growing population. Based on the 2004 report card and the 2008 update, the greatest needs remain in schools, drinking water, dams (no change), navigable waterways, flood control and now road and highway infrastructure, which were assigned a poor grade of "D or below."

The 2008 Texas Infrastructure Report Card Update follows the national 2005 Report Card for America's Infrastructure, which assigned our nation's infrastructure a cumulative grade of "D" for 15 infrastructure areas - aviation, bridges, dams, drinking water, energy, hazardous waste, navigable waterways, public parks and recreation, rail, roads, schools, security, solid waste, transit and wastewater.

The national assessment shows that our nation's roads, bridges, drinking water systems, schools and other public works continue to deteriorate and Texas is no exception, suffering from aging infrastructure and the need for federal, state and local funds to bring the state's infrastructure to an adequate condition. ASCE stands ready to be a resource for Texas' infrastructure needs.

Investment in our state's infrastructure at this critical time will provide short term economic benefits and help ensure a long term quality of life for all the residents of Texas.

Founded in 1852, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) represents more than 146,000 civil engineers worldwide and more than 9,000 civil engineers in Texas. ASCE is America's oldest national engineering society.

For more information about the 2008 Texas Infrastructure Report Card Update, visit <http://www.texase.org/docs/ReportCard.cfm>.

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.

Fire department runs

JANUARY 1

• 4:10 a.m. - motor vehicle accident at the 333 mile-marker westbound on I-10. Truck tractor/trailer accident. Two units, five fire fighters. Time in service 3 hours 36 minutes.

JANUARY 2

• 10:43 a.m. - motor vehicle accident at the 368 mile-marker

on I-10. One vehicle involved, worked traffic. Two units, eight fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 17 minutes.

JANUARY 3

• 9:34 p.m. - structure fire 300 block of Avenue O. A 4x8 storage building next to a mobile home. Four units, 16 fire fighters. Time in service 1 hours and 22 minutes.

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DECEMBER 31

• Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.

JANUARY 1

• Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.

JANUARY 3

• Local run - no transport.
• Local run - no transport.
• Local run - fire standby.

JANUARY 4

• Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.

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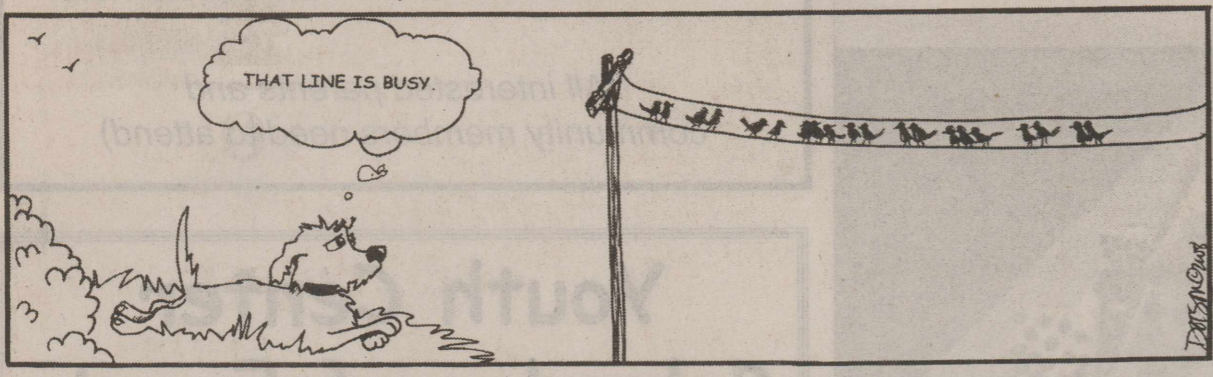
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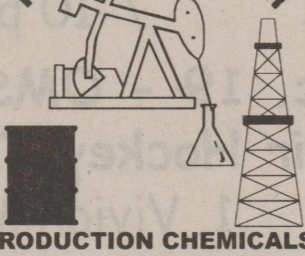
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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

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.

- Crockett County Commissioners' Court

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Fred Vela Fierro, Deceased, were issued on October 30, 2008, in Cause No. 1137, pending in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas, to: Petra Hernandez. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, c/o: Jody K. Upham Attorney at Law P.O. Box 4127 1014 Avenue E Ozona, Texas 76943 DATED January 5, 2009. Jody K. Upham Attorney for Petra Hernandez.

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Open House

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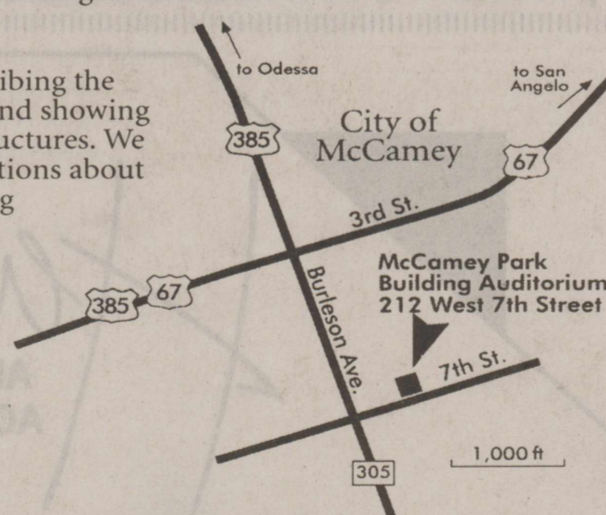
LCRA Transmission Services Corporation (LCRA TSC) is proposing to add to existing electric transmission facilities in Upton, Crockett, and Pecos counties. This project is one of several projects intended to allow for reliable and cost-effective delivery of power produced from wind generators located 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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