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## Super Saturday in Ozona

*Events include Breakfast with Santa,*

*Wool and Mohair Style Show and 22nd annual DeerFest*

BY MELISSA PERNER  
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Super Saturday in Ozona will take place Saturday, Dec. 5, with three festive events.

The day begins with Ozona Woman's League presenting Breakfast with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon at the Civic Center.

Tickets are \$10 for children and \$5 adult. They are available from any league member or at The Ozona Stockman.

The event includes breakfast with Santa, making an ornament for the Christmas tree and taking photos with Santa.

Children are also asked to bring their letters to Santa as he promises to answer every one.

League members are also bringing back their bazaar which will include food and craft items for sale.

There will also be a collection box set up for Toys for Tots at the event.

Proceeds will benefit the League scholarship fund and other community organizations.

At 2 p.m., the Crockett County Museum will host their annual Wool and Mohair Style Show featuring Dolores' Unique Designs.

A stylish wool and mohair jacket will be given away at the event. Tickets are \$1 each

or \$10 for 12. They are available at The Ozona Stockman, the museum or from any museum board member.

Lots of other prizes will be given away during the show.

In 1990, Dolores Vernor founded Dolores' Unique Designs in Camp Wood after discovering mohair.

She has designed jackets for former first lady and current senator Hilary Clinton, D-New York, and U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

At 5:30 p.m., the doors will open at the Fair Park Convention Center for the 22nd annual DeerFest.

Prize tickets are \$1 each and be found at several locations throughout Ozona. General Admission is \$10, which includes meal. Ten percent of the admission proceeds will go to the West Texas Rehab.

This year's DeerFest will give away over 65 guns, \$10,000 in Cabela's gift cards, a 2009 Polaris Ranger and numerous other prizes, including three diamond and pearl necklaces valued from \$400 to \$8,000.

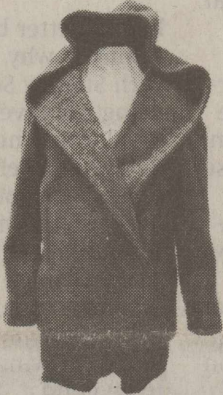
DeerFest proceeds are spread throughout donations to numerous local organizations and benefit annual scholarship fund.

For more information, visit [www.deerfest.org](http://www.deerfest.org).

### Super Saturday Schedule of Events:



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** - 10 a.m.-Noon at the Crockett County Civic Center. Tickets are \$10 for children; \$5 for adults. Ozona Woman's League will also have their famous Bazaar.



#### WOOL & MOHAIR STYLE SHOW

- 2 p.m. at the Crockett County Museum. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for 12 tickets to win the stylish wool and mohair jackets by Dolores of Dolores' Unique Designs.

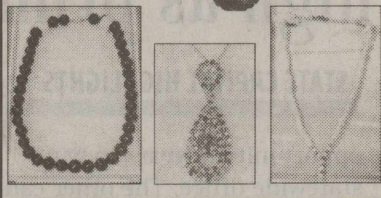
Lots of other prizes to be given. All proceeds benefit the museum.



#### 22ND ANNUAL DEERFEST

- 5:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center. Prize tickets are \$1 each. General Admission \$10 (includes meal), 10 percent of admission proceeds will benefit the West Texas Rehab. More than 65 guns, \$10,000 in Cabela's gift cards, a 2009 Polaris Ranger and numerous other prizes including three diamond and pearl necklaces donated by Wayne and Sherri Smith.

For more information, visit [www.deerfest.org](http://www.deerfest.org).



### Lights of Love ceremony Thursday

Lights of Love ceremony will be Thursday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. at the town square.

Children will sing at the gazebo and there will be a special surprise visitor from the North Pole.

Ozona Community Center, Head Start, Ms. Del's Little Schoolhouse, kindergarten, second grade and AWANA children will be singing. Hot chocolate and wassail will also be served.

### Santa letters due Dec. 11

Santa's making a list and checking it twice, so The Ozona Stockman wants to help him by publishing letters from the children of Ozona.

All letters are due by 5 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Stockman office located at 1000 Avenue E. These letters will then be published in the Dec. 23 edition.

Anyone interested in advertising in the Santa Letters Special Section can reserve their space as well. Deadline is also Dec. 11.

For more information on the letters, call Melissa Perner, editor and publisher, at 392-2551 or email [publisher@ozonastockman.com](mailto:publisher@ozonastockman.com).

For more information on advertising, call Susan Calloway, ad director, at 392-2551 or email [susan@ozonastockman.com](mailto:susan@ozonastockman.com).

### Congressman's visit intense on health care, economy issues

BY MELISSA PERNER  
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

When U.S. Rep. Ciro Rodriguez visited Ozona in August, he was greeted by numerous local citizens wanting questions answered about the economy and health care.

Last week, Rodriguez made another visit to Ozona. This time the number of citizens was small, and the questions turned to unhappy statements about what Rodriguez and the rest of his colleges have been doing in Washington, D.C.

Rodriguez tried to begin his discussion about the stimulus package and the health care reform bill, both of which he voted for, but the people of Ozona had a different statement for him.

"Why are we sending money to Washington D.C. and then sending it back to Austin? Our Founding Fathers had no concept of a health care plan where we get to pay for someone else's living. This is not a catch all for the federal government to do what they want to do. We are entitling ourselves out of an

existence and we are giving our kids and grandkids tons of debt," said Ben English, local schoolteacher and retired DPS Trooper.

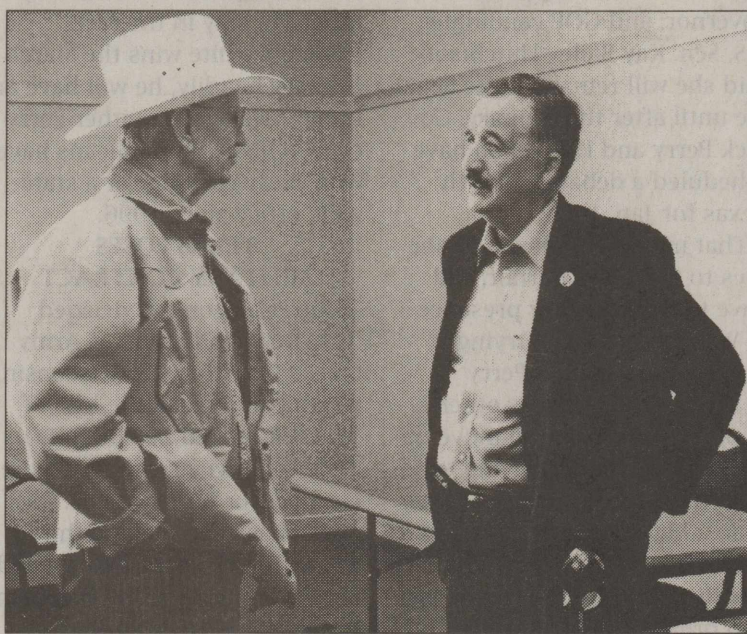
Rodriguez said that the intent of the health care reform bill is to look at those uninsured, including 35 percent that live in Rodriguez's district which spans from El Paso to San Antonio.

Rodriguez also tried to compare providing public health care to requiring people to have insurance to drive and supporting a public school system.

"Health care is a quality of life issue. It's important we provide the public welfare. Health care is one I believe is a public responsibility and public issue," Rodriguez said.

English asked Rodriguez if the congressman listened to his constituents before voting on the health care bill that passed in the House earlier last month.

English said that he tried to call Rodriguez's office that day, which was a Saturday, and no one answered the phone at his office. Eng-



U.S. REP. CIRO RODRIGUEZ (right) visits with Jack Riggs during his stop in Ozona on Nov. 24 at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

lish said he also sent Rodriguez an email. Rodriguez voted for the bill, which narrowly passed the House 220-215.

"This is most important vote in the last 20 years and no one is there to check the phone? Why there are so few people here today is the rest have given up on you, they feel speaking to you is a waste of their time," English said.

English also questioned Rodriguez about voting along party lines, specifically following House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

As English began to question Rodriguez about an article in The Washington Post, the San Antonio Democrat immediately responded

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### Commissioners adopt resolution for new Precinct 4 polling place

BY MELISSA PERNER  
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners have adopted a resolution to make the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center the polling place for Precinct 4.

The commissioners met Monday during a special called meeting.

Copies of the resolution will be sent to the U.S. Department of Justice and the Texas Secretary of State's office. If the Justice Department does not respond within 60 days, then the change goes into effect automatically.

The resolution states that the reason for this change is that there is no suitable building available for use as a polling place in Precinct 4.

In past elections, the Ozona Primary School was used. In the Nov. 3 State Constitutional Amendments election the Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church was used.

The redistricting will not affect any voters and the change will also move the Texas Department of Public Safety into Precinct 4 as well. Both the chamber and DPS office are in Precinct 1.

This change will take place before the March 2, 2010 Primary Election.

The first day to file for a place on the primary ballot is Thursday, Dec. 3. The last day to file is Jan. 4, 2010.

Offices up for Election in 2010 include U.S. Representative, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commissioner of General Land Office, Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commissioner, State Senator, State Representative, District Judge, County Judge, District and County Clerk, County Treasurer, County Commissioners Precinct 2 and 4 and Justice of the Peace.

The next commissioners' court meeting is Dec. 14.

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# Opinion

## Texas Open Meetings Act should be left intact

In Texas the law is clear. Governing bodies must conduct the people's business in public or else face some serious penalties.

This statute has protected the public and elected representatives alike for the past 42 years with a basic premise: public bodies should deliberate in public.

The days of making backroom good ol' boy deals in private are a thing of the past because the Texas Legislature outlawed it by passing the Open Meetings Act in 1967, and strengthening it in 1973 after the infamous "Sharpstown Scandal."

### GUEST COLUMN BY BILL HOBBY

Yet, there are some serious and troubling attempts underway that could open the door for that very thing to occur. At least three Texas cities and the Texas Municipal League are endorsing a legal challenge in the courts that will render Texas' Open Meetings Act ineffective. TML, which is supported by your tax money in the form of membership fees, is urging more than 1,100 Texas cities to sign on to a federal lawsuit. The details of the challenge are

stated simply: These public officials claim the Texas Open Meetings Act unconstitutionally restricts their right of free speech under the First Amendment. Of course, they are free to say anything they wish to anyone they wish at any time they wish. However, when they are meeting as a quorum of a governmental body, they must say it in front of the public at an open meeting.

Even more importantly, the First Amendment cannot be a shield to prevent accountability of public officials, but guarantees access to the workings of

these governmental bodies just like it does to our courts.

TML wants criminal penalties such as jail time stripped from the law that has protected the public for more than four decades. They believe the current language is too punitive and argue "...less restrictive penalties would not only continue to preserve the integrity of the Texas Open Meetings Act but would also recognize the fundamental right of city officials to free speech."

In other words, if public officials break the law in the future

by conducting business in secret - i.e., exercising their rights to "free speech" behind closed doors, a slap on the wrist should be punishment enough.

It simply defies logic and apparently not all of TML's own members agree with this position. As reported in The Brownsville Herald, Nov. 21, 2009, TML board member and Mercedes Mayor Joel Quintanilla said, "Either I misunderstood the entire meeting or something is happening. The way I understood it, we all (board members) voted in favor of keeping the restrictive

penalties, not lessening them." Quintanilla went on to say, "We didn't want elected officials to get comfortable."

He's not the only one apparently confused by TML's action. Mercedes Commissioner Ruben Guajardo is also quoted as saying, "The consensus (of the TML Resolutions Committee) was that things were fine the way they were (with the Texas Open Meetings Act) and that trying to reinvent the wheel was not in the best interest of everyone

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## New mammogram recommendations, just a start of things to come

New recommendations for mammograms have brought the health care debate to a new level.

On Nov. 16, the 16 members of the independent U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommended that most women delay routine mammograms until age 50 (instead of 40, as the panel advised in 2002). The task force cited enhanced analysis of the risks and benefits of screening as the reason for the new guidelines.

In addition, the panel said breast self-exams do no good, and women shouldn't be taught to do them.

I find these new recommendations interesting as Congress is currently debating health care reform. The new recommendations also scare me to death.

While I have never had anyone in my family diagnosed with breast cancer, I do have several friends that have fought the battle. Many of these women can be seen every October on the courthouse steps honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The idea of changing guidelines for mammograms is just a start.

According to an article in Time Magazine, new guidelines on Pap smear screening for cervical cancer have delayed the age at which young women should begin regular testing and reduced the frequency of testing in older women. Doctors are also questioning the usefulness of prostate-cancer screening among otherwise healthy middle-aged men, as studies begin to show that the test, which has many risks, may not necessarily lead to fewer deaths from the usually slow-growing cancer.

The Senate health reform bill currently being debated would also rely on the task-force guidelines to determine what preventive medical services private insurers would be required to cover at no cost to patients. How convenient that the task force come out with these recommendations at this time? This is what scares me.

While my family has not been hit with breast cancer, we have had members fight other types, all of which were discovered under current recommendations and preventative guidelines.

The USPSTF says that screening 1,339 women in their 50s to save one life makes screening worthwhile in that age group. Yet USPSTF also says screening 1,904 women ages 40 to 49 in order to save one life is not worthwhile.

The American Cancer Society stated that it feels that in both cases, the lifesaving benefits of screening outweigh any potential harms. Surveys of women show that they are aware of these limitations, and also place high val-



### WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

ue on detecting breast cancer early.

"With its new recommendations, the USPSTF is essentially telling women that mammography at age 40 to 49 saves lives; just not enough of them. The task force says screen-

ing women in their 40s would reduce their risk of death from breast cancer by 15 percent, just as it does for women in their 50s. But because women in their 40s are at lower risk of the disease than women 50 and above, the USPSTF says the actual number of lives saved is not enough to recommend widespread screening. The most recent data show us that approximately 17 percent of breast cancer deaths occurred in women who were diagnosed in their 40s, and 22 percent occurred in women diagnosed in their 50s," the ACS stated on its website.

Like many other organizations, the ACS is not changing its guidelines and stating that women beginning at age 40 should have yearly mammograms.

The scary part about the recommendations is while the ACS is sticking to the old guidelines, insurance companies could adopt the new ones putting many women at a hardship without coverage.

This can also be said for other preventative screenings that may come up for debate.

It's a fact that increased awareness initially resulted in a higher rate of breast cancer diagnosis, but early detection has helped reduce sharply the fatality rate. From 1998 to 2005, the number of breast cancer deaths in women fell by 1.8 percent per year. Recent statistics show that 98 percent of women diagnosed with cancer confined to the breast are alive five years later.

This doesn't mean that we step back, take a deep breath and not worry about our health.

Everyone should know what is going on with his or her body. However, if we are not taught to look for the signs, to get tested and screened then how will we know if something is wrong?

As we reopen this debate about the best balance between preventative testing and going overboard, let's make sure we include the voices of survivors, especially those who might not be alive today if the revised recommendations had been in place when their cancer was detected.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman.

## With Gavel They Travel

There are two things I don't know for sure about auctioneers: I can't pin down exactly why they are called "Colonels" and I don't know where the tradition started that they use gavels. Whoever that first hammerhead was I'd like to kill him. You see, I'm gradually going deaf and it's not because I've been married for 36 years but because of the auctioneer's incessant hammering with their gavels. Rat-a-tat-tat, they sound like some woodpecker on steroids. It's enough to drive a person crazy. And in my case, the damage appears to be irreversible.

In many ways auctioneers are like rock stars. They are both high maintenance celebrities and they both perform to a beat. The rockers keep their beat with drums and guitars while the auctioneers use a gavel. While car auctioneers at the big Barrett Jackson auto auctions use a gavel the size of a small sledge hammer, art auctioneers at Sotheby's and Christie's usually use a petite round chunk of wood. I've seen auctioneers use everything from a Copenhagen can to a two-by-four and I even saw my friend Butch Booker use a ball peen hammer one time at a farm sale. The spoon makes a good gavel unless it is in the hands of Rick Machado who is so rough on the silverware that he can go through an entire service for 16 during one sale. With the silverware often flying out of his hand we have tried to keep the knives and forks away from him. But then he starts borrow-

ing pocket knives, which can be even more lethal.

Some auctioneers have told me they use a gavel to point to the bidders in the crowd because pointing at them with your hand would be rude. But I hardly see how threatening them with a hammer can be considered more polite.

My good friend and one of the best auctioneers of all time, Skinner Hardy, used a gavel like an orchestra conductor. He kept a better beat than a bass drum, which I think is why I am deaf! I also traveled with Stanley Stout quite a bit and besides using his gavel to sell cattle he used his to break car windshields, open beer bottles, defend himself and otherwise wreak general havoc. Some other great auctioneers I've worked with, men like Pat Goggins, John Rodgers, his brother Eddie and the late great Ken Troutt, were never known as big bangers and yet they had some of the sweetest sounding singsong chants ever heard, proving that you don't need a gavel to be good.

In the prehistoric past, before computers, auction clerks had to work with auctioneers who used gavels. Have you ever tried to write while the table you were

writing on was bouncing up and down? Even after they started using computers the gavel men were still a major headache. One time during a video auction I was reading the descriptions off a computer monitor when all of a sudden it dropped off the table, crashing to the ground. It had gradually been edging towards the edge with each pounding of the auctioneer's gavel but we'd all failed to notice it.

Most gavel men have a favorite hammer that they use and, despite the strong attachment they feel towards their gavel, they are always leaving them behind. I have returned no less than a dozen gavels over the years to auctioneers who left them on the auction block. (As I was writing that sentence I realized what an idiot I've been. I still might have partial hearing if I'd have just burned them for firewood.)

These days the airlines confiscate gavels because they could be weapons in the hands of terrorists which, when you think about it, accurately describes an auctioneer's gavel. Before they were considered terrorist tools, I was traveling with a Colonel who, when he got his coat out of the overhead compartment, dropped his gavel in the aisle. The attendant picked it up and, mistaking him for a traveling Judge, said with a twinkle in her eye, "Here's your gavel your Honor."

Never in the history of all mankind has anyone ever been more mistaken!

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## Interest high as primary filing period opens

AUSTIN — The filing period to run in next year's Democratic and Republican primaries opens Thursday, Dec. 3, with an extra helping of political interest. Former gubernatorial hopeful Tom Schieffer is out of the Democratic Party primary race; Houston Mayor Bill White now is considered the leading Democratic candidate for governor; and GOP candidate U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said she will remain in the Senate until after the primary. Gov. Rick Perry and Hutchison have scheduled a debate in North Texas for Jan. 14.

That means Hutchison, if she files to run for governor, will have to maintain her presence in Washington while trying to campaign against Perry in Texas. And it leaves other Republicans hoping to move up the political ladder having to seek their current offices rather than a higher or different one in the March 2 primary. The deadline for filing to run in the two primaries is Jan. 4.

White is a proven fundraiser and popular mayor who would give the Democrats their best

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opportunity in years to win statewide office. The other candidates who have said they will enter the primary race for governor are rancher Hank Gilbert, hair products entrepreneur Farouk Shami and humorist Kinky Friedman. All said they intend to stay in the race.

Even if White wins the March primary handily, he will have an uphill race against either Perry or Hutchison. Republicans have won every election for a statewide office since 1996.

#### TEXAS LOSES MILITARY CONTRACT

The Pentagon has decided to switch production of Army trucks from Sealy to Wisconsin, which could mean the loss of \$2.6 billion and 10,000 jobs if Texas politicians can't save the contract for BAE Systems. BAE, which has been making the trucks for 17 years, lost the bid for the contract to the Oshkosh Corp.

Oshkosh had financial help from the Wisconsin governor's office and the support of the

state's Democratic congressional delegation. Gov. Perry's office said BAE did not ask for the governor's help in securing the contract. Oshkosh's bid to build 23,000 trucks and trailers over the next five years was about 10 percent below BAE's.

"We never saw this coming — we were completely blindsided," says a top aide to U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, a former member of the Senate Armed Services Committee panel with jurisdiction over military vehicles.

#### PERRY REJECTS SCHOOL STANDARDS

Gov. Perry has told Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott the state should not adopt national standards in seeking federal stimulus money. The U.S. Department of Education is giving preference for Race to the Top stimulus funds to states that adopt national standards and assessments for public school students.

Perry said that Texas is ahead of most states in setting

standards for students to be college-ready at high school graduation and that the federal government should not be intruding in Texas classrooms. In a release from his office, Perry said Texas is eligible for as much as \$750 million in Race to the Top funds, but it would cost the state up to \$3 billion to realign its education system to meet the education department's standards.

"The federal government works best when it supports

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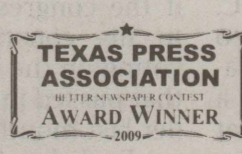
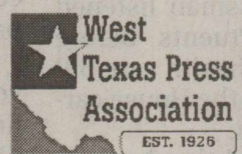
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# Toys for Tots collections every Saturday

BY FRANK TAMBUNGA  
TOYS FOR TOTS

The 2009 Crockett County Veterans Toys for Tots Campaign began on Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

Crockett County Veterans will be out collecting new unwrapped toys. So many times I am asked the question why do we do this each year? To those people that ask here is why I do it.

Around our country and other parts of our world millions of needy children receive a new toy each Christmas from Marines through the Toys for Tots Program they deliver a message of hope.

Marines began the Toys for Tots program for this reason. We do not have active Marines in Crockett County, but we do have retired Marines and other veterans from other military branches. These men and women in Crockett County want to deliver the same message of hope to all children in Crockett County.

Economically disadvantaged children who receive toys through the Toys for Tots program have an opportunity to observe men and women just like themselves that have achieved success.

Youngsters readily recognize that active Marines and Veterans achieve their suc-



TOYS FOR TOTS: (left to right) Noah Tambunga, Marc Flores and Frank Tambunga collected Toys for Tots this past Saturday. Collections will take place every Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon at the town square and Village Shopping Center. Containers are also available at Dollar General and Duckwalls.

cess through adherence to the highest standards of discipline, patriotism, physical fitness, and moral character.

I do not want our Crockett County Children to miss out on receiving the message of hope and to observe how people that live in their County have achieved success.

This year will be a hardship for many families in Crockett County because of our economy situation. We need to come together and make sure that our families receive the support of everyone.

Please help me and the

rest of the Veterans of Crockett County to make this year Toys for Tots Campaign a big success.

If you have the opportunity to reach out and make a donation of either money or an unwrap toy please do so and help us make a difference in our Community.

We do have toy containers at Dollar General and Duckwalls. We will also be collecting toys or money donations every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the town square and at the Village Shopping Center.

## MUSEUM MEMORIALS

In Memory of:  
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## Happy Birthday

Dec. 2 - Juan Mendez, Jerzie Stella Sanchez, Nancy Childress, Maria C. Gutierrez, Traci Duncan, Rick Anderson, Salvador Mata, Matias Gandar III, Ellie Tijerina, Traci Garcia, Arron Martinez and Sue Owensby

Dec. 3 - Ianaa Hernandez, Chelsey Najar, Angelo Vitela, Desi Tijerina Sr., Kelli DeHoyos and Petra Hernandez

Dec. 4 - Jackie Rose Sanchez, Joe Sanchez, Samuel Maskill, Kayla Scott, Levi Bishop, Natalie Hernandez, Casey Mendoza and Rocky Munoz

Dec. 5 - Susan Williams and Megan McDaniel

Dec. 6 - Eddie Moore, Kyle Dean, Matt McGuire, Candace Gandar, Miguel Hernandez, Connie Arredondo, Vince Castro Jackie Sanchez, Joe Sanchez and Andrea Borrego

Dec. 7 - Kaleta Shepper-son, Martin Childress, Laney Galindo, Lupe Cervantez, Rachel Mendoza, Ken Sessom, Jose Aguilar, Mikey Burleson and Erik Carrizales

Dec. 8 - Ella Clegg, Joe Brandon Ortiz, Amanda Ramirez, Alma Longoria and Jimmy Tambunga

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Wednesday, Dec. 2

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Pecos River Protection Plan meeting, 2-5 p.m. at the Agrilife Extension Office.

### Thursday, Dec. 3

- Varsity Lions and Lady Lions at the Irion County Tournament in Merton.
- JV Lions and Lady Lions at the Sonora JV Tournament.
- Holiday Hands Arts and Crafts Fair, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lights of Love ceremony, 6 p.m. at the town square.

### Friday, Dec. 4

- Varsity Lions and Lady Lions at the Irion County Tournament in Merton.
- JV Lions and Lady Lions at the Sonora JV Tournament.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

### Saturday, Dec. 5

- Varsity Lions and Lady Lions at the Irion County Tournament in Merton.
- JV Lions and Lady Lions at the Sonora JV Tournament.
- Breakfast with Santa, 10 a.m.-Noon at the Civic Center.
- Wool and Mohair Style Show, 2 p.m. at the Crockett County Museum.
- 22nd Annual DeerFest, 5:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.

### Monday, Dec. 7

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lions vs. Crane, 5 p.m. at Crane.
- OMS Lady Lions vs. Crane, 5 p.m. at the middle school gym.
- OHS Guitar Concert, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

### Tuesday, Dec. 8

- Concho Valley Community Action Agency, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Christoval, 5 p.m. at Christoval.

### Wednesday, Dec. 9

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

## Angel Tree ornaments ready to be picked up

The Ozona United Methodist Church Wesley Nurse Program is sponsoring this year's Angel Tree program.

This program's purpose is to ensure all Crockett County residents experience the blessings of the Holy day of Christmas. It could not be successful without the help of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Ozona National Bank and Crockett National Bank.

Approximately 100 children and elderly residents in our community have been contacted. Their clothing needs have been placed on ornaments, which are decorating Christmas trees located at the OLPH Catholic Church, Ozona National Bank and Crockett National Bank.

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**Who: Children of all ages!**

**What: Breakfast & fun with Santa and Bazaar**

**When: December 5, 2009 10 a.m. to noon**

**Where: Santa's Workshop (Civic Center)**

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**LIBRARY NEWS** By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

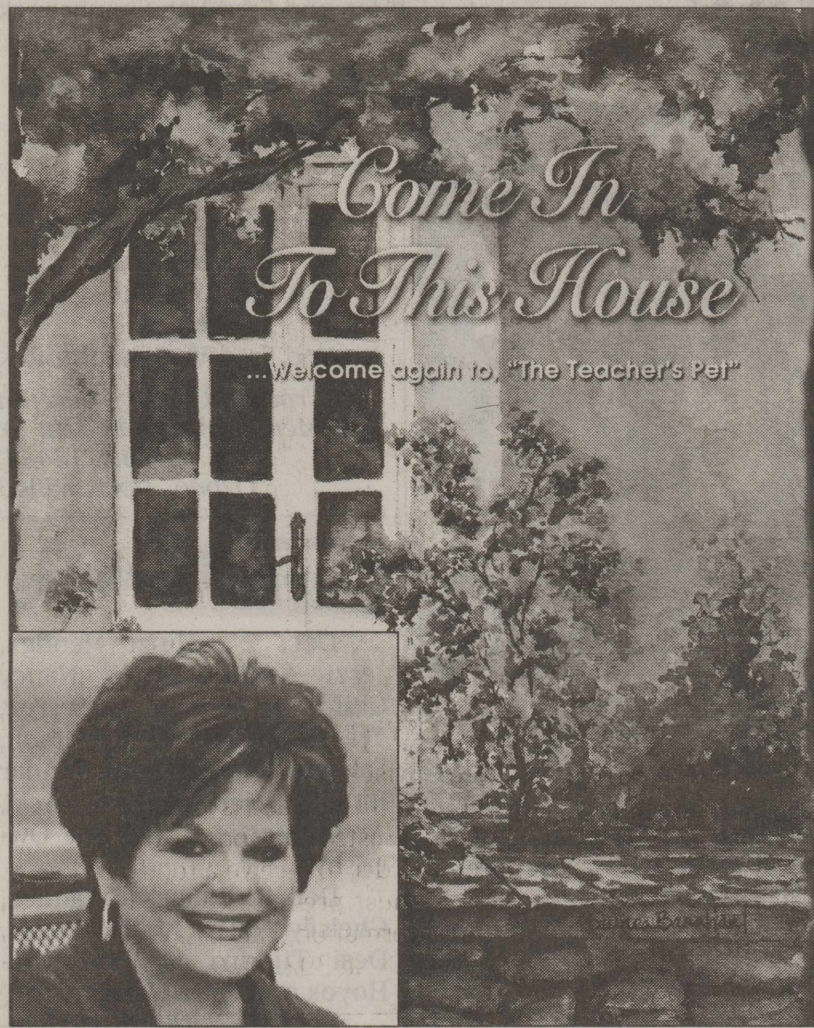
**Christmas cooking at the Dec. 10 Library Open House**

The Friends of the Library will host a Library Open House with a program and book signing featuring cookbook author Jeanie McDonald on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Jeanie and her crew hail from "The Teacher's Pet Tearoom" in Sterling City and have produced a beautiful cookbook "Come In To This House" that is perfect for Christmas giving - and using.

The story of this beautiful cookbook began in 1978 when Kay Woodward Davis, Carolyn Schmidt Davis and Jeanie McDonald purchased "Aunt Bob's" rock house in Sterling City and opened a clothing store for girls of all ages. Joining a partnership with the Teacher's Store in Ozona, the Teacher's Pet carried gifts and fashions. Then they added the "Pie Safe" and sold marvelous meringue pies. Then luncheons were added to the tearoom fare. Shopping, dining, visiting... what better activities for gals.

The Teacher's Pet closed after 10 years full of hard work, love, and friendships, but the vision and delicious food lives on in a beautiful cookbook, "Come In To This House" that includes menus, sweets, holiday heirloom treats, and a special section from each of the "Pet" ladies. The cookbook is beautifully



illustrated by San Angelo watercolor artist, Barbara Barnhart, with her happy doorways, windows, and gardens. "Come In To This House" sells for \$27 tax included.

Mark your calendars now and come get in the Christmas Spirit at the Library Open House and Program on Thursday, Dec. 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

BY LYNN ENGLISH  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

All of us here at the Senior Center are talking about how great our Thanksgiving Holidays were.

Mine was really exciting because I was able to see my six-week-old great-grandson, Liam Walker English. He came to visit with his mom and dad, Jessica and Logan English from North Carolina. Liam is the grandson of Laurie and Lyndon English.

The colder weather reminds us that Christmas is near and wasn't the rain good?

Helping Hands had their Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 25 at the Senior Center. A large group

attended and the meal was delicious.

The Crockett County Senior Center Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. All members are urged to attend.

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, the Community Action Council will be here from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Senior Center to assist those who qualify with their utilities.

Med Way Home Health will be here also on Tuesday to check blood pressures and blood sugars.

At 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, the Helping Hands Board will meet at the Senior Center.

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.

We have recently added to our equipment a projector with stand and a screen.

Also for your enjoyment, we have a Wii game and three different simulating games. We are anxious for these games to be used.

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

**OBITUARIES**

**Mary Lou Lilly**

Mary Lou Lilly, 78, of San Angelo went to be with the Lord on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009 in San Angelo.

Mary Lou was born on April 3, 1931 in Pampa, Texas to Mr. and Mrs. Martin. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1948 and went on to graduate from St. Paul School of Nursing in Dallas. She met and later married Charles "Gene" Lilly on March 21, 1952 and they shared 57 beautiful years of marriage together.

Mary Lou was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who was devoted to her family. She also dedicated her life to taking care of others during her nursing career. Mary Lou and her husband Gene founded Lilly Construction, Inc. in 1955 together they worked to create a successful business.

She is survived by her loving family, husband, Gene Lilly, of San Angelo; two daughters, Jana Wilson and her husband Dave, of Ozona and Dona Lilly, of El Paso; four grandchildren, Faran Morris and her husband Justin, of Ozona, Stefan Wilson, of Ozona, Dalan Wilson, of Ozona and Amanda Guerra, of Austin; and one great-granddaughter, Atleigh Morris, of Ozona.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009 at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

**Patsy Mayfield King**

Patsy Mayfield King, 78, died Saturday, Nov. 21, 2009, in Baton Rouge, La. She was born May 3, 1931 in Talpa, Texas. A memorial service is planned for a later date in San Angelo. Patsy asked to be buried near her parents in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona. Arrangements are by Resthaven Funeral Home, of Baton Rouge.

Patsy was full of life, love, fun and laughter. She will be dearly missed by her family and many friends.

She is preceded by her husband, Joe King; parents, Ivy and Edna Mayfield; brother, Bruce Mayfield and sister, LaVerne McDonald.

Survivors include her son, Bill King and wife Zana; daughter, Helen West and husband Dan; sisters, Billie Joyce of Big Lake, Dorothy Ratliff of San Angelo and Carolyn Mayfield of Palm Springs, Calif. and grandchildren, Mackenzie West of Dallas and Hampton West of Baton Rouge.

Please share sympathies, condolences and memories at resthavenbatonrouge.com.

**OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM NEWS**

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL  
OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM

"Celebration with Bells"

was the theme of the Woman's Forum program, enjoyed by man of its members and guests on Nov. 17. The Community Handbell Choir, introduced by Rosalind Williams, presented many delightful selections from its broad repertoire, which put everyone in a holiday mood.

Before the program Beth Hoover led members in the Club Collect and the Pledge to the U.S. Flag. The Rev. Ron Shott welcomed everyone to the Ozona United Methodist Church. President Nell Wester led the business meeting. Hostesses Janet Pullen, Ann Shaw, Lynn English and Mary Sellers served a delicious trif-

fle made by Janet Pullen to the members and guests.

It was decided that the Woman's Forum will sponsor one banner to honor our servicemen, which will be placed in the town square at a later date.

Members present were: Marilyn Bean, Sandy Bebee, Norma Carson, Marilyn Cox, Lynn English, Janie Everett, Bobbie Griffin, Beth Hoover, Virginia Hubbard, Shirley Kirby, Linda Moore, Brenda Newton, Jean Odom, Willa Perry, Diane Phillips, Janet Pullen, Katharine Russell, Mary Sellers, Kathleen Shott, Louise Taliaferro, Nell Wester and Rosalind Williams. Several guests also attended.

The next meeting will be Dec. 14 for an "Inspirational Talk" by Lauren Johnson in the First Baptist Church Parlor.

**Ozona Boy Scout reunion being planned**

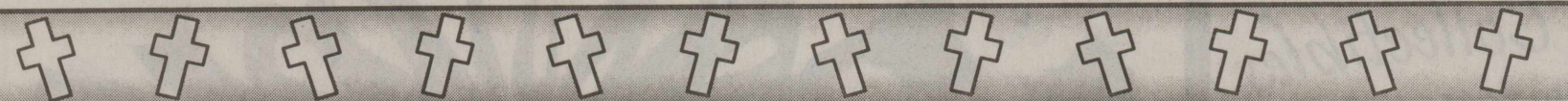
In February 2010, the Boy Scout program will be 100 years old.

The current troop is planning a reunion for anyone who was in either troop from Ozona. This includes troop leaders.

Anyone who was in

troops, or leader of the troops, or if anyone knows of someone who were in the

troops, call Linda Conner at (325) 392-8125 with their current address, leave a message if no answer, or email this: momiscrazy2@verizon.net or bsaozona@verizon.net.



**NO TRESPASSING**

During the Thanksgiving Holiday my six year old grandson and I were riding around in the pickup when he noticed a NO Trespassing sign on a fence. He asked me what does trespassing mean. I had to think about an answer and I finally said it means going somewhere you are not supposed to or do not have permission to go. That reminded me of something in the Bible. The Bible talks a lot about trespassing. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden their relationship with God was broken. The only way that relationship with God could be restored was through a sacrifice. Later on God spelled out very specifically what the sacrifice could be and how it was to be presented, (Leviticus 1:1-17). It was by the shedding of blood and once it was done properly they had peace with God and fellowship was restored. Today we do not sacrifice animals because the blood of Bulls and Goats can not permanently remove sins, (Hebrews 10:4-12) so God provided one last and final sacrifice for sin, (Luke 22:19, John 1:29, Hebrews 13:11-13). It was in the person of Jesus Christ, (John 3:16, Acts 4:12, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Just as in the Old testament times they had to admit or acknowledge they had sinned and trust the sacrifice they presented would satisfy God or be acceptable to Him, (Leviticus 1:9, Hebrews 10:14). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

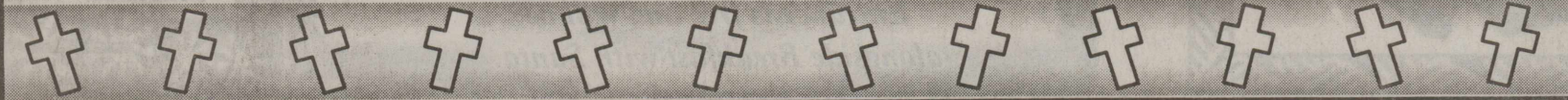
<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awana: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b> 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Templo Bautista Jerusalem</b> 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><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b> 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church</b> 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan &amp; Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat &amp; 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><b>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia</b> 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 219 Martinez St. Fr. Felix Okeke Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Apostolic Church</b> 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><b>New Beginnings Church</b> 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>		<p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>

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# Pecos River Basin meeting today

FORT STOCKTON - The Pecos River Basin Assessment Program has announced the watershed protection plan for the Pecos River in Texas is now complete, printed and ready to be implemented.

A series of public meetings for landowners is scheduled Dec. 1-3.

The meetings are meant to familiarize the public with the plan and help eligible landowners learn where to apply for the cost-share funding the program provides, said Gary Bryant, Texas AgriLife Extension Service program specialist and the project's coordinator headquartered at Fort Stockton.

"The watershed protection plan is the culmination of the Pecos River Basin Assessment Program, which began in 2004," Bryant said. "The objective of the program is to create a long-term, landowner-driven management plan that will restore water quality within the river."

"The watershed protection plan we will be discussing at the upcoming meetings includes a variety of management practices that landowners can voluntarily implement on their property," he said. "The plan also includes the continued delivery of educational programming, informational meetings and ways for landowners to interact with each other and with agency personnel."

Bryant fills the position formerly held by Will Hatler of Stephenville.

Hatler, who was recently promoted to AgriLife Extension program specialist, will continue to work with the project, but Bryant will handle day-to-day management.

Meeting information is as follows:

• Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-noon, Community Center, Pecos.

• Dec. 1, 2-5 p.m., Community Center, Imperial.

• Today, Dec. 2, 2-5 p.m., Texas AgriLife Extension Service office, Ozona.

• Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-noon, Civic Center, Iraan.

The entire watershed protection plan will be available online at <http://pecosbasin.tamu.edu> once all the meetings are complete.

Local soil and water conservation district offices will also have a limited number of printed copies available.

Bryant said funds have been secured to treat additional saltcedar along the river using aerially applied herbicide and to burn debris left behind from earlier treatment efforts.

These two tasks will be carried out at no cost to the landowner.

The funding also pays for the establishment of 10 saltcedar leaf beetle colonies along the river, educational materials and programs and the development of at least 20 water quality management plans for properties contiguous to the river.

The funding will also allow us to install a second real-time water quality monitoring station upstream of the U.S. Hwy 67 river crossing near Girvin," Bryant said.

For more information, call Bryant at (432) 336-8585, or contact any AgriLife Extension agent or soil and water conservation district employee in the affected counties.



**KATIE PERNER (left)** killed her first deer over the Thanksgiving holiday on Nov. 28. She shot the deer with a 44 rifle that belonged to her father Clint Perner while hunting on the Pecos River Ranch owned by her grandparents, Ginger and Paul C. Perner III. Katie also field dressed it and skinned it herself.

## Nutrition/Food Pantry program Dec. 11

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Dec. 11, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This class focuses on nutritious food and spending your food money

wisely. Recipes will be given.

The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register. For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060.

## Program offers help with utility bills

The C.E.A.P. Program and the W.A.P. Program are the programs intended to make funds available to respond to the energy needs affecting low-income households.

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mental condition which is determined to last); households with children under 6 years; households with the lowest income that pay the highest portion of their income for home energy and households that have been on the weatherization waiting list for two or more years.

Concho Valley Community Action Agency representatives will be in Ozona from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Senior Center.

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## Faith in Action Volunteer Training Dec. 11 in San Angelo

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RSVP by Dec. 9. For more information, call 223-5704, ext. 231.

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# Lady Lions claw Comstock

The Ozona Lady Lions defeated Comstock 45-11 on Nov. 23.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 15 12 11 7 - 45; Comstock - 2 0 5 4 - 11.

Scoring: Natalia Ortiz 3; Brandi Glosson 7; Raelynn Arredondo 2; Melanie Miller 2; Adrienne Sanchez 2; Stacie Quiroz 4; Vanessa Rodriguez 10 points and 8 rebounds; Jessica Elston 13 points and 9 rebounds and Alex Macias 3. Also playing Kristen Mendoza

and Alex Cruz.

"We played great defense the entire game. I was proud of our hustle. I thought we also rebounded better than we have the entire year with 40 total rebounds," said Coach John Jackson. "We are getting better and it is noticeable each time we step on the floor."

The Lady Lions are 5-2. They will play in the Irion County Tournament this week in Mertzon.



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

NATALIA ORTIZ goes after a varsity Comstock Lady Panther.



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

STACY QUIROZ goes after the ball with the help of Raelynn Arredondo in the varsity Lady Lions 46-11 win over Comstock

## Seventh Grade Lady Lions B Team takes loss

The Seventh Grade B Team Lady Lions lost to Alpine 14-8 on Nov. 24.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 4 - 8; Alpine - 6 8 - 14.

Scoring: Becky Mata 2;

Maira Ramirez 2; Meagan Espinoza 2 and Melissa Lazano 2. Also playing: Nydia Valdes, Krislynn Harris, Amber DeHoyos, Alexis Perez and Kaylee Ramirez.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

AUSTIN SUDDRETH MAKES A PASS TO A VARSITY LION TEAMMATE.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

MARRISA HELD dribbles down the court in the seventh grade A game.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

KEYANNA PEREZ concentrates in the seventh grade Ladies A game.

# Lions pounce Comstock

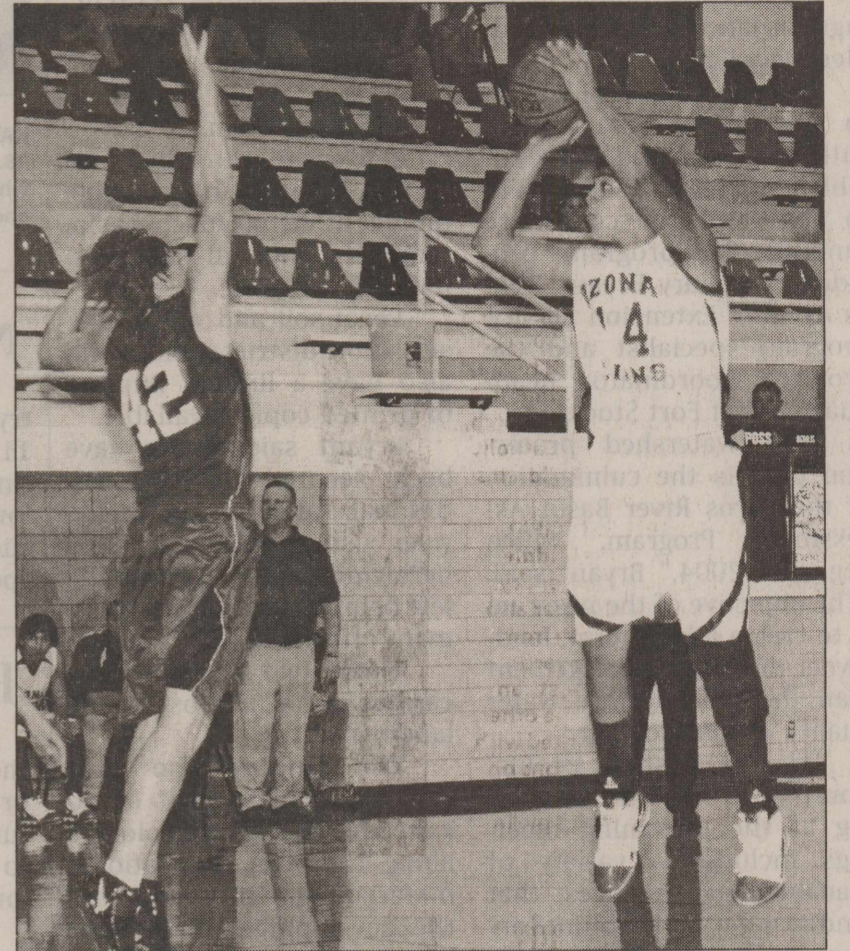
The Ozona Lions defeated Comstock 58-38 on Nov. 23.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 14 12 9 23 - 58; Comstock - 9 15 4 10 - 38.

Scoring: Kyle Sewell 17; Zane Hernandez 10; Jose Aguilar 9; Abey Lara 8; Eric Talamantez 6; Zeth Hernandez 4 and Austin Suddreth 4. Also playing: Alex Borrego and Lalo Longoria.

We jumped into a 2-3 zone for most of the second half because they had a few guys that we could not seem to guard," said Coach Ted Rohan. "We outscored Comstock by a score of 23-10 in the fourth quarter. We will play them in the first round of the Irion County Tournament Thursday."

That game is set for 2 p.m. in Mertzon. The tournament will run through Saturday.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

ZANE HERNANDEZ GOES UP FOR A JUMP SHOT in the varsity Lions 58-38 win over Comstock.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

ABEY LARA zips past a varsity Comstock Panther in the Lions Nov. 23 victory.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

ZETH HERNANDEZ moves the ball down the court for the varsity Lions in their win over Comstock.

## Youth Center Calendar of Events

Dec. 5 - Youth Center will be CLOSED for DEERFEST

Dec. 7 - OHS Guitar Concert, 6 p.m. - Refreshments Served.

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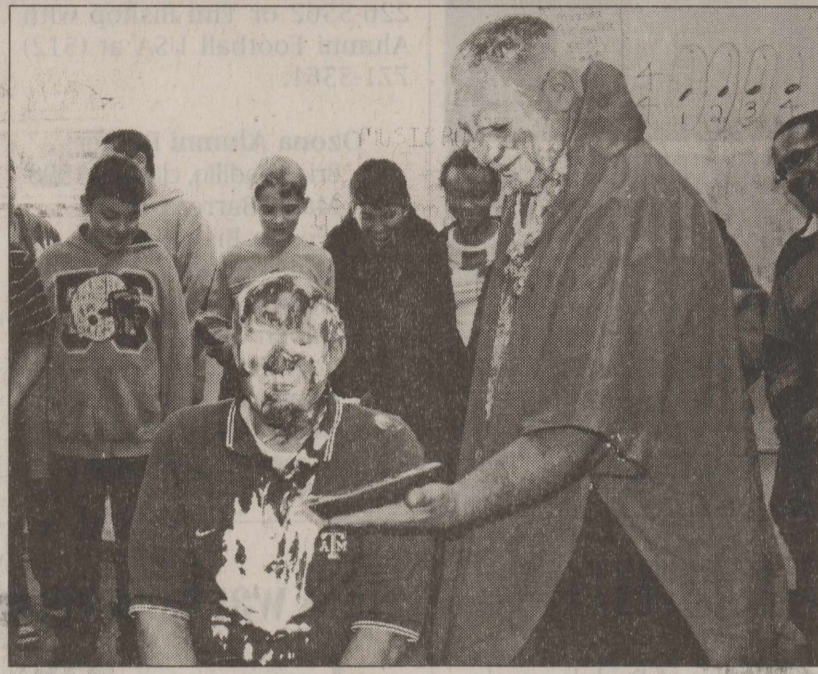
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**TOP: OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL** students collected 4,952 cans for a Thanksgiving canned food drive. Their cans, combined with the high school's total was around 8,500 cans of food that were distributed to the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, the Ozona United Methodist Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and women's and children's shelters in San Angelo.

**RIGHT: HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL BENNY GRANGER** smacks Middle School Principal Houston Hendryx with a pie in the face. Granger also received an equal smacking from Hendryx with a pie. The reward for the campus with the most can food collected was to see the other campus principal get smacked with a pie. With can food collections on both campuses being so close, both principals decided to take a pie in the face.



**Pancake supper raises \$4,012 for Oscar Rodriguez**



The Ozona High School Senior Class held a pancake supper on Nov. 24 to benefit their classmate Oscar Rodriguez who is needing a kidney transplant.

The supper raised \$4,012. Along with the supper, there was also a bake sale and drawing for several prizes.

Tickets are still on sale to win a horse. They cost \$10 each.

Donations for Oscar can be made to an account set up at Ozona National Bank.

Seniors Lilianna Camarillo and Jolissa Payne coordinated the event.

"I am very proud of the Senior Class and these two girls," said OHS Principal Benny Granger.

On behalf of the OHS Seniors of 2010, they would like to thank the community for coming out and supporting the pancake supper for Oscar. Also, thank you to all the

businesses and organizations who made donations, and thank you to everyone who helped in the kitchen and helped serve.

Also, a big thank you to OHS Principal Benny Granger for his help in putting the event together. It was a huge success.

**Seventh Grade Lady Lions lose to Lady Bucks**

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions lost to Alpine 26-8 on Nov. 24.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 0 2 6 - 8; Alpine - 14 2 4 6 - 26.

Scoring: Keyanna Perez 4 and Marissa Held 4. Also playing: Bethany Martinez, Kaylenn Elston, Janna Munsell, Megan Bullard and Alexis Aguilar.

"We were off to the races the first half and didn't play very well, but we settled down the second half and started playing basketball. We started doing a lot of good things the second half and started scoring. We are improving each week," said Coach Dedra Rohan.

**Eighth Grade Lions fall to Bucks**

The Eighth Grade Lions fell short to Alpine 26-21 on Nov. 23.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 2 9 4 - 21; Alpine - 7 8 2 9 - 26.

Scoring: Tyler Galindo 2; Daniel Gonzalez 4; E.Z. Rivas 6; Saul Vargas 7 and Michael Ybarra 2. Also playing: Ely Montanez, AJ Ramos and Logan Glaspie.

**Eighth Grade B Team loses to Alpine**

The Eighth Grade B Team Lions lost to Alpine 23-10 on Nov. 23.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 0 5 2 - 10; Alpine - 5 6 8 4 - 23.

Scoring: Erick Rodriguez 3; Emilio Mendez 3; Robbie Sanchez 2 and Ruben Soliz 2. Also playing: Tiger Lewis, Michael Vargas, Malcom Hensley, Hazel Damian, Norberto Quiroz and Jonathan Arredondo.

**Seventh Grade Lions fall to Bucks**

The Seventh Grade Lions lost to Alpine 29-17 on Nov. 17.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 6 6 1 - 17; Alpine - 10 8 4 7 - 29.

Scoring: Jayton Rodriguez 9; Chase De Hoyos 6 and Zac Taylor 2. Also playing: Ricky Porras, Bryce Gutierrez, Nathaniel Valdez, Dylan Perez, Ryan Porras, Daniel Lombrana and Jaramie Martin.

"This was a tough loss. I was proud of the effort and the fight that the guys showed. They never gave up, they just ran out of time. We had plenty of opportunities and were unable to capitalize on several fast-break opportunities. We played hard and we will continue to work hard and get better," said Coach John Esparza.



**OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL INVENTION CONVENTION WINNERS:** (front) Mitchel Cox, first place with "Easy Trash;" (second row) Ricardo Damian, Alyssa Newlin and Autumn Gonzales, second place with the "Bulb Reacher;" (third row) Maria Meja, Estafanie Torralba and Narda Aguilar, third place with the "Early Bird;" (far right, third row and back row) Erby Blanco, Jimmy Sellers and Noe Medina, fourth place with the "Dog Food Dispenser;" (back row center) Jeremy Munoz and Kevin Villarreal, fifth place with the "Mouse Terminator" and (back row left) Dulce Rodriguez and Maria Guerrero, sixth place with the "Cool Cup."

**Eighth Grade Lady Lions show defensive skills against Alpine**

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions lost to Alpine 14-8 on Nov. 23.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 2 4 0 - 8; Alpine - 1 5 6 2 - 14.

Scoring: Amy Quiroz 4; Kyann Hernandez 2 and Vivian Medina 2. Also playing: Nancy Rodriguez, Daisy Guerra, Angelina Ramos, Lexi Poindexter, Lazarae Rodriguez, Sierra Stokes, Rebecca Hernandez and Jennifer Marquez.

"After coming back from a disappointing loss to Sonora last week, the girls came out this week and showed Alpine that they are a team that can compete. They had an awesome game defensively against Alpine. The score reflects just how tough of a defensive game we gave Alpine," said Coach Jill Koerth. "Unfortunately, we were just a little short in getting the ball into the basket offensively. These girls continue to work hard in practice and we continue to fine-tune their skills, so look forward to great things from this team. This basketball season will be a competitive one and our girls will continue to grow and improve with each game."

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## Wadsworth wins saddle bronc in Carthage

The McNeese State University Men's Rodeo team finished first at the Panola College rodeo in Carthage, Texas, Nov. 20-21.

In saddle bronc riding, Dean Wadsworth from Ozona, finished in first place.

Wadsworth is the son of Kenny and E.A. Wadsworth of Ozona.

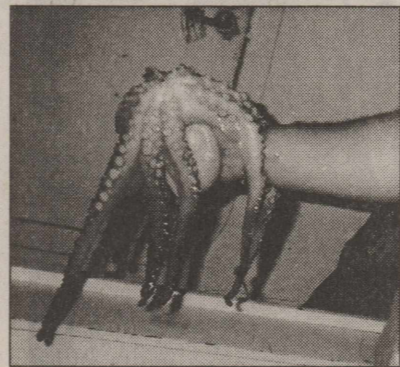
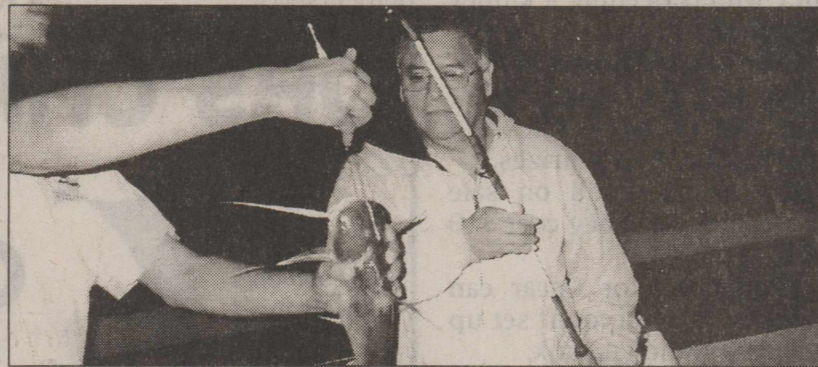
## Basics of Website Design seminar Tuesday

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center will host a "Basics of Website Design" seminar from 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in Room 100 of the Rassman Building at 2222 Dena Drive on the ASU campus in San Angelo.

Cost is \$10 per person. The seminar will teach the do's and don'ts of website design and options available.

For more information, call Jessica Lambert at 942-2019 or email [jessica.lambert@angelo.edu](mailto:jessica.lambert@angelo.edu).

Registration is also available at [www.angelo.edu/services/sbdc](http://www.angelo.edu/services/sbdc).



## Deep sea fishing trip continued

The following is a continuation of the deep sea fishing trip provided by Cruz Tambunga from last week's Ozona Stockman.

Displaying their catch are John Galvan, formerly of

Ozona, Ryan Ramos, of Ozona and Andrew and Ado Martinez, from Garland.

Also, a shark was caught by Juan, Rudy's employee of Garland.

An octopus was caught

by another of Rudy's employee.

Except for the shark and octopus, the fish was all cooked and eaten at the friends backyard cookout in Corpus Christi.

## Ozona vs. Big Lake Alumni Football Game set for Jan. 22

Former Ozona football players get to put on the pads and play in one more full contact football game.

Game is Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, versus Big Lake and will be played in Big Lake.

The next two practices are at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, and Sunday, Dec. 13.

Players can sign up online at [www.westtexasalumni.com](http://www.westtexasalumni.com), or they can call team captains Miguel Rio (325) 650-1175 and Jerold Savala (325) 226-5562 or Tim Bishop with Alumni Football USA at (512) 771-5561.

### Ozona Alumni Roster:

- Brian Badillo, class of 1998
- Mario Barrera, 2000
- Wesley Bishop, 2002
- James Caldera, 2009
- Ryan Cathey, 2005
- Ruben Cruz, 1997
- Luis Cruz, 2002
- Danny De Hoyos, 1991
- Dean Fierro, 1993
- Ofrael Galindo, 2009

- Juan Hernandez Jr., 2000
- Tommy Jones, 1999
- Alan Lozano, 2008
- Joe Luna, 2000
- John Luna, 2003
- Chris Martinez, 2004
- Ty Mitchell, 2000
- Stephen Montes, 1997
- Franky Moran, 1994
- Justin Moran, 1995
- Brian Morrow, 1986
- Abel Ochoa, 2007
- Diego Pena, 1992
- Dominique Perez, 2003
- Romeo Scooby Perez, 2003
- Pete Ramirez, 1990
- Ray Ramos, 2001
- Miguel Rios, 2000
- Justin Rodriguez, 2008
- Lalo Rodriguez, 1990
- Abel Rodriguez, 2002
- Chris Sanchez, 1995
- Michael Savala, 2003
- Ken Sessom, 2000
- Jared Shaffer, 2002
- Steven Silva, 2009
- Albert Talamantez Jr., 1991
- Bryan Valdez, 1995
- Felix Venegas, 2009
- Victor Villa, 1994.

## DPS warns parents: Mexican cartels and gangs recruiting in Texas schools

SUBMITTED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Texas Department of Public Safety is warning parents across the state to be aware of efforts by Mexican cartels and transnational gangs to recruit Texas youth in our schools and communities.

These violent organizations are luring teens with the prospect of cars, money and notoriety, promising them if they get caught, they will receive a minimal sentence.

The Mexican cartels constantly seek new ways to smuggle drugs and humans into Texas are now using state based gangs and our youth to support their operations on both sides of the border.

For example, Laredo natives Gabriel Cardona and Rosalio Reta were recruited in their teens to be hit men for the Zetas. The Zetas, composed primarily of former Mexican military commandos, originally served as the enforcement arm of the Gulf Cartel, but have since become their own cartel. El Paso teens have been recruited to smuggle drugs across the border, many with the packs taped to

their bodies.

While such recruitment is growing across Texas, juveniles along the Texas-Mexico border are particularly susceptible. In 2008, young people from the counties along the Texas-Mexico border accounted for just 9 percent of the population in Texas, but 18 percent of the felony drug charges and gang-related arrests.

"As these dangerous organizations seek to co-opt our children to support their criminal operations, it is more important than ever that parents be aware of these risks, talk to their children and pay attention to any signs that they may have become involved in illegal activities," said Steven C. McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

To protect our communities and our children from these powerful and ruthless criminal organizations, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and the District Attorneys in Texas border counties are working together to detect, disrupt and deter Mexican cartel-related crime along the Texas-Mexico border.

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# Shannon AirMed1 named top service in state

Shannon AirMed1 was named the 2009 Air Medical Service by the Texas Department of State Health Services at the recent Texas EMS Conference, marking the fourth year for the service to receive the honor. AirMed1 earned the award previously in 2002, 2003 and 2007. They are the only service in Texas to receive the honor four times.



"Our crew is honored to receive this prestigious award for the fourth time while also celebrating our 15th year of service to the Concho Valley," said Heather Tiftickjian, RN, emergency services director at Shannon Medical Center. "This award is truly a reflection of the crew members' hard work and excellent care provided to our patients."

The award, announced at the annual EMS conference in Fort Worth, honors a public or private air medical service in Texas who demonstrates the highest standards in providing patient care to the cit-

izens of its region. AirMed1 was nominated for the award along with several other air ambulance services in the state. A committee assembled by the Texas Department of State Health Services selects each year's winner. AirMed1 received several letters of recommendation for the award, including support from area schools, emergency services, patients and hospitals.

"Although this award recognizes our job of providing outstanding care, it also

focuses on the service's commitment to the community," said Tiftickjian. "We have always tried to be active members of our community, participating in countless health and safety events, health fairs, landing zone classes, free continuing education classes for our rural partners, and many other events where we were simply invited to meet and support the communities."

Founded in April 1994, Shannon AirMed1 provides 24-hour emergency care for

area hospitals in more than 30 counties, or more than 130,000 square miles, across West Texas.

Shannon AirMed1 transports cardiac, trauma, medical, pediatric, and burn patients and has extensive life support equipment essential to providing care for patients in life-threatening or emergency situations.

Transportation on AirMed1 of critically ill or injured patients can significantly reduce time enroute to a hospital and allow patients to receive definitive care within the "GOLDEN HOUR," the first hour following injury, heart attack or another critical or life threatening condition.

AirMed1 is one of the only services in West Texas to carry blood on each flight for optimal patient outcomes and to also use night vision capabilities for enhanced safety. The program utilizes a Bell 407 aircraft designed to facilitate optimal patient care.

## Donations being sought for military banners

Donations are currently being taken to help purchase banners with names of all active military personnel.

The military banners will cost \$100 to order. The banners will then be placed on the light poles around the town square and will follow to the bridge on State Highway 290.

Each banner will say: "Crockett County proud of your service" and it will list the name of individual serving.

There is one banner per military personnel. If a person has two serving, they may be able to add both names to one banner.

Fee must be paid prior to ordering banner.

Why are we doing this? Most people do not real-

ize how many men and women from Ozona are serving in our Armed Forces.

By displaying the banners we can all see who is serving and we will be reminded every day of their service to our country as they represent Crockett County.

Ozona has approximately 43 of men and women currently serving in our Armed Forces.

Any parent with a son or daughter in the military that would like to purchase a banner, contact Frank Tambunga.

Any business that would like to sponsor a banner, make donations of \$100 payable to the Crockett County Veterans.

Thank You for all the parents and the sponsors that have ordered a banner.

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by saying that he does not follow anyone's agenda.

"I grew up on the south side of San Antonio and fought the political machine. I'm not anybody's little puppet. I don't care about The Washington Post. That has nothing to do with my character. I respond to the needs of the community. I do not agree on everything," Rodriguez said. "On the stimulus - that I feel strongly about. That money helped us out. You're not going to get out of this. If we collapse as a country, the whole world collapses."

According to The Washington Post, Rodriguez has voted with a majority of his Democratic colleagues 98.2 percent of the time during the current

Congress.

"Most of the stimulus money has gone back into the government or disaster relief, not in the private sector. Inflation is the cruelest form of taxation there is. People can't make plans for the future," said County Judge Fred Deaton.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shanon Biggerstaff said that while the government is asking the American people to spend within their means, the government itself is spending above its means.

"No one disagrees that there should not be reform. The issue is we can't afford it. More people want to take their money out of banks and investments and put it under their mattress," she said.

Rodriguez agreed with

Deaton and Biggerstaff in that faith is not there with the American people, but he also said that health care still needs to change.

"I know we disagree with the health care, but I really believe we cannot afford to continue what we've been doing," he said.

Before leaving, Rodriguez did address voting against the American Clean Energy and Security Act, commonly known as the cap and trade bill, which the government sets a limit (cap) on the total amount of greenhouse gases that can be emitted nationally. The bill passed the House in June and is now being debated in the Senate.

"Cap and trade puts us at a disadvantage. Forty percent of our energy comes from coal. If we look at the other

side and convince the EPA to shut down all the coal plants, then the rest of the world will do their part to pollute the world," he said. "We have to make an effort as a superpower to diversify."

Deaton added that he was very concerned about the cap and trade, especially with Crockett County and other Texas counties that are dependent on oil and gas production.

"If the cap and trade passes and then health care you will de-industrialize the United States of America," Deaton said.

Rodriguez was making a tour of his district, including a stop in Sanderson where he was 45 minutes late because he said he "got lost."

# Livestock Forage Disaster Program deadline is Dec. 10

BIG LAKE, Texas - Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Jed W. Hruska, reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers of the Dec. 10 deadline for applying for benefits under the provisions of the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) for losses incurred during calendar year 2008.

For losses incurred during the 2009 calendar year, the deadline to apply for benefits is Jan. 30, 2010.

LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers that have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire.

Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas, buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine.

For losses due to drought, qualifying drought ratings are determined using the U.S. Drought Monitor located at <http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>.

"It is imperative that livestock producers meet these deadlines for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP," said Hruska. "To insure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they visit our office to apply for benefits."

In order for an LFP applicant to qualify for program benefits, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the

Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance (PRF) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmers or ranchers, as defined in the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, Section 2501 (e) (7 U.S.C. 2279(e)), do not have to meet this Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR) and, therefore, are not required to have paid the buy-in fee.

LFP program applicants

should note that in addition to risk management provisions, certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for livestock disaster program benefits.

For more information or to apply for LFP and other USDA Farm Service Agency disaster assistance programs, please contact the Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County FSA office at (325) 884-3753 ext 2. Information can also be obtained online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



## Fourth annual... Holiday Hands Christmas Arts & Crafts Fair

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Crockett County Civic Center.

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For more information, call Dianne Phillips at (325) 226-4777 or (325) 392-2716. All proceeds go toward Helping Hands for the Elderly Inc. - Meals on Wheels in Ozona.

## ORDER OF THE CROCKETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Crockett County Commissioners Court finds as follows:

Section 42.031(b),(3) Election Code Reviewing Precincts for Compliance: Boundary Changes, the Commissioners Court may order a boundary change only during the months of March or April unless the change is necessary to: Include within a precinct a suitable building available for use as a polling place if no suitable building is available for that purpose within the existing precinct boundary.

That there is no suitable public building available for use as a polling place in Precinct #4, Crockett County, Texas.

That there is a suitable public building, Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitors' Center located at 505 15th Street, Ozona, Crockett County, Texas. The precinct boundary may be changed to include this building in Precinct #4 and that this change does not affect any voters in either Precinct #1 or Precinct #4.

The Crockett County Commissioners Court hereby resolves:

To move the precinct voting boundary; to take from Precinct #1 and add to Precinct #4 to include:

A triangular shaped area in Ozona, Crockett County, Texas bounded by center line of Monterey Street on the West center line of 15th Street to the North, and center line of Martinez Street on the South and East.

Effective January 1, 2010, as set forth in (a) Texas Election Code

To move the Precinct #4 polling place to Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitors' Center, located at 505 15th Street, Ozona, Crockett County, Texas.

Effective January 1, 2010

Passed by vote and approved this 30th day of November, 2009

*Fred Deaton*  
Fred Deaton, Crockett County Judge

*Frank Tambunga*  
Frank Tambunga, Commissioner, Precinct #1

*Pleas Childress*  
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### FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

#### COUNTY COURT

##### Closed Cases for November

• Joe P. Ramirez, theft by check, \$69.38 restitution, \$304 court costs, 120 days deferred adjudication.  
• Jesus Perez Jr., possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$250 fine, \$354 court costs, six months jail/probated one year; driving while intoxicated-first, \$250 fine, \$454 court costs, six months jail/probated one year and 24 community service hours.  
• Hilda Veronica Orona, violate protective order, \$300 fine, \$304 court costs and 30 days deferred adjudication.  
• Joshua Mendoza, assault bodily injury/family violence, dismiss-affidavit of non prosecution.  
• Phillip Demille Mack II, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$250 fine, \$304 court costs, 90 days deferred adjudication.  
• Armando De La Rosa, possession of a prohibited weapon, dismiss-does not wish to further prosecute.  
• Alejandro Lujan Cruz, driving while license invalid - enhanced, \$100 fine, \$304 court costs, 90 days deferred adjudication.  
• Isac Castillo, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$250 fine, \$304 court costs, \$140 restitution, 24 community service hours, six months deferred adjudication.  
• Andres Barrera, driving while intoxicated-first, 29 days in jail and \$404 court costs.  
• Mary Adam Alvarez, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$100 fine, \$354 court costs and six months deferred adjudication.  
• Matthew John Fay, minor in consumption-enhanced, 90 days in jail/six months probation and 20 community

service hours.  
• Miguel Rivas Jr., theft by check, \$379.57 restitution, \$304 court costs, one year jail/one year probation.  
• Ray Jordan Villarreal, furnishing alcohol to a minor and possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$100 fine, \$304 court costs, one year jail/one year probation.  
• Jeremy Lloyd Overby, driving while intoxicated-first, \$500 fine, \$454 court costs, six months jail/one year probation, 24 community service hours.  
• Westley Wade Smith, minor in consumption-enhanced and evading arrest/detention, \$50 fine, \$354 court costs, six months deferred.  
• Sandra Joe Joyce, driving while intoxicated-first/open container, one year pre-trial diversion.  
• Librado V. Palacio Jr., possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$500 fine, \$354 court costs, 180 days in jail/one year probation; assault bodily injury, \$500 fine, \$304 court costs, one year in jail/one year probation, 80 community service hours.  
• George Barron Blanton, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$500 fine, \$354 court costs and one year deferred adjudication.  
• Jose Arturo Deleon, driving while intoxicated-first, \$20 fine, \$404 court costs, 180 days in jail/one year probation and 24 community service hours.  
• Willey C. Stewart, possession of marijuana less than two ounces and driving while intoxicated-first, six month pre-trial diversion.  
• Manuel Francisco Flores, assault bodily injury/family violence, dismiss-does not wish to further prosecute.

obtained from the Crockett County Attorney's Office.

### EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

**NOVEMBER 24**  
• Local Run - Patient not transported  
• Transfer - Patient transported to Shannon Medical Center  
**NOVEMBER 25**  
• Local Run - Patient not transported  
**NOVEMBER 26**  
• Local Run - Patient not

transported  
• Transfer - Patient transported to Shannon Medical Center  
**NOVEMBER 27**  
• Local Run - Patient transported to Family Health Clinic  
• Transfer - Patient transported to San Angelo Community Hospital

### STATE: from page 2

state-led efforts to improve our schools," Scott said. "This is not a state-led effort." Texas has been praised in education circles for its standards for schools and its efforts to measure student progress.

**NO EXTRA PAY FOR STATE RETIREES**  
Attorney General Greg Abbott has ruled that retired state workers and teachers are not eligible for a \$500 bonus this year. Last session, the Legislature approved the bonus for retired members of the Employees Retirement System (ERS) and Teacher Retirement System (TRS).

### MEETINGS: from page 2

involved... We (the resolutions committee) felt that to change something (in the meetings act) was just not correct. It really wasn't right. The consensus was to leave the Texas Meetings Act the way it is."  
I couldn't agree with Commissioner Guajardo or Mayor Quintanilla more. As a member of the public, I am left confused by what is happening, and why. But I do know this. I don't want elected officials to get too comfortable either because I have seen firsthand what can happen if they do. I hope you will join me in supporting the idea that the Open Meetings Act should be left intact and open government, with-

But the \$155 million in payments depended on a ruling from Abbott that the bonus was legal. In his opinion, Abbott said the Legislature's requirement for a conclusive ruling made it impossible to find authority for the one-time payment.  
Tim Lee, executive director of the TRS, said it appeared the Legislature wrote the bill to ensure the bonus would not be awarded. The \$500 one-time payment was a compromise.  
The House had proposed a \$1,000 payment, but the Senate bill had none. The \$155 million will now go into the two retirement funds, which still can't cover their obligations to retirees over the next 31 years.

out any strings attached, should continue to be the law in Texas. I also urge you to contact your city leaders and encourage them not to join in this effort that could weaken the Texas Open Meetings laws.  
If clarifications are needed to address modern day changes such as electronic and digital communications, then they should be made at the statehouse - not city hall. And, at a minimum, you should point out to your public servants that any discussion on this or any other issue involving "free speech" should be debated in a public meeting instead of a rubber-stamp style vote to please Austin lobbyists.

Bill Hobby served as Texas lieutenant governor from 1973-91.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

**NOVEMBER 25**  
• 7:43 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, mile-marker 336 on I-10, worked traffic. Three units, seven firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 15 minutes.  
• 3:15 p.m. - Two grass fires on State Highway 137, five miles north of State Highway 163. First was put out by travelers, second in the north bar ditch was handled by Ozona Fire Department units. Four service 1 hour and 1 minute.

**NOVEMBER 26**  
• 2:39 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident at mile-marker 365 on I-10. One vehicle off roadway, no traffic hazard. Two units, six firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 8 minutes.  
**NOVEMBER 30**  
• 5:19 p.m. - Assisted sheriff's department with missing child. Child missing 45 minutes to a hour, located child under the bed in his room. Five units, 11 firefighters and

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As of November 27, 2009

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New Firm Natural Res	6200	Seahorn -H- #2-858	Patterson Uti/Midland 721	Drig Ahead	
New Oxy Permian Houston	5800	South Cross Unit #259	Helmerich & Payne# 345	Drig Ahead	

Reagan County					
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH	
New Prime Operating/Mid	10000	Ham Ranch #1	Big Dog Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 900'	
New Mariner Energy	10000	SB-18-#1802	Ringo Drilling L1P 2	Drig Ahead 428'	
New Bta Oil Prod Lic	10000	Trh #2	J B Hunt Gas & Oil 5	Drig Ahead	
New Pioneer Natural/rev	9500	Von Gonten #2	Helmerich & Payne# 352	Drig Ahead	
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sugg -B- #25F	Patterson Uti/Midland 39	Drig Ahead 4816'	
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	SB-A- #114	Patterson Uti/Midland 118	Drig Ahead 7216'	
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sugg -C- #1165I	Union Drilling Texas 206	Drig Ahead 4899'	
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sugg -B- #109K	Union Drilling Texas 226	Drig Ahead 7210'	

Schleicher County					
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH	
New Highmount E&P Tx	8950	Edwin S Mayer Jr -N- #17	Patterson Uti/Midland 742	Drig Ahead 7330'	
New Highmount E&P Tx	8750	Ryan #22-5	Ringo Drilling L1P 16	Drig Ahead	

Sutton County					
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH	
New Highmount E&P Tx	7800	Lancaster -155- #8	Ringo Drilling L1P 2	Drig Ahead	
New Highmount E&P Tx	6950	Duke Wilson #34-16	Patterson Uti/Midland 38	Drig Ahead 4837'	

Terrell County					
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH	
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