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# Toys for Tots has another successful year

The Crockett County Veterans 7th annual Toys for Tots Campaign was another big success.

The organization collected \$2,998.84 in donations and enough toys for each child on the list.

Ozona High School and Middle School teachers and students collected more than 5,000 can goods.

"All this was raised in less than 6 weeks, said Frank Tambunga, coordinator. This was enough to provide toys for all the applications received by the local Salvation Army."

Toys were handed out to 183 children ranging from one week to 18 years-old. Food baskets with a turkey were provided to 60 families.

Georgia Morrow and her helpers wrapped all the gifts and then the volunteers with the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and Santa Claus delivered all these gifts and food baskets on Dec. 23.

"The Ozona Salvation Army will use all the food and funds left over to help people in need of assistance through out the year. I realize that everyone is hurting due to our weak economy. However, I also know that time after time citizens of Ozona always come through and support. Your care and support makes our community the best place to live in. I give a special thanks to all of you and your support," Tambunga said.

Special thanks goes to the following people, organizations and businesses that helped in the 2009 Toys for Tots campaign: Crockett County Veterans and Frank Tambunga, Noah and Irma Tambunga, Mark Flores, Alice



P. Borrego, Jayton Rodriquez, Justin and Michell Badillo, all the gift wrappers that helped Georgia, Ozona Middle School and Ozona High School teachers and students, Ozona Elementary Fifth Grade stu-Morrow and Ozona Salvation Army, The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Ozona Ministerial Alliance, Ozona Woman's League, The Ozona Stockman, KHOS/KYXX Radio, Best Western Ozona Inn, Dollar General, Duckwall's, Lilly Construction, Clay and Shelly Childress, employees of Ozona National Bank, Guy and Patsy Hester, Paul Stroope and S&S Trucking, Steve Kenley, John L. Hender-

son, John with Nabors, DCP Midstream, Cindy Komechak, Komechak Firewood - Russel and Matthew, Lisa and Randy Branch, Penn Baggett Family, Karen and Kevin Webb, Veva Vargas, Julia Blanco, Karen dents and their teachers, Lue and Gil Komechak, Gloria Wilson, Crockett County Deer-Fest, Mickey Leija and Lauren Miles, Eddie Martin, Care Center nurses and staff, Jessie Fierro and County workers, Tom Morrow, Brian Morrow, Floyd Sheppard, Nancy Hale and Kelli West.

"We apologize if I failed to mention anyone or any business it was not intentional, but, we do appreciate your support. God Bless all of you," said Tambunga.



TOP: Volunteers work on sorting toys and canned goods at the EMS Building before delivering on Dec. 23. ABOVE: Santa and his helper, Kevin the Elf, on one of the many deliveries. Toys for Tots benefitted 60 families and 183 children this year.

# Knights to host annual New Year's Eve **Dance**

The Knights of Columbus will host their annual New Years Eve Dance Thursday featuring live music with Romaldo and Grupo Fuerzo.

There will also be DJ music as well. The dance will be at the Fair Park Convention Center. Doors will open at 7 p.m. There will be free margaritas till they last.

No individual tickets will be sold in advance just at the door at \$15 per person.

Cost to reserve a table is \$150. The table will come with 10 chairs and champagne bottle and guests will be able select their table.

Anyone wishing to reserve a table may by calling Frank Tambunga at (325) 392-2827.

# Stockman to close for New Year's holiday

The Ozona Stockman will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's holiday.

Deadline is NOON Monday, Jan. 4, for the Jan. 6 edition. Have a Happy New Year!

### De La Garza files for Pct. 4 Commissioner

I, Jesse De La Garza, would like to announce that I have filed for the position of Commissioner, Precinct #4, at the upcoming March 2010 primary elections. I was born and raised in Ozona, Texas and I have lived in Ozona all of my life. I am 44 years of age and I am married to Vickie De La Garza. We are the proud parents of a 14-year old daughter, Sarah De La Garza. I am one of five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Hector De La Garza.

I believe that my past job experience will allow me to make informed decisions as your next Commissioner. I have been employed by the Crockett Road Department for 6 years and the Texas Department of Transportation for 6 years. During these years, I have received many certifications and awards which cover (1) concrete inspections (2) road work equipment and (3) bridge inspection. I also have CPR training and hazardous material training. Therefore, I am very familiar with different types of road and concrete work which is a major topic for a road commissioner.

These are challenging times that we face, but I will do

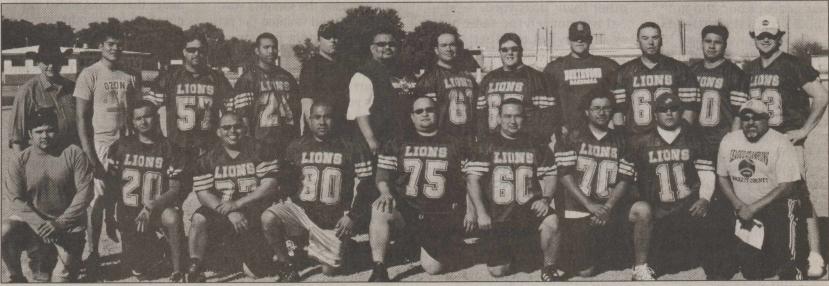


the best to make choices and decisions that will impact you, the citizens of Precinct #4 and Crockett County.

I am open and available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. You can reach me at 325-392-2654 or e-mail me your questions or concerns to Lucky73@verizon. net. My goal is to reinforce and strengthen the needs of the citizens of Precinct 4. Your vote will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted Jesse De La Garza

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MEMBERS OF THE OZONA ALUMNI FOOTBALL TEAM are gearing up for the Jan. 22 game against Big Lake. The game will be at 7 p.m. in Big Lake. Ozona vs. Big Lake alumni football game Jan. 22

Former Ozona football players get to put on the pads and play in one more full contact football game vs. Big Lake alumni. Game is 7 p.m. Friday, Jan.

22, in Big Lake. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for kids and seniors and will be

available at the gate.

Next practices Sunday, Jan. 3. Players can sign up online www.westtexasalumni.com, or they can call Miguel Rio (325) 650-1175 and Jerold Savala (325) 226-5562 or Tim Bishop with

Alumni Football USA at (512) 771-5561.

The team also has a Facebook page.

Ozona Alumni Roster:

Brian Badillo, 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

Romeo Scooby Perez, 2003

· Dominique Perez, 2003

· Felix Venegas, 2009

· Pete Ramirez, 1990 Ray Ramos, 2001 Miguel Rios, 2000

· Justin Rodriguez, 2008 · Lalo Rodriquez, 1990

· Abel Rodriquez, 2002

· Chris Sanchez, 1995 Michael Savala, 2003

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· Jared Shaffer, 2002 Steven Silva, 2009

· Albert Talamantez Jr., 1991 · Bryan Valdez, 1995

· Victor Villa, 1994.

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Friends come with hope Friends come with true feelings that will help you cope;

Friends come when you call Friends come when there's a

Friends don't come with a

Friends are friends What more can I say There with you for life Until your dying day.

**Tom Morrow** 

P.S. A special thank you to all my friends and a Happy New Year!

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# Small business lessons learned

With the New Year looming around the corner, I wanted to take the opportunity to write about things I have learned at the Small Business Development Center throughout my three-plus years at the organization. While some of these things seem common sense, there are others that I am surprised about.

The first lesson is to keep an open mind and never judge a client by their looks, education or social standing. It is not my job as an advisor to determine whether an idea is a good one or a bad one, or whether that person is the right person to carry out these activities. Many times, I've been surprised by the businesses that have succeeded simply due to the sheer passion and drive that a person has

same custom-

for that trade. This is very

TIPS PEDRO RAMIREZ true of those

ers that walk through your doors.

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slighted when they think they have not received an adequate level of customer service simply due to the way they dress or carry themselves.

Most of the time customers feel

The second lesson is to understand that while I don't know everything, I need to know where to turn for the answers. Many clients have walked through my door and inquired about an industry that I am not familiar with, yet by asking the right questions to key individuals and agencies around town, the right answers can be gathered. Busithat while they are not experts in every aspect of their business, they should know where to turn for help with accounting, finance, marketing or operations.

The third lessson is that cash is king. Numerous businesses fail ever year because the owners don't have the cash necessary to pay off debts in a timely manner. In other words, it doesn't matter whether you have a sale of one million dollars that will be due in three months, if you can't survive to collect it.

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# A little New Year's

e all make New Year's resolu-In the United States, popular goals include: lose weight, get out of debt, become more organized, maintain a diary, save money, improve grades, get a better job, get fit, eat right, get a better education, drink less alcohol, quit smoking, reduce stress, take a trip, volunteer to help others, be less grumpy, be more independent and learn something new (such as a foreign language or music)

However, how many of us really keep these promises? By mid-January are we not back into those old habits or at least thinking about

Recent research shows that while 52 percent of participants in a resolution study were confident of success with their goals, only 12 percent actually achieved their goals.

Men achieved their goal 22 percent more often when they engaged in goal setting, a system where small measurable goals are used (lose a pound a week, instead of saying "lose weight"), while women succeeded 10 percent more when they made their goals public and got support from their friends.

As Mark Twain said "New Year's is a harmless annual institution, of no particular use to anybody save as a scapegoat for promiscuous drunks, and friendly calls and humbug resolutions.'

For this year, here are some resolutions that can give us all a good laugh.

Just for today, I will not sit in my living room all day in my nightdress. Instead, I will move my computer into the bedroom.

I will no longer waste my time relieving the past, instead I will spend it worrying about the future.

I will not bore my boss by with the same excuse for taking leaves. I will think of some more excuses.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

· I will do less laundry and use more deodorant. · I will avoid

taking a bath whenever possible and conserve more water.

· Assure my lawyer that I will never again show up drunk at

a custody hearing.

· I will give up chocolates totally. 100 percent. Completely. Honestly....

· I will try to figure out why I "really" need nine email addresses.

· I will stop sending emails to my wife (husband).

· I resolve to work with neglected children -- my

own. · I will stop sending email, ICO, Instant Messages and be on the phone at the same time with the same

· I will spend less than one hour a day on the Internet. This, of course, will be hard to estimate since I'm not a clock watcher.

·I will read the manual... just as soon as I can find it. · I will think of a password

other than "password."

· I will not tell the same story at every get together.

· I won't worry so much.

· I will cut my hair. · I will grow my hair.

· I will stop considering other people's feelings when they so obviously don't consider mine - if that unwashed fellow sits next to me again, I'll tell him he stinks!

· I will be more imagina-

· I will not hang around girls - they think you love them and that sucks.

· I will not ring the stewardess button on airplanes just to get her phone num-

**MELISSA PERNER** is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Her resolution is to do nothing on Jan. 1.

# How Are You Wired?

Have you ever had your weight or your age guessed at the county fair by a clown posing as a soothsayer? I've got news for you... the carnival clairvoyant is not just pulling a number out of thin air. These hucksters look for signs on your person that might give them clues as to how old you are or how much you weigh. These signs are known in the trade as "tells." For example, the information peddler might look for the date on a high school class ring to give some indication of how old you are. Or, if guessing your weight they might look to see if you are leaving permanent impressions in the asphalt or concrete where you are standing.

I too, possess this remarkable ability to read "tells." In fact, I can discern everything about you merely by counting the number of wires on your fence. Show me your fence and I'll write your life history.

For example, if your fence consists of one smooth wire electrified by solar energy I can tell that you extremely optimistic, have more money than brains, are well educated, believe in the tooth fairy and probably have a gullible banker, You'd probably pay some clown good money to guess your weight and age, information' you should already possess. You adapt easily to new technology and probably have an expensive mobile phone hanging on your ear at this very minute. Your horse is named "Honda" and every cow on



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your place has a proper name. Your ranch does not border a stocker steer operation, a nudist colony or a sheep camp. You live in a sunny climate and are studying to be a half-wit if you think one slightly warm wire is going to hold or stop anything.

Three Loose Wires... You are an extremely poor or lazy cattleman with few good points. Your neighbors don't speak to you and you

receive frequent calls from the local police department because your cows routinely get on the road by walking through your fence like it was made of cobwebs. Your calves are probably sucking the neighbor's cows right now. Your ranch is overrun by wildlife including bikers, joggers and EPA officials.

Five Rusty Wires... You are a typical cattleman who hasn't put up any new fence since your great-grandfather homesteaded the place in 1880. You are afraid to mess with the fence now because the wires are actually holding up the posts that are rotted off in the ground. Antique barbed wire collectors covet your fence

Three New Wires on Top a Tight Mesh

Fence... You are a conniving cattleman who got the government or the Nature Conservancy to pay for your fence.

Ten Wires... Five of the wires on your fence are old rusted wires that have been in place since the Zachary Taylor administration and five are fairly new, only 50 years, or so, old. This indicates that you are either single or divorced. If you had a wife you would have had her roll up the old wire before putting up the new.

Twelve Wires... You border one of Ted Turner's ranches and have trouble sleeping at night. You would prefer Ted keep his buffalo on his side of the fence.

Nineteen Wires Energized With 210 Volts... You are a young, naive individual who thinks that such a fence can keep out the the neighbor's trich infected bull and assorted government bureaucrats. You will be sued in the near future by a Sierra Clubber who trespassed on your property by straddling your highly charged fence. You will lose everything you possess in court but it will be almost worth it.

No Wires... You live in a big mansion behind a plastic coated white board fence. Judging by your tight cinch, the wrinkles around your eyes and the smile on your face I'd say you are 65 years old, weigh 350 pounds and have a teenage wife. You raise fainting goats, miniature llamas and do not make your living in the livestock industry

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### State to destroy blood samples to end suit

AUSTIN — To settle a lawsuit, the Texas Department of State Health Services will destroy more than 5 million blood samples taken from newborns without the parents' consent and stored for research.

Four parents sued the department, saying that taking and storing the samples was unlawful and violated the privacy rights of the parents and children. The Texas Civil Rights Project sued in U.S. District Court in San Antonio earlier this year.

The state began collecting blood samples from newborns in 2002 and halted the process in May when a new state law banned it. Under the settlement, the state has until April 13 to destroy 5.3 million samples stored at Texas A&M University.

Health department officials began collecting the blood samples for medical research. Although the blood spots did not identify the children, parents were never notified that their newborns' blood would be stored indefinitely. The Legislature this year passed a law

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requiring parents to consent to their babies' blood being collected and stored.

**TEXAS GAINS MOST PEOPLE** The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that Texas added more people than any other state in the 12-month period that ended last July 1.

The bureau said Texas gained 478,000 new residents, an increase of 1.97 percent, bringing the state's population to 24.8 million. California had the second highest growth, adding 381,000 residents, and remained the most populous state at 37 million. Michigan, Maine and Rhode Island were the only states to lose population. The United States grew by 0.86 percent to 307 million people.

The report is the final estimate before the bureau releases its official 2010 census in December. The numbers are used to determine the distribution of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

FOOD STAMP AUDIT SOUGHT

Texas Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Tom Suehs has asked State Auditor John Keel to audit the state's lagging food stamp application process.

Earlier this month, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid sued to force the state to meet the 30-day requirement for food stamp processing.

Keel said some eligible families have waited for months to receive food stamps. In requesting the audit, Suehs blamed the delays on high staff turnover, staff shortages, natural disasters and increasing applications.

He told Keel that the department's process is "too time consuming and not very produc-

Suehs asked for Keel's help identifying waste and finding ways to improve processing applications. Keel said his office is postponing other audits to make the food stamp issue a priority.

New UT license plates pos-

University of Texas fans may have a new Bevo-centric license plate available to them soon. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles asked the public for comments on a new plate that features a large Texas Longhorn logo in burnt orange on a white background.

If approved, the





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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published. To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or e-mail us at publisher@ozonastockman.com. Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail if available. ALL LETTERS MUST CONTAIN THIS INFORMATION OR WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED. Letters are subject to editing. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should not exceed 250 words.

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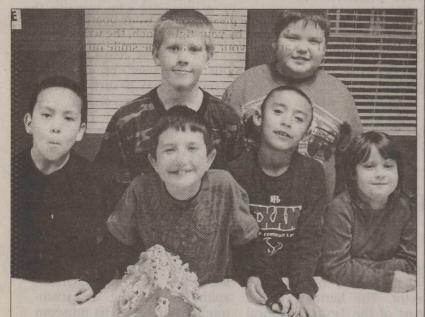
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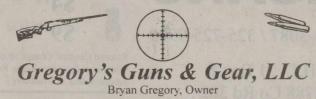


OZONA ELEMENTARY STUDENTS spent the week before Christmas break hosting Reading Buddy days. Older students in the Read Right Program read to Pre-K and Kindergarten students.



THE BEAR DEN CUB SCOUTS built a gingerbread house they won in a scavenger hunt. The house is displayed at the courthouse annex. Pictured are: (top row, left to right) Jordan Martin and Josh Knaack; (bottom row, left to right) Adrian Villa, Dillon McGrath, Marcus Perez and Sydney Knaack.





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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Wednesday, Dec. 30

· Varsity Lions and Lady Lions at the Iraan Varsity Tournament.

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

### Thursday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve

 Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dance, doors open at 7 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.

### Friday, Jan. 1

· New Year's Day

### Saturday, Jan. 2

• JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Kermit, 11 a.m. at Kermit.

### Monday, Jan. 4

 Second Semester begins at Ozona Schools.

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

· Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

### Tuesday, Jan. 5

 JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Crane, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

### Wednesday, Jan. 6

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

### Happy Birthday

Dec. 30 - Bryan Lacy, Marco Sandate Jr., Artemio Hernandez Jr., Eva Tinney and Josh Gonzales

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

Jan. 1 - Jamie Moore and Lisa Tijerina

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

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

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

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

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Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M. egular meeting on 1st Monday of each

month at 7:30 p.m.



If you want someone to agree with you in prayer, send your prayer requests to: The Prayer Box P.O. Box Ozona, Texas 76943

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### **CARE CENTER CHATTER**

BY ODELIA SANCHEZ ASSISTANT ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

This Christmas season came so quickly that I didn't even have time to decorate my house for the holidays. A wreath on my door is as festive as I was this year. The weather has been beautiful for everyone that decorated their yards. Thanks to all who decorated the town square and put up all the lights and decorations. Ozona looks great!

We have had a very busy month at the Care Center. We started with decorating the entire facility. Thanks to Marta De La Garza and all her helpers for doing such a beautiful job. We also had a door decorating contest. All the resident's door were decorated by the staff and family members. Judge Deaton and our commissioners came and looked at all the doors and made their decisions. This was a very difficult task because all the doors looked great. First, second and third

place went to the Hospice parents and the residents decorated for Mrs. Rubye Davis, second place went to Maria Galindo, Med Aide, who decorated for Mrs. Rebecca Martinez and Maria Cortez, and Anna Yuregas and her daughter who decorated beautiful throws for each one for June Reeves and Fernanda Arredondo.

So many individuals and groups came to share Christmas with the residents. We had the First Baptist Church Choir perform their Christmas Cantata, O.L.P.H. Church choir sang Christmas carols for the residents, Church of Christ Adult and children's choir sang Christmas carols, and Judy Reagor's piano students performed their selections for their parents and friends and also the residents. Judy also sang carols with a couple of her students. Professor William Hartwell came on a Sunday afternoon to sing Hymns and carols to friends and residents at the Care Center. We also had the school kids from Pre-K, Kindplace prizes were given to the er, and 1st and 2nd grades best decorated doors. First who came to sing for their

team from San Angelo who and also s Del's Schoolhouse kids who sang Christmas carols. Super S Store donated boxes of greeting cards, the Girl Scouts made Christmas Cards for all the residents, and Sonora Church made of the residents. Along with all the activities, we also had a Christmas Party for the res-

Care Center. God Bless You in the coming year!

### **OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

BY LYNN ENGLISH SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

The holidays are nearly over the Christmas behind us and the New Year to follow in a few days. Can you believe that it will soon be 2010?

Crockett County Senior Center will be closing at noon, Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009 and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. At this time I want to wish my readers a Happy New Year.

The Helping Hands board members. will meet here at the Crockett County Senior Center on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 5:30 p.m.

It was sad to learn that Ruth Hester, a long time resident of Ozona, had passed away. Our dondolences go out to her many friends and fam-

at the Senior Center in January and they are not sure if they will be here in February. They are the organizations that helps people how qualify with their utilities.

We are very happy to learn thatAudrey Glynn has returned home from her stay in rehab in Abilene. Welcomne home our "Uvalde Girl". We missed you so much.

Hubbard has abeen taked to a collection of books, magaa San Angelo hospital Monday morning after a fall. Get well soon Perry.

By next week I am hoping everyone has recovered from equipment a projector with the holidays and we can resume our regular activities here at the Senior Center.

I would like to remind everyone that you may have extra 2010 calendars. Please bring them to the Senior Center so munity Action will not be here on to the elderly shut-ins.

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 We learned that Perry and puzzles. We also have zines and three computers that are on the internet for seniors to use.

We have added to our stand and a screen.

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

Our activities are for those The Concho Valley Com- that we may have them to pass 50 years young and older. We will remain flexible as to age.

ident's.

We would like to say thank you very much to each one that came to share Christmas with us and also to each one that made a donation for the holidays. I hope and pray that I didn't forget to mention anyone because everyone was a big blessing. We have been blessed throughout the year by many, many friends of the Care Center. The residents and staff hope that you and your family had a Merry Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year. We value all your friendships, so please continue to be a part of our lives here at Crockett County

**OBITUARIES** 

### Ann Baggett Oswald

Mrs. Ann Baggett Oswald of Fayetteville, Ga. passed away Dec. 21, 2009. She was a longtime member of Fairburn First United Methodist Church and also a den mother for the Cub Scouts. Mrs. Oswald was a drill team sponsor at Campbell High School and was involved in Habitat for Humanity and the American Cancer Society.

She is survived by her husband, Duane Oswald of Fayetteville; daughter, Carol Moore of Peachtree City, Ga.; sons, Tommy Oswald and his wife Jenna of Williamson, Ga.; Steve Oswald and his wife Joanna of Douglasville, Ga.; sister, Sally Griffis of Peachtree City, Ga.; grandchildren, Joshua Oswald and his wife Dana of Fairburn, Ga.; Justin Oswald of Fairburn; Rachel Oswald of Douglasville; Bradley Moore of Peachtree City; Jordan Moore of Peachtree City; Jacob Oswald of Douglasville and Nicholas Oswald of Douglasville; great-grandchildren, Collin James Oswald and Jason Clure.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009 at Fairburn First United Methodist Church with remains placed in state. Dr. Judson B. Hodges Jr. and the Rev. Vicki Smith officiated. Interment followed at Holly Hill Memorial Park.

Those wishing may send an online condolence at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make donations to the West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boy Ranch Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904; American Cancer Society, South Atlantic Division, Inc., Attn. Memorial Gifts, 4240 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, Va. 23060; Crockett County Museum, P.O. Box 1444, Ozona, Texas 76943 or Fairburn First United Methodist Church, 5 Washington St., Fairburn, Ga. 30213.

Arrangements by Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, Fairburn, Ga.

### **DEATH NOTICES**

### Ruth Hester

Ruth Hester, 88, died Sunday Dec. 27, 2008 in a local care

Funeral service will be at 2:00 P.M. Wed. Dec. 30, 2009 in the Ozona First Baptist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include; Daughter, Jeanene Crites of Sonora; 3 sons, Sammie L. Hester Guy W. Hester both of Ozona, Dennis G. Hester of Richardson; one sister Ouida Caldwell of Richardson.

### **HELPING HANDS NEWS**

MEALS ON WHEELS MENU **DEC. 30** 

frozen vegetables, roll and dessert.

**DEC. 31** 

· Sloppy Joe, pork and · Fish, macaroni cheese, beans, green beans, dessert. JAN 1 · New Year's Day Closed

### Ozona Boy Scout reunion being planned

leaders.

Anyone who was in bsaozona@verizon.net.

In February 2010, the Boy troops, or leader of the Scout program will be 100 troops, or if anyone knows of someone who were in the The current troop is plantroops, call Linda Conner at ning a reunion for anyone (325) 392-8125 with their curwho was in either troop from rent address, leave a message Ozona. This includes troop if no answer, or email this-

momiscrazy2@verizon.net or

### **OLD OUT - NEW IN**

About this time of year, many people make all kinds of New Years resolutions. I do something a little different and it is more of an annual spiritual review (Ephesians 5:15-21). I use the Christmas Season (Celebration of Christ Jesus birthday) as a review time. I usually try to look back over the year and ponder my successes and failures. My plan of action (Psalms 37:5) always centers on my relationship to God. Many times, I tend to focus on the failures and not the victories. We should give thanks and praise God for the victories, (Colossians 4:2, Psalm 95:2,100:4). In regard to failures sometimes I have many. With deep sorrow, I ask God for forgiveness (1 John 1:9) and ask Him for help in those areas. I also review my Church-worship attendance, tithing-giving record, prayer and then service in my local Church (Hebrews 10:10:25, 12:28). One area that I think is a lot more important or that should come first is my personal relational to Christ Jesus. Do I really love Him and spend time with Him in a personal Quiet time and a daily Bible study? I find that when I do spend time with Him I have a lot more joy and peace in my life (2 Corinthians 4:16, Galatians 5:22-26). As we draw closer to the Lord's return let us make 2010 and even better year in our relationship to God. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

First Baptist Church 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. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

**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.

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.

Calvary Baptist Church

601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m

**New Beginnings Church** 

701 9th Street **Pastor Carlos Cantu** Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.

**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.

**Faith Lutheran Church** 

802 1st St. **Pastor Tom Baden** Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 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.

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Fr. Felix Okeke Sun. Mass: 11 a.m Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri..: 6 p.m.

**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.

Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

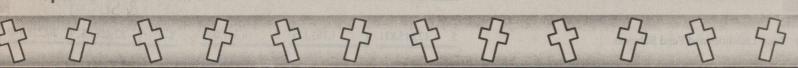
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### Jordan named executive director of Texas Pecos Trail

SONORA, Texas - The Tex- seum of San Marcos, where as Pecos Trail Region board recently named Scott Iordan to the position of executive director. The heritage region is part of the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Heritage Trails Program (THTP), the award-winning and nationally recognized regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

Jordan will assist with heritage tourism development and promotion in the heritage region's 22 counties including: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler. Jordan's office is located in Sonora and he will serve as the local contact for the program. Jordan holds a master's degree in public history from Texas State University in San Marcos.

Previously, Jordan worked as the museum director at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Mu-

he managed day-to-day operations, exhibit design and installation, facilities management, volunteer training and community outreach. His museum background will be invaluable to his new position as it requires promoting the area's diverse heritage and historical sites, structures and museums.

"I am thrilled to take on the role of executive director and look forward to further enhancing and promoting this region's unique heritage tourism." Jordan said. "By preserving the Texas mystique, we set the stage for future generations to develop strong individuals, cultures and societies."

For additional information on the Texas Pecos Trail Region, call Jordan at (325) 387-3900.

For more information about the THTP, contact Assistant State Coordinator Teresa Caldwell at (512) 463-5755.

To learn more about Texas travel events and vacation destinations, visit www.TravelTex.com or for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 1-800-888-8TEX.

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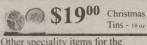
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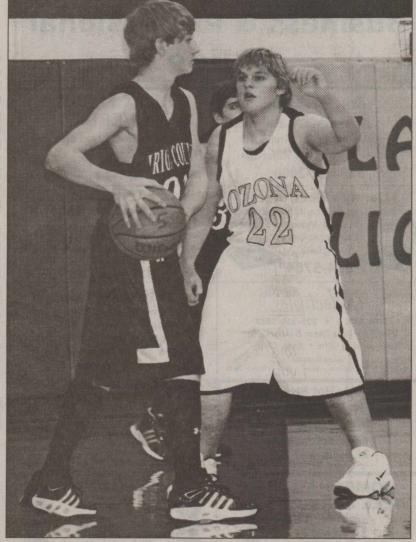


Other speciality items for the holidays: pecan pie, cream cheese pecan pie, pumpkin cheese pecan pie, fudge, magic bars, divinity, etc.



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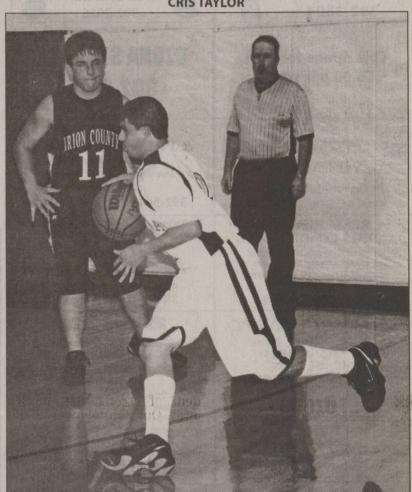
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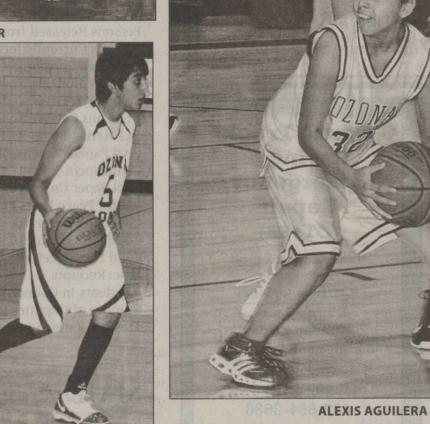


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The fourth lesson is to never assume your clients understand what you are talking about. While I know what I am referring to when I speak about cash flows, profit margins, variable costs and balance sheets, my clients may have no clue. If I do not take time to educate them on these items, I may be confusing them more then helping them. The same goes for your customers.

The fifth lesson is to seek help when you need it. Unfortunately, many business owners wait until they see the water above their necks to seek assistance and sometimes that is too late for us or anyone else to help you. The best times to seek help are typically at the beginning or when everything is okay and you have time to evaluate and improve

your business.

The final lesson is to understand that being a business owner is not the easiest job in the world. In fact, I'd say it is one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences. When you own a small business, you are the boss, the bookkeeper, the marketer, the customer service representative and the human resource agent. Yet, if you succeed you are also the one that says, "Hi, my name is John Smith and I own...'

So as the New Year approaches I'd like to think I have learned quite a bit about myself and businesses, the question really is, "What will I learn next year?"

"Business Tips" was written by Pedro Ramir ez, Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Adviser II of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact him at Pedro.Ramirez@angelo.edu.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

### **DECEMBER 21**

· 6 p.m. - Investigation received minor burn, no active fire, engine responded to clear smoke, canceled prior to arrival. Four units, seven firefighters, one EMS unit. Time in service 14 minutes.

### **DECEMBER 22**

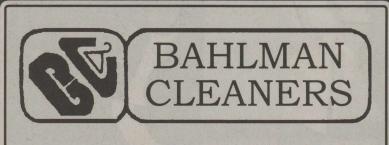
· 2 p.m. - Ten suspicious 1800 Block Largo Street, male grass fires over a 16-mile section of State Hwy 137 north. south side of roadway. Two units, three firefighters, Big Lake unit with three firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 21 minutes.

### **CROCKETT COUNTY CONSTABLE REPORT**

**Crockett County Constable's November Monthly Report:** · Civil Papers Served: 6 for J.P.'s office; 2 for Sheriff's Office; \$330 citation fees submitted to treasurer's office.

· Bailiff for 4 J.P. Courts and 1 County Court.

· Assisted motorists and unlocked three vehicles.



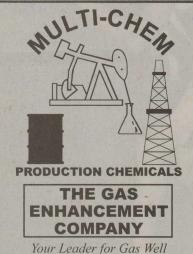
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### FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

### **BAIL BONDS**

nez, Big Lake, possession of inhanced, 30 days deferred, a controlled substance, state \$100 fine and \$304 court jail felony, \$10,000.

· Bobby G. Gonzales, Lamesa, aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury to another, second-degree felony, \$100,000.

· Luis Barrera, San Antonio, driving while license inor, \$2,000.

· James William Kevin Taylor, Ozona, assault third-degree felony, \$50,000.

· Johnny Ray Villarreal, Ozona, assault causing bodimotion to revoke, \$2,000.

· David Michael Fraja, San Antonio, possession of es, misdemeanor, \$2,000; possession of a controlled substance, felony, \$10,000.

· Daniel Guzman, San Antonio, possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

### DISTRICT COURT Hon. Pedro (Pete) Gomez Jr. presiding

· Judson Alden Poret, 22, Navasota, Texas, motion for change of venue to shock defendant back to probation for Pecos County, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, sentenced to five years community supervision, \$1,500 fine, \$10 restitution, 160 hours commu-

· Jaime Leigh Cavanaugh, 27, West Columbia, S.C., \$304 court costs, \$77.35 resagreement change of venue to Pecos County pleading true to motion adjudicate to driving while intoxicateda possession of a controlled substance, sentenced to 10 vears community supervision with CRTC as a condition of probation, \$65 court costs, 169 hours of community service and \$60 monthly supervision fee.

**COUNTY COURT** 

· Emilio Flores Porras, · Vanessa Rivas Marti- driving while license invalid-

costs. · Ricardo Cruz Medina, failure to appear, \$194 fine

and \$304 court costs. · Ricky L. Peel, theft by check, dismiss-defendant incarcerated.

· Mauricio Briones Jr., asvalid enhanced, misdemean- sault bodily injury family violence, dismiss-does not wish to further prosecute.

· George Glen McGill, posagainst a public servant, session of prohibited weapon, dissmiss-does not wish to further prosecute.

· Billy Lynn McDaniel, ly injury family violence - possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$200 fine and \$354 court costs.

· Paula Kay Sessom, false marijuana less than 2 ounc- report to a peace officer and telephone harassment, \$500 fine and \$304 court costs.

· Jesus R. Enriquez, obstructing highway and driving while intoxicated open container, \$500 fine and \$304 court costs.

· Allan Rodney Rutherford, reckless driving and driving while intoxicated, \$200 fine and \$304 court costs.

· Robert Craig Morris Jr., driving while intoxicated, 29 days in jail.

· George Navarro Garcia, possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, 90 days deferred - \$200 fine, \$354 court costs, \$140 restitution.

· Juan Pedro Garza Jr., nity service and \$151 court theft of property less than \$50 and more than \$500, 30 day deferred - \$100 fine, titution.

> ·Leobardo Mata-Adame, first, one year pre-trial diversion.

· Sabi Singh Gill, failure to appear, \$194 court costs, \$304 fine.

The above information was obtained from the Crockett County Clerk's Office and the County Attorney's Office.

### CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crockett County Sheriff's Monthly Report for December 2009 For the Month of November:

Persons Placed in Jail	39
Persons Released from Jail	23
Persons Currently Incarcerated	0
Prisoners Currently Housed Outside County	14
Prisoner Housing Cost - Reagan County \$	13,333.33
Calls for Service	350
911 Calls Received	236
911 Actual Emergencies	157
Civil Papers Received Total	9
Civil Papers Served	5
Civil Paper Unserved	43
Justice Peace Fines Received	\$468
Civil Fines Received	\$370
County Clerk Fines/Cash Bonds Received	\$4,000
Bond Fees Received	\$135
Misc. Receipts	0
Accidents in County Vehicles	0
Number of Deputies Injured	0
Traffic Citations Issued	25

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championship game at the Rose Bowl. The UT athletic department will receive between \$5 and \$20 for each plate sold.

### **DEATH SENTENCES DECLINE**

Capital punishment sentences have declined significantly in Texas over the past few years, according to a study by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The newspaper said death sentences are at a 35-year low.

Prosecutors are seeking fewer death sentences and juries are more reluctant to sentence a defendant to death by lethal injection.

Also, since 2005 a sentence of life in prison without parole has been available to juries. Previously, juries had to choose between death and life with a possibility of parole.

Since the change, capital punishment sentences have dropped by 40 percent. Texas had 13 death sentences

in 2008 and nine so far this year, compared to 47 death sentences in 1999.

State Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville, the author of the life-without-parole law, said, "It isn't life without parole that has weakened the death penalty. It is a growing lack of belief that our system is fair."

SHAPLEIGH WON'T RUN State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El

Paso, has pulled out of the 2010 governor's race. Shapleigh said in October he would not seek reelection to the state Senate and was considering a run for statewide office.

Shapleigh, 57, said he changed his mind about seeking the Governor's Mansion after Houston Mayor Bill White announced he would seek the Democratic Party nomination for governor.

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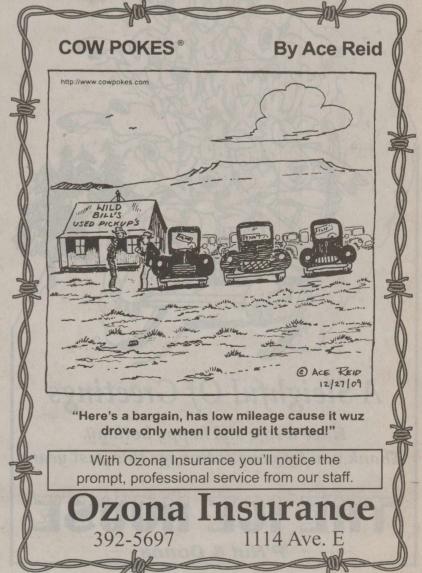
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