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Honking helicopter passes deputy before landing

BY MELISSA PERNER
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

It was a typical Saturday evening in Ozona.

People were barbecuing in their backyard, a dance was taking place at the Fair Park Convention Center and cars were traveling down Interstate-10.

For Crockett County Sheriff's Deputy Samuel Longoria, he was just performing another routine traffic stop when a small, white helicopter zoomed past his head and gave a honk.

Longoria said earlier in the evening he had received a call that a helicopter was flying low around town.

After checking with Ozona Airport Manager Charles McCleary who said he had heard a helicopter but hadn't seen one, Longoria went on about his shift. Around 6:30 p.m. Jan. 22, Longoria was making a routine traffic stop when the helicopter came honking by heading east and eventually landing in the draw behind Ozona Elementary School.

When Longoria arrived, he saw the helicopter's pilot coming from the backyard of a residence.

Richard Zane Whitesides, 21, of Colorado City, was arrested and charged



A HELICOPTER LANDED in the draw behind Ozona Elementary School Saturday. The pilot, Richard Zane Whitesides, of Colorado City, was arrested for flying while intoxicated.

with flying while intoxicated, a class B misdemeanor, and unlawful carrying of a weapon, a class A misdemeanor.

Whitesides is out on \$5,000 bond for the weapons charge and \$2,000 bond for the FWI.

A passenger, Anthony Tell Churchill was issued a citation by Longoria for public intoxication.

Witnesses Anthony

Gonzales and his sister Jazveth Gonzales both said that two men came out of the helicopter and began asking their family and neighbors if anybody had any "weed."

Both also said the two men appeared to be "drunk."

Longoria said beer bottles and a firearm were found inside the helicopter.

The Texas Department of Public Safety and the sheriff's office both reported receiving several phone calls about the helicopter before it landed.

The 1989 Robinson Helicopter is registered to a Dusty Childress.

The Crockett County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety both responded to the incident.

Family argument turns into shooting

BY MELISSA PERNER
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

An Ozona man has been arrested for allegedly shooting his brother during a family argument last week.

Benjamin Diaz Leal, 62, of Ozona was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against a family member.

Leal's bail is set at \$30,000. As of press time Monday, he was awaiting transport from Crockett County to the Upton County Jail in Rankin.

The charge is a first-degree felony, punishable up to 99 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

At around 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 21, Benjamin Leal allegedly shot his brother Isaac Leal after the two had been in an argument inside the house at 1709 Leal St., according to Chief Deputy Bo Semmler.

When law enforcement officials arrived on scene, they found Isaac Leal sitting on the sofa at his sister's house, according to an arrest

affidavit by Deputy Rupert Pena.

The affidavit stated Sgt. Samuel Longoria located Benjamin Leal as he was exiting his trailer house.

Benjamin Leal stated that he shot Isaac Leal, the affidavit said.

Semmler said Isaac Leal was shot in the thigh. The bullet came out the other side of Isaac Leal's leg and that Isaac Leal's head was beaten with the butt of the gun used to shoot him.

"He was awake and coherent and told us who hand done it," Semmler said of Isaac Leal when they arrived at the scene.

Crockett County Sheriff's Officials recovered the weapon, slug and empty shell casing at the scene.

Isaac Leal was transferred to Shannon Medical Center by Crockett County EMS. He is recovering from his injuries, Semmler said.

Texas Ranger Kenny Wadsworth assisted in the investigation.

Perry makes voter identification emergency legislative item

BY MELISSA PERNER
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

Voter identification is quickly becoming a top issue with Gov. Rick Perry.

Last week, Perry declared legislation to require a voter to present proof of identification when voting and legislation to provide for a balanced

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School board extends duBois' contract

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees voted unanimously following its evaluation of Superintendent Chris duBois in closed session on Jan. 20 to extend his contract one year through 2014.

Each year, the school board evaluates the superintendent. According to district policy, the evaluation includes procedures for setting goals that define expectations and set priorities for the superintendent.

"Thursday's superintendent's evaluation was for the performance period of January 2010 until December 2010. Board members evaluated on this time period only," said Board President Ray Don Myers. "We will continue to evaluate his performance and the district's status throughout this year. The board is commit-



CHRIS DUBOIS

ted to seeing the success of this district throughout this year and every year. As per policy, we will evaluate for 2011 performance in January 2012."

District policy also states that student performance, instructional management, school or organization morale, school or organization improvement, personnel management, management of administrative, fiscal,

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Hale, Renfroe champions at Odessa, Kerrville

BY CHASE MCPHAUL
CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H

Crockett County 4-H members have been busy this month competing in stock shows at Odessa and Kerrville.

At the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo held Jan. 7-9 in Odessa, Lane Hale won Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb.

Lane also placed first and second in the Finewool Lamb show.

Kelbie Renfroe placed fifth in the Finewool Lamb show and received the Senior Showman Award.

Alex Hopper placed third and fifth in the Finewool Lamb Show.

At the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show this past weekend in Kerrville, Renfroe won Reserve Grand Champion Overall Lamb and Champion Medium Wool Lamb.

Lane Hale won Champi-

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STOCK SHOW WINNERS: Kelbie Renfroe (left) won Champion Medium Wool and Reserve Grand Champion Overall and Lane Hale won Champion Cross at the 2011 Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show in Kerrville.

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Purse strings: Bill gives too much leeway on spending

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GUEST EDITORIAL
BY THE LONGVIEW NEWS-JOURNAL

In today's environment of leaner budgets and increased taxes, it is important for elected officials to remember whose money is resting in their coffers and every penny must be accounted for and all spending justified.

While voters chose to elect individuals to oversee the running of the city, county, school and state, it is the hired administrators who take care of the day-in

and day-out business of keeping the wheels turning and services available. While elected officials place their faith in hired administrators to conduct business properly, voters do not intend to simply open the purse strings and allow tax dollars to flow uncontrolled and unaccounted.

A bill filed by State Rep. Angie Chen Button, R-Richardson, aims to unlock the bank and give governmental bodies great

ly increased authority to spend public funds without public oversight.

House Bill 679 allows a governing body to grant authority to an official or employee responsible for purchasing or for administering a contract to approve a change order that involves an increase or decrease of \$50,000 or less. That is a significant increase from the present \$25,000 threshold which all governmental entities must adhere to before seeking approval from the elected governing body.

Button claims the increase is

needed to offset rising costs of conducting regular business, due to inflation. Government lobbyists have used that argument of adjusting for inflation for a couple of sessions and will most likely sing the same song this session.

While voters go about their everyday lives trusting city, county and school officials to conduct the people's business in the best and most honest manner possible - and the majority of them do - voters do want someone to be held accountable when it comes to spending tax dollars.

House Bill 679 could give non-elected administrators broader latitude where tax dollars are concerned and take elected officials out of the picture, thus leaving voters with little or no say in how their money is spent. In effect, government purchasers could avoid any public scrutiny, including in some cases, even elected officials, because the purchase would then be lumped in with other invoice, which too often become part of a consent agenda item, and quickly approved by elected officials without discussion or review.

The bill also has the potential to open the door to possible preferential treatment and/punishment of outspoken business owners with zoning issues or other political issues with the administrator of a local governing entity where local purchases of goods or services is concerned.

Rep. Button should reconsider HB 679, so elected officials - those people hired directly by the people's vote - are left with the responsibility of authorizing major purchases with tax dollars.

Math hints from Heloise

Did you know Heloise was into math?

Yes, I mean that Heloise, the one that gives all those "hints" in her newspaper column.

When my mom and I headed out to San Marcos last week for the annual Texas Press Association Midwinter Convention, little did we know we were going to be celebrities at this event.

All of the TPA conventions are filled with great speakers and great fun, but this one had an additional special touch.

Sitting at the Texas Newspaper Foundation's Hall of Fame dinner Friday night, I look over and there is the silver-haired woman who gives hints each day. Dressed in a turquoise suit, she looked just like her picture in the newspaper.

She wasn't there to speak, but instead was a visitor and guest.

After the dinner, mom and I shook her hand and she was fascinated with her spiky hair and how much we look alike.

There were two other celebrities at the dinner that night, Larry Gatlin and Cal Thomas. Cal Thomas, who also writes a newspaper column and has been featured on Fox News was great.

He reminded all of us that the newspaper industry isn't dying if those of us in the industry are willing to keep it going, especially when it comes to keeping elected officials honest. Thomas was fascinated that Paul and I own The Stockman and that it is not owned by a major corporation.

Larry Gatlin shook our hands. I'm sorry, I never was much of a fan of his, plus I had to look his music up later on iTunes to remember who he was, but he was nice. For those of you who are fans of his, you can be jealous now.

However, Heloise was the celebrity that mom and I found to be the best.

On Saturday morning, mom and I were waiting for brunch to start and here she comes. This time in a teal sweater and blue



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

jeans, she sits down with us and immediately remembers us from the night before. As my mom tells her she's a teacher and she has been teaching fifth grade math, the

newspaper columnist and my mother immediately found a common connection.

Heloise loves math due to a teacher she had when she was younger. In fact, if you read her bio she graduated from Southwest Texas (now Texas State) in San Marcos with a math degree. For those of you who don't know, she lives in San Antonio.

She talked as if we were all long-lost friends catching up on what has been going on in our lives. No, she didn't offer any of her famous hints, but talked about herself and her life.

We see or read people every day that seem larger than life, but deep down many of these "celebrities" are just like Heloise, regular people.

One subject Heloise was concerned with was TAKS testing and how school students today are not being taught basic skills, such as math knowledge needed in how to double a recipe or counting back change.

Our conversation didn't last long as she had to go talk with someone else, but it left mom and I feeling a little "cool" compared to the others around us.

I mean, we just had a morning conversation with Heloise over the importance of math. How many people got to do that on a Saturday morning?

Now when I read her column each day, I can look at her photo and say "I know that lady and she is concerned about the education of our children."

Heloise is more than just her hints, she is truly a genuine person.

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Where The Cows Aren't



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

The manager of Australia's largest cattle station thinks that someday ranchers will use the same type of drones that are conducting surveillance for our military in Afghanistan to check up on our cows. He thinks the cameras in unmanned small planes that our government also uses to spy on illegal immigrants along our border with Mexico will someday become so commonplace and cheap that a rancher can dial up a drone, print out a map and send his cowboys to where the cattle are hiding.

We've heard this kind of talk before. The Colorado Springs Gazette ran a story in 1885 that speculated that ranchers hoped to solve their roundup problems by employing a powerful telescope that could read brands from 150 miles away.

What I want to know is where was all this technology when I really needed it?

In high school I worked on a 100,000 acre ranch. Well, that's not exactly right. On a map it was only a couple thousand acres but if you flattened out all its mountains, ravines and ridges I'm sure it would have been bigger than Oprah and Rhode Island put together. As the crow flies it was only a mile from one end to the other but the cows couldn't even fly there. Not without oxygen, anyway. I'll never forget that one time on that ranch I went straight over a cliff in a pickup that was pulling a horse trailer and the crane that came to haul out what was left didn't have enough cable to reach the wreckage. (I miraculously escaped with barely a scratch.)

It was easily the roughest ranch I've ever been on and if it hadn't been for the oil wells on the place it wouldn't have made much of a cattle ranch at all. At first glance there never appeared to be any cows on the place but that was because they were all hiding in the brush. When four of us kids, who thought we were cowboys, went to gather the cows they proved harder to find than a defense attorney in heaven.

We could have used an eye in the sky but we were the only drones on the place.

The problem was you had to ride the ridges and if you spotted a cow half way down the ridge she dared you to come and get her. Invariably there'd be only one cow. It was like one old cowboy said, "There'd be one or two in a bunch and some bunches ain't got any."

If you did manage to find a cow the wild things were as approachable as a super model. After you kicked the cow off the mountain you had to sweet talk your horse into climbing back up and it was so steep that you rode with your feet out of the stirrups so you could jump off more easily when your horse fell over a cliff. I assure you that I am aware of the Texas school of

thought that says, "anything worth roping is worth keeping," but if you tied hard and fast to the horn in those hills you might follow whatever you roped to your death. That's why I'm a dally man.

We tried everything to gather those cattle. We used a dog but it was such a hard job he committed suicide by running under the tires of the hay truck rather than run any more ridges. We tried trapping, bribing, and even burning those mossy horns off the mountain.

It would have been so much easier if we could've just called tech support back at headquarters, had some teenage computer genius consult his computer and tell us where the cows were. That way if we showed up at the corrals with the four of us each pushing only one cow apiece, like I remember happening, we would have had a good excuse when the foreman asked in a smart-aleck manner, "Did you think the cows were just going to follow you in?"

In reply we could have said it was "computer error."

Alas, I don't think the time will come during my lifetime when we'll use drones to gather cattle because on far too many western ranches the information superhighway is still a narrow cow trail with a mountain on one side and a 300 foot fall to your death on the other. You're still going to have to "back-up" your computer with a crazy cowboy mounted on one courageous caballo.

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With inauguration now history, it's down to business

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Governor Rick Perry spoke of Texas with suitable pomp and glowing terms at his inauguration on Jan. 18, and afterwards sat down to a barbecue meal served on the Capitol grounds for an estimated 14,000 well-wishers and officials.

San Antonio businessman Red McCombs saved the state some cash by sponsoring the catered meal, offered free of charge to those who reserved tickets online, via the inaugural committee's web site.

Perry, who in his speech referred to the 21st century as "The Texas Century," enters his third consecutive four-year term as governor. Perry moved from the role of lieutenant governor to governor in December 2000, when then-Gov. George W. Bush resigned to pursue the presidency.

Perry's name turns up as a potential Republican candidate for president in 2012, but the governor has not signaled interest in seeking the presidency.

PROPOSED CUTS COMMAND ATTENTION

One sentence out of Gov. Perry's inaugural speech: "We must continue investing in our people, developing young minds, grooming and attracting the best and brightest in the fields of science and medicine, and giving individuals the tools and the freedom to prosper."

Perry did infer in the same speech, however, that serious belt-tightening would be needed.

A day after Perry said those words on the south steps of the Capitol, the Legislative Budget Board offered up House Bill 1, the general appropriations bill for 2012-2013.

The 900-plus page state budget bill, as currently written, suggests cuts that could be made on a path to a balanced budget that would compensate for a \$27 billion revenue shortfall.

Some of those suggested cuts are 100,000 public education jobs and four community colleges, including Odessa College.

Suggestions like that are noticed quickly. For example,

Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, immediately called the proposed closure of his district's Ranger College "the height of irresponsibility."

And then, Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee and serves on the 10-member Legislative Budget Board, had this to say:

"I appreciate the concerns of my colleagues regarding the elimination of state funding for four community colleges. The points that have been raised are valid and deserve a full review. Over the coming days and months, other such concerns will be identified."

"As I said on the House floor, I am committed to thoroughly examining this and other issues to determine whether the priorities provided for in this initial budget proposal are appropriate, and ensuring that we protect essential services while staying true to our core missions. Through the process, we will make adjustments as determined necessary by this body."

So, the budget bill truly is a starting point, and maybe lawmakers will find a way to keep education cuts to a minimum. After all, it's been said many times and in many places by many state lawmakers and other top officials that education is the key to our state's economic progress and future in general.

MORE ADDED TO PERRY'S LIST OF MUSTS

The governor's list of emergency items for the legislature to attend to this session is growing.

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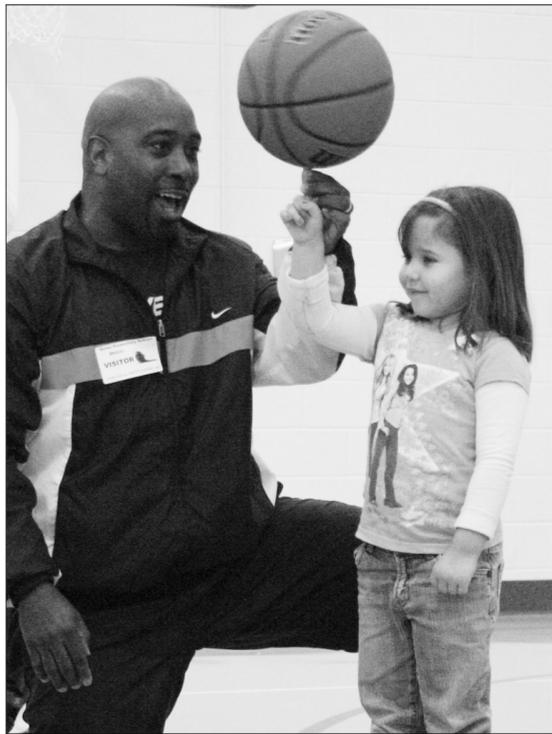


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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
ALYSSA VARGAS (right) spins the basketball with Melvin Adams, a former Harlem Globetrotter, at Ozona Elementary School Monday. Adams visited and talked with students at all three campuses about character and believing in your dreams, as well as made an appearance at the OMS basketball games. For more information, visit www.melvinadams.org.

Feast of Santa Angela Saturday in San Angelo

The Feast of Santa Angela will take place 6 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Fort Concho Stables in San Angelo.

Take a step back in time to the splendor and pageantry of the Renaissance in this magical event as the community celebrates the city namesake: Santa Angela Merici.

Walk into the banquet halls of the Renaissance Era with an evening that includes a unique Renaissance Dinner and cash bar, a short

comedic play filled with music and dancing and music provided by local artists.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for 12 and under and must be purchased in advance at Fort Concho, online at sabroadwayacademy.org or by calling 763-4807.

All proceeds benefit children's arts programs in West Texas through San Angelo Broadway Academy Youth Theatre.

For more information, call 763-4807 or 315-6295.

ASU Dean's List announced

Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2010 fall semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled fulltime at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average

on a 4.0 scale.

Students making the honor roll from Ozona: Kara L. Bird, Briana L. Bollinger, Matthew K. Bullard, Julie L. Gutierrez, Hilary P. Huffman, Alexandra B. Moore, Carla C. Trevino, Erica Venegas and Chancie M. Wadsworth.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 26

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

Thursday, Jan. 27

- Nutrition/Food Pantry program, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Virtual Dementia Tour, 2:30-5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Ozona Woman's League Bake Sale benefitting Autumn and Kevin Brown, 3-5:30 p.m. at the town square.

Friday, Jan. 28

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions and Lady Lions vs. Ballinger, 5 p.m. at Ballinger.

Saturday, Jan. 29

- OHS UIL Academic Teams to compete in McCamey Invitational.
- New Fire Youth event, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Sunday, Jan. 30

- Guadalupanas Salisbury Steak and trimmings lunch, 11 a.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall.

Monday, Jan. 31

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lions vs. Wall, 4 p.m. at the OMS Gym.
- OMS Lady Lions vs. Wall, 4 p.m. at Wall.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

- Dominos, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions and Lady Lions vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

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

Happy Birthday

Jan. 26 - Glenn Conner, Cathy Carson, Roderick Tijerina, Yvonne Lopez, Jackie Seale and Ruben Cruz Sr.

Jan. 27 - Diane Peerson, Brandon Payne, Tony Castillo, Chelsea West and Samantha De La Garza

Jan. 28 - Jessica M. Mata, Desiree Galan, JoAnn Fenton, Andrew Birkenfeld, Sabrina De La Garza

Jan. 29 - Angelita Pena, Jean Odom, Kathy Calzada,

Juan C. Perez, Mac Fred, Leah De La Rosa, Jeanie Pittman and Alma Elizondo

Jan. 30 - Mandy Fierro, Frank Bradley, Steve Sanchez, Lara Harrison and Queta Fierro

Jan. 31 - Lexi Poindexter

Feb. 1 - Marisa Vargas Salazar, Michael King, William Phillips, Ashley DeHoyos, Ernesto Borrego Jr. and Dlema Childress

Relay For Life meeting Feb. 10

People interested in forming teams for the upcoming Crockett County Relay For Life can attend at meeting at 6 p.m. Feb. 10 at the Ozona Elementary School Library.

Teams can be comprised of 8-15 members and are encouraged to raise money up to and during the event. Teams can have booths or tents set up at the relay with items to sell. By the end of the dinner, several people

were already signing up for teams.

Starting at dusk and ending at dawn, the 12-hour event will take place April 8-9 at Lion Stadium. The relay will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 7 a.m.

For more information about the Crockett County Relay For Life, call Hendryx at (325) 716-3291 or visit www.relayforlife.org/crockettcotx.

Shannon Clinic nationally recognized as 'better performer'

BY LYNDDY STONE
 SHANNON MEDICAL CENTER

Shannon Clinic was recently recognized by the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) Performance and Practices of Successful Medical Groups: 2010 Report Based on 2009 Data.

The association recognized the Clinic as a "better performer" due to superior operational performance and patient satisfaction compared with similar medical group practices nationwide.

Shannon Clinic is one of six multi-specialty clinics in Texas to receive the patient satisfaction award.

The Clinic has more than 130 providers and 30 mid-levels in 16 locations

including San Angelo, Del Rio, Big Lake and Ozona.

Each month, Shannon Clinic also provides specialists in seven additional West Texas communities.

"Patient satisfaction is a critical component when adding new providers and expanding our services throughout the region," said Gary Gibian, Shannon Clinic Executive Director. "We are here to provide quality care and outstanding healthcare professionals for our patients throughout the communities we serve."

The MGMA report has provided data to medical groups for more than a decade. In addition to the data report, the association analyzed management behaviors, practices and procedures of better performers.

OLPH hosting Daddy-Daughter, Mother-Son Dance Feb. 11

The Cursillistas of OLPH Catholic Church will be hosting a special dance this year.

Daddy-Daughter - Mother-Son Dance will be held from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, at the OLPH Parish Hall.

Music will be by DJ King and DJ TKO. Entry fee is \$5 per person.

This is a special opportunity to let your little girl

or boy (K-5th) know how special they are in your lives.

Dads grab your best girl and moms grab your best guy and treat them to a night they'll never forget.

Pictures and concession stand will be available.

For more information, call the OLPH Catholic Church (325) 392-3353.

Bake sale Thursday benefitting the Browns

Ozona Woman's League will be hosting a bake sale on Thursday, Jan. 27 from 3-5:30 p.m. at the town square.

Treats and casseroles will be sold.

Proceeds benefit Autumn and Kevin Brown.

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

January 2011 has come and almost gone with Christmas just a memory. Right now, I'm looking forward to spring and warmer weather.

Shirley Kirby is back in Ozona after having surgery in San Angelo. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

I spoke to Betty Hartley and Bob is coming along slowly. We miss both of them here at the Senior Center. It just does not seem the same with them gone. We all wish Bob a speedy recovery.

I went to CV Aging Providers Quarterly Meeting in San Angelo on Jan. 19.

The meeting was informative and the program was brought by Social Security. Are you aware that you can retire on your own computer by going to ss.com?

We have some beautiful new seating here at the Senior Center in addition to what we already had. Now, everyone may sit comfortable while waiting for lunch or for their activity to begin.

The people that meet to play domino games will be meeting on Tuesday every week after lunch. If you would like to join them in playing dominoes come on in about 1 p.m.

The bridge ladies will be playing on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. These ladies have

the best time playing bridge and appreciate using our Senior Center.

On Wednesdays, a group meets to play Mexican Train. These ladies get down and have a fun time playing this exciting game.

We have our regular activities: bridge, bingo, home health, pool, canasta and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines, a Wii game and two computers that are on the Internet for seniors to use.

We also have a projector with stand and a screen and have added a wonderful keyboard.

Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center are for adults only.

Virtual Dementia Tour Thursday at the Ozona Methodist Church

There are approximately 35 million Americans age 65 and older, a number that is projected to more than double by 2030.

The number of those age 85 and older has increased 30 fold over the twentieth century. Currently one in 10 Americans are over 65 and half of those over 85 are affected by dementia.

Dementia is the overriding diagnosis for cognitive impairments in older adults.

It refers to a global loss of cognitive and intellectual functioning, caused by damage to the brain that is severe enough to interfere with social and occupational performance.

There are several different types of cognitive disabilities that fall under this diagnosis. Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is the largest category.

Caring for those with

dementia requires empathy, patience and special care, but how can people be empathetic when they have never experienced dementia?

It is the only area of care-giving that has no ability to identify with the victim's plight.

Most people can experience what it would be like to be confined to a wheelchair, have vision problems, arthritis, etc. But a person caring for someone with dementia has no idea what it might feel like.

Yet, decisions for and about them are made by others who try, but cannot understand what the person copes with.

Lessening the chasm between us and our elders with dementia gives us a greater chance of meeting their needs. Research has demonstrated that caregiv-

ers of cognitive impaired patients overestimate the patients' functional performance in telling time, counting currency, making change, brushing teeth and using eating utensils.

This misunderstanding of ability can result in anger on the part of the caregiver and frustration on the part of the patient.

The Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT) allows you to experience the world of dementia for about 10 minutes.

It can be a very emotional yet beneficial time especially for those with loved ones who have dementia.

This VDT will be offered at the Ozona United Methodist Church on Thursday, Jan. 27, from 2:30 until 5:30 p.m.

For more information, or to make your appointment, call EA Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

OBITUARIES

Shelley Jean Southern

Shelley Jean Southern was born February 2, 1964 in Portales, N.M. to Delmar and Blanquita Southern. Shelley was lead home on January 12, 2011. As we all know Shelley had fought a courageous battle of cancer for the last 21 years. Though out those years she never gave up hope and continued to have the faith to fight each battle. She was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt and sister. All of those who knew her loved her dearly. She had such a warm loving heart to share, and was so full of spirit no matter what was going on in her life! Her sweet smile and positive attitude was always a comfort and will always be remembered!

Shelley is survived by her son Gary Southern, wife Summer of Houston, Texas, daughters Brittney Loth and husband Glen of Colorado Springs, Colo., Kaci Southern, husband Justin of Whiteface, Texas, her protective and loving twin sister of 46 years Sheila Wood, an husband David of Portales, N.M., a brother Justin Southern an wife LaRhea of Sinton, Texas, two grandsons Brock and Landyn of Houston, Texas, granddaughter Hadlie Jennings of Whiteface, Texas, her father Delmar Southern and wife Kathy of Nachagdoches, Texas, grandfather E.T. Southern of Portales, N.M., stepmother Fannie Southern of Ozona, a stepson Chase Varnell of Rogers, N.M, three nieces Brooke and husband Jaddus of Denton, Texas, Jennifer and husband Daniel Flores, Tiffany and Cody all of Portales, N.M. and three nephews Landon, Wade, and Cameron Southern of Sinton, Texas. Shelley is also survived by four great-nieces and two great-nephews and several cousins and close friends.

Shelley is preceded in death by her mother Quita Jernigan Rotenberry, a son Brandon Mason, a brother Shannon Southern and her grandparents Homer and Ruth Jernigan and grandmother Jean Cash.

Services for Shelley were Jan. 15 in Portales, N.M. directed by Wheeler Funeral Home with Chaplain Larry Mote officiating. Burial followed in Portales Cemetery.

Nutrition/Food Pantry program Thursday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Thursday, Jan. 27, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods 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, RN at 392-3060.

HELPING HANDS HIGHLIGHTS

BY MELINDA K. MALONE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We have had a great two weeks since my first article. Helping Hands for the Elderly Inc. of Ozona consists of an outstanding group of people who have hearts for serving. I would like to thank the board members and volunteers who gave so unselfishly of their time recently by learning new delivery routes, teaching others the delivery routes, delivering, cooking, serving and cleaning in the kitchen for multiple days - Debra Brown, Betty Bullard, JoAnn Babbitt Couch, Lynn English, Jack Gillit, John T. Hoover, Dee Keilers, Myron Maresch, Barbara Nicks, Weldon Nicks, Beverly and Charlie Preddy, Johnny Rodriguez, Roberta Schoenhals, Helen Wall and Nell Wester and especially two new volunteer deliverers - Ernest and Richard Vargas. Forgive me if I overlooked anyone's name and again, thank you to all.

If you are interested in volunteering as a deliverer, volunteering to serve in the kitchen and/or volunteering as a board member, come by or call 392-5026.

We have had changes in the staff. Bertha Rivera and Amanda Munoz have left and all involved in Helping

Hands thank them for their many years of service. The staff members are Walter Harger, Melinda K. Malone, Cassie Montgomery and Mona Sanchez. Thank you to Cassie and Walter for your extra efforts, also.

For information for qualifying for the Home-Delivered Meals Program or the Congregate Meals Program at the Senior Center, call Melinda K. Malone at 392-5026.

MEALS ON WHEELS MENU

- JAN. 26**
- Baked chicken thigh, macaroni and cheese, Scandinavian vegetables and Apple Betty.
- JAN. 27**
- Pork roast, potatoes, vegetables and cake.
- JAN. 28**
- Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit and dessert.
- JAN. 31**
- Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert
- FEB. 1**
- Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Broccoli, Roll, Dessert
- FEB. 2**
- Italian Chicken, Rice, Zucchini, Roll, Dessert
- FEB. 3**
- Doritos Casserole, Vegetable Blend, Dessert
- FEB. 4**
- Porcupine Balls, Corn, Beets, Roll, Dessert

Card of Thanks
Odilia (Dillie) and Billie Sanchez Jr. would like to thank all the family and friends of Elisa Cervantez for your support and prayers during a difficult time in our lives. Thanks for all the flowers, food and calls. Special thanks to all the staff at Crockett County Care Center for taking such good care of our mom for 7 1/2 years. God bless you.

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Thanks to each of you and God Bless You
Ronnie Fierro

THE GIFT OF LIFE

When God created the heavens and the earth, He also created living life forms and mankind was at the top, (Genesis 1:1, 20-22, 24-25, 26-31). God made the earth, the sky, the air, the water, the plants, and the animals for mankind to enjoy. But one of the greatest gifts was the ability for each to reproduce after its kind. To have babies or young was God's plan and He called it good. Life, especially human life is very special or sacred to God and to take a persons life intentionally was a very serious offense in God's eyes. He demanded that the killer's life be taken, (Deuteronomy 19:11-13). Many groups and Churches are holding January 2011, as a special month and acknowledging that life is special or sacred. They call it the, "Sanctity of Life" month. Many today are calling us a dying nation or a "Death Cult" because of our low regard of life. From 1973 to 2008 there were almost 50 million documented abortions in the United States. Over 2/3 of these were from unmarried women. Has our nation drifted this far from God? Many of our politicians are literally obsessed with supporting and helping this, "Blood Cult". God warned His people about child sacrifice and there was a severe penalty for it, individually and as a nation, (Leviticus 20:1-5, Deuteronomy 12:31, Psalm 106:38-41, Proverbs 6:16-19). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

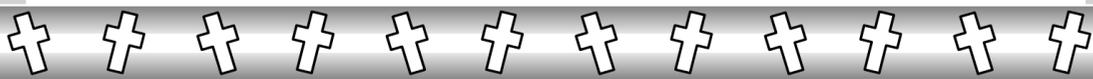
<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wed. Worship - 5 p.m.-Meal, 5:30 p.m.-Study</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
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<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	

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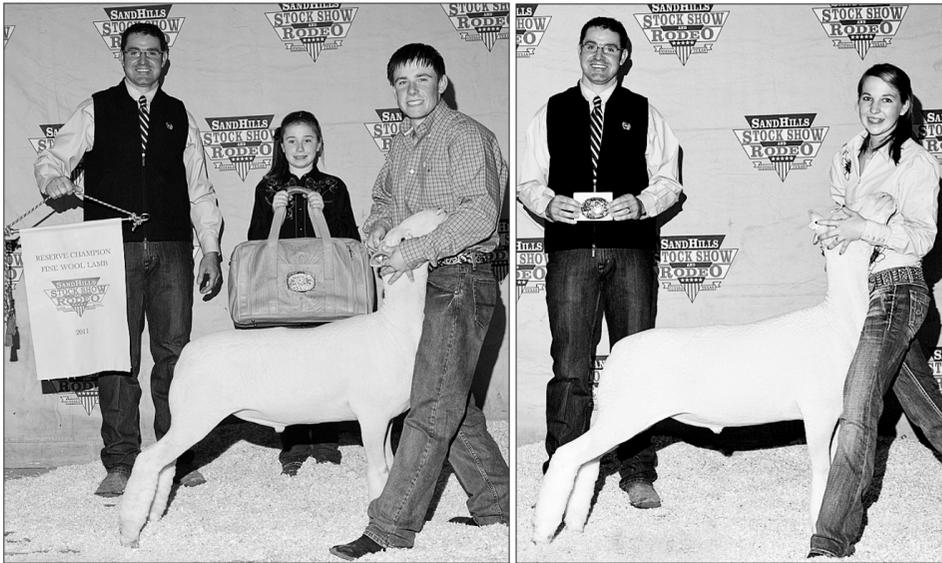
on Cross Lamb.

Also placing was Alie Black, second place Finewool Lamb, Murphey Black, third place Finewool Lamb, Trace Justiss, eighth and ninth place Finewool Cross Lamb, Alex Hopper, sixth place Finewool Lamb and Timothy Maldonado, seventh place Meat Goat.

Also participating were Madison Childress, Jacob Childress and Thomas Cruz.

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STOCK SHOW WINNERS: LANE HALE (left) was Reserve Champion and had a first and second place at the Odessa Stock Show. Kelbie Renfro (right) placed fifth and was Senior Showman.



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OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE MEMBERS and new babies raised around \$8,900 Saturday night for the West Texas Rehab Center Telethon. Grand total for the telethon was \$1,209,995. West Texas Rehab has centers in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

BOARD:

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and facilities functions, student management, school or community relations, professional growth and development, student achievement indicators and campus performance objectives and board relations are also used to evaluate the superintendent.

Last year, the board unanimously approved a one year extension as well. duBois was hired in 2009.

OZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAID OFF

During the Jan. 19 regular meeting, the board unanimously voted to pay off the 2008 \$10 million bond for Ozona Elementary School. The pay off amount was around \$5.8 million.

"We met our tax collection requirements this year and we were able to pay off the bond after three years, which is the earliest opportunity. We will be debt-free after February," duBois said.

HVAC WORKSHOP

Prior to the regular meeting, the board held a heating, ventilating and air conditioning workshop.

Klip Weaver, of DMI Inc., conducted an evaluation of the high school and middle school campuses and came to the conclusion that the district's main concern for HVAC issues is the Heritage and Main Buildings at OHS.

Weaver said out of the 211,000 square-foot he evaluated, the district uses around \$1.18 a foot for gas and electricity.

"You've got good lighting, good control issues. Could we save some money? Probably," he said.

"Our energy costs are really hard to standardize," duBois added.

The HVAC workshop is part of a series of workshops the board has been holding the past few months discussing district facilities.

CCCCSD has qualified for up to \$5.3 million as part of the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. The QSCB program is part of the Federal Stimulus package of 2009, which allows schools to borrow money at a low-interest rate. The board has until June to decide if they will use the QSCB money.

duBois said there is around \$3.5 million worth of maintenance, renovations and repairs to be done in the district.

"There are some opportunities for us to do some things that are pretty costly. With what is happening in Austin, there is no way we can do these in our budget," duBois said.

If the board does decide to accept the QSCB money, the district has 15 years to pay back the loan.

NEW FOOTBALL UNIFORMS

In his Athletic Director Report, Ray Brown informed the board that new football uniforms were needed for the varsity.

Brown showed the board how this year's uniforms letter was coming off.

Brown said he had enough uniforms still in good shape to be passed down to the eighth grade team. The seventh grade team will receive new uniforms as well. The current varsity football uniforms are two years old.

OHS athletes have received new basketball and track uniforms this year.

Money for the uniforms will be transferred within the athletic department's budget.

"We are just trying to take care of our needs," Brown said.

Also in his report, Brown said there are around 40 powerlifting athletes that are working out at 6:15 a.m. for upcoming meets in February.

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

In honor of January being "School Board Recognition Month," board members received framed certificates from the Texas Association of School Boards, district teachers and staff provided a pot luck meal at the meeting and the members received gifts from each campus.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

-The resignation of OHS Teacher Linda Coates.

-The district's audit. duBois said it was a healthy audit and the district has a fund balance of around \$4.8 million.

-District investment policies and resolutions.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

The board will hold another district facilities workshop and their regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Administration Building. The board will also attend a Level II Team Building Training from 6-9 p.m. Feb. 17 in Eldorado.

LEGISLATURE: Senate budget includes funding for Odessa College

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budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution as emergency items for the 2011 legislative session. This means the Legislature can start working on accompanying legislation immediately instead of waiting until 60 days after the session begins.

On Jan. 14, State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, filed House Bill 250, which would require voters to show photo identification before casting a ballot.

"Fiscal discipline, balanced budgets and the integrity of the ballot box are critical to the people of Texas," Perry said in a press release. "Under this emergency declaration, Texas lawmakers will be able to address these priority issues more quickly."

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, will lead the State Senate's efforts to move the controversial legislation, which failed in the 2007 and 2009 sessions.

"Voters and our constituents want this change," Duncan said in a San Angelo Standard-Times article. "Polls show that not just Republicans but Democrats as well. The public generally overwhelmingly supports requiring people to identify themselves to protect the integrity of the ballot box."

On Jan. 20, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, announced that the Senate will take up voter ID early this week, and that Duncan would chair the committee that will oversee the legislation, Senate Bill 14.

Perry previously announced two other emergency items for the 82nd Legislative Session - protecting private property rights/addressing eminent domain issues, and abolishing sanctuary cities in Texas.

Also last week, the Texas House released their budget proposal, which includes major cuts to education and closing of four junior colleges, one of them being Odessa College.

"Devastating. That's the first word that comes

'The proposed cuts for education not only threaten the state's future, they would strain the local economies of small towns across West Texas.'

Carlos Uresti

State Senator, District 19

to mind in describing what the House's proposed state budget would do to school districts across Senate District 19," said State Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio. "The proposed cuts for education not only threaten the state's future, they would strain the local economies of small towns across West Texas. From Bandera to Van Horn, Kermit to Eagle Pass Pecos to Presidio, and all the communities in between, local school districts provide jobs and generate other economic activity that spreads out like ripples in a pond."

Uresti also commented that the House's budget would cut border security, prisons, environmental protection, and doctors, nursing homes, hospitals and other health care providers who receive Medicaid reimbursements.

"A higher education degree would simply be impossible for many children in SD 19, where the per capita income barely exceeds \$12,000. For many, the chance for a better life would be out of reach," Uresti said. "This budget is also bad news if you have neighbors or family members who live in nursing homes or suffer with mental or physical disabilities, since Medicaid fees would be slashed by 10 percent. Child abuse prevention programs are on the chopping block as well."

The Texas Senate released its proposed 2012-2013 state budget Monday, which includes \$6,599,656 toward Odessa College.

Along with OC, Frank Phillips College in Borger, had funding continued in the Senate plan. Ranger College and Brazosport College in Lake Jackson were also funded by the Senate, after being left in the cold in the House.

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Ozona Lions overcome Bulldogs for district win

The Ozona Lions travelled to Brady looking for their first district win and they got it, 47-43 in overtime.

The Lions battled with a much taller Brady team and withstood a game tying shot at the buzzer to move to 1-1 in district play.

"The key to the victory was the role of the bench played by Luis Soto,

Ryan Mayfield, Jose Aguilar and Cris Taylor. These four guys were able to get us a seven-point lead in the fourth quarter by playing solid defense and steady play on the offensive end," said Coach Ted

Rohan.

The Lions led 40-33 with four minutes to go, but a determined Brady team was able to tie the game and send it to overtime.

The Lions scored four points in the overtime on a layup by Alex Borrego and two free throws by Abey Lara while Brady did not score.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 18 11 6 8 4 - 47; Brady - 17 12 4 10 0 - 43.

Scoring: Aguilar 2; Lara 9; Austin Suddreth 10; Borrego 2; Jerrod duBois 20; Mayfield 4. Also playing: Saul Vargas, Soto and Taylor.

OMS Lady Lions 'B' Teams crush Lady Colts

The Eighth Grade "B" Lady Lions beat Sonora 14-13 on Jan. 17.

Scoring: Marissa Held 4; Nydia Valdez 2; Angelica Diaz 6 and Alexis Aguilar 2. Also playing: Melissa Lozano, Angelica Diaz, Amber Dehoyos, Megan Bullard, Meagan Espinosa and Krislynn Harris

"This was a great win for our girls. We missed some easy shots early in the game, but we settled down and played great defense and did an outstanding job rebounding. We still have things to work on, but we have continued to improve every week. I am very proud of the effort. This was with out a doubt

a complete team win, every one played a role in the victory," said Coach John Esparza.

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions "B" Team defeated Sonora 23-6 on Jan. 17.

Scoring: Maria Mejea 11; Alondra Rodriguez 8 and Lauren Miles 4. Also playing: Daisy Cantu, Narda Aguilar and Gina Marquez.

"We played a great first half and moved the ball well. We had some great defensive stops early and had some fast-break opportunities. Overall, we played great defense and that was the deference in the ball game. I was very proud of the effort and hustle the girls showed," Esparza said.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

LAUREN MILES shoots a free throw for the seventh grade Lady Lions in their 23-6 victory over Sonora on Jan. 17.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

NATALIA ORTIZ WORKS THE BALL DOWN THE COURT FOR THE OZONA LADY LIONS IN THEIR Jan. 21 game against Wall.

Lady Lions lose to Brady, Wall in district play

The Lady Lions lost to Brady, 75-33, on Jan. 18.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 16 5 7 - 33; Brady - 23 18 20 14 - 75.

Scoring: Kristen Mendoza 10 points and 9 rebounds; Stacie Quiroz 6 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals; Natalia Ortiz 5 points, 5 rebounds and 2 steals; Raelynn Arredondo 4 points, 10 rebounds total-9 defensive and 3 steals; Britni Mitchell 4 points and 6 rebounds; Alex Rodriguez 2 points 8 rebounds and 2 steals; Melanie Miller 1 point, 2 rebounds and 2 steals and Layla Perez 1 point.

The Lady Lions lost to Wall 70-21.

Score by quarters: Ozona 8 2 11 8 - 29; Wall - 15 14 27 - 70.

Scoring: Quiroz 15 points with four three-pointers, 3 rebounds and 2 steals; Arredondo 7 points, 10 rebounds total-8 defensive and 5 steals; Ortiz 7 points with two three-pointers, 2 rebounds and 2 steals.

"Our girls played with tremendous heart and pride. They just went out and gave it everything they had. I am extremely proud of how they got after Wall. Our best quarter was the third quarter. We frustrated them and they only outscored us by three points.

That was huge for us. I think we ran out of gas a little in the fourth quarter and let them score 27 points, so the final score really doesn't show how close we stayed throughout the game," said Coach Cristy Isenhower. "We battled it out with one of the best teams in the state. It was a very physical game, and Wall earned every point. Twenty of their points were from the free throw line. I hope we can keep that kind of intensity to finish out the season. I truly believe that if we played that hard every game, our district standings would look a little bit different than they do now."

Seventh Grade Lady Lions fall to Sonora

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions lost to Sonora 19-17 on Jan. 17.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 2 6 5 - 17; Sonora - 4 8 5 2 - 19

Scoring: Brianna Sanchez 8; Alyssa Newlin 4; Estefania Torralba 3 and Madi Childress 2.

"The girls played an awesome game. They worked really hard as always. If only we could have made a few more baskets, we would have won. We had plenty of opportunities. Our biggest obstacle every game is making our shots. I am real proud of the effort and hustle that these girls give each game. They have been improving tremendously," said Coach Dedra Rohan.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions fall to Sonora

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions lost to Sonora 38-8 on Jan. 17.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 4 0 0 - 8; Sonora - 10 10 5 13 - 38.

Scoring: Bethany Martinez 4; Keyanna Perez 2 and Elva Gallardo 2. Also playing: Maira Rodriguez, Janina Munsell, Kaylenn Elston and Kaylee Ramirez.



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BETHANY MARTINEZ scored four points for the eighth grade Lady Lions in their Jan. 7 game against Sonora.

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4-H Food Challenge teams place second, third at district

BY SUSIE BISHOP
CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H

The 4-H Food Challenge was developed by county Extension agents to address the need for a new, "highly charged" foods experience.

This contest, modeled after such competitions as the Food Network's "Iron Chef," challenges teams of 4-H members to create a dish using only a predetermined number of ingredients.

From these ingredients, team members must identify and prepare the dish, then make a presentation about it to the judges.

The presentation includes information about the serving size, nutritional value, and cost of the dish.

The 4-H Food Challenge allows 4-H members to demonstrate their culinary and food safety skills to judges and observers.

Crockett County had two teams participating this past weekend in the District 6 4-H Food Challenge contest held in Fort Stockton.

The Shaker's & Baker's made up of Alex Hopper, Lauren Miles, Kimberly Borrego and Vanessa De La Rosa placed second, while The Sizzling Skillets made up of Madison Childress, Trace Justiss, Thomas Cruz and Kimberlee De La Garza took



THE SHAKERS AND BAKERS TEAM MEMBERS ARE: (l. to r.) Alex Hopper, Kimberly Borrego, Lauren Miles and Vanessa De La Rosa.



THE SIZZLING SKILLETS TEAM MEMBERS ARE: (l. to r.) Trace Justiss, Thomas Cruz, Kimberlee De La Garza and Madison Childress.

third place. "We are very proud of you all! Way to go Crockett County," Bishop said.

Eighth Grade Lions take on Sonora Colts

The Ozona Eighth Grade Basketball teams traveled to Sonora on Jan. 17 to take on the Colts. The Eighth Grade B team tipped off first to start the night.

The Lions jumped out on the Broncos and led 10-4 at the end of the first quarter.

The Lions were outscored in the second quarter of play 6-4, but the Lions still led 14-10 at the end of the first half.

In the third quarter, the Lions could not buy a bucket, but relied on their defense to still lead 16-14 by the end of three quarters.

Both teams would heat up in the fourth quarter, but the Lions would win this one by a score of 25-21.

Scoring for the Lions were: Ryan Porras 7, Bryce Gutierrez and Rigo Rodriguez 6 points each, Juan Rodriguez 4, and Kino Rodriguez with 2 points.

The B Team's season record now stands at 6-3.

The A team took to the court next.

The Lions and Broncos both would play tough defense in the first half.

After one complete half, the Lions and Broncos would be all knotted up at 9-9.

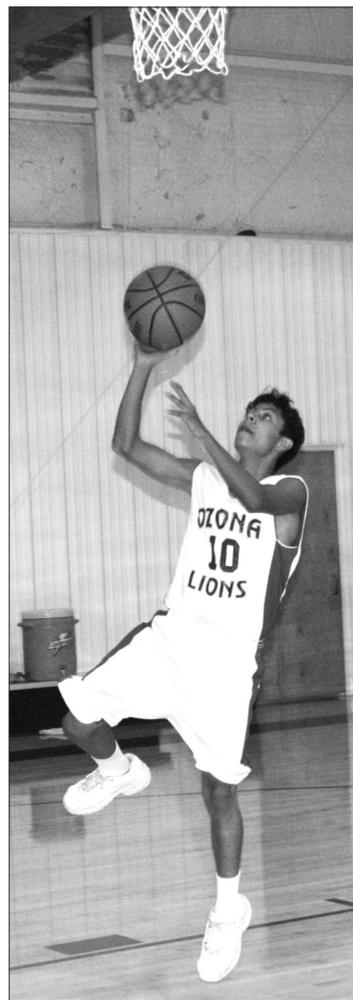
In the third quarter, the Broncos would outscore the Lions 12-11 to lead after three quarters, 21-20.

The action would heat up in the 4th quarter as both teams found their range.

The Lions would score 11 points but the Bronco offense would score 18 points.

The Lions would lose this game by a score of 39-32.

Leading scorer for the Lions was Jayton Rodriguez with 17 points. Fernando Sifuentes would pour in 7 points while Chase De Hoyos scored 3 points. Ricky Porras and Daniel Lombrana would close out the scoring with 2 points each.



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THE FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORE AVID (ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION CLASSES) taught by Butch Gonzalez were honored to have 112th Judicial District Judge Pete Gomez, Jr as a motivational speaker last Friday.



The A team now stands at 9-3 for the season.

JURY DUTY for Judge James M. Hearne Justice of the Peace Court on Thursday, Jan 27, 2011 has been **CANCELED.**

New Fire Youth event Saturday

Paraiso Ministries presents New Fire Youth event at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Crockett County Civic Center.

There will be music, games, a speaker, videos, food and fun. The event will be under adult supervision.

All youth ages 12-18 are welcome to attend.

Band Booster meeting Feb. 8

Band Booster meeting will be Feb. 8 at the OHS band hall at 6 p.m.

All band parents are encouraged to attend.

Youth Center Calendar of Events
OHS Food Night
7-10 p.m.
Jan. 31
OMS Food Night
7-10 p.m.
Feb. 1

CROCKETT COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2010					
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 23,455,204	\$ 2,251,218	\$ 1,487	105,161	\$ 25,813,070
5800 State Program Revenues	3,094,267	-	-	28,961	3,123,228
5900 Federal Program Revenues	28,250	-	-	1,077,169	1,105,419
5020 Total Revenues	26,577,721	2,251,218	1,487	1,211,291	30,041,717
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	6,516,463	-	-	543,161	7,059,624
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	14,769	-	-	16,658	31,427
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	20,344	-	-	157,883	178,227
0021 Instructional Leadership	-	-	-	23,217	23,217
0023 School Leadership	421,188	-	-	-	421,188
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	144,471	-	-	68,490	212,961
0033 Health Services	61,501	-	-	-	61,501
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	485,404	-	-	90,884	576,288
0035 Food Services	13,844	-	-	481,972	495,816
0036 Extracurricular Activities	490,787	-	-	217	491,004
0041 General Administration	788,511	-	-	1,460	789,971
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,701,101	-	104,750	16,273	1,822,124
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	29,227	-	-	-	29,227
0053 Data Processing Services	124,923	-	-	-	124,923
0061 Community Services	160	-	-	3,271	3,431
Debt Service:					
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	1,905,000	-	-	1,905,000
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	273,500	-	-	273,500
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	3,900	-	-	3,900
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	138,338	-	9,883,455	-	10,021,793
Intergovernmental:					
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	16,215,025	-	-	-	16,215,025
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	93,509	-	-	-	93,509
6030 Total Expenditures	27,259,565	2,182,400	9,988,205	1,403,486	40,833,656
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(681,844)	68,818	(9,986,718)	(192,195)	(10,791,939)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	9,016	-	-	-	9,016
7915 Transfers In	1,880	-	4,244,120	145,977	4,391,977
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(4,390,097)	-	-	(1,880)	(4,391,977)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(4,379,201)	-	4,244,120	144,097	9,016
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(5,061,045)	68,818	(5,742,598)	(48,098)	(10,782,923)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	9,475,429	1,079,237	5,742,598	48,098	16,345,362
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	463,601	-	-	-	463,601
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 4,877,985	\$ 1,148,055	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,026,040

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9000	Approach Operating	West #2315	Nabors Drilling #70	Drig Ahead
9000	Approach Operating	University 42-13 #14	Ringo Drilling Lp #17	Drig Ahead
9000	Approach Operating	Cisco Terry #8- #901 H	Nabors Drilling #774	Drig Ahead
9000	Walter O & G Corp	MS Smith -15- #1 H	Patterson Oil #471	Drig Ahead
Reagan County				
9000	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Sib -C- #13A	Union Drilling Texas #206	W.O.D.
10000	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Holt -R- #348	Union Drilling Texas #205	Drig Ahead
10000	Pioneer Natural	University 2-20 #6	Patterson Oil #73	Drig Ahead
11500	Parsley Energy	Jameson -50- #4	Matlock Drilling #4	Drig Ahead
9000	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Sugg -C- #28a	Patterson Oil #118	Drig Ahead
9000	Endeavor Energy Res	Sib -11- #1	Big Dog Drilling #5	Drig Ahead
10000	Prime Operating	Watkins #1	Patterson Oil #169	Drig Ahead
9000	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Sib -D- #2r	Union Drilling Texas #226	Drig Ahead
9625	Endeavor Energy Res	Sib -106- #1	Big Dog Drilling #4	Drig Ahead
9500	Final Natural Res	Mezang Draw #2ip	Patterson Oil #162	Drig Ahead
10200	Apache Corp	Sib -12- #1217	Big Dog Drilling #24	Logging
11500	Devon Energy	University 9-26 #1	Patterson Oil #80 Drig	Ahead
Schleicher County				
PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
8350	Highmount E&P Tx	Meador -57- #9	Ringo Drilling Lp #20	Drig Ahead
8500	Highmount E&P Tx	Martigliano #1502	Ringo Drilling Lp #16	Drig Ahead
Sutton County				
PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
8450	Highmount E&P Tx Hill	Mayer Edwin S Jr -#5	Ringo Drilling Lp #2	Drig Ahead
9450	Highmount E&P Tx	Wilson Duke -173- #20r	Ringo Drilling Lp #21	Drig Ahead

Guadalupanas Salisbury Steak lunch Sunday

The OLPH Guadalupanas Society will be serving Salisbury Steak starting at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at the OLPH Parish Hall.

High risk sex offender escapes custody in Houston

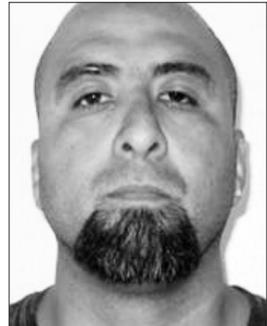
BY TELA MANGE
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Texas DPS is searching for a high risk sex offender who escaped from a Houston halfway house on Monday, Jan. 24.

At 6:15 p.m. Jan. 24, 39-year-old Timothy Rosales Jr. fled the Reid Facility on Beaumont Highway, where he was under electronic monitoring.

Rosales is 5-feet, 7-inches tall and weighs about 165 pounds. He has brown eyes and numerous tattoos.

Rosales, who has family in the Denton area, should be considered armed and dangerous. He was originally convicted of two ag-



gravated sexual assaults in Potter County in 1987. He is now wanted on felony civil commitment and parole violation charges.

Anyone with information is asked to call local police immediately.

Home care and hospice workers launch 'Operation Care Stronger'

AUSTIN - Texas home care and hospice workers will give special recognition and attention to their clients during a statewide "Operation Care Stronger" program in February.

Home care and hospice agencies provide skilled and supportive care from simple assistance in activities of daily living to high-tech IV therapy to persons of all ages throughout the state. Services include preventive, acute, sub-acute, rehabilitative, long-term, and end of life care.

Anita Bradberry, Executive Director of the Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice, said that "participating home care and hospice agencies will provide their clients with a special Valentine's Day greeting to highlight the effort, reinforcing the concern and respect we have for those who can no longer live completely independently."

Home care and hospice care provides tens of thousands of Texans the choice to remain in their homes in-

stead of being placed in institutional care.

"Consumers without families especially need to be reminded that there are those who care and respect them and Valentine's Day is the perfect time to make that point," Bradberry said.

She encouraged other Texans to remember their friends and neighbors who are sick, medically fragile, have disabilities or terminal illnesses, who are children, young adults or elderly, and to let them know that Texas cares.

There are more than 4,500 licensed agencies in Texas.

The Texas Association for Home Care & Hospice Inc., is a statewide non-profit trade organization whose mission is to promote quality and economic viability of licensed providers of home and community support services in Texas.

Many clients are served under the Medicare and Medicaid programs, as well as private insurance or private arrangements.

STATE: from page 2

Gov. Perry last week said he wants a law passed that requires a sonogram of a woman's embryo or fetus, so the image could be viewed before abortion procedures would ensue.

Other emergency items the governor has said he wants addressed: stricter voter identification requirements, a balanced state budget, and lawsuit reform. By lawsuit reform, a governor's office news release said he means:

- Creating an early dismissal option for frivolous lawsuits;
- Ensuring victims of frivolous lawsuits do not bear the financial burden of defending themselves through the creation of a "loser pays" system;
- Ensuring new laws cannot create causes of action unless

expressly established by the Legislature; and

- Setting up expedited trials and limited discovery for lawsuits with claims between \$10,000 and \$100,000.

STATE'S EMPLOYMENT RATE IMPROVES

Texas' total nonfarm employment increased by 20,000 jobs in December, the Texas Workforce Commission announced Jan. 21.

Texas has gained 230,800 jobs since 2009, but today, the state's unemployment rate remains at 8.3 percent.

In contrast, the U.S. Department of Labor tabulated the national unemployment rate at 9.4 percent for the month.

Currently, the Texas Workforce Commission estimates the number of Texans working at 12.2 million.

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS

• Armando Castillo, Ozona, driving while license invalid, misdemeanor, \$2,000; possession of marijuana, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

• Anthony Cordova, Ozona, possession of marijuana, misdemeanor, \$2,000; evading arrest or detention, misdemeanor, \$5,000.

• Richard Zane Whitesides, Colorado City, flying while intoxicated, misdemeanor, \$2,000; unlawful carrying of a weapon while intoxicated, misdemeanor, \$5,000.

DISTRICT COURT

Hon. Pete Gomez Jr. presiding

• Kenneth Malcolm Beaver, 62, Big Lake, pled true to driving while intoxicated,

ed, third-degree felony, five years community supervision, \$750 fine, 160 hours community service, \$438 court costs and 10 days in the Crockett County Jail.

• Arturo Lara III, 29, Ozona, pled guilty of burglary of a building, state jail felony, 540 days in jail and \$338 court costs; pled guilty to three counts of burglary of a habitation, second-degree felony, five years in prison for each count, \$338 court costs, all counts to run concurrent.

• Cruz Julian Palacio, 25, Ozona, granted motion to dismiss for adjudication of guilt due to amending community supervision.

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

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crockett County Sheriff's Monthly Report for January 2011 For the Month of December 2010:

Persons Placed in Jail	35
Persons Released from Jail	29
Persons Currently Incarcerated	2
Prisoners Currently Housed Outside County	15
Prisoner Housing Cost:	
Upton County - 309 days, 18 inmates	\$11,587.50
Reagan County - 77 days, 5 inmates	\$3,234.00
Calls for Service	245
911 Calls Received	312
911 Actual Emergencies	111
Civil Papers Received Total	11
Civil Papers Served	7
Civil Paper Unserved	35
Justice Peace Fines Received	\$1,820
Civil Fines Received	\$110
County Clerk Fines/Cash Bonds Received	\$0
Bond Fees Received	\$105
Accidents in County Vehicles	0
Number of Deputies Injured	0
Traffic Citations Issued	56

CROCKETT COUNTY CONSTABLE REPORT

Crockett County Constable's December Monthly Report:

- Traffic Citations: 7
- Bailiff: one Justice of the Peace Court.
- Civil Papers Served: 16
- Civil Paper Fees Submitted to Treasurer's Office: \$165.
- Unlocked several vehicles, assisted stranded motorists and assisted local law enforcement officers.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

- JAN. 17
- 911 call - No Transport.
- JAN. 21
- Non-emergency transfer - Crockett County Care

Center 103 North Ave H.
• 911 call - Shannon Medical Center 120 E. Beauregard.

JAN. 22

- 911 call - Family Health Clinic 106 Medical Dr.

JAN. 23

- Emergency transfer - Shannon Medical Center 120 E. Beauregard

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

- JAN. 21
- 10:10 a.m. - Investigation 300 Block Hillcrest, grass fire, check for cause, refer to Fire Marshal. A unit and one firefighter. Time in service (phone only).
 - 11:10 a.m. - Possible structure Post Oak Rd, smoke in house, defective heater. Two units, seven firefighters. Time in service 20 minutes.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Applications will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2011, for the position of Crockett County Auditor's Second Assistant. Applications may be picked up at the Crockett County Auditor's Office. Resumes may be included with applications. The following qualifications will be considered:

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 313 Texas Government Code that the Crockett County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 is submitting legislation to the 82nd Legislature which amends the Crockett County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 enabling act to: To provide that voting for election of directors may take place on the uniform election date in November of each even-numbered year. This amendment is to reduce the expense of the District resulting from new electronic voting requirements. Comments on these amendments may be submitted on or before Feb. 4, 2011 to Doug Meador, General Manager of the Crockett County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 at the District's office at 511 Eleventh Street or mailed to P.O. Box 117, Ozona, TX 76943. If you have questions, the District's telephone number is 325-392-2730. 2c52

BID NOTICE

CROCKETT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT AND CROCKETT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT #235 will be accepting bids until 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 2011, for Johnson Draw Flood Control Structure Repair. Sites #2, #4, and #7 Principal Spillway Conduct Repair. Specifications may be picked up at the County Auditor's office or the County Judge's office. Any bid received after stated opening time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids should be mailed or given to Janie Chandler, County Auditor, P.O. Box 989, Ozona, Texas 76943. The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject all bids. Janie Chandler, Crockett County Auditor, Ozona, Texas. 2c52

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Trek Resources, Inc., 4925 Greenville Ave., Ste. 915 Dallas, TX 75206 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid in the Wolfcamp Formation, Shannon Estate Lease, Well Number 5. The proposed injection well is located 10 miles SE of Iraan, Texas in the Noelke (Wolfcamp, Lower) Field, in Crockett County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5290 to 5910 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

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

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