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Commissioners approve additional historical commission funds

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Additional funds to help preserve Crockett County's History were approved Monday during the regular meeting of the Crockett County Commissioners' Court.

The commissioners' gave unanimous approval to the Crockett County Historical Commission for \$3,000 from the 2011 budget

for the purpose of writing a new Crockett County History Book.

This year, the commission has refurbished an office in the Crockett County Museum and has a part-time person to help write information for the new book, said Bob Childress, commission president.

Crockett County's first history book covers 200 years ending in 1976.

"A lot of people were left out

of that book. Lots of events have happened since that book," Childress said. "Once we get this book written, we can support ourselves. Our request is fairly minimal to get this book going."

The 2012 county budget already has \$3,000 budgeted for the commission. These additional funds will come out of the 2011 budget.

"I think the preservation of

Crockett County history is very important," said Commissioner Randy Branch.

Childress also said the commissioners need to appoint someone to write their history for the new book.

For more information on the commission, visit www.crockettcountyhistory.com.

The commissioners approved continuation of the burn ban.

Also, the Texas Governor's Office has granted County Judge Fred Deaton's request to ban fireworks in Crockett County through Jan. 2.

This means no fireworks will be sold during the New Year's holiday.

BURN BAN APPROVED

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School board meeting tonight

The Crockett County CCSD School Board will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Dec. 14, in the Administration Building located at 797 Avenue D.

The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:

·Open forum, public comments, audience participation.

·Public hearing - Public Reporting of Progress in Meeting Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements 2011-2012.

·Public hearing - Public Reporting of the 2010-2011 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS).

·District Spotlight - Technology.

·Reports: Transportation and Maintenance - QSCB Update and Report Only on Field Turf Maintenance Options; Principals; Athletic Director; Technology Director Report; Financial Report - Bills and Board Report; Superintendent - Enrollment, OES Construction Close-Out; School Finance Lawsuit Update; MSEC Report; Correspondence on OMS Improvement Plan and TASA

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DECORATE THE HALLS



NANCY VANNOY admires the 12-foot Christmas Tree at the house of Darolynn and Ricky Webster during Sunday's Friends of the Library Tour of Homes. More photos can be found on page 8.

64th annual Stock Show Saturday

The 64th annual Crockett County Stock Show will take place Saturday, Dec. 17.

The weigh-in is Friday, Dec. 16, and the show is Saturday.

Check-in for all lambs, goats and swine in the 4-H Barn is 4-5 p.m. Friday. Weigh-in of all lambs, goats and swine will be at 5 p.m. followed by the breaking of classes.

The show will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, starting with the Fine Wool Lamb Show, followed by the Fine Wool Cross Lamb Show, Angora Mutton Show, Meat Goat Show and Swine Show.

The Buyers Barbecue Lunch and show awards will take place around 1 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call the Crockett County 4-H Office at 392-2721.

OHS student ready for overseas adventure

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Bouncing into the room, Aliyah Guerra looks to be a typical teenager.

With her friend, Morgan Espinosa, the two girls talk about homework, school and their classmates.

However, Aliyah has her sights set on bigger adventures beyond Ozona.

For two years, the Ozona student has been researching and begging her mother, Emily Guerra, to take part in an international student exchange program.

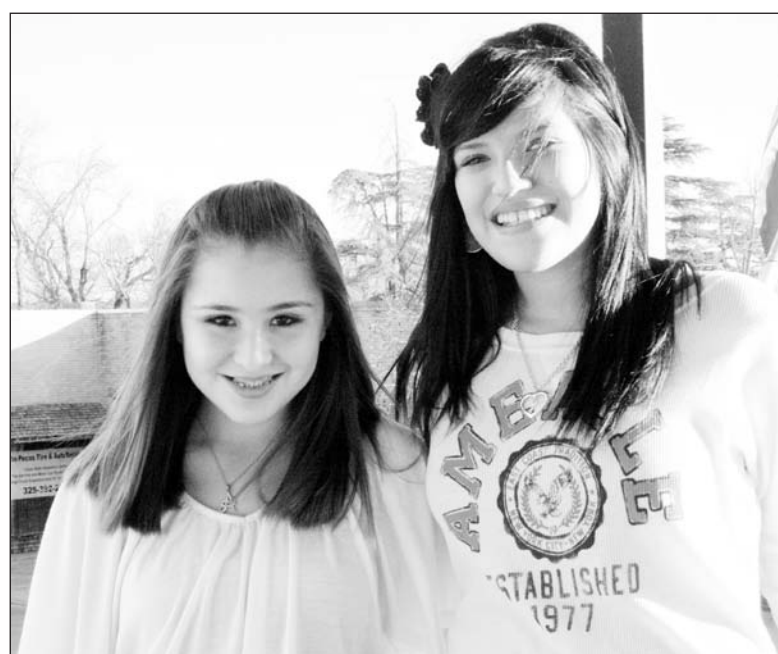
This summer, Aliyah's dream will come true as she has been selected as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program through Rotary Clubs International.

"I'm not nervous. I'm really excited," said the Ozona High School Freshman. "Rotary is a very scholarly program."

For an entire year, Aliyah will live with host families selected by Rotary. Italy and Austria are Aliyah's top two choices, with Italy being first. She finds out her destination in the spring.

"The main reason I picked Italy is due to the culture,

PLEASE SEE **ROTARY**, PAGE 9



ALIAH GUERRA (left) is getting ready for a year of studying overseas with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Aliyah, a freshman at OHS, leaves this summer. Pictured with her is her friend Morgan Espinosa.

Tambunga chosen as Texan of the Week

Crockett County Commissioner and Ozona citizen Frank Tambunga was chosen as the Texas Farm Bureau's Texan of the Week last week.

Tambunga has worked at Ozona National Bank for more than 25 years and has served as a commissioner for 16 years, but he has done much more.

If there's a civic program available, a volunteer needed or a soldier in need, Tambunga will make sure something is done.

"It's important to us that you understand the benefit you have been to our community over all these years," County Judge Fred Deaton



said of Tambunga.

Anyone can be nominated for Texan of the Week. The Texan of the Week can be heard on KYXX 94.3 FM Radio in Ozona.

For more information, visit www.texanoftheweek.com.

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Effective communication to help get bills paid

Is your website feeling stale? These four tips can help your site become an effective tool that works for you 24/7 to help you gain more business:

1. Keep the homepage action oriented. You should decide early on in the website design process what the goal of your website will be, and always direct users toward completing that goal. Also, make sure you have contact information on your homepage so people can pick up the phone and start doing business with you right away. The best bet is to keep the homepage down to a

just a few buttons and your most important information. From there people can choose where they want to go on the website and find out more about you, your business, or your services.

2. Integrate social media. Integrating social media can be



BUSINESS TIPS

JESSICA LAMBERT

done from the website or from the Social Media sites. For example, you can have buttons on your page to divert browsers to check out your social media site, and you can also regularly share pages from your website on your Facebook, Twitter, or LinkedIn pages that will divert people to your website and hopefully help generate more leads. By integrating social media you can begin to gain more feedback from your customers on what their needs are, what you are doing right, and what you may be doing wrong.

3. Keep it simple. When you

have a lot of content, or many different types of users, it may become difficult to keep your content simple. One way to counteract the tendency to overdo is to always remember that you are more likely to have someone read information on a well-organized and clean looking screen than a cluttered one with an overabundance of content. Good planning can help keep it simple.

4. Make it memorable. You can work on making your webpage memorable by having valuable content. Valuable content can include captivating

photos that give readers a good idea of the work you can do and also having interesting and well written copy on your website. Poor grammar, misspelled words, and sloppy sentences will make readers assume that your work is sloppy as well. Use your pictures and copy to bring your business's story to life. And don't be afraid to interject some personality. When your website guests get a good impression of you from your website, they will be motivated to find out more and eventually purchase the goods or services you are selling.

When a website is designed well it can be a powerful tool for a business to build their brand and gain more customers. By integrating these four tips into the design of your website, you can improve your business's image as well as make it easier for customers and potential customers to do business with you.

"Business Tips" was written by Jessica Lambert, Business Development Training Coordinator and Certified Training Coordinator of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact her at Jessica.Lambert@angelo.edu.

A mother's letter to Santa

Dear Santa, I've been a good mom all year. I've fed, cleaned and cuddled my children on demand, visited the doctor's office more than my doctor, sold 62 cases of candy bars to raise money to plant a shade tree on the school playground.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

I was hoping you could spread my list out over several Christmases, since I had to write this letter with my son's red crayon, on the back of a receipt in the laundry room between cycles, and who knows when I'll find anymore free time in the next 18 years.

Here are my Christmas wishes:

I'd like a pair of legs that don't ache (in any color, except purple, which I already have) and arms that don't hurt or flap in the breeze; but are strong enough to pull my screaming child out of the candy aisle in the grocery store.

I'd also like a waist, since I lost mine somewhere in the seventh month of my last pregnancy.

If you're hauling big ticket items this year I'd like fingerprint resistant windows and a radio that only plays adult music; a television that doesn't broadcast any programs containing talking animals; and a refrigerator with a secret compartment behind the crisper where I can hide to talk on the phone.

On the practical side, I could use a talking doll that says, "Yes, Mommy" to boost my parental confidence, along with two kids who don't fight and three pairs of jeans that will zip all the way up without the use of power tools.

I could also use a recording of Tibetan monks chanting "Don't eat in the living room" and "Take your hands off your sister," because

my voice seems to be just out of my children's hearing range and can only be heard by the dog. If it's too late to find any of these products,

I'd settle for enough time to brush my teeth and comb my hair in the same morning, or the luxury of eating food warmer than room temperature without it being served in a Styrofoam container.

If you don't mind, I could also use a few Christmas miracles to brighten the holiday season. Would it be too much trouble to declare ketchup a vegetable? It will clear my conscience immensely. It would be helpful if you could coerce my children to help around the house without demanding payment as if they were the bosses of an organized crime family.

Well, Santa, the buzzer on the dryer is ringing and my son saw my feet under the laundry room door.

I think he wants his crayon back.

Have a safe trip and remember to leave your wet boots by the door and come in and dry off so you don't catch cold.

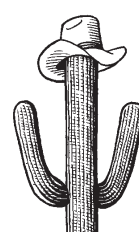
Help yourself to cookies on the table but don't eat too many or leave crumbs on the carpet.

Yours Always, MOM...!

P.S. One more thing... you can cancel all my requests if you can keep my children young enough to believe in Santa.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Check out our annual Santa Letters section next week, in the Dec. 21 edition.

Christmas Greetings



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I'm one of those people who said I'd never forgo the sending of traditional cards and instead send one of those form Christmas letters that we all get bragging about the exploits of the sender's family. But have you seen the cost of a box of Hallmark Christmas cards lately?

Couple that with the embarrassing problem of taking someone off your Christmas card list that you've mailed to for 30 years with no reply, only to receive a Christmas card from them the day before Christmas, which doesn't allow you anytime to reciprocate in kind, well, I decided this year to have my wife write and send an e mail Christmas letter to everyone this year.

In having my wife write our first ever arrogant Christmas letter she discovered that it took too much effort. So we wrote an arrogant form Christmas letter that anyone can adapt for their own use. In the spirit of Christmas giving, I offer it to you.

Dear (a) Friends; (b) Relatives; (c) Business Associates; (d) People We Want To Make Jealous;

Well, another year has passed and that means it's time to send out our arrogant annual Christmas letter to (a) wish everyone a merry Christmas; (b) make our friends feel inferior. The (a) cattle; (b) corn; (c) cotton; (d) futures market; was at an all time (a) high; (b) low; this year and so our entire family will be spending this holiday season (a) on an around-the-world

cruise; (b) serving dinner to the poor and homeless; (c) eating Christmas dinner with the poor and homeless.

To maintain the appearance of our garish and opulent lifestyle this Christmas (a) my husband leased and gave to me a fully loaded Cadillac Escalade; (b) we got a second mortgage on the house despite a credit score in the low two hundreds; (c) I got another job in

town (my third.). For vacation we spent (a) two weeks in Tuscany; (b) one week at the county fair drinking beer and watching hog races; (c) a week picking up trash along the county roads as part of a guilty plea agreement in which my worthless husband was given two weeks of community service.

Our entire family this year was humbled and honored (a) as Citizens of the Year; (b) to appear on the Judge Judy Show; (c) to finally emerge from bankruptcy protection. And as a concerned family of environmentalists this year (a) we installed solar panels, new insulation and wind machines; (b) we test drove a Prius; (c) my husband vowed to either walk or ride a

horse everywhere he goes as a result of his third DUI. In addition to his strong commitment to the farming and ranching community he (a) serves as chairman of the local United Way; (b) organized the local Tea Party; (c) hosts weekly poker games; (d) organizes the betting pool for local high school football games. I continue to serve (a) as dessert chairman for the Daughters of the American Revolution; (b) weekends in the local slammer.

Our oldest son Steve this year was active once again in (a) FFA; (b) Weight Watchers; (c) Juvenile Hall; and he finally (a) graduated from Harvard; (b) flunked out of alternative high school; (c) got his ankle bracelet removed. Our oldest daughter Hyacinth was (a) Homecoming Queen; (b) an alternate member of the drill team; (c) knocked up by the Homecoming King. Our youngest son Josh this year got (a) his Drivers License; (b) ringworm from his steer that didn't make weight; (c) his first tattoo and tongue stud; (d) probation.

Finally we know you're all dying to hear about our wonder dog, Potlicker. This year he (a) won a statewide sheepdog trial; (b) lost a paternity fight with a Shih tzu bitch; (c) got shot by the neighbor for killing his chickens.

That's all for now. (a) Merry Christmas; (b) Happy Hanukah; (c) Eat your hearts out.

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U.S. Supreme Court to hear redistricting arguments

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Ongoing disagreements over the legality of 2010 Census-based redistricting maps drawn by Texas lawmakers state earlier this year continued last week.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Dec. 9 issued a stay of the filing period for candidates in the 2012 state Senate, state House of Representatives and the U.S. House of Representatives elections. The stay extends the Dec. 15 filing deadline, pending further order of the court.

On Jan. 9, the high court will hear oral arguments from Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, who is acting on behalf of the State of Texas, and the other interested parties in three redistricting lawsuits.

Abbott asked for the intervention to prevent a set of maps redrawn by a San Antonio-based, three-judge U.S. District Court panel from taking effect.

During the 82nd session of the Texas Legislature, a number of Democratic lawmakers warned that the state House and Senate maps and the U.S. Congressional maps would not satisfy the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1965, a fed-

eral law that holds states with a history of racial discrimination to additional scrutiny.

On votes reflecting Republican majorities in the state House and Senate, the maps were passed and signed into law by Gov. Rick Perry in mid-June. In the summer, after required preclearance of the maps under the Voting Rights Act was denied by the U.S. Department of Justice, a series of federal court pleadings and appeals was set in motion.

Voters generally want the fairest set of maps possible, and the court wrangling is meant to address those interests. Meanwhile, the amount of time is shrinking during which voters can learn about candidates and make informed choices before the party primaries.

PANEL TO STUDY EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the state Senate, on Dec. 7 issued interim charges to the body's Economic Development Committee.

The committee, chaired by Sen. Mike Jackson, R-Pasadena, is charged with evaluating the state's return-to-work programs for the unemployed, evaluating the financing mechanism for the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, and reviewing the implementation of SB 1048, legislation relating to the fostering of public-private partnerships for qualified public infrastructure projects costing up to \$50 million.

MAGAZINE: TEXAS TOPS ON JOBS

The governor's office reacted on Dec. 7 to Forbes magazine's rating of Texas as the "Best State for Jobs" in a five-year forecast.

"Texas' tax climate, pro-business climate and economic development incentives were noted as reasons to relocate or expand a business in the Lone Star State," the governor's office noted.

SALES TAX REVENUE UP AGAIN

Texas Comptroller Susan

Combs announced Dec. 7 that state sales tax revenue in November was \$2.07 billion, up 12.2 percent compared to November 2010, and that state sales tax revenue has now increased for 20 consecutive months.

For the sake of comparison, here is a list of comptroller-issued state sales tax revenue estimates for five previous Novembers: 2010, \$1.84 billion; 2009, \$1.70 billion; 2008, \$1.98 billion; 2007, \$1.80 billion; and 2006, \$1.73 billion.

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DEBBIE VILLARREAL | SUBMITTED PHOTO

MCKENNA MOSES took first place in a National Cheerleaders Association Holiday Classic Cheer Competition this past weekend in Dallas. McKenna is part of the "Cheer Explosion" team out of Sanger, Texas. She has been practicing on her own for this competition since moving to Ozona. McKenna is an eighth-grader at Ozona Middle School. She is the daughter of Debbie and Ismael Villarreal.



SUSAN CALLOWAY | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

MATT GUTIERREZ was honored with a retirement party last week at Super 5 Foods/Lowe's Grocery Store. Matt is retiring after 46 years of service in the meat market. Pictured with him are his son, Matt Gutierrez Jr., his grandchildren Braeden and Brylee and his wife, Felice.

Angel Tree gifts due Friday

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

This program's purpose is to ensure all Crockett County residents experience the blessings of the Holy day of Christmas.

It could not be successful without the help of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Ozona Elementary School, Ozona National Bank and Crockett National Bank.

Approximately 150 children and elderly residents in our community have been contacted.

Their clothing needs have been placed on ornaments, which are decorating Christmas trees located at OLPH Catholic Church, Ozona United Methodist Church, Ozona National Bank and Crockett National Bank.

If you would like to participate, please go by one of these four locations and pick up the ornament of your choice, purchase the items listed and return your gift by Friday, Dec. 14, to any of the four locations.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

OHS AVID students ringing bells for Salvation Army

OHS AVID students will be "ringing the bell" during finals next week for the Salvation Army.

Students will set up on both sides of the street in front of the high school so that folks who would like to donate can stop and drop money in the bucket.

Pastor Carlos Cantu, OHS Principal Josh Carty and Superintendent Chris duBois will be out there from 7:15-7:45 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 19, to kick it off.

OHS staff will be collecting before and after school as well. Collecting will be Dec. 19-21.

Ozona's Salvation Army collects funds to help with

stranded travelers, people in dire need of payment for their utilities and help with disasters or loss of houses.

Currently, the Ozona Salvation Army is not accepting clothing or furniture donations, but has plans to do so in the future.

Chairman for Ozona Salvation Army is the Rev. Juan Carlos Cantu, also pastor of the New Beginnings Church in Ozona. Helen Wall is the acting treasurer.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Cantu at (325) 262-7040.

Donations can be mailed to The Salvation Army of Ozona Texas Division, P.O. Box 816, Ozona, Texas 76943.

Toys for Tots taking donations through Saturday

The Crockett County Veterans, along with Crockett County EMS and the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, has kicked off the annual Toys for Tots collection drive.

Boxes or containers are located at Dollar General for anyone wanting to donate a new, unwrapped toy. An account is available

at the Ozona National Bank for those wanting to make a money donation. Veterans and their assistants will be at the town square and at various places each Saturday until Dec. 17 collecting toys and money donations.

For more information, call Frank Tambunga at (325) 392-2827.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 14

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCSD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Thursday, Dec. 15

- Ozona National Bank Christmas Open House at Ozona National Bank.
- Third Grade Play "A Christmas Wizard of Oz," 6:30 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 6 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

Friday, Dec. 16

- Crockett National Bank Christmas Open House at Crockett National Bank.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- JV and Varsity Lady Lions vs. Christoval, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
- Freshmen, JV and Varsity Lions vs. Junction at Junction.

Saturday, Dec. 17

- OMS Lions and Lady Lions in the Ozona Middle School Tournament.
- Crockett County 4-H Stock Show, 8 a.m. at the 4-H Barn and the Fair Park Convention Center.

Monday, Dec. 19

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Advent Lunch, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

- Congressman Canseco visit, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center; 10:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center and 11:30 a.m. lunch at El Chato's.
- Children's Christmas Program, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance lessons, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

- Early release day for Ozona Schools. Holiday break until Jan. 3.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Longest Night Service, 6 p.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Chapel.

Happy Birthday

Dec. 14 - Kylan Bursleson, Jeanie Thompson, Dusty Wilson, Harvey Fierro, Sara Estrada and Alexa Cervantez

Dec. 15 - Rick Hunnicutt and Trey Fierro

Dec. 16 - Anna Marie Fierro, Janina Savala, Manuel Gutierrez Sr., Markaus Galindo, Rianna N. DeLaRosa

Dec. 17 - Helen Owensby, Jolene Hernandez, Zachary Talamantez, Aiden Fierro and Jordan Martinez

Dec. 18 - Celia West,

Serenity Kydance Vasquez and Hope Ellington

Dec. 19 - Aiden Cruz Sanchez, Tommy Gray, Nannette Verner, Jodie Baggett, Mandy Martinez, Sean Austin Fuentes, Terri Price and Thomas Talamantez

Dec. 20 - Rebecca Flores, Christine Lindsey, Lesly Rodriguez, Blanca Garza, Arleen Castillo, Brylee Gutierrez, Jessica Galan, Stormi Lee Sessom Oglesby and Jacinda Villarreal

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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
THE CROCKETT COUNTY CARE CENTER recently purchased new furniture, pictures and a new electric fireplace with fund-raiser funds. **Joanne Willamson** (top) sits in one of the new chairs by the fireplace and **Odilia Sanchez** (left) calls bingo next to two of the new chairs. The care center also received new hospital beds, desk, over the bed trays, file cabinets and other furniture from Shannon Hospital.

Longest Night: Service of healing and hope

While most folks are in the midst of last minute preparations for the most joyous time of the year, many others are in the midst of pain and suffering. The scenes of family togetherness we see on T.V. may remind us of what we have lost, or never had. Perhaps this will be the first Christmas without a much-loved family member. Maybe the Christmas season has never been a happy one because of a painful childhood. For some, financial worries clash with advertisements that encourage us to spend; spend; spend. Worries about health or broken relationships can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating going on around us. We all need a time and space to acknowledge our pain and know that we are not alone. As our spirits sink to rock bottom during this time of the year when the days shorten and the darkness lengthens we need encouragement to live the days that are before us. For these reasons, Ozona United Methodist Church is offering a "Longest Night Service of Healing and Hope" on Wednesday, Dec. 21, (the longest night of the year) at 6 p.m. in their chapel. Come and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture, and music which acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack of it) is welcome. The service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship. Along with the "Longest Night" Service, the church will also host an Advent Luncheon at noon on Dec. 19 in the Fellowship Hall. A Children's Christmas Program will be held at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 20 in the Fellowship Hall with soup and sandwiches to follow. Christmas Day service will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 25 in the Sanctuary. For more information, call the church at 392-3060.

DEATH NOTICES

Abel C. Martinez Jr.

Abel C. Martinez Jr., 78, died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011 in San Angelo. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Templo Siloe Assembly of God with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home. Survivors include his wife, Senaida Martinez of Ozona; two daughters, Bettina Ortega of Odessa and Elizabeth L. Morgan of Ozona; stepdaughter, Emily Janke of Junction City, Kan.; son, Joe L. Martinez of Monahans; two sisters, Encarnacion Vela and Guadalupe Guerra both of Ozona; brother, Luis C. Martinez of Ozona.

OBITUARIES

Geraldine T. Sikes

Geraldine T. Sikes 92, of San Angelo died Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011 in a local nursing home. Funeral service was Wednesday, Dec. 7, in Johnson's Funeral home Chapel. Burial will follow in Fairmount Cemetery.



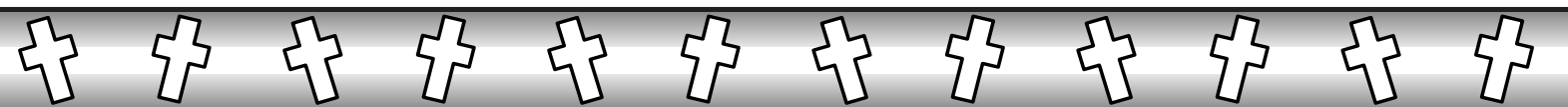
Mrs. Sikes was born Oct. 31, 1919 in Jones Prairie Texas to Bert and Nettie Bailey Thrasher. She married LBT Sikes in 1939 in Temple, Texas. She was a member of Sierra Methodist Church and retired from Teachers Retirement System in 1980. Geraldine was preceded in death by her husband LBT on Nov. 8, 1989. She was also preceded in death by two sons David and Richard Sikes, and a sister Nettie Sapp. Survivors include her daughter Betsy Sikes of Pecos, four brothers Bob, Rusty, Joe and Kenneth Thrasher, two sisters Grace Baker, and Shirley Burton, two grandchildren Michael and Elizabeth Sikes Miller, and one great granddaughter Natalie Miller. Family and friends may sign an online register book at www.johnsons-funeral-home.com

Nutrition/Food Pantry program Dec. 30

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, Dec. 30 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.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to Kevin Webb, Blake Morrow and Jordan De La Rosa for putting up the lights and Christmas decorations at the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.
Lue Morrow



THAT DAY

Last Sunday some friends mentioned the name of a college that I used to attend. It brought back a lot of old memories but many of them were not good. I was not a Christian then and I just lived to please myself. As I thought about my life it seems like there were two different life styles. One with fun and pleasures (2 Timothy 3:4) but with many regrets and heartaches. The other not as wild or out of control but with love, joy and peace in abundance and very few regrets. Right in the middle of those two different and distinct lifestyles was one day. That day was different than all the rest. That was the day a man (a preacher, Romans 10:15) came out to my house and shared with me about knowing Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. That day I asked God to forgive me for the way I had lived (Job 22:21 & Job 33:26-28) and I asked Christ to have mercy on me and please come into my life (to let His will be done) and be my Lord and Savior. You talk about a change, not on the outside but on the inside (Isaiah 12:1-5). It is amazing the difference a day can make. I hope you have had a day like that in your life. See you in Church on Sunday. Brother J

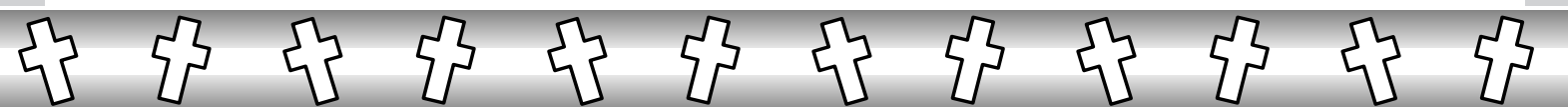
First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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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.	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.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Tues. - Sat.: 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.	Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.
New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.		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.

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Filing for local March Primary Elections ends Thursday

Filing ends Thursday, Dec. 15, for local March 2012 Primary Elections. In Crockett County, those who have filed so far are: Roy Glenn Sutton, incumbent, Ron Hawthorne, Paul Stroope and Robert F. "Bob" Rodriguez for sher-

iff; Jody Upham, incumbent, for county attorney, Randy Branch, incumbent, for commissioner of precinct 3 and Raymond "Bear" Borrego, incumbent, for constable. All candidates have filed to run in the Democratic Primary. Crockett County

currently does not have an active Republican Party. Other local offices up for election 2012: tax assessor-collector and county commissioner precinct 1. State filings so far include: Laurie English for reelection as 112th District

Attorney in the Democratic Primary. For more information, visit call the Crockett County Tax Office at 392-2674 or visit the Texas Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/index.html>.

Congressman Canseco visiting Ozona Tuesday

Congressman Francisco "Quico" Canseco will visit Ozona Tuesday, Dec. 20. Canseco, R-San Antonio, will hold a town hall meeting at 9 a.m. at the Senior Center. Following the town hall meeting, Canseco will hold a Ranchers Round Up from 10:30-11:15 a.m. at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. Lunch with Canseco will be at 11:30 a.m. at El Chato's. Lunch is buy your own. Call the chamber at 392-3737 for reservations by



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Friday, Dec. 16. All of the meetings are open to the public.

Redistricting orders throw Texas Politics into disarray

BY ROSS RAMSEY
TEXAS TRIBUNE

Forget everything. The candidate announcements, the relocations, the decisions not to run again, the who vs. who and the campaign finance. Poof!

With a one-paragraph order on Friday night, the U.S. Supreme Court froze the Texas congressional and legislative elections and replaced pre-holiday candidate filings, politicking and fundraising with uncertainty and chaos. For now, there are no new legislative districts in Texas, no new congressional districts. None of the maps has been declared illegal, but no maps for House, Senate and congressional districts are in effect either. What the Legislature drew earlier this year remains mired in court, awaiting preclearance under the Voting Rights Act from a panel of three federal judges in Washington. Maps drawn by a separate panel of judges in San Antonio — drawn because time was running out and the legislative maps hadn't been approved, or even heard by the D.C. court — were temporarily blocked Friday evening by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The proceedings could delay some or all of the state's primaries. The state has suggested splitting those elections, keeping the presidential, State Board of Education and other statewide primaries in place and moving congressional and legislative primaries to a later date; lawyers on the other side suggest that if any of the spring elections are delayed, all of them should be delayed. While the state's Republican leadership wants to freeze candidate filings and election preparations in place, lawyers on the other side say they should proceed on schedule until and unless the Supreme Court actually does something that would make March primaries impossible.

Republicans, distressed by the San Antonio court's maps, hailed the Supreme Court's order as a victory. Their hope is that the lines drawn by legislators — or something close to them — will be used in next year's elections. Those are the maps being defended by the state's attorney general. Democrats and minority groups have been fighting those maps, saying they don't fairly reflect the state's growth over the last 10 years, 89 percent of which occurred in Texas' Hispanic and African-American populations. The San Antonio court's



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maps have more seats where minority voters could determine a race's outcome than the Legislature's map. But the maps would likely lead to fewer Republicans than the plans drawn by lawmakers, especially in the Texas House. Either set of maps, however, would result in strong Republican majorities in the Texas congressional delegation, in the state Senate and in the state House.

The geographical changes in both sets of maps made enemies of allies: Take, for example, state Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, who filed against U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, because they both wanted to represent a newly drawn Central Texas district. Castro moved to another race when U.S. Rep. Charlie Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, announced plans to retire. And Doggett's existing district mutated again, so he didn't have to relocate. What the Legislature drew as a Republican district stretching from Hays County all the way to Tarrant County, the courts drew as a Democratic district centered in Travis County. That put a handful of candidates out of business who could now come back if the maps change again.

Hours before the Supreme Court hit the brakes, Victoria Republican Geanie Morrison announced she wouldn't seek an eighth term in the Texas House.

She had been drawn into a district also occupied by Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi. Among other things, she said in her announcement, she thought redistricting had made the race unappealing.

Rep. Aaron Peña of Edinburg switched parties last year, becoming a Republican. The Legislature's map protected him. The court-drawn map left him with a district he was unlikely to win, and he announced his decision not to seek another term. Now, the maps could change again. Other incumbents, like state Reps. Ken Legler, R-Pasadena, and Dee Margo, R-El Paso, are watching the courts decide their political fates. Both got winnable districts out of the Legislature and districts from the courts that would be difficult to defend. Other candidates across the state — in both parties — find themselves in the same uncertain situation.

It's clear what happens next in the Supreme Court: Justices have asked lawyers for briefs and counter-briefs, and set a Jan. 9 date for a hearing.

Less clear is what happens in the lower courts. The San Antonio court, procedurally, is waiting for the federal judges in the Washington district court to pre-clear the Legislature's maps or to ask for some repairs to those maps to bring them into compliance with the

Voting Rights Act. That Washington panel hasn't set a trial date, and has a telephone conference with the lawyers and parties scheduled for later today. The San Antonio court still has jurisdiction over the election dates, according to some of the lawyers, and could adjust filing and primary election deadlines to accommodate the legal timetables. That court announced over the weekend that it will hold hearings on the filing and election schedules on Tuesday.

The high court needed only six sentences to toss the Texas primaries into disarray:

"The applications for stay presented to Justice Scalia and by him referred to the Court are granted, and it is ordered that the orders issued by the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas on November 23, 2011, in case Nos. 5:11-CV-360, and 5:11-CV-788, and the order of November 26, 2011, in case No. 5:11-CV-360, are hereby stayed pending further order of the Court. In addition, the applications for stay are treated as jurisdictional statements, and in each case probable jurisdiction is noted. The cases are consolidated and a total of one hour is allotted for oral argument. The briefs of appellants and appellees, not to exceed 15,000

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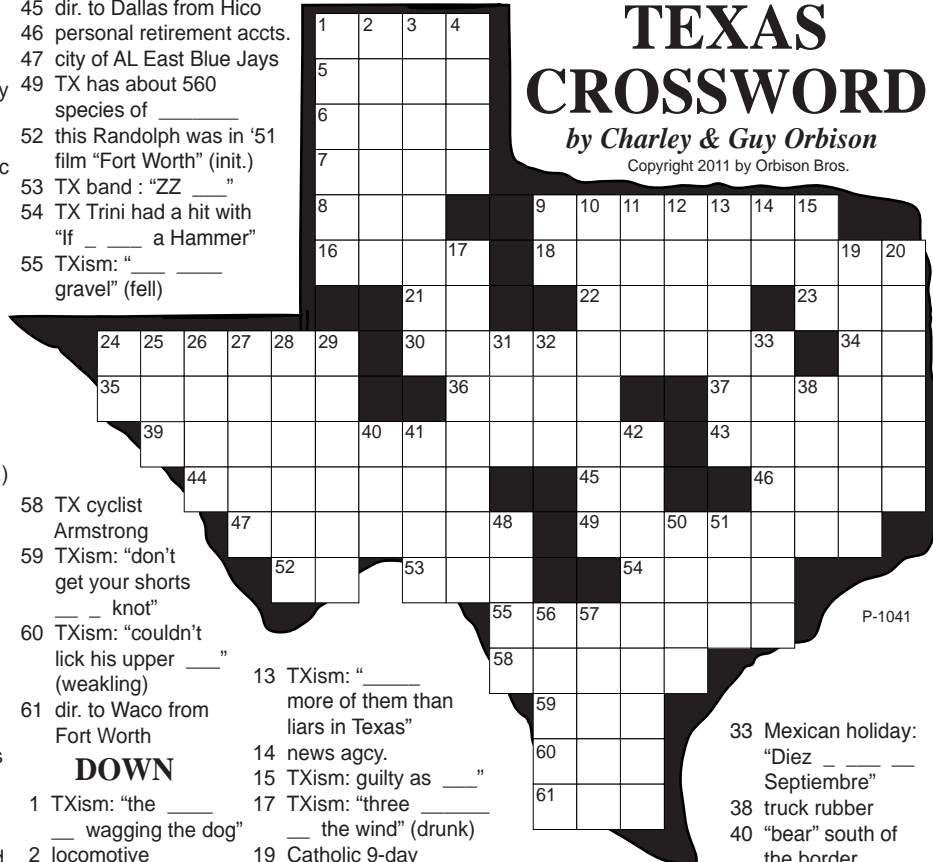
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- 1 this Harper was in "Tender Mercies" ('83) with TX Buckley
- 5 prefix for "against"
- 6 TX Janis album: "Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues Again Mama!"
- 7 TXism: "walking dandruff"
- 8 Fort Worth money-making plant uses green
- 9 TXism: "clear as Red River mud" (confusing)
- 16 Rockport is "where the fun never"
- 18 East TX tree (2 wds.)
- 21 TX Buddy sang "Boy!"
- 22 a Great Lake
- 23 "neither's" sidekick
- 24 Mexican beer liked by TXns
- 30 TX-based '91 film comedy: "Roughness"
- 34 this agcy. operates TX veteran hospitals
- 35 this nat'l grocer has a dairy in TX
- 36 snake-like Gulf fish
- 37 this TX Billie Sol had a highly publicized fraud trial in '64
- 39 TXism: "she has to sneak up on her hair" (homely)
- 43 large fishing net
- 44 Glen Rose, TX was briefly known as "Glen"

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DOWN

- 1 TXism: "the wagging the dog"
- 2 locomotive
- 3 Fort _____, TX
- 4 "Fort Griffin State Historic _____"
- 9 TXism: "old _____ dirt"
- 10 in Matagorda Co. off hwy. 35
- 11 boat propellers?
- 12 national "public diplomacy" agcy. from '53-'99
- 45 dir. to Dallas from Hico
- 46 personal retirement accts.
- 47 city of AL East Blue Jays
- 49 TX has about 560 species of _____
- 52 this Randolph was in '51 film "Fort Worth" (init.)
- 53 TX band: "ZZ _____"
- 54 TX Trini had a hit with "If _____ a Hammer"
- 55 TXism: "gravel" (fell)
- 13 TXism: "more of them than liars in Texas"
- 14 news agcy.
- 15 TXism: guilty as _____
- 17 TXism: "three _____ the wind" (drunk)
- 19 Catholic 9-day devotions
- 20 obliterates
- 24 this TX Kite has 19 PGA Tour wins (init.)
- 25 stat for Ranger Colby Lewis
- 26 in Hopkins Co. on 11 TXism: "never look _____ horse in the mouth"
- 28 John Wayne starred in '35 film "Texas _____"
- 29 Ranger or Astro mistakes
- 31 corporate "top dog" (abbr.)
- 32 this owl is found in Rio Grande Valley
- 33 Mexican holiday: "Diez _____ Septiembre"
- 38 truck rubber
- 40 "bear" south of the border
- 41 lease
- 42 landscape needing little or no water
- 48 gem found in TX weeder (2 wds.)
- 51 ABC reporter from TX, Donaldson
- 56 TXism: "happy as a dog with two _____"
- 57 in Ellis Co. on I-45

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Lions take second in Ozona Tournament

The Ozona Lions (5-6) opened the Ozona Tournament with a 74-38 win over New Way Christian Home School of Odessa.

Jerrod duBois had 23 points and Ryan Mayfield added 15 for Ozona, while Glen Tinney and Alex Borrego each added eight.

Saul Vargas chipped in with 5, Kramer Hall added four, Jayton Rodriguez and Brandon DeHoyos each had three, while Ollie Mendez and Tres Perez threw in two a piece.

The Lions used a 8-0 run to close the first half that sparked a 78-48 rout of Rocksprings. duBois poured in 36 points, snared 15 rebounds and blocked six shots to spearhead the rout. The Lions led 31-30 in the second quarter before pulling away. Mayfield added 12 Borrego had eight, and Tinney had seven.

On Friday, the Lions faced Eldorado for the top seed in Pool A, and earned a hard-fought 52-44 win over the Eagles.

Eldorado led 22-17 at halftime, but the Lions tied it up at 34-34 to end the third. Tinney scored nine points - including two 3-pointers - to spur the Li-

ons to victory. duBois led all scorers with 20 points and pulled down 17 boards. Tinney had 15 and Rodriguez had eight.

The Fort Stockton Panthers put an end to the Lions' winning streak with a 70-44 win in the title game. Ozona led 12-10 after one period, but turnovers and missed shots led the Panthers to a 56-20 edge in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. duBois' 11 points led Ozona, while Borrego had nine, Rodriguez had seven and Vargas had six.

DuBois and Tinney were named to the all-tournament team.

On the Tuesday before the tournament, the Lions fell 68-43 against Ingram Tom Moore. Missed shots doomed Ozona in the loss, but the Lions showed great effort and intensity against a program that defeated them by 50 the year prior. DuBois' 14 led the way, while Mayfield added 12. Tinney had seven and Vargas added six in the loss.

The Lions were in Fort Stockton to face the Panthers again on Monday, and will travel to Junction for their last game before the Christmas holidays on Friday.



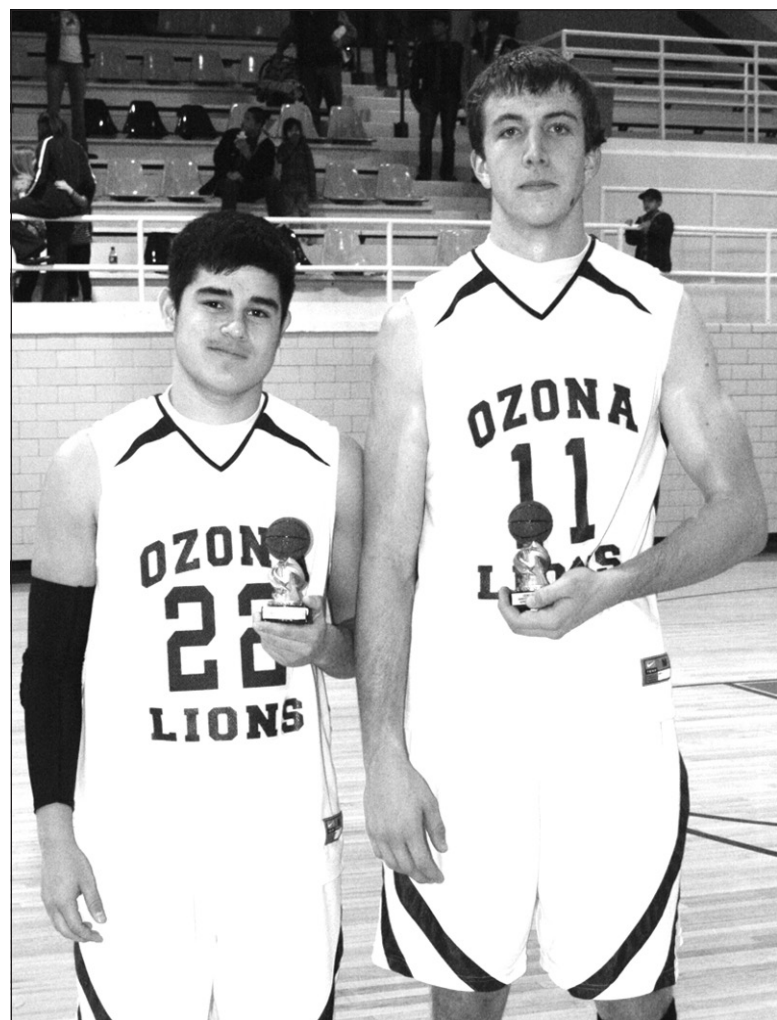
SAUL VARGAS LOOKS FOR AN OPEN MAN TO PASS TO in the varsity Lions 78-48 win over Rocksprings in the Ozona Tournament.

Thanks to the Athletic Booster Club for taking care of the Hospitality Room during the Ozona Tournament.

Ray Brown
OHS Athletic Director



ALEX BORREGO RACKED UP EIGHT POINTS FOR THE VARSITY LIONS IN their Ozona Tournament win over Rocksprings.



GLEN TINNEY AND JERROD duBOIS (r.) were named to the All-Tournament Team at the Ozona Basketball tournament held this past weekend.



OMS BAND STUDENTS Trystian Galindo (left), Julie Marshall (middle) and Dustine Perez competed in All-Region Band on Dec. 7 in Crane. Trystian qualified for sixth chair flute in the Honor Band, while Julie and Dustine competed in percussion.

Oms Students compete in All-Region Band

BY ELIZABETH BOUQUIN
OMS BAND

108 different percussionists.

On Dec. 7, Trystian Galindo, Julie Marshall and Dustine Perez competed against over 800 students to qualify for the All-Region Band in Crane.

Students from around the region voluntarily work on scales and two different pieces of music.

The auditions are blind so judges are not tempted to pick their own students. Judging is based solely on accuracy.

In each section there are a number of students that audition.

In this case, Trystian was auditioning against 108 different flutes and Julie and Dustine were against

As students audition they are working to qualify for three bands; Honor, Symphonic and Concert with Honors being the highest group.

Trystian qualified for sixth chair in the Honor Band.

As a seventh-grader, he is also the top seventh grade student that qualified for the Honor Band.

Julie and Dustine have worked very hard on their percussion music. However, it is very difficult and made a good impression for Ozona Middle School.

It has been several years since an Ozona Middle School student has competed for this honor.

Third Grade performing Christmas Play Thursday

The Ozona Elementary School Third Grade Class will perform "A Christmas Wizard of Oz" at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 15, in the OHS Auditorium.

The public is invited to attend the performance.



THE OZONA VARSITY LIONS PLACED SECOND IN THE OZONA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HELD THIS PAST WEEKEND. Team members are (l. to r.) Saul Vargas, Kramer Hall, Alejandro Mendez, Glen Tinney, Ryan Mayfield, Jerrod duBois, Alex Borrego, Jayton Rodriguez, Brandon DeHoyos and Noah Tambunga.

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OMS Basketball Tourney - Saturday, Dec. 17

SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS		AT OMS	
Ozona	8:00 AM Gm. 1	Sonora #2	3:30 PM Championship
Sonora #1	10:30 AM Gm. 2	New Way	
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SEVENTH GRADE BOYS		AT OMS	
Ozona	9:15 AM Gm. 1	Sonora #2	5:00 PM Championship
Sonora #1	11:45 AM Gm. 2	Iraan	
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Sonora	10:30 AM Gm. 2	New Way	
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 Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight
 Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

Eighth Grade A Lady Lions win Comstock Tournament

The Eighth Grade A Lady Lions won the Comstock Tournament on Dec. 2. In their first game, Ozona defeated La Pryor 31-7. Scoring: Madison Childress 7, Brianna Sanchez 5, Alondra Rodriguez 6, Estefania Torralba 4, Lauren Miles 7, Kim Borrego 2, Others playing were Alyssa Newlin and Maria Mejia.

In the championship game, Ozona defeated Comstock 18-12. Scoring: Madison Childress 4, Brianna Sanchez 3, Alondra Rodriguez 2, Lauren Miles 7, Kim Borrego 2. Others playing were Estefania Torralba, Alyssa Newlin, Maria Mejia. The Lady Lions lost to Wall 51-1 on Dec. 5.

Eighth Grade A Lions fall short to Hawks

The Eighth Grade A Lions lost to Wall, 27-23, on Dec. 5. Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 8 8 7 23; Wall - 11 4 6 6 27. Scoring: Kalen Perez 1; Jose Ojeda 2; Ben Badillo 4; Bryce Martin 9; Michael Graham 5; Alan Landa 2. Also playing: Dakota Lee, Javier Barrera and Walker Whitten. "This was a tough loss. We played a really competitive ball game and made some good decisions late

in the game. We fell behind early and to a team like Wall you can't give them any early advantage," said Coach John Esparza. "I was really proud of the way the guys handled the game, they responded and never gave up. Even though we came up short on the scored board this was one great game and we showed a lot of character. We have a lot of work to do and the season is young."

OMS Lady Lions B Teams fall to Wall

The Eighth Grade B Lady Lions lost to Wall, 49-3, on Dec. 5. Scoring: Madalyn Harris 1 and Daisy Cantu 2. Other players: April Ramos, Dulce Rodriguez, Ashley Vargas, Taylor Luna, Diana Sifuentes and Gina Marquez.

The Seventh Grade B Lady Lions also lost to Wall, 46-2, on Dec. 5. Scoring: Elizabeth Rodriguez 1 and Maiah Jurado 1. Other players: Erika Vasquez, Madye Hubbard, Gabby Flores, Gabby Treto, Pricila Rodriguez, Sidney Perez and Megan Vasquez.

Seventh Grade Lions take on Hawks

The Seventh Grade Lions Basketball Teams hosted the Wall Hawks on Dec.5. The B Team took to the court first. The Lions managed to score two points in the first quarter while the Hawks poured in 14 points to lead after one quarter of play 14-2. In the second quarter, the Hawks scored 10 points while holding the Lions to 0 points to lead the host team 24-2. In the third quarter, the Lions would score three points but the Hawks put up 10 points to increase their margin 34-5. The final score would be 38-7. Scoring for the Lions were: Austin Elguea with 3

points, Adrian Rodriguez had 2 points and Raven Perez added 2 points. The A Team then took to the court to take on the A Team Hawks. The Lions defense played well to hold the Hawks to seven points to only trail by two points after the one quarter of play. The halftime score found the Lions trailing 26-10. The Lions would score eight points in the third but would give up 14 to trail 40-18. The Hawks outscored the Lions 8-3 in the fourth quarter to make the final score: 48-21. Scoring for the Lions were: Weston Fay 11 points, Thomas Fay 6 points and Aidan Fierro 4.

Seventh Grade A Lady Lions compete in Comstock Tourney

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions A Team competed in the Comstock Tournament on Dec. 2. In their first game, they won 37-9 over Brackett. Scoring: Madison Galindo 6, Kamryn Lozano 6, Rachel Mendoza 8, Asia Lara 2, Dacie Taylor 13 and Julie

Marshall 2. The Lady Lions won their second game 30-7 over Sacred Heart. Scoring: Madison Galindo 8, Kamryn Lozano 4, Rachel Mendoza 12, Asia Lara 2, Dacie Taylor 2 and Kelly Sewell 2. The Lady Lions lost to Wall 52-7 on Dec. 5.

OMS students compete in UIL Academic Meet

Ozona Middle School students competed in the District UIL Academic Meet on Dec. 7 in Ozona. Ozona results: Seventh Grade Art - 2. Austin Elguea. Sixth Grade Calculator - 1. Rodrigo Gonzales; 2. Andy Hernandez; 3. Eloy Soto. Seventh Grade Calculator - 1. Asia Lara; 2. Rachel Mendoza; 3. Kamryn Lozano. Eighth Grade Calculator - 1. Nereyda Vega; 4. Kevin Villarreal; 5. Dulce Rodriguez. Seventh Grade Dictionary Skills - 6. Asia Lara. Seventh Grade Editorial Writing - 1. Bryce Martin; 2. Julie Marshall; 6. Jasmine Carty. Eighth Grade Editorial Writing - 1. Bryce Martin; 2. Jeremy Munoz. Seventh Grade Impromptu Speaking - 5. Jasmine Carty. Seventh Grade Listening - 3. Garry Held. Eighth Grade Listening - 4. Noel Fierro; 6. Bryce Martin. Sixth Grade Maps, Graphs and Charts - 1. Brenna Hale.

Seventh Grade Maps, Graphs and Charts - 2. Garry Held; 3. Julie Marshall. Sixth Grade Mathematics - 3. Cassidy Gonzalez. Seventh Grade Mathematics - 3. Kabir Shah. Eighth Grade Mathematics - 1. Rodrigo Gonzales; 3. Alex Hopper. Seventh Grade Modern Oratory - 3. Trace Justiss. Sixth Grade Music Memory - 1. Brenna Hale. Sixth Grade Oral Reading - 2. Brenna Hale; 3. Cassidy Gonzales. Seventh Grade Oral Reading - 5. Trace Justiss. Sixth Grade Ready Writing - 4. Brenna Hale. Seventh Grade Science - 5. Julie Marshall. Sixth Grade Social Studies - 6. Caleb Martinez. Seventh Grade Social Studies - 2. Trace Justiss; 6. Timothy Maldonado. Eighth Grade Social Studies - 3. Bryce Martin; 4. Alex Hopper. Seventh Grade Spelling - 4. Kamryn Lozano. Eighth Grade Spelling - 3. Alex Hopper. Sixth Grade Chess - 1. Roman Esparza. Eighth Grade Chess - 3. Jeremy Munoz.

OES students compete in UIL Academic Meet

Ozona Elementary Students competed in the District UIL Academic Meet last week in Ozona. Ozona results: Second Grade Creative Writing - 1. Haleigh Moran. Second Grade Storytelling - 4. Haley Nowell; 6. Mysti Mata. Second Grade Spelling - 6. Haleigh Moran. Third Grade Music - 5. Lianna Blanco, perfect paper; 6. Chris Gutierrez, perfect paper. Third Grade Ready Writing - 4. Kaitlyn Hernandez; 6. Alondra Hernandez.

Third Grade Oral Reading - 4. Ethan Criswell. Third Grade Storytelling - 4. Kemberly Hernandez. Fourth Grade Music - 7. Manuel Torralba, perfect paper. Fourth Grade Number Sense - 6. Manuel Torralba. Fifth Grade Chess - 2. Coulter McWilliams. Fifth Grade Music - 2. Karina Marmolejo, perfect paper. Fifth Grade Ready Writing - 6. Ivana Hernandez. Fifth Grade Social Studies - 4. Caleb Webb.

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CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

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The Friends of the Library Christmas Tour of Homes on Sunday afternoon was awesome. We toured three of Ozona's most beautiful homes decorated for Christmas and three of Ozona's cutest shops. It really put us all in the Christmas Spirit. Everyone ended their tour at the Library Open House for refreshments and door prizes of poinsettias from Blanca's House of Flowers and Pat Hernandez Florist, angels from Carlies, and hand crocheted doilies and a tablecloth from Friend of the Library Cindy Sloan Sims.

This year we had the home of Tommy and Amy Conner, 301 11th Street; Joel and Marie Barrett, 1007 Henderson; and Ricky and Darolynn Webster, 107 Country Club. A big thank you goes out to these homeowners for sharing their Christmas with us. We enjoyed discounts and door prizes, delicious food and beautiful Christmas gifts from Blanca's House of Flowers, 210 Ave. F; Kathy's Collectibles, 906 Ave. E and Kerrie's Creations, 512 9th Street. We thank them all for their participation in making our Tour such a success.

We had 97 people on the tour this year with 22 Friends volunteers helping make the 2011 Tour one of the biggest and best ever. Thank you to everyone who played a part. It was a wonderful afternoon of Christmas cheer and friendship to benefit the Crockett County Public Library. Merry Christmas!



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Mid-Winter Conference Presenters-OHS; Construction and Facilities Planning Update by Larry Harvey - Field House Modifications and Bond Planning.
 ·Consent Agenda: Approve minutes from the Regular Meeting on Nov. 16 and Called Meeting and Workshop on Dec. 12 and Amendments to the 2011-2012 Official Budget.
 ·Consider Options for Facility and Bond Planning - Construction Planning and

Management and Financial Services-Bond Planning.
 ·Consider Authorization of Request for Proposals - Field House Modifications.
 ·Consider Proposals for Roofing Repairs - OHS.
 ·Consider SHAC Committee Appointments for 2011-2012.
 ·Consider TASB Policy Update 92 - DFF (LOCAL): Termination of Employment-Reduction in Force; DFFA (LOCAL): Reduction in force - Financial Exigency; DFFB (LOCAL): Reduction in Force - Program

Change.
 ·Closed Session - Consider Sale of Real Property and Personnel Matters - Performance Evaluation Input, Menard Special Education Cooperative and Consider Staffing, Vacancies.
 ·Action from Executive/Closed Session.
 ·Continuing Education Hours for Board of Trustee members.
 ·Future Business: January 2012 Regular Board Meeting, suggested date Jan. 18; Board Goal Development-Session 3 and Superintendent Evaluation.

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words, are to be filed simultaneously with the Clerk and served upon opposing counsel on or before 2 p.m., Wednesday, December 21, 2011. Reply briefs, not to exceed 15,000 words, are to be filed simultaneously with the Clerk and served upon opposing counsel on or before 2 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2012. The cases are set for oral argument on Monday, January 9, 2012, at 1 p.m.

Candidates started filing for office on Nov. 28. Some made plans to move their homes from hostile to friendly political territory so that they could either stay in office or win their way in. That filing period for congressional and legislative candidates is still technically in place and continues through Thursday, Dec. 15.

The Texas primaries are set for March 6. Even without the legal rumpus, the calendar is tight. It takes time to print up ballots, program voting machines, to redraw precinct lines all over Texas to reflect population growth in the state, to get everything ready for voting that will begin on Feb. 21. And federal and state law has been changed to allow more time to get voter registration and ballot materials into the hands of voters outside the country. The filing deadline was moved back to mid-December from early January this year, and the primary runoffs were pushed from April to May for the same reason.

Those deadlines, and the fact that no trial date had been set for pre-clearance of the lawmaker-drawn maps, prompted the San Antonio court to start drawing maps.

While it's not clear what's next, it is obvious that it will be difficult to hold March 6 primaries for the congressional delegation and the Legislature if new maps have to be drawn or major revisions must be made after the Supreme Court hears the case next month. The cases don't involve other races on the Texas ballot. Local judicial and county elections at the bottom of the ballot, and statewide and State Board of Education elections at the top could proceed in spite of the

legal storms.
 But that raises potential problems. Local political precinct lines need to be redrawn before the primary to accommodate population changes and new lines in maps that are legal, such as those drawn for the SBOE and for various county commissioners courts around the state. They'd have to be redrawn again when congressional and legislative maps are approved sometime next year. It's a logistical mess for election officials. Two elections would have to be held, doubling the cost of the primaries.

Texas can't move any of the primary elections without federal approval. Changing dates without a court order requires federal pre-clearance under the Voting Rights Act.

The political parties are waiting for instructions from state election officials, who are waiting for word from the attorney general. The state's top lawyer will start the week by asking the courts for guidance. Attorney General Greg Abbott will ask the courts to lift the deadlines for congressional and legislative filings and to let the primaries proceed as planned. Lawyers for the Texas Democratic Party and for some of the minorities who sued the state over the Legislature's maps say the elections should be left alone until the courts settle on a map. If that turns out to be the map drawn by the San Antonio court, there's no reason to delay the primary, they argue. If it's not, all of the primaries could be postponed and held on a single date.

"Let's give the election a chance to go ahead until we know something different," said Chad Dunn, an attorney for the Democratic Party. "If there are major adjustments to the maps, then we can adjust the dates."

In earlier pleadings, Abbott suggested moving the legislative and congressional primaries to the next uniform election date - May 22. That's when the state will be holding runoff for the March primaries (using different local precinct lines); runoff for the legislative and congressional primaries could then be held later in the summer. He'll get a fight there; lawyers on the other side say all of the state's primaries should be held on a

single election date.
 At the moment, candidate filings are frozen at the GOP. Since there aren't any maps, they can't accept applications to run, and the money that comes with it, according to Chris Elam, a spokesman for the Republican Party of Texas. Dunn, the attorney for the Texas Democratic Party, said they'll continue to accept applications, since the courts haven't done anything to the filing dates. "Our position is that you file for the place where you live," he said.

Steve Maxwell, the chairman of Tarrant County's Democratic Party, sent an email to his members this weekend saying filing will stop for now and adding that the court's action raises unanswered questions about drawing for ballot order, for the March 6 primaries and for Senate district conventions.

"This decision will result in a great deal of unnecessary confusion, waste of taxpayer money and risks additional disenfranchisement of voters," he wrote.

A split primary could affect turnout, and won't happen without a legal fight. Presidential elections draw more voters to the polls, in both parties. Putting the presidential primary in March and other races in May could mean fewer voters will decide the party nominees for Congress and the statehouse.

"I think you'll see an effort made by the state to move the primaries," said Gerry Hebert, one of several attorneys who sued the state over the Legislature's maps.

If that happens, it should happen to primaries for president, U.S. Senate and everything else, he said. "If you move them back, you should move everything back. It's difficult to get everyone to show up once, let alone twice."

ROTARY: from page 1

food, and soccer," she said. "I'm worried about gaining weight."

Aliyah is being sponsored by the San Angelo Rotary Club. She is one of the youngest students the club has ever sponsored. To be eligible for the Rotary exchange program, students must be between ages 15-19.

Aliyah started applying when she was 14 and just recently turned 15. She is also the first one from Ozona to be sponsored by the club.

"She was very persistent, which was one of the things that made her an outstanding candidate," said Luke Brame, president of the San Angelo Rotary Club.

For over 75 years, students and host families have broadened their horizons through Rotary Youth Exchange. More than 80 countries and over 8,000 students each year participate in the program, which is administered at the regional level by Rotary districts and at the local level by Rotary clubs.

To be selected for the program, Aliyah had to go through several interviews with the San Angelo club and then with the district clubs.

"I was impressed by all of her activities," Brame said.

Aliyah is involved in cheerleading, band and one act play. She also played sports in middle school.

"I was impressed with her persistence, her eagerness," Brame said. "I liked her demeanor, her style and maturity. I think she will represent our club well."

For a year, Aliyah will also be attending school in the country. She also will be taking a tour of Europe before school starts talking to people and students about Rotary.

After her year abroad, Aliyah will then be a Rotary Ambassador and have more world traveling opportunities speaking about Rotary.

A student from the country Aliyah will be going to will come to West Texas and be located within the San Angelo district. Aliyah said most likely in Del Rio.

"I'm really excited about it," she said. "Rotary wants you to be involved in activities and part of the community."

"It gives the student an opportunity to learn about a new culture. They learn a

new language, the customs. In retrospect, it gives the student a whole new perspective," Brame added.

For Aliyah's mother, the decision of allowing her daughter to spend a year overseas was not an easy one.

"At first, I was like 'no, she's too young.' After we talked and did more research, I knew this was the only way I would be able to give her the opportunity to see something besides Ozona," Emily said. "It's going to take a lot of self-discipline and self-control."

Aliyah's mother also knew by sending her daughter, it would help her with her future plans and help her fill a void she's had since moving to Ozona five years ago from San Angelo.

"She had to leave a lot of things behind," Emily said.

Aliyah said she wants to enter the military when she graduates high school. Her plans are either the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.

Before she departs for another country, Aliyah will have to attend three orientation sessions including a weekend without any family. The only trip away from her family Aliyah has taken was a school trip to Washington D.C.

"I know it's going to be a hard adjustment. The people I'll miss the most is my family and friends. I'll also miss Poco Taco," she

said.
 "I'm really proud for her and excited. I know it will be a good experience, but I will miss her," Morgan added.

Students that take part in the program come back with a new outlook on the world, Emily said.

"The kid you put on the plane is not the kid that comes to you," Emily said.

The expenses for the trip total around \$5,150 to cover expenses. Typically, participants and their parents cover the round-trip airfare, health and accident insurance, travel documents, clothing and other necessities, spending money, emergency funds and ancillary travel and tours.

Aliyah has to raise half the money for the expenses. Emily said her family is covering the other half.

She plans on sending out donation letters and having several fund-raisers, as well as working to earn the money.

"The program is awesome. Families often send multiple children," Emily said.

"I'm ready to pick up and leave," Aliyah added.

Anyone interested in donating to Aliyah can call Emily at (325) 450-1234 or mail donations payable to Aliyah Guerra to P.O. Box 1741, Ozona, Texas 76943.

For more information on Rotary Youth Exchange, visit www.rotary.org.

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9000	Approach Operating	University 56-14 #1	Nabors Drilling #709
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8400	Highmount E&P Tx	University 56-11 #1	Trinidad Drly #73
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8100	Molopo Energy Texas	Baggett Op- 40- #1	Precision Drilling #454
10800	Forest Oil	Shannon Estate #1-21 #2 H	Lantern Drilling #8
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PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
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11000	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Sib A- #11F	Union Drilling Texas #215
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• Unlocked Vehicles: 6
• Assisted stranded motorists and local law enforcement officers.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT
Crockett County Sheriff's Monthly Report for December 2011 for the Month of November:

Persons Placed in Jail	20
Persons Released from Jail	22
Persons Currently Incarcerated	0
Prisoners Currently Housed Outside County	10
Prisoner Housing - Reagan County	\$1,200
Prisoner Housing - Upton County	\$14,812.50
Prisoner Housing - Sutton County	\$0
Total Housing	\$16,012.50
Calls for Service	100
911 Calls Received	252
911 Actual Emergencies	137
Civil Papers Received	13
Civil Papers Served	12
Civil Paper Unserved	0
Fines Received	\$605
Civil Fines Received	\$110
Cash Bonds Received	\$0
Bond Fees Received	\$165
Traffic Citations Issued	24
Transports	2

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10 PROCESSING CENTERS TO CLOSE
Postmaster General Patrick Donohoe in a Dec. 5 news release said 252 U.S. Postal Service mail processing centers will be closed as part of a \$3 billion-by-2015 cost-cutting plan to keep the Postal Service in business.
According to the Federal Register, processing centers targeted for closure are in Abilene, Austin, Beaumont, Bryan, Dallas, Tyler, Lufkin, McAllen and two in Waco.
Next-day service is a thing of the past, and postal customers should expect the closures to result in mail pieces taking a minimum of two days to reach their destination, Donohoe said in a PBS-TV interview last week. The processing center closures may take effect beginning in March.
Increased mailing costs are part of the picture. The cost of a first-class stamp is slated to increase by a penny on Jan. 22.

PARKS BUDGET NEEDS BOOST
Burn bans and state park closures due to wildfires, record heat and drought have resulted in less traffic and less revenue at the state-run recreation venues.
So, Texas Parks & Wildlife has a \$4.6 million budget deficit to fill.
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Cisneros granddaughters finish Ironman Triathlon in Mexico

Kathy Compton and Marie Davis, daughters of Paulita Compton, and granddaughters of Maria (Chita) Cisneros, participated and completed the prestigious Ironman in Cozumel Mexico on Nov. 27.



Kathy is a lawyer in Dallas and has three children. Her son goes to Arizona State and her daughter is at Texas Tech and her youngest daughter is at John Paul II high school in Dallas.

To participate in an Ironman Triathlon you must swim 2.4 miles in the ocean, bike 112 miles and run a 26.2 mile marathon. This year there were approximately 2,700 participants.

Katherine has participated in three Ironman, the first one on November of 1988 in Hawaii (Kona), the second one on November 2010 in Arizona and now the third one in Cozumel in November.

Marie Davis had it on her "bucket list" to participate in an Ironman Triathlon and asked Kathy to join her in November of 2010. Together Marie and her sister trained together in 2010 then Marie achieved her dream and completed the Ironman in Arizona 2010 and in November Marie finished her second Ironman in Cozumel. As sisters together, Kathy and Marie are both planning to participate in the Texas Ironman in Houston in May 2012 and hope to compete in Hawaii (Kona) one day together.

Marie lives in Austin where her husband Frank is a lawyer.

Marie was a high school counselor before she became a stay at home mom to her two boys who are 6 and 8. Marie does volunteer work at the Montessori school where her children are enrolled.

Marie and Kathy made countless visits to Ozona with Paulita and her late husband Roger.

They traveled to Ozona from the time they were infants until Chita moved to Dallas to live with Paulita and Roger in April of 2000.

Kathy and Marie have many fond memories of their time with their grandparents, their extended family and friends in Ozona.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS
DEC. 5
• 4 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, I-10 at mile-marker 375. Vehicle pulling a second vehicle rollover. Two units, nine firefighters. Time in service 51 minutes.
DEC. 8
• 1:31 a.m. - Vehicle/structure fire off of County Road 107. Both were a total loss. Three units, four firefighters. Time in service 3 hours 3 minutes.
• 4:45 p.m. - Llano Street, non-emergency response. Investigation of odor, no fire. A unit with four firefighters. Time in service 59 minutes.

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CONVENTION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS
The commissioners discussed hosting a joint meeting with the Fair Park Convention Center Board and the Crockett County DeerFest Association on making improvements to the convention center.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga said during the Dec. 3 DeerFest, people were talking about things that needed improving in the facility. The DeerFest members have expressed interest in helping out and funds are available through the Fair Park Convention Center Board.
"I really think we need to go in there and redo the kitchen," said Jeffery Stuart, county road superintendent.
Deaton said if the convention center was going to be renovated then showers needed to be included in the discussion. Around 75 cots and supplies for emergencies are stored in the convention center. The building has been used to house stranded travelers when Interstate-10 is closed due to emergencies or bad weather.
"Several times when that interstate is closed people are stuck here," Deaton said. "We need to make that a multi-use facility."
Commissioner Pleas Childress said the DeerFest Association has requested the addition of a small meeting room, and that more restrooms are needed.
"Everybody is willing to help, we've just got to get a plan. We need to get a group together and look at all the needs," Childress said. "This is a prime opportunity, prime time to get something done here."

The commissioners are planning to meet with DeerFest and the Fair Park Board sometime in January.
CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
The commissioners discussed replacing and purchasing additional Christmas decorations for next year.
Additional decorations would be placed on electric poles on South State Highway 163.
Also, some of the current decorations need replacing.
Suggestions will be sent to the Christmas Lighting Committee.

AUDITOR REPORT
In his annual report, Wayne Beyer, auditor, went over the Crockett County report.
Beyer said the county is financially sound.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:
Fred Deaton and Frank Tambunga remain on the Crockett County Appraisal District.
Mutual Aid Agreement between Iraan-Sheffield ISD and Ozona, Texas in case a major emergency or disaster requires the evacuation of the Iraan-Sheffield ISD student population.
2012 Crockett County Resolution Indigent Defense Grant Program.
Pipeline permits with Lonestar Pipeline Co. LLC right-of-way.
Sign years of service award certificates.
FUTURE MEETINGS
The commissioners will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the courthouse annex to discuss and approve proposed budget amendments for the 2011 Budget.

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ADOPTED this the 12th day of December, 2011.
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