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75 CENTS West Texas Judges, **Commissioners' Conference** in

Fort Stockton

West Texas county judges and commissioners, including Crockett County Judge Fred Deaton and Commissioner Pleas Childress III, attended the District 6 County Judges' and Commissioners' Training on November 29, 2012, at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Center in Fort Stockton.

Topics included legislative updates by Jim Allison, General Counsel for the Texas County Judges' and Commissioners' Association in Austin, and Brian Powell, staffer for Representative Pete Gallego. Roel Lopez, Director for the Institute of Renewable Natural Resources/Texas Water Institute and Brian Hays, Extension Program Specialist conducted a program on the Endangered Species Act, answering the questions: what is on the horizon and how can we be prepared? Mike Bodenchuk, Director for the Texas Wildlife Servic-

es Program and Saidor (Hoppy) Turman, District Supervisor for the Texas Wildlife Services spoke on the topic of feral hogs and their economic cost.

Bill Davis, Regional Fire Coordinator, gave a tour of the Forestry Station here in Fort Stock-PLEASE SEE Conference, PAGE 3

THIS LARGE GROUP OF HARD WORKING FOLKS WAS PART OF THE WORKERS THAT MADE THIS YEAR'S TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN IN OZONA A BIG SUCCESS THIS YEAR.

Thank a School Board Member

and countless hours con- members of Texas. tributed by a group of more than 7,300 men and women Recognition Month and Crockin communities across the state. These local volunteers mon School District will take are elected by their constituents and receive no compensation for their work as pub- ing time to support public ed-

Texans benefit every lic servants. These men and ucation and serve our local day from the tireless work women are the school board

> ett County Consolidated Comthis opportunity to thank these local leaders for devot-

schools.

"It's more important than January is School Board ever before that the public shows support for public education. Board members face critical challenges in their roles as advocates, and they will continue to stand and PLEASE SEE SCHOOL BOARD, PAGE 3



CROCKETT COUNTY CCSD SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES ARE: (front) Amy Newton, Grizz Medina, Orlando DeHoyos and Ray Don Myers. Back: Roland DeHoyos, David McWilliams and Dwight Childress.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS Hitchin' Post Steakhouse is Business of the Month

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce recognizes the Hitchin Post Steakhouse as our December Business of the month What an adventure this has been! On behalf of all who have been a part of the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse, we are honored to be named Business of the Month for December 2012. We have been in business in Ozona since 1988. Do ya'll remember when a cheeseburger was \$1.95? We do, and we have the original menu to prove it.

We cannot find the words to express our gratitude to this community for all of the support over the years. Through fire, illness, and low times, the people of this town never failed to offer a helping hand. We could not have done it without all of you!

We would like to honor a few of our most dedicated employees. Irma Tambunga has been waitressing with us since comes in with a dedicated at-



THE HITCHIN' POST STEAKHOUSE has been chosen by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors as Business of the Month for December. Pictured are: (back, l. to r.): Matt Mecke and Emalee Hamilton. Front: (I. to r.) Stacy and Sawyer Mecke, Debi Hamilton, Irma Tambunga, Irma Flores, Tiffany Larson and Kirk Morgan

the beginning, a total of twenty-four years. She always has a smile on her face and a nice thing to say. Irma Flores has been waitressing with us for seventeen years. She always

titude and carries it through in everything she does. Kirk Morgan our kitchen manager has been cranking out chicken fries and ribeyes for thirteen years. He always has a joke or some-PLEASE SEE BUSINESS OF THE MONTH, PAGE 3





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As the year ends, learn from it, move on

The end of the year is the per-fect opportunity to look back Invest and recap the things that happened in your business, or may be take on that idea of starting vour business

Many times as business entrepreneurs, the dreams we have for our business are limitless. Unfortunately, many times these dreams don't get accomplished. Instead of a setback at this stage of our business, we need to find ways to change and continue looking forward.

Below is an important way to make a positive change in your

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ital — more than 50 years ago, the famed management guru Peter Druck-

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treated as assets, not as liabilities to be minimized



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or eliminated. Therefore, getting the right people should be the most important step when you are hiring employees. You might invest time and money by doing so, but it is almost certain that it will be an "investment" and not a "cost."

Investment in people will pay off like investments in other assets. It's a long-term strategy. The last thing a company should do for short-term gain is asset-dumping. Everyone knows that without good people, good products cannot be developed, good services cannot be deliv-

ered and good customer relationships cannot be maintained. On the other hand, if you are

the only employee, you need to take a step back and reassess the way you conduct business. You might be surprised on how many "little things" can help you improve your outcomes. Self-assessment tests might help you point out your weak points and address them in a more efficient way.

It is important to remember that human capital should be nurtured and maintained differently than mechanical equip-

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ment is maintained. Business experts recommend not cutting the training budget or withholding merit increases when there is a profit shortfall.

You need to remember that the asset that thrives is the one that is fed. Therefore, successful organizations recognize that human capital and knowledge management are the core ingredients of success. Good businesses know that while most other assets are replaceable or become obsolete, developing and nurturing people to enjoy the benefits of their knowledge

and experience is paramount.

But, at the end, the truth is that there is no magic recipe for success. Colin Powell famously said, "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." Consequently, let's start moving forward and learn from our mistakes and continue with the success of 2012 into 2013!

"Business Tips" was written by Adriana Balcorta Havins, business development specialist of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact her at adriana.balcorta@angelo.edu

First Amendment predictions for 2013 include disputes over leaks

ourts have determined that fortunetelling is protected as free speech, so let's freely indulge in some First Amendmentrelated predictions for 2013: Expect Congress and the nation to visit again the free-speech and free-press issues surrounding news sources and the leaking of secrets and classified documents. The major prompt: Army Pfc. Bradley Manning's military trial on charges of aiding the enemy for his massive "data dump" to WikiLeaks. The trial begins in mid-March unless it's preempted by a guilty plea on lesser charges.

One immediate impact: It will be harder for advocates of a federal "shield law" to gain congressional approval to extend into federal courts a protection for the confidentiality of news sources, which now exists in most states. Another unresolved issue is who gets protection as a "journalist" in a way that excludes non-press outlets and people such as WikiLeaks and its founder, Julian Assange.

The Senate is expected



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responding to its FOI request for travel-ex-**FIRST AMENDMENT** pense data, and that across the feder-

al government there was increased use of exemptions to block information requests. Earlier this year, a report by The Hill showed wide variance among agencies in disclosing the FOI requests they had received.

There is little doubt that the new Congress will revisit campaign-finance issues after record spending in the 2012 elections fueled by the new ability of corporations, unions and others to spend in direct support or opposition to federal candidates. The record levels were made possible by the Supreme Court's controversial 2010 Citizens United decision to

Unlike Mark Twain and my grandma, I am not what you'd call a cat person; dogs are more my style. There are 90.5 million cats living in this country in 37 million homes but if you see cat littler in my house it's to mop up the oil spills and the messes I make on a frequent basis. I have thought long and hard about this and the only advantage I can think of that cats have over dogs is that they don't bark, although their constant whiny meowing certainly gets on my nerves.

When you consider my distaste for cats it's a miracle I took any notice at all of the sign I saw nailed to a power pole when I went into town. On the handmade wanted poster was the pathetic picture of a calico cat, the word "LOST" in big letters and the phone number of "Mikey" to call in case anyone saw the missing cat.

You're not going to believe what feline was waiting for me when I got back home!

Although I'm not that fond of cats I do love animals and since the cat is sort of a member of this cat-egory I felt a certain responsibility to call Mikey and report that her cat was close at hand. The problem was, I am not good at remembering numbers so I had to go back into town to get the phone number off the wanted poster.

In talking with Mikey, who turned out to be a young lady, it was obvious that her cat was the most important thing in the world to her. But Mikey was at work and couldn't come right away so she asked if it would be too big an imposition if I kept

Cat-astrophe

Cattywampus for awhile. Yes, that's what she told me her cat's name was. Or Catty for short. She said all I had to do was call her by name and she'd "come-a-runnin."

Catty certainly didn't seem to know her name to me. As I approached she hissed and showed her fangs but with my athletic and lithesome body I was able to lunge after Catty and grab her... and quickly let her

go as she ripped my flesh from head to toe.

I was applying band-aids and tourniquets when Mikey called back to make sure I had corralled her she-devil. "Not yet," I replied, "we're still getting acquainted.'

Mikey then told me to put some food out and Catty would surely come, but when I retrieved some of my wife's leftover lasagna from the fridge and put it in a bowl for her, Catty showed extremely good taste and stayed at a safe distance upwind.

Mikey then called back to see how things were going and she lectured me that the reason Catty didn't come was because she ate only Newman's Own Organic cat food. So I put my bloody and bandaged body in my vehicle and went back to town to

fetch some. But Catty still wouldn't eat and Mikey's next phone call explained why: in support of the beef industry I had purchased beef flavored Newman's Own, but Catty only ate the chicken and rice. I should have known. So, it was back to town again.

Catty still wasn't hungry. So I put on my leather welding gloves, chaps, cowboy gauntlets, heavily padded ski jacket and plastic face shield and herded Catty into my garage, forcing her into a far corner before running out the door and slamming it shut. Once on the outside I turned around and there was Catty smiling at me from a tree in the condescending manner all cats have. I made a mental note to put the garage door back on its hinges and have the auto body shop polish out all the scratches on my car. To this day cat hairs fly out of my table saw when I use it.

Next I trapped Catty in a small shed but she came flying through the screen door like she was shot out of a cannon, which wasn't a bad idea, I thought. She hit me hard in the groin region and to this day I sing two octaves higher. Catty next ran under my house where I boarded her up. I hadn't heard from Mikey for awhile when I called to tell her that I had her cat safe in hand. Sort of. "Oh, it's you," she said. "I got back from work hours ago and Catty was right here all along. She's here on my lap as we speak. Do you have any idea how much anguish you put me through today?

to take action next year on the Intelligence Authorization Bill for 2013, approved months ago in the House. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., has a "hold" on the bill pending resolution of questions over requiring the executive branch to notify Congress whenever classified information is disclosed. Freedom-of-information groups have raised concerns about the bill's provisions to give agency heads extraordinary authority to penalize employees who leak information, and also about proposed new limitations on who may speak to the public about classified matters.

Whistleblowers - sources who leak information about perceived government abuses or wrongdoing – received additional federal protections under a new law signed in November by President Barack Obama. But there remains the question of whether his Justice Department's vigorous investigation and prosecution of staffers thought to have leaked information will continue in Obama's second term.

Open-government advocates initially gave Obama positive marks for directing agencies to better respond to public inquiries. Many say access to government information has improved in the last four years. However, a report Dec. 18 by Bloom-

strike down long-standing bans on such spending.

Though record amounts were spent, early assessments are that the estimated \$6 billion in campaign spending was not as effective - or damaging, depending on your point of view - as critics had predicted. However, supporters of restoring limits or of public funding pledged soon after the Nov. 5 presidential election to push for legislative counters to the Court's decision. The massacre in New-

town, Conn., has provoked talk-show and lawmaker criticism of violence in movies, on television and in video games. The discussions may breathe new life into congressional attempts to circumvent a 2011 Supreme Court decision that such video games have First Amendment free-speech protection.

One constant for 2013: The controversial Westboro **Baptist Church members** will continue their self-aggrandizing but legal protests in the wake of tragedies such as Newtown - and virtually everyone else will continue to be disgusted by such tactics.

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Budget questions hover above Capitol

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — With Congress jousting within itself and with the White House in the closing days of 2012 over the federal budget, the Texas Legislature and other state legislatures can only guess what they will have to work with when budget-writing time comes.

Every two years, the Texas Legislature's main job is to write and pass a state budget. Now, with the governor signaling his intention to stick with an austerity plan that won't necessarily be in step with the state's rapidly growing population, historically bad drought and a long list of other critical concerns, suspense about the budget increases day by day. The budget-adoption process is a session-long affair, and the 140-day session commences on Jan. 8, at high noon.

In 2011, the 82nd Texas Legislature adopted a 2012-2013 budget (the General

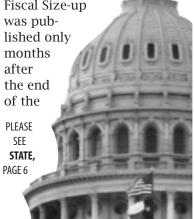
Appropriations Act) featuring across the board spending cuts, per governor's directives. Texans can see a roadmap to those cuts, and may imagine the debating that went on before the budget ultimately was called to a vote, signed by the governor and certified by the comptroller. Actually, the debating does not have to be imagined. It is preserved at legis.state.tx.us.

Texans with access to a relatively recently manufactured personal computer updated with the current software for viewing archived video, can — if they pay for a speedy Internet connection or visit their local library — download, view and hear the parts of the budget-writing process conducted in Capitol committee rooms and on the floors of the state House and state Senate.

Furthermore, to provide Texas taxpayers "with a more complete understanding of how their tax dollars are being used," the staff of the Legislative Budget Board has posted a 668-page document, titled "Fiscal Size-up" for the current 2012-2013 budget. Anyone with a library card or a relatively recently manufactured personal computer, updated with the current software for viewing documents, can, with a fast-enough Internet connection, download the lengthy document and read it at their leisure.

But owing to the lack of space here, and in deference to readers who choose the printed-page version of their community newspaper, let's skip to the summary of the "Fiscal Size-up." It says the 2012-13 budget included appropriations for state opera-

tions that total \$173.5 billion an amount composed of \$81.3 billion from General Revenue Funds, \$54.7 billion from Federal Funds, \$31.2 billion from Other Funds and \$6.4 billion from General Revenue-Dedicated Funds. Although the Fiscal Size-up was published only months after the end





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ton. Will Winters, membership sales manager for Aero Care and Med-Trans, also gave a tour of their facilities here in Fort Stockton.

Ashley Mathews, Extension Program Specialist II, explained how V.G. Young Institute supports county judges and commissioners across the state through educational training. Dr. Lloyd Potter, state demographer, closed up the conference with a program about Texas demographics.

The educational program was put together by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of Countv Government to provide county commissioners in the area an opportunity for completing required continuing educations credits before the end of the year. The lunch was sponsored by the Law Firm of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg, and Allen. During the lunch hour, Matt Tarpley, District 6 4H specialist, gave a Youth Robotics Demonstration.

"This conference always provides participants with an excellent opportunity to learn more about topics they deal with on a daily basis and share

ideas with their Far West Texas peers, other county commissioners' court members in counties with similar populations and needs," said Brenda Rue, District 6 Extension Administrator.

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For more information on statewide programs and services available through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, interested parties should call their local county Extension office.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 2

• Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center. Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, Jan. 3

• Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. • Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, Jan. 4

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

• Crafts, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• OHS Lions and Lady Lions Basketball vs. TLCA in Davidson Gym, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5

• OHS Lions and Lady Lions at the Reagan County Tournament in Big Lake.

Monday, Jan. 7

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

Crafts, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

Balancing exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

• Levis and Lace Square Dance lessons, 7-9 p.m. at the Senior Center.

• OHS Lions and Lady Lions Basketball vs. Christoval in Christoval, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Jan. 3 - James Caldera, Ruben Cruz, Govo DeHovos, **Michael Ybarra Sr., Matthew** Galindo, Wesley Crawford and Chago Ybarra Jr.

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

Jan. 5 – John Baker, Z.

Ray Hill, Frances Davis, Sharon Martin, Melinda Malone and Audrey Tijerina

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Jan. 6 - Ivana Hernandez, Keshia Dean, Victor DeLaGarza, Genesis Venegas, Trista Bush, Avalon Trujillo, **Kristofer Torres and David** Perez

Jan. 7 - Rita DeLaRosa. Michael Savala, Virginia Lea, J.B. Pruitt and Johnny Tambunga Jr.

Jan. 8 – Susan Bilano, Kevin Villarreal, Peggy Branyon, Tyson Vordick, Linda Talamantez, Jona-Anderson, Penny than Ramirez

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CROCKETT COUNTY JUDGE FRED DEATON AND COMMISSIONER PLEAS CHILDRESS III, attended the District 6 County Judges' and Commissioners' Training on November 29, 2012, at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Center in Fort Stockton.

OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM NEWS

BY BETH HOOVER OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM

The Ozona Woman's Forum had an interesting Fall season. A variety of programs were enjoyed by the members. Vicki and Sandy Stokes generously opened their beautiful back yard for the September meeting. Kim Aldridge brought the members a study of several wines and the proper way to display and serve each one.

The month of October offers a change in the colors of Texas. Several Forum members journeyed to Fredricksburg to spend the day. Lunch at The Peach Tree Inn was followed by an afternoon of shopping and viewing. A visit to a fudge emporium was a of our members attended a meeting of the County Commissioners to ask for permission to start a drive to light the County Courthouse during the Christmas season. There was sadness at the loss of one of the past presidents of the Forum when Dorothy Montgomery passed away. There was also concern for Shirley Kirby, another past president, in regard to her surgery. But there was also celebration as we welcomed Jo Ann Babbitt as a new member of the Forum.

2012 has come to an end with its successes and its trials, but the women of the Forum are looking forward to 2013 and all the possibilities a new year offers to the club members and their extended

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thing interesting to share. Tiffany Larson has been bartending with us for five years, she is also our bar manager. She is excellent at keeping everything and everyone in line.

We are very thankful to them for all of their dedication and hard work. Parker Hamilton (affectionately known as Pat) left us almost three years ago. However, his legacy lives on with us. We like to think of him looking down on the Hitchin Post and smiling. He would be writing this article instead of us, or at least standing over our shoulders and telling us what would sound better!

"Many thanks! We are very grateful to all," said owner,

Debi Hamilton. The Chamber of Comadded asset to the local business community.

For more information, call 325-392-5280 or stop by the restaurant between 11:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. seven days a week.

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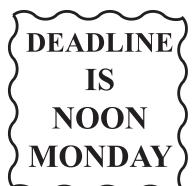
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fitting close to a fun day.

November found the members sharing memories of Thanksgiving days past. Stories of botched meals, forgotten recipes, and fallen cakes brought laughter to everyone and reminders of our nation's history helped to get each one in the mood for the holiday.

The Ozona Community Bell Choir offered a program of Christmas music to get everyone in the spirit of the season. Delicious cupcakes were enjoyed by members and their guests.

Betty Huffman began her term as president of the Forum with words of promise for the months ahead. Several projects were undertaken during the Fall months. Several members volunteered to make cakes for the Cake Walk to be held during the Halloween Carnival. Two



Leigh Chandler bride-elect of Mark Carter has made selections at families. We are privileged to live in Ozona, in the state of Texas, and in the United States of America.

merce recognizes the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse for their efforts to provide quality service in addition to being an

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guard against anything that takes away from our children and undermines our public schools." said Chris duBois. Crockett County Consolidated Common School District superintendent.

"Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. They generously give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this community, people who are close to our schools and know our teachers, parents, and students. In these challenging times, they face difficult choices and shoulder critical responsibilities. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district," duBois said.

The Board Members serving Crockett County Consolidated Common School District are:

David McWilliams	At Large	2nd year 2012-13
Amy Newton	District 6	1st year 2012-13
Dwight Childress	District	5th year 2012-13
Grizz Medina	District 2	4th year 2012-13
Orlando DeHoyos	District 1	1st year 2012-13
Roland DeHoyos	District 3	2nd year 2012-13
Ray Don Myers	District 4	2nd year 2012-13

"Our district benefits from the contributions of the dedicated efforts of these local citizens who truly care about our kids. Serving as a crucial link between the community and classroom, this board is responsible for an annual budget of 23 million plus dollars, 811 students, 146 employees, and three campuses. We applaud their willingness to serve as advocates for our children and the voice of public education," he said.



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HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals and accepting applications for cooks. Pick up applications at Helping Hands.

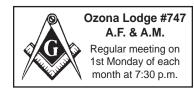
If you have a few minutes, call 392-5026 and help deliver meals.

JANUARY 2

•Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli w/ cheese sauce, wheat bread, fruit crisp and milk

JANUARY 3

·Herb baked chicken, poultry gravy, mashed pota-



If you want someone to agree with you in prayer, send your prayer requests to: The Prayer Box P.O. Box 733 Ozona, TX 76943.

toes, green beans, pineapple orange gelatin, wheat bread

JANUARY 4

·Spaghetti and meat sauce, green peas, tossed salad, LF ranch dressing, garlic bread, fresh apple slices and milk.

JANUARY 7

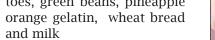
•Meatloaf w/ tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli, roll, vanilla pudding and milk.

·Baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegtables, wheat bread, fresh orange and milk.

Looking for a Church to Attend? We invite you to come fellowship with us at Temploe Siloe Assembly of God Church. We would love to have you! Every Sunday - 9:45 a.m. Transportation is available Call Pastors Ruth & Gerson Posadas 915-329-8840 cell or 392-9238 hom COUPLES COUNSELING







JANUARY 8



VIRGINIA BISHOP (right) admires a crystal suncatcher that her daughter Jackie Necessary is holding as son-in-law Cecil Necessary looks on at the Christmas party held at the Care Center.



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DEATH NOTICES

Manuela Rodriguez

Manuela Rodriguez, 89 died Monday, December 24, 2012 in Ozona

Funeral service was Wednesday Dec. 26 in the Ozona Church of Christ with burial in Lima Cemetery.

Survivors include four daughters, Socorro R. Ornelas and Maria Ortencia Rodriguez both of San Angelo, Rosalba Rodriguez and Evangelina Olivares both of San Antonio and one son Julian Rodriguez Jr. of Ozona.

CARE CENTER CHATTER

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Life has many twists and turns and we never know what is coming around the next curve. Sometimes it is joy and other times it is grief. Looking at the problems there is much unrest in the world, wars and rumors of wars, much suffering and persecution, world economic turmoil, even in our own country. Then there is the weather with record breaking storms and a lot of country in a severe drought. Many have lost loved ones last year, others no jobs, serious health issues, loss of homes and businesses to mention a few things. On the other hand there is new births, marriages, new jobs, homes, cars and other countless good things. One thing we must remember God is in control and is very much aware of what is going on. In the book of Ecclesiastes chapter 3:1-8 it says there is a time for everything good and bad. It is a good book to read during the Holiday season. It teaches us to fear, honor and reverence God, (Ecclesiastes 3:12-14, 12:1-7). As we look to the coming year we do not know what is in store for us, but one thing we can put our trust and hope in God. Remember, He provided a way our sins could be forgiven and that was through Jesus Christ, (John 3:16, Hebrews 9:25-28). May God bless you and your family in the upcoming year. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.			
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BY MARTA DE LA GARZA

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

The facility was all decked out for Christmas in red and gold and doors were decorated by the staff.

On Dec. 1 the staff helped at the DeerFest by selling tickets was presented with a donation of \$1,000. Groups from the community came by to sing Christmas carols and others brought gifts to residents and staff. Residents enjoyed making melted snowmen on cookies. The residents Christmas party was a success. Everyone received gifts, cupcakes, cookies and punch was served. Group pictures were taken by The Ozona Stockman and the care center

staff

Winners of the door decorating contest are: 1st - Connie Marshall and Mary Flores; 2nd - Shirley Derouen and Tony Aldridge and 3rd - Dillie Sanchez.

Francisco "Fargo" Tijerina was named Resident of the year.

The staff attends mandatory meetings once a month. December is a memorial one for those residents and family members we have lost during the year. Hospice honors the staff with a meal. Administrator Robert Stecher invited all staff to our first Christmas party. Barbeque was served and followed by games. The staff thanks Robert for a great party.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Happy New Year from the Senior Center

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Here we are in the year 2013. I have not gotten used to writing 2012 yet and will have to get used to 2013. The years are passing way too fast for me. Here's hoping you all have a blessed time all year long.

Last week Itold you I lost my I-phone. Well, thanks to Easy at the Methodist church, the phone has been found. I was soooo excited. It was not the newest or the fanciest phone ever, but it had my pictures on it and my addresses on it. That made it really important to me. Thank you, Easy. Hugs to you.

We will have the usual schedule here at the center. Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be Exercise at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday will be balance exercise at 2:00 p.m. Monday and Friday at 10:00 a.m. I will have crafts. Quilting will be on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Bridge will be at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays. Mexican Train at 1:30 on Wednesdays and the prayer group at 3:00 p.m.

Come on out- the Coffee is on.



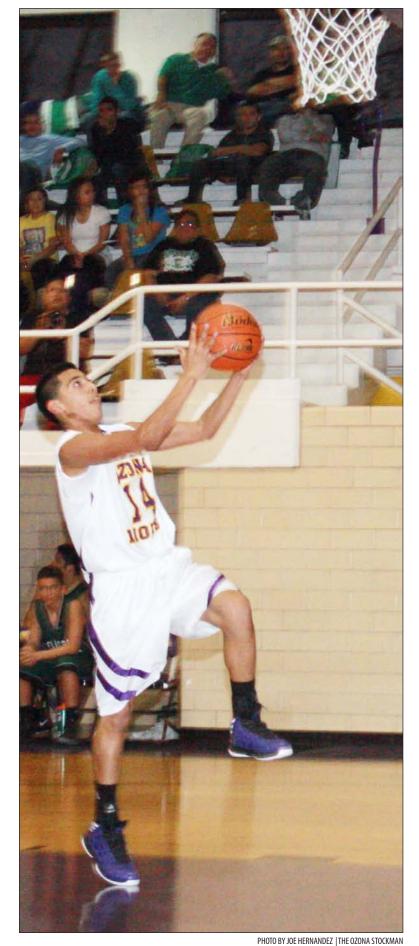
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KALEN PEREZ FIRES OFF A JUMPSHOT through heavy traffic in the JV Lions Dec. 14 against Rankin. Also pictured are: #4 Ricky Porras and #10 Juan Rodriguez.



KODI GLOSSON POWERS HER WAY PAST AN ELDORADO LADY EAGLE in the Lady Lions 48-39 win over Eldorado on Dec. 18. Also pictured is Daisy Guerra.



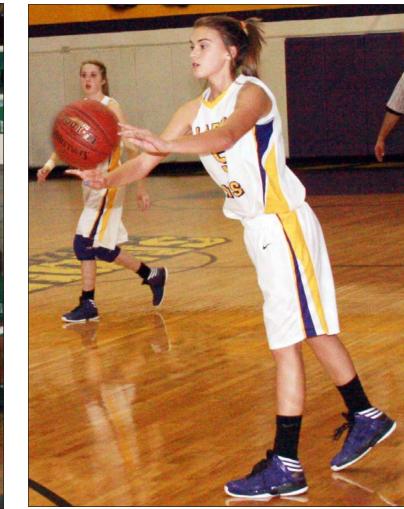


PHOTO BY JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN McKENNA MOSES PASSES THE BALL in the JV Lady Lions Dec. 18 game against Eldorado. Also pictured is Madison Childress.



#11 LEXI POINDEXTER GOES IN TO TIE THE BALL as #13 teammate Cynthia Garcia moves in. The Lady Lions got their first district win with a 48-39 win over the Eldorado on Dec. 18

OMS Lady Lions 4-1

After a week one loss the court again after the Christ-

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ROBBIE SANCHEZ GOES UP FOR A LAYUP in the JV Lions 35-10 win over Eldorado on Dec. 18.

PHOTO BY JOE HERNANDEZ |THE OZONA STOCKMAN ALEX BORREGO RACES TOWARD THE BASKET in the Lions 59-45 win over Eldorado on Dec. 18. Also pictured is Noah Tambunga.

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MICHAEL YBARRA REACHES OUT TO RECEIVE A PASS in the JV Lions Dec. 18 victory over Eldorado.

OMS mixed team has come together and are currently at 4 wins and 1 loss with their latest victory coming in Eldorado on Dec. 17.

The Lady Lions trailed early in the game but then lead by an aggressive stifling defense held the Lady Eagles to only 4 points as Ozona cruised to a 15 point victory.

Leading the way for the Lady Lions was Bobbie Jo Vargas as she lead the team in scoring.

Offensively, Ozona also saw contributions from Priscilla Rodriguez, Paola Blanco, Maiah Jurado, Jackie Ibarra, Jasmine Carty and Gabby Treto.

"Some keys thus far this year, have been the girls willingness to practice hard, come together as a team, and having fun on and off the court. I am excited about how far these girls have come and continue to want to improve as people and basketball players," said Coach Butch Gonzalez. The Ladies will take the mas break against Winters on Monday, Jan. 14.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

HIGH SCHOOL: Monday: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday: 2-7 p.m. Wednesday: 7-10 p.m. Thursday: 2-10 p.m. Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

Tuesday: 7-10 p.m. Wednesday: 2-7 p.m. Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

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Persons Released from Jail	24		
Persons Currently Incarcerated	1		
Prisoners Currently Housed Outside County	8		
Prisoner Housing - Reagan County	\$0		
Prisoner Housing - Upton County	\$11,362.50		
Prisoner Housing - Sutton County	\$0		
Total Housing	\$11,362.50		
Calls for Service	243		
Civil Papers Received	26		
Civil Papers Served	24		
Civil Papers Unserved	2		
Fines Received	\$970.00		
Civil Fines Received	\$190.42		





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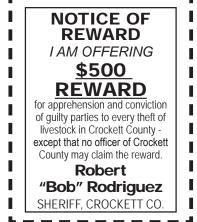
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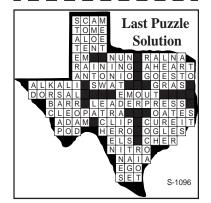




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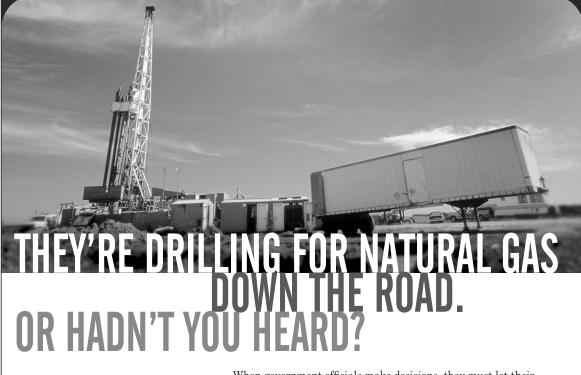
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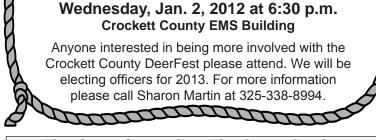
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