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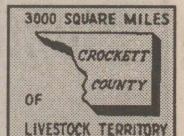
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Crockett County
 Sheriff's Report

School begins on a positive note

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

School began last week on a positive note with all principals reporting smooth starts to the year. "The first day of school was great," said Kim Castleberry, primary school principal. "We had quite a few parents here first thing with their children. It went very smoothly. I hope the rest of the year goes as well."

At the intermediate school, principal Manley Holmes said students in his building were "excited" about the new year.

"We had a good, smooth start. We're still getting a few kids in, but all went well," he said.

At the high school, principal Dan Webb said he excited about having the students and personnel back as well as welcoming incoming freshmen and new teachers and staff.

"I think this is going to be a good academic year, and I'm excited about our athletics as well. They have already had two good showings at their scrimmages," he said.

Middle school principal Doug Guynes also said that chang-

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Photo by Susan Calloway

MADALYN HARRIS is excited about being in Mrs. Webster's class this year as she goes through the breakfast line on Aug. 17 during the first day of school at Ozona Primary School.

Rumage resigns Former superintendent takes position at Banquete

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

worked at Ira and Rochester school districts.

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees unanimously accepted the resignation of Superintendent Jim Rumage at their Aug. 16 regular monthly meeting.

The board also approved the voluntary exit agreement submitted with his resignation.

Rumage has been hired as superintendent by the Banquete Independent School District, which is a farming and ranching community located in Nueces County about 45 miles west of Corpus Christi. The district serves around 850 students.

Rumage served as superintendent of Ozona schools for three years. He previously

Acting superintendent John King will remain until a new superintendent is found.

The board also unanimously approved the "Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credits."

During his principal report, Doug Guynes, middle school principal, said that the district has met the standards for the "No Child Left Behind" bill.

King said that the staff development days for teachers was "great."

"I really like what I see and what I hear. We're ready for a good, positive start," he said.

The board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 30 in the Administration Building to discuss and approve the 2005-2006 budget.

Lucille Littleton to receive tribute by Cowboy Band

Hardin-Simmons University alumna Lucille Hardberger Littleton celebrates her centennial birthday in grand style as HSU's world famous Cowboy Band travels to Ozona to serenade the former University Queen and member of the class of 1927.



Submitted photo

San Antonio Mayor Phil Hardberger, nephew of Mrs. Littleton, will be on hand to offer congratulations, and HSU vice president of academic affairs, Dr. William Ellis will present a certificate of appreciation for Littleton's long record of service to the University.

Festivities begin at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Crockett County Care Center, where the Cowboy band will play a short selection of favorites. Participants and well-wishers gather at the Ozona Civic Center at 2 p.m. for comments by Mayor Hardberger, the HSU citation and a concert by the Cowboy Band.

Lucille's husband, the late J. Lowell Littleton, was a charter member of the Cowboy Band.
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LUCILLE HARDBERGER LITTLETON as the 1926 Hardin-Simmons University Queen.

LUCILLE LITTLETON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

When: 2-5 p.m. Saturday
Where: Crockett County Civic Center

Special Performance by the
 Hardin-Simmons University
 Cowboy Band

USDA OPENS NEW OFFICE IN OZONA

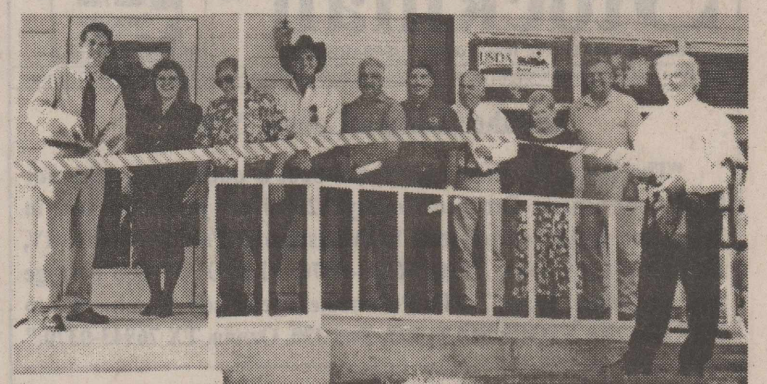


Photo by Melissa Perner

NATIONAL, STATE, LOCAL and AREA OFFICIALS cut the ribbon on the new USDA Rural Development office located at 201 E. 11th St. in Ozona. The new office will serve Crockett, Glasscock, Irion, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Val Verde counties. For more in the new office, see page 3.



Photo by Paul C. Perner IV

OZONA FIRE FIGHTERS work at extinguishing a structure fire at 302 Avenue H. The cause of the fire was arson allegedly caused by Janet Talamantez after she had an argument with her husband.

Argument leads to arson

Gasoline can found in living room

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

An argument between a husband and wife led to a house fire and an arrest for arson on Aug. 16.

Janet Talamantez turned herself into the Crockett County Sheriff's Office after she allegedly set fire to a residence on 302 Avenue H, said Fire Marshall Steve Kinley.

Janet and her husband, Albert Talamantez, apparently had an argument earlier that evening. Albert left and when he returned, he found the house to be on fire, Kinley said.

A gasoline can was found in the living room, Kinley said.

The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department received the call around 10:42 p.m.

The first fire truck was on scene at 10:47 p.m. and the fire was under control by 10:50 p.m.

All units returned to the station at 11:45 p.m.

The majority of the fire was in the bedroom, which suffered a lot of heat damage, Kinley said. The rest of the residence sustained mainly smoke and water damage.

The house is owned by Tony Gomez. The couple was renting the house from Gomez.

Janet has been charged with arson.

Cross country team ready to defend state title

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

They rise before sunlight. Dedicated athletes who, one by one, make their way to the track to stretch and get ready for the two to three mile run that lies ahead.

Why does this group get up and run in the dark?

"We're crazy," said senior Allison Skehan.

The dedication of the Ozona Cross Country runners is one that is obvious. As they stretch on the track and get ready for the warm up lap, no one has any verbal complaints about being up so early but there are a few yawns.

As Coach Lenny Morrow makes his way to his team, the group looks at him and said "Coach, you're late."

"It's 6:14 a.m. by my watch," he replies.

Every morning, the team runs at 6:15 a.m. Every morning, for the high school boys' team, the thought of heading back to the state meet in Round Rock goes through the minds of the returning runners.

"It makes you work that much harder" said junior Roman Tambunga.

"I think we can do well to get up to how we were last year," added junior Tate Collis.

Last year, the running Lions surprised everyone, even themselves, when they took the Class 2A State Championship.

This year, the team feels like they can head back to Round Rock as a stronger unit.

"Overall, if everyone stays with it and stays dedicated, we could be stronger than last year," said junior Levi English. "We have some good freshmen coming up."

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Photo by Melissa Perner

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS Rocky Munoz (left) and Tate Collis warm up on the track during the early morning hours Thursday.

Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Aug. 15	88	70	-0-
Aug. 16	90	73	-0-
Aug. 17	91	73	-0-
Aug. 18	91	73	-0-
Aug. 19	91	73	-0-
Aug. 20	19	73	-0-
Aug. 21	91	73	-0-

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)

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EXTENDED FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 91	Hi 93
Lo 69	Lo 69
Isolated T-Storms	Partly Cloudy

Friday	Saturday
Hi 92	Hi 89
Lo 69	Lo 68
Isolated T-Storms	Isolated T-Storms

Forecast information provided by

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OZONA LIONS vs. KERMIT 8 P.M. FRIDAY AT LION STADIUM

New USDA Rural Development office to serve area counties

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

Several local, area, state and national officials attended the grand opening of the new USDA Rural Development office on Friday. The office is located on 201 E. 11th St. "We are looking forward to building new relationships in this area and believe that this new office will allow us to better serve the needs of the rural Texans of the area," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. "USDA Rural Development has been working to establish a local office in Ozona, Texas for some time and we are delighted to announce the Grand Opening."

Local officials on hand for the ceremony were Shanon Biggerstaff, chamber of commerce executive director, and Frank Tambunga, county commissioner. Other officials were John Perkins, area director for USDA Rural Development, Myria Alvarado, with U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla's office, and Scooter Brochette, assistant to the state director for USDA Rural Development. The Ozona Local Office will serve the counties of Crockett, Glasscock, Irion, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Val Verde. Through the numerous pro-

grams USDA Rural Development offers, we are committed to increase economic opportunity in rural communities by improving the flow of capital to businesses and by addressing the essential needs of rural households, to enhance the quality of life. USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information, call the Ozona local office at 392-2301 or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/txl>.

BIRTHDAY: Littleton has recruited, assisted students at Hardin-Simmons

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graduating in 1924. The couple were strong supporters of the band and the Cowboy Band Foundation. Lucille has both recruited numerous students for HSU and assisted them with encouragement and financial support. She contributed to capital campaigns, the Annual Scholarship Fund, and numerous restricted scholarships. Lowell was a charter member of the HSU Board of Development.



HARDIN-SIMMONS COWBOY BAND will perform Saturday at Lucille Littleton's 100th birthday party at the civic center.



BREANNA shows off her new red boots. Breanna, who has cerebral palsy, is one of the many patients who benefit from Round-Up for Rehab for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

It's time for Round-Up for Rehab

Three-year-old Breanna is much too busy showing off her bright red boots and racing around on her pint-sized walker to notice that hundreds of ranchers are equally busy. Their goal: Rounding up livestock to sell at special auctions this fall so West Texas Rehabilitation Center can help Breanna overcome the disabling effects of cerebral palsy. Local Round-Up for Rehab chairmen include Bill Black, Arlene Clayton, Ray Hill and Donnie Laughlin, whose message to Ozona area ranchers is simple but sincere: "Let's help Rehab help Breanna and 21,000 other Rehab patients this year, many of whom will receive therapy at WTRC-Ozona." Fall sales of particular interest to Concho Valley ranchers are the cattle sale Sept. 22 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and the sheep/goat sale Oct. 24 at Junction Stockyards. WTRC President Woody Gilliland extends a special invitation to everyone in the ag industry to attend one of the sales, donate cash or animals to the project, or notify Rehab of an intent to have an auction house cut a check to WTRC for

Happy Birthday

- Aug. 24 - Madalyn Harris, Virginia Cotton, Joseph Knaack, Rod Miller and Ray Ramos Jr.
- Aug. 25 - Bill T. Williams, Carol Adcock, Joe Torres, Stefani Bush and Lupe Castro
- Aug. 26 - Shelby Kathryn Wilson and Chris Sanchez
- Aug. 27 - Marie Gerlach, Gavin Ray Myers, Mark Marshall, Chad Poindexter and Jacob Santiago
- Aug. 28 - Johnny Porras Jr. and Marcus Badillo
- Aug. 29 - Della Garcia, Daniela Mata and Vicente Mata
- Aug. 30 - Melvin Conner, Joe Stewart, Betty Castro, Hilario Guadarrama and Robert O'Keefe

To add a name to the birthday list, call 392-2551

Ozona Garden Club News

By **CHARLOTTE HARRELL**
Ozona Garden Club

Members of the Ozona Garden Club met Wednesday, Aug. 17 at the Hitchin' Post to install new officers for 2005-2007: Debi Hamilton, president; Jerri Lynn Pierce, vice president; Sharon Williams, treasurer and Alice Brewer, secretary. Charlotte Harrell conducted the installation ceremony and presented each new officer with a pink carnation. Judy Jones and Pamela Maresch stood in for Sharon Williams and Alice Brewer who were unable to be present. Others in attendance were Marolyn Bean and Jan Van Shoubrouek. Regular Ozona Garden Club meetings will begin in September.

Class of 1995 gearing up for 10-year class reunion

The OHS Class of 1995 is in the process of planning its 10-year class reunion. The date is tentatively set during Homecoming weekend - Oct. 21. Please contact JoLynn Vannoy Posey at (830) 438-4074 or Doug Meador at (832) 233-9360 in order to provide feedback and/or contact information. Classmates and family can also provide this information by sending e-mail to webmaster@ozona1995.com.

Boy Scout Rally Thursday at the primary school

There will be a Boy Scout Rally at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Ozona Primary School. Anyone interested in Boy Scouts is welcome to attend.

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Others in attendance were Marolyn Bean and Jan Van Shoubrouek. Regular Ozona Garden Club meetings will begin in September. **Webb graduates from Sul Ross** Daniel E. Webb graduated from Sul Ross State University during the Aug. 6 2005 summer commencement exercises. Webb graduated with a master's of education degree in school administration. He is currently the principal at Ozona High School. **Morris graduates from Angelo State** Christopher Eugene Morris graduated from Angelo State University on Aug. 13 during the 2005 summer commencement exercises. Morris graduated with a bachelor of business administration degree.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ross Crawford
Brandi Jennings and Ross Crawford were married July 2, 2005 at the First Methodist Church in San Angelo with Jerry Davenport, of Sheffield, officiating. Parents of the couple are Cole and Lisa Jennings of Iraan and Randy and Jill Crawford of Ozona. Maid of honor was Amber Sigmon of College Station. Bridesmaids were Colbey Crawford and Julie Smart of College Station, Regan Crump of Ralls, Leanne Banowitz of Oklahoma City, O.K. and Bobbie Ann Ritchie of Midland. Flower girl and ring bearer were Erica Sansom of Georgetown and Reagan Fox of San Antonio. Best man was Rusty Bishop of Ozona. Groomsmen were Jared Jennings of Lubbock, John Austin Stokes of Lubbock, Cade Clark and Ryan Bean both of Ozona and Levi Babb of Fort McKavett. Ushers were Colby Jennings of Iraan and Shannon Ritchie of Midland. The bride is a 2001 graduate of Iraan High School. Brandi is presently attending Angelo State University. The bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of Ozona High School. Ross is employed by Angelo Fleet. The couple resides in San Angelo.

It's a boy
Stefny and David Nance, of Fort Worth, are the proud parents of Weston Childress Nance who was born Aug. 5, 2005. Weston weighed six pounds, 13 ounces. Proud grandparents are Cynthia and Greg Nance of Tyler and Carmen Sutton of Ozona. Proud great-grandmother is Crystelle Childress of Ozona.

Chamber to host economic development meeting
The Chamber of Commerce will host a public meeting to discuss economic development for Ozona. The meeting will be at 5:15 p.m. Monday in the Crockett Room. The meeting will feature speaker Shannon Cantrell, South Texas Regional Representative of the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism.

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 (14) I am the good shepherd; And I know My sheep and am known by My own.
 Psalm 9: 9-10 John 10:14

Ozona Youth Alliance presents Katalyst Ministries Aug. 31

Ozona Youth Alliance presents Katalyst Ministries at 7 p.m. Aug. 31 in the Crockett County Civic Center.
 All middle school and high school students are welcome.
 Door prizes and refreshments provided.
 For transportation, call Mack Richie at 392-5482 (home) or 392-1335 (work) or Lenny Morrow at the high school or Sylvia Lara at the middle school.

Red Hat Society News

The "Scarlett Bonnets" will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the intermediate school for a trip to Sonora for dinner at the Sutton County Steak House.
 We would like to have everyone come if they can.

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Levis & Lace News

By TINA JARVIS
Levis and Lace Square Dancer

Our next dance will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Crockett County Senior Center, featuring caller Gary Bible from Austin.
 Birthdays to be celebrated at this dance are for Carol Adcock, Jim Couch and JoAnn Babbitt all their birthdays are on the 25.
 We have been asked to perform at the Santa Rita Days in

Care Center Chatter

By JAN ST. CLAIR
Activity Director

miss you.
 Thursday afternoon, our art lady Johnnye Johnson was here to do her art work for our residents. Thank you Johnnye. We also enjoy your singing with all of us.
 Churches that provide services to our facility are the Ozona Church of Christ, the Ozona United Methodist Church, the First Baptist Church of Ozona and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Thank you all for faithful services.
 Resident Lucille Littleton is looking forward to everyone joining her for celebration of her 100th birthday party from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the Crockett County Civic Center.
 The Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band will play here at the CCCC facility at 1 p.m.
 We are looking forward to a great week here at the CCCC.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

today. Plan to attend and try our good food and fellowship.
 Crockett County Care Center Family Council will be meeting here at the senior center at noon Thursday. All interested please come to this meeting.
 On Saturday, the Levis and Lace Square Dancers will dance at 8 p.m. here at the senior center.
 Remember there are several things to do here at the senior center. We have a number of games to play and you may bring your own if you wish.
 On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, we have our "Walk Two Miles" at 8:30 a.m.
 If some of you would like to play pool, we have a nice pool table with new cue sticks in the back room.
 Also, we have a puzzle going at all times and our coffee pot is always on.
 Our activities are for those of you over 50 years of age (we are flexible). Our building is alcohol and smoke free.
 Our pot luck will be at noon

Court Appointed Special Advocates

in dire need of quality volunteers

SAN ANGELO - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is in dire need of volunteers to represent children in a 10 county region.
 The greatest need at this time is in Concho, Crockett and Runnels counties.
 Over the last seven months, the caseload has more than doubled and the majority of these children are in foster care and are awaiting quality CASA volunteer representation.
 It is our desire to acquire as many CASA volunteers as possible to represent more than 100 children currently in need.
 In order to accommodate the outlying counties, the CASA Program Director may conduct trainings in the aforementioned counties for interested participants.
 CASA volunteers serve as advocates for abused and neglected children while their home placements are determined in court. Judges depend on the

CASA volunteer's input to aid them in making well-informed decisions as to where the child will live, for how long, and under which conditions.
 The next 30 hour CASA volunteer training will begin Sept. 6 in San Angelo at the Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County.
 This training will focus on issues from substance abuse to case management to family violence.
 For specific training schedule, please go to www.cactomgreen.org.
 At the conclusion of the nationally recognized training, District Judge Jay Weatherby will "swear in" volunteers as official Court Appointed Special Advocates.
 Volunteers for CASA must be at least 21-years-old and pass a criminal background check.
 For more information on how to become a CASA volunteer, call 653-HOPE (4673).

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Care Center is looking for additional musical talent

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 If you would be willing to sing and/or play an instrument for maybe one day a month, please call Benny at 392-2671. Our residents love musical entertainment and nothing is better for the soul than some good ole music.
 Please call 392-2671. You'll be blessed.

Under the Pile

Years ago when I was playing high school football we played a scrimmage in a nearby town. Their playing field had low spots where water would stand and just before the game a rainstorm hit and filled those low spots. Sure enough one of their players was given the ball and around my end he came.
 Just as I tackled him I looked down and noticed we were ankle deep in water. Down we went with me on the bottom and others pilling on. I tried to crawl out but under the weight I couldn't move and my face was in the water. I tried to hold my breath but finally I had to take a breath. I was able to get a little air but I also got a lot of water and dry grass.
 I almost passed out but I could hear someone hollering get off and dimly see someone jerking people off the pile. It was the coach who came to my rescue.
 Many times in life we find ourselves in similar situations. We feel like the pressures of life or different situations have us under the pile.
 If we are on God's team, (John 10:27 & 28). There is someone we can call out to or someone there looking out for us. Put your trust in the Lord Jesus and He will take care of you, (Psalm 4:3,18;3,50:15).
 See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

A LETTER TO THE TEAM KIDS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

There is great and exciting news for last years' Team Kids members and leaders of First Baptist Church!
 You will remember that last January we learned about Pastor Mac Cole and his wife, Miss Carol, and their missionary work with the Indian Children in Montana. You will remember also that in class we made quilts for those children.
 Pastor and Mrs. Cole were going to come visit us and thank us for the beautiful and wonderfully warm quilts, but then Pastor Cole became ill and they could not make the trip to Texas. So we shipped the quilts to them, and they sent each of you a thank you note.
 Here's the great news - Pastor Cole and Miss Carol will be here in Ozona on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at First Baptist Church and they STILL want to meet all of you who made the quilts and prayed for them.
 Please come on that evening at 6:30 p.m. and meet under the big tree in the front yard. Then you can all come in together to the sanctuary where the very front pews will be marked for you to sit in - really close to the Coles.
 Bring your parents also, but have them to go on into the sanctuary and find a seat. Tell them there will be punch and cookies for everybody in the parlor AFTER the time with the Coles.
 You won't forget, will you? Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. - First Baptist Church Friends are welcome, too.
 Miss Esther, Miss Coleen, Miss Audrey

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Team KIDS: Wednesday - 5:30 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. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man 'O War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.	Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Worship: 9 a.m.	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.
Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.	Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Serafin Avenida Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.	Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.
New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 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. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.

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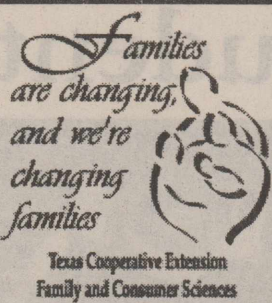
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Tracy's Tidbits

By Tracy Hildreth, CEA-FCS



Pack safe school lunches

School children who come home with stomach cramps, diarrhea or vomiting may be suffering from a "food bug" rather than a "flu bug."

And the sack lunches that many of them take to school may be the reason, said Dr. Peggy Van Laanen, Texas Cooperative Extension food and nutrition specialist.

"Packing a lunch that will be stored at room temperature and eaten many hours later requires special precautions," Van Laanen said. "Temperatures between 40 and 140 degrees F, also known as the 'danger zone,' can cause these harmful bacteria to multiply and cause illness."

"Bacteria that cause food-borne illness need moisture, the right temperature, a food source such as protein, and time," added Britta Thompson, Extension food and nutrition associate. "Any moist protein food is especially susceptible. Foods that are handled a lot during preparation — such as ham, chicken or egg salad — pose an extra risk because bacteria from hands can spread to them."

The experts offer the fol-

lowing advice to lessen the risk of bringing food-borne illness home from school:

- Maintain a clean area when preparing sack lunches. Make sure utensils, hands, work areas and food containers are clean. Wash the lunch box or thermos after each use. If using a paper bag, use a bag made for food, not grocery bags that may be contaminated from insects or food leakage.

- Keep cold lunch foods cold. Store lunches in a refrigerator. If one is not available, use an insulated lunch box, which will keep foods colder than paper bags. A freezing gel, ice or frozen drink placed in an insulated lunch box will keep food chilled. Make sure children know to place their lunches in a cool place out of direct sunlight.

- Keep hot lunch foods hot. Use a clean thermos with a tight-fitting lid for hot foods such as chili, soups and stews. Rinse the thermos with boiling water and pour steaming hot food into the thermos. The food should still be hot at lunchtime.

- If making sandwiches with lunch meat, keep them cold. When purchasing lunch

meat, pay close attention to "use-by" dates. These products can harbor bacteria that can grow slowly, even at refrigerator temperatures.

- Plan a menu of properly prepared and healthy foods. Foods that look or smell sour may be contaminated with bacteria that cause foodborne illness. Don't pack leftovers that have been in the refrigerator for an extended time, and don't re-pack perishable lunch items that have not been eaten. Throw them away.

- If a refrigerator is not available, make sack lunches with foods that don't need to be kept cold, such as peanut butter, dried products such as beef-jerky; and non-perishable cheese and cheese spreads. Other choices include canned meat, poultry and seafood that can be opened and eaten immediately; fresh fruits and vegetables; and breads, cereals, and nuts. Ready-to-eat foods in individual servings such as puddings or canned fruits make a nice addition to sack lunches.

For more information about packing a safe sack lunch, contact a county Extension agent

Mason County Trail Rides set for Sept. 30-Oct. 2

Mason County Trail Rides will host their annual "Autumn Colors Ride" Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

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Cost is \$70 for adults and \$30 for children under 12.

Directions - from the northwest corner of the square in Mason, take El Paso/RR 1871 (between Commercial Bank and Citgo). Go 7.2 miles until you cross Honey Creek. Camp is on left. Please try to RSVP for meal count.

For more information, call Carol Kothmann at (325) 347-5598 or visit www.masoncountytailrides.homestead.com.

FROM THE COUNTY AGENT

By Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG/NR

Bluebonnet planting time is now

Bluebonnet planting time is now. Many people wait until they see bluebonnet plants blooming in the spring to begin planting. It's too late to plant in the spring. Fall is the time! The sooner in the fall (beginning in September) that scarified seed and transplants are planted, the larger the plants will grow in the spring and subsequently more blooms will occur.

Root systems of seedlings and transplants established in early fall expand more and are able to produce a larger plant when top growth and blooms begin in the spring. Scarified seed should be planted in our area no later than mid-November and transplants no later than Valentine's Day. Bluebonnets will thrive in any soil as long as it is well drained. If you are plagued with a sticky clay soil, try building raised (6 inches or more) planting beds and amending the soil with 3-4 inches of organic matter (compost, tree leaves, spoiled hay, etc) Don't keep the soil too wet; just keep it slightly moist. Remember that once plants become established (two or three weeks after planting), they are drought tolerant and one of Texas' toughest natives.

Also remember that during early growth, bluebonnets form ground-hugging rosettes. The whole plant may not be over several inches tall but the leaves may cover an area the size of a dinner plate. This is a natural condition and regardless of how much one waters or fertilizes, the plant will not grow rapidly until the warmth of spring initiates flower stalks. It is also natural for the lower leaves to turn a crimson color after the first freeze. Beneath the rosette of leaves, a large mass of roots is growing. These roots have the ability to form nitrogen-fixing nodules which are filled with beneficial bacteria that can take nitrogen from the atmosphere and feed the plant. This means that fertilization can also be kept to a mini-

mum. No additional fertilizer needs to be added to bluebonnet planting beds since most established planting beds have an abundance of plant nutrients remaining from fertilization of previous crops.

When actually planting bluebonnet seed, forget the idea of just throwing or scattering the seed in the grass! Much bluebonnet seed has been wasted as bird feed using this scattering technique. The seed must be lightly covered or raked into the soil. In naturalized fields of bluebonnets, the seed is gradually covered by washing soil and defoliation of weeds and grass, but it is covered before it actually germinates. When planting a bluebonnet transplant, be careful not to plant it too deeply. You will notice that all of the leaves arise from a central crown-like structure. This crown should not be buried, otherwise the plant will rot. The additional colors of the state flower

were not genetically created by man; these colors have existed for as long as bluebonnets have bloomed. The additional colors, which already existed in nature and have for hundreds of years, were simply isolated, purified and grown in large numbers. No plant breeding or genetic manipulation of bluebonnets have been done except by God. All of these colors have been developed to enhance the Texas state flower. Now, for the first time in history, color patterns of the state flower can be planted and enjoyed. And, since these colors are all naturally occurring selections, they complement each other perfectly, a making design and color selection almost fool-proof There is nothing prettier that a mixed bed of pink, white and blue bluebonnets. Through working with Mother Nature, the Texas state flower can now be raised to new heights of beauty and enjoyment.

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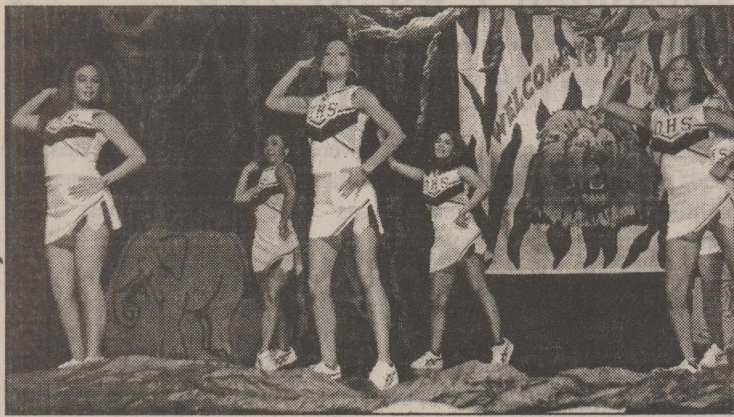
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OHS welcomes back students

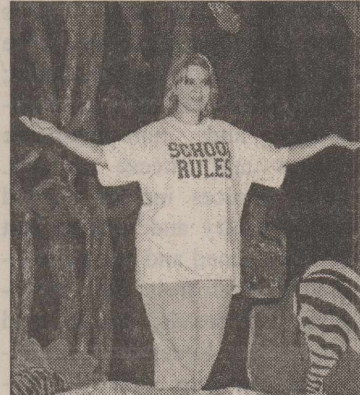
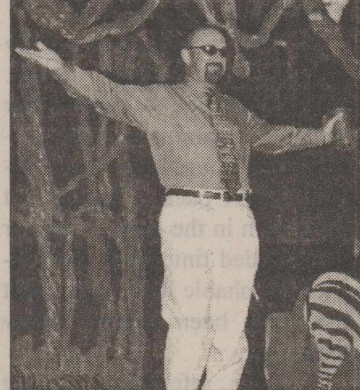
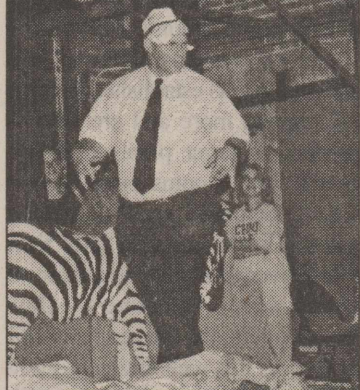
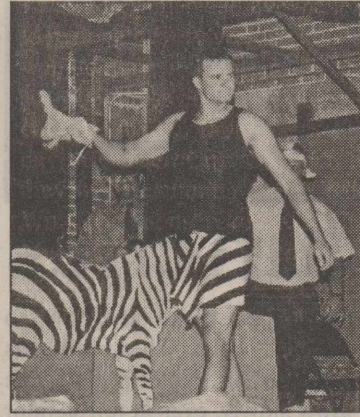
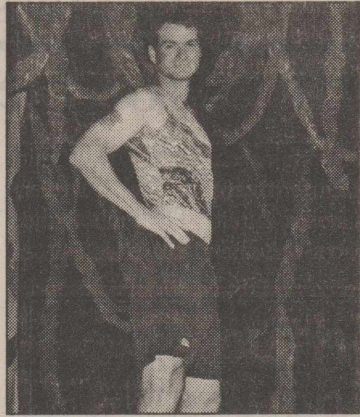


Photos by Melissa Perner
TOP: VARSITY CHEERLEADERS strut their stuff during the Ozona High School Welcome Back to School assembly on Aug. 17.



LEFT: MASCOT DAVID LEE BORREGO does his best Axle Rose impression to "Welcome to the Jungle."

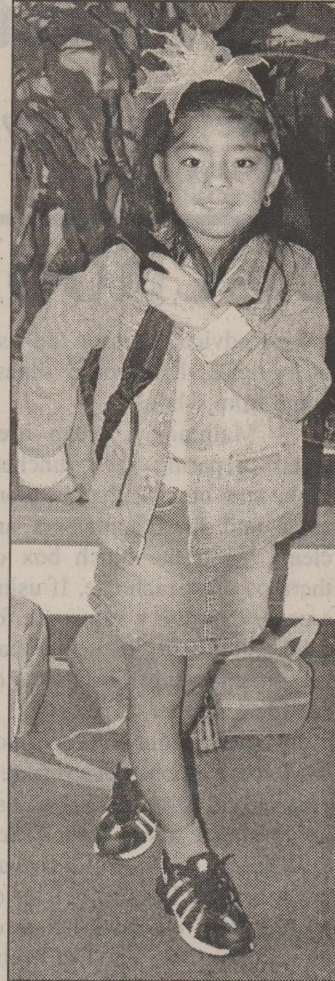
BOTTOM: JV CHEERLEADERS show their spirit during the assembly. Both sets of cheerleaders decorated the auditorium and worked on the show.



Photos by Melissa Perner

OHS TEACHERS and STAFF show the students "What Not to Wear" during the Aug. 17 assembly. Models are (left to right) JayBen Alls, Justin Holloway, Benny Granger, Hollis Moore (who shows off his facial hair, which is not part of the student dress code) and Sheba Castillo. Christine Hodges shows students what they get to wear if they chose to follow the examples of these teachers.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



VANESSA DELAGARZA AND MACKENZIE HARRIS strike poses as the first day of school begins at Ozona Primary.



ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ (L.) is greeted by Nina Martinez as he waits to make payment for his school lunches.



ANDREA PEREZ is all smiles on the first day of school, but her brother Jadon's expression suggests other emotions.



CHRISTIAN YRUEGAS clears his breakfast tray as Anna Yruegas looks on.



JOEY COOK IS READY.....WAIT.....IS OVERWHELMED by the first day of school and is consoled by Carol Cook.

PHOTOS BY SUSAN CALLOWAY

Ozona Lion & Lady Lion 2005 Cross Country Schedule

- Aug. 28 Garden City
- Sept. 3 Ozona "Run with the Lions"
- Sept. 10 Concho Valley Classic (Carlsbad Park - San Angelo)
- Sep. 17 Big Lake
- Sept. 24 Irion County
- Oct. 1 Iraan
- Oct. 8 Odessa
- Oct. 15 Sonora - Bronco Cave Run Sonora Caverns
- Oct. 26 District Meet
- Nov. 5 Regional Meet - Lubbock
- Nov. 12 State Meet - Round Rock



TEAM: Running Lions look stronger this year than last

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One of those freshmen is Levi's younger brother, Ethan. This is the first time the two brothers have competed on the same team.

"It gets old being asked all the time if he's beginning to catch me," Levi said. "Last year, I was always running for Eliseo, so it's a lot harder when you don't have anyone to catch."

The loss of Eliseo Treto and Simon Garza was something the team knew they would be dealing with this year. However, newcomers like Ethan, Wilson White, Rocky Munoz, Ross Kelley and A.J. Montanez are all contributing to making the team stronger, Morrow said. The four returning runners are Levi, Roman, Tate and Michael Maldonado.

"The pressure is not as great as the pressure we put on ourselves. We've got a lot to prove to everyone," Morrow said. "Everyone around here has a short memory. More people feel that Eliseo and Simon were the key ingredients. They were great runners, but everyone out here has something to prove and a desire to prove it."

Not only are these athletes dedicated to this sport, some of the team members are also dedicated in football as well. After working out in the morning, those guys will spend the afternoon on the football field.

During the season, they will play football on Friday nights and rise early on Saturday mornings to make to cross country meets.

"This is really a tough group

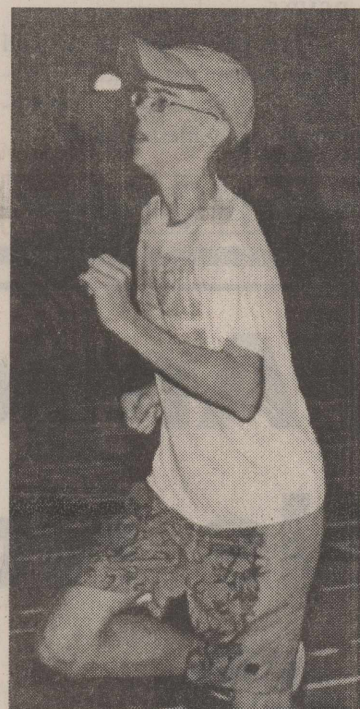


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ETHAN ENGLISH wraps up his warm up lap Thursday morning. Ethan is one of the new freshmen runners on this year's team.

of kids," Morrow said.

For the Lady Lions, Allison and senior Jessica Moore have their sights set on making to regionals again.

"I've done cross country since I was a freshman and I've made it to regionals every year, so I really want to make it this year."

The cross country team will compete in their first meet Saturday in Garden City. On Sept. 3, they will be running in the "Run With The Lions" Cross Country Meet at the Ozona Country Club.

Ozona Youth Alliance presents

Katalyst Ministries

- * 7 p.m. Aug. 31 in the Crockett County Civic Center.
- * All middle school and high school students are welcome.
- * Door prizes and refreshments provided.

For transportation, call Mack Richie at 392-5482 (home) or 392-1335 (work) or Lenny Morrow at the high school or Sylvia Lara at the middle school.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

Aug. 22 - High School Pizza Party 7-10 p.m.

Aug. 26 - Lions vs. Kermit, center will be open after game.

Aug. 29 - High School Pizza Party 7-10 p.m.

Aug. 30 - 8th Grade Pizza Party 7-10 p.m.

Aug. 31 - Katalyst Ministries 7 p.m.



2005 OZONA FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF MEMBERS ARE (back row, l. to r.) Matt Gutierrez, Ronny Clayton, JayBen Alls, Sam Justiss, Justin Holloway and Hollis Moore. Front row: Head Coach Benny Granger, Lenny Morrow, John Esparza, Rick Bachman and Levi Box.

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THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY LIONS LINE UP DURING "MEET THE LIONS" HELD IN LION STADIUM ON THURSDAY, AUG. 10

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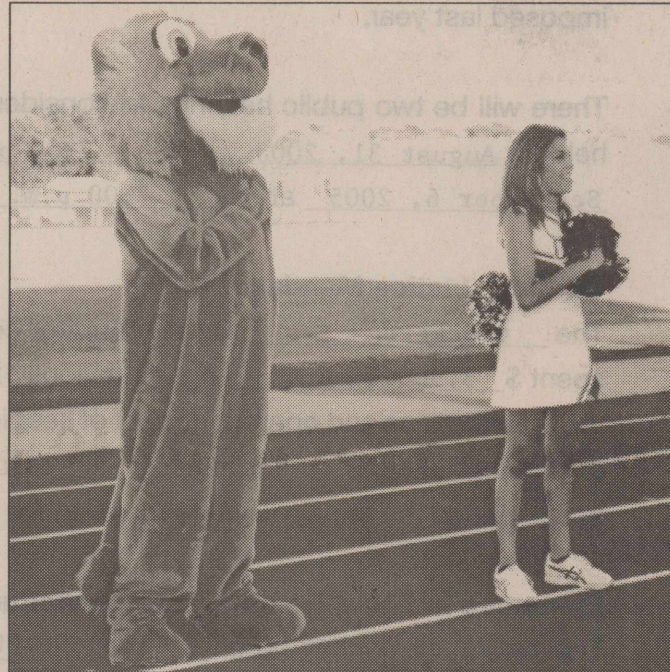
FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Varsity Lions vs. Kermit
 Friday, Aug. 26
 Lion Stadium - 8:00 p.m.

JV Lions vs. Kermit
 Thursday, Aug. 25
 There - 6:00 p.m.

Freshman Lions vs. Kermit
 Thursday, Aug. 25
 Lion Stadium - 6:00 p.m.

Booster Club Meeting
 Monday, Aug. 29
 Lion Field House
 7:00 p.m.



LION MASCOT DAVID LEE BORREGO and varsity cheerleader Mandy Fierro as the school song is being played at "Meet the Lions" held Aug. 18 at Lion Stadium.

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ENJOYING WATERMELON provided by the Booster Club at "Meet the Lions" are: (l. to r.) Ruben Rivas, Ben Flores, Felix Venegas and Head Coach Benny Granger.

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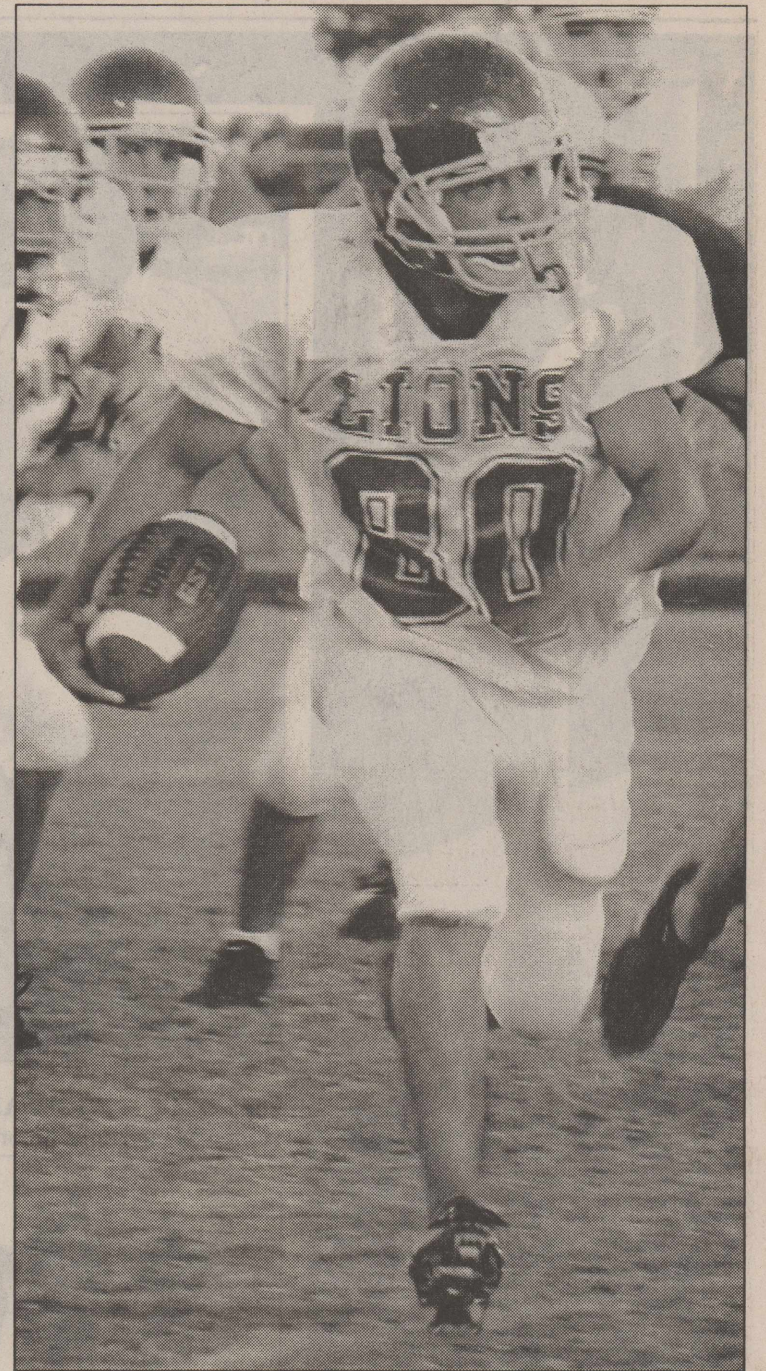
#65 MATTHEW PAYNE AND JOSE GALVAN wrap up a Greenwood ball carrier. The varsity Lions scrimmaged the Rangers on Aug. 19 in Greenwood.

Photo by Joe Hernandez

OHS Cheerleading Camp

Saturday, Aug. 27
 Davidson Gym
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
 Registration will begin at 8:30
 No cost to participate
 Pre-Kindergarten-6th Grade
 A release form must be signed by the parents for participation
 Camp shirts will be sold for \$10.00.

Fort Stockton Athletic Department has sent a supply of football tickets to Ozona for advance sale and admittance to the Sept. 9th football game at Fort Stockton. Advance sale price: Adults - \$4.00 and Students - \$3.00
 Tickets are available at the Administration Office located at 797 Ave. D. All tickets at the gate in Fort Stockton will be \$5.00
 Season reserved seating tickets for all Ozona home varsity football games are also available at the administration office.
 Reserved seating season ticket price (five home games) - \$30.00



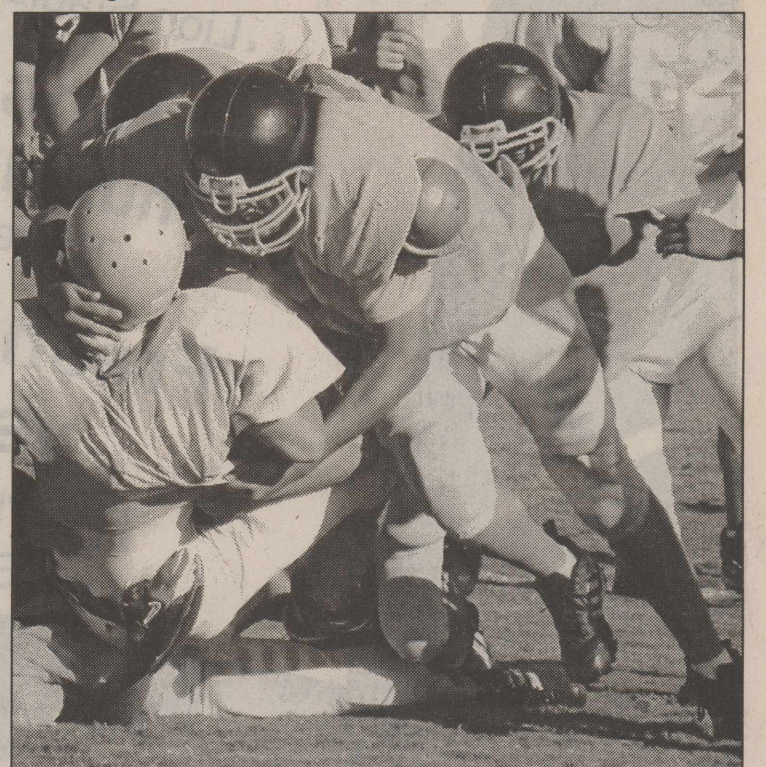
DAVID ESPARZA picks up speed as he moves the ball down the field for a touchdown. The play was called back on a penalty.

Photo by Joe Hernandez



ROMAN TAMBUNGA takes down the Greenwood running back for a loss of yards on the play for the JV Rangers in the Aug. 19 scrimmage.

Photo by Joe Hernandez



MICHAEL QUIROZ RILEY RAMOS AND ALAN LOZANO are part of the purple and gold crush taking down a Greenwood player in the JV Lion's scrimmage.

Photo by Joe Hernandez

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

Last year, the Crockett County property tax rate was \$.6526. That rate raised \$ 8,248,286, a portion of which was used to fund operations such as:

Health Care, Road & Bridge Construction and Maintenance, Law Enforcement, Parks and Recreation, Fire Department, Etc.

This year, Crockett County is proposing a property tax rate of \$.5500. That rate would raise \$ 9,053,377, which is \$ 805,091 more than taxes imposed last year.

There will be two public hearings to consider that increase. The first public hearing will be held on August 31, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.. The second hearing will be held on September 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

Criminal Justice Mandate:

The Crockett County Auditor certifies that Crockett County has spent \$ 3,500.00 in the previous 12 months beginning January 1, 2004 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Crockett County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures:

The county of Crockett spent \$ 18,506.00 from Jan 1, 2004 to Dec 31, 2004 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is -0-.

You have a right to attend the hearings and make comments. You are encouraged to attend and make comments if you wish.

COMPARISON OF CROCKETT COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 32,100	\$ 32,610
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 25,680	\$ 26,090
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate Per \$100 Value	\$.6526	\$.5500
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 162.48	\$ 139.22
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		(\$ 23.26)

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on \$50,000 Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Market Value of Residence	\$50,000	\$50,000
Market Taxable Value of \$50,000 Residence	\$40,000	\$40,000
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$.6526	\$.5500
Taxes Due on \$50,000 Residence	\$ 255.94	\$ 215.73
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		(\$ 41.19)

This notice contains a comparison of 2004 taxes and proposed 2005 taxes. If you would like additional information on how this notice was compiled, please contact the Crockett County Tax Office at 909 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas.

Name of person preparing this notice: Rhonda Shaw
 Title: Tax Assessor-Collector
 Date Prepared: 8/16/05

SCHOOL: Middle school classes gain five minutes

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es to this year's middle school schedule include adding a minute in between classes and adding five minutes to each class period making them 50 minutes long.
 The new counselor, Donna Bryan, also visited all classes on the first day.
 "Things went great," Guynes said.
 Enrollment, however, on the first day was down by 48 students. There were 775 total students for the entire district, compared to 823 at this time last year.
 Ozona Primary School had 185 students on the first day. That was up by four students last year.
 Enrollment by class: PPCD-8; Pre-K - 21; Kindergarten - 51; First Grade - 54 and Second Grade - 51.
 At the intermediate school, enrollment was down with 159 students compared to 178 last year.
 Classes: Third Grade - 48; Fourth Grade - 52 and Fifth Grade - 59.
 Middle school saw an increase by one student compared to last year with 184.
 Classes: Sixth Grade - 51; Seventh Grade - 69 and Eighth Grade - 62.
 High school saw a decrease with 249 students compared to last year's number at 285.
 Classes: Freshmen - 53; Sophomores - 65; Juniors - 71 and Seniors - 60.

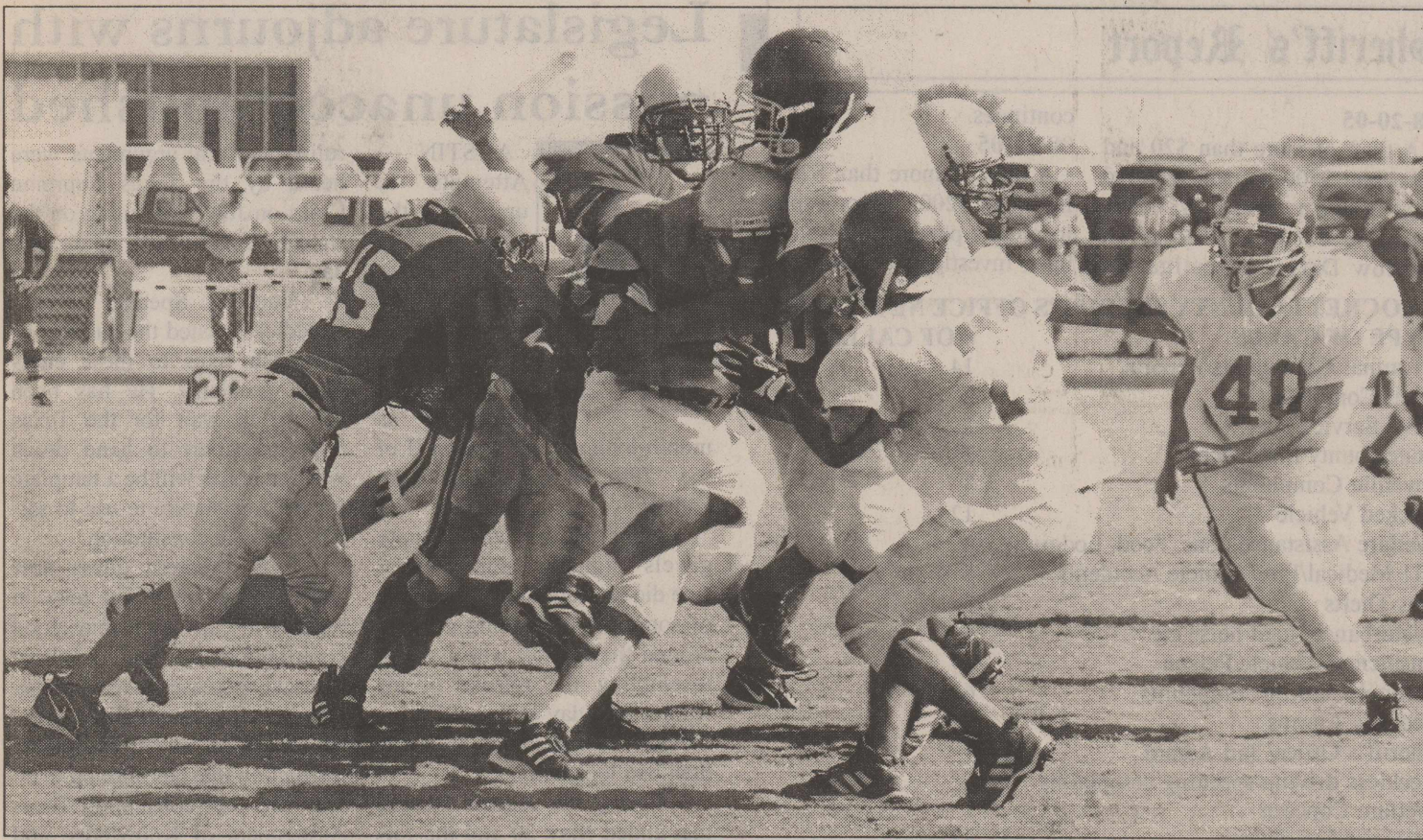


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RUBEN RIVAS rewrites the definition of a brick wall as five freshman Greenwood players are stopped on a dime. #22 Fabian Onate and #40 Ray Villarreal are not needed to assist on this play. The Freshman Lions played very impressively against the Rangers.

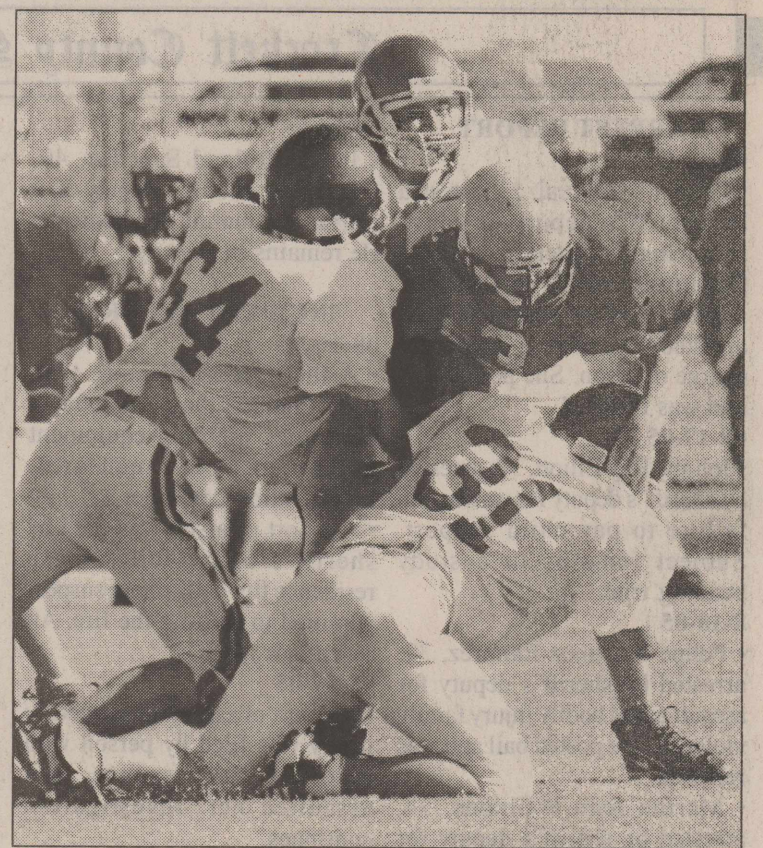


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#31 BEN FLORES AND #64 PRESTON TEBBETTS crush the ball carrier in the Freshman Lions scrimmage against Greenwood on Aug. 19.



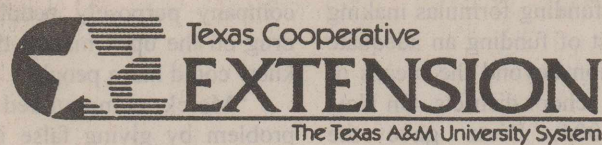
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FELIX VENEGAS EASILY ELUDES A FRESHMAN GREENWOOD RANGER as he moves the ball down the field during the Aug. 19 scrimmage held in Greenwood.



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FABIAN ONATE LOOKS TO CATCH THE BALL as Jonathan Flores sprints in to make a block during the Freshman Lions scrimmage against Greenwood on Aug. 19.



Animal Health Workshop

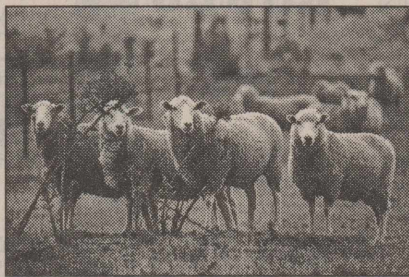
August 25, 2005
9:00 am
Ozona Convention Center

- Can you recognize the symptoms of plant toxicities in livestock?
- Do you know the latest on the animal Id. program?
- Want an update on the B.S.E. and its impact on the market?
- Do you know the drug research being conducted for small ruminants?
- What's next in parasite monitoring & control?

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Schedule:

- 9:00 - 9:45 B.S.E. Update - Dr. Rick Machen, Extension Livestock Specialist
- 9:45 - 10:30 Toxic Plant Symptom logy in Livestock - Charlie Hart, Extension Range Specialist
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 11:30 Animal ID - Dr. Rick Machen, Extension Livestock Specialist
- 11:30 - 12:00 Drug Research in Small Ruminants -Texas Vet Lab
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 TDA Pesticide Laws & Regulations - Corey Pence, TDA Inspector
- 2:00 - 3:00 Parasite Control & Monitoring Parasites(Wet Lab) Dr. Tom Craig Texas A&M Parasitologist and Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension Sheep & Goat Specialist

If you are instead in attending this program and require auxiliary aid, please call the Crockett County Extension Office 392-2727 to determine if reasonable accommodations can be made. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of social economic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

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 To reach the port of heaven,
 we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it
 but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor*

Crockett County Sheriff's Report

ARREST REPORT

08-16-05 Ernesto Villarreal, 23, arrested by sheriff's deputy at court, following a sentence to Texas Department of Corrections. Janet Brumley Talamantez, 39, arrested by sheriff's deputy for charge of arson. She posted bail and was released. 08-17-05 Johnny Ray Elliott, 37, arrested by sheriff's deputy for warrant on failure to pay child support. Subject remains in custody pending trial. 8-18-05 Felipe Martinez Ramirez, 37, arrested by sheriff's deputy for assault cause bodily injury family violence. He posted bail and was released. Martha Jean Williams, 34, arrested by sheriff's deputy for assault cause bodily injury family violence. She posted bail and was released.

08-20-05 Jimmy Roland Sanchez, 40, arrested by sheriff's deputy on a warrant for motion to adjudicate. He remains in custody.

INCIDENT REPORTS

08-16-05 A theft report of more than \$1500 and less than \$20,000 was filed after welding equipment was taken from ranch area. Investigation continues. A report of arson was filed by sheriff's office following a residence fire call, where suspect admitted to starting the fire. An arrest was made. 08-17-05 A report of assault cause bodily injury was filed by person who reported that spouse had assaulted her. Investigation continues. 08-19-05 A theft more than \$20 and less than \$200. Person reported that person(s) took property out of a vehicle, while it was parked at a motel. Investigation continues.

08-20-05 A theft of more than \$20 and less than \$500. Person reported that known person(s) stole property out of a suitcase on Willow Drive. Investigation continues. 08-21-05 A theft of more than \$20 and less than \$200. Person reported locating a person riding a stolen bike, investigation continues.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

Table with 2 columns: TYPE OF CALLS and # OF CALLS. Includes Criminal Complaints/Reports (14), Civil Complaints (2), Civil Service (2), State/County Road Dept. (2), Juvenile Complaints (3), Locked Vehicle (12), Welfare Assistance (Gas, Food, Lodging) (2), 911 Medical/Fire/ vehicle Accidents (6), Gas Thefts (2), Disturbance, loud noise etc. (6), Suspicious Vehicle/Person (4), Animal Control/Complaints (6), Security Alarms (3), Sheriff's Office/ Jail Admin. (7), Reckless driving/speeding complaints (2), Welfare Concern (1), Motorist Assistance (4).

Legislature adjourns with mission unaccomplished



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Attempts to upgrade the funding of public education and simultaneously bring tax relief failed yet again, as House Speaker Tom Craddick resisted the passage of slap-dash fixes to these enormous problems. He has been content to wait for the Texas Supreme Court to hand down what he hopes will be a template for the Legislature to use to satisfy the state constitution.

After House and Senate gavels signaled adjournment sine die on Aug. 19, in the minds of some the only thing missing around the Capitol was a sound resembling the release of air from a birthday balloon. Others thought no legislation is better than bad legislation.

House Speaker Tom Craddick resisted the passage of slap-dash fixes to these enormous problems. He has been content to wait for the Texas Supreme Court to hand down what he hopes will be a template for the Legislature to use to satisfy the state constitution.

It is anyone's guess how such a template might look in regards to caps on Robin Hood contributions by wealthy school districts, increases in teacher pay and benefits, and dollars spent per pupil on actual classroom instruction that has nothing to do with the time-consuming Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exam.

Suppose the Supreme Court rules. The governor may be moved to call another special session if so directed by the court. Lawmakers could find themselves back in Austin fairly soon.

During the regular session that ended May 30 and the following special sessions, House and Senate majorities, in effect, conceded they could not act without hurting people who sent them to Austin in the first place. Lawmakers could have knocked down property tax levies, but not without closing franchise tax loopholes, not without raising cigarette and alcohol taxes, and not without hurting their friends in the oil business, among others. Some lawmakers even suggested legalizing Las Vegas-style video lottery terminals to generate revenue. But that was a no-go.

Executive authority to the rescue Gov. Rick Perry swatted the Legislature for its failure. On Aug. 20, he trumpeted his intention to use executive authority to pay for new textbooks and grant teachers a modest raise.

No — not even mounting pressure from a governor who is seeking reelection that would put him in that high office for an unprecedented 10 years — could make House members wrench loose their dug-in rowels.

Even though the Legislature did not act, I will," Perry said. Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, joint chairs of the Legislative Budget Board, have said they approve Perry's stop-gap funding plan.

Maybe not individually, but collectively, lawmakers saw that doing nothing turned out to be the best way for them to go, especially in light of a lawsuit by poorer school districts heard by Travis County District Judge John Dietz.

AG comments on Voixx verdict An Angleton jury on Aug. 19 awarded a \$250 million verdict to plaintiff Carol Ernst in a case against drug maker Merck. The jury said the death of Robert Ernst, the plaintiff's husband, came about as a direct result of his taking the pain medication Voixx.

In August 2004, Dietz ruled that current state laws violate the Texas Constitution by taking away school districts' meaningful discretion in setting local property tax rates and through unfair funding formulas making the cost of funding an adequate education beyond the means of poorer school districts. On Nov. 30, 2004, Dietz gave the Legislature until Oct. 1, 2005, to address his legal conclusions.

The state appealed Dietz's ruling and oral arguments were heard by the Texas Supreme Court on July 6. A ruling on the state's appeal could come any day.

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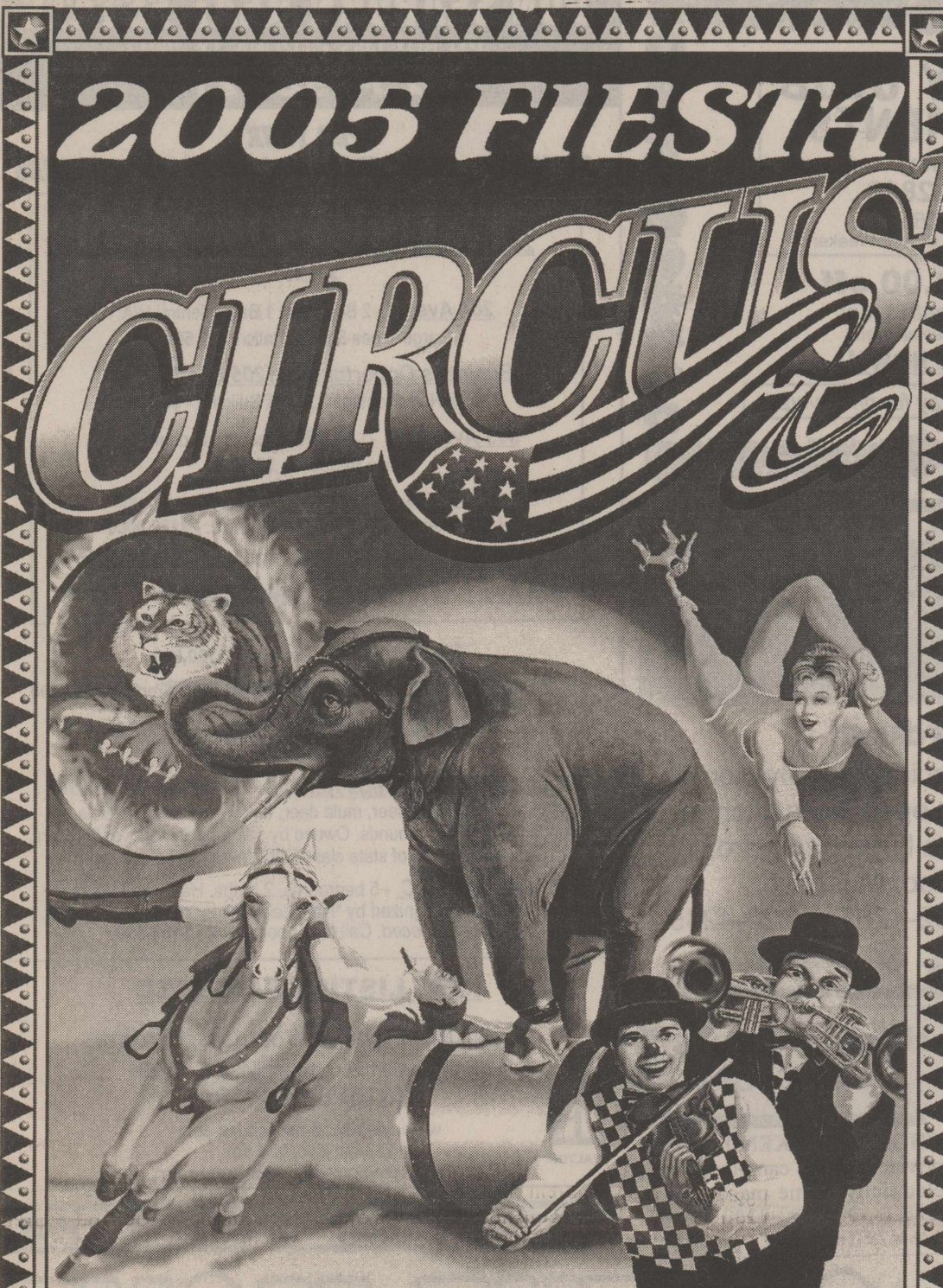
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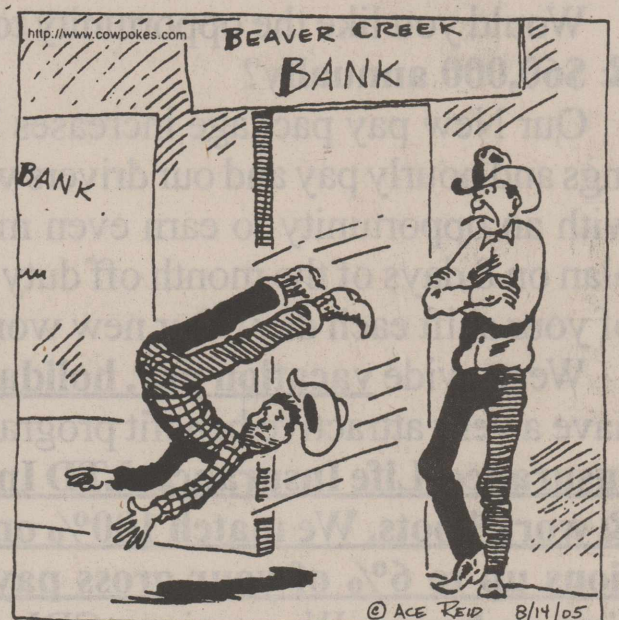
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Emerald Underground Water Conservation District will hold a meeting at 4:00 p.m. on September 1, 2005 at 1102 Ave. I - Ozona, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2005/2006. The proposed tax rate is .01143 per \$100 value. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in Emerald Underground Water Conservation District by 2.88%. 2c29

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Dist/Div: San Angelo Contract 0148-03-023 for RESTORATION OF EXISTING ROAD in KIMBLE County, etc will be opened on September 09, 2005 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 17466

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Dist/Div Office(s)

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Notice of Public Meeting

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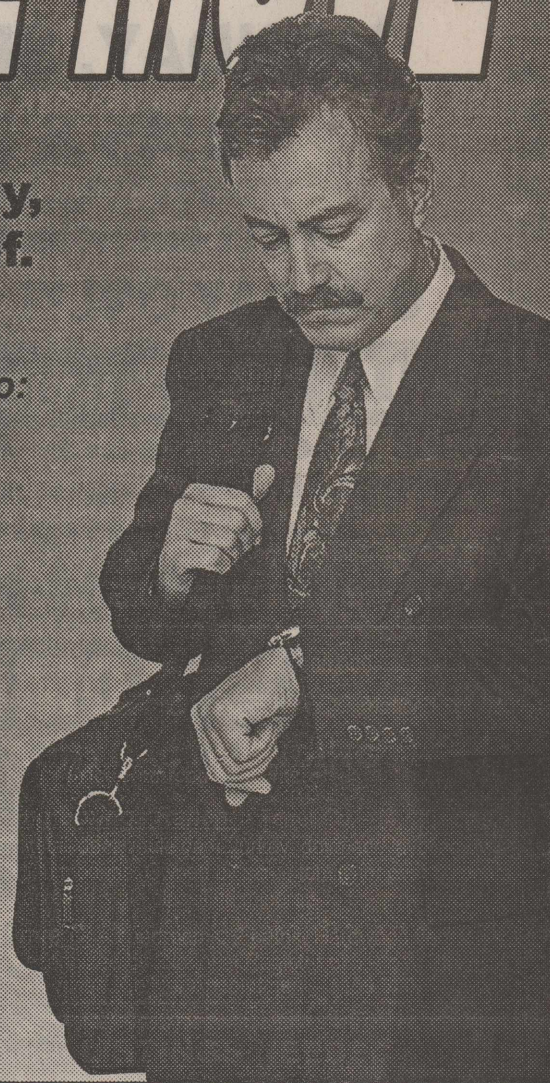
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