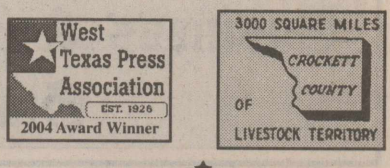
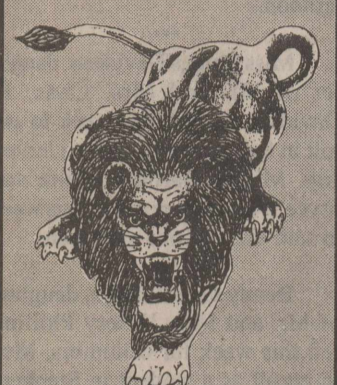


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**Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast**

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Sept. 12	88	73	-0-
Sept. 13	93	73	-0-
Sept. 14	93	73	-0-
Sept. 15	95	75	-0-
Sept. 16	91	72	-0-
Sept. 17	97	72	-0-
Sept. 18	95	73	-0-

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

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**EXTENDED FORECAST**

Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 94	Hi 95
Lo 68	Lo 68
Sunny	Sunny

Friday	Saturday
Hi 93	Hi 88
Lo 67	Lo 66
Sunny	Sunny

Forecast information provided by The Weather Channel

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**Crockett County citizens speak out about proposed park**

By **MELISSA PERNER** Editor and Publisher

The idea of developing an off-road vehicle park in Crockett County raised a heated discussion at a Sept. 13 public meeting. The Texas Motorized Trails Coalition (TMTC) and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) hosted the meeting at the Crockett County Civic Center. TMTC has received a grant from parks and wildlife to acquire land and to develop and operate a park for the recreational use of off-road vehicles, which include off-road motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and four-wheel drive trucks and Jeeps. TMTC is a non-profit, all volunteer organization. The grant comes from the National Recreational Trails Fund, which is a portion of the federal gas tax generated by gasoline purchases to utilize off-road recreational vehicles, such as off-road motorcycles and four-wheelers. The purpose of the NRFT is to provide funding for projects that create new and maintain existing motorized and non-motorized recreational trails. These federal funds are administered by the Federal Highway Administration and distributed to states via a formula that takes into account state

population and sales of fuel for off-road recreational vehicles. The TPWD Commissioners are expected to vote on the grant at their Nov. 2 meeting. The 3,400-acre tract of land that the TMTC is looking at is located off of County Road 406, known as Mitchell Blacktop, in the southwest part of the county. The land was once the southeast part of the old P.C. Perner Ranch. The park would be owned and operated by TMTC, who also run a similar park near the city of Gilmer in northeast Texas. The land for that park was also acquired through a grant from TPWD. The TMTC will also have to pay property taxes but they will be less than residential property taxes. "Not all of the activities for the park are just for motorized vehicles," said Steve Thompson with TPWD. "There are a number of rules." The park would also provide opportunities for equestrian events, hiking, mountain biking, camping and nature viewing, Thompson said. There would also be RV campsites as well as primitive campsites on the property as well. One of the biggest concerns the audience had was safety and

the availability of EMS service. Vivian Childress said that Ozona's EMS system is made up of volunteers and that the county often gets a lot of indigent and non-insured people who can't pay. Thompson said that most of the people who come to the park are not indigent and that TMTC often pays to have EMS on site. In fact, Thompson said the TMTC has helped raise money to support the local EMS at its other park near Gilmer. "We've never had a fatality at the park," said Thompson, who is also a member of TMTC. Another large concern the audience had was people coming onto adjacent property. Thompson said the park in Gilmer averages around 100-200 people on the weekends when the park is open. "We've had bad experiences with people crossing fences," said Ann Stapper. "How do you plan to manage a property of that size?" Thompson and Carol Smith, a member of the TMTC board of directors, said that there would be an on site property manager 24 hours a day and that the trails set up for the vehicles would be patrolled. Smith said that people entering the park have to sign waivers of liability, no one under 18 years

**People of Gilmer say 'no problems' with off-road neighbors**

By **MELISSA PERNER** Editor and Publisher

Loy Skinner was concerned when he heard an off-road vehicle park was going to be developed near his property. Skinner said he was afraid that the fence lines would be torn up and park visitors would come right on to his property. In six years since Barnwell Mountain Recreational Area opened, Skinner said he hasn't had any problems with his neighbors. "They've treated us nice. They've never come through our fence," he said. The park, located in the small community of Gilmer, was the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition first off-road vehicle recreational area. The TMTC is now looking at putting a similar in Crockett County. Carol Smith, board of directors for the all-volunteer organization, said that TMTC encountered many concerns when the Gilmer park was proposed. Six years later, the people of Gilmer now have nothing but

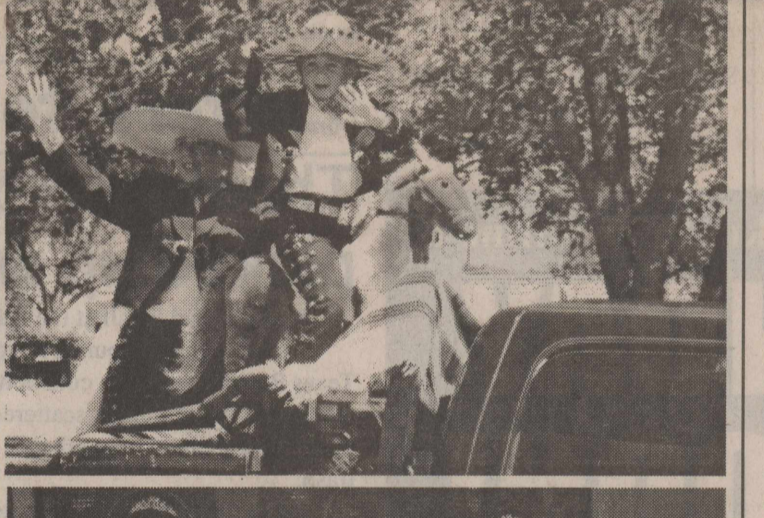
positive comments about the park located five miles outside the town. "It has really put Gilmer on the map," said Joan Small, executive director for the Gilmer Area Chamber of Commerce. "Our hotels are full on the weekends. People shop, buy gas and use the local car washes. It's a great tourist attraction. They support the chamber. It's really worked out well for us." Gilmer is located in northeast Texas, around 120 miles east of Dallas. The town has a population of around 5,500. Barnwell Mountain Recreational Area opened in July 2000. The property was once owned by Lone Star Steel and used as an oil field steel company. "When we bought the property, it was a total wreck," said Dick Stuart, secretary for the TMTC. For more than 20 years, the land has had a severe erosion problem, Stuart said. Now, the TMTC is working with Skinner to create a catch basin to fix the problem. Please see **GILMER**, page 5

**Heat doesn't stop Davy Crockett Fall Festival**



Photos by Melissa Perner  
**TOP:** MAKLAY BADILLO, 12, climbs to the top of the rock wall at the Davy Crockett Fall Festival Saturday. **BOTTOM:** Lane White and Kramer Hall race for the finish line during the wheelbarrow race.

**Diez y Seis celebration goes off in style**



Photos by Joe Hernandez  
**TOP:** KRISTY VASQUEZ (left) and Thomas Cruz wave to the crowd during Sunday's Diez y Seis parade. **BOTTOM:** Princess Samantha De La Garza (left), Queen Megan Vasquez and Princess Elisa Tambunga were crowned Saturday night.

**Caverns of Sonora to celebrate 50 years**

By **MELISSA PERNER** Editor and Publisher

It was Sept. 24, 1955 when an amazing discovery took place near Sonora. Five young cave explorers discovered another part of a place known as Mayfield Cave. It was this cave that soon became the Caverns of Sonora. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the event, many cavers will gather at the caverns on Saturday for an all-day reunion to reenact the discovery of this part of the caverns during tours throughout the day. The tours will be provided at a reduced rate. The event will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Students from Ozona helped shape the first parts of the caverns. Please see **CAVERNS**, page 3



Submitted photos  
**LOCAL SERVICEMAN** Daniel Trujillo was stationed in Japan during the Labor Day weekend typhoon.

**Lions prepare for district opener against Wall**

By **MELISSA PERNER** Editor and Publisher

In playing their first three games, the Ozona Lions worked as a team. The three victories against Kermit, Brady and Fort Stockton have brought momentum to the Lions, but another season still remains. As non-district play finishes and the District 2-2A games begin, the Lions are looking ahead only to next week's game against Wall. "We look at one game at a time and don't get all big headed," said junior quarterback Jordan Long. "Right now, we're on the right road," added senior Jack

Rodriguez. The trio of Long, Rodriguez and senior Nick Perez have been a formidable combination on offense, as well as defense in the first three games. Long completed 10 passes out of 14 for 171 yards and four touchdowns against Fort Stockton, Rodriguez ran for 77 yards against Brady and had seven tackles against the Panthers and Perez ran for 110 yards in the first game against the Kermit Yellowjackets. "Our linemen have really stepped up," Rodriguez said. "We're playing as a team," added senior Matt McGuire, who has had a steady kicking game and

been a leader on the defense. "We need to play smart, no penalties." "You leave everything on the field," said Caleb Mitchel, who rushed for 70 yards against Kermit. This new attitude comes in part to the new coaching staff lead by Benny Granger. Granger, whose philosophy is not to not only build great players but also great citizens, is pleased how his team has performed so far. "We created a lot of great habits, such as playing with everything you've got. I'm proud of it. There's not another situation I'd rather be in," Granger said. However, the Lions still have the opponents in District 2-2A to

face with their first match up against the Wall Hawks. The Hawks come into district play also 3-0 with victories against Crane, Coleman and Coahoma. "We have a lot of respect for them," Long said of the Hawks. Top players for Wall include quarterback Matt Mills who Granger calls a "play maker," Jake Halfmann the "game breaker" and Zack McCormick who is "also good." "They are doing everything right most of the time," Granger said of the Hawks. "They are consistent. The do a lot of big plays, which means if you make a lot of mistakes it could, cost you." Please see **LIONS**, page 7

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**What's on My Mind**  
By Melissa Perner

# Change, it's around the bend

Every week I read my hometown newspaper. Every week, I continue to see more and more ads, not from my hometown, but from neighboring towns around it. Growing up, our main street wasn't exactly overflowing with business but it held its own. We had several places to shop and eat. Now, I can report only a few remain.

The same is true in many small towns. As the world continues to evolve, rural America continually has to re-invent itself in order to stay alive. Towns have come up with gimmicks, sayings, special events or just something out of the ordinary to try and draw in the outside public.

Back in the day, towns had their steady stream of industries, such as ranching, farming and oil and gas. While some industries move up and down, others have just slowly moved down throughout the years. With changing times, the ability for a town to diversify itself has always come into play. Years ago the agricultural mainstay was sheep, angora goats and cattle. Now, the big thing is Spanish and Boer/Spanish cross goats or meat goats.

Agriculture has had to diversify. Lots of oil and gas companies are working on looking at alternate types of energy. This is diversification. In order to survive, every industry, every community and every region has to change and diversify in order to make progress, in order to stay alive. Unfortunately, there are those who fear their town changing. They fear the unknown. They don't know how a big change will affect their lives, their income or their way of life.

Fear is a natural reaction when it comes to change and things progressing in a small town. Fear can be good but it can also hurt a community. As I read my hometown paper, and I hear from my friends back home, I get the same response each time, "we're just drying up." People move out, not many are moving in and not many stop as they pass through.

Progress is not always a bad thing. Change is not always a bad thing. If small towns don't grab hold of the changes around them then they all might end up like my hometown. By the way, my hometown is also located in West Texas.

## Letters to the Editor

**Thank you to those who picked up water bottles**

Fun was had by all at the Davy Crockett Days this weekend. I want to thank a bunch of young men who stopped by the West Texas Rehab's tent for a cold bottle of water. After we mentioned all the empty water bottles scattered all over the children's play area, these guys jumped up, gathered them all up and threw them in the trash. A big THANK YOU goes to these 12 year-olds: David Perez, Eric Talamantez, Anthony Gonzales, Erik Estrada, Trey Fierro, Philip Munoz, Austin Suddreth and Miguel Fierro.

Gloria Wilson  
West Texas Rehab

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2. To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or email at publisher@ozona.com. Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published. Letters are subject to editing. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should try not to exceed 250 words.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Sept. 21 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Sept. 22 - Autumn Begins.
  - Seventh Grade Lions vs. Wall, 5 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
  - Eighth Grade Lions vs. Wall, 6:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
  - Freshmen Lions vs. Wall, 5 p.m. at Wall.
  - JV Lions vs. Wall, 6:30 p.m. at Wall.
  - Levis and Lacy Square Dance lessons, 7 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- Sept. 23 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - End of the 1st Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
  - Ozona Community Center pre-game dinner, 5:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Civic Center.
  - Varsity Lions vs. Wall, 7:30 p.m. at Lions Stadium.
- Sept. 24 - Lady Lions and Lions Cross Country teams at Irion County meet in Mertzon.
- Sept. 25 - Ozona Youth Alliance meeting, 4 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Sept. 26 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Sept. 27 - Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.
- Sept. 28 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
  - Katalyst Ministries, 7 p.m. at the Crockett County Civic Center.



**News Reel**  
News items taken from the files of The Ozona Stockman

**NEWS REEL**  
SEPT. 18, 1975  
Foreign Exchange Student and his Ozona family, Tom McGraw, is here from Canada, sponsored by the Ozona Rotary Club. McGraw is presently living with Jeanette, Danette and Clayton Robinson. McGraw is a junior at Ozona High School.

**NEWS REEL**  
SEPT. 19, 1946  
Nat Read, Bernard Lemmons and Jack Coates scored a total of 40 points to shutout the lighter Sanderson Eagles in the season's football opener here Saturday afternoon.

Officers here have no clue in the car theft which occurred at the Hubert Baker residence late Sunday night or early Monday morning. Mr. Baker's 1964 Chevrolet Biscayne was missing from its parking place Monday morning when Mrs. Baker left the house.

Miss Muggs Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Davidson Jr., left this week to enroll in Southern Methodist University. Misses Barbara White and Joyce White also returned this week to start their second year there.

Mrs. Gene Graham from San Antonio is here visiting her mother, Mrs. S.M. Harvick.

Benny Gail Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hillery Phillips, left this week for Columbia, Mo., to enroll as a student in Stephens College.

(Best of)  
**It's the Pitts**  
By Lee Pitts

## The United Provinces of Mexico

A think tank called the Council on Foreign Relations says we should "create a common North American community by erasing the borders between Canada and Mexico within five years." Pardon my saying so but this is one idea that should have been drowned in its own think tank. The only benefit I can think of to being one huge country is that Alaska will finally feel embraced but terrorists and illegal aliens still won't have to have a valid driver's license to travel between all 89 states of the United Provinces of Mexico.

Mexican Hairless Chihuahua to be called a Hairless Labrahuahua that won't get you wet when it shakes off after a swim. Income Tax: 50 percent, unless you cheat or are a tax dodging CEO, which I realize, is redundant. Health Insurance: Free health care for everyone which means the government will pay you to buy your prescription drugs in Canada and your illegal drugs in Mexico. You can go there for your cancer treatments too... just don't drink the water. National Food: A salmon hamburger with a side of frijoles, or cod tongue wrapped in tortilla washed down with a buckwheat tequila smoothie. Hmmmm, good!

"National Holiday: Canada and Mexico currently have holidays we don't celebrate and I cannot see them getting too excited about Columbus Day, so in the spirit of cooperation I suggest we light firecrackers on Cinco de Mayo to celebrate Boxing Day. (We might also have to rewrite a few history books.)"

The Council on Foreign Relations says it's time we all "start thinking like citizens of North America and treat the U.S., Canada and Mexico as one country." Here's how I envision our new country might look:

Anthem: God Save the Star Spangled Banner as played by a mariachi band.  
Motto: In Manana We Trust.  
Flag: An Eagle holding a snake while perched on a red, white and green Union Jack.  
Language: Frenglish, consisting in its entirety of three words: Eh! Que? Huh?  
Capital: Mexico, Missouri, due to its central location.  
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Average Temperature: Average your 10 degrees in the Yukon with 120 in the Yucatan and all of us Lat-in Eskimos can enjoy a nice balmy day of 60 degrees while we sit in our adobe igloos watching Mexican soap operas with French subtitles.  
National Bird: The Bald Canadian Goose, which now needs no passport to fly south to Acapulco for the winter. But then neither will suicide bombers of the jihad.  
Government: There will be two parties, the Republican Socialist Conservatives and the Democrats in Labor. Every six years they will elect a Prime Minister.  
Minister to preside over the ruling body, The Privy Council, which has absolutely nothing to do with outdoor toilets. Those who sit in the Privy, so to speak, will spend most of their time taking siestas getting little done while multinational corporations will pay them off with what is known in Mexico as "mordida". In the former country of the United States we called it "soft money" or PAC's.  
In other words... nothing will change.  
Pledge of Allegiance: I pledge allegiance to big business and to the almighty dollar for which it stands, one continent, indivisible with a Wal Mart, free trade and poverty for all.

Law Enforcement: The FBI and CIA will become the Royal Mounted Border Patrol.  
National Pastime: A combination of baseball, hockey and bull-fighting where the bulls are on steroids, the ballplayers have no front teeth and the fans still gets gored.  
Alas, there remain issues left to be resolved such as: Is soccer really football?  
Currency: The Loonie Peso.  
National Mascot: A cross between a Labrador Retriever and a

with a buckwheat tequila smoothie. Hmmmm, good!



### Bird named to ASU Honors Program, receives scholarship

**Sept. 21** - Larry Glosson, Bear Borrego, Mark Ramirez, Matthew William Fuentes, Gil Komechak, Raymundo Estrada, Alec Ingraham and Sky Munoz

**Sept. 22** - Sonny Malone, Mike Vordick, Steve Osborn, Ruben Talamantez, Karen Webb, Sam Perner and Teresa Torres

**Sept. 23** - Kaitlyn Brooke Tambunga and Mariah Gallardo

**Sept. 24** - Joe Bean, Tina Bean, Pep Talamantez, Alex Cruz, Olga Talamantez, David De La Rosa, Francisco Vasquez, Ariana Huerta

**Sept. 25** - Kim Miller, Riley Williams and Jacqueline Venegas

**Sept. 26** - Derek DeWolfe, Bill Carson Jr., Adam Onofre, Afton Payne, Jana Harrison and Jay Haire

**Sept. 27** - Bobbie Griffin, Consuelo Garcia, Tyler Vitela and Eva Vasquez

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

Jared Bird has been named to the Honors Program at Angelo State University during the 2005 fall semester.

The program is for academically exceptional students seeking a more enriched educational program. Students are selected based upon a completed application, two references, SAT/ACT scores of 1200/27 or more and a high school class rank in the top 10 percent. Extracurricular activities are also taken into account. Bird also received a \$1,000 scholarship from Spalding Sports Worldwide through the University Interscholastic League.

Bird competed at the 2005 UIL Academic State Meet, and was a member of the state champion computer science team at the 2004 State Meet.

He is the son of Rick and Lucy Bird.

### Batura receives scholarship

Amber Brianna Batura, a 2005 graduate of Ozona High School, has received a \$7,000 scholarship from the Abell-Hanger Foundation through her participation at the University Interscholastic League State Meet.

Batura competed in ready writing at the 2004 UIL Academic State Meet and was a member of the first place computer science team at the 2003 State Meet.

She is the daughter of Terry and Elaina McElwain.

Batura is currently attending the University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

### Nutrition/Food Pantry class Sept. 30

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 30 in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. Recipes will be given.

The class is open to all interested persons.

However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

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

### CAVERNS: Ozona Grotto was involved with first explorations

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The group, known as the Ozona Grotto, is the only National Speleological Society Grotto in Texas that was composed entirely of high school students.

The group was supported by their families, the school and by the community during 1957-1960. Their activities were also featured in the school yearbook.

Members were involved with the first explorations of such significant caves as Abyss Sinkhole, Montgomery Gypsum Cave and O-9 Well, along with exploring Mayfield and Felton caves.

The group was strong enough to host the third annual Texas Region Convention during

the Labor Day weekend of 1958. This was the first convention to be held outside the Texas Hill Country.

Early members of the grotto were Scotty Moore, Mills Tandy, Royce Ballinger, Joe Beekman, Jonathan Burton, R.K. Wimberly, Lenny Brontz, Jim Burton, Ronald Carnes, Johnny Cooper, Bill Gibson, Muggins Good, Donald McCaleb, James Pitts, Tommy Porter, David Sikes and Mark White.

The Caverns of Sonora invites everyone to come out and talk to early cavers.

For more information, call the caverns at 387-3105.

### Ozona Garden Club News

By ALICE BREWER  
Ozona Garden Club

The first membership meeting of the year was hosted by Jerri Lynn Pierce and Mary Jo Mason on Sept. 12 at teh Pierce residence. Dessert was served.

A booklet on Native and Adopted Landscape Plants was distributed to members and guests by Mary Jo Mason.

Minutes were read by Jerri Lynn Pierce, outgoing secretary, on the last year's final membership outing to Fredericksburg.

Following was a presentation of the yearbook titled "Illusions of Timeless Beauty" 2005-2006, by Mrs. Pierce, as current scrapbook chairperson.

"Exploring Costa Rica and Panama" was then given by

guest speaker Diane Phillips. This presentation was most interesting slide arrangement of hand-taken photographs of landscape, rain forests, orchids and island flowers.

We were then entertained with underwater camera photos of native fish in habitat, taken by Diane Phillips, off islands around Costa Rico. It was greatly enjoyed.

Members present: Vivan Childress, Debi Hamilton, Judy Jones, Pamela Maresch, Mary Jo Mason, Dorothy Montgomery, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouek, Esther Williams, Sharon Williams, Bobbie Bird, Nancy Forehand, Alice Brewer and guests Patsy White and Diane Phillips.

### Western author Elmer Kelton to speak Oct. 3 at the Crockett Room

This year the Crockett County Public Library is celebrating 20 years of library service, 1985-2005.

The Library Board and the Friends of the Library are planning a festive celebration on Oct. 3 with a dinner and program with local San Angelo author Elmer Kelton. Everyone is invited to attend and help us celebrate this special anniversary.

The Friends of the Library annual meeting will be a special dinner program and book signing by Western author Elmer Kelton.

We will begin with a dinner catered by El Chatos at 6 p.m. at the Crockett Room. Dinner will only be provided for those who R.S.V.P. by Sept. 26. Tickets are \$10. However, those wishing to attend only the Kelton program may come at 7 p.m. The Cactus Book Shop of San Angelo will provide a variety of Mr. Kelton's books for purchase and autographing by the author.

The Friends of the Library are selling raffle tickets to win a gorgeous mohair poncho donated by Laurie and Lyndon English. This beautiful royal purple poncho is from Dolores' Unique Designs of Camp Wood, Texas. Tickets are \$5 each or 5

for \$20 and are on sale now at the Public Library and from Friends of the Library members. The drawing will be held during the Kelton program on Oct. 3.

Elmer Kelton is an award-winning and well-known Western writer with scores of books, magazine and newspaper articles, and movie adaptations of his stories to his credit. Mr. Kelton has been named the greatest Western author of all time, earning four Western Heritage Awards from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and winning a record seven Spur Awards from the Western Writers of America.

With this special 20th Anniversary program, the library staff and dedicated volunteers of the Board and Friends pledge to continue to make the Crockett County Public Library a vital asset to the community and to continue to provide our patrons the access to information, recreation, resources, and services that they need to grow and prosper in Ozona.

Call the Library today at 392-3565 and make your reservations for this special dinner program and book signing with Western author Elmer Kelton from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 3. Please R.S.V.P. by Sept. 26.



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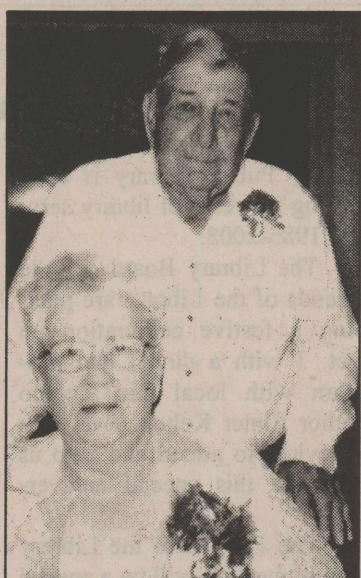
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**RESIDENT INEZ BUCHHOLZ** and her husband Douglas celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary at the care center.

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**Care Center Chatter**

By **JAN ST. CLAIR TICE**  
 Activity Director

This week started with E.A. Wadsworth R.N. and her reading class for our residents. Thank you, E.A.

Lucy Hinde and Ann Shaw donated bingo prizes for our residents, thank you.

Thursday afternoon we celebrated resident Inez Buckholtz and husband Doug had their 54th wedding anniversary, along with friends and facility residents.

Thanks goes to employee Luke Sanchez for providing flowers and corsages and wedding cookies. Thanks goes to Rachel Ybarra for helping with the anniversary party, bringing cookies and helping serve. Thanks goes to volunteer Nell Wester for helping serve.

Thursday volunteers for the ladies beauty shop were Nell

Wester, Rachel Ybarra and Lana Chandler. Thank you all for the great job you do for our lady residents on Thursday mornings.

Friday afternoon, residents and guests enjoyed a Sept. 16 Mexican party with traditional Mexican foods and wine and beverage of choice. Lynn English volunteered for the afternoon social. Thank you Lynn. The party was enjoyed by everyone.

I need a month's advance notice for activities inside or outside the facility, so our calendar can be prepared.

Our churches that provide faithful services for our facility are the Ozona Church of Christ, Ozona United Methodist Church, the First Baptist Church of Ozona and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Have a good week from all of us at the CCCC.



LEVIS and LACE SQUARE DANCERS perform at the Davy Crockett Fall Festival on Saturday.  
 Photos by Melissa Perner

**Ozona Senior Happenings**

By **LYNN ENGLISH**  
 Senior Center Director

It is hard to believe that we are already in the third week of September with the Davy Crockett Fall Festival and Diez y Seis behind us. The celebrations went well except for the heat. Last year, at this time, it was cold and raining but the weather is unpredictable in West Texas.

Has anyone noticed the multitude of butterflies flying around? Friday, when I drove up to the West Texas Rehab building for my therapy, a cloud of yellow butterflies flew out of a purple sage bush. They were so beautiful that I had to take time out to watch them for a while.

Concho Valley Community Action Council was here at the senior center last Tuesday. There are several families helped by this organization.

On Tuesday evening, the senior center had their Senior Social. Frito pie, peach cobbler and tea was served to those who participated. After eating, all

enjoyed a game of bingo.

There were 30 attending our pot luck on Sept. 14. The food was delicious and there a large variety. Our new County Agent, Tracy Hildreth brought us a program titled "What You Can Do to Prevent Falls." The information given was most helpful.

The Levis and Lace Square Dancers will practice at 7 p.m. Thursday.

There are several things to do here at the senior center. We have a number of games here or you are welcome to bring your own.

Our exercise class, "Walk Two Miles," is growing and we would like for you to join us. We meet at 8:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you are a pool player, we have a good pool table in the back room and we have purchased new cue sticks.

We also have puzzles work and the coffee pot is always on.

Our activities are for those of you 50 years of age or older (we are flexible). Come out soon and see what you are missing.

**Levis & Lace News**

By **TINA JARVIS**  
 Levis and Lace Square Dancer

Tuesday, club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Raul and Maria De La Rosa, JoAnn Babbitt, Renee Padier, Jim Couch, Lucy Hinde and Tina Jarvis practiced for the Davy Crockett Fall Festival.

Friday, club members Carol Adcock, Maria and Raul De La Rosa, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Renee Padier, Jim Couch, Lucy Hinde, Carol Yeager and Tina Jarvis practiced at the Crockett County Senior Center. Our faithful honorary member Mildred Couch and JoAnn Babbitt's daughter Toi and granddaughter Destiny were also present.

Saturday, club members Carol Adcock, Maria and Raul

De La Rosa, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Renee Padier, Jim Couch, Steve Usener, Lucy Hinde, Carol Yeager and Tina Jarvis performed at the Davy Crockett Fall Festival. Tom Harrison from Abilene and Tina Jarvis from Ozona called the event. Debbie Harrison, Tom's wife is always here to help. We performed from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and then again from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Tom got people from the crowd during both sets and taught them some of the basic moves. Tom called hash and singing calls and did very well. Tina called some singing calls and danced the boy's part so we would have enough boys.

Our last free lesson will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the senior center.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

**Card of Thanks**

On behalf of the Alex Borrego Sr. family, we would like to give thanks for the prayers, flowers, cards, food and for being with us at our time of sorrow.

The Borrego Family

**Card of Thanks**

The Borrego Family wishes to express their gratitude and thanks for all the food, flowers, thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. May the Lord bless each and everyone for all your blessings.

The Borrego Family

**Card of Thanks**

In a very difficult time in my life, I was overwhelmed with joy by the gratitude and thoughtfulness that came from Ozona to my hometown in Pearland, Texas. Knowing how huge my father's service was, Ozona was upfront and stood as large as any other town represented. Brooks and I were overwhelmed with all of the flowers, plants, and the very special phone calls and cards that have been received on my father's behalf. I know now why GOD placed us in this town. My Houston family sends their thankfulness and wanted us to let everyone know how truly blessed we are to live in the place we call home, "Ozona". Again thank you very much for everything, it means so much to our family.

Brooks and Debbie Long along with the "Gonzales" family

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I told him that God would and could help him, (Psalm 70:4,91:4,105:4). He said no and that he could handle the situation by himself, (without God's help)(Proverbs 3:5,6). That statement scared me because I don't want anything without God. About a month later I happened to be in town and there was a lot of activity. The night before the young man went berserk and drove his car through a lot of yards and tore down fences.

The police finally captured him and put him in a straight jacket and took him to the county jail. Later he was committed to a mental institution and he lost everything including his family. It is a dangerous thing to leave God out of your life.

See you in Church next Sunday

Brother J

<p><b>First Baptist Church</b>                  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.</p>	<p><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b>                  1002 11th St.                  Mr. Johnnie Perkins                  Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m.                  Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b>                  12 - 11th St.                  Rev. John Fluth                  Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.                  Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p>
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<p><b>Templo Bautista Jerusalem</b>                  138 Blas St.                  Rev. Esequiel Cervantez                  Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.                  Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.                  Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Church of God of Prophecy</b>                  102 Man O' War St.                  Pastor Mario De La Mora                  Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.                  Worship: 4:30 p.m.                  Tues. &amp; Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>                  219 Martinez St.                  Fr. Serafin Avenido                  Sun. Mass: 11 a.m.                  Sat.: 7 p.m.                  M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b>                  601 Ave. I                  Rev. Daniel C. Fleming                  Sunday School: 10 a.m.                  Worship: 11 a.m.                  Wed. &amp; Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday</b></p>	
<p><b>New Beginnings Church</b>                  701 9th Street                  Pastor Jesse Cardona                  Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.                  Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Apostolic Church</b>                  307 Santa Rosa St.                  Rev. Hector De La Cruz                  Sunday School: 3 p.m.                  Worship: 5 p.m.                  Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b>                  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.</p>

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## Tracy's Tidbits

By Tracy Hildreth, CEA-FCS



### Helping your children handle teasing and bullying

Do you remember the school bully who went around teasing and threatening you or your classmates? Remember how you felt? Remember how you wished he would just go away? Ever wondered what happened to someone who was teased or bullied or what became of the bully himself?

Teasing and bullying is an ongoing problem for many of our children. Research reports that as many as 24 percent of middle school students reported bullying others at least once in the past year. It is estimated that almost 30 percent of students were involved in some type of moderate or frequent bullying, either as the target of the bully, as the bully, or both.

Those who are the victims of teasing and bullying can experience long-term consequences. Victims of bullying may suffer from anxiety, fear, and low self-esteem. They may avoid peers, school, and social activities where they may be exposed to teasing or bullying. In some cases, children may drop out of school to avoid being harassed or attacked. "Negative consequences for those who bully have been demonstrated as well," says Dr. Rick Peterson, Assistant Professor and Texas Cooperative Extension Parenting Specialist. "Childhood bullies

have school attendance and performance problems. Those who bully tend to become aggressive adults and are more likely to become involved in criminal activities."

Parents and adults should not expect children to deal with bullies on their own. Children need to be taught that bullying is an unacceptable behavior. Children must be taught useful strategies to help them cope with teasing and bullying. Teasing and bullying cannot be totally prevented, but children can be taught to control their own reactions. Parents can teach their children some simple strategies to empower them and help them cope with their feelings and sometimes helplessness. Some strategies parents and caregivers can teach their children include:

- \* Self-talk. Give children things they can say to themselves when they are being teased or bullied, which can counteract the negative remarks or behaviors. A child can say to herself, "Even though I don't like being teased, I can handle it." Oftentimes, the teasing is not a true reflection of the child, and the child should question himself by asking, "Is the teasing true?" In addition, the child should remind himself that his opinion of himself is more important than the teaser's opinion.
- \* Ignore the teasing.

Children should practice ignoring the teaser since reacting with anger or tears may invite more teasing. Parents should monitor the teasing, particularly if it turns into bullying and/or harassment, and be willing to intervene.

- \* "I messages" are a way for children to express their feelings and ask to be treated differently. For example, a child could say, "I feel upset when you make fun of my clothes. I would like you to stop." This strategy may work best in a classroom or daycare setting, where adult supervision is present.

- \* Using humor is another way to cope with teasing. By the child laughing at the hurtful comments or put-downs, it shows that the teasing has little effect on them. Another way to show indifference is for the child to respond to the teasing with, "So." By responding with "so" indicates that the teasing doesn't matter. Children find this simple reply to be an effective response to teasing.

- \* Asking for help at times is necessary if the child is having trouble with the above strategies or if the teasing turns to bullying. Children can handle most types of teasing. However, if the teasing is repeated or occurs for a prolonged period of time, it becomes bullying and may call for an intervention by parents, teachers, and caregivers.

### GILMER: Law enforcement also reported 'no problems'

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"We wouldn't have this problem, except it's been a dry year. An extremely dry year for us," Skinner said. "I think the people you have running (the park) makes it either good or bad."

Garland Williams, who lives a block off the highway that people travel on to get to the park, said that while he doesn't know to much about the park itself, no one from the park has ever bothered him.

"They've never bothered

anything that I know of here. I keep up with the local newspaper and I know our sheriff real well. I know our two motels are full," he said.

Police chief James Grunden said he has seen the town traffic increase over the weekends, but no problems have been reported from the park.

EMS Dispatcher Ron Owens said he hadn't heard of hardly any runs the ambulance service has had to make out to the park.

Upshur County Sheriff Gary Roberts said the main problem his department has had with the park was traffic problems when the park first opened due to the steep hill travelers have to drive up to gain access to the property.

"We haven't answered any calls or had any complaints," Roberts said. "I don't know the people personally who run the park, but they seem to run a pretty decent place."

### PARK: Citizens concerned about affect area will have on hunters

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of age are allowed with a parent or guardian, riders must helmets, no alcohol is allowed on the trails, no firearms are allowed on the park and no riding is allowed after midnight.

If a rider commits an infraction, then the TMTC has a three-step punishment phase with the last one banning the person from the property.

If a fence is torn up, Smith said the TMTC would be willing to work with adjacent property owners to fix the damage.

"We certainly want to be good neighbors," Smith said. "If it costs \$10,000 to fix it, we will put up half to help. We will get volunteers to help, or if you prefer you can manage the volunteers or bring in professionals. We understand you guys have to live here."

The affect the park would have on hunters was also discussed. Smith said the park has 100 to 200 feet buffer zones and would even be willing to close during the season as well.

The noise level would be around 90 decibels, which is similar to traffic noise on the Interstate, Smith said.

Thompson also said the TMTC will maintain site security and that people can only enter and exit through certain points.

"We're still looking at access points, property lines, oil and gas leases and talking to the landowners adjacent to the property," Thompson said.

Despite all the information, there were several that attended that didn't agree with the park development.

"You will ruin these leases for these people and ruin their income," Vivian Childress said. "This is not good for Ozona. Ozona is known for clean air and you will pollute our clean air with noise. We like Ozona the way it is. We don't want four-wheelers and motorcycles. You will hurt the people around you."

**Those wanting to write either in favor or against having an off-road vehicle park can send letters to:**

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
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"If we want your extra income, we'll come to you and find it ourselves," added Ira Childress.

Thompson said the TMTC is still working on buying the property and that no deal has been made. Earnest money has been paid and a preliminary contract to purchase the property as been signed.

TMTC is hoping to finalize buying the property at the first of 2006 and that it will take 1-2 years for the park to become fully developed.

The TPWD Commissioners still have to approve the proposal as well.

Thompson also said that the deal can be stopped if enough people oppose it.

However, Smith said the park could become an economic boost to Ozona bringing in more business for hotels, restaurants and local businesses.

"We try to work within the community. We want to work within the community," Smith said. "We do not open the gate and let people run wild. We didn't come in sneaking through the back door. We came in to discuss things with you."

Thompson said that if the land is not used for park development, it could be sold and then subdivided.

"I'd rather see the 100-acre

tracts," said Carmen Sutton.

"This is the engagement period. When the marriage happens, then you find out all goes wrong," Stapper added.

TPWD will oversee how TMTC handles the park. If TMTC violates their grant agreement in any way, TPWD can then gain control of the park and the land. The land will then be owned by the state if that happens, Thompson said.

"There's no guarantee that all this money is going to come in," said George Cox. "You sure have great intentions. Yes, you have a nice deal to help John Q. Public. You say you are going to be good neighbors, but understand why we as your neighbors are against it."

Smith said that before the park in Gilmer was developed, the townspeople there were also against the idea.

Thompson said that people should call the city of Gilmer and talked to them before making up their minds about the park.

"Image the potential. Try to keep and open mind and learn about both sides of the issue. There is room for us both. If Ozona doesn't want us here, then we'll go."

A group of local citizens opposing the park are also on the Oct. 10 agenda to speak at the next Crockett County Commissioners Meeting.

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Crockett County Consolidated Common School District is seeking a replacement to serve with the local Board of Trustees (School Board) representing Single Member District #5. Board member Kenny Wadsworth did not seek re-election during the school board election this past May 2005 and hence, a vacancy has been created.

If you are a qualified and registered voter, a resident of district #5, and a resident of the state for twelve months, you may be eligible to serve as a local school board member. Please contact Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Administration Office at 392-5501 extension 0 for additional information or to express an interest in serving as a local board member.

School board members are guardians of the public trust and, through the policies they make, are ultimately responsible for the success or failure of local public education. The board serves as the advocate for educational excellence for the community's youth and puts those interests first. The policies school boards make dictate the standards and philosophy by which schools are run and the criteria used to judge whether they are being run well.

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a governmental body, so it can take action only by a majority vote at a legally called public meeting. The individual board member's major responsibility is to study issues facing the district, evaluate needs and resources, and, after due consideration, vote in the best interest of all students at such a meeting. A board member who attempts-without authorization-to speak for the whole board, direct members of staff, or make other individual decisions is exceeding his or her authority.

The key roles and responsibilities of a school board are to ensure creation of a vision and goals for the district and evaluate district success, to adopt policies that guide district actions, hire a superintendent to serve as administrator of the district and evaluate the superintendent's success, approve an annual budget consistent with the district vision, and communicate the district's vision and success to the community. Special training is involved in being a school board member. School board members are required by Texas law and Commissioner of Education rule

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School district trustees are elected by popular vote. Terms of office vary depending on the legal characteristics of the district. Crockett County Board of Trustee members serve three-year staggered terms so that the entire board is not up for election at the same time.

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*These services are all casual dress and will be over at 9:45 so that you may attend your regular church. You are also invited to attend Sunday school from 9:45-10:45 and traditional worship services in the Ozona United Methodist Church sanctuary beginning at 11:00 a.m.*

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**THE 2005 VARSITY OZONA LION FOOTBALL TEAM MEMBERS** are: (bottom row, l. to r.) Ross Kelley, Justin Galan, Matthew Payne, Robert DeHoyos, David Esparza, Eric Fierro, Jose Galvan and Arty Gonzales. Second row: Coach Matt Gutierrez, Coach Lenny Morrow, Roman Tambunga, Caleb Mitchel, Jack Rodriguez, Nick Perez, Daniel Cruz, Stephen Gillett, Jared Espino, Tel Churchill, Ely Silva, Jarröd Simmons, Head Coach Benny Granger and manager Kyle Webb. Back row: Coach JayBen Alls, Hollis Moore, Tate Collis, Clint Hale, Jordan Long, Barrett Richie, Jimmy Tebbetts, Matt McGuire, Kyle Fish, Brian Anderson, Colby Mayfield, Levi Vargas, Freddy Fierro, Drew Clayton, Coach Ronny Clayton and Coach Justin Holloway.



**THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE** are: (front, l. to r.) Alex Ochoa, Timothy Longoria, Abel Villarreal, John Tom Tijerina, Mark Thornton and Josh Santos. Second row: Rocky Munoz, Stevie Vargas, Nick Perez, Alan Lozano, Timothy Beseril, Chris Fierro, Josh Smith and Coach Lenny Morrow. Back row: Matthew Komechack, Coach Ronny Clayton, Parrish Aiguier, Aaron Pearl, Riley Ramos, Justin Maldonado, A.J. Montanez, Michael Quiroz, Cody Gotcher.



**THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMAN FOOTBALL TEAM MEMBERS ARE** are: (front, l. to r.) Devon Diehl, Jesse Ramos, Daniel Gonzales, Daniel Anderson, Ben Flores. Second row: Matias Gandar, Fabian Onate, Ray Villarreal, James Caldera, Chris Lara and Carlos Ochoa. Back row: Coach JayBen Alls, Nathan Knox, Steven Silva, Ruben Rivas, Jonathan Flores, Felix Venegas, Matthew Garza and Coach Justin Holloway.



*Photo by Cameras Two*

**THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** are: (back) mascot David Lee Borrego. Left to right: Farran Wilson, Erika Conner, Lori Lozano, Chelsea Tobar, Malorie Moran, Mandi Fierro, Jessica Moore - head cheerleader and Alison Skehan.



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**THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** are: (l. to r.) Park Preddy, Melissa Miller, Julia Henderson, Kasey Gray, Cecilia Rivera and Alexa Cervantez

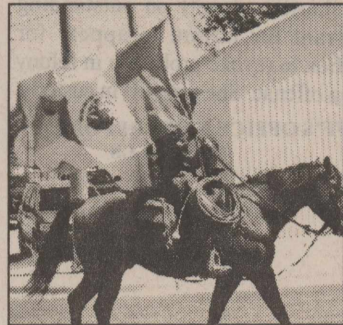
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## DIEZ Y SEIS CELEBRATION



Photos by Joe Hernandez

OZONA'S DIEZ Y SEIS CELEBRATION featured a variety of music, events and fun this weekend.

### Winners of Davy Crockett Fall Festival

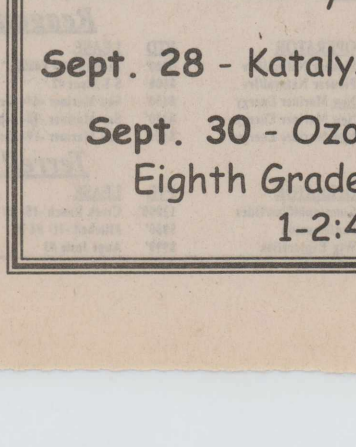
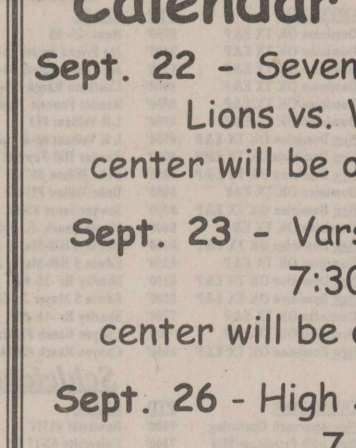
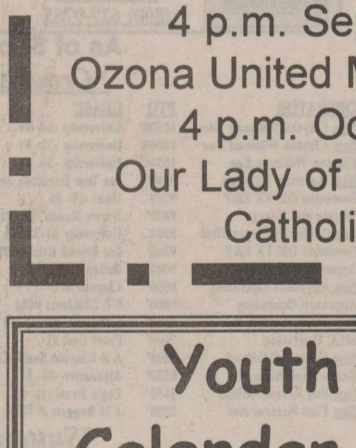
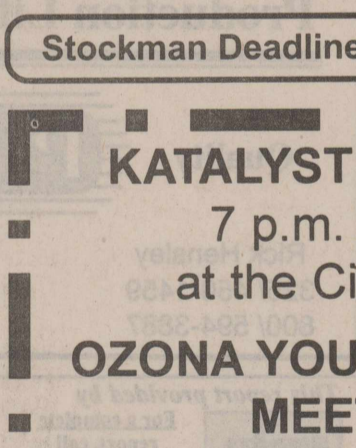
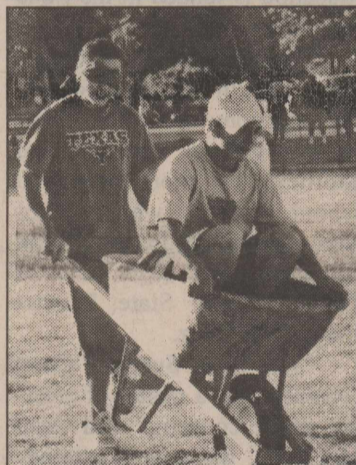
Winners of the Washer Pitching Tournament were Leonard Castillo and Michael Ybarra of Ozona. Aidan Fierro of Ozona won first place in the Mutton Bustin Competition and was awarded spurs, a "Mutton Bustin Champion" T-shirt and first place ribbon. Dave and Carol Scott of Carol's Ranch Style Chuck Wagon out of San Angelo were presented the first place trophy for their Pork Loin Roll entry in the BYOB (Bring Your Own BBQ) Cook-off, judged by the reverends John Fluth and John Collis.

Oscar B. Vargas won the \$250 cash prize, and Wayne Doucet, both of San Angelo, won the collected lottery tickets during the Poker Run.

Despite the many activities and festivals throughout the region, there were 11 food vendors, 13 arts/craft vendors, and 11 other activity areas and vendors such as the Rock Climb, Game Pavilion, Petting Zoo, Mohair Style Show, carriage rides and the Washer Pitching Tournament, western heritage exhibit and the Entertainment Stage, and more.

At the Game Pavilion, winners of the Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest, ages 7-10, first Katie Perner, second, Daisy Guerra, third place Meagan Espinosa. Ages 8-12, first place Chelsea Walker, second place Colton Wilson, third place Eric Eszrada, Ages 13 and above, first Alex Cruz, second Ben Flores, third Lane Hale. George and Matthew won first, Ben and Alex second and Eric and Phillip won third in the Water Balloon Toss.

At the Hula Hoop Contest, Ages 8 and under, first went to Emanuel Ortiz, second Jeremy Cervantz, and third Roenna Hall. Ages 9 and over; first Sarah De La Garza, second Meagan Espinoza, third Ingrid Sylvia. Ages 9 & up; first Lane Hall, second Phillip Munoz, third Anthony Tambunga. Lane Hall took first in the Blind Man's Wheel Barrel Race, Ben Fores second and Ingrid Sylvia took third. Finally in the Sack Race, ages 5-8, Nathan Graham took first, Madalyn Harris second and Brenda Hale third. Ages 9-12, Ingrid Silva first, Jolynn Rodright second and Colton Wilson third. Ages 12 and up; Lane Hale took first, Dennis Loftin second and Phillip Munoz third.



Photos by Melissa Perner

EVENTS AT THE DAVY CROCKETT FALL FESTIVAL included washer pitching, wheelbarrow races, rock climbing and a hula hoop contest out at the fairgrounds rodeo park on Saturday.

Stockman Deadline is Monday at NOON

**KATALYST MINISTRIES**  
7 p.m. Sept. 28  
at the Civic Center

**OZONA YOUTH ALLIANCE MEETINGS**  
4 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Ozona United Methodist Church  
4 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

**Youth Center Calendar of Events**  
Sept. 22 - Seventh and Eighth Grade Lions vs. Wall, 5 p.m., center will be open after games.  
Sept. 23 - Varsity Lions vs. Wall, 7:30 p.m., center will be open after game.  
Sept. 26 - High School Pizza Night, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 28 - Katalyst Ministries, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 30 - Ozona Middle School Eighth Grade Reward Party 1-2:45 p.m.

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### Seventh Grade Lions battle against Rocksprings

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Seventh Grade Lions fought hard against a tough Rocksprings team Thursday night in Rocksprings.

While the Angoras came out on top, 18-0, the young Lions did make some good key plays, said Coach Rick Bachman.

"This was a moral victory for our seventh-graders as they played a great game against what was primarily an eighth grade team. The boys fought the entire game and had several opportunities to score, but we just could not get the ball in the end zone. Defensively, we held Rocksprings to one drive at the beginning of the game, and really out played them for the remainder. They scored on two huge defensive plays, but we hung in there and never quit," Bachman said. "Coach (Levi) Box and I were both very pleased with the effort and improvement these young men are making. It is just a matter of time before their efforts will be rewarded."

Participating for the Lions were: Frankie Vasquez, Russel Komechak, Miguel Vergara, Eric Talamantez, Austin Sudreth, Josh Gonzales, Anthony Gutierrez, Abbey Lara, Matthew Beseril, Jose Aguilar, Jayce Logan, Kyle Dean, John Simmons, Tyler Vitela, Trey Fierro, Anthony Gonzales, Cesar Villarreal, Joe Borrego, Erik Estrada, Anthony Tambunga, Caden Rutherford, Andrew Hamilton, Phillip Munoz, Ben Hernandez, Stefan Wilson, David Perez, Sean Davis, Richard Borrego and Duncan Knox.

The Lions will face Wall at 5 p.m. Thursday at Lion Stadium.

### Lions Cross Country teams compete in Ingram

The Ozona cross country team traveled to Ingram on Saturday to compete against larger schools.

The Ozona Lions were the top 2A school at the meet but finished seventh overall behind schools such as Del Rio, Boerne, Ingram, McNeil and Lytle.

The top finisher for the Lions was Levi English who finished 23rd overall. Levi was the top 2A runner at the meet. Roman Tambunga finished 42nd, Tate Collis 55th, Ethan

English 62nd, Ross Kelley 69th and Wilson White 82nd.

The Ozona Middle School boys also had a good showing at the meet as Abbey Lara was the top finisher for the Lions as he finished 25th. He was followed by Jesse Badillo, Josh Gonzales and Stefan Wilson who all finished in the top 40. The Lions represented Ozona well on a very difficult course.

The Lions will compete at the Irion County meet Saturday in Mertzon.

### Freshmen Lions rope Angoras

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The Freshman Football team took their winning ways to Rocksprings on Thursday night and came out the 46-0 victory over the JV team from Rocksprings.

"The guys came out ready to play from the get go and our defense really showed improvement from the weeks prior. I'm just really proud of the guys effort," said Coach JayBen Alls.

Several Lions had big games: Matt Garza had 120 rushing on 6 carries, 180 yards passing, and 1 reception on a trick play that resulted in a 45-yard touchdown.

James Caldera once again had a big game on special teams with two big kickoff tackles and he also played well from his linebacker position.

Felix Venegas did a little of everything throwing a halfback throwback pass to Garza for a touchdown and being a workhorse at fullback with 115 yards

rushing on 12 carries. Ben Flores finished the night with 6 tackles and 65 yards rushing on 7 carries.

"The offensive line did a great job all night opening up huge holes and protecting the quarterback," said Coach Justin Holloway.

Matias Gandar came in and played some at quarterback and rushed for a touchdown on a quarterback keeper to add to his other rushing touchdown.

Steven Silva kicked two extra point attempts and had 12 solo tackles and 6 assists.

On the final play of the game Ray Villarreal took a pitch broke 4 tackles and ran the ball in for a touchdown as time expired from 40 yards out for the resulting score of 46-0.

"This was a huge win and will give the team momentum heading into their big game this week in Wall," Holloway said.

The Freshmen Lions will take on the Wall Hawks at 5 p.m. in Wall.

### LIONS: Team able to adjust to opponent

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In the game against Fort Stockton, Granger said he was disappointed with Ozona's 13 penalties.

"We need to be more poised," he said. "We need to watch our little mistakes," Rodriguez added.

"We need to focus on our execution," Mitchel said.

The Lions have moved up in their first three games,

Granger said. "We got our package in. We've gotten to the point where now we can tweak with this or that week to week," he said. "We are able to adjust based on our opponent. We're at the point now where we can do what we need to do."

The Lions will face the Wall Hawks at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lion Stadium.

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**HOUSEKEEPER WANTED -** Call 392-9082 after 5 p.m. 1p34

**JAILER/DISPATCHER VACANCY:** The Crockett County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the position of Jailer/Dispatcher until midnight of September 28, 2005. Salary is \$10.18 per hour, \$22,233.12 per year. Jailer Applicants must be a citizen of the United States, Must be at least 18 years of age, should be a High School Graduate, or have passed a GED test, or have obtained the equivalent of 12 semester hours at an accredited college or university. Applicant must not have been discharged from any military service under less than honorable conditions, not on probation for a criminal offense, not convicted of a felony offense, not been convicted of a misdemeanor offense of a grade of "Class A" or its equivalent within the last 12 months, not been convicted of a misdemeanor offense of a grade of "Class B" or its equivalent within the last 6 months, not convicted of the offense of driving while intoxicated or driving while under the influence or drugs within the last two (2) years.

Applicant must be of good moral character, must be able to pass a background investigation and interview board. Successful applicant must be able to pass a psychological evaluation, must be able to pass a medical examination and drug test. After applicant is employed he/she must complete a state certified jail school within the first year of employment, and pass a State License Examination. Applications can be picked up at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office in Ozona, Texas or by calling 325-392-2661 or 2662. The Crockett County Sheriff's Office is an equal opportunity employers. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin or disability.

**EMPLOYMENT VACANCY CROCKETT COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT:** CUSTODIAN, please contact Ray Don Myers at 325-392-5710, or you may also pick up an application at 808 Ave. E or at the Administration Office, 797 Ave. D. The application is also available online at [www.ozonaschools.net](http://www.ozonaschools.net). Crockett County CCSD is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2c34

**CROCKETT COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT** is accepting applications for full-time janitorial positions. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older. Drug Test and Pre-Employment Work Steps test are required. Applications may be picked up and returned to Crockett County Road Department at 225 State Highway 163 North, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For additional information call the Road Department at 325-392-3020. Crockett County Road Department is an equal opportunity employer (EOE). 2c34.

**OZONA COUNTRY CLUB** is accepting applications for all positions. Please pick-up applications at Enron Oil and Gas office: Hwy 163 South, 392-3782 or after 6:00 p.m. at the Ozona Country Club: 392-2520. tfc34

## Garage Sales

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### NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE FOR WATER AND SANITATION SERVICES

Crockett County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 (CCWCID #1) is giving notice of an increase effective November 15, 2005 for the following services: WATER and SANITATION. On September 12, 2005 the Board of Directors passed a motion unanimously to raise water and sanitation rates as follows: Water rates will increase by thirty cents (\$0.30) per minimum and fifteen cents (\$0.15) per thousand gallons after three thousand (3,000) gallons of use. Sanitation charges will increase eight and thirty-three hundredths percent (8.33%). Below is a comparison of current and new RESIDENTIAL minimum water rates, followed by a comparison of rates of ten thousand (10,000) gallons of water used and thirty thousand (30,000) gallons of water used.

MINIMUMS	
Current Rate	New Rate
\$15.80/3 thousand gallons	\$16.10/3 thousand gallons
Re-pump rate	Re-pump rate
\$16.55/ 3 thousand gallons	\$16.84/ 3 thousand gallons

10,000 GALLONS USED	
Current Rate/10,000 gallons	New Rate/10,000 gallons
\$24.90	\$26.25
Re-pump rate/10,000 gallons	Re-pump/10,000 gallons
\$26.70	\$28.05

30,000 GALLONS USED	
Current Rate/30,000 gallons	New Rate/30,000 gallons
\$53.90	\$58.25
Re-pump/30,000 gallons	Re-pump/30,000 gallons
\$58.70	\$63.05

CURRENT AND NEW MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL CHARGES			
	Current		New
Water	\$15.80	Water	\$16.10
Wastewater	\$15.00	Wastewater	\$15.00
Sanitation	\$15.00 + tax	Sanitation	\$16.25 + tax
Total	\$46.74	Total	\$48.37

RE-PUMP			
	Current		New
Water	\$16.55	Water	\$16.85
Wastewater	\$15.00	Wastewater	\$15.00
Sanitation	\$15.00 + tax	Sanitation	\$16.25 + tax
Total	\$47.49	Total	\$49.12

A public forum will be held 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at the Ozona Civic Center for public comments. Questions can be reformed to Doug Meador or Cindy Dusek at the District's office at 325-392-2730 or Box 117, Ozona, Texas 76943

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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
The following abandoned vehicle will be sold at public auction on Saturday, September 24, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. The vehicles will be auctioned at JohnCo Impound Yard Highway 163 South, Ozona, Texas. (1) 1988 Chrysler LaBaron Convertible, Texas License #T30WXD VIN: 1C3BJ45K8JG348374 (2) 1991 Mercury 4DR, Texas License #D51JMR VIN: IMECM50U9MG625140 (3) 1985 Dodge Van, TX License #KZ0821 VIN: 2B7FK13C6FR343569 (4) 1996 Dodge 4DR, Texas License #Y61HDW VIN: 1B3EJ46XXTN205350. Shane Fenton, Sheriff, Crockett County.

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
The following abandoned Motorcycle will be sold at Sheriff's Sale on Saturday, September 24, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. The vehicles will be held at the Crockett County Sheriff's Department at 903 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas. #1 2001 Ducati ST4 Motorcycle, yellow in color, NY LP #12DG46 VIN: ZDM1TB8S11B004162. The motorcycle can be inspected at the Crockett County Sheriff's Department. Payment must be made at time of Sale and removed the day of Sale. The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids, minimum bids required on vehicles. Shane Fenton, Sheriff, Crockett County.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS CROCKETT COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
State Financial Accountability Rating  
Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will hold a public meeting to be included in the regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m., September 27, 2005, in the Administration Office at 797 Ave D, Ozona, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Crockett County Consolidated Common School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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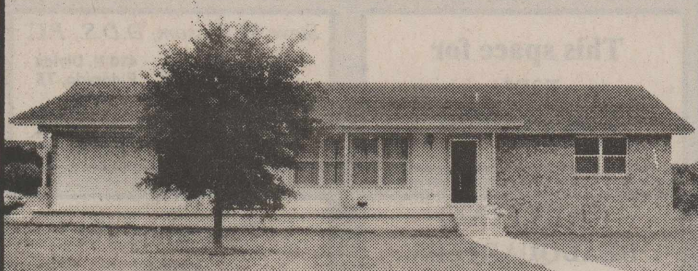
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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: San Angelo  
Contract 0140-08-021 for REPLACE BRIDGE AND APPROACHES in CROCKETT County will be opened on October 06, 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](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 17844

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### The Ozona Stockman Deadline is Monday at NOON

### PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED  
**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**  
SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2005

#### PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

#### PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

#### PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

#### PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

#### PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

#### PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

#### PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)

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