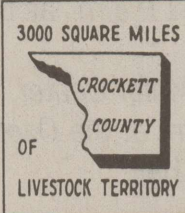


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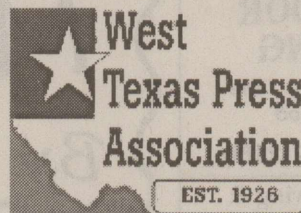
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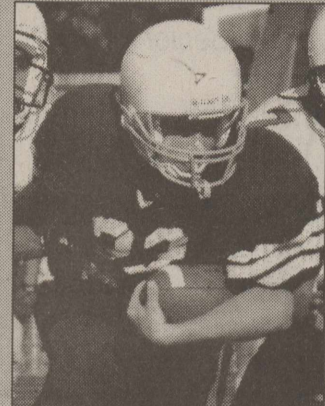
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THE THRILL OF VICTORY

Lions get first season win in front of homecoming crowd

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The first three games for the Ozona Lions have not been ones filled of fond memories.

Coming into the matchup Friday night against McCamey, the Lions were 0-3, but the team was determined to not leave their home field with an 0-4 record.

In front of a packed homecoming crowd, the Lions sprinted their way to a 20-13 victory giving Head Coach Matt Gutierrez his first win.

"It's great to get that monkey off our back and get that first win," said Coach Matt Gutierrez. "The kids really got after it from the get go. As soon as the first whistle went off we were ready to go."

The Lions would get the ball rolling on their first series of the game as quarterback Justin Maldonado found Felix Venegas for the 66-yard touchdown pass. Mark Tambunga would make his first of two extra points for the night to put Ozona up 7-0.

McCamey would answer back by driving down the field until Eric Mooney found the end

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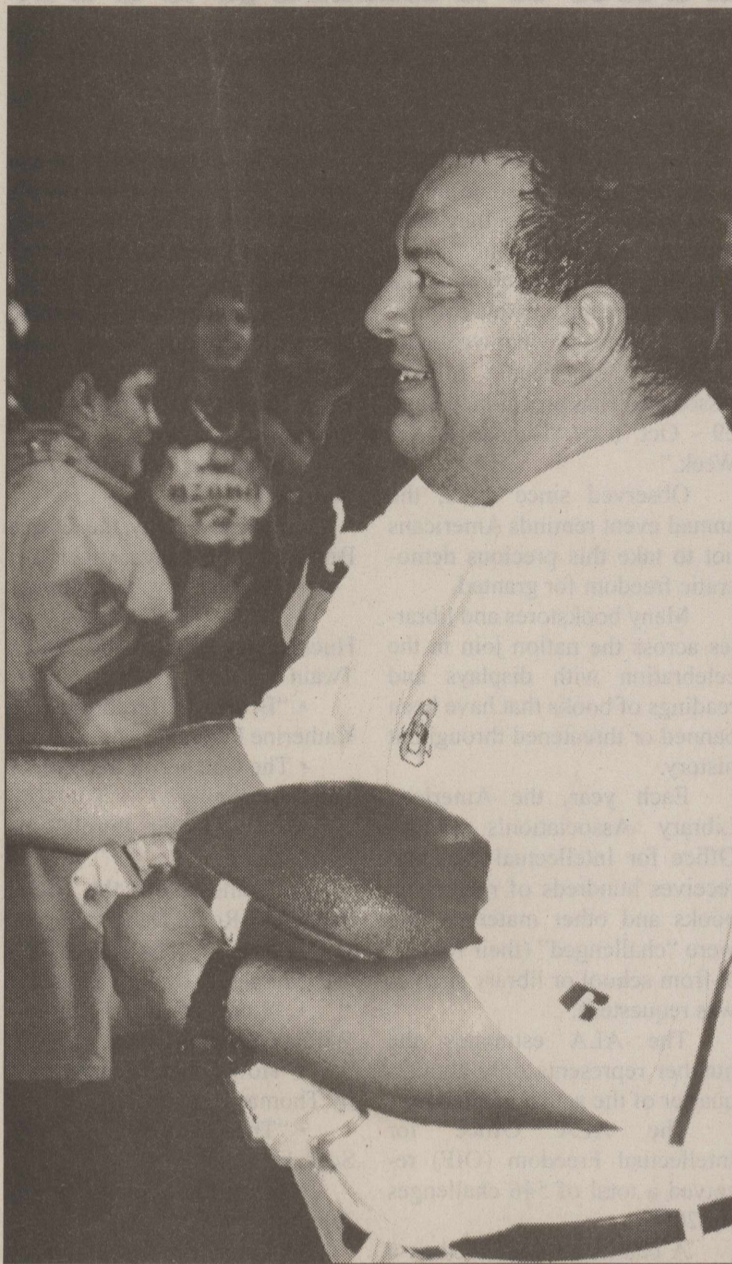


Photo by Joe Hernandez
 COACH MATT GUTIERREZ holds Friday's game ball, given to him by his players, after the Lions first victory of the season. Ozona beat McCamey 20-13 for the homecoming win.

2007 HOMECOMING QUEEN



Photo by Joe Hernandez
 2007 HOMECOMING QUEEN BROOKE ASHLEY KELLY

Boy Scout builds sandboxes for primary students

Architect presents new bond schedule to school board

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Wilson White use to spend his playtime in a big sandbox built by his father, Jim.

Those memories prompted the Ozona High School junior to want to build two sandboxes for pre-k, PPCD and kindergarten students at the primary school for his Eagle Scout project.

"I really enjoyed that sandbox and it helped me want to make the primary students one too," White said.

White presented pictures of building his project to the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees during their Sept. 19 regular meeting.

The two boxes, octagon shaped, were assembled by White and some of his fellow Boy Scouts over the summer. They are located by a tree in the playground, with one box on each side.

"One box has shade in the morning and the other one will have shade in the afternoon," he said.

The boxes, which were kits, were "easy to assemble," White said.

Each box is 10-feet across at each angle and one-foot high.

White said it took them awhile to unload the sand, which was donated by Triple C Hardware & Lumber.

Under the sand is cloth, fiber liners that allow water to seep through into the soil, White said.

There are also waterproof covers that snap on the side for each box to keep animals and debris from getting in the boxes, White said.

The boxes can also be moved if they need to be, White said.

White raised \$1,200 to fund the project. With money left over, he said he worked with pre-k teacher Martye Fluth in picking out an outdoor lock box to put the students' sandbox toys in. The lock box will sit between the two sandboxes.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR BOND ELECTION

Architect Douglas Koehne presented the board with a new



Photo by Melissa Perner
 BOY SCOUT WILSON WHITE gives a presentation to the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees about his Eagle Scout project. White built two sandboxes at the primary school with the help of his fellow Boy Scouts. White raised the money for the project through donations.

schedule for the bond election, due to the election date being pushed back to May 2008 at a previous board meeting.

The first part of the schedule, or the programming phase, will involve teachers and administrators.

Koehne said questionnaires will be distributed to the interme-

mediate and primary schools for all campus faculty and staff to answer.

There will also be interviews at both campuses with all departments to discuss what works well in the existing schools and what can be added to the new school for improvements, Koehne said.

Koehne said he wants to get personnel from both campuses

together after the small meetings and sum up the information that has been discussed.

Questionnaires are expected to be sent out soon.

"My end hope would be that every single person on campus had the opportunity to be a part of this," Koehne said.

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Objection filed by Wardlaw Group on Wool Growers motion to dismiss

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Wardlaw Group has filed an objection to Wool Growers' motion to dismiss in the ongoing bankruptcy case.

The objection, filed Sept. 19 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Lubbock, states that the motion to dismiss is nothing more than Wool Growers attempt to accomplish what it tried to pursue through the company's reorganization plan. The plan was denied in July.

"The best interests of officers and directors, Bunger, Black and Allison may be served, but not the

best interests of the creditors and the estate," the objection stated.

The Wool Growers Board of Directors are George Bunger Jr., Bill Black and John Allison.

According to the court documents, the Wool Growers board of directors have deposited \$2.6 million, to be paid to the creditors and claimants in the case, with escrow agent Walter O'Cheskey.

Out of the \$2.6 million contribution, \$191,700.73 will go toward professional fees for the attorneys, \$3,000 to O'Cheskey, \$30,795.32 to the Mohair Producers Board, \$158,141.69 to trade claims and \$2,215,496.85

to producer claimants.

The balance remaining of \$865.84 will be applied to any unexpected expenses incurred by O'Cheskey or returned to Wool Growers to be applied to the U.S. Trustee's fees.

The Unsecured Creditors Committee have filed a limited objection to the motion to dismiss stating that the motion to dismiss does not require O'Cheskey to deposit the funds at the highest rate of interest possible at an approved depository of the U.S. Trustee's Office.

The committee's limited objection also states that the mo-

tion to dismiss does not specify who shall be entitled to the interest on the funds in the possession of O'Cheskey in the event there is a delay in the distribution of funds due to legal proceedings.

The committee wants the motion to dismiss to include that any interest that accumulates on the funds shall belong to the party or parties to whom the funds are ultimately distributed and shall be paid to such parties on a prorated basis.

After all distributions have been made, or after the expiration of 90 days from the date that the order dismissing the

case becomes final, O'Cheskey shall return any remaining funds to Wool Growers to paid back to the three directors on the promissory note executed by Wool Growers to the directors as consideration for their contribution, court documents stated.

"Although the court has discretion in deciding whether to grant (Wool Growers') motion to dismiss, (Wool Growers) has failed to prove that a dismissal would be in the best interests of creditors or the estate and has failed to show cause for dismissal," the objection stated.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Go ahead, read a banned book

When I was in high school, I bought a T-shirt that listed books that had been banned at one time in the United States.

Most people were surprised to see the names of some of the titles, especially when they realized they had read them.

The shirt was celebrating the freedoms we have in this country when it comes to what we read.

The American Library Association has proclaimed Sept. 29 - Oct. 6 as "Banned Books Week."

Observed since 1982, the annual event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted.

Many bookstores and libraries across the nation join in the celebration with displays and readings of books that have been banned or threatened throughout history.

Each year, the American Library Association's (ALA) Office for Intellectual Freedom receives hundreds of reports on books and other materials that were "challenged" (their removal from school or library shelves was requested).

The ALA estimates the number represents only about a quarter of the actual challenges.

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) received a total of 546 challenges for 2006.

A challenge is defined as a formal, written complaint, filed with a library or school, requesting that materials be removed because of content or appropriateness. Public libraries, schools and school libraries report the majority of challenges to OIF.

Some of the books on the ALA top 10 list for 2006 challenged books were:

- "Beloved" by Toni Morrison
- "The Chocolate War" by Robert Cormier

- "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison.

- "Alice" series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor.

Not all of these were newly printed books, just ones people took offense to. My solution to that is don't read it and pick another book.

Other challenged or banned books throughout history have been:

- Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling

- "Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck

- "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" by Maya Angelou

- "Forever" by Judy Blume

- "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain

- "Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson

- The Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

- "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker

- "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl

- "Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret" by Judy Blume

- "Lord of the Flies" by William Golding

- "How to Eat Fried Worms" by Thomas Rockwell

- "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald

- "The Grapes of Wrath" by John Steinbeck

- "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee

- "1984" by George Orwell

- "Gone with the Wind" by Margaret Mitchell

- "Holy Bible"

How many of you have read one of the books on this list?

September is also "National Library Card Sign-up" Month.

So go to our local library, get your library card and celebrate freedom by reading a banned book.

Trust me, I won't tell.

'Business Tips' BY PAUL HOWARD

Handling inadequate cash flow

There are many problems that small businesses face on a daily basis. One of the biggest is inadequate cash flow. Lack of capital is one of the main reasons businesses fail. If there is no cash available to pay bills when they come due or purchase product you have serious trouble.

It is essential as a small business owner that you keep a close eye on your cash flow. Early detection of cash flow problems will give you time to make the necessary changes so that disaster can be averted. At the least, you should be able to know at all times how much cash you have on hand and what your business needs to operate. An in depth cash flow analysis is not needed every month, but you can stay on top of things and avoid potential problems by comparing your sales with your expenses. If your expenses are higher than your sales, you may have a problem. Other cash flow warning signs include:

- **Bank account balances drop below normal averages.** A decrease does not necessarily mean you are in trouble. It is possible you have purchased new equipment or made an unusual purchase. If there is a decline for an unexplained reason, it may indicate a cash flow problem.
- **Inventory is building up.** If you find items sitting on your shelves for an extended period of time you are facing an issue of reduced sales, which translates into less revenue, less cash.

- **Bills are being paid late.** Many bills you receive are due on receipt or within 10-30 days. If you find you are paying your bills 60-90 days past its due date you already know there is a serious cash flow problem.

- **Major purchases are being postponed.** Your business needs a new piece of equipment, but you can't afford to buy it now because money is too tight.

- **Banks are asking for financial statements.** If your banker is asking for these statements cash flow is definitely an issue.

New small businesses often experience cash flow problems, but it doesn't mean you are doomed. Knowing there is a problem lets you take measures to avoid a crisis. There are two main ways to improve cash flow: increase the amount of cash that's coming in, and decrease the amount of cash that's going out. It's that simple.

If you are experiencing cash flow problems in your business, the SBDC has the expertise to help you by doing a cash flow analysis. Call us for free, confidential one-on-one advising.

"Business Tips" was written by Mr. Paul Howard, Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Advisor II of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For more information on the topic of this article or the services of the ASU • SBDC, contact him at Paul.Howard@angelo.edu.

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, Sept. 26**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, Sept. 27**
- 'Answers on Aging' program, 10-11 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Diabetes Support Group, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Friday, Sept. 28**
- Nutrition/Food Pantry program, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Saturday, Sept. 29**
- OHS and OMS Cross Country Teams at the Running with the Lions meet at Ozona Country Club.
- Monday, Oct. 1**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Tuesday, Oct. 2**
- Project Graduation meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Crockett Room.
 - Band Booster meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.
- Wednesday, Oct. 3**
- End of the First Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Letters to the Editor

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It's the Pitts
by Lee Pitts

A Bell Ranch Cowboy

I was once asked what was my favorite of the stories I've written. My answer surprised even me. It was an essay I wrote a long time ago in an attempt to prove I could write to an editor who couldn't. I think all of three people read the story, "A Branding On The Bell," is memorable to me, not because of the words I wrote, but because of the time I spent heel-squatin', around a fire, sleeping on the ground and branding calves with the cowboys on the Bell Ranch. Those two days and nights were about the best I've ever spent on this spinning orb of ours.

If you care at all about cows and cowboys then you've heard of the Bell Ranch. Once over a million acres, and still sizable, the Bell is named after a ding-dong-shaped mesa on the ranch. William Noble Lane was a Chicago industrialist who built a Fortune 1000 company and bought the Bell in 1969 because he thought that land represented true wealth. When he died in an automobile accident on the ranch he left the Bell in a trust insuring, he thought, that a Lane would own the ranch for at least 120 years.

My invite to the ranch came from a lanky, mustached cowboy who one would surmise, at first glance, was making day wages. In reality he was the immensely likable son of Bill Lane, Jeffrey could have had a high roller's life back in Chicago but he chose instead to earn his spurs amongst the most critical crowd there is on earth: cowboys.

There's never been any room for crybabies or sissies on the Bell, where it takes 42 acres to support a cow and a few beans and potatoes twice a day to support a cowboy. I had the opportunity to ride with 18 men, aged 13 to 72, on the Spring roundup, a tradition that has gone on uninterrupted on the Bell since the 1870s.

Jeff picked out a gentle horse for me from the 120 head remuda and, although I've never felt comfortable riding another man's saddle, riding with Jeff was pure joy. I'm sure we didn't gather our share of pairs but when we said "adios" I knew I

had a new friend for life. That's why the news of Jeffrey's death hit me like a ton of bricks.

Next to raising great kids with his wonderful wife Janet, Jeff liked best being a cowboy and flying his airplane. But the plane wasn't just a toy. On a big spread like the Bell it can be the difference between life, or in Jeffrey's case, death.

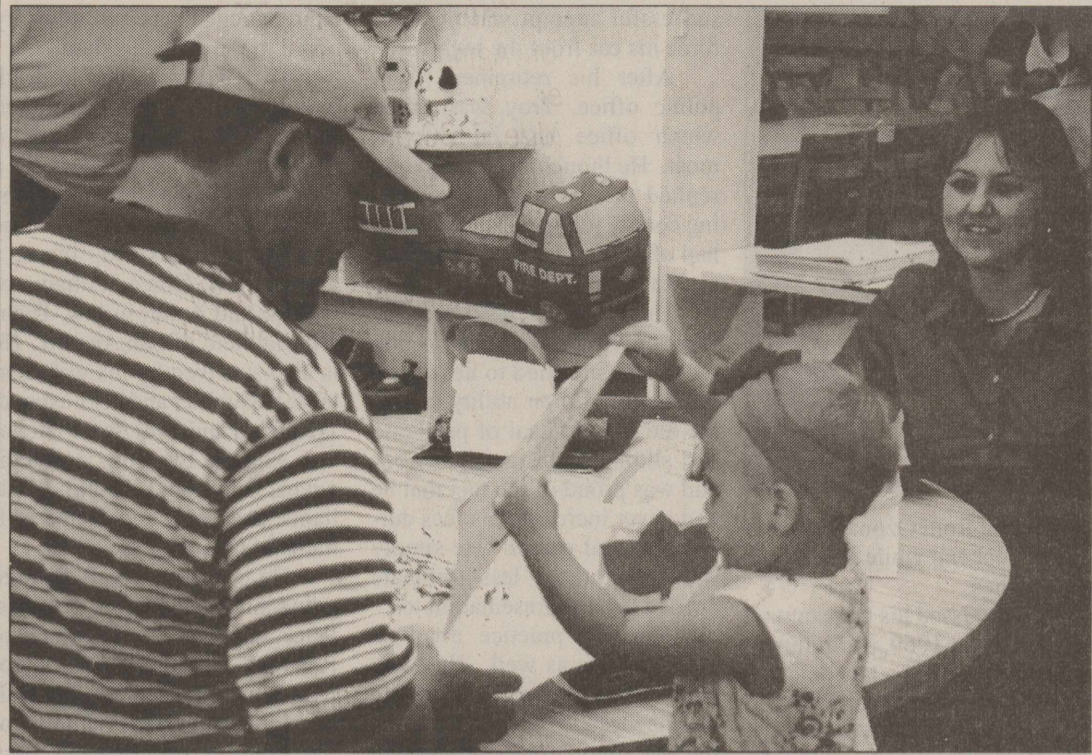
The thing I'll always remember about Jeff is that he loved to wear a wild rag around his neck, a big hat on top his head and tall boots with his pant legs stuck in them. I asked him once why the cowboys in these parts wore their boots like that and he told me it was to keep red ants out, or, so your legs wouldn't chap after long hours in the saddle. But I think it's also so the world will know you're a special kind of creature: a New Mexico cowboy. And not just any cowboy but one who belonged to the Bell. For 130 years that's been as good a resume as any hand could have.

Some high-priced lawyers broke the trust that Bill Lane set up and the Bell is up for sale. I guess you can't blame the other members of the family but I felt bad for Jeff. At first he fought it and then he tried to keep a little piece of the ranch he loved, but when he realized it would be a deal-breaker he gave in for the good of the family.

I can't picture Jeff living in a Chicago high-rise like some caged cat or leashed Border Collie. Jeff's death is tragic and I feel for his family but I like to think Jeff was doing what he loved and had everything he ever wanted. Living a life most Americans think has vanished. Today I'm very sad but some tiny part of me is grateful that Jeff will never have to see someone else riding herd on the Bell. He'll never have to leave the ranch he loved, looking back with a tear in his eye and a lump in his throat beneath his wild rag.

Jeffrey was a man who could've taken the easy way out in life but instead wanted to prove that he was a man worthy of the west. And prove it he did, for Jeffrey Lane belonged to that very special species known as a Bell Ranch cowboy.

OZONA COMMUNITY CENTER CELEBRATES 70 YEARS



Photos by Melissa Perner
TOP: EMMA CRENWELGE (center) shows her artwork to dad, Russell, while mom, Connie, looks on at the Ozona Community Center Open House on Sept. 18. The Community Center is celebrating 70 years of service to Ozona this year.
RIGHT: ETHAN (left) and **CHANCE CRISWELL**, partake of the cookies and punch at the Community Center Open House. The Community Center has programs for infants up to children in grade school. They are also in need of school supply donations, which can be dropped off at the center.

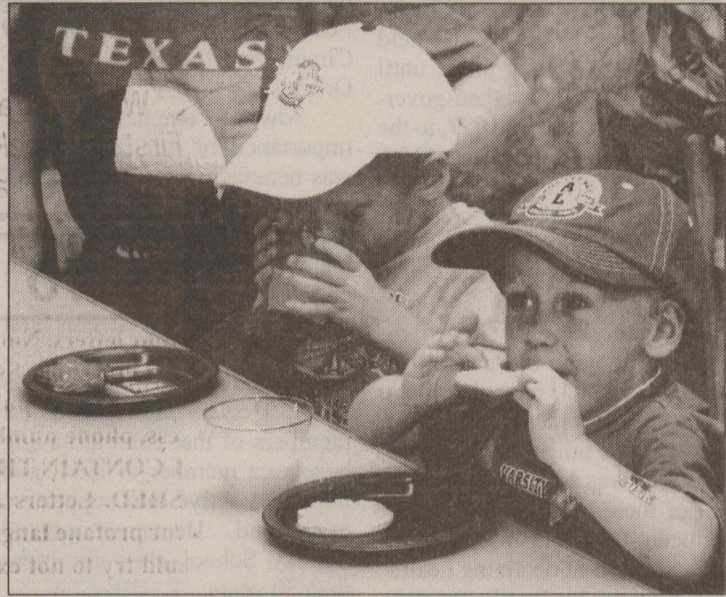


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THE HOME OF NANCY CHILDRESS is this month's Garden of the Month chosen by the Ozona Garden Club for its beautifully landscaped yard.

Library program to feature Western writer

By **LOUISE P. LEDOUX**
 Crockett County
 Public Librarian



JANE PATTIE

On Monday, Oct. 8, the Friends of the Library will host a catered dinner at the Crockett County Civic Center on North Avenue H from 6-9 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$12 and will be reservation only, so RSVP early to the Crockett County Public Library P.O. Box 3030 Ozona, Texas 76943 or call (325) 392-3565.

The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting will have an extra special agenda this year featuring a dinner and program with well-known Texas Western writer, Jane Pattie.

Jane Pattie is a freelance writer and photographer specializing in Western topics who has contributed to and written many books, including the award-winning "Cowboy Spurs and Their Makers;" "Visions of the West;" "Cowboy Spur Maker: the Story of Ed Blanchard with Tom Kelly;"

and wildlife.

From her home in Texas, she has traveled extensively throughout the United States to interview her subjects including many of the old-time spur makers (all now deceased), branding iron and boot makers, and many of today's western collectors.

She is a longtime member of Westerners International and a past board member of Western Writers of America.

A native Texan whose family came to Texas when it was a frontier a century and a half ago, Jane Pattie and her husband, Lyle, live in Aledo, Texas near Fort Worth, where for many years they have raised registered Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds.

Mark your calendars and make your reservations now for the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting Dinner Program and Book Signing with Western Author Jane Pattie on Monday, Oct. 8, at the Civic Center from 6-9 p.m.

"Kiowa Voices;" "Cowboys Who rode Proudly; a tribute biography of John Wayne ... There Rode a Legend with Maureen O'Hara" and "Cattle Brands: Ironclad Signatures" with a Foreword by Elmer Kelton. Pattie's books will be available for purchase and signing.

Pattie has also authored more than 3,000 articles published in more than 20 national and international magazines specializing in Western topics

Happy Birthday

- Sept. 26** - Bill Carson Jr., Adam Onofre, Afton Payne, Jana Harrison, Jay Haire, Chelsea Spence and Derek DeWolfe
- Sept. 27** - Betty Tambunga, Bobbie Griffin, Consuelo Garcia, Eva Vasquez, Tyler Vitela and Lori A. Martinez
- Sept. 28** - Dale Mayfield, Kimberly Balderrama, Mari Longoria, Randy Jones, Edward Chipman Jr. and Bailey Badillo
- Sept. 29** - Kodi Glosson and Paige Villarreal
- Sept. 30** - Paul De La Garza, Tom Ben Williams, Michael Garza, Joey Arredondo, Cheyenne Taylor, Guy W. Hester, Elizabeth Upham and Griselda Tambunga.
- Oct. 1** - Mary Webster, Leslea B. Fierro, Nancy Gutierrez, Chase DeHoyos, Michael Morelli, Debra Burk and Fay Henry
- Oct. 2** - Crystelle Childres, Lu Ingram, Carl Mayfield, Susan Hester, Mike Miller, Aryn Danre Sanchez, Michael Ybarra Jr. and Brandi Trevino

To place a birthday on the birthday list, call 392-2551

Levis & Lace Square Dance News

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

Saturday afternoon, club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Raul De La Rosa, Nell Wester Lucy Hinde, Jim Couch, JoAnn Babbitt, Danny and Tammi Monzingo, Tesla Caperton and Tina Jarvis danced for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas in Barnhart at the Civic Center.

Caller John Geen from San Angelo called this event and his wife Nora and Caller Steve "Doc" Casey danced with us also.

We danced patter and mainstream and then John had us get people from the crowd to come up and learn a few basics, everyone had a great time.

Afterwards we came to Ozona for our regular dance at the Senior Building.

John called mainstream, plus and there was line dancing in between.

Frank Fred was able to join us for the dance tonight.

John taught us a round dance in between tips and Doc Casey called a tip for us and really had our toes tapping.

We had plenty of food and plenty of fun.

Our next lesson was Monday at the Senior Building.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

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Obituaries

John Michael 'Mike' Ledoux

Mike Ledoux, 64, passed away and entered eternal rest Friday, Sept. 21, 2007, after a courageous battle with cancer since 2004.

Mike served in the United States Air Force Security Service in the 1960s during the Vietnam War. He was honorable discharged in December 1964 after spending his service in Alaska and Peshawar, Pakistan. Mike was a long-time truck owner/operator based in Houston. He also worked in the oil field, at Ozona Butane, and was an Independent Insurance Agent for many years. He worked with his brother Raymond, in Louisiana at Offshore Supply Ship Inc. as engineer and tankerman. In 2006, after a successful Stem Cell Transplant to treat Multiple Myeloma cancer, Mike bought a Honda Gold Wing motorcycle with a trike kit and hit the road again. He joined the Permian Basin Desert Wings Road Riders Assoc. and he enjoyed the freedom and fellowship of the open road on his bike.

Mike loved horses, camping, hunting, NASCAR, and keeping in touch on his computer, used 2btrkr@verizon.net. He was a Master Mason and Past Master of Ozona Lodge 747, a member of Yorkrite, Scottish Rite, and Suez Shrine Temple, and Past President and founder of Suez Nomads R.V. Unit.

John Michael Ledoux was born in Opelousas, La. on Sept. 4, 1943 to Isabelle DeRosier Ledoux and Ewell Joseph Ledoux. Mike married Louise on July 26, 1980 in New Orleans, La. They moved to West Texas from Houston and made their home in Ozona.

Mike's loving family includes his wife of 27 years, Louise Perner Ledoux, her parents Polly and Sam Perner, two sisters-in-law, Luann Pierce, Lucy Bird and their families, all of Ozona; three brothers, Walter Lee Ledoux of Lake Charles,



La., Raymond Keith Ledoux and his wife Natalie of Hahnville, La., Clarence Eugene Ledoux and his wife Glenna of Baton Rouge, La. and one sister, Barbara Lynn Rion and her husband Kenneth of Lake Charles, La., and their families with numerous nieces and nephews. Mike had three children of a previous marriage, Lynette Ledoux of Louisville, Ky., Latricia Ledoux of Lebanon, Tenn. and John Michael Ledoux Jr., Walker, La. and their families.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 10 a.m. conducted by Dr. John Fluth at the Ozona United Methodist Church followed by a Masonic graveside service at Cedar Hill Cemetery with an escort provided by the Permian Basin Desert Wings Road Riders. A noon lunch will be provided at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall afterwards for family and friends.

Pallbearers will be members of the Ozona, Sonora and Eldorado Masonic Lodges, and honorary pallbearers will be John Chip Rion, Paul Perner, Joey Pierce and Rick Bird, Gus Robertson and Guy Hester.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Crockett County Public Library, P.O. Box 3030, Ozona, Texas 76943, or to a favorite charity.

Troy Davis Williams



Troy Davis Williams died peacefully at home on Thursday, Sept. 20, 2007, after a lengthy illness.

He was born to J.H. and Clara May Williams on June 23, 1915, at Gary, Panola County, Texas. Troy, his elder brother, Ben, and their parents traveled to Sherwood, Texas, in a Buick touring sedan in 1919, after J.H. Williams developed tuberculosis and was advised to move to a drier climate. Troy attended school in Sherwood and made many life-long friends there before moving to Ozona in 1931, where the family operated a Sinclair gas station and sold groceries.

Troy graduated from Ozona High School in 1934. He wanted to attend law school, but the economic situation presented by the Great Depression and the family's circumstances dictated that he remain in Ozona and work in the family business, which by then was J.H. Williams & Sons Grocery.

Troy met Estelle Reid when he stopped by her parents' grocery store and gas station at Tankersley. He was enroute to San Angelo at the time to purchase groceries for J.H. Williams & Sons. Troy and Estelle married in 1935. Four children were born to them.

Troy left the family grocery business and became a rancher when a University lease was vacated in 1938. He continued to ranch throughout the remainder of his life, although he developed other interests as well. In remembering the early years of ranching, Troy sometimes said that he guessed he was successful because he got to where he owed lots of money, and for a rancher, that is a measure of success. His business interests included a Studebaker dealership and building contractor.

He commuted to San Angelo to attend Angelo State University and became a member of its first four-year graduating class in 1967, at age 52. He was then able to finally realize his life-long dream and enroll at the University of Texas Law School in Austin. He graduated with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1970. While a student at the University, Troy essentially

commuted from Ozona to Austin every weekend while Estelle ran the ranches.

Troy passed his bar exam on his first try in 1969, and returned to Ozona to set up a law practice. In 1972, he was elected Crockett County Judge. Troy acknowledged that he won that office by a landslide of 19 votes. He held the office of county judge until his appointment by then-governor Dolph Briscoe in 1977, to the District Judgeship of the 112th Judicial District. This district is comprised of five counties, which necessitated much travel.

After serving the unexpired term to which he was appointed, Troy was elected twice to the same office and served until he retired in 1984, returning to his private law practice, ranching, and various other business interests. He was actively engaged in all of these until 2005, when he reluctantly closed his law practice because of declining health.

Besides his family, the practice of law was Troy's greatest love. While county judge, he presided at the first jury trials to be held since 1909 in Crockett County. He presided at some interesting trials while district judge as well.

One of these trials was at Crystal City and concerned allegations of election fraud, during which he received death threats and had to be escorted to and from the city by Texas Rangers. He carried a briefcase lined with a thick sheet of steel plate throughout the trial, which he intended to hold up as a shield if the need arose. Once, while traveling home from a trial within his own district, a deliberate but un-

successful attempt was made to force his car from the highway.

After his retirement from public office, Troy was asked which office had he enjoyed most. He thought a moment and replied that he had enjoyed being county judge more because it had afforded him more opportunity to help people.

He always considered the legal problems presented to him by clients and tried to help them regardless of their ability to pay. He did a great deal of pro bono and sliding scale fee legal work and was proud of the fact that he had never increased his fees during his legal career. He simply stated that those less fortunate needed legal representation too.

His law practice involved other matters as well. He especially liked probate work. He was licensed to practice in Texas, the Northern District of Texas in Federal Court and also in the 5th Circuit Appellate Court in New Orleans.

Always emphasizing the importance of education, Troy was benefactor to numerous deserving students. He was a true philanthropist, contributing to many organizations, charities, and individuals.

He became a trustee of First Baptist Church of Ozona in 1948, and served in that role until his death. He was one of the oldest members of that church, having become a member in 1931, and remained active and supportive to the end. He taught a boys' Sunday School class for more than 30 years.

He served on the boards of numerous civic and other organizations, which included trustee on the board of Baptist Memorial Geriatric Center of San Angelo. He became a director of Paisano Baptist Encampment during the 1950s and continued in that capacity until the present.

Troy was a member of the Ozona Lions Club for years. He was chairman of the Crockett County Planning Committee. He was vice-president of Concho Hereford Association and later served two terms as that organization's president. He was a member of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and served as its president. He served as director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Abilene, Texas.

He was a member of the Crockett County Hospital Board. He served on the board of supervisors of the Crockett County Soil Conservation District. In later years he represented the Concho Valley in the Silver

Haired Legislature, an advisory board to the state legislature.

Troy was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Ben, and by a daughter, Kathryn Mayfield. He is survived by a brother, Rev. J. Calvin Williams of Oklahoma City, a sister, Marie Tawater of Mansfield, Texas, a sister-in-law, Grace Williams of Ozona, and a son-in-law, Richard Mayfield of San Angelo. He is also survived by his wife, Estelle; a daughter and her husband, Jacquelyn and Paul Shacklette of San Angelo; two sons and their wives, Bill T. and Rosalind Williams, and Larry and Elaine Williams of Ozona.

He is also survived by eight grandchildren and their spouses: Peter and Patricia Shacklette of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; Summer Shacklette of Dallas, John and Patty Williams of San Antonio, Tom Ben and Stacy Williams of Lubbock; Candace Williams of Chicago, and Slate and Heidi Williams of Ozona; Martha and James Shepherd of San Angelo; and Sara and Bobby Grannis of Ozona. Six great-grandchildren survive him as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held Monday, Sept. 24, at the First Baptist Church of Ozona, followed by interment at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home. Former pastor Bill Fuller will officiate, assisted by Pastor John Collis. Pallbearers will be the deacons of the church, Douglas Bean, Pleas Childress III, Bob Falkner, Abe Gott, Les Hale, Gene Hood, Doug Meador, Burl Myers, Jerry Perry, Harold Shaw, Richard Storms, Jason Sullivan and Bill Williams. Honorary pallbearers will be J.B. "Buster" Miller, Eugene "Jake" Miller, S.E. "Mutt" Carnes, Jim Burnett, Perry Hubbard, A.O. Fields and Oscar Kost.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Marcus Sims, Ike Whitten, PA, Hospice of San Angelo, especially Nurse Veronica Fierro, Medway Home Health, Ozona EMT personnel, and the personal caregivers who made Troy's last days a little more comfortable. They are Romelia Fierro, Patsy Enriquez, Felicitia Sandoval, Linda Kay Vasquez, Becca Flores, Alice Salas, and Maria Vasquez.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Scholarship Fund of First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1608, Ozona, Texas 76943, or to the charity of one's choice.

Jose M. Martinez

Jose M. Martinez, 86, died Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007 in the Crockett County Care Center.

Memorial service was Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Martinez was born April 21, 1921 in Ozona. He was a member of the Catholic Church and a World War II Veteran.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Rita Martinez; two daughters, Anna Martinez of Ozona and Mercedes Hernandez and husband Jesse of San Angelo; three sons, Mario C. Martinez



and wife Margie of San Angelo, Martin Martinez of San Angelo and Jose Martinez Jr. of San Angelo; 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Connie Joann Bentley

Connie Joann Bentley, 92, passed away Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007 in a local care center.

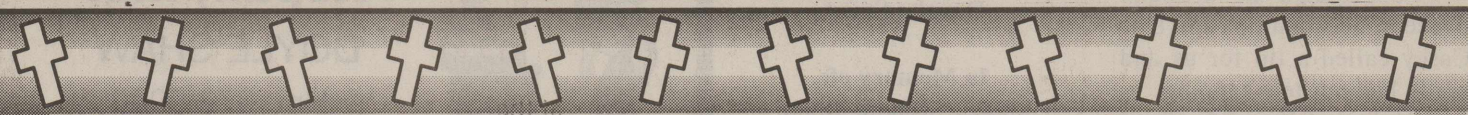
She was born to Jim and Emma Pearl Sellers in Harrisburg, Okla. Indian Territory on April 29, 1916. She lived most of her life in the Indian Territory. She was very proud of her Native American heritage and being a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

She married Roy Bentley in Walters, Okla. and later moved with him to Texas. They shared many years together before his death in 1976. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include three daughters, Brenda McCollum, and her husband Jim, of London, Texas; Quannah Mann of Poteau, Okla. and Shirley Dennis of Alice, Texas; two sons, Jack Bentley, and his wife Paulene, of Ozona and Larry Bentley, and his wife Liza, of Wichita, Kan. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. Connie was a beloved wife, mom, granny and Great Gran. It is so difficult to say goodbye because we loved her so and will forever miss her. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Crockett County Public Library or the Crockett County Care Center Activity Fund.

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THE HOPE FOR AMERICA

Last week I needed to go to town and I decided to eat dinner at a restaurant before I started home. While I was eating, a young couple came up and sat down at the table next to mine. They looked to be in their late thirties and seemed well mannered. They also had a cute blonde haired little girl with them. When their orders arrived, the father reached out and took hold of his wife's hand and then the two of them tried to take hold of the little girl's hand. She was reluctant at first but then she took their hands. She even bowed her head a little while her father prayed. The father prayed softly so I was not able to hear what they were saying but I heard the softly spoken, "Amen". I watched them and could tell they loved that little girl very much. When I got up to leave, I went over to their table and asked them if they were Christians and they responded with a "yes". I told the father that I admired what they were teaching their little daughter and I told him to keep on. God tells us in the Bible to seek the kingdom of God first, (Matthew 6:33). It also tells us to train up our children in the things of the Lord, (Psalm 78:5-7, Ephesians 6:4).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>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. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Rodney White Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>	

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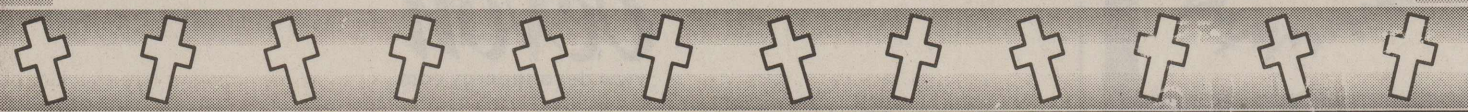
The study will be held on Tuesday evenings in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. beginning Oct. 9th.

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Care Center Chatter

By **ELSA VASQUEZ**
Activity Director

Our Activity Director had one of the most busiest weeks, but it turned out beautiful. We also celebrated Homecoming with lots of fun from all the departments.

On Sunday, we have church services.

On Crazy Day Monday, we had reading with E.A. Wadsworth R.N. and bingo.

Tuesday was Hillbilly Day. Our residents got a big kick with Marta De La Garza and her costumes.

On Wednesday, the lovely Judy Reagor sang, along with James Pagane. He had a great country voice and everyone enjoyed.

Lucille Longoria helped us on Beauty Shop Thursday.

Residents Oscar Kost, David Humphries, Pete Solis and June Diehl went to the bonfire. Attending the Homecoming Parade was Care Center King Melecio Martinez and Queen Moni Perez, along with Elvira Higginbottom, Lola Rios and Dilly Dockery.

Going to the game was Melecio Martinez, Monty Frazier, Pete Solis and Lola Rios.

Thanks to all. It has been a week full of fun.

Food Pantry, program Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, Sept. 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

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

Diabetes group meets Thursday

The Wesley Nurse Program hosts a monthly diabetes support group at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27. This support group is open to anyone.

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



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CARE CENTER ACTIVITY DIRECTOR MARTA DE LA GARZA showed off her homecoming spirit last week on "Rock Star Day." She dressed up as Paul Stanley from KISS.



Submitted photo

"**BEST LOOKING HILLBILLIES IN TOWN**" Marta De La Garza (left) and Julie Gutierrez during homecoming spirit week.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
Senior Center Director

This week began with a heap of things going on. It is amazing that I am so busy out here. We had a Senior Center Board meeting Monday afternoon and had our Senior Bingo Social Tuesday night.

I reported last week in this column that we had our new computer up and running and on the Internet. Since then, we have set up two more computers, both of them on the Internet. The Crockett County Library donated these extra computers and instructions. Please come by and check it out.

The entire town is sad this week with Troy Williams, Mike Ledoux, Jose Martinez and Connie Bentley passing away. Our condolences go out to all of their families. They will all be missed.

Last week, Joe Stewart came to the Senior Center to advise me that the Helping Hands Board will be having a raffle soon. One of the items they will raffle will be a large rocking chair that you will need to see to fully appreciate and a number of other items.

The tickets for the drawing will go on sale in the near future.

Barbara Maness stopped by the Senior Center on her way to San Angelo. It was so good seeing her and to know that Weldon is coming along and will return soon to Houston for more treatment. We always miss Barbara and Weldon.

Sonny Malone had a birthday on Sept. 22. We wish you a Happy Birthday to you Sonny from all of us here at the Crockett County Senior Center.

The good news is that Penn and Lara Sue Baggett have returned after their long stay in a San Angelo Hospital. We love them both and are so happy to have them at home.

The Area Agency on Aging will be here at the Senior Center from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 27. They will answer questions that you may have concerning seniors or will search for the answer if they do not already know.

The Angel Food Box distribution will be on Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Senior Center from

noon to 12:45 p.m.

Come in and look over the book selection in our bookcase to see if there is one or two that you would like to read. We also have available magazines and recipe books. We have been getting more books as time goes by so our selection is growing.

Come "Walk Two Miles" with us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This exercise program conditions you to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel energized for the day.

Every Monday and Thursday, the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play. These ladies come in all smiles bringing snacks and enjoy each other's company. Playing bridge last week were Liz Williams, Celia West, Eileen Childress, Charlotte Harrell, Dorothy Friend, Jean Odom and Katherine Russell.

Our activities are for those 50 and over (we are flexible).

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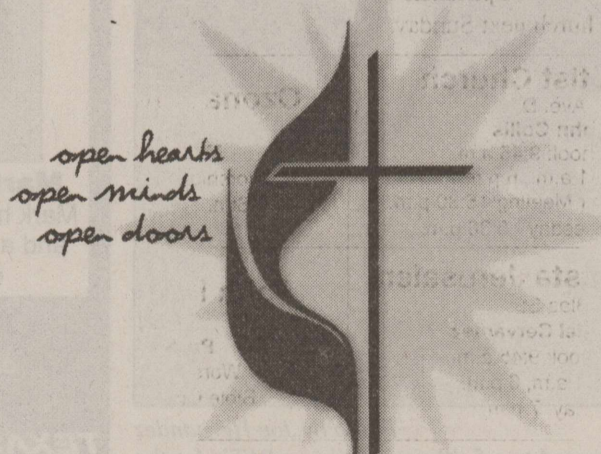
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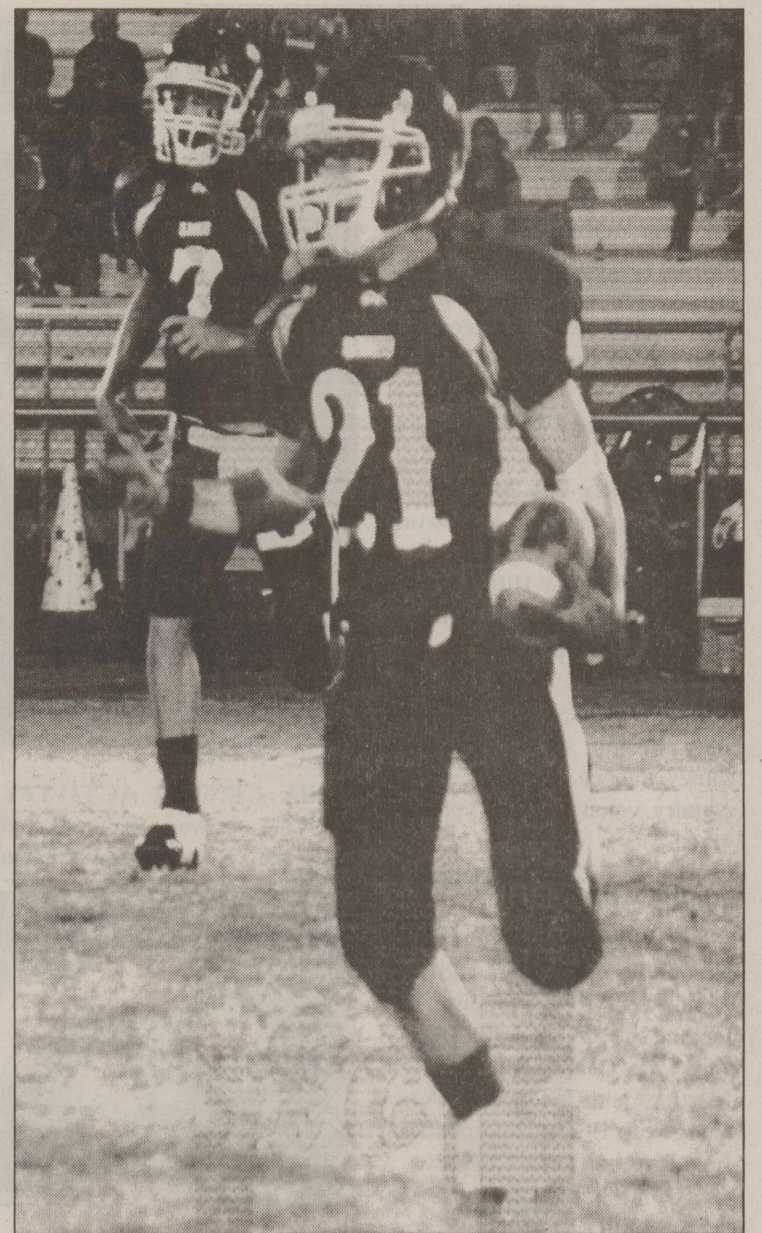
Sept. 30 Breakfast will be served from 8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall to honor our public school teachers and pre-school teachers of our community. We encourage everyone to continue enjoying a great breakfast during the service that includes a performance by the children's bell choir.

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. Coffee and cookies will be served in the foyer at 10:45 before the traditional 11:00 a.m. service in the United Methodist Church sanctuary, which will include a performance by the children's bell choir



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#54 PARRISH AIGUIER (R.) AND #12 MATTHEW GARZA sprint forward to block for Felix Venegas on a 66-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Justin Maldonado in the varsity Lions 20-13 homecoming victory over the McCamey Badgers.

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MATT TURLAND made a great interception for the varsity Lions. Justin Maldonado is in the background.

**OZONA 20
MCCAMEY 13**

Badgers - 7:6 0:0 -13
Lions - 7:13 0:0 -20

First Quarter

O - Felix Venegas 66 pass from Justin Maldonado (Mark Tambunga kick) 11:37
M - Eric Mooney 1 run (kick good) 5:49

Second Quarter

O - Tambunga 30 field goal 11:12
M - Sean Smith 58 run (kick failed) 3:54
O - Venegas 50 fumble return (Tambunga kick) 0:53
O - Tambunga 30 field goal 0:22

	Lions	Badgers
First Downs	5	13
Total yards	184	276
Rushes-yards	33-118	40-191
Passing-yards	66	85
Comp-Att-Int	1-6-0	7-18-1
Punts	7-36	3-42
Fumbles-lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties-yards	5-21	7-55

Lions: from page 1

zone to tie the game 7-7. However, the second quarter belonged to the Lions.

Running back Josh Santos would get Ozona within field goal range, as Tambunga would put it straight through the up-

AREA SCORES

Kermit	54
Eunice, N.M.	0
Alpine	34
Wink	0
Crane	47
Junction	0
Reagan Co.	31
Iraan	18
Sonora	39
Marfa	6
Harper	41
Eldorado	6

rights for his first three points of the season to put Ozona up 10-7. Santos would have 66 rushing yards for the night.

The Badgers couldn't be stopped on the next play as Sean Smith broke through for a 58-yard touchdown. The Lions would stop the two-point conversion to put the score at 13-10.

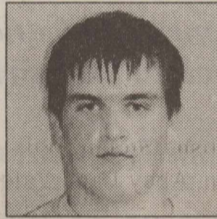
On the Badgers next possession, it seemed to the crowd that Mooney was about to take off down field to score again until a fumble recovered by Felix Venegas made fans turn their heads as the Lion sprinted for a 50-yard touchdown.

The Lions final score would

again come from Tambunga as he kicked his second field goal to seal the victory 20-13.

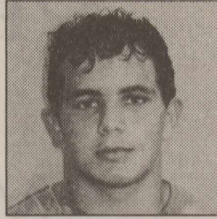
Ozona is now 1-3 overall. The Lions will get the week off before they travel to Marfa next week for their final non-district game. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5.

OFFENSIVE MVP OF THE WEEK



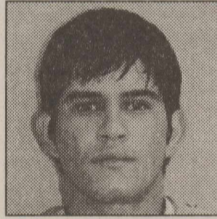
Daniel Anderson
Daniel graded out 90%.

DEFENSIVE MVP OF THE WEEK



Ben Flores
Ben had 12 tackles and one hurry.

SPECIALTIES MVP OF THE WEEK



Mark Tambunga
Mark had two field goals and a punting average of 38 yards.

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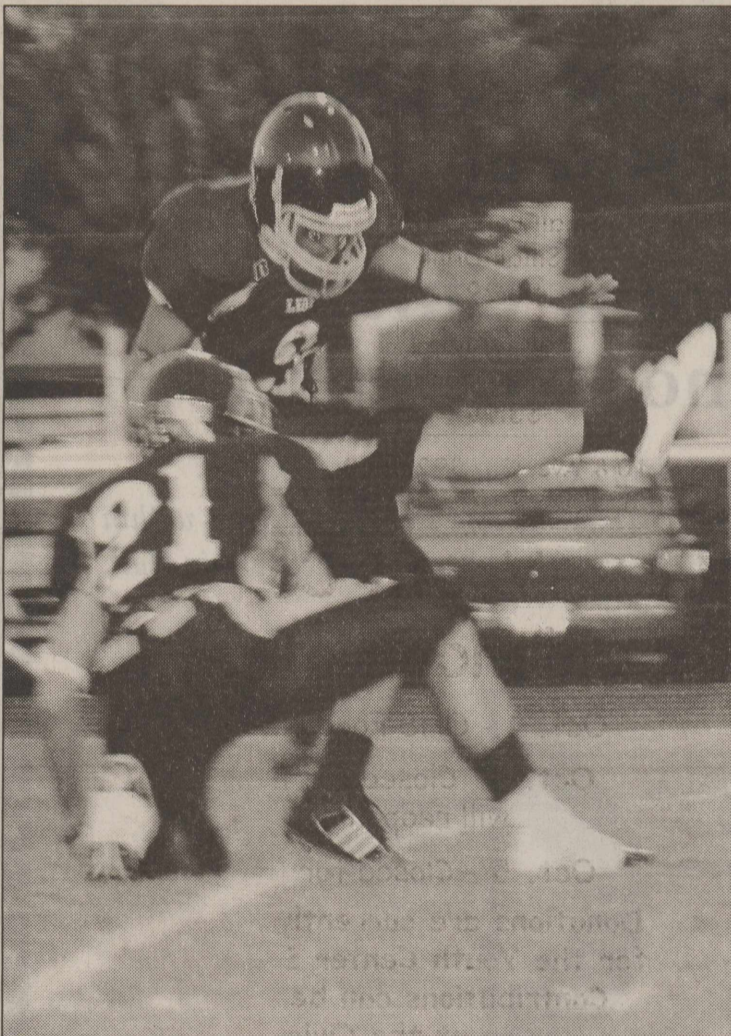


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MARK TAMBUNGA scored two field goals and two PAT's for the varsity Lions in their homecoming win. Holding for Tambunga is Matt Turland.

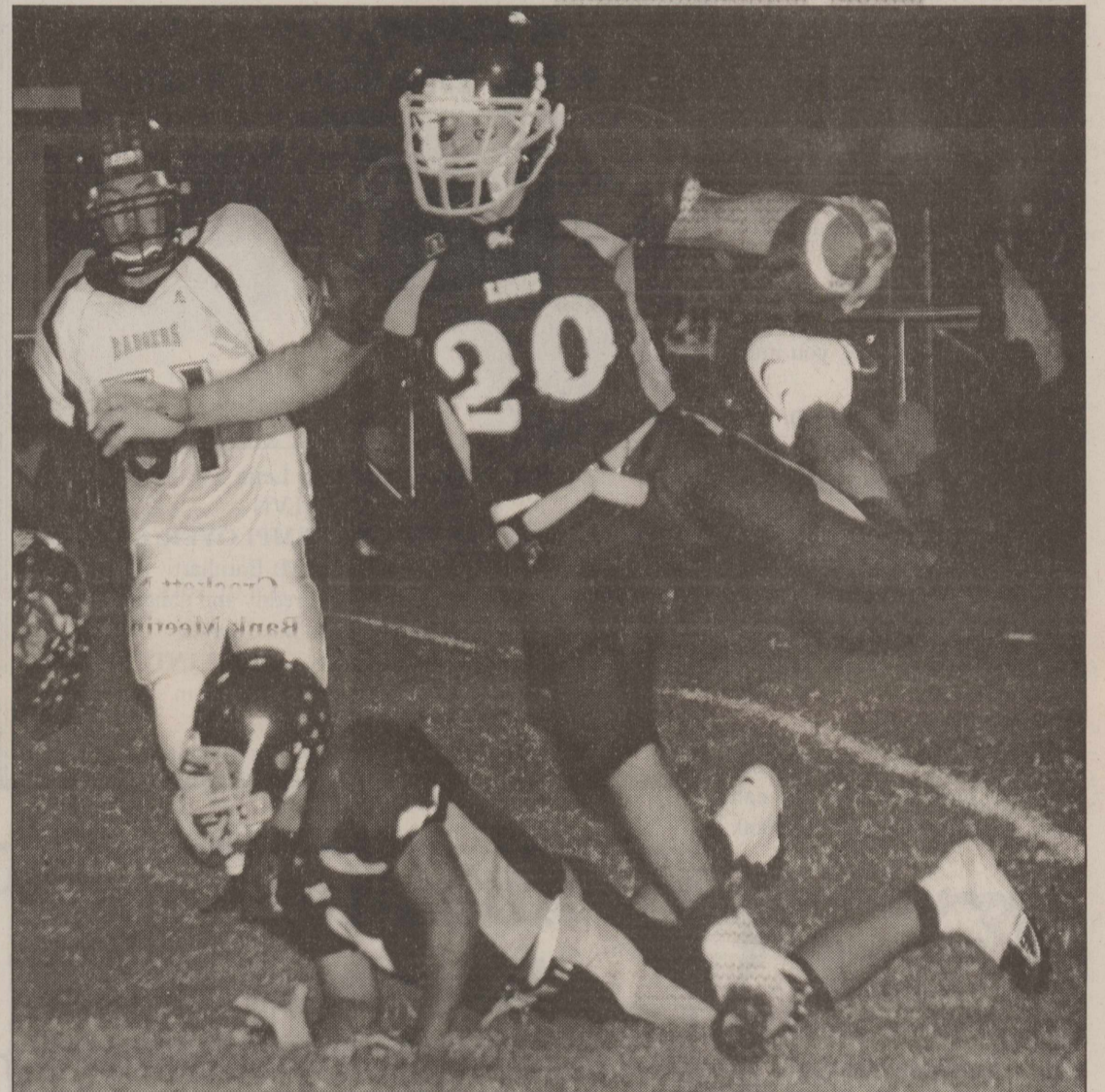


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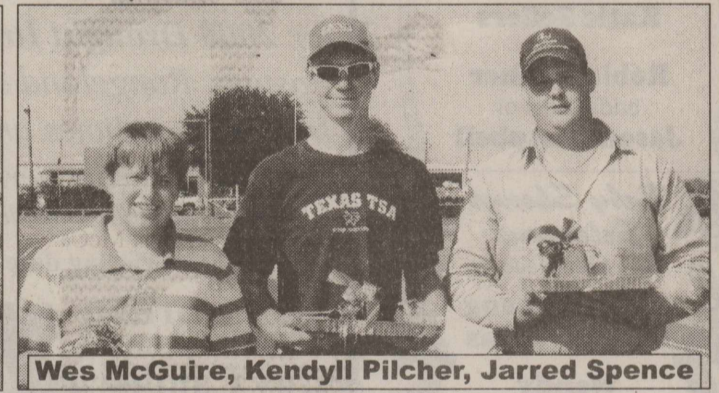
FELIX VENEGAS LEAPS OVER JOSH SANTOS to make a first down for the varsity Lions.

Fan of the Week



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LANE HALE POWERS PAST A TRIO OF BADGERS during the Middle School Lions Sept. 20 game.

Photo by Joe Hernandez

Middle School Lions take down Badgers

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The combined forces of the Seventh and Eighth Grade Lions took down the McCamey Badgers, Thursday night with a 20-16 win.

The young Lions put on a show in their home opener, tallying up 380 yards of offense, said Coach John Esparza.

The Lions were led offensively by Alejandro Mendez's 72 yards rushing and 82 yards passing as well as a touchdown and a two-point conversion.

Mendez completed passes to Steven Rubio for 20 yards, Adriel Zamarripa 10 yards and Andy Trevino 32 yards.

Mark Gallardo led the team in rushing gaining 121 yards and scoring a touchdown.

"Offensively we were able

to control the ball and the line opened up holes down the middle and the fullbacks (Lane Hale, Jon David DeHoyos and Brandon DeHoyos) on the outside. We were also able to complete some passes when we needed first downs," Esparza said. "Defensively we played great. Our front line was able to put pressure on their quarterback and their passing game wasn't able to get going."

Playing up front for the Lions was Jose Lozano, Trevino, Jeffery Sanchez, Zamarripa, Eric Carrizales, Cuatro Jones, Noah Tambunga, Javier Otamendi, Marty Moran, and Adam Gonzales.

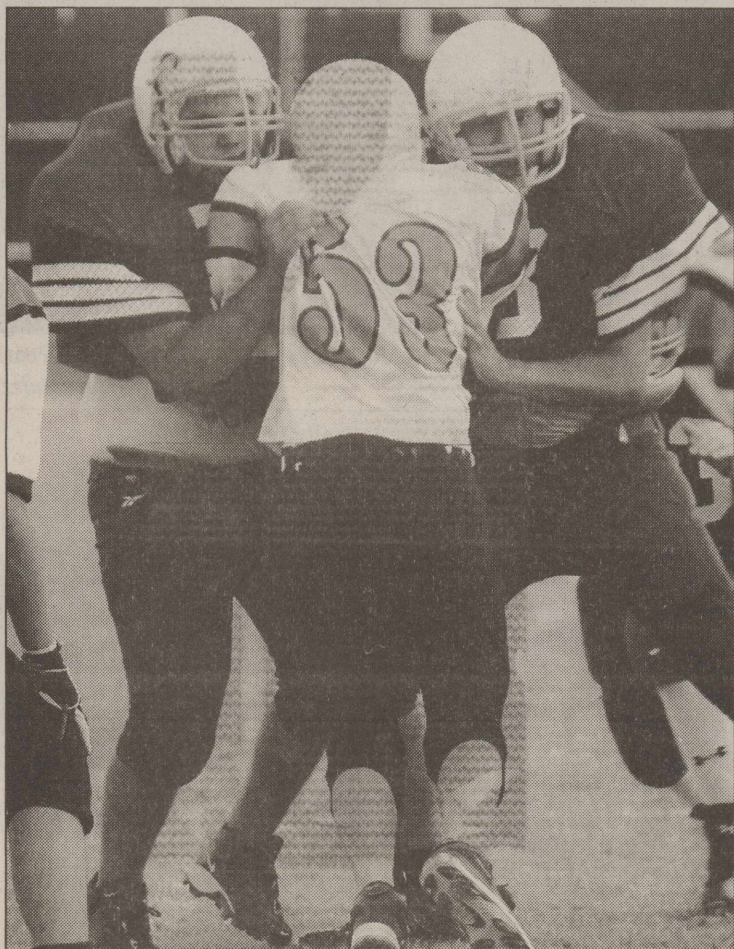
"Our linebackers (Gallardo, B. DeHoyos, Michael Medina, Blake Marrow, Christian Perez, and Austin Perez) did great jobs of filling holes and making

plays," Esparza said.

Austin Perez had a defensive touchdown intercepting a pass on the Badger 6-yard line and returning it for the touchdown.

"The kids just played great all around, it seemed like we had a different person making a play every down, whether it was a big tackle, a big run, a big catch, pass defended, it was just awesome," Esparza said. "This win was a great way to go into the by week and now we can get ready for Del Rio."

Others playing for the Lions: Alex Borrego, Kramer Hall, Kodi Glosson, Rocky Venegas, Nathan Leonard, Mario Sifuentes, Daniel Rios, Robert Hernandez, Jorge Sarabia, Joaquin Meza, Anthony Avila, R.J. Martinez, Brandon Dominguez, Jason Badillo, Josh Tomlinson and Hector Gonzales.



MIKE MEDINA AND JOE LOZANO (r.) show no mercy to a middle school McCamey Badger.

Photo by Joe Hernandez

JV Lions defeat McCamey

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lions outscored the McCamey Badgers 14-12 for the win last Thursday.

The first score came on a 30-yard touchdown pass from Chris Rendon to Kyle Sewell.

Ozona's second score came from a 40-yard pass from Rendon to Abey Lara.

Rendon got the two-point conversion to seal the victory.

"Even though we go behind early, the guys played really well. They were able to stay focused, especially late in the game, and pull out a close win," said Coach Justin Morris.

The JV Lions are now 3-1 overall.

Seventh Grade Lions lose opener to Wall

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions lost to the Wall Hawks 14-6 on Sept. 13.

Brandon De Hoyos scored the touchdown from a yard out.

Brandon also ran the ball effectively throughout the whole game.

Rocky Venegas also racked up several yards during the

game. Kodi Glosson ran for several yards, returned a punt to put the Lions in great field position and had a great game defensively.

Tres Perez, Blake Morrow, Christian Perez, Robert Hernandez, Brandon Dominguez, Joaquin Meza, R.J. Martinez, and Cuatro Jones cleared the way for the effective running game.

"The defense also played well holding the Hawks to two

touchdowns and allowing only one out of two two point conversions," said Coach Jacob Hall.

Daniel Rios had a couple of well placed outstanding punts, Hall said.

"We looked good, but it was our first game. The kids are looking like they are making progress," Hall said. "We do see some things we need to work on, but I am impressed at how hard the Lions came out to play."

Lions, Lady Lions compete at Irion County

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions traveled to Mertzon this past weekend for the Irion County Meet.

Vanessa Rodriguez placed 16th and Vicky Treto placed 19th for Lady Lions.

Also running were Vanessa De La Garza, Rebecca Ramos and Chelsea Moore.

For the Lions, Jesse Badillo placed 19th.

Also running were Ethan English, Stefan Wilson, Kyle Dean, Abey Lara, Lalo Longoria and Bailey Badillo.

In the middle school division, Alex Rodriguez won themeet and Maria Villarreal came in 12th for the Eighth Grade Lady Lions.

Kodi Glosson placed ninth and Cynthia Garcia was 15th for the Seventh Grade Lady Lions.

Also running was Trinity Collis, Italy Villarreal and Sabrina De La Garza.

For the middle school Lions, Tevin Cordova placed 10th and Christian Perez placed 16th. Also running were Jason

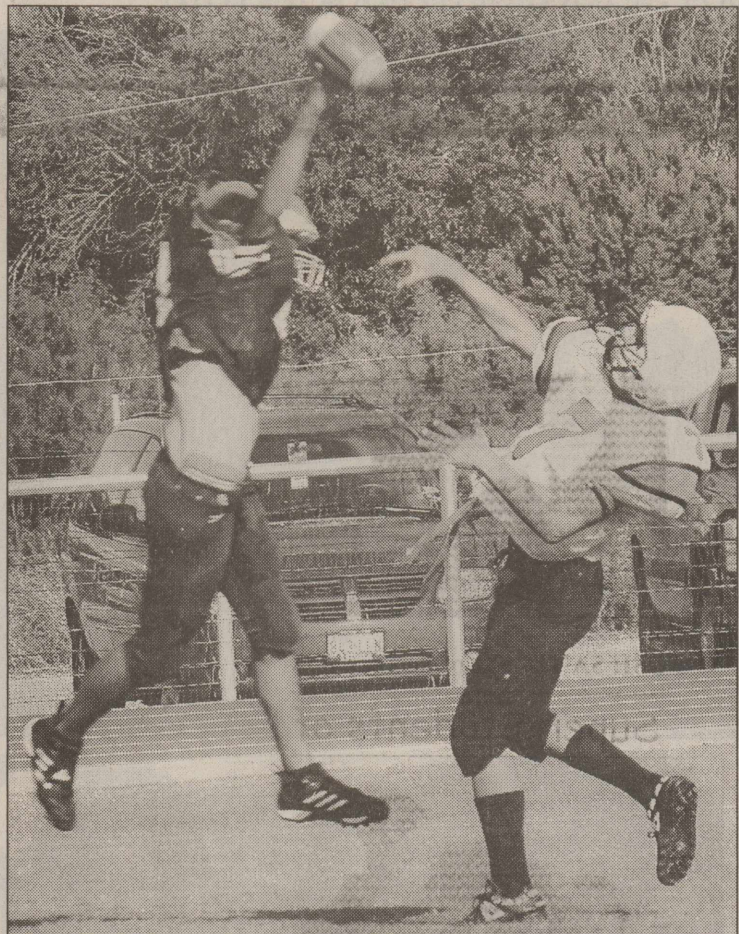
Badillo, Noah Tambunga and Jeffery Sanchez.

The Lions and Lady Lions

will compete Saturday at the

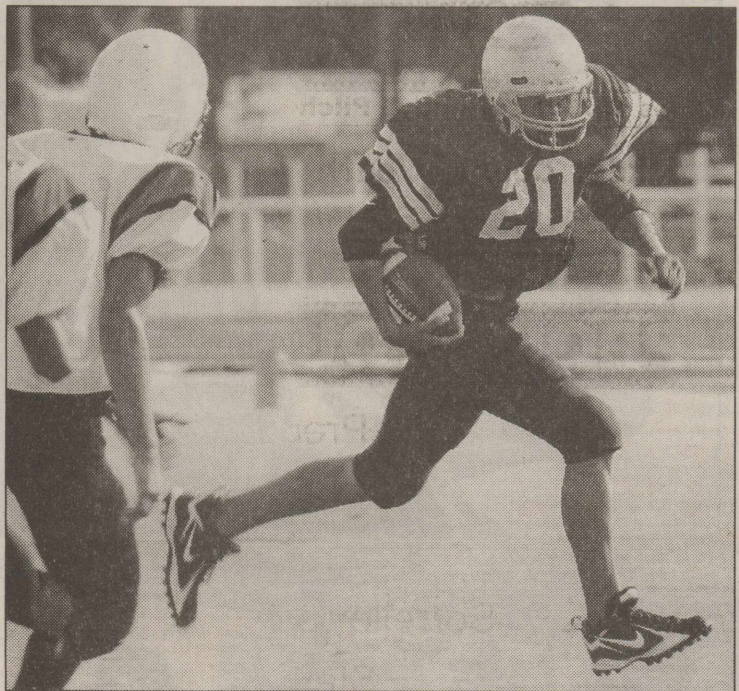
"Running with the Lions" meet

at the Ozona Country Club.



ADRIEL ZAMARRIPA BATS DOWN a pass against McCamey.

Photo by Joe Hernandez



MARK GALLARDO rushed for 121-yards and scored one touchdown for the Ozona Middle School Lions on Sept. 20.

Photo by Joe Hernandez

Project Graduation

will have its first meeting of the 2007-2008 school year on **Tues., Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m. at the Crockett National Bank Meeting Room.**

We are in need of new members to join this committee all parents/community members are welcome to join.

Project Graduation provides a safe and fun graduation night for all OHS students. Senior parents, this is a time to help get involved and raise money for the Class of 2008's scholarships.

Ms. Effinger's Ozona High School Webmastering, Multimedia and Desktop Publishing classes will be entering the Crockett County Museum Photo Contest on Sept. 28, 2007.

The CCCSD will pay the student entry fee of \$5.00 per student.

Students will be responsible for all other project fees covering the picture printing, framing, and wire hanging. Each student has a complete set of contest rules in their possession.

If you should have any questions, please contact Ms. Effinger at glenda.effinger@ozonaschools.net. In advance, parents we thank you for your support!

Lana Stewart
bride-elect of Will Wagner

Jessica Herring
bride-elect of Brian Boulding

Kristen Shurley
bride-elect of Spencer Han

Breanne Davis
bride-elect of Trey Hale

Mrs. Joe Ross
née Katie Sellers

Robin Conner
bride-elect of Jason Campbell

have made selections at

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The OHS Cheerleaders would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's homecoming parade and decorating contest. It was wonderful to see purple and gold everywhere! Your participation helped make homecoming week a success. We would also like to thank the sheriff's department and fire department for their help and support with the bonfire and parade. We could not do it with out them! We hope to see that "homecoming spirit" every week as we cheer the Lions to victory. Thanks Ozona - GO BIG LIONS!

Thank You ONB
The OHS Athletic Booster Club would like to thank Ozona National Bank for running the concession stand for the homecoming game. **100% of the money made goes back to OHS athletics.**
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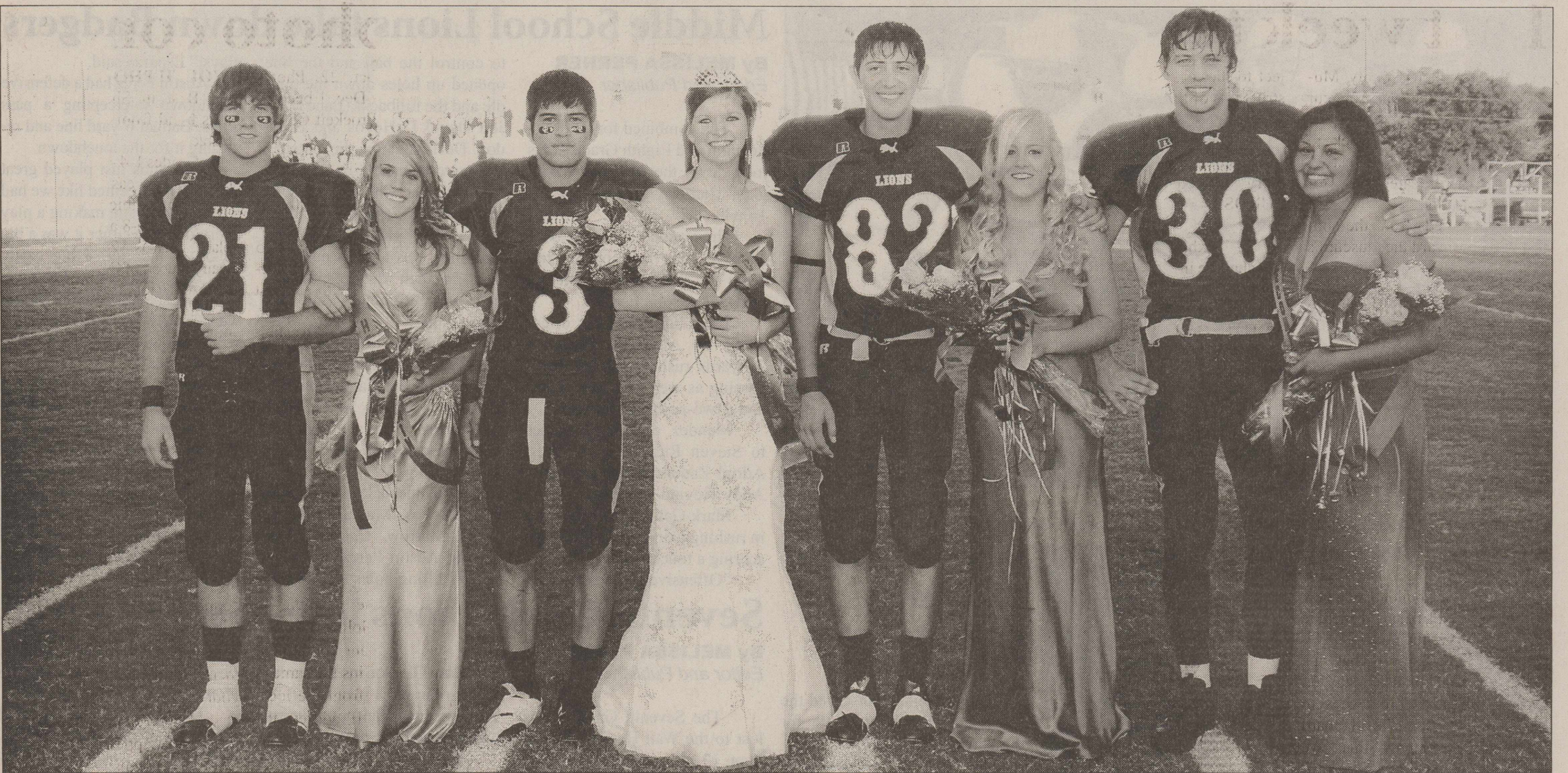
Oct. 1 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Oct. 4 - Closed for football game, will reopen after game.

Oct. 5 - Closed for football game.

Donations are currently being accepted for the Youth Center Scholarship Fund. Contributions can be made at ONB or at the Civic Center.

ATTENTION OZONA LIONS FANS
Ozona Project Graduation invites you to our **Oct. 12 BBQ Chicken Dinner**
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Proceeds benefit Project Graduation



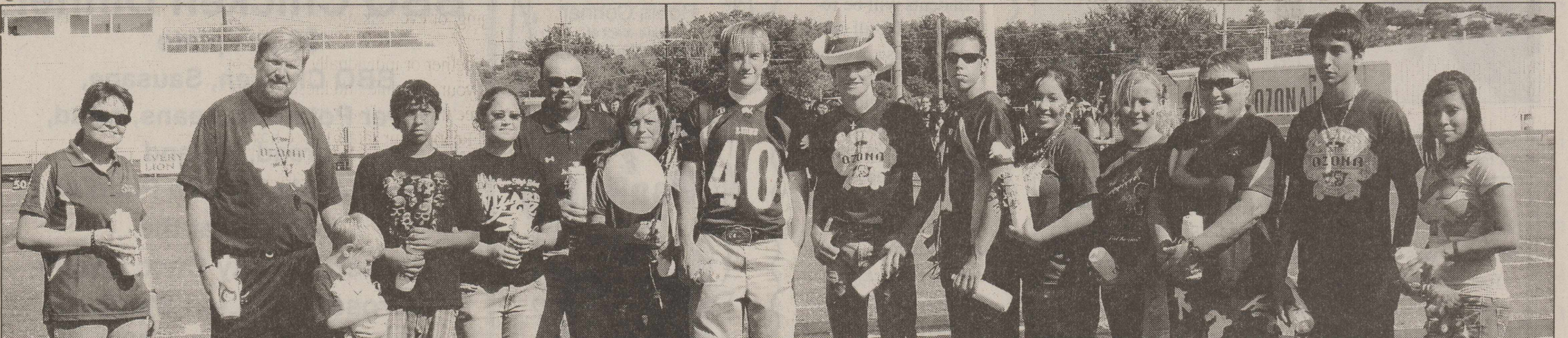
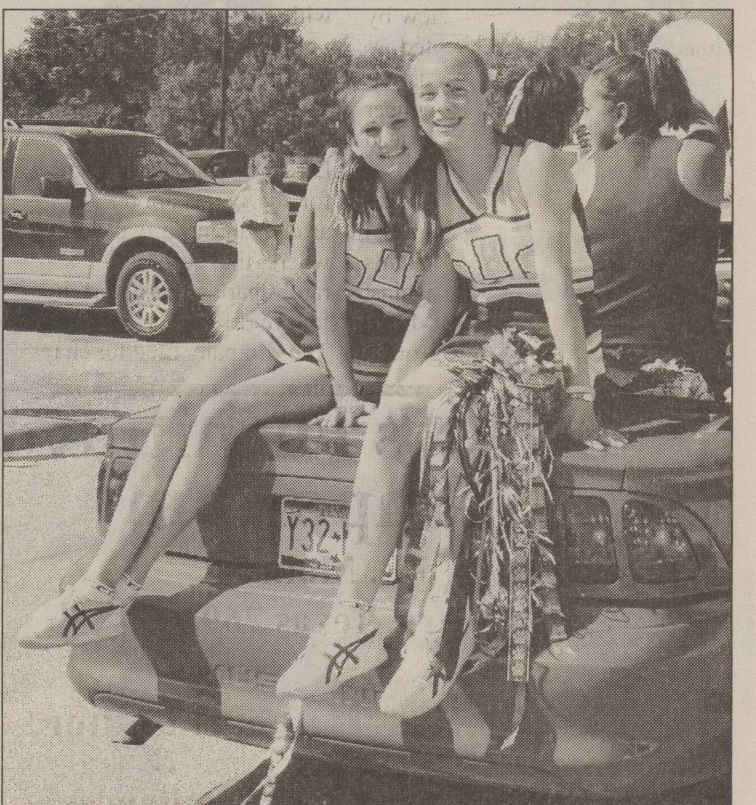
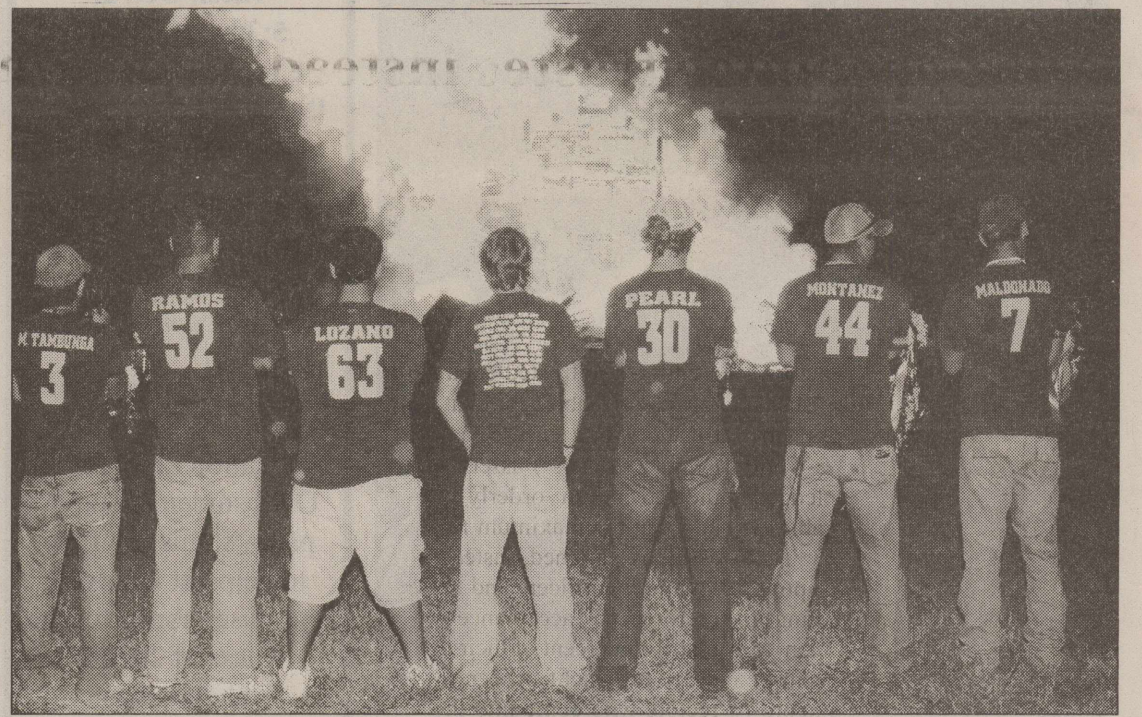
2007 OZONA HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATES AND ESCORTS are: (l. to r.) Matt Turland, Julia Henderson, Mark Tambunga, Brooke Kelly, Josh Smith, Kasey Gray, Aaron Pearl and Cassandra Salazar. Photos by Joe Hernandez



THE OHS SOPHOMORE CLASS AND THEIR WINNING FLOAT.



THE OHS JUNIOR CLASS AND THEIR SECOND PLACE FLOAT



HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK WINNERS are: (not in order) Crazy Day - Julie Gutierrez, Miguel Vergara, Coach Jackson and Cathy English; Hillbilly Day - Iris Vergara, Stanton Najjar, Vicky Valadez and Coach Moore; Hero Day - Russel Komechak, Matthew Komechak, Jackie Pollard, Coach Jackson and Coach Williams; Rock Star Day - Russel Komechak, Matthew Komechak, Christi Rodriguez, Coach Jackson and Ms. Reeb; Spirit Day - Eric Talamantez, Ashley Lewis, Coach Jackson and Coach Williams. Recognized as Best Decorated Businesses - Ozona National Bank, Crockett National Bank, Village Barber Shop, Crockett County Care Center and Dairy Queen.

Last week to submit entries to Museum photo contest

The Crockett County Museum is sponsoring an Amateur Photo Contest.

This is the final week to submit entries for the contest.

There are categories for youth and adults.

All proceeds from the contest will go toward the museum's elevator fund.

RULES & INSTRUCTIONS (Youth and Adult)

1. All entries shall be sub-

ject to the general rules and instructions of this contest.

2. Entry fee of \$5 per Youth entry and \$10 per Adult entry is required. NO REFUNDS.

3. Exhibitors in this contest shall be in one of the following groups:

YOUTH, Grades 1-4
YOUTH, Grades 5-8
YOUTH, Grades 9-12
ADULT, includes people 18 and

over who are out of high school.

4. Photographs in the Youth and Adult categories shall be unretouched photographs.

5. Entries must be FRAMED with glass or Plexiglass, equipped with wire hangers or will not be accepted.

6. Photographs must be no smaller than 4 x 6 inches, and overall size, including frame, not exceed 9 x 12 inches.

7. Entries must be the work of the exhibitor.

8. Awards will be given out for Youth and Adult winners.

9. All photos need to be received by 5 p.m. October 1 at the Museum.

10. Winners will be announced Oct. 15.

11. Photographs can be

picked up by Oct. 22. Photos not picked up by Dec. 1 become property of the Crockett County Museum.

ADULT PHOTO AWARDS:

Best in Show - \$100 gift cert from Petals & Pearls

Eight 1st place awards - \$25 gift cert. from each of these: Circle Bar Restaurant, Hitchin' Post Restaurant, Cafe Next Door, Pepe's Cafe, El Chato's Restaurant, Ozona Chatterbox, Small Fashions and Baskets & More.

YOUTH PHOTO AWARDS:

Best in Show - \$50 savings bond from Ozona National Bank

Grades 1-4 - Three 1st place, each is \$10 cash from Rick & Shannon Hunnicutt

Grades 5-8 and 9-12 - Six 1st place, each is \$20 gift card from Dairy Queen of Ozona, Inc.

All Ribbons are sponsored by First National Bank of Sonora.

For more information, call the Museum at 392-2837.

BOARD: New computer equipment approved

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Koehne said the final amount for the bond will probably be set six weeks before the May election date. That would enable Koehne and the board to get exact figure amounts for the building of a new primary school that will include pre-k through fifth grades.

"I don't know what it's going to take for us to stay on schedule, but I feel like we were on a runaway train," said Board President Dr. Marcus Sims. "We just didn't get our ducks in a row, and I don't want to be rushed this time. This calling a meeting on the last day we call bond, I don't ever want to do that again."

Koehne said that he thought it was a great idea for the board to move the bond election back, due to now having the opportunity to release exact figures and images of the new building.

"You've just reduced the amount of questions and tensions people will have about this by 50 percent," Koehne said.

Sims said he expects to have the bond election on the agenda for every upcoming regular board meeting. Koehne said he plans on attending all regular board meetings in the future.

NEW TRUSTEE ELECTION SCHEDULE & TERMS



Photo by Melissa Perner

PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DAN WEBB (left) and former Primary School Principal Carole Allen (center) accept a donation from Food Basket Manager Dustin Couch and General Mills for 10,000 box tops which is the equivalent of \$1,000. Couch made the presentation during the Sept. 19 board meeting.

The board approved a resolution adjusting their trustee terms and changing the trustee election schedule to coincide with Crockett County.

The next school board election will be November 2008. Those up for re-election will be Sims, Tom Anderson, Carol Buie and Jana Wilson.

Those up for re-election in 2010 will be Dwight Childress, Veronica Fierro and Laurie Hale.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED

The arrangement agreement of the Menard Special Education Cooperative Special Education Shared Services.

During a special meeting Monday, Sept. 24, the board approved \$40,000 request to purchase new computer equipment.

The next regular board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 17 at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.

NRCS Texas accepts applications for EQIP funding

TEMPLE, Texas - Texas agricultural landowners interested in participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) need to apply by Nov. 16, if they have not already done so to be eligible for the next round of funding, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"Although EQIP is a continuous sign-up program, some producers may not have signed up yet," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "We will rank all eligible applications received by the end of the ranking period on Nov. 16 for 2008 funding. There is a strong possibility that EQIP funds will become available in October."

EQIP promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers receive financial and technical assistance to help install conservation practices and to implement management systems that promote conservation. Financial assistance is on a cost-shared basis with the producer. The technical assistance is provided at 100 percent of the cost by NRCS.

According to Gohmert, there are a few changes in EQIP for 2008.

NRCS is adding another statewide resource concern to the program at the recommendation of the State Technical Committee. Funding will be provided in 2008 specifically for conservation practices that improve habitat for the pronghorn antelope in west Texas.

Also new in 2008 will be a process to streamline payments. Instead of the traditional percentage-of-cost rates, NRCS will offer flat-rate payments based on a schedule for each conservation practice. "Landowners will know up-front what the payment in dollars will be," Gohmert said.

"One important component of EQIP that remains the same is the input needed from the local level to make EQIP address the most pressing resource concerns there," Gohmert said. "Our local offices may be holding program development group and local working group meetings very soon to gather that input."

NRCS offices and local soil and water conservation district officials will have more information about local meetings.

To sign up for EQIP or to get more information, contact the NRCS office serving your county.

Look in the phone book under "U.S. Government, Department of Agriculture," or find your service center on the Web at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

You can also get information about Texas NRCS conservation technical assistance and programs at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

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WOOL: Wardlaw Group issues request for court-appointed trustee instead of motion

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The Wardlaw Group is claiming that they have shown the terms of the motion are vague, fail to fully explain the disposition of Wool Growers' assets and effectively prejudice creditors who do not execute a release to the board of directors.

The objection also states that the motion to dismiss violates bankruptcy law since Wool Growers' assets will be pledged as collateral for a note payable to the board of directors.

Wool Growers is attempting to obtain credit without filing a motion, and that the motion to dismiss provides for payment of administrative expenses and professional fees without review by the court, the objection stated.

The Wardlaw Group is requesting that a trustee or examiner to be appointed by the court instead of granting the motion to dismiss.

The trustee would take charge of all of the assets of Wool Growers, including the claims that the corporation has against the directors, said Richard Miller, attorney for the Wardlaw Group.

The trustee would either settle the claims against the directors or file suit, Miller said.

"Cause exists for the appointment of a trustee in this matter to administer the bankruptcy estate so that all unsecured creditors are treated equally and fairly," the objection stated. "A trustee would ensure that all of (Wool Growers') assets are liquidated in an orderly manner and that the maximum return on assets is obtained, instead of allowing the officers and directors to force the acceptance of less than 100 percent of their debts in order to benefit officers and directors who come into the court with unclean hands."

In a memorandum opinion written by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert L. Jones, it states that Wool Growers Board of Directors should be held liable for the corporation's debts that arose during a two-year period where the corporation's corporate charter was forfeited for failure to pay franchise taxes. The company filed for chapter 11

bankruptcy on April 28, 2006.

During this two-year period, many of the company's funds were taken and improperly used, the documents state.

The reason for the corporate charter forfeiture is due to irregularities found by the Wool Growers' accounting firm.

The firm said that there was something wrong with the company's inventory values and that the firm didn't feel comfortable filing a franchise tax return without a physical inventory. The firm then told the Wool Growers Board of Directors to perform a physical inventory, which was never done.

The Wardlaw Group consists of Jack David Wardlaw, Jesse Lem Wardlaw and Wardlaw Brothers, which is composed of Jack David Wardlaw III, Mack Miers Wardlaw and William Chase Wardlaw.

A hearing to rule on the motion has been set for 1:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Federal Courthouse in San Angelo.

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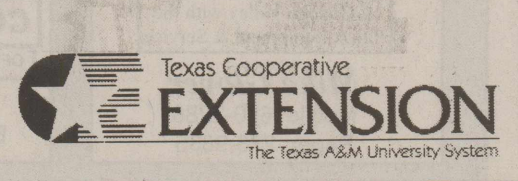
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

The following persons have outstanding Crockett County Warrants. It is recommended that these persons surrender into custody at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office as soon as possible.

consumption of alcohol
CHRISTINE REYES ARANA... of Austin- Crockett County Court-failure to identify
JONATHAN DANIEL BORREGO... of Ozona- Crockett County district court-motion to revoke/evading arrest/detention with vehicle
ARREST REPORT
9-17-07
Miguel Franco, 29, of Ozona and of Mexico, arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while license suspended. He posted bail and was released.

of San Antonio, was transferred from Texas Department of Corrections Facility in Bartlett, Texas for a theft by check warrant from county court. He posted bail and was released.
9-22-07
Joe Sanchez, 24, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for public intoxication. He paid fine and was released.
9-23-07
Israel Adolfo Perez, 28, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with a warrant for assault causing bodily injury (family violence). He remains in custody pending trial/bail.
9-24-07
Betty Ann Yonko, 46, of New York, was transferred from Houston by sheriff's deputy with a county court warrant of failure to identify. She remains in custody pending bail/trial.

Sheriff's office filed a disorderly conduct report - school officials reported a disturbance at a school building by one of the students. One juvenile was detained.
9-20-07
An unattended death report was filed by sheriff's office when a local citizen on 11th Street was pronounced deceased by Justice of the Peace.
An assault causing bodily injury (family violence) report was filed by sheriff's office when victim on Piedra Street reported being assaulted by common law spouse. A warrant was issued and suspect was arrested.
Sheriff's office filed a disorderly conduct report, when school officials reported a disturbance by a known student, who was detained.
9-23-07
An assault causing bodily injury report was filed by citizen on Santa Rosa Street. Victim was assaulted while walking on Primary Street by known person, investigation continues.

State publishes new franchise tax rules, seeks feedback



AUSTIN - Businesses can get a clearer idea of how much franchise tax they are going to pay because of tax law revisions, and the state is welcoming feedback on the new rules.
The rules implementing changes mandated by the state Legislature were published in the Sept. 14 edition of the Texas Register, and a 30-day public comment period started.
The 79th Legislature in 2006 and the 80th Legislature in 2007 devised changes to the franchise tax to help pay for a sweeping property tax cut.
'It is important for all franchise taxpayers, especially those who will be required to report franchise tax for the first time, to review these proposed rules,' Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said.
The Legislature revised the franchise tax by changing the tax base and the tax rate and extending coverage to most legal entities. About 200,000 new entities will have to file franchise tax reports in 2008.
The rules are expected to be adopted in December, according to the Comptroller's office. Taxable entities with total revenue of \$434,782 or less and entities that calculate they owe less than \$1,000 in franchise tax will not be required to pay the tax, but will still have to file a report, Combs said.
HOW TO PAY
FOR IT IS THE QUESTION
Texas transportation officials announced plans to form a working group to figure out how to pay for the Ports-to-Plains Corridor road-building project.
Ports-to-Plains is a proposed divided highway running from Laredo through West Texas to Denver, Colo. Designated as a High Priority Corridor by Congress in 1998, planners intend Ports-to-Plains to expand economic opportunity and serve international trade from Mexico to Canada.
Despite the congressional designation, adequate federal funding has not been provided to cover the cost of the project, officials said.
In addition to economic development and job creation, officials said the corridor could provide a way to transfer energy generated by wind turbines in West Texas to other parts of Texas and the Southwest.
AMNESTY PROGRAM BRINGS IN BUCKS
Comptroller Combs' tax amnesty program, Project Fresh Start, brought in more than \$100 million in unpaid taxes from June 15 through Aug. 16.
The amount included more than \$90 million in state taxes and more than \$10 million owed to local governments, Combs said.
A total of 1,258 businesses reported and paid delinquent taxes. Between 3 percent and 5 percent of those were new taxpayers operating businesses without required tax permits and without paying state taxes.
In exchange for their cooperation and payment, the comptroller waived penalty and interest charges normally added to delinquent taxes.
LAND BOARD REJECTS ALL PROPOSALS
The School Land Board, chaired by Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, on Sept. 18 rejected all six bids for the purchase of the 9,200-acre Christmas Mountains ranch tract in Big Bend.
Patterson said a mistake in the map of the tract in the original bid specifications was the reason.
The Land Board, which will meet again in November, is expected to consider bids again.
'Moving this land out of government hands is in the best interest of the land and those who want to preserve it,' he added.
LANGUAGE CERTIFICATIONS APPROVED
If a Texas public school teacher wants to be state certified to teach a foreign language, the choices are Spanish, French, German or Latin at the secondary school level.
But beginning in October, they can become certified to teach Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Russian and Vietnamese in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade classes.
Karen Loonam, director of educator standards at the Texas Education Agency, said 'These five new certificates were created to be responsive to the needs of multicultural communities and to prepare students for increasing globalization of the economy.'

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

Table with 2 columns: TYPE OF CALLS and # OF CALLS. Includes categories like Abandoned/impounded vehicles, Animal control, Civil Complaints, etc.

INCIDENT REPORTS

9-18-07 Sheriff's office filed a driving while license suspended report as a result from a traffic stop on I-10. One suspect was arrested.

Local EMS runs

The following is a list of runs made by the Crockett County EMS from Sept. 17-23.
SEPTEMBER 17
Local Run on Avenue I, patient transported to Family Health Clinic (FHC).
Transfer from FHC to Hudspeth Memorial in Sonora.
SEPTEMBER 18
Local Run to Avenue L to FHC.
SEPTEMBER 20
Football Standby and-Bonfire Standby.
Transfer from FHC to Shannon Medical Center.
SEPTEMBER 21
Football Standby.
SEPTEMBER 22
Local Run at mile-marker 366 on west Interstate-10. No transport.
Local Run at Blas Street, patient transported to FHC.
SEPTEMBER 23
Local Run at mile-marker 341 on I-10. No transport.
Local Run to north Taylor Box Road. Transported patient to Ozona Airport for Air Med 1 transport to Shannon Medical Center.

Fire department runs

The following is a list of runs made by the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department from Sept. 22.
SEPTEMBER 22
3:25 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident at mile-marker 366 on Interstate-10. Worked traffic. Two units and four fire fighters responded.
SEPTEMBER 23
1:46 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, mile-marker 341 on I-10. Assisted with traffic. Four units and nine fire fighters responded.
11:49 a.m. - Assisted EMS on County Road 108 at an oil field accident. Two units and six fire fighters responded.

Junction Stockyards Market Report

Sheep and Goats
Sept. 24, 2007
Total receipts 3,251 head. Kids 2-5 lower. Fat nannies 1-3 lower. Other classes steady.
#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs. 1.02-1.14
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs. 90-1.02
Fat ewes 36-40
Thin ewes 12-28
Bucks 25-34
Baby Tooth Ewes 60-72
Solid Mouth Ewes 37-48
Baby Tooth Angora stocker nannies 70-1.02
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies 35-48
Stocker Angora muttons 50-70
Angora Kids 1.20-1.50
Angora Kids-shorn 95-1.20
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin) 20-35
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies 32-35
Stocker Spanish nannies 65-95
Fat Spanish nannies 35-40
Fat Spanish muttons 90-1.15
Fat Spanish billies 72-88
Fat yearlings 95-1.07
Fat Spanish kids 1.00-1.12
Small kids 90-1.08
Thin kids 85-92
Spanish nanny & kid pairs 36-41/hd
Next Sale Oct. 1

CINEMARK advertisement for Tinseltown theater listing showtimes for various movies like Feast of Love, The Game Plan, etc.

Oilfield Supply advertisement with large vertical text and logo.

MULTI-CHEM advertisement for gas enhancement chemicals, listing products and contact info.

THE GLOVER COMPANY advertisement for frac tank rentals and other services.

Bridges Port-A-Potty Inc. advertisement for oilfield portable bathrooms.

Ozona Truck Towing & Emergency Repair advertisement for diesel engine repair and towing.

Fenton's Transport & Rental advertisement for AC generators and storage tanks.

LILLY CONSTRUCTION, INC. advertisement for ready mix concrete and ditching machines.

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Table providing rig locations for Crockett County, Sutton County, and Terrell County, including operator, lease, and contractor information.

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Public Notices

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Crockett County P.O. Box 1857 Ozona, TX 76943
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: Seventeen (17) days after this publication Crockett County intends to request the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383), for Project No. 725221.
Exempt Activities
Administration
Engineering
Environmental Assessment Activities
ORIGINAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Crockett County, on behalf of the Ozona Community and the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District (WCID), originally proposed to provide wastewater system improvements to address Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) deficiencies. Construction was to include approximately one thousand five hundred seventy linear feet (1,570 l.f.) of four-inch (4") force main, one (1) new lift station, one (1) new System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, pavement repair and all necessary appurtenances. Installation of the SCADA system was proposed at the new lift station and main wastewater treatment plant. Construction of the new force main was proposed to take place along Mesquite Drive from Angus Street to new lift station in order to provide the means to close the Chandler Wastewater Plant and pump the wastewater to the Main wastewater treatment plant. The existing Chandler wastewater treatment plant will be closed.

NEW PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
However, due to easement and cost considerations, Crockett County is proposing, on behalf of the Ozona Community and the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District (WCID), to make wastewater system improvements to address Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) deficiencies, by means of the construction of approximately two thousand one hundred forty-one linear feet (2,141 l.f.) of four-inch (4") force main, one thousand nine hundred seventy-four linear feet (1,974 l.f.) of ten-inch (10") PVC sewer line, one (1) new lift station, one (1) new System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, pavement repair and all necessary appurtenances. Installation of the SCADA system will be at the new lift station and main wastewater treatment plant. Construction of the new force main is proposed to take place along the north Interstate 10 frontage road/Loop 466 from the new lift station approximately two thousand one hundred forty-one linear feet (2,141 l.f.) east to an existing manhole at Ave. J and Loop 466. The existing Chandler wastewater treatment plant will be closed.

Finding of No Significant Impact
It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named Crockett County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by Crockett County which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the office of the Administrative Assistant to County Judge, Crockett County, 907 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas 76943 and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Public Comments on Finding
All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County to the address set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the County will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence.

Release of Funds
Crockett County will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant under Title I from its program year 2005-2006 under grant numbered 725221 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Crockett County is certifying to ORCA that Fred Deaton, in his official capacity as County Judge, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Crockett County may use the Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. ORCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the basis and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Office of Rural Community Affairs, P. O. Box 12877, Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on basis other than one of those stated above will not be considered by ORCA. No objection received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by ORCA. The Chief Executive Officer of Crockett County is Fred Deaton.

NOTICE TO PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MAGGIE SEAHORN MOORE, DECEASED

John Scott Moore Sr., Leslie Brent Moore Sr., were appointed Independent Executors and Donna Moore Nieri was appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of Maggie Seahorn Moore, Deceased, and each were granted Letters Testamentary by order of the County Judge of Crockett County, Texas, on September 17, 2007. All persons having claims against the estate being administered are required to present the same within the time prescribed by law. Claims may be addressed in care of the Executor's attorney, Joe Warren Friend Jr., at P.O. Box 1966, Ozona, Texas 76943. 1c35

BID NOTICE
The Crockett County Water Control & Development District No. 1, 511 11th St., P.O. Box 117, Ozona, Texas 76943-0117 will receive sealed (not faxed) bids for ONE 2008 three quarter ton pick-up truck until 5:00 p.m., October 8, 2007. Bid specifications can be obtained by contacting Crockett County WCID#1. Any bid received after that time will be returned unopened. Bids will be open at the Regular Monthly Board Meeting October 8, 2007. 2c35

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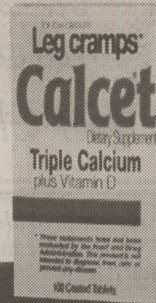
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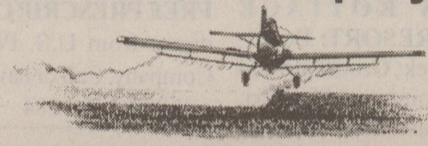
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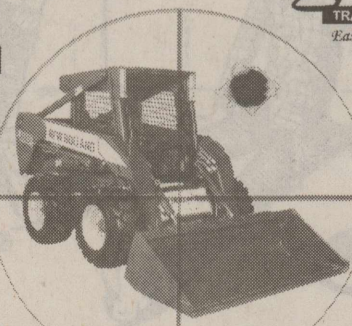
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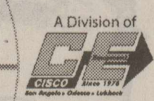
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