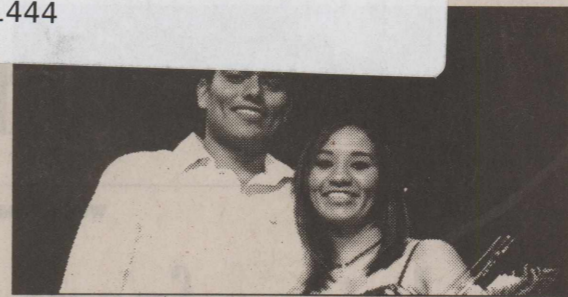


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## OHS Class of 2009 graduates Friday



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### OZONA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2009

The Ozona High School graduation ceremony will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Lion Stadium. For more on the Class of 2009 see The Ozona Stockman's special graduation edition inside this week's issue.

## King named interim superintendent

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

John King has been named interim superintendent until June 9 when the board will meet again in a special meeting to hire Chris duBois as superintendent. That meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Currently the assistant superintendent of finance at Grape Creek ISD, duBois was named the Lone Finalist for superintendent on May 18. State law requires a 21-day waiting period for finalists before the board can officially offer a contract.

Superintendent Abe Gott resigned in April and will leave at the end of week to become the new superintendent at Blackwell ISD.

Also on the agenda for Monday's meeting was the Athletic Director position. The board met in executive/closed session for 3.5 hours and called Athletic Director Matt Gutierrez into the

executive session for about 20 minutes.

No decision was made by the board when they reconvened in open session.

Board President Dr. Marcus Sims said the district still has an Athletic Director at this time, and at this time the district is not looking for a new one.

Sims also said that the board does not make decisions in executive/closed session that all board decisions are made in open session.

### CHANGE ORDERS APPROVED FOR NEW SCHOOL

The board approved a \$53,541 change order for gas heating in the cafeteria, kitchen, gymnasium, library, music classroom and the existing four classrooms in the new elementary school.

This was done during the board's regular meeting held on May 20.

Architect Douglas Koehne presented results of researching the cost to change to gas heating. Koehne said that gas prices over the last 10 years have been more volatile than electric, which means a saving may not be seen until 20 to 30 years out.

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## Remembering fallen heroes

BY MELISSA PERNER  
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Remembering those who gave their lives for freedom through song, prayers and words was part of the annual Memorial Day ceremony held Monday at the Veterans Wall between Lima and Cedar Hill Cemeteries.

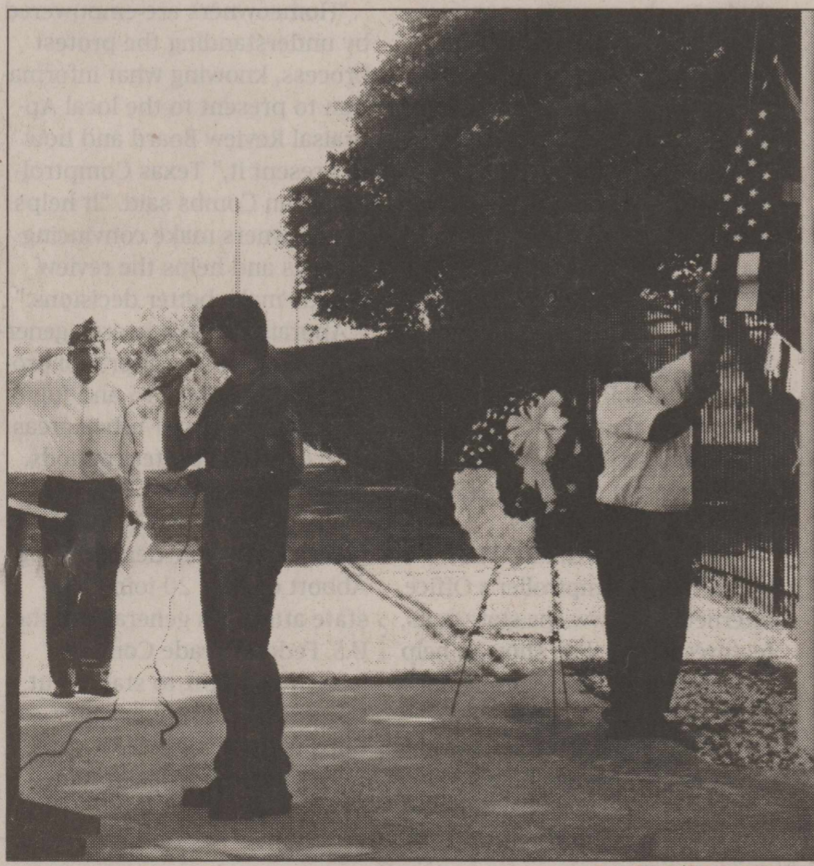
More than 400 Crockett County Veterans are buried at the two cemeteries, said Frank Tambunga, event coordinator.

"Across the country, people are pausing today to remember them. America needs heroes today, just as we needed them throughout history," Tambunga said. "American heroes can be sure that their sacrifices are not forgotten, that they did not die in vain."

Tambunga's son Roman, a 2007 graduate of Ozona High School, sang "The National Anthem" and led the crowd in "The Pledge of Allegiance."

Two current OHS seniors were recognized as being the American Legion and Crockett County Veterans Outstanding Students.

The first is Ethan English for his dedicated service to always assisting with the ceremony and for "leading his peers by example," Tambunga said.



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ROMAN TAMBUNGA (center) sings "The National Anthem" as his father Frank Tambunga salutes (left) and Johnny Tambunga posts the colors during Monday's Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Wall between Lima and Cedar Hill Cemeteries.

The second is Nathan Knox, also for being a leader in his class and for the two trees and benches he provided at the Veterans Wall as part

of his Eagle Scout project. "We appreciate all their hard work," Tambunga said. "It's services like these that will keep memories alive."

## Comptroller: 'We have a healthy economy'

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The economy in Texas is better off than the rest of the country, but the legislature is not neglecting the fact that using the state's "rainy day fund" will have to be used in the future.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs gave this report to Crockett County officials, officials from Irion County and community members during her visit on May 22 at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

Combs gave a report on the Texas economy and the state's budget. Unlike the rest of the country, Combs said Texas has a diversified economy that has helped the state to stay afloat.

Texas runs the 12th largest economy in the world, one that's more diverse than Canada's or Mexico's, Combs said.

"We have dodged the recession bullet. Yes, we have had job losses but I believe that is coming down and we should level out in the summer," she said.

Texas' home foreclosure rate is one of the best in the country, Combs said. In Texas only one out of 850 hous-



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TEXAS COMPTROLLER SUSAN COMBS (right) speaks to Crockett County Judge Fred Deaton and Justice of the Peace Jim Hearne (center) during her visit on May 22 at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

es are being foreclosed on, compared to California and Florida at one out of 175 and Nevada which is one out of every 70.

"We have a healthy economy," she said. "It is not an accident that Texas is responsible for over 70 percent of all new job creation across the entire country in 2008. A lot of people believe that this part of the country will be the next migration population boom."

Combs also said when the oil boom went bust in the mid-1980s, the legislature created a "rainy day fund" which is up to \$6.7 billion.

Despite, the "healthy economy" Combs said the legislature will have to use the "rainy day fund" in their next session. The fund is expected to be up to \$9.1 billion.

"You can't get something for nothing, and everything costs money," she said.

In the next session, the legislature is going to look at revising the franchise tax that was passed in 2006 to help with school funding.

Combs said legislators were counting on the franchise tax raising up to \$5.9 billion.

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## Galindo responds to letter from Lozano about the sheriff's office

Dear Editor:

The response to Steven Lozano's letter:

There is no need to apologize on stating your opinion.

First of all, you have not been out here since we had elections. The sheriff we had before is not compared to the sheriff we have now.

The people that are in there working in our jail is not compared to the ones that were there before.

There are about three of the same and all the others are new.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Like you said you are not out here to experience what goes on out here.

But, until you are out in the free world is when you will know were I come from.

Another thing, my family and myself are not the only ones being harassed. A lot of other people are, but a lot of people are scared to speak their mind. Which, nobody should be scared to state their opinion.

Steven, if that is what you call criticizing and slandering somebody, then call it what you want because I don't call it that.

In a matter of fact, I just call it stating my opinion and whatever I have to say about the sheriff's office, they forget where they come from.

It does not take a rocket scientist to see what is going on. If you were out here you would see it with your own two eyes.

It would be like me getting caught with a DWI and going to jail, saying I'm not going to drink anymore and saying I saw the light and then going out the next day to drink again.

Nobody is perfect, but just wait until you

are out.

Also, the statement that I made about 90 percent of the people go back for the same thing, it is a statement and get it like you want but it is the truth.

The mistakes are made and the people will view you like they want to view you.

All you can do is prove the people wrong.

JoAnn V. Galindo  
Ozona, Texas

## To the Class of 2009: the world awaits

Another school year has come and gone. As the Class of 2009 prepares for graduation, I want to offer some advice from someone who was in their shoes more than a decade ago.

When you walk across that stage, you are entering into another part of your life.

Someone once told me that the four years spent in high school are the best ones in your life. While I agree that these four years are memorable, I believe, that the best is yet to come for our graduates.

The world is at your feet, but it's up to you to decide how you're going to take that crucial first step.

Whether or not you choose to pursue higher education, or jump into a career, opportunities are out there just waiting for you to grab hold of them.

Of course, there will be times when you are met with temptation, both good and bad.

It's in these moments you have to remember what you've been taught because mom and dad won't always be there to ask. Trust me on this one.

For those of you entering college, you will learn more outside the classroom than in, but go to class. Without those classes, there is no degree.

Be nice to everyone you meet, even if they are not nice to you.

Have a good attitude. My dad always told me that one. As always, dad was right. A good attitude will get you through the toughest times and the hardest decisions.

Trust in your faith. It can also lead you down the right path.

Keep in touch with your friends.

While you may go your separate ways, e-mail, write letters, make a phone call, text message, just let each other know how you are doing. I bet they will be in the same boat



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as you are. You will have to work in a job that you don't want, at least one or two times, before you find the right one.

Remember, it builds character and reminds you of what you want to achieve.

This year's class is a unique blend of characters. Yes, I mean characters, not students.

Each one has a story, a tale to tell, is a part of history that will continue on after they receive their diplomas.

This is not the end of your book, but only the ending of a chapter.

Ahead of you lies the wide open world ready for you to explore.

That exploration may take many of you to a university campus. It may take some of you overseas to serve our country.

For others, your journey may begin earning a living.

Whatever path you choose remember you are the author of your own book of life. What theme it will be depends on which choices you make.

As the Class of 2009 heads out into the world, I want to remind you of some advice from a good doctor named Seuss:

"Be sure when you step, step with care and great tact. And remember that life's a great balancing act. And will you succeed? Yes! You will indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed). Kid, you'll move mountains!" - from "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"

Congratulations to the class of 2009. Good luck to all of you!

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She is a graduate of the Class of 1996 from Seagraves High School.

## My Tail Of Whoa

I can't help but think that part of the reason for our current economic troubles are all the drastic changes brought about by the new economy, which is based on the personal computer and the Internet. I'm not saying it's a bad thing but industries and businesses have been turned upside down by all the new technology.

The Dotcom Generation now gets their news via the Internet, the morning newspaper is disappearing right along with breakfast, and the computer has made writers out of people who can't spell and don't have much to say. Amazon is selling books that can be downloaded on to a little plastic screen and soon there will be no need for bookshelves or books. How very sad.

Lonely people now try to find their dates on the Internet instead of the local bar and retailers by the big box full are going bankrupt because consumers are shopping online instead of in person. Banks need fewer tellers as a result of ATM's and draftsmen have been replaced by computer programs. Many workers have been laid off or unemployed because they were replaced by a keyboardist at a computer. And many times that key puncher isn't even in this country!

You can't convince me that at least some of the shenanigans on Wall Street weren't made possible by sophisticated computer programs that allowed crooks to cook up Ponzi schemes and sucker strate-



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gies and then hide their crimes. Some of us have not responded well to the revolution in productivity that was ushered in by Pac Man. Although I write on an Apple Macintosh computer, and have since 1984, in many other ways I am stuck in the dark ages of the 1970's.

I still take pictures with film, my address book is handwritten and the only Blackberry in my house is in the refrigerator. I navigate the information superhighway well but when I get spammed, illegally downloaded, put on hold by tech support or someone uses my computer to spy on me, there is no one in cyberspace to hear my screams.

It's not the first time, nor it will be the last, when game-changing technology transformed our economy and who we are as people. Surely lives were changed just as dramatically by electricity, the industrial revolution and indoor plumbing. Even bigger than those changes brought about by the computer, I think the end of the horse age and the dawning of the automobile era must have been even more unsettling. There were people back then who, like me, did not make the change very well either.

There was a time in this country when the words "horse" and "power" were synonymous and our plows, guns, taxis and freight wagons were pulled by horses. Then as now, the horses took a lot of the work out of our work.

Can you imagine the jobs that were completely erased when a single tractor replaced a team of as many as 32 horses that pulled one grain harvester? The lives of horseshoers, bridle makers and feed and grain merchants were turned topsy turvy, just like now.

Eventually those jobs were replaced by careers for mechanics, tire manufacturers and loan sharks. But it took time. And it will this time too, no doubt.

One of those people who, like me, did not make the transition well was Doctor W.T. Lucas. Although you could count on W.T. to make house calls in all kinds of weather when he rode his horse, it was a different matter entirely when he came by car. The good Doctor drove an auto until he was 90, not well mind you, but he did drive.

To give you an idea of his prowess behind the wheel, W.T.'s garage was open on both ends just in case the good Doctor got it in the wrong gear. And when he'd arrive to make a house call, instead of applying his foot to the brake pedal, he would pull back on the steering wheel and yell at the top of his lungs, "Whoa."  
My sentiments exactly.

## Senate bill would put brakes on TxDOT's toll road promoting

AUSTIN — The Texas House tentatively approved HB 2142, legislation to prevent the Texas Department of Transportation from promoting toll roads.

Now the bill, by Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, moves to the Senate for consideration. An identical bill, SB 384 by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, gained Senate approval and has moved to the House for consideration.

Either bill, if passed, would put a clamp on TxDOT's practice of using various means to influence public opinion in favor of toll road construction.

Under the legislation, TxDOT no longer would be authorized to engage in marketing, advertising, or other activities for the purpose of influencing public opinion about the use of toll roads or the use of tolls as a financial mechanism.

"TxDOT needs to be committed to the goals of the public, not just promoting its own goals," McClendon said.

TxDOT would continue to have the authority to conduct marketing and advertising activities to inform the public in

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regard to the status of pending and ongoing toll projects.

#### SENATE PASSES CAMPUS GUNS BILL

The Texas Senate on May 19 approved a bill that would allow students who possess a concealed handgun permit to carry a firearm on college and university classrooms, dormitories and other public buildings on campus.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, author of SB 1164, said shootings at colleges in other states inspired his bill.

"They were picked off like sitting ducks in the classroom in Virginia," he said. "I just think we ought to be able to defend ourselves from that kind of situation. It happens very rarely, but when it does happen, it's catastrophic."

#### SHOW HELPS IN APPRAISAL PROTEST

The Texas Comptroller's Office Internet site, www.cpa.state.tx.us, features a new slide show to help homeowners who are protesting their property tax appraisals.

"How to Present Your Case at an Appraisal Review Board Hear-

ing: A Guide for Homeowners" makes the property tax process more transparent by providing easy-to-understand information about what to expect at a property appraisal protest hearing.

"Homeowners are empowered by understanding the protest process, knowing what information to present to the local Appraisal Review Board and how to present it," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "It helps homeowners make convincing appeals and helps the review boards make better decisions."

Appraisal review boards generally hear property appraisal protests between May 15 and July 25, except in major urban areas with extended protest periods.

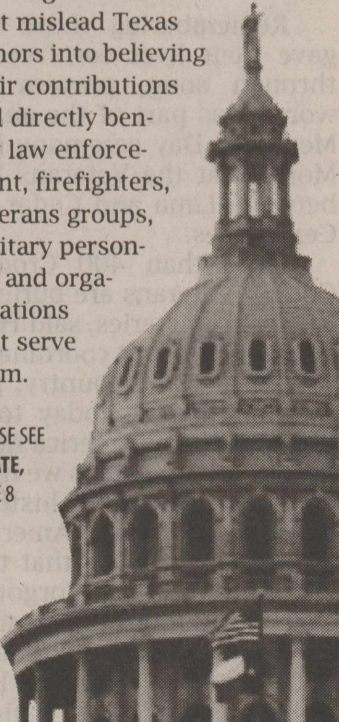
#### AG JOINS IN 'FALSE CHARITY' SWEEP

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on May 20 joined 33 state attorneys general and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission in an effort to stamp out fraudulent charitable solicitations nationwide. Abbott launched an online

portal that gives Texans greater access to information about law enforcement organizations that rely upon telemarketing to raise funds from the general public: [http://www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/charitysearch\\_info.shtml](http://www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/charitysearch_info.shtml).

"Operation False Charity" targets solicitors that mislead Texas donors into believing their contributions will directly benefit law enforcement, firefighters, veterans groups, military personnel and organizations that serve them.

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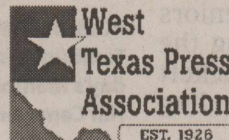
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### Wallace-Aiguier to wed in August

Pete and Trudy Barrera of Ozona and Ronald Wallace of Mauriceville, Texas are proud to announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Melanie Ann Wallace to Parrish Aiguier, son of Dora Aiguier of Ozona and Brett Bentley of Midland.

Melanie is the granddaughter of Bill and Wanda Wallace of San Angelo and Lowery and Gertrude Irwin of McCamey. Parrish is the grandson of Eustolia Villarreal and the late Azael Villarreal of Ozona.

The bride-elect is a 2008 graduate of Ozona High School and is employed by Citibank of Midland. The groom is a 2008 graduate of Ozona High School and is employed by Quinn Pumps in Midland.

The couple will be united in marriage at the Pecan Park Pavilion in San Angelo on August 30, 2009. After a honeymoon trip to San Antonio, the couple will reside in Midland.

### Stewart graduates from West Point

WEST POINT, N.Y. - Cadet Jake Edward Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stewart of Ozona, Texas, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on May 23. Jake is the grandson of Lorelei Hankins of Rocksprings.



Stewart graduated from Ozona High School in 2004. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in Economics. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Infantry branch and will report to Fort Hood, Texas for his first assignment.

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For more information go to www.westpoint.edu.

### Bird, Owens and Richie graduate from Angelo State

Three Ozona High School graduates received their diplomas from Angelo State University during the 2009 spring commencement exercises on May 16 at the Junell Center in San Angelo.

Jared G. Bird, son of Richard Bird, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree.

Dawson C. Owens, son of James and Cindy Owens, also graduated with a bachelor of science degree.

Sara Richie, daughter of Mack and Carol Richie, graduated with a bachelor of arts degree.

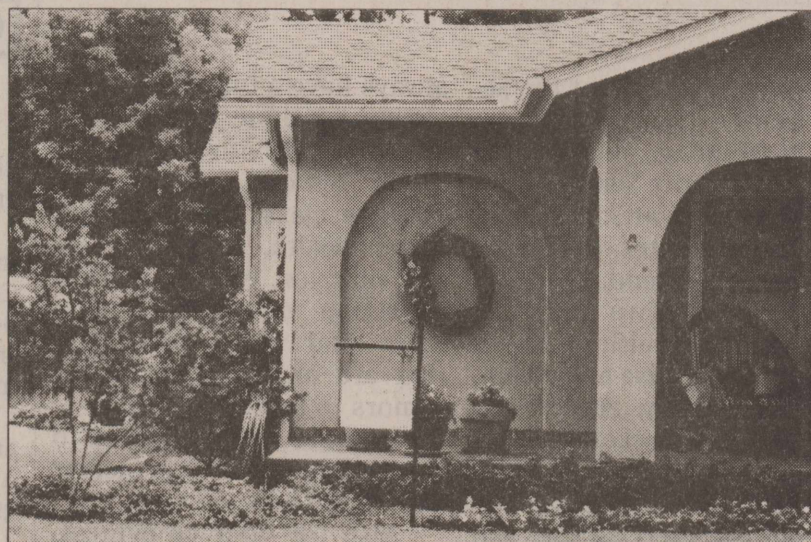
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THE HOME OF WILL and BETH HOOVER has been selected as Garden of the Month by the Ozona Garden Club for the beautiful lawn and arrangement of flowers.



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VICKI STOKES was honored at a retirement party last week at Ozona Elementary School. Stokes retired from teaching after 33 years, all of them in Ozona.

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## Community Calendar

- Wednesday, May 27**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Pre-K through Second Grade awards, 9 a.m. at the intermediate school.
  - Ozona Head Start Graduation, 5 p.m. at the Civic Center.
  - Eighth Grade Promotion, 6 p.m. at the high school auditorium.
- Thursday, May 28**
- Third through Fifth Grade awards, 9 a.m. at the intermediate school.
  - Answers on Aging, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friday, May 29**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - OHS Graduation, 8 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- Sunday, May 31**
- Ozona Royals vs. Sonora, 1:30 p.m. at the north baseball field.
- Monday, June 1**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Senior Center Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Wednesday, June 3**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

## Happy Birthday

- May 27 - Susan Calloway, Wilda Ramos, Suzann Anderson, Cecil Necessary, Joe Angel Perez and Kaylen Hernandez
- May 28 - Puja Bhakta, Riley Denman, Avery Edinburg and Chloe Edinburg
- May 29 - Mayeli Gutierrez, Oscar Sanchez Jr., Lana Chandler, Mozelle Houston and Devin Vargas
- May 30 - Kassandra Baltazar, Bryan Salinas, Lupe Gonzales, Kathleen Edinburg and Sydney Flores
- May 31 - Madeline Stokes and Lexi Poindexter
- June 1 - Corey Mitchel, Christy Vasquez, Royce Newton, Zay Gonzales and Stephanie Hansen
- June 2 - Jodi Adcock, Angelina Ramos, Becca Enriquez, Erika Conner, Brandi Buchanan, Benny Granger, R.J. Martinez, Clemon Sniffen and Raynaldo Martinez

**2009 OHS Seniors**  
are invited to make selections

Daniel Anderson	Tommy Longoria
Kara Bird	Sarah Lott
Barbara Caperton	Melissa Miller
Lathom Ducote	Miranda Munoz
Ethan English	Rebecca Rueffer
Nick Hill	Chelsea Spence
Matthew Komechak	Heather Thompson
Nathan Knox	Felix Venegas
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**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

BY LYNN ENGLISH  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

We are now in the last week of May and like all the other months it went by in a short flash.

Crockett County Senior Center and Helping Hands were closed Memorial Day on Monday and we hope all of you had a safe day as we remember the men and women who gave their lives for our country.

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley will provide information, assistance on services to the older citizens of Crockett County. AAA staff will be available to assist individuals on Thursday, May

28, from 10-11 a.m. at the Senior Center.

On Monday, June 1, the Crockett County Senior Board will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. All members need to attend.

The "Walk Two Miles" ladies are still faithful about doing this exercise every Monday, Wednesday and Friday here at the Crockett County Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. You are welcome to join this group and get the exercise that you need to keep healthy.

Monday and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play their favorite past time game. These ladies are faithful about coming and

always have a fun afternoon.

We continue to have our regular activities: square dance lessons and dances, exercise class, bridge, bingo, home health, pool, canasta and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines and three computers that are on the internet for seniors to use.

We have recently added to our activities a new projector with stand and a screen.

Also for your enjoyment, we have a Wii game and three different simulating games. We are anxious for these games to be used.

Our activities are for those 50 years young and older. We will remain flexible as to age.

**CARE CENTER CHATTER**

BY ODILIA SANCHEZ  
ASSISTANT ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

It has been a very busy month at the Care Center. Along with our regular activities of Bingo, Volleyball, Tennis, etc., we celebrated Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo, Nursing Home Week, Nurses' Week and May Birthdays. Our Activities Director, Marta De La Garza, along with Nursing, Dietary, Restorative, and House-keeping, did an awesome job in putting everything together.

We had quite a workout in celebrating Cinco de Mayo - Mother's Day. Early in the morning before I clocked in at 8 a.m., things were already happening in the courtyard of the Care Center. Thank God that the morning breeze was wonderful and we didn't feel too much of the heat that morning. Our activities' director Marta De La Garza, along with Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Julio Galindo, Mr. and Mrs. Armando Arredondo and Amy Cervantez already had meat sizzling, beans boiling and tortillas cooking for the day's festivities. I admit I am not much of a cook, but I was able to help with a lot of the chopping, slicing and dicing. I watched in amazement how much work goes into preparing so much food for so many people.

For breakfast, Maria and Julio Galindo made "gorditas" for the residents and staff.

Julio had at least three "mol-

cajetes" overflowing with guacamole, ranging from mild to extra hot! By 9 a.m. Maria Arredondo had kneaded an enormous batch of flour tortilla batter. Then she, Maria Galindo and Ofelia Galan started swinging tortillas left and right. By 10 a.m., the tortillas were ready to be served to the residents and staff. My job was to push the cart and offer tortillas with butter to anyone that wanted one. The rest of the cooks were busy cooking goat meat, guiso and rice and beans for the noon meal. Maria Galindo also prepared the batter for the com tortillas. Amy Cervantez and Flor Harris helped with the com tortillas by putting them in the tortilla press while Maria Galindo molded some by hand. This was a huge feat, but thanks to everybody working together, everything turned out great and everybody had a great time.

After all the hard work in preparing for the day's festivities, we finally relaxed after lunch and listened to a Mariachi Group that came from Odessa to entertain our residents for Mother's Day. Corsages donated by Blanca from Baskets & More were presented to the Mothers. Thanks to Lilly Payne for the wonderful cake that she donated.

We celebrated Nurses' Week on May 6-12. The Care Center's Director of Nurses, Vicki Childress and the Administrator, Benny Gibbs honored the nurses with gifts and a pizza luncheon in ap-

preciation for all their hard work. We appreciate all of our nurses for their love and dedication to our residents.

Nursing Home Week, May 11-15, we celebrated each day with a different theme and each hall was decorated to depict the different themes. On Monday, the staff dressed in 50s attire. Everyone loved Tuesday because we didn't have to fuss over what to wear that day or makeup or fixing our hair. A lot of the staff came in their pajamas, hair curlers and fluffies as we celebrated Pajama Day. Wednesday, the halls were so colorful with all the Hawaiian attire as we celebrated Hawaiian Day. Thursday was Western Day and we saw several Cowgirls and Cowboys around the facility. We even saw our administrator, Benny Gibbs, riding his horse in the dining and living room area. His wooden horse didn't even fuss at all or make a mess.

Friday, we celebrated the "grand finale," Carnival Day! We had rodeo clowns, circus clowns, gypsies and trapeze artists. Our best dressed winners for the week were as follows: Fifties Day - Frances Davis, Pajama Day - Marta De La Garza, Hawaiian Day - Maria Arredondo, Western Day - Jessica Cerna and Carnival Day - Maria Galindo. Everyone had a great time. The residents really enjoyed all the festivities! This week I think we are ready to tone it down a bit. We all need the rest!

**OBITUARIES**

**Jo Cox**

SAN ANGELO - Jo Cox of Ozona passed away Monday, May 4, 2009. Graveside service was Thursday, May 7, in Belvedere Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cox was born June 20, 1919, in Oklahoma City, Okla. She lived in Ozona, Ballinger, Barnhard, San Angelo and the Crockett County Care Center. She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, James Henry Cox; three sons, Paul W. Cox, James H. Cox Jr. and James David Cox; and one daughter, Sandra Cox. She was a member of the Trinity Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Cox is survived by two daughters, Nancy Hale of Ozona and Myrtle Clamon of Boyd; a daughter-in-law, Vikkie Cox of Early; a sister-in-law, Jessie Wood of Odessa; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family would like to thank the loving, caring staff at the Crockett County Care Center and Hospice of San Angelo. Memorials may be made to the Crockett County Care Center or Hospice of San Angelo.

**Answers on Aging Thursday**

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley strives to provide information, assistance, and services to the older citizens of Crockett County.

AAA staff will be available to assist individuals on Thursday, May 28, from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Needing to learn more about services offered?

"Answers on Aging" is designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals.

Needing to apply for services? Intake Specialists will be available to assist you with any questions you may have. Programs that are housed in the Area Agency on Aging include Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature), Benefits Counseling (Medicare Part D), Care Coordination (Prescription & Utility Assistance, Home Modifica-

tions), Caregiver Support (Respite Care), Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children), Ombudsman Program (Advocates For Long-Term Care Residents), Senior Companion Program (Companions For The Elderly), and 2-1-1 of the Concho Valley (Health & Human Services Information).

A wide variety of printed information covering various topics will also be available.

Please feel free to stop by and visit with the Area Agency on Aging staff when we visit your community. We look forward to speaking with you.

For more information, call Lindsey M. Elliott, Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666. The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services funds services of the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

**Summer reading program begins June 4**

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed June 7 Texas Reading Club Day and June 8 Texas Teens Read Day. Within the walls of a library, we are free to imagine and become captivated by the spirit of adventure that comes only through the joy of reading. Reading expands our minds and inspires curiosity, opening a world of endless possibilities. Literature has the ability to make us laugh, to induce tears and to provoke thought. And reading paves the path to success, as readers are lead-

ers," Perry said. CCPL is celebrating "Libraries: Deep In The Heart Of Texas!" at the library this summer during our Summer Children's Programs every Monday and Thursday morning in June. There will be two age groups. Children 6 to 12 years come from 10-11 a.m. and children 3 to 5 years come from 11 a.m.-noon.

This summer beginning Thursday, June 4, Friends of the Library volunteers will be reading stories, doing crafts and playing games with the kids.

**Card of Thanks**

We would like to thank everyone who helped or stopped by during Larry's accident. Special thanks goes to Dr. Ike Whitten and his staff at the Clinic, and to Lou Carson and Kevin Webb for their dedication to the EMS. Words cannot express how grateful we are to Wesley and Lindsey Bean and to Vonda and Stanley Flanagan for their great friendships and always being there. (Thanks Guys!)

Thanks from all of us,  
Melissa, Morgan, Brandi and Kodi Glosson

**Card of Thanks**

On behalf of the Thomas and Alda DeHoyos family we would like to thank all our friends and relatives who accompanied us and donated flower arrangements and food in our time of sorrow for the loss of my brother Hector DeHoyos. We would like to thank especially the OLPH choir, the Guadalupanas for their meal and Father Rodney. Likewise, we would like to thank Baskets & More for their help as well as Sylvia D. Longoria, Alicia Lopez and Donna and Randy Herring, Burl Allen and our daughters, sons and their spouses. To each and everyone of you, thanks and may God bless each and everyone of you.

Thomas and Alda DeHoyos and family

**WHAT IS IN THE LUNCH PAIL?**

While I was attending Bible College years ago, I was invited to help start a Bible study at a large industrial plant. Several people wanted to meet during their lunch break and study the Bible. The first meeting was interesting because there was a mixture of executives, supervisors, secretaries and blue-collar workers. In addition, there was no rank and file or seniority at the study. The man who asked permission to have the lunchtime study worked in the machine shop and I met him in the lunchroom sitting alone with a dark blue lunch pail. He was munching on an apple and reading a small sized pocket New Testament. As we visited, he told me that he always put the little New Testament Bible in his lunch pail and would read it every day at lunch and had been doing so for many years. God's word is very important to us. Hearing and knowing, (memorizing) it can lead to salvation, (Romans 10:17, Psalm 119:16). We are to treasure God's Word, (Psalm 119:11). There are some beautiful promises concerning God's Word (Proverbs 16:20, John 8:51). Many of the people at the plant respected the man with the grease and oil on his clothes and the blue lunch pail very much. He demonstrated that man should not live by bread alone, (Matthew 4:4). See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 901 Ave. D J.B. Bitner - Interim Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Awana: 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. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p>
<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>Faith Lutheran Church</b> 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church</b> 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan &amp; Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat &amp; Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia</b> 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 6 p.m. Tues., Thurs. &amp; Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 219 Martinez St. Fr. Rodney White Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. &amp; Sun. Worship: 6 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>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.</p>	

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## BOARD: Superintendent authorized to accept contingency changes up to \$15,000 for new elementary school

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Due to that long payback period, Koehne recommended to use gas heating in only the larger areas and currently existing areas.

After hearing details from Koehne and Greg W. Cox, president of Tex-Oma Builders Supply Co., about an interior card access system for classroom doors, the board decided to keep the exterior card access system previously approved but to not include a card access system on the inside doors of the school.

Cox presented differences of the having an offline system, where the locks are not centrally connected to a system, and an online system where the locks are centrally located to a system that can create a lockdown if needed in emergency situations. Cost for the online system is around \$126,422.

Maintenance and transportation supervisor Willie Vargas said secure keys that cannot be copied can be made for the classroom doors, which is what is currently done in the high school.

The board also approved \$3,480 for masonry costs due to revisions of two drawings, \$28,621 to add 11 multi-level electronic faucets and \$25,695 for revising sewer line and routing. These three items will come out of the \$400,000 contingency allowance set aside

for the school's construction.

At Monday's special meeting, the board unanimously approved authorizing the superintendent to accept contingency changes up to \$15,000 for the new elementary school building project.

During the May 20 meeting it was discussed that by doing this, construction officials do not have to wait for the board to meet to continue on with the building.

"If a change order needs to get done or one doesn't get done quickly enough and it's over this set amount, we can have a special meeting to have it approved. I don't want (the board) to be the reason we are delayed," Sims said.

No approval was made on this item since it was not on the agenda. It was discussed to place this item on the next meeting agenda.

### RESIGNATIONS & NEW HIRES

In his superintendent's report, Gott reported the following resignations:

Dan Webb, elementary principal; Cherokee Roberts, OHS coach and Corby Weeaks, OHS trainer.

Also in his report, Gott reported the following new hires:

Becky York, second grade teacher; Kari Hale, third grade teacher and Ron Hawthorne, DAEP aide replacing Manley

Holmes.

Due to Gott being out, OHS Principal Carole Allen and OMS Principal Benny Granger interviewed the three candidates and recommended Hawthorne to Gott, Gott said in his report. Hawthorne began his permanent employment on May 18.

The board also approved the following new teachers:

Vicky Munoz, elementary special education and Kristen Bunker, pre-K.

### BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVED

The board approved a \$10,000 budget amendment for legal services, as well as \$10,000 for superintendent search expenses. The original budget amount for legal services was \$18,000.

### OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

- Advertise for proposals for gasoline products, athletic supplies, cafeteria products, workers compensation and band instruments for the 2009-2010 school year.

- Student insurance for three years.

- Board policy update #85.

- Annual contracts with Region XV Education Service Center.

The next regular board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. June 17 at the Administration Building.

## CERT program receives new trailer

The Crockett County Citizens Emergency Response Team received a new equipment trailer through the Concho Valley Council of Governments. The trailer was purchased with U.S. Homeland Security Funds.

The trailer was delivered last week by Bea Ramsey, assistant emergency preparedness and CERT Coordinator for the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

The CERT program has 10 members that are certified and hopefully will have at least 10 more, said Frank Tambunga, coordinator.

Since the completion of the course, the CERT has met with the EMS, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and County Judge Fred Deaton to inform them of what the CERT is able to assist with during an emergency.

The CERT group has been called out to assist the OVFD in two grass fire cases, not to fight fires but to provide the firemen with water and food.

The team was also called out to assist during the tornado warnings that occurred several weeks ago, and they



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE CROCKETT COUNTY CERT program received an equipment trailer from the Concho Valley Council of Governments purchased with U.S. Homeland Security Funds. Pictured are (left to right) Frank Tambunga, county commissioner and CERT coordinator, Bea Ramsey with the Concho Valley Council of Governments and County Judge Fred Deaton.

have even assisted in a search and rescue.

"I have very good members that are ready and willing to assist at anytime. The CERT Team in Crockett County doesn't just cover Crockett County but can also be called out during state and federal emergency incidents. I am glad that we have received the trailer from the U.S. Homeland Security Department. This donation really shows that our organization is recognized not just in Crockett County but also by our governor and the federal government," Tambunga said.

The trailer will be stocked with items that the CERT group would need in an emergency.

"It will assist us in being ready for any major calls we will face. Hopefully, we will someday receive a truck or other vehicle to help us pull our new trailer. I keep saying this and I will say it again, I highly encourage citizens to consider becoming members of the Crockett County CERT Team. Our local emergency units need our support," Tambunga said.

The CERT will be conducting another training for anyone interested in becoming a member.

The trainings will be from 9 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. on June 6 and June 13.

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

## COMBS: Crockett County receives unclaimed property money

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Instead, the tax has only raised \$4.3 billion leaving the state \$1.6 billion short.

The \$9 billion "rainy day fund" will allow lawmakers to look at revising the tax, as well as looking at adding something on sales tax.

Sixty-five percent of the state's entire tax revenue comes from sales tax, Combs said.

"That's a big chunk of change. Our state is remarkably healthy. We do not have a deficit. We will have a balanced budget."

Along with the state of the economy, Combs urged citizens to visit her website on unclaimed property.

In fact, she presented Crockett County Judge Fred Deaton a check for \$1,653 in unclaimed property for Crockett County.

Combs said 1,989 Ozo-

na residents currently have \$206,581.59 available in unclaimed property.

A bill on how oil and gas property values are figured was also discussed. House Bill 3454 would require an appraisal district to use property-specific information provided by the owner or the owner's agent in valuing the property and would establish criteria for an appraisal district to use in establishing the comparability of properties under the market data comparison.

With the current tax code, Crockett County would lose approximately \$2.1 million in tax receipts for the 2009 tax roll if the 2008 tax rate is used.

If passed, the bill would not take effect until next year.

Combs has also begun the gargantuan task of reducing

the state of Texas' 100 different accounting systems into one so she can more easily track exactly how much money the state has or owes.

"We need a single set of books," she said. "It will take six to seven years to do this. It's a monster. You don't want us to mess it up. Better it be done slow than fast," she said.

Crockett County Librarian Louise Ledoux said she appreciates all the information Combs has on her website.

"It's wonderful," she said about the amount of information available on the comptroller's site.

Taxpayers can follow the state's budget, learn about unclaimed property and more about the comptroller's office at [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us). Learn more about Combs at [www.susancombs.com](http://www.susancombs.com).

## State's major crime rate drops

BY TELA MANGE  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The major crime rate in Texas decreased nearly 3 percent in 2008, according to data compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety's Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

Compared with 2007, the crime rate per 100,000 population in Texas decreased 2.9 percent in 2008. The violent crime rate decreased .6 percent in 2008 from 2007. The property crime rate decreased 3.2 percent in 2008.

The total number of major crimes committed was down 1.2 percent in 2008 compared with 2007. Of the seven index crimes, murder was down 3 percent; rape was down 5.1 percent. The total number of arrests in Texas increased 1.6 percent in 2008. The number of juvenile arrests decreased 1.2 percent, while adult arrests increased 2.0 percent.

The Texas Uniform Crime Reporting Program also collects statistics on hate crimes and family violence incidents. In 2008, Texas law enforcement agencies reported 246 incidents of hate crimes involving 276 victims and 233 offenders.

Law enforcement agencies reported 193,505 family violence incidents involving 208,073 victims and 203,682 offenders in 2008.

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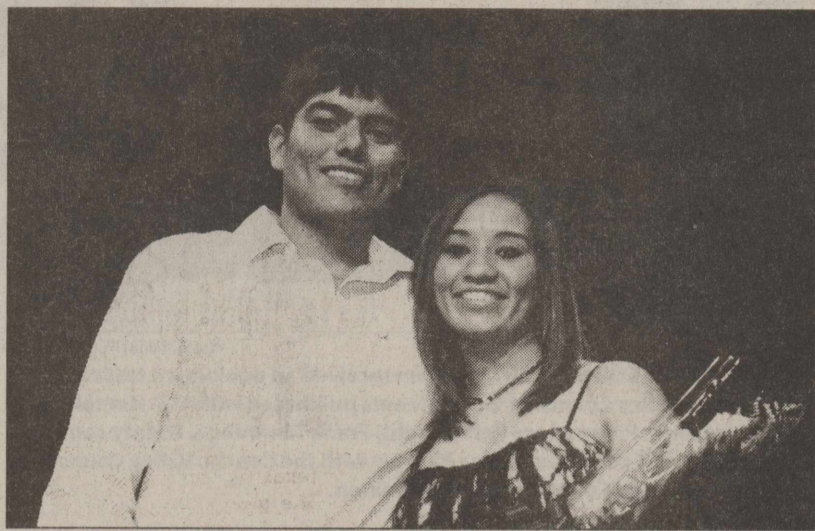
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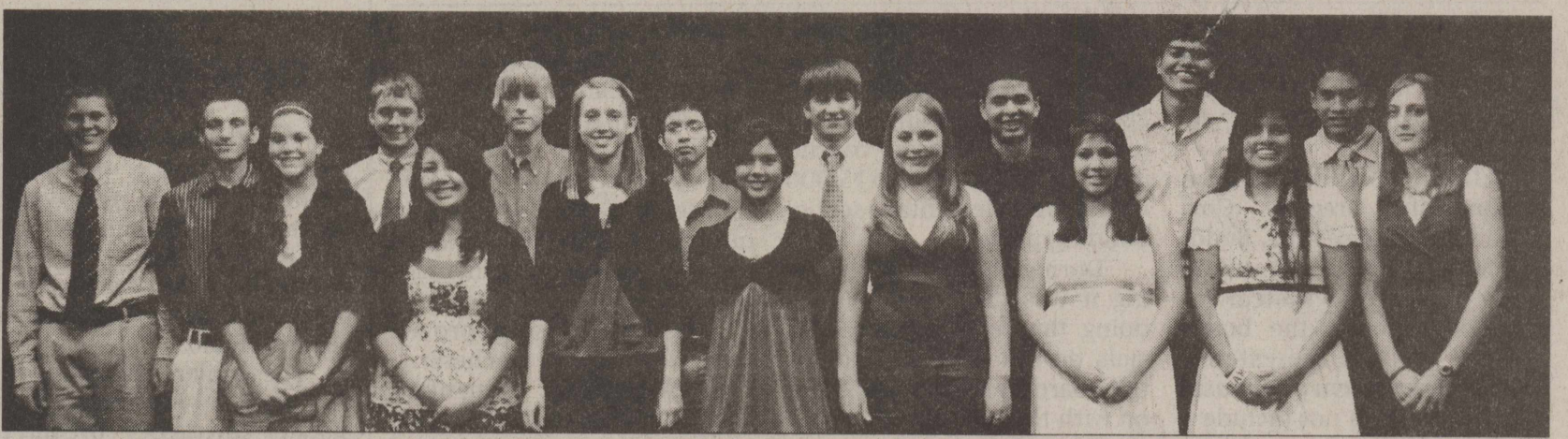
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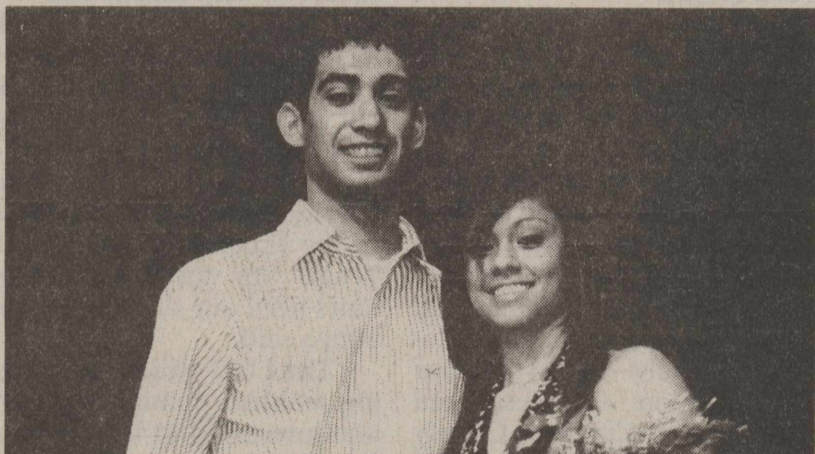
# 2009 OHS Academic Awards



**MR. and MISS OHS:** Felix Venegas and Alysha Lara



**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES:** (back row, left to right) Duncan Knox, Josh Smith, Murphey Black, Jayce Logan, Oscar Rodriguez, Russel Komechak, Jesse Ramos, Felix Venegas and Abey Lara. Front row (left to right): Jadyn Poindexter, Leandra Hernandez, Rebecca Pierce, Clarissa Burciaga, Barbara Caperton, Gabby Rodriguez, Brenda Venegas and Jennifer Allen.



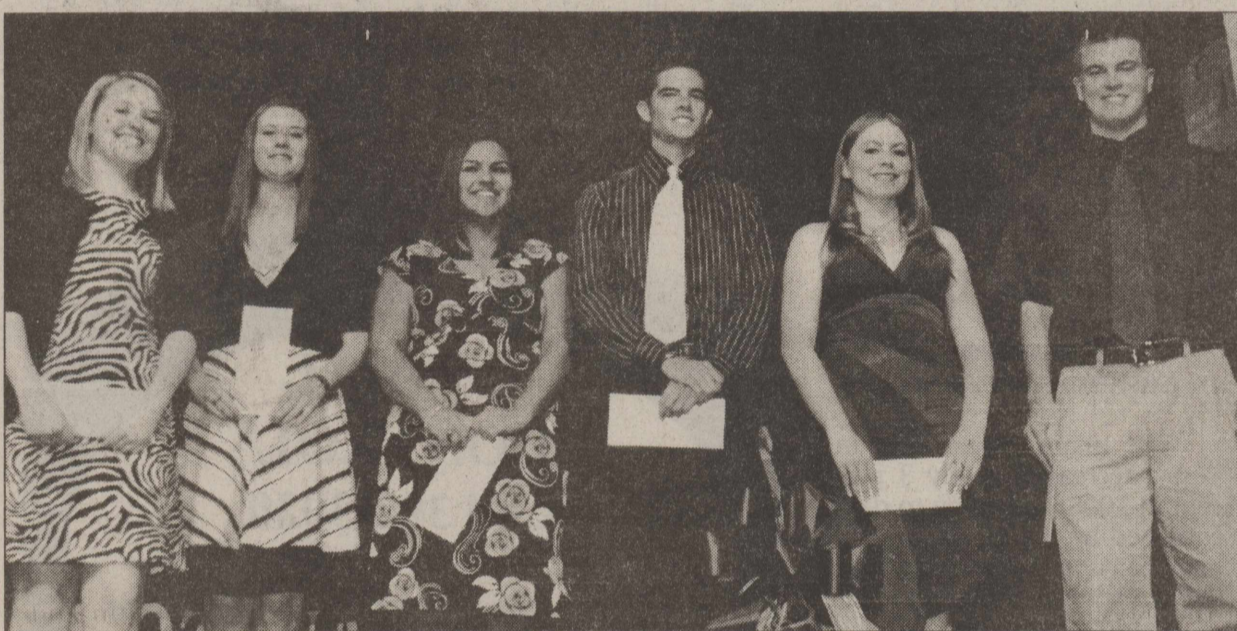
**MR. and MISS OHS RUNNER UP:** Fabian Onate and Cristina Rodriguez



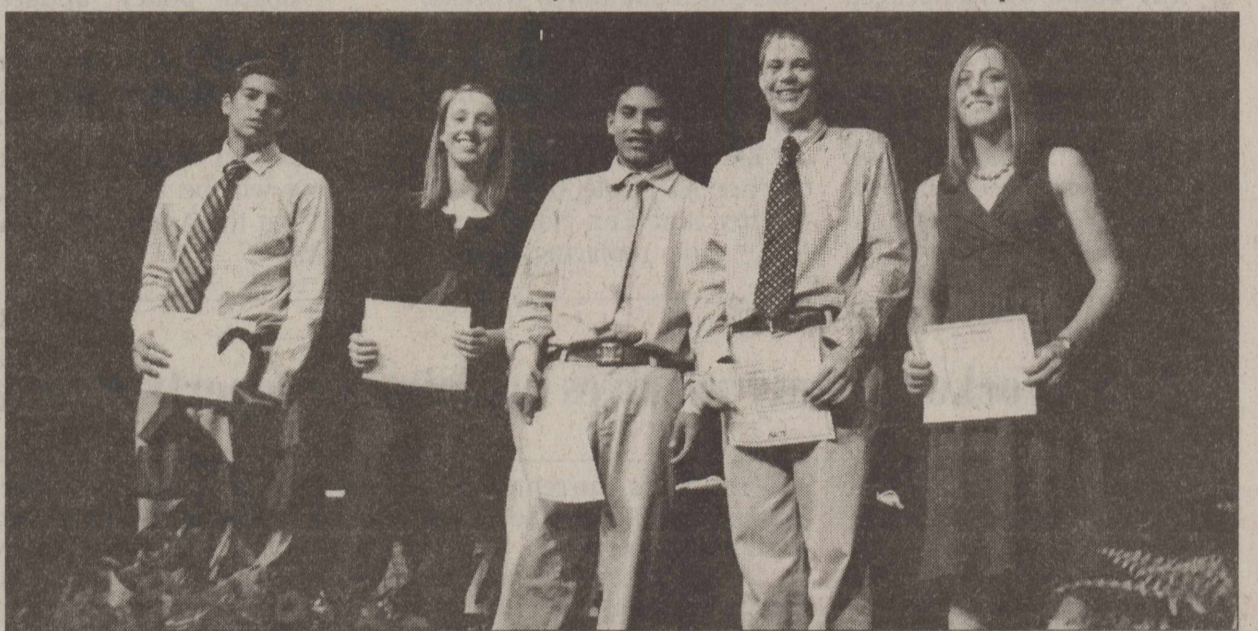
**MILITARY SERVICE GRADUATES:** Ethan English, Jesse Ramos and Chris Lara. Not pictured: Matias Gandar and Ben Flores.



**OUTSTANDING ATHLETES:** Alysha Lara and Steven Silva (not pictured).



**PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:** Heather Thompson, Chelsea Spence, Amber Lewis, Ethan English, Barbara Caperton and Daniel Anderson.



**PLAN (PRE-ACT) TEST AWARD:** Austin Suddreth, Rebecca Pierce, Melanie Miller (not pictured), Abey Lara, Duncan Knox and Jennifer Allen.

## Ozona students receive numerous scholarships

The following is a list of scholarship winners that were recognized during the Ozona High School Academic Awards on May 21.

Crockett County DeerFest - \$1,000 to Matthew Komechak

Pleas L. Childress Jr. Wolf Award - \$500 to Josh Smith

Crockett County 4-H Youth Show Association - Kara Bird, Matthew Komechak and Latham Ducote

Crockett County Fair Association - \$4,000 to Matthew Komechak

Angelo State Carr Academic Scholarship - \$2,000 each per year to Barbara Caperton and Nathan Knox

Angelo State ROTC Scholarship - \$4,000 to Wilson White

Ozona Woman's Forum - \$1,500 each to Kara Bird and Fabian Onate

Ozona Woman's Forum Best Citizen Award - Ethan English and Fabian Onate

Best Western/Ozona Inn - \$700 to Ethan English and \$500 to Chelsea Spence

First Baptist Church - \$750 each to Kara Bird, Ethan English and Rebecca Rueffer

Knights of Columbus - \$600 each to Alysha Lara and Cheyenne Coy

Ozona National Bank - \$1,000 to Heather Thompson

Becky Childress Memorial - Sarah Lott and Wilson White

Justin Browne Memorial - Felix Venegas

Ozona United Methodist Church - Sarah Lott and Latham Ducote

Martyr Acton Memorial - Kara Bird

Fred Fierro Scholarship - \$1,000 to Heather Thompson

West Central Wireless - \$500 to Daniel Anderson

Guadalupanas - \$750 each to Cheyenne Coy and Tommy Longoria

Masonic Lodge - Barbara Caperton, Nathan Knox, Josh Smith, Chelsea Spence and Iris Vegara

Crockett County Groundwater District - \$1,000 each to Wilson White and Daniel Anderson

Concho Chapter Eastern Star - \$500 each to Felix Venegas and Nathan Knox

San Angelo Area Foundation - \$1,500 to Nathan Knox; \$500 to Iris Vegara; \$400 to Barbara Caperton and \$500 to Fabian Onate.

Schreiner University - \$9,000 to Sarah Lott

Capital Farm Credit - \$1,100 to Matthew Komechak

Cielo Wind Power - \$1,000 to Cheyenne Coy

## Students honored for academic endeavors

The Ozona High School held their annual Academic Awards Ceremony on May 21 at the OHS Auditorium.

### A HONOR ROLL

Lane Hale, Isabel Ybarra, Jennifer Allen, Duncan Knox, Jayce Logan, Rebecca Pierce, Alex Macias, Daniel Anderson, Ethan English, Chelsea Spence and Heather Thompson

### A-B HONOR ROLL

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Algebra - Gabby Gutierrez

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English IV - Alysha Lara and Jesse Ramos

Theatre 1 - Javier Otamendi

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Communication Application - Gabby Gutierrez and Lane Hale

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Ybarra

World History - Miriam Valdes

Government and Economics - Chelsea Spence and Barbara Caperton

World History - Duncan Knox and Rebecca Pierce

ESL - Miriam Valdes

Spanish I - Rebecca Pierce and Judith Rodriguez

Physics - Alex Macias and Barbara Caperton

Chemistry - Duncan Knox and Clarissa Burciaga

English III - Kyle Sewell and Lalo Longoria

AP English - Chelsea Spence and Ethan English

Dekalb Award - Matthew Komechak

Greenhand - Trey Fierro

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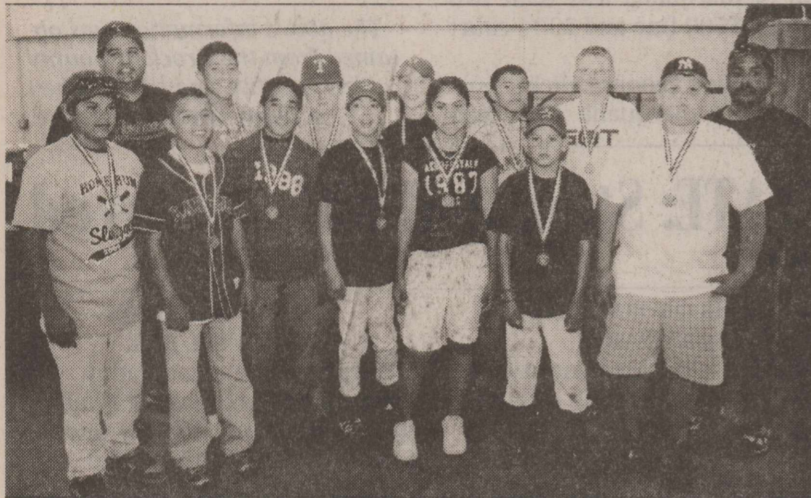
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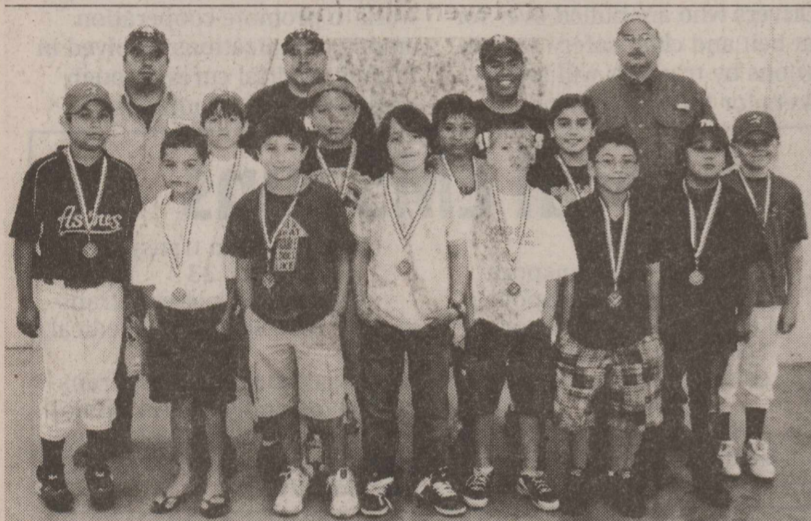


THE GROUP "ALoud" sang at the San Angelo Junior League festivities on May 16. The Christian singing group, comprised of Dalton, Gregorio, Rowen, Kristen, Trystian, Madalyn, Tiger and Cade, performed five songs. Leader is Rita Rios, assistant is Ky Montgomery and other adults attending: Karla DeHoyos, Laura DeHoyos, Gloria Williams, Burl Ruthhardt, Kim Weddle, Crista, Angel, Kristine and Justin. "I am very proud of them and I expect great things as we travel to lead worship and pray for people," Rios said.

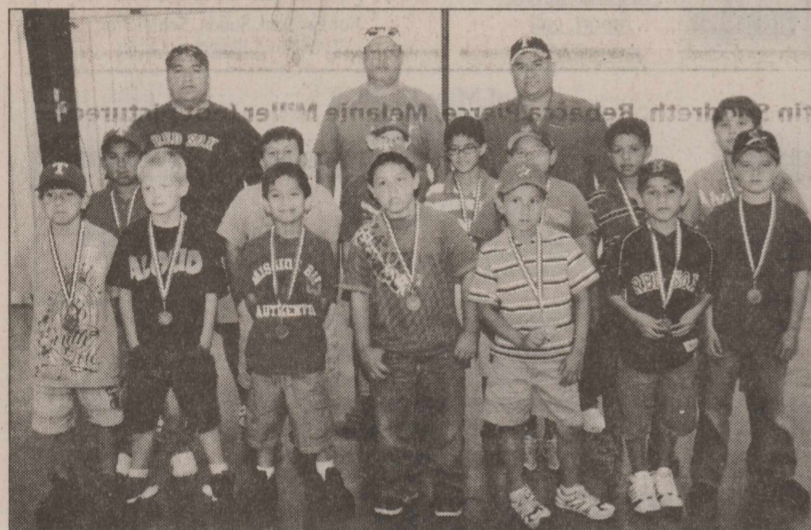
## Little League Awards



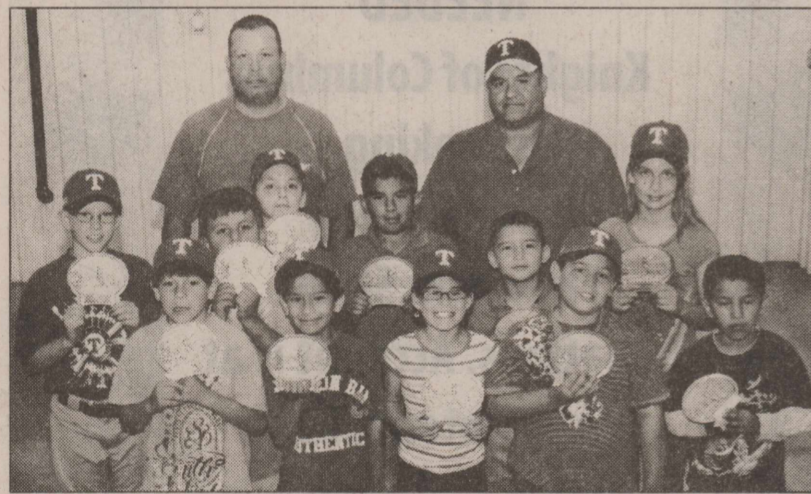
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### End of School Events Calendar

May 27 - PPCD, Pre-K, Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Awards, 9-10:30 a.m. at the intermediate school gym; Eighth Grade Promotion, 6 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium; Ozona Head Start Graduation, 5 p.m. at the Civic Center.  
 May 28 - Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Awards, 9-10:30 p.m. at the intermediate school gym.  
 May 29 - OHS Graduation, 8 p.m. at Lion Stadium.

## Lions, Lady Lions compete at regional track

Eleven Ozona Lions and Lady Lions participated in the Region I-2A Track and Field Championships last week in Odessa.

Results:  
 800-meter run - 5. Rebecca Ramos, 2:27.41.  
 800-meter run - 4. Jesse Badillo, 2:04.12.  
 Discus - 4. Steven Silva, 155-0.  
 400-meter run - 8. Ethan English, 51.9.

Also competing: Fabian Onate, Melanie Miller, Vanessa Rodriguez, Jessica Elston, Russel Komechak, Felix Venegas and Ruben Rivas.

## Youth Center Calendar of Events

May 29 - Closed for OHS Graduation  
 June 1 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

## Industrial arts students compete at state

Ozona High School Industrial Arts students competed at the Texas Technology Student Association 50th annual Competition and Leadership Conference in Waco last week.

The group brought back three Best in State projects; 10 first place; seven second place and one third place.

Individual results:  
 Matthew Komechak and Latham Ducote - trailer Best in State.

Murphey Black - saddle rack, first place; fire pit, first place and roping dummy, second place.

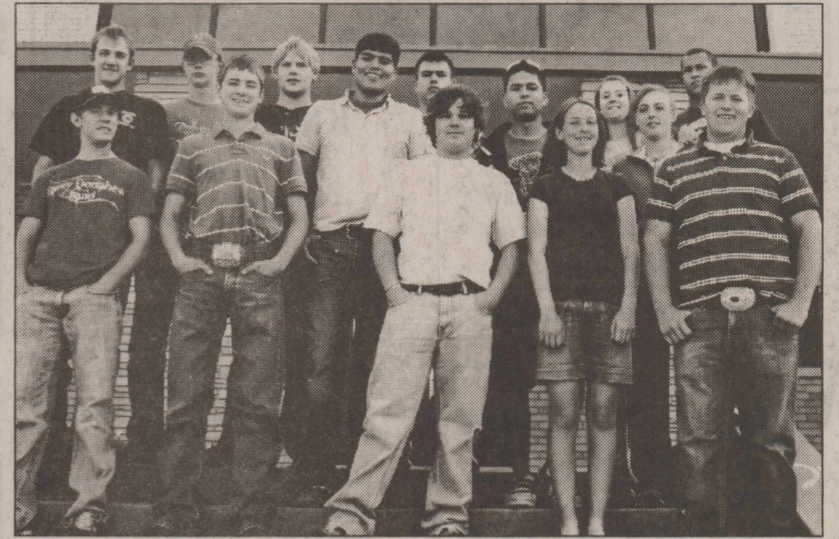
Billy Elston - target, first place and lamp, third place.

Jennifer Allen - mirror, first place.

Lane Hale - buckle case, first place and saddle rack, first place.

Kelbie Renfroe - buckle case, second place.

Latham Ducote - barbecue pit, second place and hay buggy, first place.



OHS INDUSTRIAL ARTS students competed at the Texas Technology Student Association state competition last week in Waco. The group brought home three Best in State awards; 10 first place; seven second place and one third place. Teacher is Terry Crawford.

Wes McGuire - fire pit, first place and poker table, second place.

Felix Venegas - gate, second place.

Jesse Ramos - casket, Best in State and ice chest, second place.

Oscar Lopez - table, Best

in State.  
 Kyle Dean - cedar chest, second place.

Russel Komechak - spurs, first place.

Ben Flores - table, second place.

Chelsea Spence - rolling pin, first place.

## J.Cleo Astros claim Major League crown

BY ORLANDO DEHOYOS  
 SUBMITTED ARTICLE

With a 10-2 season record, the J. Cleo Astros claimed the championship of the Major League Division of the Ozona Little League.

This division consists mainly of 10-12 year olds, along with a few nine-year-old players.

The team of Nabors Yankees with 8-4 record claimed the runner-up spot, followed by the Dairy Queen Reds and in fourth place the Texas Energy Rangers.

The manager and coach of the Astros were Orlando DeHoyos and Roland DeHoyos. The Astros were led by the MVP of the league, Chase DeHoyos, and the two team captains, Wade Allen and Bryce Gutierrez. DeHoyos was also selected as the "Pitcher of the Year" due to his strikeout ratio of opponents.

In addition, Aidan Fierro, who claimed the "Rookie of the Year" award for league, exceeded expectations by playing nearly error-free baseball at second base and then having a solid bat throughout the season.

"What I enjoyed most about this team was watching them play as a team realizing

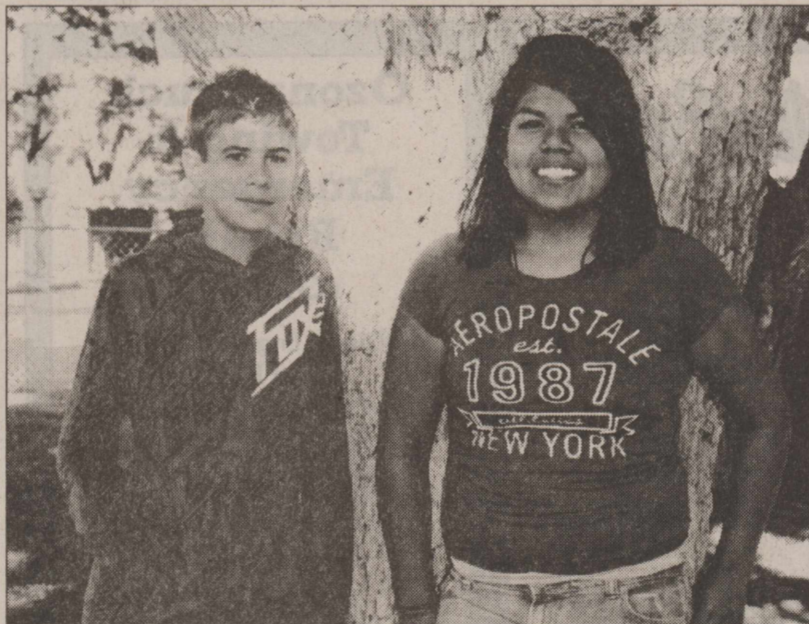


THE J. CLEO ASTROS won the Major League Division of the Ozona Little League this season with a 10-2 record.

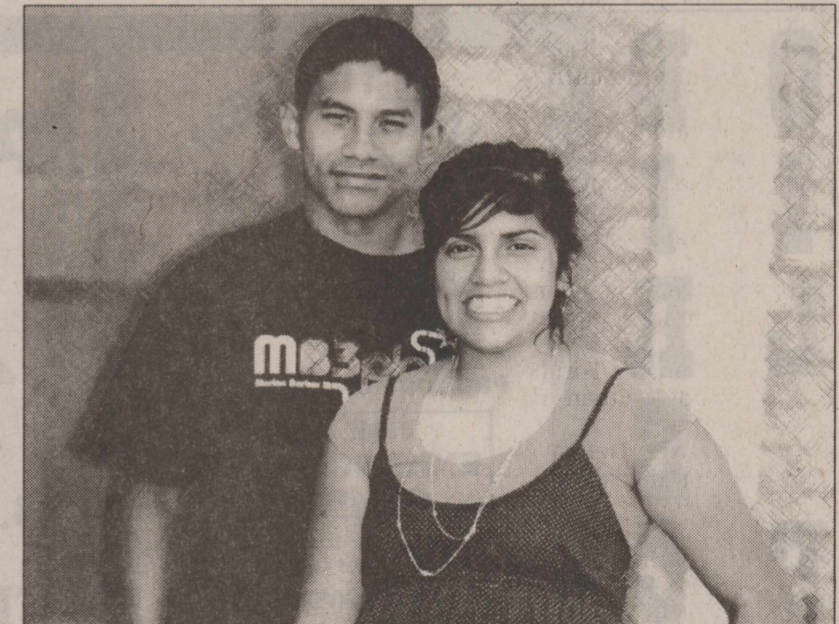
that just about every player on the team had a clutch hit or run scored. Players like Bryce Martin, Noe Medina, Jonathan "Rookie" Posas, Ben Badillo Jr. and Aidan Fierro all had timely hits, runs scored and played steady to solid defense," DeHoyos said.

"While Roland and I expected Chase DeHoyos, Wade Allen, who pitched as good as any ace on any team while also playing first base, and Bryce Gutierrez, who caught for us most of the season and had a hot bat toward the end of the season, to make the 2009 All-Stars, we were proud that Bryce Martin and Ben Badillo Jr. also made the All-Star squad. Finally, we were please with improvements shown by our other players, Autumn Gonzales, Austin Elguea and Taylor Absher, especially Noe "Happy Feet" Medina."

The Astros coaches, who will lead the 2009 All-Star squad this year along with Lalo Rodriguez, who coached the Nabors Yankees, would like to thank all sponsors, parents, family members, friends and fans who supported the Astros and the league this season.



FRESHMEN CLASS FAVORITES: Brendan Perez and Jennifer Venegas



SOPHOMORE CLASS FAVORITES: Abey Lara and Brenda Venegas



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SENIOR CLASS FAVORITES: Cristy Rodriguez and Felix Venegas

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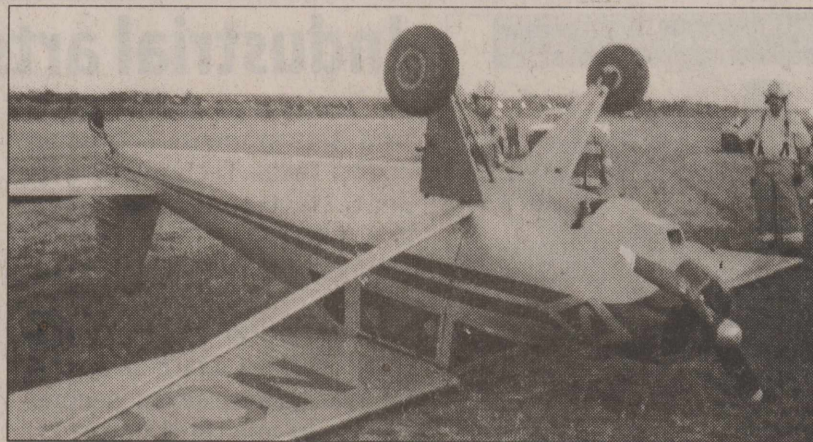
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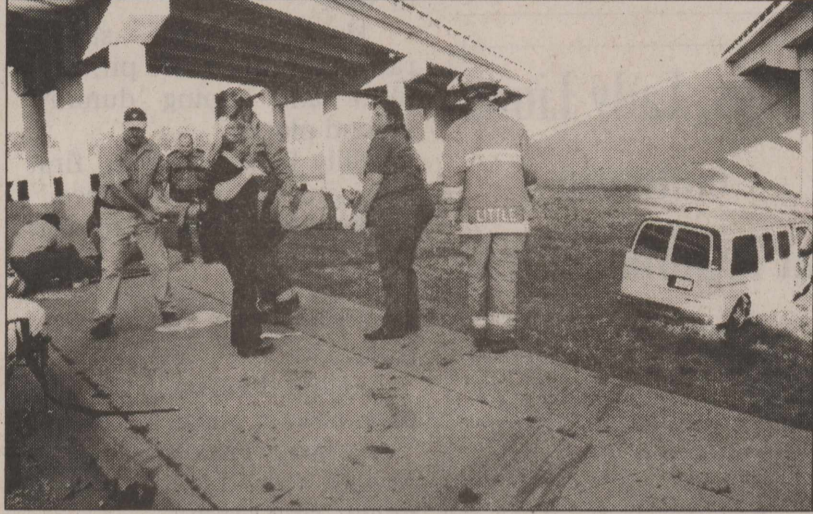
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A PLANE CRASHED at the Crockett County Airport at 8:11 p.m. on May 20. Local emergency personnel responded to the scene, but no injuries were reported. The plane belongs to Dennis Clark.



CROCKETT COUNTY EMS and OZONA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS work on transporting two people after their van rolled Monday morning at the intersection of 14th and Avenue B. Both were transported to San Angelo.

## Fire department runs

**MAY 19**  
• 3:54 p.m. - Grass fire 34 miles south on State Hwy 163, 31 acres, heavy brush. Six units, 13 fire fighters, Texas Forest Service, 4 bulldozers, 2 strike teams and 3 engines, Barnhart - 3 trucks cancelled prior to arrival, CERT Team. Time in service 7 hours 51 minutes.  
• 4:40 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident 1200 Block Ave E, no injuries. A unit with three fire fighters. Time in service 31 minutes.

**MAY 20**  
• 8:11 p.m. - Plane crash at Airport, no injuries. Five units, 13 fire fighters. Time in service 32 minutes.

**MAY 21**  
• 12:27 p.m. - Check on bee handler on Sheffield Road. Two units, six fire fighters, one EMS. Two fire fighters, one Paramedic, one deputy stung, bee handler was safe. Time in service 21 minutes.

**MAY 25**  
• 7:15 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident at 14th and Avenue B, two transported, worked traffic at scene. Four units, 14 fire fighters. Time in service 1 hour 13 minutes.

## FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

**BAIL BONDS**  
5-18-09  
• Bobby Dean Ainsworth, Odessa, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, Class B misdemeanor, \$5,000 PR Bond; possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony, \$10,000 PR Bond.  
• Matthew Walter Daniels, telephone harassment, 29 days in jail.  
• Brittany Tianna Salazar, assault bodily injury, 180 days pre-trial diversion.  
• Ronald Alton Marshall, driving while intoxicated - first, six months pre-trial diversion.  
• Sophie Alexandra Trevino, assault bodily injury, five months pre-trial diversion.  
• Rhonda Cerda, theft by check, 180 days deferred, \$605.73 restitution.  
• Michelle Gonzales Salas, driving while intoxicated/open container, \$500 fine, \$454 court costs, 180 days jail/one year probation.  
*The above information was obtained from the Crockett County Clerk's Office and the Crockett County Attorney's Office.*

**COUNTY COURT Closed Cases - May 2009**  
• Connie Gonzales, theft by check, dismissed, paid restitution and court costs.  
• Donald Cunningham, theft by check, dismissed, paid restitution and court costs.  
• Scott Peoples, theft by check, dismissed, paid restitution and court costs.  
• Caleb Jackson Bice, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$500 fine and \$304 court costs.  
• Kavien Leonard Hicks, possession of marijuana less than

## STATE: Stem cell bill approved

**DPS IS ON BUCKLE-UP CAMPAIGN**  
The Texas Department of Public Safety is conducting its eighth statewide "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign, May 18-31. Nine percent of Texans are not buckling up, Texas Highway Patrol chief David Baker said. Drivers who are pulled over for seat belt and child safety seat violations by troopers will receive tickets for those violations.

**SENATE APPROVES STEM CELL BILL**  
Scientists working on adult stem cell research would be able to collaborate more easily under a bill approved by the Senate May 20. SB 73 by Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, creates a framework to promote cooperation among organizations involved in finding medical cures through adult stem cell treatments.

## Local EMS runs

**MAY 19**  
• Local run - no transport.  
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• Local run - patient transported to LMH in Sonora.

**MAY 20**  
• Transfer - patient transported to San Angelo Community Hospital.

**MAY 23**  
• Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center.  
• Local run - patient transported to Family Health Clinic.  
• Transfer - patient transported to San Angelo Community Hospital.

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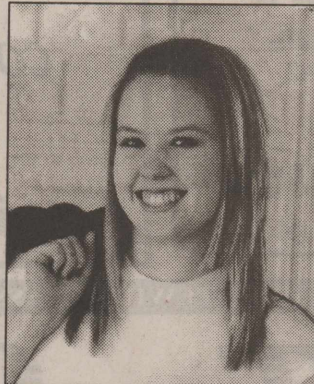
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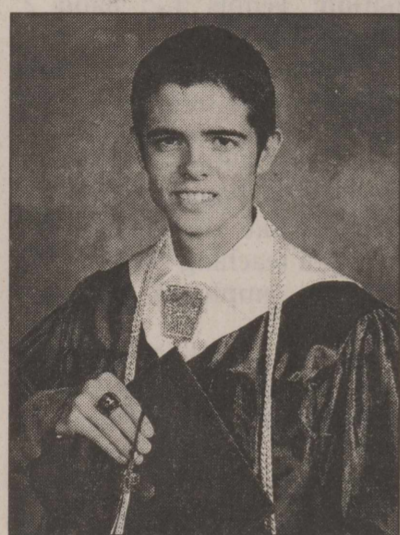
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# Ozona High School Class of 2009



ETHAN ENGLISH

**Parents:** Ben and Cathy English

**Class Honors:** Valedictorian, Magna Cum Laude, A Honor Roll 1-4; World Geography Outstanding Student 1; Biology Outstanding Student 1; Drafting Outstanding Student 1; Geometry Outstanding Student 1; Spanish Outstanding Student 1; Chemistry Outstanding Student 2; Art Outstanding Student 2,3; Computer Science Outstanding Student 1-3; Pre-Calculus Outstanding Student 3; TAKS Commended Performance English 1,3; TAKS Commended Performance Math 1-3; TAKS Commended Performance Social Studies 2,3 and TAKS Commended Performance Science 2,3; Presidential Academic Excellence Award 4; Mr. OHS Nominee; DAR Best Citizen Award 4; Independent Studies II Award 4 and AP English Award 4.

**Clubs, Offices:** National Honor Society 1-3; OHS Student Council 2,3.

**UIL Literary Participation:** Computer Science 1-4, First Place Team State 2, First Place Team Regional 2; First Place Team District 2,3, Second Place Team State 3, Second Place Team Regional 3,4, Third Place Individual Regional 4, Second Place Individual Regional 3, Second Place Individual

District 3,4, Third Place Individual District 2; Science 3; L-D Debate 1; Number Sense 3,4, First Place Team District 3, Second Place Team District 4; Math 3,4, Second Place Team District 3,4; Headline Writing 1, Second Place Individual 1; Current Events 2,4, Second Place Individual 4; Ready Writing 1,2.

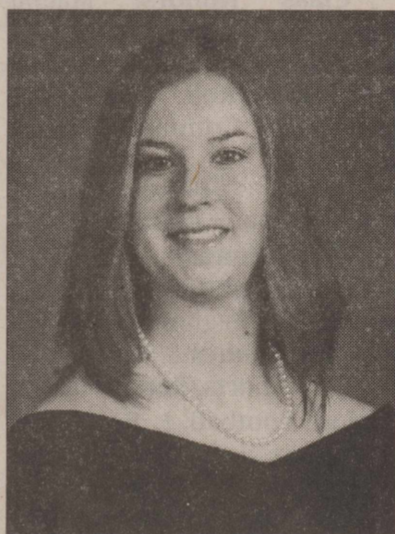
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Cross Country 1-3, First Place Team District 1,2, Third Place Team District 3, Individual Regional Qualifier 2,3, Team Regional Qualifier 1-3, MVP 3, Academic All-District 1-3, Team Captain 3; Track 1-4, Second Place Varsity 800-meters District 3, Second Place 1,600-meter Relay District 3, Second Place 400-meter Run District 4, Third Place 1,600-meter Relay District 4, Regional Qualifier 3,4, Fourth Place 800-meter Relay Regional 3, Fighting Heart 3,4.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** I enjoy working on cars, collecting and shooting firearms, various outdoor activities, running, playing guitar, and spending time with my friends and family.

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend and graduate from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. While there I want to study mechanical engineering. I also plan to try and earn a spot on the Navy Track Team. After graduation, I want to pursue a career as a United States Marine Corps officer.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** I believe that the most important lesson I learned in high school is that life is what you make of it. Opportunities are out there, and success is a matter of desire, determination, and self-discipline. I learned that happiness is a matter of perspective, and joy can be found in just about any situation.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** Boy Scouts 1-4, Troop Guide, Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Historian, Scribe, Eagle Scout Award; First Baptist Church Youth Committee 3,4 and 4-H Rifle 3,4.



CHELSEA SPENCE

**Parents:** Ted Spence and Gail Spence

**Class Honors:** Salutatorian, Magna Cum Laude, A Honor Roll; Homecoming Queen nominee; Presidential Academic Excellence Award; Miss OHS Nominee; DAR Social Studies Award; A&P Award; Government & Economics Award and AP English Award.

**Clubs, Offices:** Student Council Representative 1,2; Student Council Vice President 4; Junior Class Vice President and National Honor Society Vice President

**UIL Literary Participation:** Current Events 1,2; Literary Criticism 3,4 and Spelling 3.

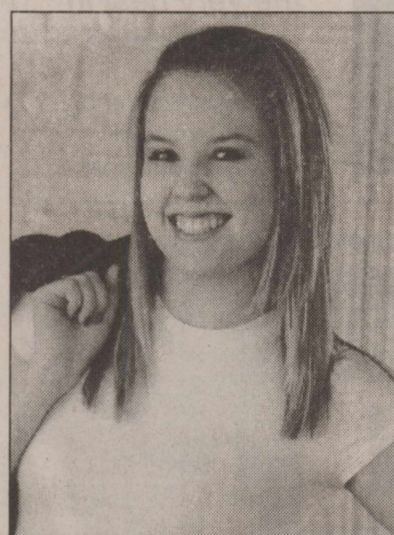
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Band 1-4; Colorguard 1; Drum Major 3,4.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Playing the guitar and reading.

**Future Plans:** To attend Texas A&M at Corpus Christi and major in secondary education.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Look before you back up.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** FCA and Chrysalis.



HEATHER J. THOMPSON

**Parents:** Brad and Janet Thompson

**Class Honors:** Magna Cum Laude; Presidential Academic Excellence Award; A Honor Roll; Computer Science II Award; AP Calculus Award.

**Clubs, Offices:** Math Club 1; Anime Club 1; Spanish Club 1; Art Club Secretary 1,4.

**UIL Literary Participation:** Computer Science 3,4; One Act Play 2,3; CX Debate 2; Computer Applications 2 and Accounting 3.

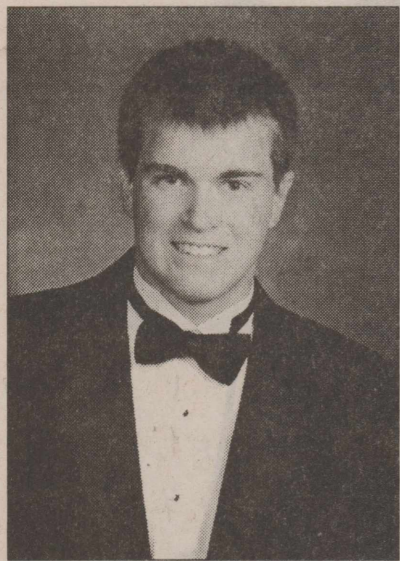
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** I love to play my guitar and I am also an avid reader.

**Future Plans:** To attend Texas A&M University and pursue a degree in computer science.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** To stay away from bungee cords at all costs, and that true friendship never dies.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** 4-H Rifle Team, Salvation Army Toys for Tots volunteer, tutored a girl with leukemia and worked for FESCO Inc.

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**CLASS OF 2009**



DANIEL ANDERSON

Parents: Tom and Diane Anderson  
 Class Honors: Magna Cum Laude, A Honor Roll 4; A-B

Honor Roll 1-3; Academic Excellence Awards - Geometry 1, Algebra II 2, Pre-Calculus 3; Baccalaureate and Graduation usher 3; TAKS Test Commended Performance Reading 1, Math 1-3, Social Studies 2,3 and Science 2; Texas ACT Council - Texas Student Achievement Award 3; Presidential Academic Excellence Award; Mr. OHS Nominee; AP Calculus Award.

Clubs, Offices: National Honor Society 2-4; Student Council Representative 4.

UIL Literary Participation: Calculator 2-4, Regional Qualifier 4, State Qualifier 4; Number Sense 3,4; Math 3,4.

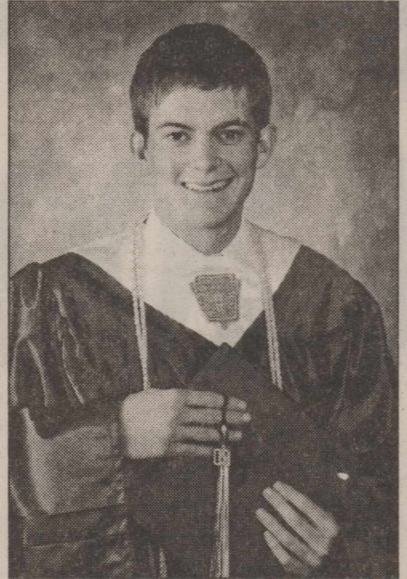
UIL Sports/Band Participation: Football 1-4, Honorable Mention All-District Of-

fensive Line 3, First Team All-District Offensive Line 4, Fighting Heart 4; Band 1,2, All Region Band 1, OHS Outstanding Freshmen and Sophomore Musician Award.

Favorite Activities, Hobbies: Hunting, playing sports, shooting, watching TV, spending time with family and friends.

Future Plans: To attend Texas A&M University and study mechanical engineering.

Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations: 4-H Shooting Sports.



NATHAN KYLE KNOX

Parents: Bobby Knox  
 Class Honors: Magna Cum Laude; Physics Award 3; World History Award 3; A-B Honor Roll; Perfect Attendance; Criminal Justice Award.

Clubs, Offices: National Honor Society 2-4.

UIL Literary Participation: Current Events and Issues 3,4, Regional Qualifier 4; Social Studies 3,4.

UIL Sports/Band Participation: Football 1, Basketball 1, Tennis 1,2, Golf 2,3 and Band 1,2.

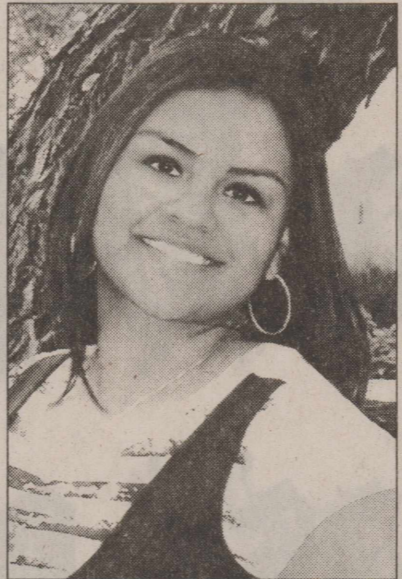
Favorite Activities, Hobbies: Enjoy family time with one another, hanging out with my friends, fishing, hunting and spending time with my girlfriend and working on old cars.

Future Plans: To graduate from Angelo State University with a physics major and continue on with school to graduate with a degree in aerospace engineering.

Best Lesson I Learned in High School: To respect and appreciate those who put

forth the time to teach you something, for those lessons that you learn will help you for the rest of your life.

Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations: Member of the Ozona Church of Christ, Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.



AMBER NICOLE LEWIS

Parents: John and Diana Lewis

Class Honors: Magna Cum Laude; Spanish I 1; IPC 1; World Geography 1; Presidential Academic Excellence Award; Accounting Award; Criminal Justice Award.

Clubs, Offices: National Honor Society 2-4; Vice President 1,2.

UIL Literary Participation: Literary Criticism 3, Accounting 4, Ready Writing 1, Spelling 3, Computer Applications 2 and Social Studies 2.

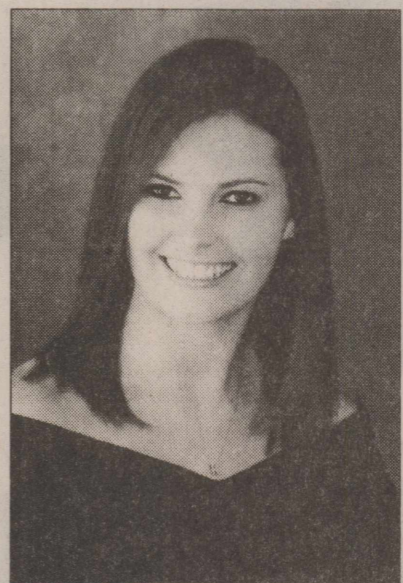
UIL Sports/Band Participation: Softball 1-4, Fighting Heart 2, Second Team All-District Outfielder 3 and Bi-District Softball Playoffs 3.

Favorite Activities, Hobbies: Playing softball, reading and hanging out with friends.

Future Plans: To attend Howard College and obtain an associates degree in criminal justice and then to attend Texas State University to obtain a bachelor degree. I plan on becoming a police officer and eventually getting into the FBI.

Best Lesson I Learned in High School: Never lie to your parents...it's a small town, everyone know everything!

Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations: Member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and 4-H Rifle.



KARA LINN BIRD

Parents: Richard Bird  
 Class Honors: Magna Cum Laude; Miss OHS Nominee; Theatre II Award.

Clubs, Offices: National Honor Society 2-4; Class Treasurer 2,3.

UIL Literary Participation: Calculator 1-4; One Act Play 1-4 and Accounting 3.

UIL Sports/Band Participation: Tennis 1,2; Band 2; Cheerleading 3,4.

Favorite Activities, Hobbies: Hanging out with family and friends, traveling, shopping and sleeping.

Future Plans: To attend Angelo State University and obtain a teaching certification with an emphasis in mathematics.

Best Lesson I Learned in High School: To follow your heart and be yourself because trying to be someone else isn't worth it.

Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations: 4-H 1-4, 4-H Treasurer 3, 4-H Parliamentarian 4.

Future Plans: To attend Howard College in San Angelo and obtain an associates degree in health information technology and then attend the University of Texas in San Antonio.

Best Lesson I Learned in High School: Things are going to happen but life goes on, and life is only what you make it. "Nobody gets to live life backwards. Look ahead that is where your future lies." - Ann Landers.



RUBEN RIVAS

Parents: Miguel and Rosie Rivas

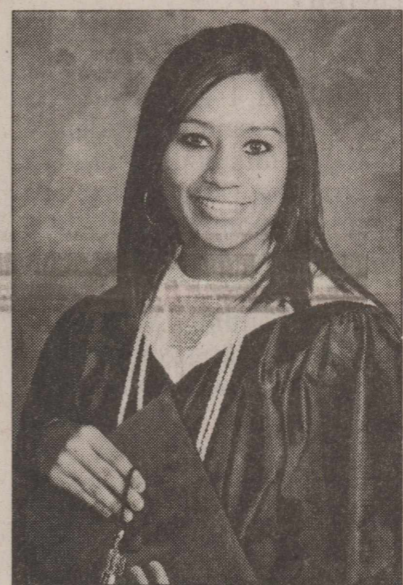
Class Honors: Cum Laude  
 UIL Literary Participation: Number Sense 3,4; Calculator 4; Math 3,4.

UIL Sports/Band Participation: Football 1-4; Basketball 3; Track 1-4 and Tennis Manager 3,4.

Favorite Activities, Hobbies: Chillin' and riding around with my friends, texting.

Future Plans: To attend West Texas A&M University and major in mathematics.

Best Lesson I Learned in High School: Choose your friends wisely and don't text and drive.



ALYSHA LAVONNE LARA

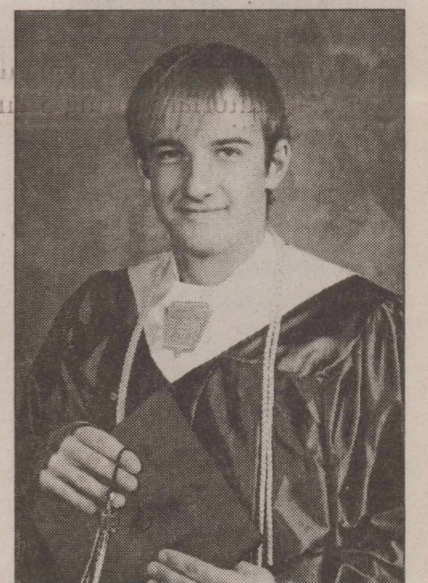
Parents: Abel and Anna Lara

Class Honors: Cum Laude; Miss OHS; English IV Award.

Clubs, Offices: National Honor Society 2-4; Student Council 2 and Class Officer 4.

UIL Sports/Band Participation: Varsity Basketball 1-4, Fighting Heart 4; Softball 1-4, MVP 4; Cheerleading 3 and Student Trainer 4, Student Trainer of the Year 4; Outstanding Female Athlete 4.

Favorite Activities, Hobbies: Hanging out with Matt and my friends, spending time with family, listening to music, playing basketball and softball, texting and going out of town.



MATTHEW KOMECHAK

Parents: Cindy Reavis Komechak and Gil Komechak  
 Class Honors: Cum Laude; Outstanding Student in English, Health and Agriculture; Mr. OHS Nominee; A-B Honor Roll; Dekalb Award.

Clubs, Offices: Student Council President 4; Class President 2; FFA District Treasurer 1.

UIL Literary Participation: Current Events 4 and Social Studies 4.

UIL Sports/Band Partici-

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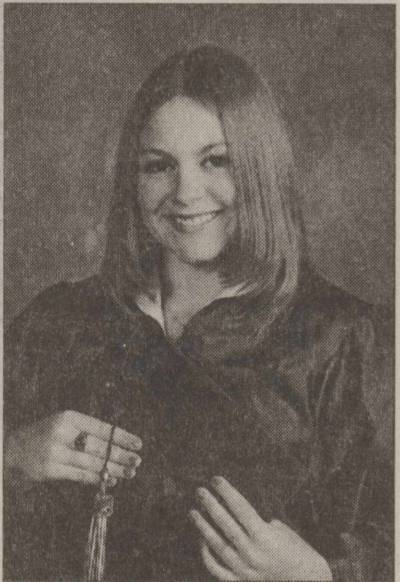
**patation:** Football 1-3; Baseball 1,2; Track 1-4.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Hunting and fishing.

**Future Plans:** To attend Angelo State University for two years and then transfer to Texas Tech University and major in finance and minor in business.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Money is very hard to come by, so be smart with it and always remember it's easier to make money with your brain rather than your back.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** 4-H Livestock Showing, Wool & Mohair Judging, Shooting Sports, Livestock Judging; Boy Scouts - Eagle Scout Award.



BARBARA JEAN CAPERTON

**Parents:** Barbara E. Caperton and Josh Caperton

**Class Honors:** Cum Laude; Academic Awards for Geometry and Health Science I; Presidential Academic Excellence Award; A-B Honor Roll; HSTE II Award; Government & Economics Award; Physics Award.

**Clubs, Offices:** National Honor Society.

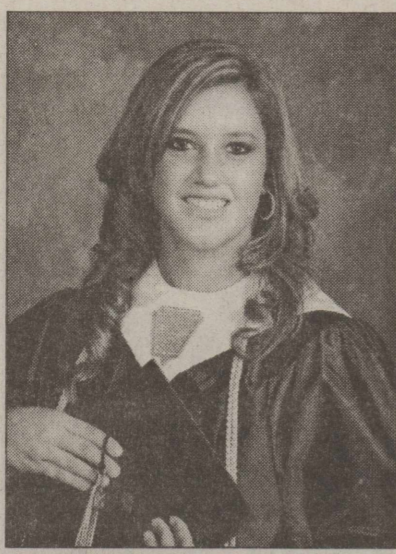
**UIL Literary Participation:** CX Debate Team 2-4, State Qualifier 4; Feature Writing 3-4, Regional Qualifier 2,4; Editorial Writing 3 and News Writing 3.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** I love spending time with my family, cruising around town and just chillin' listening to music.

**Future Plans:** To attend Angelo State University where I will be apart of the pre-medicine program and major in biology. After I attend college, I plan on attending medical school and eventually becoming an OB/GYN and later specializing in high-risk pregnancies.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Sometimes you just have to learn to let the small stuff go and cherish every moment because before you know it, it's gone.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** Member of the First Baptist Church of Ozona, AWANAS and VBS Leader 1,2; Participant in the Levis and Lace Square Dance Club.



MELISSA NICOLE MILLER

**Parents:** Jill and Ronald Koerth and Mike Miller

**Class Honors:** Cum Laude  
**Clubs, Offices:** National Honor Society 2-4

**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Basketball 1-4; Softball 3; Golf 4; Track 1; Cheerleading 1,2,4.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Spending time with Jadon and hanging out with friends. Spending time with people I love.

**Future Plans:** To attend Howard College in San Angelo for nursing and transfer to either the University of Texas at San Antonio or Angelo State University to become an RN.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Always give your best in everything you do or you will never be satisfied. Also, things never go as planned! So, just live life by the minute!



REBECCA RUEFFER

**Parents:** Sharon and Eddie Martin and Jack and Sally Rueffer

**Class Honors:** Cum Laude  
**Clubs, Offices:** National Honor Society; FFA 2-4, FFA Reporter 3.

**UIL Literary Participation:** Prose 4; One Act Play 3,4.

**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Band 1-4, Drum Major 3, Band Sweetheart 4.

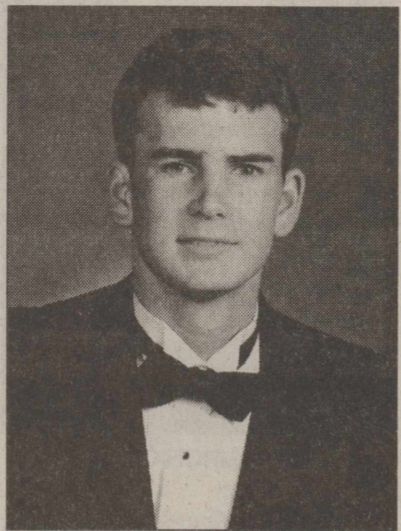
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** My favorite things are to sing and do puzzles.

**Future Plans:** To start college this summer and work toward being a nurse.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** You have to make the best of the situations that you are in.

**Non-school Clubs, Orga-**

**nizations Affiliations:** Active member of the First Baptist Church of Ozona Youth Group.



WILSON WILLIAM WHITE

**Parents:** Jim and Vicki White

**Class Honors:** Cum Laude; A-B Honor Roll; Class Honors in Geometry, Computer Maintenance and Physics; Who's Who Among American High School Students 3; National Society of High School Scholars 3.

**Clubs, Offices:** National Honor Society 2-4; Student Council Class President 3; Student Council Class Representative 4.

**UIL Literary Participation:** Social Studies 2-4; Current Events 2-4, Regional Qualifier 3,4.

**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** JV/Varsity Cross Country 1,2, Regional Qualifier 1; JV Golf 1-3; Band 1,2, Division I Rating 2.

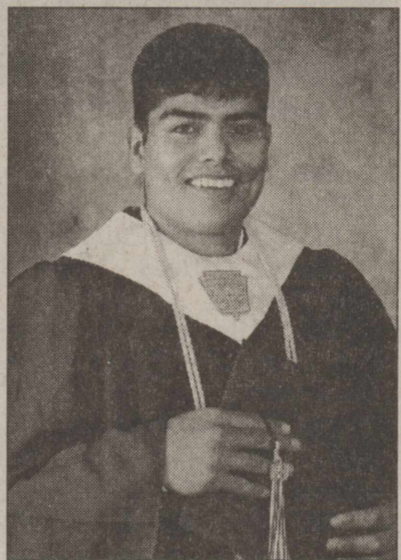
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Flying, traveling, hiking, camping, swimming, hanging out with friends and family, watching movies, watching Star Trek, learning, history, science, eating, trying new things and going to the beach.

**Future Plans:** To attend Angelo State University and

be part of the Air Force ROTC program. After college graduation, I plan to receive a commission as an officer and become a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. Hopefully, I will have the opportunity to travel the world.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** The importance of being yourself. The importance of hard work and perseverance pays off. To humble yourself and to be thankful for what you are and for what you have.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** Member of the Ozona Church of Christ and Youth Group; Senior 4-H Club 1-4, Second Vice President 2-4, Senior Ag Club (4-H) 2, 4-H National Danforth "I Dare You" Award 2, 4-H Mother Davidson Award 3, Senior 4-H Leadership Award 4; Boy Scouts of America 1-4, Eagle Scout Rank 3 and Assistant Patrol Leader 3.



FELIX VENEGAS JR.

**Parents:** Felix and Maria Venegas

**Class Honors:** Cum Laude; Mr. OHS.

**Clubs, Offices:** FFA President 4; National Honor Society.

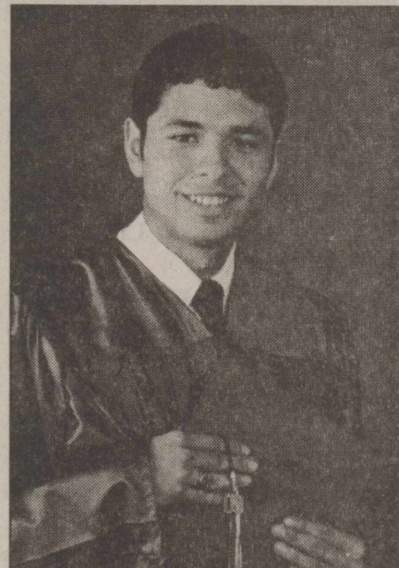
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Football 1-4 and

Track 1-4.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Spending time with family, going to church, driving out to the ranch, going fishing, building fence with my dad and playing football and track.

**Future Plans:** To attend Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater and study architecture.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** No matter how tough things get, always keep your head up for the good things will come at the end.



JESSE RAMOS JR.

**Parents:** Michelle Ramos and Jesse Ramos

**Class Honors:** Cum Laude; Division IV Award.

**Clubs, Offices:** FFA 4; National Honor Society 4.

**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Football; Tennis.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Playing guitar, singing and hanging out.

**Future Plans:** I am currently enlisted in the U.S. Navy and will ship out July 15, 2009.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Get all work done no matter how much you don't like it.

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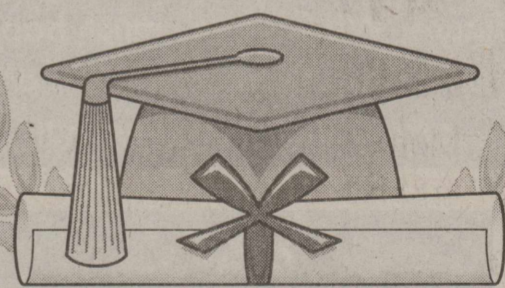
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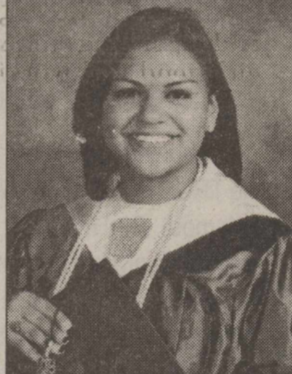
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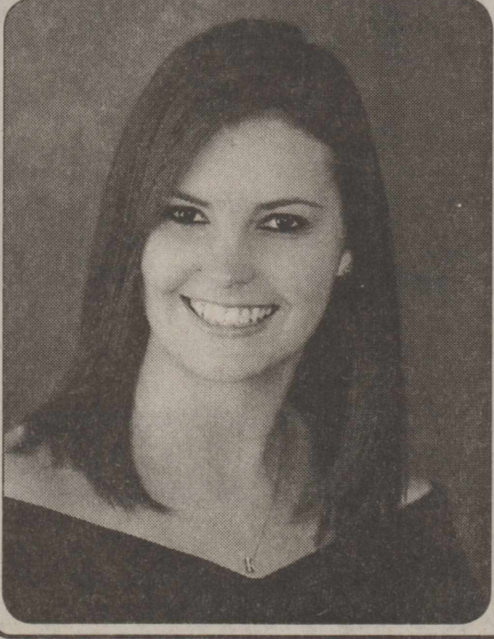
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Mom, Dad, Paige, Kyle, Cass, Ricky, Grandma & Grandpa Sanchez



It's Here — Graduation!



2009

The end of a happy adventure and the beginning of a new one! May success always be yours.

Granny

*Congratulations*

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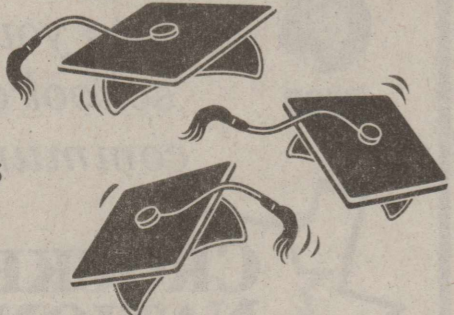

We Love You,  
Dad, Minnie & Sisters



The best of luck to all our ambitious young graduates. You're the hope and the future of our community, and we look forward to great things from each and every one of you.

CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE!

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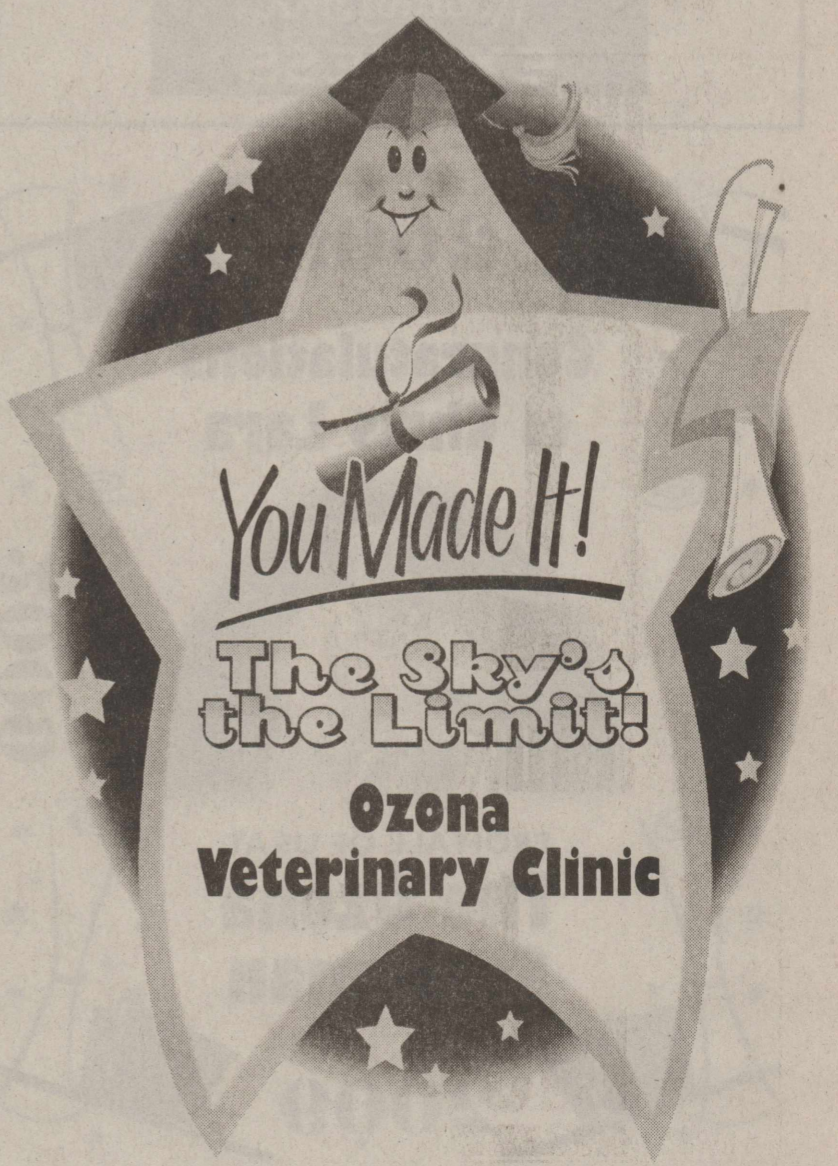
From all of us—  
to all the graduates—  
sincere best wishes.

**WOOL GROWERS**

You Made It!

The Sky's the Limit!

**Ozona Veterinary Clinic**



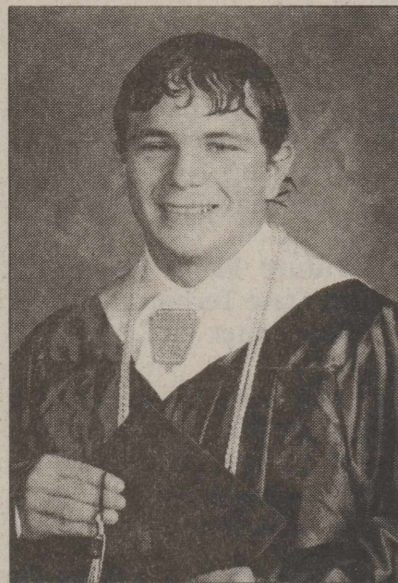
# "Here's to Your Future"

You've worked hard, and success is now within your grasp.



Best wishes to everyone in the Class of 2009!

**Triple C Hardware & Lumber, Inc.**



**BENJAMIN JASON FLORES**

**Parents:** Omero Flores, Lissa Benson and Rosie Ochoa  
**Class Honors:** Cum Laude  
**Clubs, Offices:** National Honor Society 2-4; Class President 2.

**UIL Literary Participation:** Computer Applications 1,2.

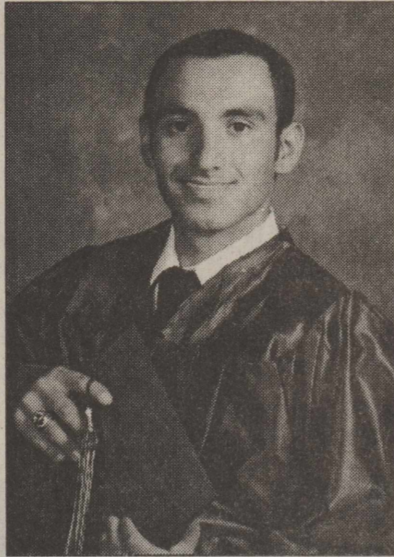
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Football 1-4, Offensive MVP 4; Baseball 1; Basketball 1; Track 2,3; Tennis 1-4 and Golf 4.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Going to the ranch, watching the future athletes of Ozona play sports and having family time at 8:30 every day.

**Future Plans:** I have enlisted into the United States Navy. After, I plan to go to the University of Texas Law School to become an energy lawyer.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** I've learned two: you can't always get what you want and hard work doesn't solve everything.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** Ozona Men's Softball Teams.



**JOSHUA RYAN SMITH**

**Parents:** Johnny and Nancy Smith

**Class Honors:** Cum Laude  
**Clubs, Offices:** National Honor Society

**UIL Literary Participation:** Current Events and Social Studies

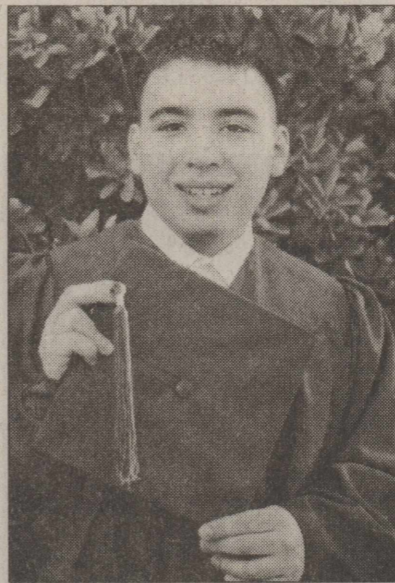
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Varsity Golf 1-4, MVP 4; Band 1,2.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Golf, hunting, fishing, hanging out with friends and spending time with my girlfriend.

**Future Plans:** To attend Angelo State University and pursue a degree in radiology.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** I wish I would have tried harder my first years in high school.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** Boy Scouts Eagle Scout Award.



**JAMES DAMON CALDERA**

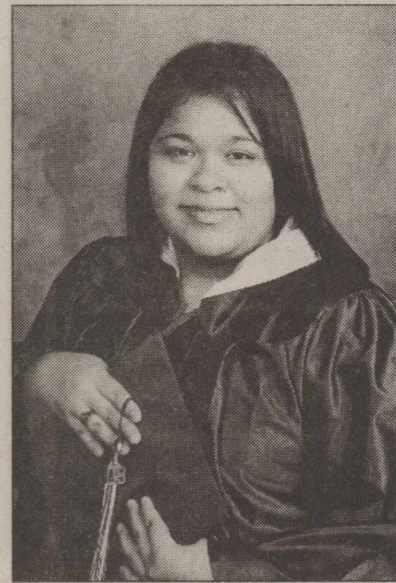
**Parents:** Ernestina Caldera  
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Football, Basketball, Band 2.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Playing football, working in the yard, going to San Angelo to see friends, working at Gandy Ink in San Angelo.

**Future Plans:** To join the U.S. Navy and make a career out of it and go to college to study to be a dentist.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Never trust people and that Mr. English wasn't such a bad guy.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** Summer softball, coach flag football in San Angelo.



**CHEYENNE CHRISTIAN COY**

**Parents:** Juan and Silvia coy

**Class Honors:** Intro to HSTE Award.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** My favorite activity is just being with my family and friends.

**Future Plans:** To attend Howard College in San Angelo where I'm going to study to become a respiratory therapist.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Always do the best you can and never give up.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** Member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

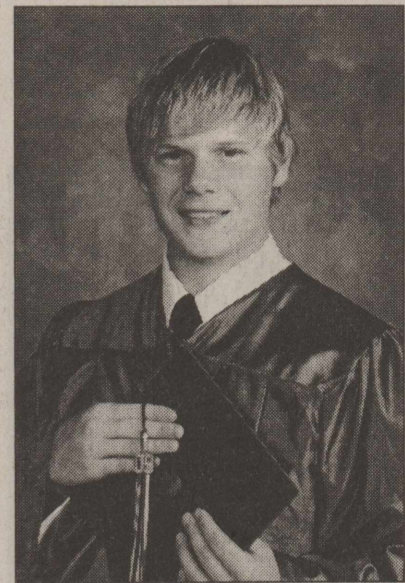
**patation:** Tennis 1-4, Fighting Heart 3, MVP 4; Football 1,2,4; Basketball 1.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Playing video games, playing guitar and playing sports.

**Future Plans:** Playing tennis in college.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Never take anything for granted.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** USTA Junior Team Tennis 2,3, USTA Junior Team Tennis Finalist, USTA, Zats, Champs Tournaments.



**LATHAM CURRY DUCOTE**

**Parents:** John Curry Ducote and Leanna Kramer Childress and Dwight Childress

**Clubs, Offices:** Class Representative 1-3; Student Body Representative 4; FFA Vice President 4; Honorary Greenhand 4.

**UIL Literary Participation:** Headline Writing; Ready Writing

**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Football 1-4

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Shooting, fixing things, 4-H, FFA.

**Future Plans:** Pursue a business degree at the University of Mississippi "Ole Miss."

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Take care of business and have fun.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** 4-H; member of the Ozona United Methodist Church.

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE!** You did it!

*All the Best at Graduation*

You've passed the challenge with flying colors, and now it's your turn to graduate. Please accept our sincere best wishes for a lifetime of happiness and success. Bravo, graduates!

**CROCKETT COUNTY YOUTH CENTER**

**THE GIFT OF Knowledge IS YOURS**

May your education and experience as a student serve you well in your career and your future. We wish you much happiness and fulfillment. Congratulations on your graduation achievement!

**Holiday Inn EXPRESS**

**2009**

**Congratulations to Chris Lara**

**2009**

FROM ALL OF US AT **The Ozona Stockman**

**2009**

**BRAVO CLASS OF 2009**

**To Our Five "Soaring Eagles"**

May your wings spread and fly to achieve your goals in life. Always be TRUSTWORTHY AND LOYAL to your family, friends and people you will meet. Be HELPFUL where you can. BE FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS and KIND always. Remember to be OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE and CLEAN in everyday living. And most of all be reverent to the man above, for without him you would not be where you are today. May God keep and Bless you in every way, so that you will have a richly lived life.

Linda & Melvin Conner

**CLASS OF 2009**

You Have The **TOOLS FOR SUCCESS** Graduates!

**CROCKETT AUTOMOTIVE**

**DEVON DIEHL**

**Parents:** Thomas and Corina Diehl

**UIL Sports/Band Participation:**

**Smile!**

**You did it!**

**Congratulations Grads!**

**STEVE SESSOM D.D.S., FAMILY & STAFF**

*Graduation*

We're proud to wish the Class of 2009 much success for tomorrow and beyond.

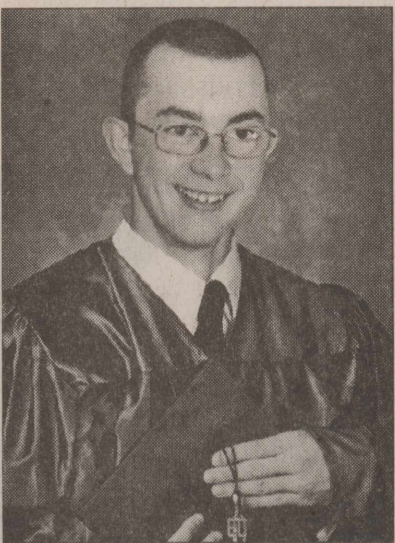
**FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OF OZONA**

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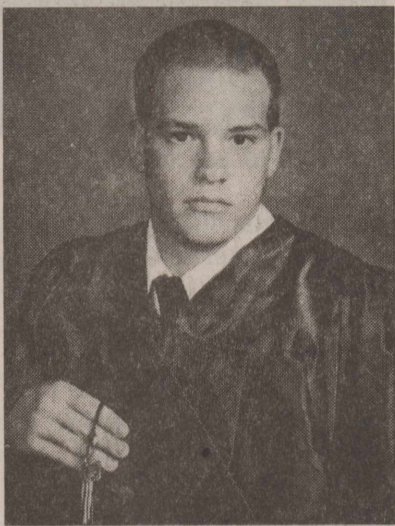
Your achievements are a credit to your school and community.

**CROCKETT NATIONAL BANK** MEMBER FDIC

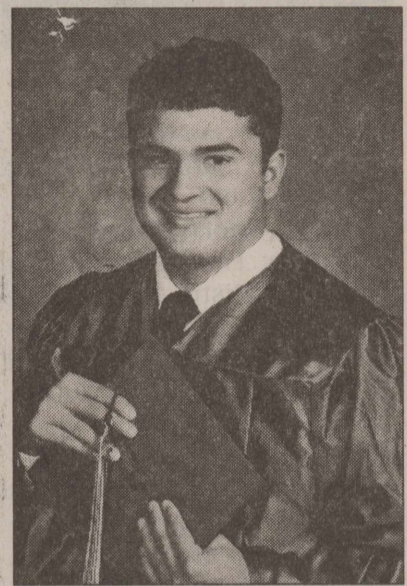


BILLY ELSTON

**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Football 1,3,4; Track 2-4; Baseball 2,3; Basketball 4.  
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Spending time with friends and family, working out and doing physical things.  
**Future Plans:** To enlist in the U.S. Navy and then go to college.  
**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Don't take things for granted, do things to the best of your ability and to just live your life.

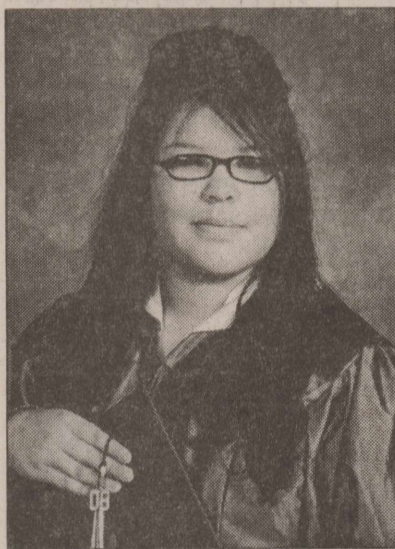


ERIC GABHART



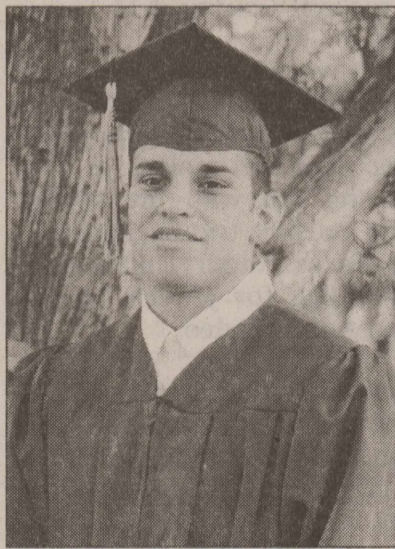
MATTHEW GARZA

**Parents:** Lalo and Belia Garza  
**Clubs, Offices:** FFA 4.  
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Football 1-4; Basketball 1,2,4; Baseball 1-3; Golf 4.  
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Spending time with my son, my family and friends.  
**Future Plans:** To attend Howard College in San Angelo.



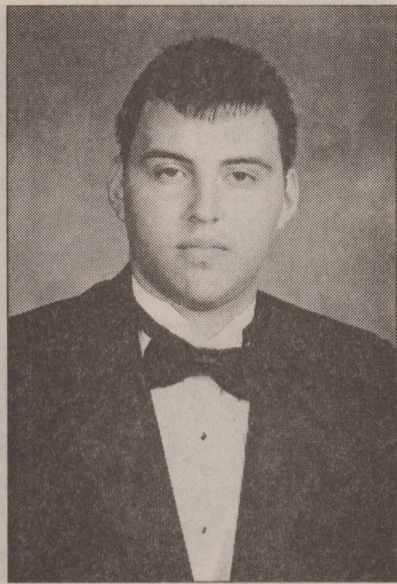
DESIREE MONIQUE GALAN

**Parents:** Paula G. Martinez and Richard Martinez; Anthony Vasquez.  
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Basketball 1,2; Softball 1,2; Band 1,2.  
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** I like to play basketball and softball when I have a chance. Also, I like to hang out with my friends and cruise Ozona.  
**Future Plans:** I plan on staying in Ozona for awhile and then in the fall moving to a city.



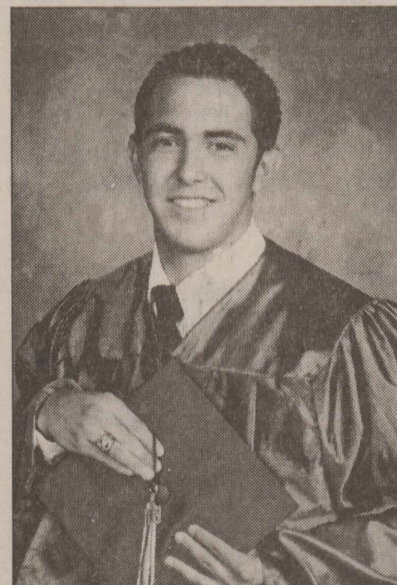
MATIAS G. GANDAR III

**Parents:** Mr. and Mrs. Matias Gandar  
**Class Honors:** Perfect Attendance 1.



CHRISTOPHER M. LARA

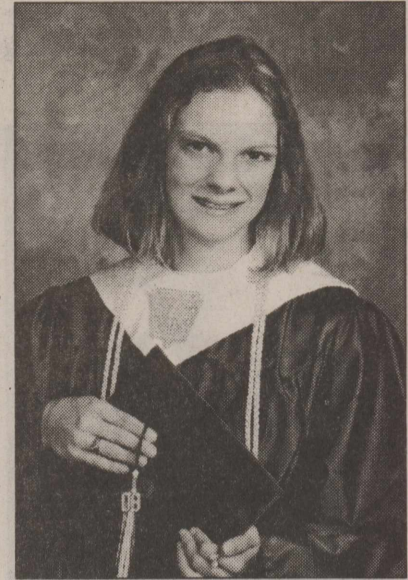
**Parents:** Maria T. Lara, Ramon F. Sanchez, Anna D. Sanchez.  
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Band 1-4, Jazz Band 4, Band Beau 4; Football; Baseball.  
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Videogames, hunting and fishing and paintball.  
**Future Plans:** To enlist in the U.S. Air Force.  
**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Watch red lights.  
**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** Member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Youth Group.



THOMAS ANTHONY LONGORIA

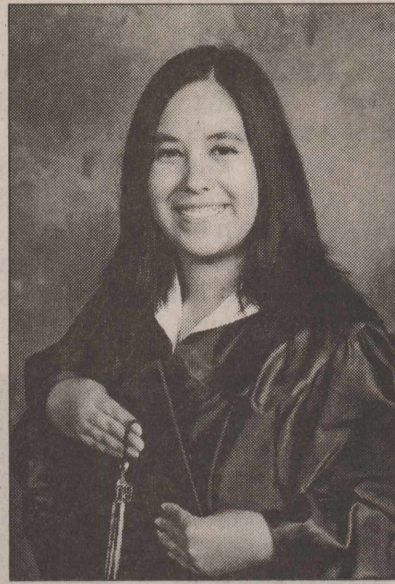
**Parents:** Rojelio and Vicky Longoria  
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Varsity Baseball 1-3; Varsity Basketball 3,4, Cap-

tain 4, All-District Honorable Mention 4; Football 4.  
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Playing basketball and hanging out with friends.  
**Future Plans:** To attend The University of Texas of the Permian Basin and play college soccer.  
**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Live life to the fullest.



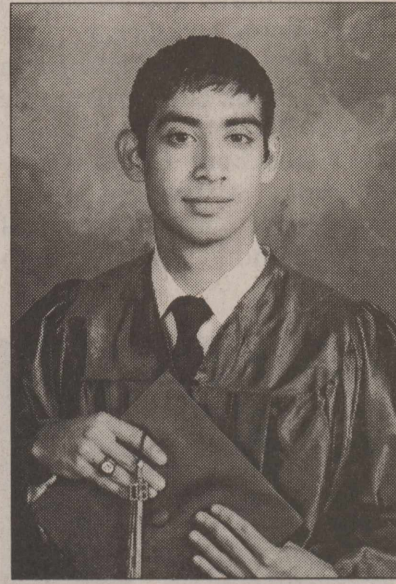
SARAH LOTT

**Parents:** Dianne Lott and David Lott  
**Class Honors:** Miss OHS Nominee.  
**Clubs, Offices:** National Honor Society.  
**UIL Literary Participation:** Spelling 1-4.  
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Band 1-4, Librarian 2-4, Colorguard 2-4; Track 1-4.  
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Colorguard.  
**Future Plans:** To attend Schriener University and become a pediatrician and help kids with ADHD.  
**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Watch for flying Gatorade bottles.  
**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** FCA, Chrysalis and member of the Ozona United Methodist Church.



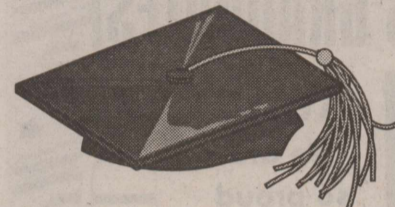
MIRANDA MARIE MUNOZ

**Parents:** Amanda and Havis Landin Sr. and Leonard Munoz  
**UIL Literary Participation:** Accounting  
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Going cruising and to hang out with my friends.  
**Future Plans:** To attend Howard College in San Angelo in the fall and major in web design and office administration.

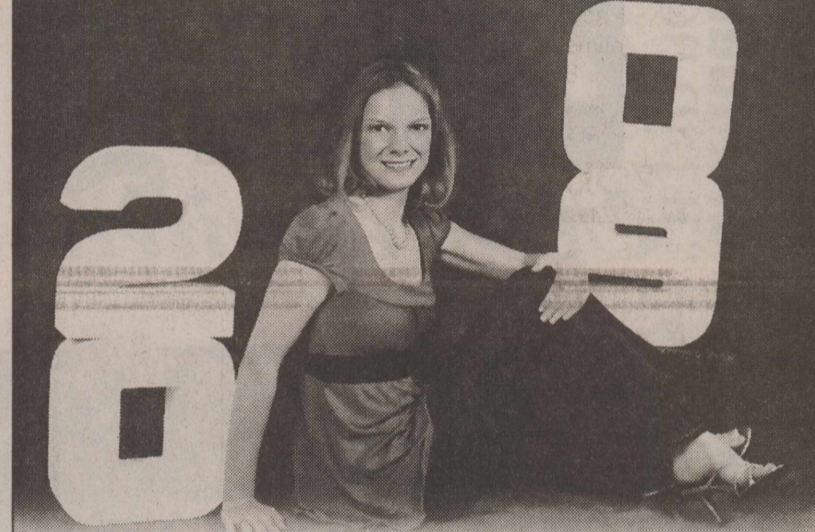


FABIAN ONATE

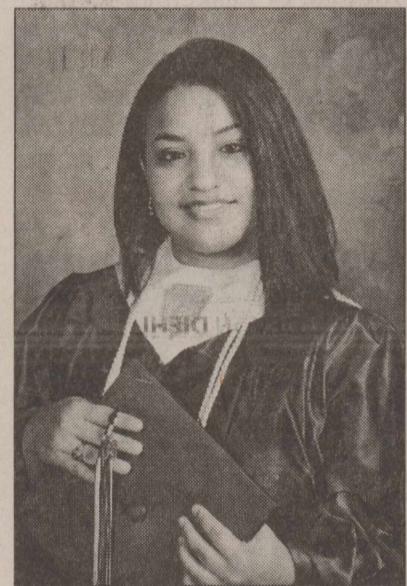
**Parents:** Gloria and Eliberto Onate  
**Class Honors:** Accounting Award 3; Mr. OHS Runner-Up; Advanced BCIS Award; Manufacturing Systems Award.  
**Clubs, Offices:** Senior Vice President and Junior Secretary.  
**UIL Literary Participation:** Computer Applications 4.  
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Football 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2,4, Regional Qualifier 4; Cross Country 2,4, Fighting Heart 4.  
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Hanging out with friends, eating, horseback riding and just having fun.  
**Future Plans:** To attend Texas State Technical College



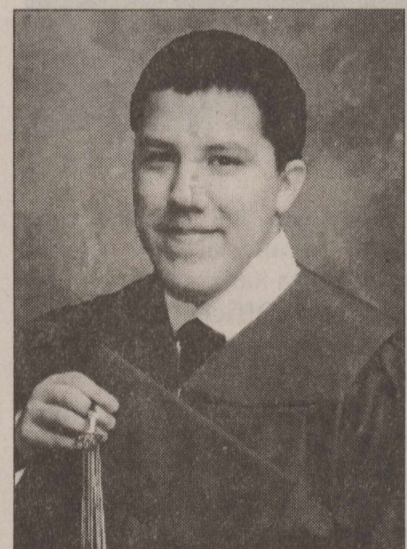
*Sarah,  
 You have shown the Fighting Heart spirit since birth. Your path has never been easy and at times, it has been more than you should have had to bear. Your sweet nature and ability to always see the best in others, no matter what, always shines through. You are much loved and always will be. You have made us very proud of you, as always.*  
 Love, Mom & Dad



With a good education no dream is too big, nor goal too high, so put on your wings and reach for the sky.  
 Good luck to all our Ozona High School graduates.  
**Village Drug**





SILVIA HERNANDEZ



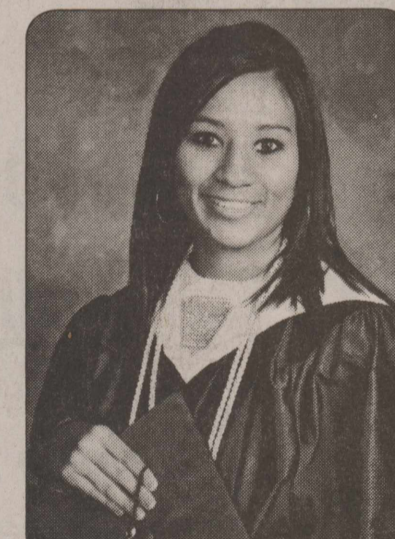
NICK HILL

**Good Luck Graduates!**

**A BIG HUG, GRADS!**  
 You've done well, and we're mighty proud of you. Congratulations, and may all your dreams come true.

*Alysha,  
 You are a precious gift from God and we are truly blessed with many cherished memories. How time flies by when you're having fun. It's been a joy watching you grow from a little girl peeking out from under your little hat to a beautiful young woman looking out from your graduation cap. You have set outstanding boundaries for your brothers and sister to meet or surpass. We are all proud of all you have accomplished. The best of luck in all your future plans and decisions in life. We will always be here for you and love you infinity times infinity.*  
 Love, Dad, Mom,



Congratulations on a job well done, graduates. You should be very proud of those diplomas—you earned them with your diligence and hard work. You've also earned the respect and admiration of your families, and your community.

**A Classy Class**

**First Baptist Church**

**Congratulations CLASS of 2009**



**Crockett County 4-H**



**Picture Perfect!**

Wishing all the best to our Class of 2009!

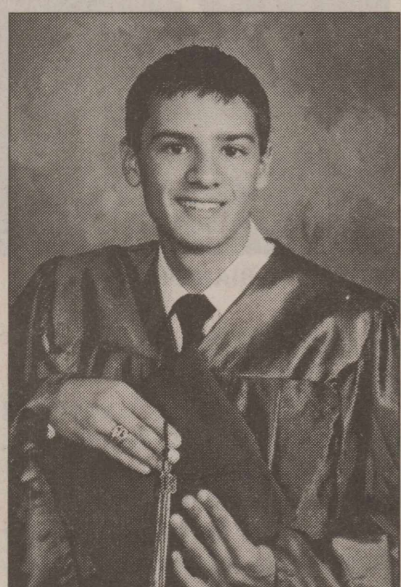
**4J & A Photography**

Joe Hernandez

in Sweetwater and become a wind energy technician.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Enjoy life but be responsible for your actions.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** Member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Youth Group.



HUNTER PEREZ

**Parents:** Michael and Kary Johnson

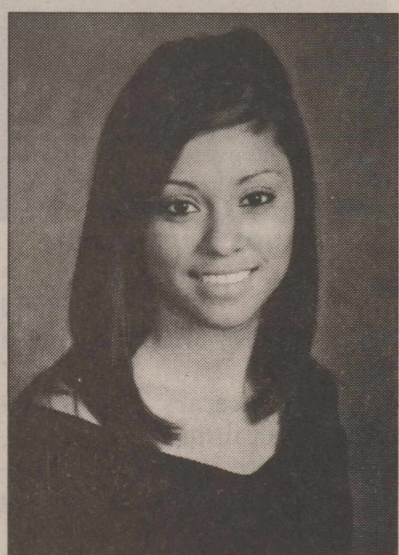
**UIL Literary Participation:** Computer Applications.

**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Football.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing and hanging out with friends.

**Future Plans:** To attend college, learn welding and start my own business.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** That my parents are always right!



CRISTINA RODRIGUEZ

**Parents:** Rigoberto and Cecilia Rodriguez

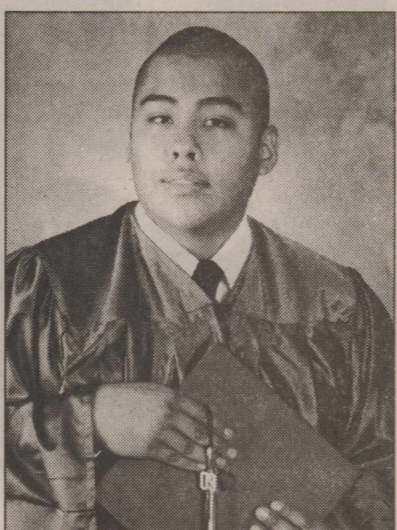
**Class Honors:** Homecoming Queen; Miss OHS Runner-

Up.

**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Basketball 1-4; Softball 1-4, First Team All-District Catcher 3, Fighting Heart 4; Track 3; Athletic Trainer 1,4.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Hanging out with her friends, riding her horse, texting and having fun everyday, all day.

**Future Plans:** To attend Howard College and obtain an associates degree to be a dental assistant.



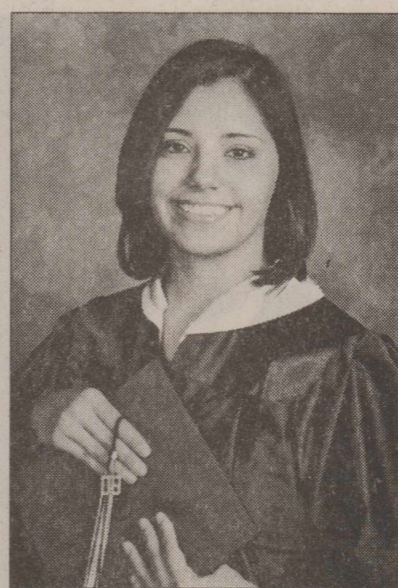
ISAAC RODRIGUEZ

**Parents:** Eleazar and Amada Rodriguez

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Hanging out with friends, listening to music and playing bass guitar.

**Future Plans:** I plan on moving to Wichita Falls, Texas and attend Vernon College to study welding.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Hard work pays off.



STACY A. SILVA

**Parents:** Sandra and Felipe Reyes

**Clubs, Offices:** Treasurer

1,2

**UIL Literary Participation:** Current Events 1.

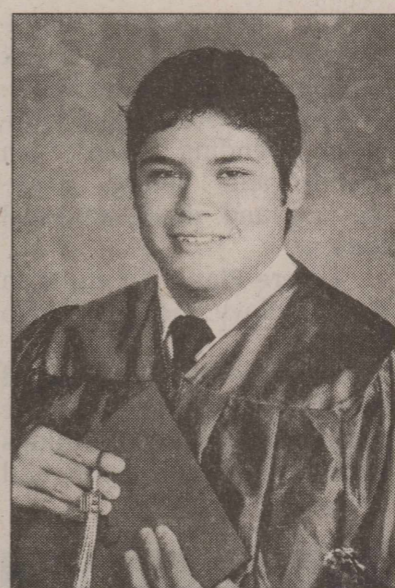
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Cross Country 1,2,4, Regional Qualifier 1,2,4; Trainer 1-3; Basketball 1,2,4; Softball 1,2; Tennis 1,2; Track 1-4, Regional Qualifier 1,2,4.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Shop, workout, spend time with friends and family and cooking!

**Future Plans:** To attend culinary school in San Antonio or Las Vegas.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** That you can't rely on anybody other than yourself.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** Member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church; 4-H 1,2.



STEVEN SILVA

**Parents:** Sandra Reyes

**Clubs, Offices:** Senior Class President.

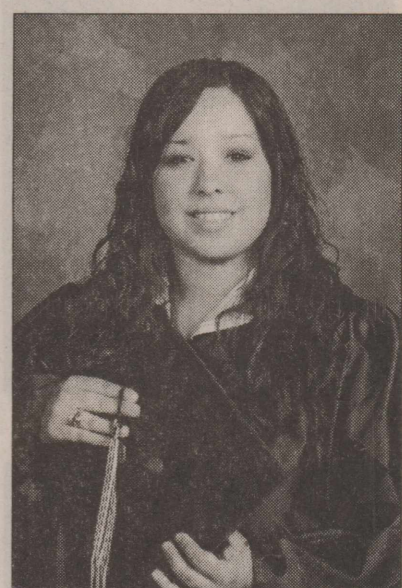
**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Football 2-4, First Team All-District Defensive Line 3, First Team All-District Defensive Line 4, Second Team All-District Tight End 4, All-West Texas 4, Defensive MVP 4; Basketball 3,4, Honorable Mention All-District 3,4, MVP 4; Track 3,4, District Champion Discus 3,4, Shot Put 4, MVP 4; Tennis 1-4; Baseball 2,3; Golf 4, Team Captain 4; Outstanding Male Athlete 4.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Playing basketball with my friends, playing video games, watching movies, eating and sleeping.

**Future Plans:** To attend West Texas A&M University or the University of Texas at San Antonio and major in kinesiology or nursing. I also plan on walking on to one of the football or basketball teams.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** The best lesson I learned in high school is to never try and be someone or something you're not, just be yourself.

"true" friends stick together no matter what and that "fake" friends are only their by you for awhile.



IRIS MARIE VERGARA

**Parents:** Marisa Vargas

**UIL Literary Participation:** CX Debate 4, State Qualifier 4;

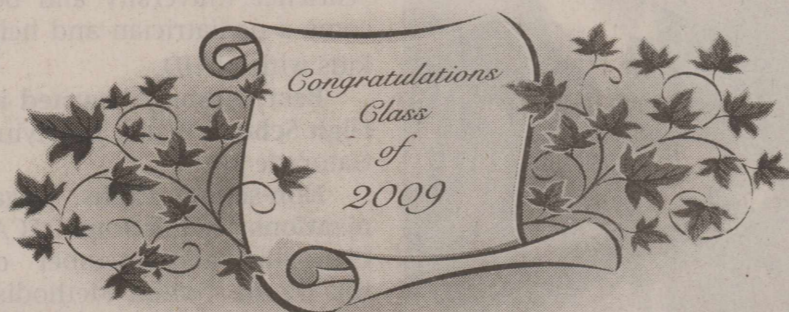
**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Spending time with family and friends, shopping, texting and just having fun.

**Future Plans:** To attend Howard College in the fall and get my LVN license and then maybe transfer to ASU for my RN.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Throughout each year of high school, I've learned to be more confident and to just give it all I've got, but at the same time have a good time.

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**  
class of 2009  
You Made It! 2009 PRIDE  
You did it! Achievement

**Kara,**  
We are so proud of you.  
We support you in all your endeavors in the years to come.  
With lots of love,  
Dad & Jared



LAURA STAPPER

**Parents:** Carlon and Ann Stapper

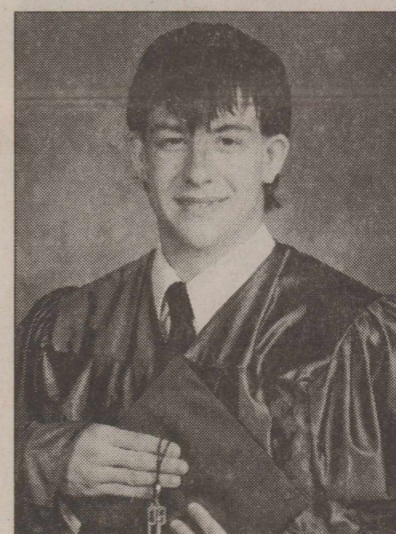
**Class Honors:** First graduate from the Hoover K-Ranch School.

**Clubs, Offices Held, Year:** Crockett County 4-H Secretary 07-09

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Going to Gary and Nancy Vannoy's Bible Study, judging wool and mohair in 4-H, having fun with my sisters and cousins, texting, listening to Texas country music and shopping for jewelry at the San Angelo rodeo.

**Future Plans:** To attend Texas A&M University where I will major in rangeland ecology and management. After I graduate, I plan on returning to Crockett County where I will help run the family ranches. I'll retire from that when I get to Heaven.

**Non-school Clubs, Organizations Affiliations:** Member of the Ozona Church of Christ, Dr. Vannoy's High School Bible Study group and Crockett County 4-H.



PRESTON BOYD TEBBETTS

**Parents:** Ms. Marsha Tebbetts; Grandparents Milton and Donna Sanders

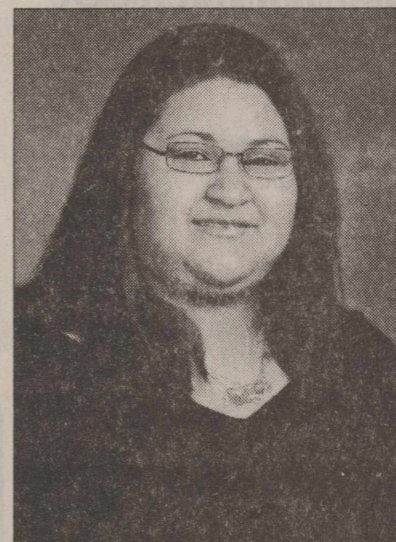
**Clubs, Offices:** FFA 1,2.

**UIL Sports/Band Participation:** Football 1-3.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Paintball, hanging with friends and playing Xbox.

**Future Plans:** To attend Texas State Technical College in Waco for auto mechanics.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** High school is high school, it's not your life so get good grades, get out and stop with the drama.



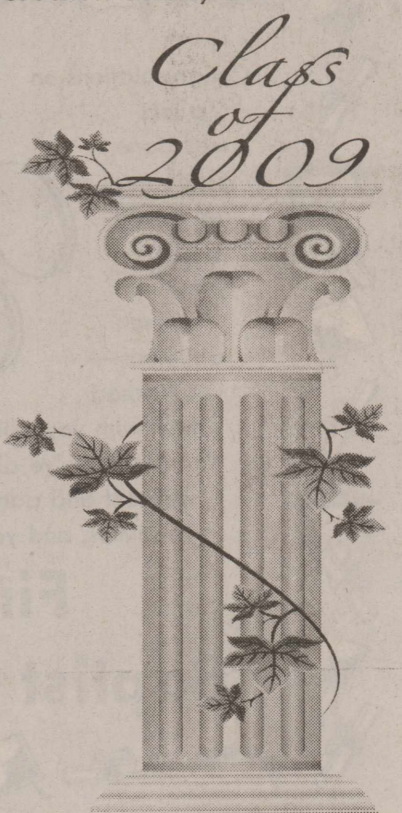
VERONICA ANA VALDEZ

**Parents:** Juan R. and Mayte Valdez.

**Favorite Activities, Hobbies:** Hanging out with family and friends and listening to music.

**Future Plans:** To attend Howard College in San Angelo and study to become a nurse.

**Best Lesson I Learned in High School:** Learning that



# The Ozona Stockman

is proud to be saluting the OHS 2009 Graduates!

As you march across that stage to receive your diploma, know that all of us are rooting for you. We've watched you grow and cheered you on through good times and bad. Now that you're ready for the real world, remember that we're always here to support your goals and dreams.

Extra special thanks to Illusions Photography of Big Lake for the use of their photos. Without their help, along with Wilda Ramos, Amanda Jackson and Ashlee Ramos, this edition would not have been possible.