

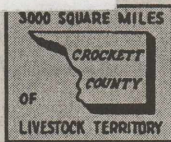
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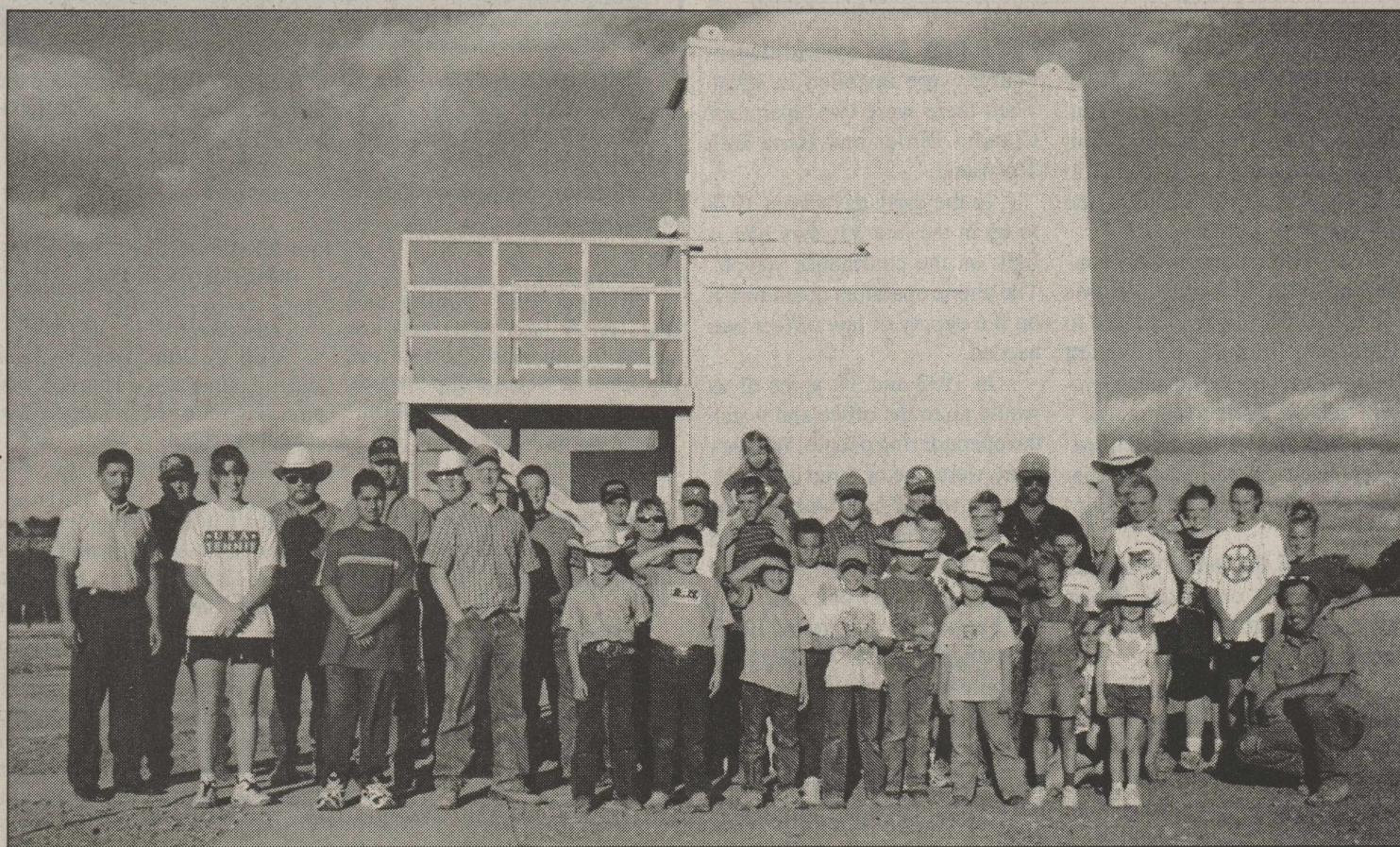
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CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM YOUNGSTERS all had happy faces Monday evening as they examined the new facilities at the 4-H shooting range south of town. A hot dog supper was on the menu for parents, commissioners, and county road department employees. Ozona Trap and Skeet Club donated their entire shooting equipment to the 4-H program. The equipment, valued at over \$16,000, was moved from its old location northwest of town on the Big Lake Hwy. to the range south of town by the county road department who also constructed sidewalks and installed a meeting room, concession stand, all made possible by money allocated the the county commissioners.

photo by Scotty Moore

4-H shooting sports program gets boost from club donation

By Travis Zuberbueler

to shoot a shotgun.

On Monday, Sept. 30, the Crockett County 4-H Club held a demonstration on shooting sports at the new clay bird range behind the Ozona cemetery. A hot dog supper provided by the 4-H Club started the activities. Sixty 4-H'ers have signed up to participate in shooting sports this year.

Roy Walston, Cindy Dusek and Tom Anderson talked to the group about how this clay bird range was established. The Crockett County Commissions allowed this range to be built on county property for the use by the 4-H Club. Ozona Trap and Skeet Club donated the equipment and moved in the houses for the trap and the skeet range. The Crockett County Road Department prepared the site and built the stations for the trap and skeet courses. John L. Henderson and Mike Glover moved in a portable classroom that will be used for safety classes.

Afterward, a demonstration was held on the trap range by Jake Stewart and Josh Long, both senior 4-H'ers, along with Jimmy Hokit. They showed how the trap range operates, and afterward many 4-H members who were present were allowed to shoot at the clay pigeons with a shotgun. For many, this was their first time

A committee has been formed to operate this facility due to the joint efforts of the county, the Ozona Trap and Skeet Club and the 4-H Club. Committee members are Roy Walston, Tom Anderson, Frank White, Eddie Stewart, Jake Stewart and Eddie Moore.

The current certified instructors are Ted Spence, Randy and Cindy Dusek, Tom Anderson, Eddie Stewart and Junior Leader Jake Stewart. Additional instructors are needed at this time to help handle the 4-H kids who are signed up for this program. Anyone interested in becoming a certified instructor should call the County Extension Office at 392-2721.

Ozona Trap and Skeet Club members will serve as sponsors for the 4-H members. Membership dues for Ozona Trap and Skeet Club are \$60.00 per person or \$75.00 per family for one year. In addition, it will cost \$4.00 per round of 25 clay pigeons. Proceeds will benefit the 4-H Club. For Ozona Trap and Skeet Club membership information, contact Tom Anderson at 392-3842.

The 4-H Club is very happy about this joint effort to help the shooting sports program in Crockett County.

Ozona ends non-district play undefeated

Lions run over Stanton Buffaloes 48-0

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Lions visited Buffalo Stadium on Friday, Sept. 27, for the last non-district game of the season. There they met the Stanton Buffaloes in a contest with an outcome few people expected. With several key players out and a slow start to last week's game, few thought the Lions would totally shut out the Buffaloes and wipe them out with a 48-point win. Amazingly, that is just what they did.

The Lions opened the game a little shaky, but the defense played tough, stopping the Buffaloes' advances and allowing time for the Lions to find their groove. With a little more than five minutes left in the first quarter, the Lions found their game. They started with a good punt return by Lalo Garza, followed that with a good run by Jarryd Taylor, and finished it off with a touchdown by G. L. Bunger and a good extra point kick by Bryan Skehan. This brought the score to 7-0 Ozona.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Buffaloes mishandled the ball, and the Lions recovered possession on the 37-yard-line. Ozona made quick work of this good fortune by scoring on a pass from Clay Hale to Lalo Garza, Bryan Skehan made good on the extra kick, and the Lions led 14-0.

The Lions stopped the Buffs' next drive and forced them to punt. They finished the quarter with several good runs on offense.

In the second quarter, the Lions were stopped by Stanton's defense. After the Buffaloes gained possession, they were unable to move the ball against the Lions' great defense. Once again, the Buffs had to punt.

The Lion offense came on strong once again. They rumbled down the field and made it into the end zone with a touchdown pass from Hale to Wilson Stokes. They faked the extra point kick and were able to pass the ball to Toby Pagan for the 2-point conversion. Now the Lions were up 22-0.

Stanton fumbled once again, and the Purple and Gold came up with the ball. The Lions went right for the goal line, and after just a few plays, Clay Hale connected with Robert Ogle for another touchdown. Skehan made the extra point, and the scoreboard read 29-0 for the Lions.

Bryan Skehan kicked off for Ozona. Stanton was met by the same determined Lion defense, and they quickly punted once more. Jarryd Taylor made a great run, taking the Lions to the 25-yard-line and setting them up for another touchdown, this one a pass from Hale to Bunger. The PAT was not good, and the Lions

led 35-0.

The second half opened with more bad luck for the Buffaloes. Their offense was stopped when Lalo Garza tipped a pass and Wilson Stokes grabbed it. The Lions moved down the field with carries by Jarryd Taylor and G. L. Bunger. Finally, Andrew Shaffer's block created a hole big enough for Taylor to slip through and carry the ball into the end zone for a 33-yard touchdown. The 2-point conversion was unsuccessful, and the score was 41-0 for the Lions.

The offense wasn't able to rest for long because the Buffs fumbled the kickoff, Ozona recovered it, and soon the Lions found themselves across the goal line again. This time the touchdown was a pass from Hale to Ryan Pearl. The extra point was good, and the score became 48-0 for the Lions. For the remainder of the game, the Lions continued to hold Stanton with great defensive effort. The final score of the game 48-0 Ozona.

Defensively, the Lions had a great game. Linebackers Jarryd Taylor, Romeo Perez, Andrew Shaffer and Toby Pagan had good games and did a good job of calling the defenses. Chase Clark had another great game up front along with Robert Ogle, Ramon Trujillo and Aaron Espino. They kept pressure on the quarterback all night. The defensive backs also contrib-

uted with great coverage coming up with two interceptions. Leading tacklers for the Lions were Romeo Perez with 11, Jarryd Taylor with nine, Chase Clark with nine and John Ray Luna with seven tackles.

Offensively, several players made contributions. Clay Hale had a good game and made five touchdown passes. The receivers also did a great job of catching the ball and running with it. One touchdown was caught in the end zone, the rest were caught and then run into the end zone for the score.

"Stanton loaded up to stop the run, and Clay and our receivers made them pay," said Head Coach Steve Taylor. "Coach Streun and Coach Payne made some great calls and got us some big plays. That finally opened up the running game, and everything started to click."

The offensive line played well against the biggest defensive front of the year. Stanton's three defensive linemen were 270 pounds, 280 pounds and 330 pounds. Despite the size difference, Clay was not sacked all night.

Overall, the Lions had a solid performance that stunned their opponent and wowed the crowd.

"We kind of got off to a shaky start," said Coach Taylor, "then settled down and played one of our best games all year. We were really surprised we did that to Stanton (48-0). I would have never believed it."

Coach Taylor also expressed appreciation for the fans, saying, "Again, we had a great crowd follow us out of town. The kids really appreciate it. When you're on the road and your crowd looks bigger than the home team's, it's a good feeling and it helps the kids play harder."

Most Valuable Players for this game were: #5 Clay Hale and #51 Andrew Shaffer for offensive co-MVPs. Clay completed eight of 14 passes for 157 yards and five touchdowns. Andrew graded out highest among the linemen and has blocked well all year. #44 Romeo Perez was the defensive MVP with 11 tackles, six of these unassisted, five assists, and two tackles behind the line of scrimmage, and he caused one fumble. #12 Ryan Wiley was the special team's MVP. He returned a kick off, caused a fumble, recovered a fumble, threw a pass for a 2-point

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Upham Insurance continues homeowners coverage

The Farmers Insurance Group of Companies announced last week that as a result of terms and conditions ordered by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), it will be unable to renew current homeowners insurance policies beginning November 2002, and will no longer be able to provide Texas customers with homeowners insurance coverage from thereafter.

Locally, however, Farmers Insurance Group agent Elizabeth Upham said she will continue offering homeowners insurance to her clients.

"Elizabeth Upham Insurance Agency will continue service to all our policy holders," Mrs. Upham said. "As each homeowners policy comes up for renewal, we will be providing a policy through another company."

"As an independent contractor, I have access to other markets and am not limited to just Farmers Insurance Group."

"A notice of non-renewal

from the Farmers Insurance Group has been sent to each homeowners policy holder. As those dates draw near, a replacement offer of coverage will be sent to each policy holder," Mrs. Upham said.

Farmers previously announced it was halting all new homeowners business effective Oct. 31, 2002. With \$1.3 billion in losses in Texas homeowner coverage over the last two years, including \$435 million in the first two quarters of 2002, the TDI's unwillingness to conduct reasonable and realistic negotiations has left Farmers with no other choice than to halt its Texas homeowners business as a means of survival. All other Farmers services in Texas will be unaffected - including automobile, umbrella, flood, commercial, life insurance and financial services.

"We have made every attempt to continue offering homeowners insurance to the people of Texas

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Register now to vote in November

Anyone who is not registered to vote must do so by Oct. 7 in order to vote in the Nov. 5 general election. Voter registration is done in the Crockett County Courthouse Annex in the office of Tax Assessor-Collector Tommy Stokes.

To request a ballot to vote by mail, registered voters should contact the office of District and County Clerk Debbi Puckett at 392-2022, or write to that office at Drawer C, Ozona, TX 76943. When sending a written request, include the following information: name and residence address, address to mail ballot, type and date of election, and if known, election precinct and voter registration number.

The clerk's office will accept requests for ballots by mail through Oct. 29.

To be allowed to vote by

mail, the voter must be either 65 years of age or older, have a disability or expect to be absent from the county on election day and during the regular voting hours for the remainder of the voting period.

Early voting by personal appearance in the Nov. 5 general election starts Oct. 21 and ends Nov. 1. This voting place is the lobby of the courthouse annex. There are no special conditions to be met to vote early by personal appearance.

Only ballot by mail applications from out of county will be accepted once early voting by personal appearance begins. The ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county.

Polling places on Nov. 5 will be: Pct. 1 - County Courthouse; Pct. 2 - County Road Barn; Pct. 3 - Civic Center and Pct. 4 - Ozona Primary School.



REP. HARVEY HILDERBRAN looks over a map showing what will be his new congressional district during a stop in Ozona Sept. 25. Charting the territory with him are Tax Assessor Collector Tommy Stokes, Rep. Bob Turner who did not run for re-election, County Attorney Bill Mason, Auditor Sandy Stokes and Judge Johnny Jones.

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Crockett County History

"This is the way it was"

By Oscar Kost



It was hard to find the exact date Ozona first had a telephone system. The best we could find was about 1904. Midkiff and Bennett installed telephones in Ozona and maybe some of the surrounding counties.

In 1906, Ozona was connected with Eldorado. At this time, in order to get connected to Eldorado, Midkiff and Bennett sold the eastern half of their system to D. E. Earle of Eldorado.

Then in 1908 A. F. Bellows' telephone system had long distance to San Angelo as well as local.

In 1916, the Ozona telephone Company was organized. It was owned by a group of local citizens.

There was a local office and countywide private lines and party lines, all with hand-crank, battery-operated phones.

In 1926 the Ozona telephone System had 280 numbers. Mr. Will Bennett was manager. The original owner was a man named Bennett. Could be the same man.

In November 1928 the owners sold the company to Mid-Continent. Mid-Continent sold to Bean-Hargrave and Rust of the San Angelo Telephone Co. The San Angelo company sold to GTE in 1958.

The original company had a switchboard, an operator, numbers and a place to plug in to the local lines. (This is after 1916.)

Claudia Butler worked for the local phone company from 1927 until the system was converted to dial in 1958. The last two switchboards were installed in 1954. Then there were two operators, Claudia Butler and Rena Bell Townsend.

In the early days from 1928 to up in the late 30s they had a light on the courthouse steeple. The phone operators could turn it on if a deputy or law officer was needed.

In 1933 and 34, some of us would go to the office and watch the operator ring people. Whether there were one or three numbers, people would call and ask for someone. The operator would hunt them up. They generally knew where every one was.

I remember that around 1945-50, someone cut the 8 to 10 copper wire lines north of town and completely removed the wire. This was when copper wire was so expensive and valuable. The town woke up to no telephone service.

In September 1995, GTE installed electronic equipment here that is still in operation. In December 1995 they installed fiber optic cable capable of carrying a lot of calls. It is underground from San Angelo.

Before that, the old overhead lines were removed and cable installed.

Until 1954 there was a telephone company business office here. Then San Angelo with GTE's ownership and now someplace else through Verizon.

Have a good week.
Oscar

News Reel

News items taken from the files of The Ozona Stockman published 29 and 58 years

OCTOBER 4, 1973
News Reel
 Terry McPherson purchased the Gulf Station on Hwy. 290 from Bud Harrison and took over there Monday morning.

News Reel
 Bridget Bell Dunlap and Darolyn Wilson of Ozona are among 50 students who received Presidential Scholarship Awards this fall to attend Angelo State University in San Angelo.

News Reel
 Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr. recently loaned an antique cradle to the Crockett County Museum.

News Reel
 Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moiola of California were entertained in the homes of local folks over the weekend.

News Reel
 Mrs. Stephen Perner is in Friendswood this week visiting with her son, Chris Perner, and his family.

News Reel
 Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Lott were in Ballinger Saturday to attend the funeral service for Mr. Lott's grandmother, Mrs. George Shelton, who died Friday in Brownwood.

NEWS REEL
OCTOBER 5, 1944

News Reel
 Carl Conklin, who has been under treatment in a Houston hospital has returned home and has started to school.

News Reel
 Sgt. Clifton W. Taliaferro won his pair of silver wings after graduation in Harlingen from the Aerial Gunners class of the Army Air Force.

News Reel
 Cpl. Charles Williams, son of Mrs. Charles Williams of Ozona is here this week for a visit. He is stationed at Aloe Army Air Field at Victoria.

News Reel
 The telephone company urges subscribers not to make unnecessary calls and to be brief. Overloaded lines can cause delay in vital war calls.

Senior Happenings

The travelers have returned from the RSVP mystery trip. Jack and Janet said they had a great time. The mystery place was Oklahoma. No one guessed where they would go.

Monday is afternoon games from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This week on Tuesday and Thursday exercise will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The program last week was Shelly Mosher demonstrating Tai Chi at our potluck. She is very skilled, and we do hope to start Tai Chi lessons soon here at the Senior Center. Shelly, thank you for coming.

Help! We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals to our homebound clients. It will be only 20 minutes of your week.

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Community Calendar

- Oct. 7 - 4-H Awards Banquet, Civic Center 6:30 p.m.; RSVP by Oct. 4 to 392-2721
 - Oct. 14 - Commissioners Court, Annex Bldg., 9 a.m.
 - Oct. 17 - Abilene Book Store Sale of Books, Public Library, 1-8 p.m.
 - Oct. 19 - Ft. Lancaster Annual Living History Tour Star Party, FMI 915-836-4391
 - Oct. 20 - Ft. Lancaster, Reenactments of Frontier Life, Artillery/Infantry Displays, Texas Camel Corp., BBQ Lunch
 - Oct. 21 - Ft. Lancaster Non-denominational Church Service
 - Oct. 22 - School Board, 797 Ave. D, 6:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 26 - Salvation Army Benefit Talent Show, Civic Center, 5-9 p.m. 392-9963 FMI
 - Oct. 31 - Helping Hands Halloween Carnival, Town Square, 5-9 p.m. FMI 392-5026
 - Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day Appreciation Banquet, Civic Center, 5 p.m. RSVP 392-1321.
 - Nov. 16 - Museum Wool & Mohair Style Show, Methodist Fellowship Hall, 2 p.m. FMI 392-2827
 - Dec. 7 - 15th Annual DeerFest, Fair Park Convention Center, \$5 admission, 6:30 p.m.
 - TBA - Christmas Lighting Ceremony, Town Square, 6 p.m. FMI 392-5479 or 392-2849 Jodie Baggett
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "would maggot" (tastes bad)
- 5 a pen name for TX Sandra Brown;
- 6 TXism: "fence _____ St. Claire
- 7 TXism: "gossip" (gossip)
- 7 TX Crowell wrote "I Gain Control Again"
- 8 TXism: "_____ a hog needs a packing plant"
- 18 Jim _____ Creek
- 19 player traded by Mavs to Rockets in '93
- 20 Dallas Co. was named for this VP (init.)
- 21 Palestine FM radio describing a great shot by Mav Steve Nash (2 wds.)
- 24 TXism: "corker"
- 29 TX Dabney Coleman TV show: "The _____ Maxwell Story"
- 30 Fiesta Texas theater: Lone Star _____
- 31 _____ Pepper
- 32 famous song about a TX town (3 wds.)
- 34 TXism: "too _____ Irons in the fire"
- 35 TXism: "fits like ugly on an _____"
- 36 TXism: "comfortable _____ boot"
- 37 Cowboy zealots
- 38 TXism: "_____ walking drunk"
- 39 TXism: "tall _____ the trough" (VIP)
- 40 Texas' has a Lone Star on it
- 41 this Sam won '45 Dallas Open
- 42 TXism: "chew _____ a while" (think about)
- 43 unskilled laborer
- 44 TXism: "crooked as _____ hind leg"
- 45 Rangers traded this Robb to Marlins in '93
- 46 "The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-_____ Mom"
- 48 belief in God
- 49 siestas
- 50 George H. once ran this agency in New Braunfels: Prince Soms
- 52 TXism: "welcome as a skunk _____ picnic"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "_____ the tooth" (aging)
- 2 TXism: "mad as _____ on rooster"
- 3 describing a fish
- 4 Houston took a bullet in the _____ at San Jacinto
- 9 Rangers postponement: rain _____ to Bouffant!
- 10 TX film: "A _____ to Bouffant!"
- 11 Ballinger sculpture: "The Cowboy and _____ Horse"
- 12 TX auto accessory (abbr.)
- 13 TX outlaw Ketchum robbed these in 1890s
- 14 Cowboy Hall of Famer Bob _____
- 15 troubles
- 16 ex-Astro 3B Caminiti
- 17 TX vegetable: black-_____
- 21 Temple FM
- 23 TXism: "trapped like a _____ possum"
- 24 "Streets of Laredo" was a _____ of "Texas Rangers"
- 25 Mr. Neiman
- 26 fashionable resort
- 27 TXism: "_____ the barrel head"
- 28 TXism: "busy _____-armed paper hanger"
- 29 sediment
- 30 _____, TX
- 33 a covering of paint
- 34 political slogan ("24): "Me for _____ got a dern thing against Pa"
- 35 TXism: "sneaky as _____-sucking dog"
- 37 TX Vikki: Bisenita de Castillas Martinez Cardona
- 38 Dallas FM radio
- 40 TX clan fight
- 41 missile defense sys. after lunch (abbr.)
- 44 Brazos in Spanish
- 47 Galveston's Mardi Gras Viva _____

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Sept. 24	84	44	-0-
Sept. 25	87	44	-0-
Sept. 26	92	51	-0-
Sept. 27	92	51	-0-
Sept. 28	88	55	-0-
Sept. 29	84	66	-0-

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

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EXTENDED FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 87	Hi 88
Lo 62	Lo 59
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

Friday	Saturday
Hi 84	Hi 84
Lo 56	Lo 58
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny

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Crockett County Official Rain Gauge

We have another shot at some rain Thursday

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Miss Esquivel, Mr. Martinez to marry

Gabriela M. Esquivel and Mark Anthony Martinez, both of Midland, are planning to be married at noon on Oct. 12 at St. Stephens' Catholic Church.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cruz Esquivel of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luis

Martinez of Midland.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Feliciano Castillo of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Mario Martinez of San Angelo. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Martinez and Mr. and Mrs. Senovio Ortiz, all of Ozona.

Alpha Alpha Mu plans pancake supper

Members of Alpha Alpha Mu Sorority met on Sept. 23 for their Model Meeting. A "Model Meeting" is set aside for new prospective members to witness how Beta Sigma Phi chapters conduct their bi-monthly sessions.

Final plans were made for the Oct. 11 Friday night football supper. This year's meal will be a pancake supper with all the trimmings for \$5.00 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Tickets may be purchased from any Alpha Alpha Mu member and will be available at the door. Your name and phone number will be put on the back of your ticket, and a door prize drawing will be announced at halftime of the Wall football game. Serving times will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

As in the past, the proceeds from the meal will benefit the se-

nior scholarship fund. Alpha Alpha Mu annually participates in two scholarship donations, one donation, in conjunction with the Xi Sigma Omega and Preceptor Mu Chi, as well as a \$500.00 scholarship from Alpha Alpha Mu alone.

Guests in attendance for this first meeting were: Kerrie Hale, Margie Villarreal, Nancy Smith, Angela Branch and Cyndi Longoria. Current members in attendance were: Gerri Azam, Jennifer Knapp, Jackie Necessary, Rachelle Morrow, Renee Pearl, Shawna Hopper, Carol Richie, Rhonda Shaw, Patricia Sutton and Jennifer Holmsley.

After a formal business meeting, hostesses served banana splits and invited the ladies to play "I Love USA" bingo.

Jackie Necessary reporting

Wedding plans told

Kimberley Weddle and Mike Garcia announce their engagement and coming marriage.

The couple will wed in a ceremony to be performed by Judge A. O. Fields on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the gazebo.

Following the wedding, they will make their home in Ozona.

Sorority has first meeting of year

The Xi Sigma Omega chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority club met for their first regular meeting of the new year. The meeting was held at the Crockett room on Monday, Sept. 23.

After a delicious meal of lasagna with all of the trimmings, the ladies were treated to a special program on water conservation.

Katy Churchill, Dub Walston, and Brian Anderson attended Texas State Water Camp in Monahans this summer. They wanted to present some of the highlights of the camp.

Katy, Dub and Brian were grouped together at the camp to conduct all of their experiments. They conducted experiments on water evaporation, different irrigation systems, and ways to conserve water. They also took a sample of Ozona's water to be tested, and the results were excellent. We found out that we have some of the best water in the state. The group was impacted very much by the knowledge of how precious water is and that good water is in such a short supply. They learned ways to conserve water and make it last longer. With this knowledge, we hope to educate others in water conservation. It is good to know that our youth are being educated and interested in such an important part of our future.

The meeting ended with discussion of upcoming events for the chapter and great fellowship. Judy Churchill reporting

Writers Club to meet

The San Angelo Writers' Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the conference room at VistaCare Family Hospice, 940 B Arroyo Drive, San Angelo. An informal social period will precede the meeting, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Club members Ken Hodgson, author of several published Western novels, will speak about structuring and selling Western and mystery novels.

Anyone interested in writing, whether or not a published author, is invited to attend. For more information, call Sue South at 944-1321.

Jackie Necessary reporting

State officers visit Levis and Lace dancers

Levis and Lace Square Dance Club worked extra hard to make the Westerners Yellow Rock Dance a special event on Saturday, Sept. 28.

State officers from the Texas State Federation of Square and Round Dancers made their first ever visit to a square dance in Ozona. Attending were: Presidents Mickey and Dianne Smith from The Woodlands, First Vice presidents Jake and Marsha Smith from Temple, Ed and Debra Eubank from Midland, Normand and Doris Horn from Huntsville. Also attending were appointed officers photographer North Ann Anderson, Ace Sabella from Shallowater, social secretary Keeton and Maryetta Johnson from Junction.

All the officers were impressed with the Levis and Lace hospitality, fellowship and food.

"Ozona was a delightful place to stay," was a comment from the state travelers who make visits to every district in the state each year.

It was an honor to have them in Ozona, to get to know our highest state officers on a personal basis and learn how friendly they are and how much fun to square dance with.

Levis and Lace Square Dance Club was honored that the Westerners Association presented this dance for Levis and Lace to host. Westerners officers present were: John and Nora Geen, presidents; Darryl and Mary Lee Williams, second vice presidents from San Angelo and Lee and Linda Kay Jackson, secretaries from Bronte.

Levis and Lace members helping cook the wonderful meal of chopped brisket sandwiches, potato salad, pickles and onions and homemade pound cake were: Maria De La Rosa, Len Hillman, Nell Wester, Betty Fields, Lucy Hinde, Otis and Myra Nester and Carol Adcock. The meal was served at 10:00 p.m. after the

and Leroy and Carol Adcock. International caller Gary Bible from Austin was accompanied by his lovely wife, Linda. Cuer was Diane Slater from San Angelo. Diane has been cueing two years and does a wonderful job.

Levis and Lace members attending the dance were: Raul and Maria De La Rosa, Otis and Myra Nester, Nell Wester, Lucy Hinde

The next dance will be held Oct. 12 at the Ozona Senior Citizen Center with Bob McVey from Boerne calling. Everyone is welcome to come join us for food, fun and fellowship set to music at any of our dances.

Regular dances are scheduled to be held the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

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Girls in a rush for Alpha Alpha Mu

Members of the Beta Sigma Phi's Alpha Alpha Mu rushed a large group of 13 ladies into the home of Jackie Necessary on Sept. 9. The term "Rushing" in the organization of Beta Sigma Phi means simply invited.

Jackie's small little home quickly filled with exciting, delightful ladies full of life and fun, the true meaning of Beta Sigma Phi.

Members and guests were served taco pile-up and were entertained with games and socializing.

Alpha Alpha Mu members in attendance were: Gerri Azam, Tonya Bullard, Jennifer Holmsley, Shawna Hopper, Jennifer Knapp, Rachelle Morrow, Jackie Necessary, Renee Pearl, Carol Richie, Rhonda Shaw and Patricia Sutton.

Guests were: Angela Branch, Mary Walker, Margie Villarreal, Cyndi Longoria, Pam Green, Cindy Webb, Jackie Johnson, Wendy Justiss, Lisa James, Justina Saunders, Mindy Briley, Nancy Smith and Emily King.

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JED DAVENPORT, Juvenile Probation Officer for Crockett and Sutton Counties, holds a plaque received from the Texas Probation Agency recognizing his annual report as the best from a small juvenile department. Copies of the report will be placed in the Ozona and Sonora public libraries. Pictured are District Judge Brock Jones, Sutton County Judge Carla Garner, Davenport and Crockett County Judge Johnny Jones.
DigiCam photo by Linda Moore

Hutchison, Bonilla honored by NFIB

The National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's leading small-business advocacy group, named U. S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and U. S. Rep. Henry Bonilla each a Guardian of Small Business for an outstanding voting record on behalf of America's small-business owners in the 107th Congress.

The two were praised by NFIB President Jack Farris for "taking a stand" for small business citing Hutchison's 88 percent voting record and Bonilla's fifth consecutive 100 percent voting record.

NFIB's voting record tallies eight key small business votes in the U. S. Senate and 13 small-business votes in the U. S. House taken during the 107th Congress.

Sen. Hutchison voted to repeal the burdensome ergonomics rule, to exclude small-business owners from medical liability and to make total repeal of the death tax permanent.

Bonilla's voting record included votes to repeal the ergonomics rule, to allow the creation of Association health Plans and to make permanent the 2001 tax cut plan, including total repeal of the death tax.

In all, NFIB will present Guardian awards to 217 representatives and 49 senators who voted favorably on key small-business issues at least 70 percent of the time during the 107th Congress.

Homecoming

People were hanging ribbons and decorating with the school colors in different places. Banners and signs were going up everywhere saying WELCOME. Notices of planned activities were put up telling of parades, reunions, music, visitation, contests and food, lots and lots of food. There was even going to be a Queen contest and a crowning. It was homecoming.

It reminded me of a great event the Bible talks about that is going to take place in the future. It might be something like a homecoming. We don't know the exact time, but we know it is going to happen because God promised, and He always keeps His promises. All Christians will be called in and meet in Heaven. It will be a special privilege to be invited, but only the saints are invited (Revelation 19:9).

Most times the Bible refers to people who have accepted Christ as personal Lord and Savior as saints (Romans 1:5-7). There will be a lot of celebrating (singing and praising), fellowshiping, and a big banquet with lots and lots of food.

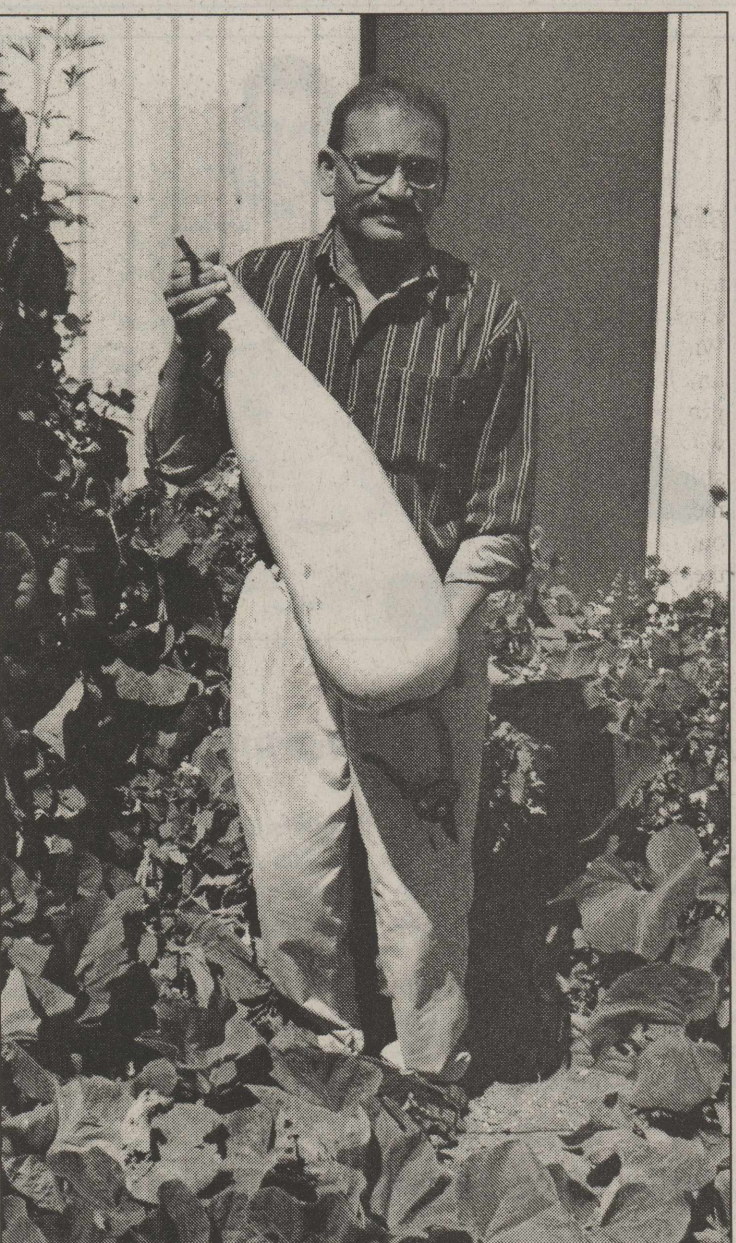
There will not be a Queen contest and crowning in Heaven, and there will not even by a King contest, only the crowning of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Revelation 19:16, King Jesus).

I am looking forward to that day, and I hope you have made preparation for that day.

See you in Church on Sunday.

Brother J
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⁽¹⁹⁾ Hear, you who are far off [says the Lord] what I have done and you who are near acknowledge my might.
⁽²⁰⁾ For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is Our King; He will save us. [Isa. 2: 3-4; 11:4; 32:1 James 4:12
Isaiah 33: 13, 22



ROGER BHAGAT holds a 17 1/2 pound Indian squash he grew in his garden behind the Economy Inn. Bhagat plants squash in a mixture of top soil and potting soil placed in rings formed by old tires. The result is a bumper crop to share with family and friends every summer. "Would you believe, I don't even like squash," Bhagat said.
DigiCam photo by Linda Moore

Pioneer history beckons

By Dr. John Fluth

In the early spring of 1993, Mark and Patsy White bought the Blakeney Ranch at an auction in San Antonio. The Whites heard about an old spring and graves about five miles up the canyon behind the old ranch headquarters. After a long search, Mark and Patsy found both the spring and the graves.

The names on the headstones tell us that Walton and Wilkins died Dec. 17, 1890. Records show that Mr. Blakeney bought the ranch in 1922. The Kincaids moved the Walton house and the Wilkins house from close to the springs to the present day headquarters. Mr. Blakeney added a guest house and garage in 1929.

In 1993, the Whites began work to restore the ranch headquarters consisting of a wood frame and also an adobe house. The ranch headquarters is now in a remarkable state of preservation. With the exception of telephone and utility posts, the scene from the front porch might be similar to a scene 100 years ago.

Patsy describes this new ad-

dition to their land: "This old house and place has been a treasure, a pleasure, and a real blessing to the Whites."

The Whites extended this blessing to members and friends of the Crockett County Historical Society and Museum Board for our Sept. 18 board meeting. During the meeting, board members Geniece Childress, Claude Hudspeth, Jean Odom, Scott Kelley, Benny Gail Hunnicutt and Patsy White elected Dr. John Fluth as their newest board member. Also present were Mark White, Jan Van Shoubrouek, Carmen Childress, Nicole Kelley, Renee Padier, Sandy Bebee, Dick Kirby, Diane Phillips, Katharine Russell, Nell Wester, Lynn English and Ben and Elena Badillo.

After the board meeting at the ranch headquarters, this entire group piled into a convoy of 4-wheel drive vehicles for the five mile trek to the historic springs and gravesite.

The springs are an amazing combination of nature and pioneering. The springs (which are now dry) are in a deep valley, and came out of what appears to be the mouth of a natural rock formation that bears a striking resemblance to a large grinning skull. Where the spring water came from the rock are cryptic engravings that led to long discussions among the board members. These early pioneers dug in the rock of this canyon and installed a series of pipes to fill three large concrete-lined basins carved into solid rock.

At the base of the valley are the graves of these two pioneers. Farther down this canyon are the base of the early homes that were later moved closer to the ranch headquarters. The graves themselves seemed as mysterious as the cryptic writings on the spring. There are many colorful stories of the life and death of these two men. Board members agreed for the need for further research into this ranch.

Crockett County 4-H Awards Banquet Scheduled

Crockett County 4-H will be hosting their annual 4-H Awards Banquet on Monday, Oct. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Civic Center. All 4-H members, families and guests are invited to a covered dish dinner and banquet. 4-H families are asked to 'R.S.V.P.' to the County Extension office at 392-2721.

Each year during this banquet 4-H members and leaders from the various projects are recognized for their accomplishments at the county, district and state level during the past year.

This year's keynote speaker will be former State 4-H President, Mr. Tom Ben Williams, of Big Lake.

At the end of their journey, everyone sat down to a magnificent meal at the Whites' historic ranch headquarters and looked forward to a return to the beauty of this land.

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Let Love Continue

By Dr. Dennis J. Prutow

Young people everywhere are looking for companionship. If they don't find it at home, they find it elsewhere. This is why most kids join gangs. This is why married people find themselves in affairs. This is why high school and college students pair up so quickly. And although marriage gets a bad rap in many circles, this is why people get married. They do not want to be alone. They want and need companionship. And this was one of the original designs of marriage. For example, listen to how God speaks about divorce. "The Lord has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant" (Malachi 2:14). God views marriage as a covenant of companionship. By the same token, an adulterous person is described as someone "that leaves the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God" (Proverbs 2:17). It is within marriage we are to find our most intimate companionship. And in marriage we covenant, make promises, that this will be the case. We are also to find companionship within the church. A companion is someone of like mind you can eat with, talk with, get advice from, be encouraged by, and find help from. The family is one circle of companionship. But the church is another circle of companionship. People in the church learn to show love to one another, practice hospitality, and extend help to those in need. It is church people who have extended themselves the most to help those affected by hurricanes and flooding. A church worthy of the name is a group of people willing to share their lives with one another, willing to be real companions.

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. Bill Fuller Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Ozona Cowboy Church Cenisa St. - Non-Denominational Pastor Rick Thomas Thursday: 7 p.m. Broadcasting on the radio at 8 a.m. on Sunday mornings.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Rev. Charles Huffman Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 9 am.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 526 Santa Rosa St. - Rev. Sergio Arrellano Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Tues. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Corvantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Lupe Dornoniquez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Thurs: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Rev. Henry Laenen Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Harvest Time Christian Center 604 11th St. Pastor Velma Trimble Sunday School: 10 a.m. Morning Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Minister: Amelio Hinojos Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday</p>

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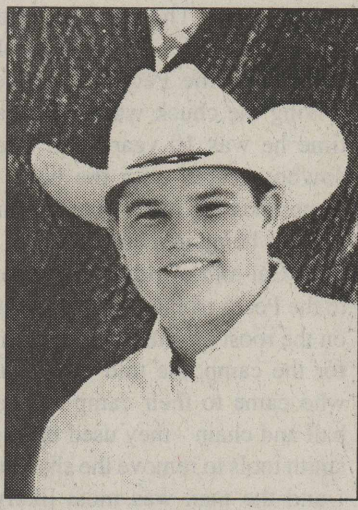
Katheryn Walston and Philip Baggett, juniors at Ozona High School, have been selected to attend the national Young Leaders Conference (NYLC) Oct. 22-27 in Washington, DC. NYLC is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit. The two will be among 400 outstanding students from around the country to attend the conference.

The theme of NYLC is The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today. Throughout the six-day conference, Katheryn and Philip will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the international community.

"It's wonderful to see high school students like Katheryn and Philip seeking out the National Young Leaders Conference in an effort to learn and take on leadership roles in communities throughout our country," said Michael Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council, the organization that sponsors NYLC.



Katheryn Walston



Philip Baggett

"The events of September 11 prompted the urgent need to understand and exercise effective leadership. Those who participate in this program not only gain knowledge and experience in the nation's capital, they leave with a sense of accomplishment and an increased ability to face the challenges of the future."

Highlights of the program include welcoming remarks from the floor of the U. S. House of Representatives and a panel discussion with prominent journalists at the National Press Club. They will also meet with senators and a representative or an appointed member of their staff to discuss important issues facing the nation.

To complement the schedule of special meetings and briefings, Katheryn and Philip will also participate in a number of leadership skill-building activities. In one role-play activity known as *If I Were President*, students act as the president and cabinet members responding to an international crisis. Students also participate in a judicial simulation, called *Testing the Constitution*, in which they examine actual Supreme Court cases. NYLC culminates with the *Model Congress*, in which students assume the roles of U. S. Representatives, and debate, amend and vote on proposed mock legislation.

Katheryn has been active in 4-H for eight years with sheep, goat and horse projects. Her cross-bred lamb won reserve champion in this year's county show, and she has been a State 4-H horse show qualifier for four years.

She has been a State 4-H Congress participant and worked

on numerous community service and leadership projects.

At Ozona High School, Katheryn is active in basketball, track, twirling, UIL literary events and National Honor Society.

In the past year, Philip was accepted into Who's Who Among American High School Students, became a member of the National Honor Society, was selected to participate in Young Technology Leaders held in Austin, was a member of the Bronze Medal Computer Science Team at State UIL, received academic recognition in chemistry, Algebra II and computer science and showed a reserve champion finewool lamb at San Antonio.

Philip enjoys working with technology, helping on his family's ranch when possible,

hunting and fishing. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin upon graduation, majoring in computer science.

The Congressional Young Leaders Council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization. Founded in 1985, it is committed to fostering and inspiring young people to achieve their full leadership potential. More than 400 members of the U. S. Congress join this commitment by serving on the CYLC Honorary Congressional Board of Advisors. In addition, more than 25 Ambassadors from countries around the world participate in the CYLC Honorary Board of Ambassadors.

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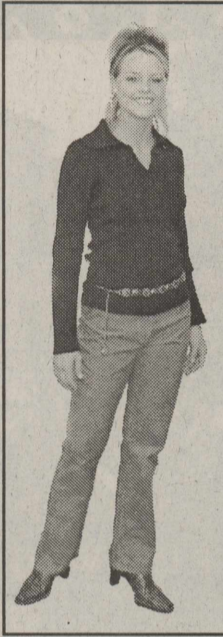
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Descendant of massacre survivors seeks information

A recent visitor to Crockett County Museum, B. E. Foster, came to Ozona hoping to find information on the people who raised his grandfather and great aunt. The two children survived a wagon train massacre in the vicinity of the Pecos River and Fort Lancaster around 1867 or 68 and were raised by a rancher in the area.

His grandfather, Cal Fischer, was born in Mason County in 1860 to German immigrants, Alford and "Tine" Fischer. Cal had a sister who was a little older than he.

The Fischer family left Mason County in 1867-68 with a wagon train going west. Near the Pecos River and Fort Lancaster, the wagon train was destroyed and Cal and his sister were lone survivors.

The children were raised by a rancher in the immediate area and lived there until 1882 or 1883. This is the date the railroad came to Langtry and the end of the long cattle drives. Many people were leaving the area.

Foster thinks his great-aunt may have married a man named Wright with a nickname of "Safe".

"My grandfather told me the man's name who raised him and where they lived, but I was a small boy and I do not remember. I do remember that the rancher had a boy about the same age as Cal, and they were great buddies.

"I also remember some of his experiences of growing up along the Pecos, and this helps establish

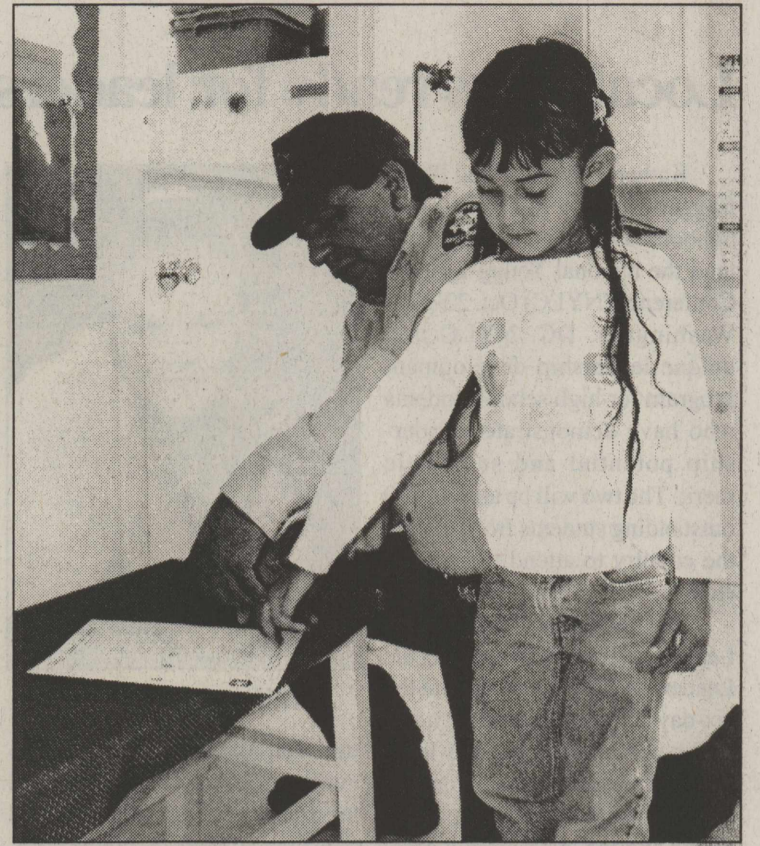
the location. The rancher who raised Cal had a large herd of cattle near the Pecos. Cal was driving the chuck wagon by the time he was 10 years old. The cowboys lived with the herd - sometimes for more than a year without being in a building.

"Cal told of riding his horse to the Pecos to catch wild turkeys on the roost on a moonlight night for the camp. He told of a man who came to their camp with a ball and chain - they used blacksmith tools to remove the shackle - and the man was most likely from Fort Lancaster. We found this was a soldier's punishment. We think he was from Fort Lancaster since a man couldn't travel much further with a ball and chain in this hostile area."

Mr. Foster has learned that a rancher in the Ozona area tells a story handed down of two children being found under iron kettles after a wagon train massacre. He believes this could be Cal and his sister and could explain how the children were the lone survivors.

Cal Fischer met the woman who would become his wife in Kansas City and they were married at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant, in Boone County, MO, in July of 1885.

Foster would be grateful for any information regarding these relatives. Information may be forwarded to him through the museum by calling 915-392-2837 or e-mailing to ccmuseum@wcc.net.



HEAD START STUDENT APRIL RAMOS gets her fingerprints taken by Crockett County jailer Pablo Talamantez during a child safety program sponsored by the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

DigiCam Photo by Susan Calloway

*Insurance (Continued from front page)

and we take this action with deep regret," said John Hagerman, Texas State Executive Director for Farmers. "Farmers and its more than 4,000 employees and agents have been committed to Texas for 50 years. We are taking this step because the terms and conditions currently ordered by the TDI would result in our continued financial losses which puts all our customers at risk and is unacceptable from a business standpoint. We find the grounds for the Department of Insurance's recent legal actions to be without merit," said Hagerman.

Hagerman explained that Farmers' primary concerns have become lost amid the election year rhetoric that has taken center stage. As a result, many people will be affected negatively when all that is needed is a good faith discussion of the facts.

"While the TDI issued a letter to the media Sept. 23 announcing a proposed settlement with Farmers, it was without substance as it offered no real remedies to the issues the two organizations have been seeking to resolve," said Hagerman. "The TDI has not removed the same fundamentally unsound demands that will cause significant harm to the financial condition of the exchanges and we cannot accept that given our fiduciary responsibility to all policy-

holders. The TDI continues to assert the same charges regarding our rates and procedures that are wholly without merit," said Hagerman.

Although the legal actions by the Texas Department of Insurance currently makes it unfeasible for Farmers to offer renewal on Texas customer's homeowners policies, Farmers will continue to provide automobile, umbrella, flood, commercial and life insurance as well as financial service to Texas customers. The non-renewal of Farmers' property insurance policy will not affect other policies currently in effect for that customer. Farmers is currently seeking approval from the Texas Department of Insurance to allow it to continue all multiple policy discounts that may be in effect.

"We will continue to work diligently to resolve the problems facing the Texas homeowners market and hope that we can someday re-enter the homeowners insurance market in Texas," said Hagerman. "If a meaningful solution is offered, we would reverse this decision. In the meantime, Farmers agents will continue to provide full service to our customers while their policies remain in effect, and we encourage our customers to contact their agent with any questions."

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Halloween Carnival time

The Helping Hands' sponsored Halloween Carnival Oct. 31 is well on its way. Starting time will be 5:00 p.m. A large number of vendors have signed up, with more on hold. If you want a booth, call 392-5026 to reserve one for only \$10.00.

We would like to have more with arts and crafts to sell their wares. If you do these projects, call for a spot at the downtown park. We will strive to not duplicate any games or foods so each

group will benefit for their efforts.

The following booths have been reserved: Food Booths - Frito pie, hot dogs, funnel cakes, taquitos, drinks, popcorn and sweets by the piece

Games - Feed the Elephant, cake walk, skee ball, grab bags, ring toss, animal bingo and duck pond

Crafts - Confetti eggs, country store, candles and jewelry

Let's see if we can make this the biggest carnival ever.

Talent show benefits Salvation Army

Showcase your entertainment talent at the Salvation Army Benefit Talent Show Oct. 26 at the civic center. Entry forms are available at Ozona Fire Department, or for more information, call 392-

9963.

Admission to the 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. event is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for senior citizens and children under 12. Youngsters under six are admitted free.

Identity theft is a very real, very big concern

By Fredi Franki
Social Security Manager in San Angelo

While every theft is a crime, few thefts are as personal or can cause as many problems as "identity theft." That is, someone assumes your identity to get credit in your name and steal from businesses, leaving you with the tab and the explanations.

The problem is a serious one. The numbers are unbelievable: almost 500 people have their identity stolen in America every day. That's more than 176,000 people each year ... and the number keeps growing.

On average, it takes a victim 12 months just to discover the theft. By that time, all kinds of credit and government records can be corrupted.

People can suffer financial loss when wages are garnished, tax refunds are withheld or liens are placed on property—all because someone is using their identity. Also, they may not be given credit, mortgage or education loans, government benefits, utility services and apartment leases when credit reports and background checks show debts or criminal records—compliments of the identity thief.

For example, in one recent case reported by Social Security's Inspector General, a man assumed another individual's identity for 12 years. He filed for and received Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits, ran up huge debts, committed crimes and became a fugitive from justice—all under that stolen identity. When an arrest warrant was issued, the wrong man was arrested and it took him a week to just get out of jail ... and longer to clear up 12 years of jumbled records. Fortunately, in this case, the identity thief was caught, arrested, sentenced to 8 1/2 years in prison and ordered to pay Social Security back more than \$23,000. But damage had been done.

In one recent study by two California identity theft groups, victims spent an average of 175 hours per incident trying to unravel the problems caused by identity theft.

Unfortunately, an identity thief who wants a Social Security number has at times been able to use public birth records to get identifying information. While identity theft is mostly an adult crime, about 2 percent of identity thefts—more than 3,500 per year—involve a child's Social Security number. The thief assumes the identity of the child. It's then very difficult to discover if someone is using a child's Social Security number, so I would urge parents to be on guard for mail that is sent to your child. For example, unsolicited credit cards in your child's name may mean that someone is using your child's number to establish credit.

Here's some advice on how to cut the risk of identity theft. Be careful with your Social Security number and card to prevent their theft. Show your card to your employer when you start a job, so your records are correct. Then, put it in a safe place—don't carry your card with you. And use good judgment in deciding when and to whom you give your Social Security number.

If you think someone is using either your or your child's Social Security number, call the Social Security Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338). The Federal Trade Commission puts this information into a database, which is used by law enforcement agencies nationwide to look for thieves and for patterns in identity theft.

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Letter to the Editor

Each year the drought conditions in West Texas continue. Our lakes, rivers and crops are drying up. As a result many small and medium sized towns are dying. When we do get rain it is at the wrong time. When we need rain the most, we do not get any. Water is the source of life for prosperous areas and we are in great need of it. In order for our West Texas towns to survive, we have to find a permanent source of water that would not hinder anyone or any area. I believe the most logical place for us to get water is from the Mississippi River.

There are millions of gallons of water flowing down to the Gulf of Mexico from the Mississippi River each day. If we were able to put a pipeline in near St. Louis heading southwest to Oklahoma City and then to Amarillo, this would be the first step toward solving our water problems. Once the pipeline reaches Amarillo it could be turned due south, down through Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Big Lake and on to the Pecos River, which runs into the Rio Grande. The total distance of the pipeline would be approximately 1,500 miles. The elevation rises approximately 3,000 feet over this distance. It would take 15 pump stations, one every 50 miles, to lift this water to Amarillo. The U. S. Department of Transportation could be enlisted to help with the right-of-ways by following the interstate highways.

The pipeline could be emptied at a point where the water would flow into all the tributaries of rivers such as the Colorado River, Red River, Concho River and many more. The benefitting lakes could be kept at a conservation level. The evaporation from this water would form rain clouds that would again replenish the area with rain.

I know that a project of this magnitude would cost a great deal of money. I also know that this pipeline would be a permanent solution for the water problems of

West Texas. With water as a resource we would be able to attract industry to the area and the economy of many West Texas towns would benefit. Everyone would have plenty of water whenever it is needed. The area would no longer have to worry about severe drought conditions. With the lakes kept at conservation level, the ground water would replenish and the farmers would have the water they need to irrigate their crops.

I am not an engineer or anything like that, but common sense would tell you that this idea is a problem solver. A few of the right people in the right places could get this pipeline accomplished. After contacting the office of State Representative Stenholm, I discovered that there are feasibility study grants given by the state to help fund project research. In order to get these funds, a committee of hard working people would have to come together for this common goal. I hope that the publishing of this letter will attract the attention of some individuals who are willing to work together in pursuing this goal. Please feel free to contact me if you are truly interested.

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Ozona varsity and JV Lions have week off

The varsity and junior varsity Lions have open dates this week, but there will be Friday night football in Ozona. Garden City and Rocksprings will play in Lion Stadium Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Ozona's freshman Lions have a change of schedule playing Eldorado in Iraan at 5:00 p.m. Oct. 3.

Middle school teams travel to Rocksprings where the seventh grade will play at 5:00 p.m. followed by the eighth grade at 6:30.

THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
FRESHMEN			
Oct. 3	vs. Eldorado	In Iraan	5:00
SEVENTH GRADE			
Oct. 3	Rocksprings	There	4:30
EIGHTH GRADE			
Oct. 3	Rocksprings	There	6:00

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5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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Junior Varsity Lions end game in stalemate

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The junior varsity played host to the Buffaloes from Stanton Sept. 26. The entire game was dominated by defense, and after the dust settled, the scoreboard still read 0-0.

In the first quarter, each team would drive the ball, but the drive would come to a sudden halt. It seemed that the entire game was played between the 35 yard lines. The Lion offensive line, made up of Jacob Parks, Dub Walston, Gabriel Arredondo, Brandon Jobe and Kyle Fish, played very well, but Stanton's defense would eventually call a halt to each and every drive.

The Buffaloes faced the same problem. They came at the Lions from a wishbone offense. They had a big, strong fullback, but the Lion team checked his every move. Linebackers Brandon Jobe, Jack Rodriguez, Vince Castro, and Nick Perez played well controlling the defensive front.

Each team threatened just before half time. Stanton took to the air and advanced the ball to the Lion 38-yard-line. Justin Galan put a stop to the drive when he intercepted a Buffalo pass on the Lion 26-yard-line. A similar situation occurred when the Lions pushed the

ball down the field. Galan hit Doug Duncan on an 18-yard pass. Nick Perez, Raven Perez and J. D. Borrego all ran the ball as well, advancing the Lions to the Buffalo 19-yard-line. A fumble and loss stopped the Lions' drive. The half ended with the score 0-0.

The game progressed in much the same manner in the second half. The third quarter showed the Lions playing well on special teams. Doug Duncan continued to punt the ball well for the Lions.

Late in the fourth quarter, Stephen Lara picked off a Buffalo pass and stopped a Stanton drive again. The Lions attempted to rally one last time by driving the ball to Stanton's 21-yard-line. This series was ended with another fumble that was picked up by the Buffaloes. The game ended with the Lions and Buffaloes in a deadlock, 0-0 the final score.

Coach Lynn Searcy affirmed the Lions' effort, saying, "I think this game was one of our better defensive efforts. Wiley, Conners and Castro played well on defense. This makes nine straight quarters that our defense has not allowed a score."

The JV Lions will have an open week to prepare for district play. Their next game will be on Thursday, Oct. 10, in Wall. The game will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Eldorado trips up Freshman Lions

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The ninth grade football team came out on the short end of a 22-6 score in a hotly contested game versus the Eldorado Eagles Sept. 26. The Lions battled and played well, but it was the Eagles who made the big plays on offense to get the victory. The game remained tied at zero for much of the first half as both defenses kept one another at a standstill.

The Lions were led by great play at linebacker from Dusty Thomas and from defensive linemen Lionel Martinez and Miguel Rivas. However, with three minutes left in the second quarter, the Eagles broke the silence with a 40-yard touchdown pass that gave them the lead

*Lions (Cont. from front page)

conversion and did a great job of holding on extra point kicks.

This week the Lions will get a much-deserved rest after their tough non-district schedule. They will start district play on Friday, Oct. 11. They will host the Wall Eagles for their first district contest with the kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

Statistics:

Rushing Yards: Clay Hale 1-2, Tyson Vordick 1-7, G. L. Bunger 9-41, J. T. Lara 1-2, Jarryd Taylor 12-126, Romeo Perez 2-5, Koby Fenton 6-24

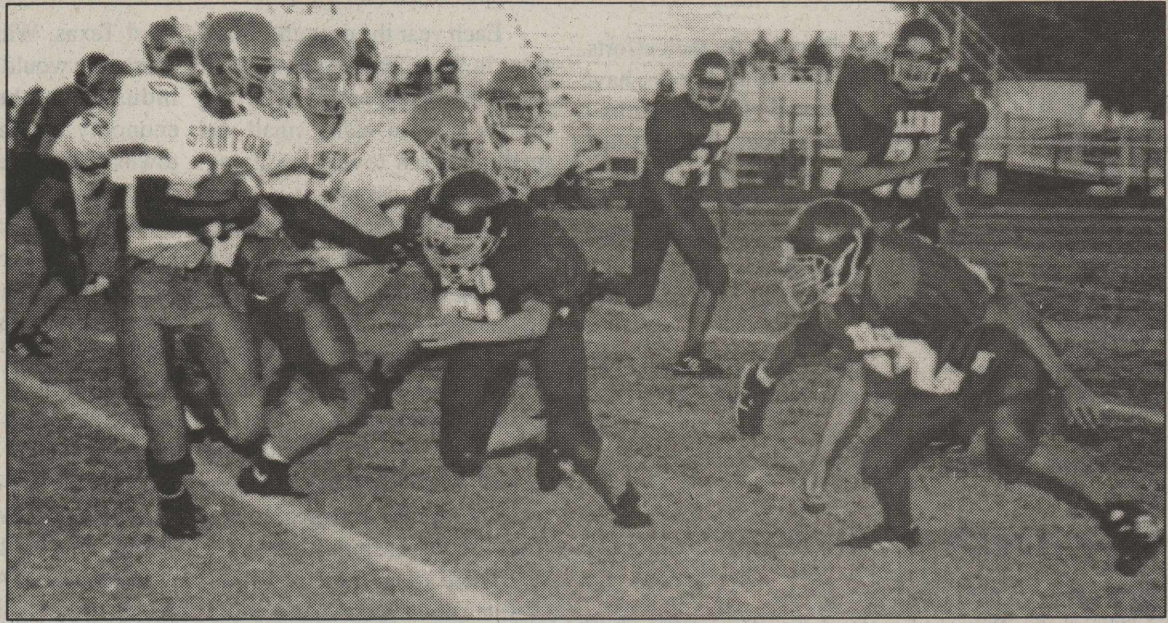
Passing Yards: Clay Hale 6-154, Ryan Wiley 1-3

Receiving Yards: Lalo Garza 1-37, Jarryd Taylor 1-30, G. L. Bunger 2-31, Wilson Stokes 1-5, Robert Ogle 1-34, Ryan Pearl 1-17

Tackles: Romeo Perez 11, Jarryd Taylor 9, Chase Clark 9, John Ray Luna 7, Robert Ogle 6, Aaron Espino 6, Ramon Trujillo 6

First Downs: Ozona 16, Stanton 7

Penalties: Ozona 1 for 15 yards, Stanton 0 for 0 yards



DUB WALSTON (center) prepares to bulldoze a Stanton JV ball carrier as J.D. Borrego (front, right) is in place to help finish the job. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller.

Seventh grade Lions Defeat Stanton 6-0

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The seventh grade football team traveled to Stanton on Thursday, Sept. 26, to play the Buffaloes. The Lions played well defensively, keeping the Buffaloes out of the end zone for the entire game. The only score of the game came in the second quarter when Justin Maldonado connected with Aaron Pearl for a 56-yard touchdown.

"We were able to establish some positive plays offensively, which translated into a score in the second quarter," said Coach Rick Bachman. "We were successful enough on the ground to enable us to throw a nice pass for a touchdown. Justin threw a good ball, and Aaron made a great adjustment and catch. I thought the defensive back was going to tackle him, but he was able to outrun him to the end zone."

"Our offensive linemen, Rylee Ramos, Jorge Vasquez, Eli Silva, Jared Spence, Parrish Aiguier, Stevie Romero and Michael Quiroz, all did a great job protecting the quarterback and blocking for our running backs."

"Running the ball effectively were Matt Turland, Rocky Munoz and Able Villarreal. Justin

Maldonado had a great afternoon completing three out of three passes and also had an interception on defense."

Commenting on the defense, Coach Bachman added, "I can't say enough about our defensive effort as our team registered their first shutout of the season. Our corners and safety were challenged all day but rose to the occasion and never allowed any big plays. Luis Perez, Matt Turland, Rocky Munoz, Tim Beseril, Ray Villarreal and Ramon

Ybarra all did a good job defending against the pass. Holding the Buffalo rushers were Michael Quiroz, Parrish Aiguier, Rylee Ramos, Jared Spence, Eli Silva, Josh Santos, Jorge Vasquez, A. J. Montanez, Josh Avila, Westly Smith, Stevie Romero and Ruben Reyes. This is a big win for us, and hopefully we will be able to build upon this success."

The seventh grade Lions will line up against Rocksprings there on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 5:00 p.m.

8th grade Lions fall to Stanton 0-22

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The eighth grade Lions journeyed to Stanton on Thursday, Sept. 26, to compete against the Buffaloes. This outing for the Lions was somewhat unpleasant as the final score favored the Buffaloes 0-22.

During the first quarter, Stanton made a 30 yard drive for a touchdown after a fake punt by the Lions failed. After Stanton's successful 2-point conversion, the score became 0-8.

Stanton was able to score twice more during the second quarter. The first score was on a 43 yard run. Josh Roman stuffed the ball carrier on the extra point attempt, making the score 0-14. The second touchdown run in the quarter for the Buffaloes was about 47 yards. After the successful extra point, the score was 0-22.

The Lions took the opening drive of the second half down to the 1-yard-line, but quarterback Jordan Long was sacked on fourth and goal. The big play of this drive was

a 26 yard pass from Jordan to Roman Tambunga. Roman and Caleb Mitchel also had big runs on this drive.

During the game John Tom Tijerina and Matthew Payne both recovered Buffalo fumbles for the Lions. Thomas Gray also made a key play with a pass interception.

Neither team was able to score in the second half, and the Buffaloes took the win with the final score of 0-22.

Outstanding offensive performers were Caleb Mitchel and Roman Tambunga. Freddy Fierro, Caleb Mitchel and Thomas Gray were outstanding players for the Lions' defense.

"I am really proud of the way the kids responded after the half," said Coach Steve Osborn. "After getting down early they came out and outplayed Stanton in the second half. The defense especially played well."

The eighth grade team will travel to Rocksprings on Thursday, Oct. 3, for their next game. The game will begin at 6:30 p.m.



COLBY FENTON scampered five yards for a Lion first down in their 48-0 slaughter of the Stanton Buffaloes on Sept. 27. Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller



G.L. BUNGER stampedes the Stanton Buffaloes to score the Lions first touchdown in their Sept. 27 victory. Robert Ogle (back) bowls over some defensive players to ensure the score. Photo by Joe Hernandez

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DAMON JOHNSON powers into an Ozona PeeWee football player during the heavyweight division's practice last week.

Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

Ozona players join YMCA football leagues

Ozona Primary and Middle School football enthusiasts are learning more about the game through participation in the San Angelo YMCA Pee Wee and Heavyweight leagues. Pee Wee players are from the third and fourth grades, and Heavyweight players are fifth and sixth graders.

Competing are teams from Big Lake, Eldorado, Sonora and Ozona in the Heavyweight South Division. Teams in the Pee Wee South Division include Sonora, Eldorado, Big Lake, Wall, San Angelo Longhorns, Grape Creek, Winters and Ozona.

All teams compete in the

same location on Saturdays with games at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon for the Pee Wees and 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. for Heavyweights. Games began Sept. 28 in Sonora, and the remainder of Ozona's schedule is as follows.

Oct. 5 - Pee Wees vs. Eldorado, 10:30; Heavyweights vs. Big Lake, 1:30 p.m. in Big Lake

Oct. 10 - Pee Wees vs. Sonora, 9:00 p.m.; Heavyweights vs. Eldorado, 1:30 p.m. in Ozona

Oct. 19 - Pee Wees vs. Big Lake, 10:30 a.m.; Heavyweights vs. Sonora, 3:00 p.m. in Eldorado

Oct. 26 - Pee Wees vs. Eldorado, 10:30 a.m.; Heavy-

weights vs. Big Lake, 1:30 p.m. in Big Lake

Bowl games will be played on Nov. 2 with the schedule to be announced.

Included on the Pee Wee team are: Aron Aguilera, Joe Borrego, Kyle Dean, Anthony Delgado, Trey Fierro, Mark Gallardo, Anthony Gonzales, Ryan Johnson, Abey Lara, Jayce Logan, Brandyn McDaniel, Ryan Miller, Marty Moran, Austin Suddreth, Eric Talamantez, Anthony Tambunga, Tyler Vitela and Stefan Wilson.

The team is coached by David Delgado, Rodney Johnson, Abel Lara and Joe Hernandez. Manager is Tyler Galindo.

Heavyweight team members are: Kit Carson, Dylan Castillo, Jordan DeHoyos, Nathan DeHoyos, Devon Diehl, Ben Flores, Jonathan Flores, Damon Johnson, Corey Kelley, Wade King, Charlie Gravell, Joshua Ramos, Jesse Ramos, Kurtland Reyes, Kyle Sewell, Preston Tebbetts, Jaron Vasquez, Bailey Badillo, Felix Venegas, Anthony Villarreal, Jay Villarreal and Manuel Villarreal.

Coaching this team are Cody Bush, Leonard Castillo, Tony Villarreal and Nicole Kelley with Grady Bush as manager.

Middle school boys win cross country meet

By Gerri Azam
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Simon Garza finished in 25th, and Jeffrey Gillit came in 35th.

The Ozona cross country teams competed in Big Spring Sept. 21 where the Lions and Lady Lions competed against approximately 80 runners. The high school girls' team had three members place. Laken Villarreal came in fourth, Jasmine Tambunga finished in 11th and Michelle Gandar brought in a 25th place finish. The high school boys had four teammates who placed. Eliseo Treto claimed second place, David Esparza came in 23rd place,

The following weekend the teams traveled to Iraan to compete in a meet on Sept. 28. The Iraan meet included about 90 runners in each division. Ozona's middle school boys' team ran strong and brought in a first place finish as a team. Individual results for these boys were: Alex Ochoa, second place; Levi English, seventh place; Stephen Gillit, eighth place; Ramon Tambunga, ninth place; A. J. Montanez, 14th place; Rocky Munoz, 23rd; Justin Maldonado,

39th and Carlos Ochoa, 46th.

The high school girls' team competed well and brought in third place as a team. Competing for the Lady Lions were: Paige Tambunga, third place; Jasmine Tambunga, 15th place; Candace Gandar, 32nd place; Michelle Gandar, 37th and Jessica Moore, 47th.

The high school boys' team had six runners place. These were: Eliseo Treto with fourth, Simon Garza with 24th, Rigo Treto with 27th, Derek Fierro with 40th, Jeffrey Gillit with 52nd and Ross Kelley with 53rd.

The Ozona Middle School girls had Vicki Treto finish in 35th, Vanessa De La Garza in 44th, Julia Henderson finished in 53rd, Sarah Dorrough in 57th and Kasey Gray finished in 63rd.

The cross country team will host the next meet this Saturday, Oct. 5. The meet will be run at the Ozona Country Club golf course beginning at 8:30 a.m.



RYAN JOHNSON sprints down the field for the PeeWee Lions in their first game held Sept. 28 in Sonora.

Photo by Joe Hernandez



THE YMCA CHEERLEADERS made some fantastic signs for the first game on Sept. 28. It's a good thing that the players are supposed to run through the sign because the little guys can barely see over it.

Photo by Joe Hernandez

Booster Club to meet Oct. 7

The next meeting of the Ozona Lion Athletic Booster Club will be Monday, Oct. 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the OMS Library. Due to the Lions' open date this week, there will be no highlight film.

"We will have a short business meeting to get the concession stand set for the Wall game," said Dana Duncan. "This will be one of our biggest games as far as attendance, so if you haven't signed up to help in the concession stand this year, we would appreciate your help."

"We will also have a concession stand for the Garden City - Rocksprings game that will be played in our stadium this Friday night, Oct. 4. If you can help, you are asked to be at the concession stand by 6:00 p.m."



COACH TAYLOR commends the running backs and quarterbacks saying, "They have done a great job this season of running hard and blocking for one another."

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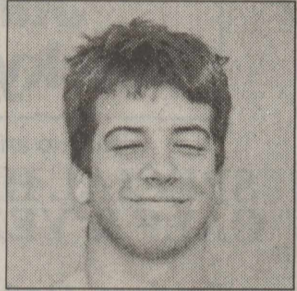
CO-OFFENSIVE MVP OF THE WEEK



Clay Hale

Clay completed eight of 14 passes for 157 yards and five touchdowns.

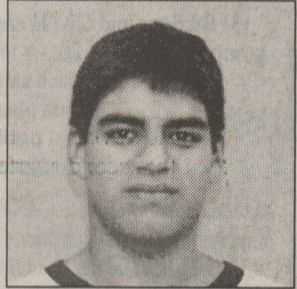
CO-OFFENSIVE MVP OF THE WEEK



Andrew Shaffer

Andrew graded out highest among the linemen and blocked well all year.

DEFENSIVE MVP OF THE WEEK



Romeo Perez

Romeo had eleven tackles, six of these unassisted, five assists, and two tackles behind the line of scrimmage and caused one fumble.

SPECIALITIES MVP OF THE WEEK



Ryan Wiley

Ryan returned a kick off, caused a fumble, recovered a fumble, threw a pass for a two point conversion and did a great job of holding on extra point kicks.

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Oct. 9 - Chickburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Tator Tots, Jello

Oct. 10 - Corn Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli, Peach Slices

Oct. 11 - Chicken Fry, Creamed Potatoes, Peas, Gravy, Roll

FAST FOOD

Oct. 7 - Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Pears, French Fries, Rolls

Oct. 8 - Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Pinto Beans, Corn Bread

Oct. 9 - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Cookies

Oct. 10 - Pizza, Nachos, Broccoli, Peach Slices

Oct. 11 - Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, French Fries, Rolls

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Oct. 8 - Sausage & Biscuit or Cold Cereal

Oct. 9 - Sausage & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal

Oct. 10 - Pancakes or Cold Cereal

Oct. 11 - Potato & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

09-24-02 through 09-30-02

09-24-02
 • Non-emergency 911 call in reference to stranded motorist.
 • Deputy met complainant in reference to anonymous correspondence.
 • Deputy unlocked vehicle at Largo and Monterey streets.
 • Deputy met complainant in reference to loud music on 1500 Block of Santa Rosa.
 • Deputy met complainant at 100 Block of Liveoak in reference to missing items.
 • Deputy unlocked vehicle at 1600 Block of Monterey St.
 • Deputy provided gas assistance to motorist.
 • Report of criminal mischief at local restaurant. Windows shot with BB gun.

• Report of loud music at corner of Santa Rosa and Besenete.
 • Report of loud music at 300 Block of Nashua.
09-25-02
 • Deputy responded to report of alarm activated at local supermarket. All was reported okay.
 • Deputy met subject in reference to return of stolen property.
 • Deputy met complainant in reference to criminal trespass at 800 Block of 9th St.
 • Report of street lights out at Mulberry, Peach and Hickory streets.
 • Report of two tractor/trailers traveling at high speed on Hwy. 163 north of county traveling southbound. Deputy did not locate the trucks.
 • Deputy met complainant at local impound lot in reference to theft.
 • Deputy met subject in reference to criminal mischief at local convenience store.
09-26-02
 • Deputy assisted motorist needing jump start.

• Report of gas drive-off at local convenience store. Check on vehicle indicated it as a stolen vehicle. Subject taken into custody.
 • Subject reported stolen/lost cell phone.
 • Subject requesting deputy meet him at Johnson Draw and Hwy. 1973.
 • Subject reported stolen vehicle. Deputy took information.
 • Deputy met with child protective services representative, and discussed follow up check on local young parent.
 • Deputy met complainant at 800 Block of 9th St.
 • 911 call in reference to subject flagging motorist at 319 MM eastbound. Call transferred to Pecos CSO.
 • Alarm on 1200 Block of Ave. E. Deputy advised everything was okay.
09/27/200
 • Report of a possible intoxicated motorist on I-10. Subject was involved in a vehicle accident in Sutton County. Deputy located and stopped subject and placed him in custody.
 • Report of loud music on 200 Block of Ave. J. Deputy told subject to keep it down.
 • Report of a gas drive off at a local convenience store. Subject stopped suspected vehicle. Subjects later went back and paid for the fuel.
 • Report of a suspicious person in the area of 100 Block of Llano St. Deputy was unable to locate subject.
 • Report of a missing juvenile. Parent reported that child had been missing since school was out this date. Deputy found child at a friends house. Everything was okay.
 • Deputy unlocked vehicle on 1600 Block of Ave. A.
 • Report of a suspicious vehicle at local restaurant. Deputy advised everything was okay.

09-28-02
 • Deputy met with complainant in the office to take an assault report. An offense was filed.
 • Report of a barking dog on 2000 Block of Heracio St. Deputy advised the owner to keep the dog quiet.
 • Report of a reckless driver on I-10 around MM 310. Deputy stopped vehicle at MM 360 and issued subject citations.
 • Subject turned in a lost wallet.
 • Report of a reckless driver on I-10. Dispatcher gave call to DPS as deputy was busy.
 • 911 call on Angus St. Deputy assisted EMS.
 • Deputy unlocked vehicle on 200 Block of Ave. D.
09-29-02
 • Report of loud music on 1700 Block of Mulberry St. Deputy advised subject to keep quiet.
 • 911 medical call on south Pandale Rd. in Val Verde County. Deputy assisted EMS with traffic control while patient was transferred to AirMed 1.
 • Report of a stranded motorist on I-10. Dispatcher notified duty wrecker service.
 • Report of kids driving reckless in draw. Deputy was unable to locate kids.
 • Deputy assisted with welfare at local convenience store
09-30-02
 • Deputy delivered a message to subject at road dept.
 • Deputy spoke with subject on 2000 Block of Heracio St. in reference to subjects throwing garbage on property.
 • Report of a male assaulting a female on I-10. Deputy was unable to locate suspect vehicle.
 • Report of criminal mischief on 1800 Block of Santa Anna.
 • Report of a minor vehicle accident at the family health clinic. DPS worked accident.
 • Subject having a water heater problem on 100 Block of Buena Vista. Dispatcher notified NatGas.

ARREST REPORTS 09-24-02 through 09-30-02

09/24/02
 • Roberto Rodriguez, Jr., age 26, of Mission, was arrested by DPS Officer on warrant out of Hidalgo County. Subject paid fine and was released.
09-25-02
 • Esparaza, Jose Manuel, age 18, of Ozona was arrested by Crockett County Constable on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces in a Drug Free Zone. Subject was released after posting bond.
 • Luis Alberto Mata, age 17, of Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of burglary of vehicle and criminal trespass. Subject in custody awaiting arraignment.
09-26-02
 • Todd M. Beron, age 28, of Laporte, Indiana, was arrested

by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of theft of service. Subject was released on time served.

09-30-02
 • Marie Lellen Cross, age 24, of Conroe was arrested by DPS Trooper on the charge of possession of marijuana. Subject remains in jail awaiting arraignment.

OFFENSE REPORTS 09-24-02 thru 09-30-02

09-24-02
 • A criminal mischief report was filed by Sheriff's Office after local business owner reported unknown person(s) damaged several windows to business with what appears to be a BB or pellet gun.
09-25-02
 • Sheriff's Office investigated a criminal trespass, and possible burglary of a vehicle following the apprehension of several juveniles and one adult who were found inside a fenced property.
09-28-02
 • Sheriff's Office is investigating an assault with bodily injury report filed by a citizen who reported to have been assaulted by a known person. Investigation continues.

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***Crockett County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Next Range Prod. Co.	9500	Glasscock #6	Patterson Drilling/A #118	Drig. ahead
Next RME Petro Co/Mid	7500	W C Montgomery State #8	Patterson Drilling/A #38	Drig. ahead
Next Ricks Exploration	7000	Montgomery - B - #412	Patterson Drilling/A #109	Drig. ahead
Next Patina O&G Corp.	5500	Phillips - A - #371	Patterson Drilling/A #42	Drig. ahead

***Sutton County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Next Dominion OK TXE&P	8700	Hudspeth J - #42	Patterson Drilling/A #120	Moving on
Next Dominion OK TXE&P	8700	Mayer -3D- #8	Patterson Drilling/A #122	Assigned
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Next Dominion OK TXE&P	6150	Meckel #59	Patterson Drilling/A #102	Drig. ahead
Next Dominion OK TXE&P	6100	Fields -55- #10	Patterson Drilling/A #40	Assigned
Next Dominion OK TXE&P	5950	Meckel #62	Patterson Drilling/A #102	Assigned
Next Dominion OK TXE&P	5950	Fields -51- #9	Patterson Drilling/A #107	Drig. ahead

***Terrell County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
ExxonMobil Dev. Co.	15500	Banner Estate #25	Patterson U/LV #481	Drig. ahead 10062'
Atharox Texas	12500	Mitchell -3-#2	Nabors Drilling (Q) #316	Drig. ahead
Next Fasken Oil & Ranch	7200	Geaslin NE -204- #5	Patterson Drilling/A #161	Drig. ahead

***Val Verde County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Next Marshall & Winston	14500	B. E. Wilson -11- #1	Patterson Drilling/A #471	Drig. ahead

***Edwards County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Amitech USA/San Anton	12000	Rudisill #7402	Patterson Drilling/A #167	Drig. ahead
Next Dominion E&P/Houss.	4500	F J Jenkins -C- #1308	Patterson Drilling/A #108	Assigned
Next Range Prod. Co.	3700	Kay Estes #7	Patterson Drilling/A #115	Drig. ahead

***Schleicher County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Unit Petroleum/Tulsa	7150	Tunkersley #1	Heart Land Drilling #3	Drig. ahead 7000'

***Reagan County**

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
TMBRSHARP	18500	Scottish Rite -31- #3803	Taylor/Sharp Drilling #12	Drig. ahead 8927'
Endeavor Eng. Res.	8900	Bodine -128- #3	Big Dog Drilling #5	Drig. ahead 7215'
Next Henry Pet.	6999	University Amber #1	Big Dog Drilling #5	Rigging up

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Sheep and Goats
Sept. 30, 2002

Junction Stockyards sold 3416 head of sheep and goats Monday. Most stock was steady.

#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs.	70-77
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	65-68
#1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs.	70-74
#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs.	58-62
Fat ewes	30-38
Thin ewes	15-25
Bucks	30-33
Baby tooth ewes	50-55
Ewe & lamb pairs	
Baby tooth Angora stocker nannies	35-45
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies	28-33
Stocker Angora muttons	30-35
Angora kids	90-1.00
Angora kids-shorn	70-80 low 85-88
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	15-25
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies muttons	28-30
Stocker Spanish nannies	30-34
Fat Spanish nannies	35-45
Fat Spanish muttons & billies	33-42
Fat yearlings	65-75 mutt 80-85
Fat Spanish kids	65-80
Small kids	77-85
Thin kids	85-1.00
	70-76

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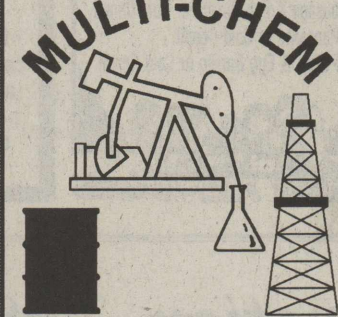
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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Terry H. Gries,
Independent Executor
Estate of Martha A. Gries,
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C/o Dixon Mahon
921 Saddle Club Drive
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2002.

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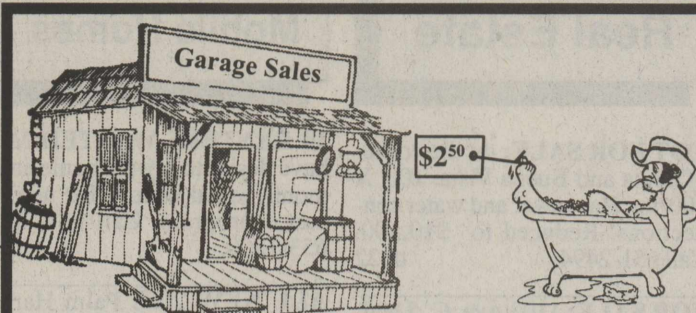
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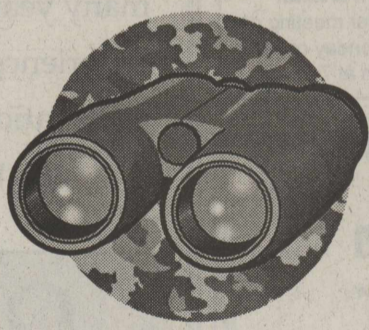
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