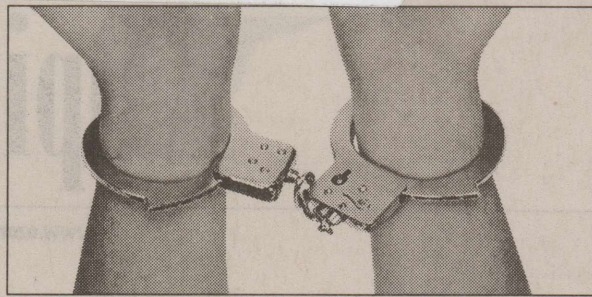




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OUT IN THE WEST, WHERE THE AIR IS PURE, THE CLIMATE AGREEABLE AND THE PEOPLE FRIENDLY—THE BEST PLACE ON EARTH TO CALL HOME

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A smooth start to the school year

BY MELISSA PERNER
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Another "smooth" first day is in the record books for Ozona schools.

Monday morning, students of all ages poured onto the various campuses eager to start a new year.

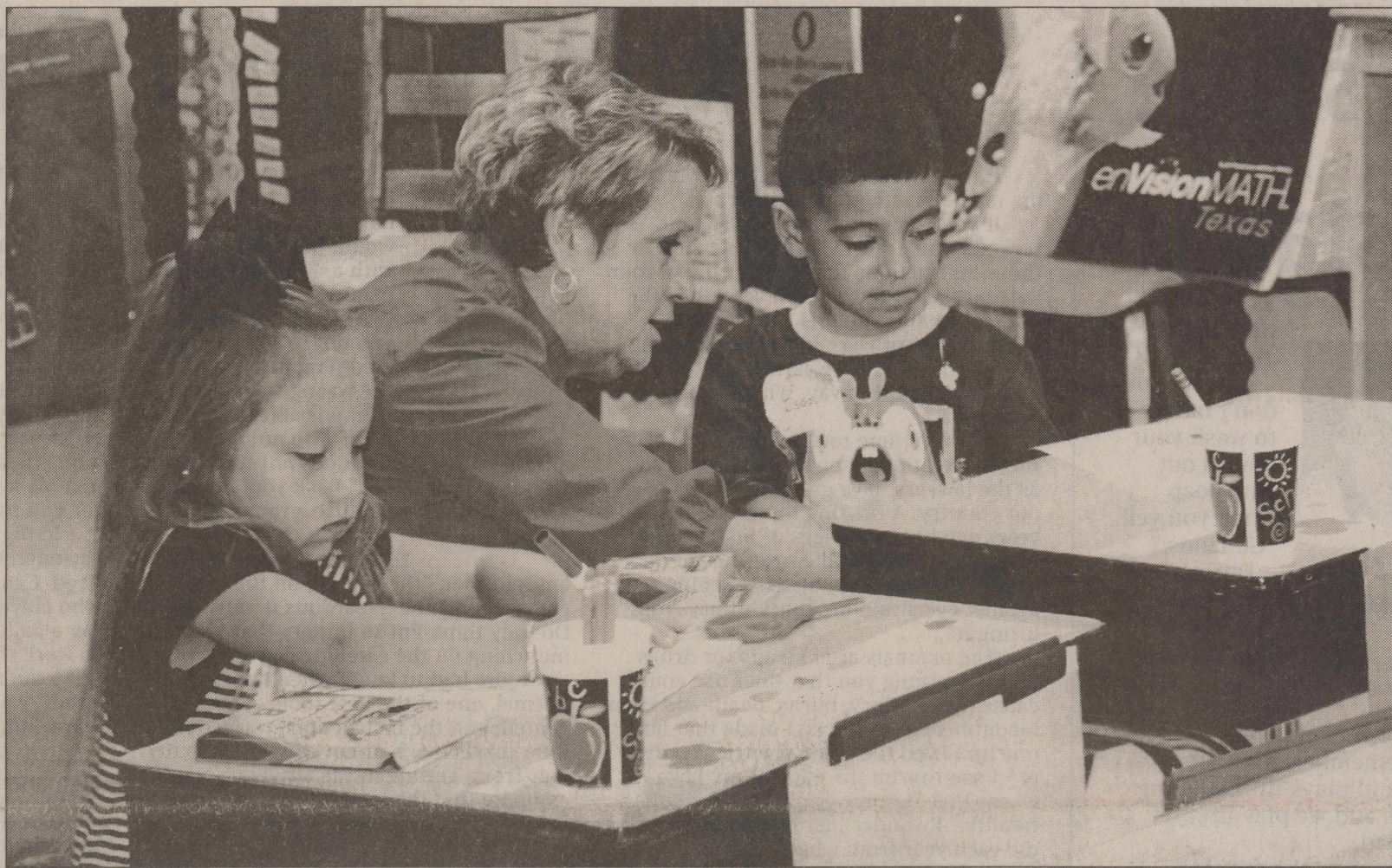
"From my viewpoint, in visiting campuses, we had a very smooth first day. I saw lots of enthusiasm from both students and faculty. I think everyone was excited just to get the year underway," said Superintendent Chris duBois.

Enrollment for the first day is up 10 students from last year with a total of 764 students district-wide. The elementary had 389 students, middle school 153 and high school 222.

The numbers for seventh and ninth graders were down due to students missing immunizations, duBois said.

However, the Texas Department of State Health Services has extended the immunization deadline to Oct. 1, which means those students will be allowed to attend school. The extension applies only to three vaccines: Meningococcal, tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (Tdap) and varicella. Shortages of these vaccines have been reported around the state.

DSHS officials said available supply of these three



KINDERGARTEN TEACHER DENA PORTER works with two of her students, Harley Hernandez (left) and Isaac Torras on the first day of school. Ozona schools started Monday with an enrollment of 764 students.

vaccines in some local clinics and medical offices has been exhausted due to an increased demand.

Revised vaccination requirements announced last spring for the 2009-2010 school year added doses of the three vaccines at certain grade levels.

"We are encouraged by the numbers we had today,"

duBois said. "The staff at all campuses has worked very hard to ensure a great start to the school year, and I think their efforts were rewarded with smiles on our students' faces."

Patience and flexibility were the keys on the elementary campuses, as students in the lower grades are still attending classes in portable

buildings while construction continues on a new building.

"Our first day back to school was a successful one. Everyone was excited. Some of our parents were even more excited than the students," said Elementary Principal Amanda Jackson. "The patience and flexibility of our district staff is both humbling and inspiring."

Jackson said parents of pre-k through second grade students are to drop their children off at the gymnasium in the mornings and not the classrooms.

Also, parents that pick up children in grades third, fourth and fifth must pull into the drive in front of the school building.

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Anthrax case confirmed in Crockett County

BY CARLA EVERETT
TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

The Texas drought has added insult to injury, as anthrax has been confirmed in a Charolais bull that died 10 miles west of Ozona in Crockett County.

This is the only laboratory-confirmed case in Texas this year.

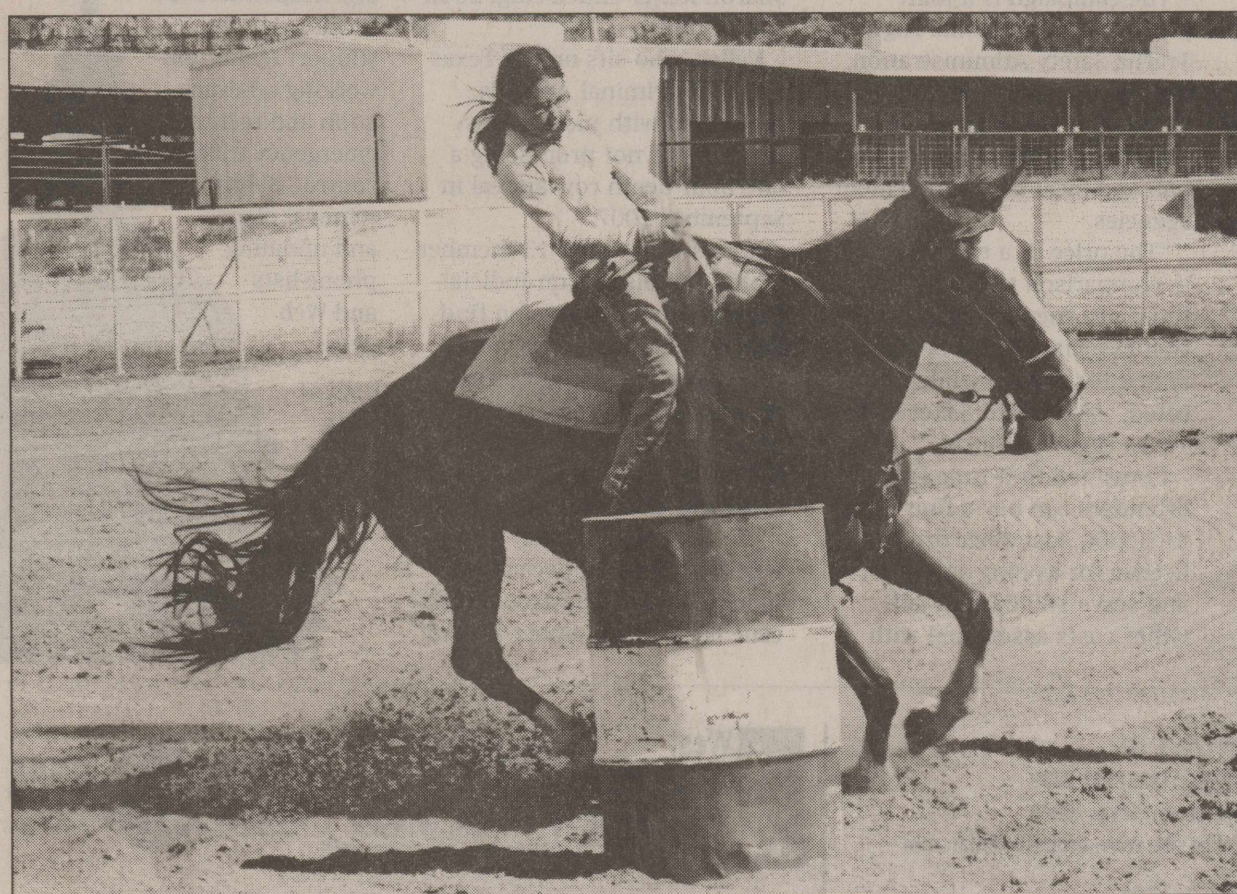
Anthrax bacteria can lie dormant in soil for years, until hot, dry weather conditions trigger the bacteria's germination. Livestock and wildlife can pick up the bacteria as they crop the grass close to the soil.

Once they ingest the bacteria, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, deer and other grazing animals can become ill and die within hours.

"Anthrax occurs worldwide, and in Texas, and we typically see cases in a triangle bounded by Uvalde, Ozona and Eagle Pass," said Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "We have heard concerns about anthrax in other counties this summer, but the only laboratory confirmed case is in Crockett County. There is no cause for alarm, but we do urge ranchers in the area to vaccinate their grazing livestock, to

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'Round the barrel



MADALYN HARRIS rounds the barrel during the Crockett County 4-H Youth Rodeo Saturday. Madalyn won the All Around Girls 9-12 Division. The rodeo was part of the 17th annual Davy Crockett Days sponsored by the Ozona Community Center. More photos and results page 7.

Wrestling Saturday in Ozona

The Knights of Columbus present the Freestyle Pro Wrestling Company and the Return of Wrestling to Ozona Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Fair Park Convention Center and Rodeo Grounds.

Doors open at 7 p.m., event begins at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at The Ozona Stockman and at Irma's Cafe for \$10 each.

The event is a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which is a chronic inherited disease that causes certain glands to produce at thick, sticky mucus that plugs up certain organs in the body and causes problems with breathing and digestion.

Scheduled to perform are: Tatoo Freak, Chuey Martinez, Gringo Loco, Shawn Vexx, Hot Sauce, Tony Morales, Extreme Nerd, Team Smurf, Johnny Damage and others. A female match is also scheduled to include the NWA Southwest Champion.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest



WRESTLER PEPE RODRIGUEZ gives tickets to Saturday's Ozona match to West Texas Rehab patient Yvette Gonzales and her family. Frank Tambunga (far left) with the Knight of Columbus is also pictured. Pepe will compete in Saturday's match, which is a benefit for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

fraternal service organization. It was founded in 1862 and is committed to making their community a better place by serving in a variety of charitable enterprises and programs.

In the past decade, the Knights, as a whole, have raised and donated nearly \$1.25 billion to numerous charitable causes and volunteered nearly 400 million hours of service.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to the Ozona Lions

Dear Editor:

I was no. 62, left guard, class of '61. I thought our coaches were going to kill us during practice with wind sprints 100-yard dashes, etc.

Then came the blocking and tackling exercises. The special drills for getting back into the huddle, call the play, and back to line in 30 seconds. It was physical conditioning and mental conditioning, but at the time I sincerely thought I was going to die at times.

Coach Pete Hickman personally told me, "It is not the size of the dog that is in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog."

The conditioning, and yes, the rules were all part of the recipe for winning. Teamwork, Teamwork, Teamwork. Eleven men must perform as a unit on every play. Each man must give 110 percent effort for 60 full minutes.

Once you have achieved "TEAM" status, a bond is created between coaches and players that last a lifetime.

Some 20 years after graduating, I called Colonel Jim Freeman (USAF). Without identifying myself I said, "18 Bootleg." He responded, "This must be Buddy Anderson."

I was a "pulling guard" and this was one of our bread and butter

plays when the going got tough.

The Ozona Lions have always been able to take the field with heads held high.

The Lions of '61 were able to hold their own with the best in our district (three way tie) and we gave some attitude adjustments to some of the larger schools (Lions 14, McCamey 7).

I know the Lions of 2009 will take the field in the same manner and place their own stamp on Lion Tradition.

My best wishes for a successful season to Coach Robert Hernandez, his coaching staff and the 2009 Ozona Lions.

GO LIONS-FIGHT! GO TO STATE!

Buddy Anderson
Grandbury, Texas

Healthcare reform needs ongoing dialogue

Throughout the month of August, I have been traveling throughout the 23rd Congressional District, listening to people's concerns about healthcare reform. So far, I have personally visited with more than 600 people at events as well collected thousands of calls and email comments from constituents throughout our 20-county district and many more gatherings are planned. The temperature of the debate has gotten pretty warm, and that's OK. It's a measure of how important and personal healthcare is to all of us.

In these venues, two questions have come up again and again,

and I believe they get at the heart of this national debate over healthcare. The first is, 'Why do we need to reform the current system?' The second is, 'How will we pay for it?' I don't have all the answers, but I believe the need for change is clear.

Our healthcare system is simply not working the way it needs

to. Its shortcomings place an undue and increasing burden on families and businesses. The status quo breeds insecurity and threatens our economic future.

Consider this:

In the last decade, insurance premiums for families have doubled while wages have stood still. Since 1987, the cost of the average health insurance policy has more than doubled from 7 percent of the median family income to 17 percent. And at least 46 million Americans are uninsured - more than 85 percent of whom are in working families.



CONGRESSMAN'S
COMMENTARY

CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

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Lion fans: it's time to rock the stands

The smell of pigskin is in the air. The grass is cut, the lines are drawn.

The cheerleaders are ready to dance and yell, and the band is up and marching.

Yes, it's time for another season of Friday Night Football.

I will admit, while I love sports, there's something about Friday Night High School Football that just gets my adrenaline going.

Maybe it's the hot dogs those Athletic Boosters serve up every game.

Maybe it's the heartburn I get after I eat one of those hot dogs, who knows.

All I know is, this Friday night it's time to dust off the stadium seats (if you can remember where you put them last November), grab your purple and gold T-shirt and head out to cheer on the Lions.

Once again, Ozona fans it's time to fill the stands as our mighty Lions open up another season of football.

It's time to get loud, cheer the players on and get behind our team.

It's time to clap during the fight song, be prideful during the school song, stand when the cheerleaders yell "two-bits" and holler for our players to make those touchdowns.

Now I know not every play can be exciting, that's why we have cheerleaders to help us out.

Learn the yells those students are saying down below on that track.

If you don't know what they're saying, you can always yell "Go Lions."

Don't know a lot about sports, and not sure if our team is on offense or defensive, yell "Go Lions."

Mad about that stupid referee making that completely unfair call when we all saw that our team was in the right, yell "Go Lions."

Mad because of anything else, just yell "Go Lions."

Believe me it releases the pressure and anger just as well as the other words you



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were thinking.

At least you don't have to wash your mouth out with soap when you yell "Go Lions."

During half-time, make sure to see the "Pride of Crockett County" our

very own Lion Band.

Remember, the visiting band plays first at home games and we play first on the road.

So, go to the concession stand during the visiting band but stay and yell, "Go Lion Band" during our performance.

Now, not all games are the best games. Some games are tough but as fans it is our job to show our team that we are behind them 100 percent.

In good times, bad times and ugly times, we as fans should always maintain a positive vibe to send down to our players on the field.

We have new coaches, new attitude and a new season ahead of us.

Remember, people talk. I certainly don't want to hear how terrible Ozona Lion fans can be. Let's show them how fanatical we can be for our Lions.

Also, don't forget to stay alert for flying footballs and rolls of candy the cheerleaders toss into the stands.

Let's remember our JV and middle school players on Thursday nights: They are our future Friday night heroes and need just as much cheering and "Go Lions" yells from the stands.

Even if your child is not on the field, come support these young men and women.

To borrow a saying from a great college team: "Come Early, Be Loud, Stay Late, Wear Purple and Gold."

Ozona Lion fans: it's time to roar.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Yea Lions! Yea Fight! Yea Ozona! Fight, Lions Fight!

WARNING: Read This

Have you read any good tool operating manuals lately? Me neither.

If you've purchased a power tool recently you know what I'm referring to: those instructions that are written in four languages and the English version is the hardest to understand. They include a standard list of warnings about keeping the guards in place, wearing safety glasses and keeping kids away. Which is always a good idea.

As a longtime tool collector I've seen these operating manuals increase in size as the lawyers have gradually taken over our country. A brazing torch I bought 30 years ago has two pages of instruction whereas my new drill carries on for 36 pages! It should have labels warning me against eye strain or a back injury from lifting it!

The manuals are like ads for drugs on TV, warning you that their use could cause nerve injury, burns, death and even incontinence. (Okay, so I made that last one up.) Even the small electric Weedeater® I use to trim the edge of my lawn warns that "improper use could result in fatality." I wonder just how many people die each year from whacking themselves to death with a Weedeater®? The manufacturers of my lawn mower warn, "because of hazardous exhaust fumes, DO NOT run indoors." Are there people living amongst who are using their lawnmowers to mow their carpets?

I have an ax to grind with the mas-



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am told that, "the coating on the catalytic converter can be hazardous if consumed." Do they think I'm so hungry that I'll start munching on the catalytic converter?

I just had to laugh when I got a new Dremel, one of the best tools ever invented, and the instructions warned me to wear protective hair covering to keep my hair from getting in the air vents. Now, I estimate that the longest hair on my head is half an inch long and the only way I'm going to get my hair into the air vents is if I use the Dremel to massage my scalp. Those same instructions warn me not to cut any logs with my Dremel, which use cutting discs that are about an inch in diameter. I know that whenever I'm going to cut firewood the first tool I reach for is my Dremel.

ochists who write these things. (If I really did have an ax to grind it would probably come with a 40 page operators manual.) They spend two paragraphs warning you not to plug a polarized plug into a socket the wrong way, which is impossible, and then warn, "Do not use tool if it does not turn on or off." I ask you, how do you use a tool if it does not turn on? On my bigger gas weed whacker I

I'm not supposed to use my legs as a sawhorse while using my saber saw or remove the bolt holding the rotary blade in my lawn mower while it's spinning. Duh. But why can't I expose my wet/dry vac to rain? Are they afraid it will get wet?

If I ever loan the neighbor my new drill I'm supposed to give him the manual and make him promise to read it before using it. (Has anyone in recorded history ever done this?) What really cracks me up is, "repairs should only be performed by a qualified technician." Then why do they include a parts list and a phone number for you to order your own parts?

In big letters in every manual it warns the operator not to operate if you are tired. Can't you just see some carpenter who stayed up late the night before watching a ballgame tell his boss when he went to work the next day, "I'm sorry boss, but I can't work today cause I'm a little tired." And if everyone who was taking some kind of medication had to quit using power tools, all construction, farming, and manufacturing in this country would grind to an immediate halt.

The instructions say I shouldn't use my grinder to stand on, or my table saw as an anvil. Under no circumstances should I let visitors stand on my extension cord and I'm not supposed to use my chain saw if I'm upset.

But if they don't want me to get so upset they should have made the darn thing easier to start to begin with!

Unemployment rate increases even as Texas adds thousands of new jobs

AUSTIN —The Texas Workforce Commission reported Aug. 21 that Texas added 37,900 new non-agricultural jobs in July.

But, 941,000 able Texas residents were listed as unemployed in July.

In June, 899,800 people were listed as unemployed, so even with the reported gain, that is a net loss of jobs over the month of July. Consequently, the unemployment rate grew from 7.4 percent to 7.9 percent - still less than the national unemployment rate of 9.4 percent.

The Commission also reported that 129,455 unemployed Texas residents will exhaust their unemployment benefits over the five-month period between August 2009 and Jan. 2, 2010.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, in its August regional economic update for Texas, said, "Despite the signs of stabilization, employment continues to decline, though there is evidence of improvement on this front as well. The most recent employment forecast estimates that Texas will see a decline of 2.8 percent in 2009.

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While not especially encouraging, it is a significant improvement from the previous forecast of minus-3.5 percent."

DRINK, DRIVE, GO TO JAIL CAMPAIGN

The annual "Drink, Drive, Go to Jail" campaign will be observed during the Labor Day holiday.

The campaign is a joint project of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Yellow Cab and local law enforcement agencies.

"The price of a cab ride pales in comparison to the hefty fines, attorney fees and other cost associated with being arrested for driving while intoxicated," said David Baker of the Texas Highway Patrol.

Convicted first-time DWI offenders can pay a fine of up to \$2,000, lose their driver's license for as long as a year, and serve 180 days in jail. Other costs associated with

a drunken driving arrest and conviction can add up to more than \$17,000 for bail, legal fees, court appearances, court-ordered classes, vehicle insurance increases and other expenses.

PANEL TO DECIDE IN KELLER CASE

A four-day state district court hearing in the case of Judge Sharon Keller ended Aug. 20 in San Antonio.

Keller, who sits on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, is charged with judicial misconduct for not processing a late hour death row appeal in September 2007.

It's now up to the 13-member State Commission on Judicial Conduct to deliberate on findings of fact in the case, and rule. Possible outcomes: the dropping of charges, censure, or a recommendation that Keller be removed from office.

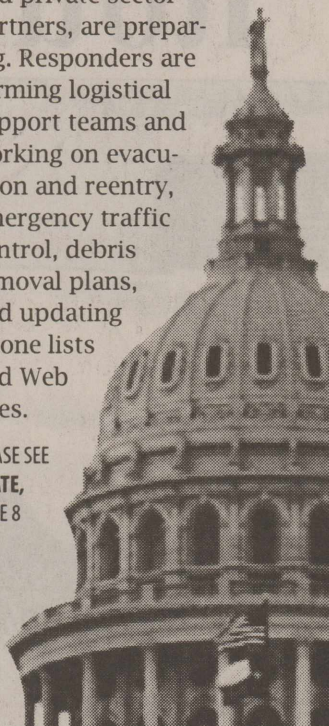
HURRICANE PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY

Lessons learned because of monumentally disastrous Hurricane Ike last September are still

fresh, and as named storms in the Atlantic Ocean rattle westward, generally toward us, Texas is coordinating disaster plans.

On Aug. 18, the Texas Department of Transportation said it, along with other state agencies, volunteer groups and private sector partners, are preparing. Responders are forming logistical support teams and working on evacuation and reentry, emergency traffic control, debris removal plans, and updating phone lists and Web sites.

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CORRECTIONS

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any individual, firm or corporation will be corrected when called to the attention of the management by the next issue.



WRESTLER PEPE RODRIGUEZ visited with students at the Ozona Community Center last week. Rodriguez will be wrestling this Saturday at the Fair Park Convention Center and Rodeo Grounds in Ozona. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$10 each and are on sale at The Ozona Stockman and Irma's Cafe.

Morrow graduates from ASU

Michelle Morrow graduated from Angelo State University on Aug. 8 with a degree in BIS and minors in psychology, criminal justice and English.

Morrow plans on continuing her education by pursuing her masters of public administration with a specialization in non-profit management.

Morrow is the daughter of Judy Mosher of San Angelo and the daughter-in-law of Tom and Lou Morrow of Ozona.

Michelle is married to Shawn Morrow and they have two sons Grant and Justice.

Her sister is Melissa Rasberry of Lubbock and grandparents are Gracie Cardwell of San Angelo and the late Herman Cardwell, with special aunts Carolyn Wilcox and Rita Bernhart.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Aug. 26

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Thursday, Aug. 27

- Answers on Aging, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- JV Lions vs. Harper, 6:30 at Lion Stadium.

Friday, Aug. 28

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Varsity Lions vs. Harper, 8 p.m. at Harper.

Saturday, Aug. 29

- OHS and OMS Cross Country teams at the Reagan County Invitational.
- Wrestling, 7 p.m. at the Fair Park Rodeo Grounds.

Monday, Aug. 31

- First Day of Classes at Ozona Schools.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Commissioners meeting, noon at the courthouse annex.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Health and Wellness Center Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the library.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

- Chamber Luncheon featuring Ag Commissioner Todd Staples and Rainwater Harvest presentation, noon at the Visitor Center.
- Athletic Booster Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Miracle Service, 6:30 p.m. at the Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church.



SGT. GEORGE HERNANDEZ (right) receives a promotion in the U.S. Army on July 31. Hernandez just completed a 15-month tour duty in Iraq and was welcomed home by his family, wife Brenda and parents Mr. and Mrs. Natividad Hernandez Jr., as well as friends on Monday. Hernandez has served two years in the military and will now be stationed in Kentucky.

Census bureau seeking managers

The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking managers to oversee operations in local offices opening in San Angelo this fall for the 2010 Census. Open positions include a Local Census Office Manager and Assistant Managers for Field Operations, Administration, Recruitment, Quality Assurance, and Technology.

These managers will work to ensure that the 2010 Census gets an accurate count of our nation for use in allocating over \$400 billion annually of federal funds to state, local and tribal governments, apportionment in the House of Representatives, and redistricting data.

"It is imperative that we hire community members to step up and work for their community in this vital count," says Gabriel Sanchez, the Census Bureau's Regional Director for the Dallas Region, which is comprised of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. "The decennial census is mandated at a national level, but cannot be successful without the help and support from the community."

Managers will carry out assigned census duties from Local Census Offices, set to open in fall 2009, to ensure that census operations are conducted on time, according to quality standards and within budget. Skills in supervising, planning, development and handling fast paced operations are highly desirable.

Census Day is April 1, 2010—less than a year away, and the Census Bureau's Dallas Region has commenced operations to ensure that every person is counted in the 2010 Census. Last year, the Census Bureau opened the Dallas Regional Census Center located in Dallas, Texas, which functions as the center point for all operations in the region. A total of 15 Local Census Offices are already operating all over Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. The Dallas Region alone will need to recruit and employ approximately 111,000 workers during peak 2010 Census operations.

For more information on qualifications or how to apply, visit the U.S. Census Bureau's Web site at www.census.gov/rodal/www/employ.html.

Answers on Aging in Ozona 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, Aug. 27, from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center. "Answers on Aging" is designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals.

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 Modifications), 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.

For more information, call Toni P. Gutierrez, 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.

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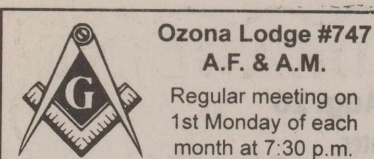
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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Can you believe at last I am back here at the Senior Center? After much nerve pain and treatment, I am up and going. With two more neck injections in September, I should be good as new.

Thank you of you for your well wishes, all the we need you and phone calls. It is all greatly appreciated. I missed each and every one of you and am so happy to be back.

We have so many sick from our community: Barbara Malone, Mary Webster, Dr. Marcus Sims, Tina Moran and Dorothy Friend. We wish all of you wellness and a speedy recovery.

Almost a month ago, I received a welcome call from a

reader, Patsy "Tincy" McMakin. She called to say that she read my column and enjoyed reading about her Ozona friends. I enjoyed your call and am sorry that I took so long to acknowledge in print.

Last week, I read Melissa's column about good and bad eggs. I agree with her as I prefer the good eggs. I do hope you read that article.

The Area Agency on Aging will be at the Senior Center Thursday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m. They will answer questions from senior citizens concerning what may or not be available for them. If they don't know an answer they will direct you to who can give you an answer.

Monday and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge play-

ers 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

We kicked off August with an outing to Dairy Queen. We took as many residents as we could on the van and we headed out for our afternoon trip. They enjoyed a tour of our beautiful town while eating ice cream. They had a great time, thanks to our driver, Marta De La Garza and our C.N.A. Mary Helen Flores. On our next outing, we will take a few more of the ones that didn't go this time.

On Aug. 4, we had a great time playing Toss Ball. This is a good form of exercise for the residents and they really enjoy it. Thanks to Joan Villarreal for helping us out by tossing the ball back to us when it went in her direction. We really get a good workout when we play this game. We laughed and the ones that were not playing enjoyed watching the other play.

We all had a great treat on Aug. 7 when Corba Jones and her grandkids Desiree and Devon brought three Shih Tzu puppies to the facility. The puppies were so cute and everybody enjoyed holding them and playing with them. When Corba was getting ready to leave, she started putting the puppies in the portable carrier and she was missing one. We finally found it curled up under a blanket on Lola Rios' lap. We really appreciate Desiree and Devon spending some of their summer helping us with Bingo. They live in the Fort Worth area and they came to visit their grandmother,

Corba Jones. They promised they would be back next summer to help out.

We would like to thank the Jo Cox family for giving all the staff a Bamboo plant in a cute, pottery vase. This plant is also a Lucky Bamboo. As we enjoy seeing it grow, we will think of the family and their kindness. We appreciate their thoughtful gesture.

Thanks again to Ann Shaw for bringing some more Bingo prizes. We are always in need of Bingo prizes since the residents would rather play Bingo than do anything else. As it is, we play four times a week and that involves a lot of prizes. We have also started playing Skip-Bo and dominoes more often. They enjoy both of these games also. If you would like to donate Bingo prizes, call us at 392-3096 and ask for Marta or Dillie.

The other day, I ran into someone that I hadn't seen in a while at the post office. As we talked, she was telling me that she really enjoys reading about all the activities that we have for the residents at the Care Center. I was telling her that a lot of people don't realize that even though this is a care facility, it is also a fun place for our loved ones. We have some that are up in their 90s and they are the first ones lined up when we have an activity. This is so great that they continue to be active and are living their golden years to their fullest. Please come by and visit with our residents or join us in some of the activities. Some of our residents' families

do not live in town and can't be here as often as they would like to. So, come by and spend some time with them. I assure you, you will be blessed.

We continue to look for people that want to volunteer their time on Thursdays when we have Beauty Shop Day. This is a big day for our ladies because they want to look their best for the weekend. We usually start at 8:30 a.m. and continue until we have finished with all the ladies. Right now, we have around 15 women that we style each week. Come join us. You do not have to be a professional. Thanks to Nell for helping us out this week.

On Aug. 21, we celebrated August birthdays. We celebrated with Margie Rogers, Betty Munsell and Oralia Galindo. Thanks to Lil Payne for the beautiful cake and Carol Richie for the delicious cookies that she brought for the celebration. We all had a great time eating and visiting with each other.

It was a pretty busy week but we made it. On Saturday, we played Bingo and are ready for another week at Crockett County Care Center, the fun place to be. Don't miss out by not coming by during the week to visit with our residents. They are great people to be with, and they love to have visitors.

Don't forget our fund-raiser coming up in October. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the Care Center. We have some great prizes, including vacation trips and a barbecue grill.

DEATH NOTICES

Lonnie 'Lester' Gambill

Lonnie "Lester" Gambill, 86, of Sharon, Okla. passed away Friday, Aug. 7, 2009 in Newman Memorial Hospital, Shattuck, Okla.

Services were Monday, Aug. 10, at Billings Funeral Home, burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Woodward, Okla.

Survivors include Katherine (St. Clair) Sewell of Woodward, Okla., JoAnn Keltch of Sharon, Okla., Linda Haas of Coldwater, Kan. and Jerry Gambill of Colorado Springs, Colo. and nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements by Billings Funeral Home, billingsfuneral-homewoodward.com.



LEVIS and LACE BIRTHDAYS (left to right) JoAnn and Jim Couch and Carol Adcock will celebrate their birthday on Aug. 25. They celebrated early at Saturday's Levis and Lace Square Dance at the Senior Center.

LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS

BY TINA JARVIS
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCER

had our food.

Saturday night club members Carol Adcock, Nell West-er, Jim and JoAnn Babbitt, Raul De La Rosa, Frank Fred, Lucy Hinde, Bobby and Karen McDonald, Tammi and Danny Monzingo and Tina Jarvis danced to caller Tracey Dowell from McCauley, Texas.

Tracy is always such fun to dance to, he keeps us going with different calls that aren't used as often as others and makes us think and we always have a great time.

Line dancing was danced between tips and of course we

Birthdays celebrated tonight were for Jim and JoAnn Couch and Carol Adcock all three have their birthdays on Aug. 25.

Guests tonight were Aleta and John Dwyer from San Angelo; they will also be dancing with us at the State Fair.

Before the dance, we practiced our routine for the State Fair and it is working out nicely now that we are used to it.

Lucy brought her friend Yetta Masters from Barnhart and maybe next time we will get her on the floor for some of the line dancing.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

THE NEATLY DRESSED CHILDREN

While traveling in several foreign countries I noticed the way children have to dress for school. In those countries they have to wear school uniforms. For instance elementary schools students will wear uniforms with certain colors and junior high students other colors and high school students even different colors. To attend school you have to have a uniform. Those uniforms reminded me of something in the Bible. God does have a dress code for both men and women but He also has a behavioral or conduct code. Both codes are found in His Word the Bible. God wants us to study and know His word. Second He wants us to apply it or practice it, not just know it. I remember so many times on my grade school report cards there was a little area for the teacher's comments about conduct. Several time my report card had a check in the box that said, "Needs improvement". Most of God's guidelines can be summed up in the Ten Commandments, (Exodus 19:3-17) but there are also others in the New Testament. It pleases God very much when we try to live in the way that He desires, (Leviticus 18:1-5, John 14:21&23). Yes, it may take effort and self denial but it is rewarding. Especially on that day we shall stand before Him and he says, "Well done my good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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		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.
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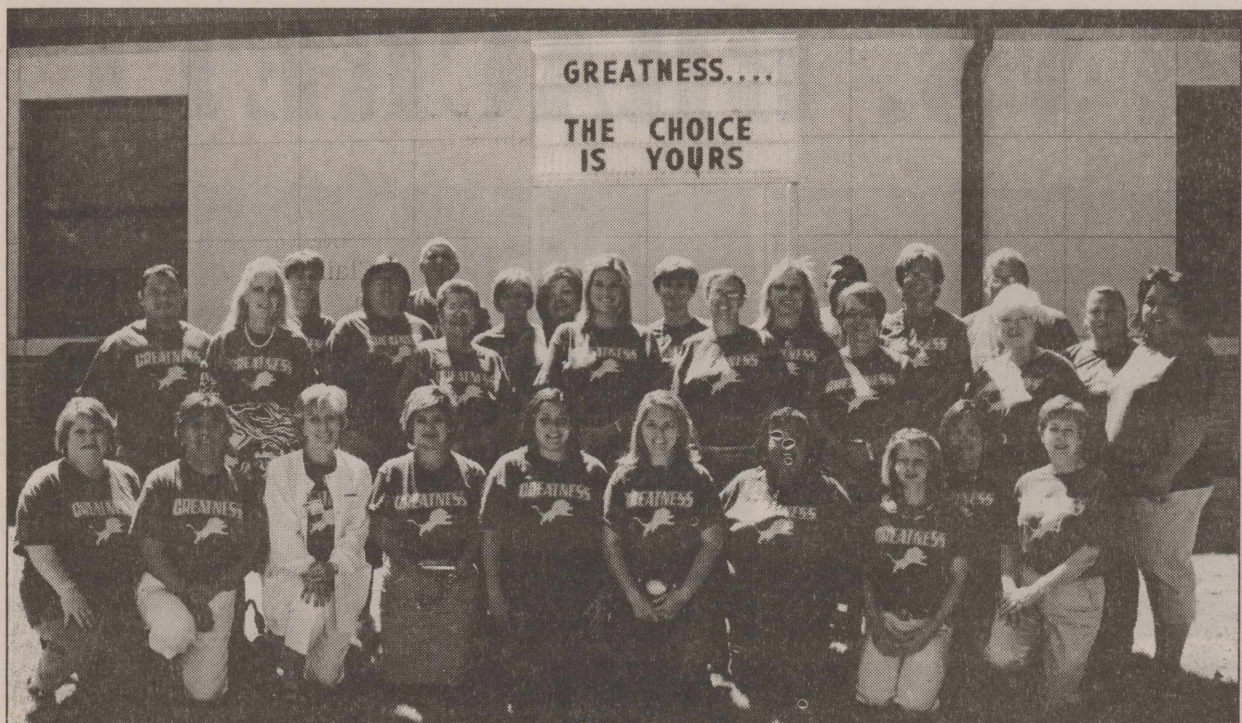
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"GREATNESS...THE CHOICE IS YOURS" is the theme this year at Ozona Middle School. Teachers, administrators and staff pose on the first day of school and show off their "Greatness" T-shirts.

SCHOOL: from page 1

"We will not allow students to cross in front of the traffic by themselves. Keep the right side of our driveway clear, and please do not leave your car unattended in that lane. Safety is a priority for us. We know it is for our parents as well," Jackson said.

At Ozona Middle School, the theme for the year is

"Greatness...the choice is yours."

New principal Houston Hendryx said the staff designed and came up with the saying, which will be emphasized in announcements and activities each day.

In his 21st year in education, Hendryx said Monday was the best first day of school he has ever had.

"The kids dressed nicely. The boys had their shirts

tucked in and everyone was respectful. It just went great," he said.

At Ozona High School, the cheerleaders started the day with their "Welcome to the Jungle" pep rally.

Principal Benny Granger said the students are excited about things.

"I feel like the kids are excited and everything is upbeat right now. It's been a good day," Granger said.

Part 2: new traffic, criminal laws set to go into effect Sept. 1

Editor's note: This is part 2 of the new traffic, criminal laws. Part 1 ran in the Aug. 19 edition.

SUBMITTED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

HB 2730 is the DPS's Sunset Legislation, and many of the DPS-related bills this session were included in HB 2730. Notable traffic and criminal laws that go into effect on Sept. 1 (unless otherwise indicated) include:

CRIME:

HB 558 allows minors to be charged with public intoxication.

HB 2386 allows courts to immediately seal juvenile criminal records if the juvenile successfully completes a drug court program, or another special program ordered by the court.

HB 1282 makes it a Class B misdemeanor to steal a driver license, commercial driver license or personal identification.

SB 554 makes it illegal to own or possess dog-fighting equipment and establishes that such equipment and property where dogs are found to be engaged in dog fighting is contraband and is subject to forfeiture. The law also makes dog-fighting subject to the elevated penalties authorized in the Texas Penal Code, Section 71.02(a), in an effort to deter organized criminal activity.

HB 1813 makes it a third-degree felony to tamper with forensic, medical, chemical, toxicological and ballistic reports,

as well as reports of certification, inspection or maintenance of instruments used to examine or test physical evidence. (Currently, someone who does this can only be charged with a state jail felony.)

HB 358 allows law enforcement authorities to store only a small part of gambling machines that have been seized, instead of storing the whole machine. They would be able to remove and store just the computer chips in gambling machines, which are the core of the machines and contain the information necessary for prosecutions to go forward.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS:
SB 689 restricts Internet usage by certain registered sex offenders, and requires registered sex offenders to provide information about their e-mail addresses when they register.

MOTORCYCLES ETC.:

Senate Bill 1967 requires that applicants for an original class M license or class A, B or C driver license (including commercial driver licenses and permits) with authorization to operate a motorcycle, provide evidence of completion of an approved motorcycle operator training course. The law also increases the penalty for failure to yield the right-of-way if there is a crash that results in injury to a person other than the motorcycle operator.

VEHICLE INSPECTION:

SB 589 requires that a vehicle equipment safety compliance label be placed on a windshield, side or rear window

stating that the window tinting complies with the appropriate provisions of the Transportation Code. Failing to place the required label on the vehicle could lead to a \$1,000 fine.

MISCELLANEOUS:

HB 2730 increases the fine for a parking violation at the state Capitol from \$10 to \$25, and increases the late fee from \$2 to \$5.

SB 1188 authorizes a Texas resident to buy firearms, ammunition or firearms accessories in any other state, not just those contiguous to Texas, to reflect updated federal statutes.

* Please keep in mind that this is not a complete list of all laws passed in the past legislative session.

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Budget, tax rate top school board agenda

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Aug. 26) at the Administration Building.

On the agenda, is a budget workshop before the board looks at approving the 2009-2010 budget and tax rate.

The board will then hold a public hearing to discuss adoption of the budget and tax rate, before voting on the adoption.

Also on the agenda:

- Reports - transportation and maintenance; principals; athletic director; financial and bills and superintendent, which includes personnel, enrollment and construction updates and bus purchases.
- Executive/Closed Session and possible action from closed session.
- 2009-2010 Calendar revision.
- Consider approval of the Shared Services Arrangement with Menard Special Education Cooperative.
- Board Policy update DEC (LOCAL) - Compensation with Benefits - Leaves and Absences.
- Re-Consider Student Insurance for 2009-2010.
- Consent Agenda: approve minutes from the regular meeting held July 15 and special meeting Aug. 3; approve amendments to the 2008-2009 official budget; teacher appraisal calendar 2009-2010 and consider approved appraisers for 2009-2010.

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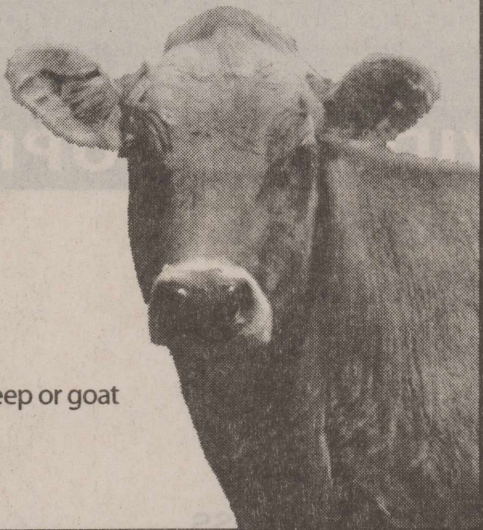
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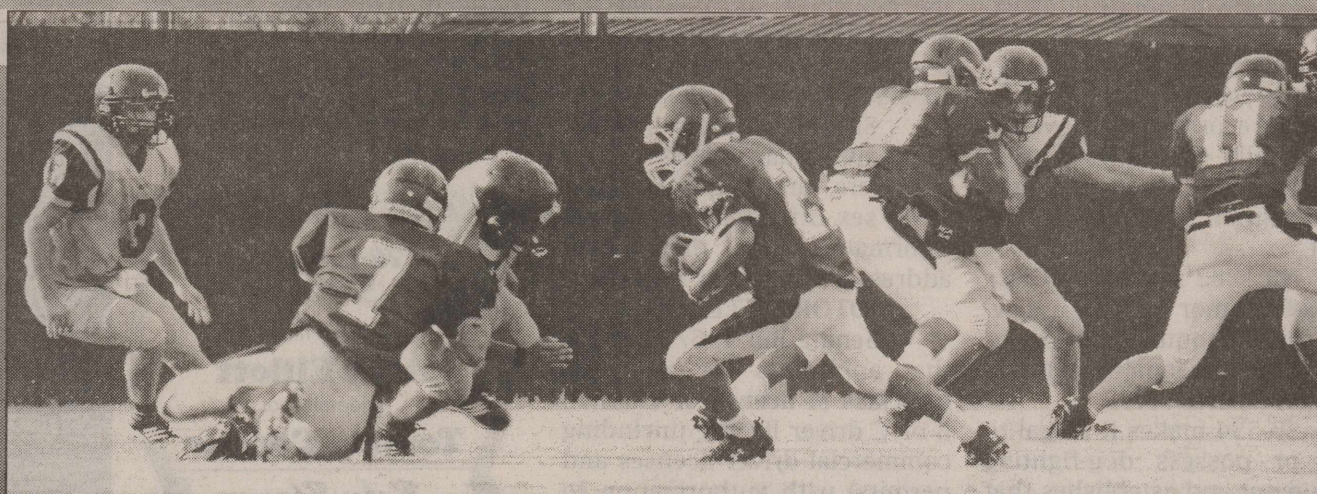
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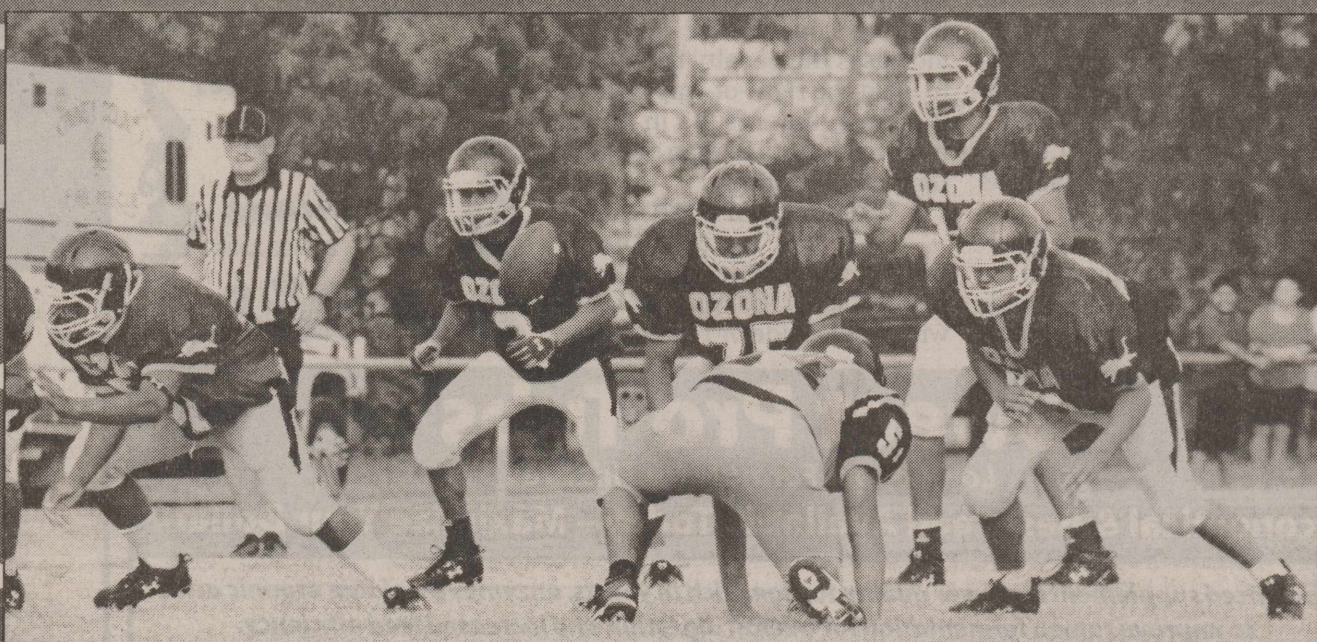
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RUSSEL KOMECHAK (left) MAKES A GREAT TACKLE TO GIVE KYLE DEAN SOME RUNNING ROOM. #80 Chris Ferro-Williams and #11 Kyle Sewell keep the right side clear.



THE LIONS LINE UP IN SHOT GUN FORMATION FOR LALO LONGORIA (far left) TO SNAP THE BALL AS (l. to r.) Abey Lara, Jordan Martinez, Zane Hernandez and Mike Medina, Jr. are poised to execute the play.

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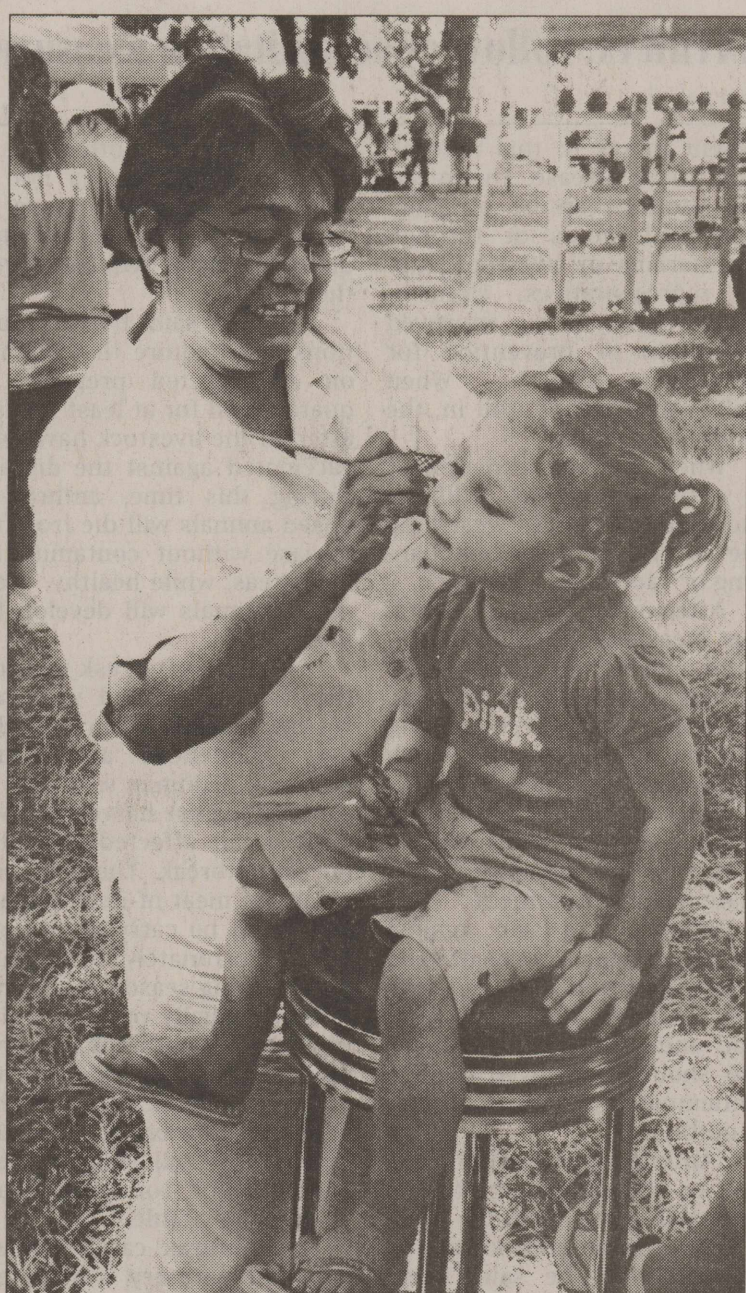
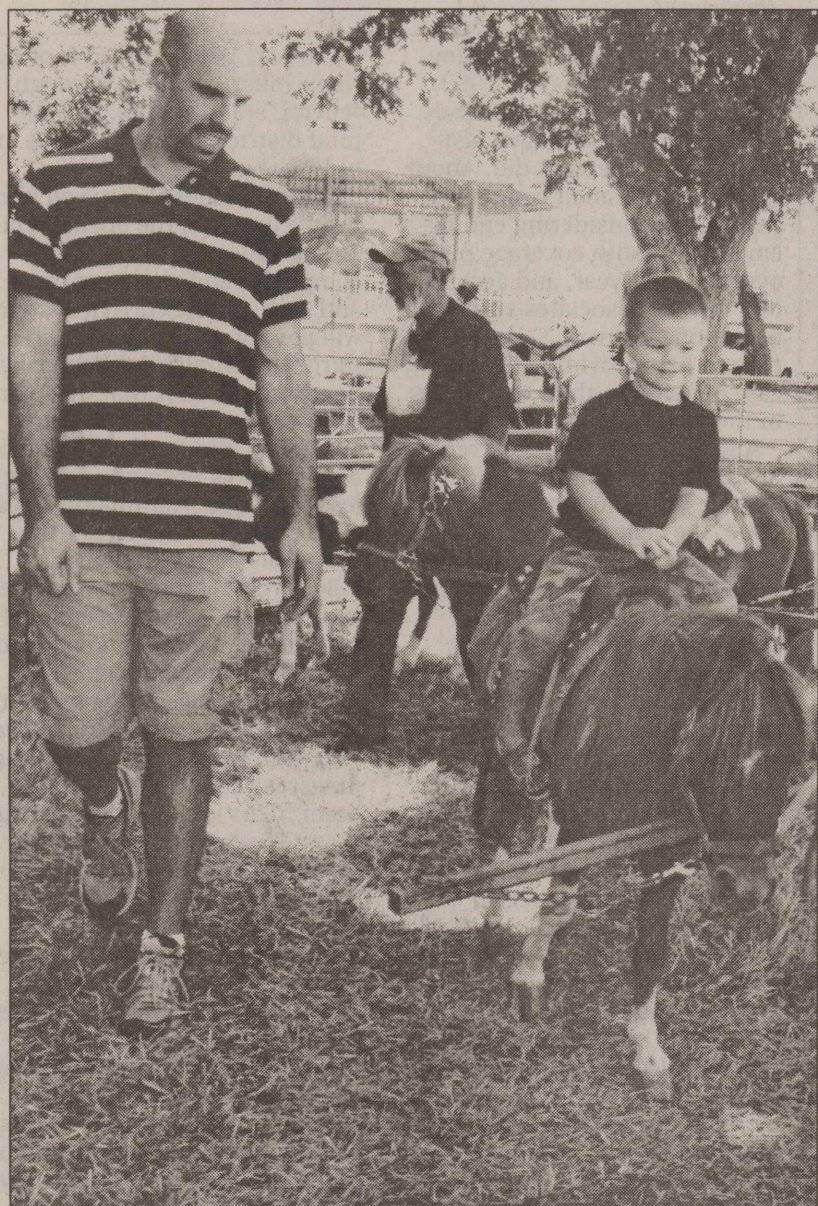
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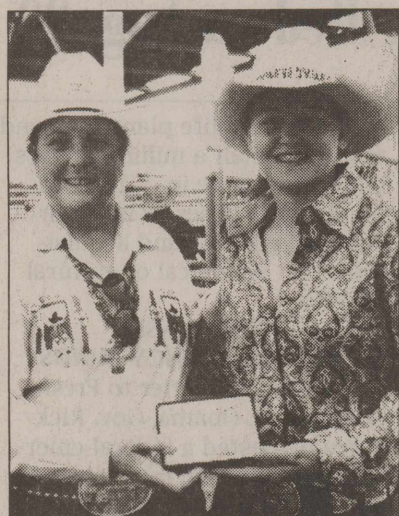
2009 Youth Rodeo Results

Leadline - Barrels: 1. Levi Bishop; 2. Hunter O'Banon and 3. McKenna Luckie
Flags: 1. McKenna Luckie; 2. Keegan Wadsworth and 3. Hunter O'Banon
Goat Tagging: 1. Levi Bishop; 2. Skylar Lacy; 3. McKenna Luckie
Double Mugging: 1. Walt Ashley
Poles - 8 & Under Girls: 1. Catlyn Ward; 2. Faith Ross and 3. Addie Nehus
Poles - 8 & Under Boys: 1. Jarrett Justiss; 2. Jacob Walters and 3. Colton Arendt
Poles 9 - 12 Girls: 1. Madalyn Harris; 2. Toni Parker and 3. Hadley Miller
Poles 13 - 19 Girls: 1. Zella Powers; 2. Stephanie Sutton and 3. Nikki Campbell
Breakaway - 9 - 12 Boys: 1. Walt Ashley and 2. Timothy Maldonado
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Youth Center Calendar of Events

Aug. 24 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.
 Aug. 29 - Closed all day for vacation and wrestling event



WENDY JUSTISS SUBMITTED PHOTO
 PAM ACTON (l.) presents the Marty Acton Memorial High Point Champion buckle to Nikki Campbell of Iraan. Campbell also won the Girl's 13-19 All Around buckle.

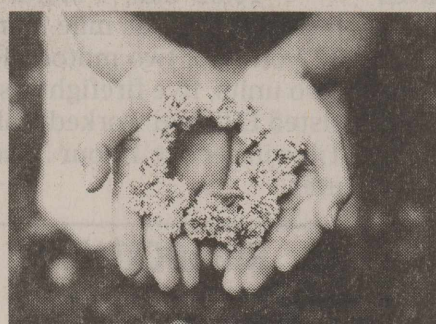


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 ALL AROUND WINNERS: (left to right) Jacob Walter, mutton bustin; Jarrett Justiss, boys 8 and under; Faith Ross, girls 8 and under; Madalyn Harris, girls 9-12 and Walt Ashley, boys 9-12.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone that helped make our 50th wedding celebration a very joyous and special occasion. Also a sincere thank you for those that attended, for the gifts and cards we received, and to everyone that came from out of town. God Bless each and everyone, Augustine and Yolanda Martinez and family

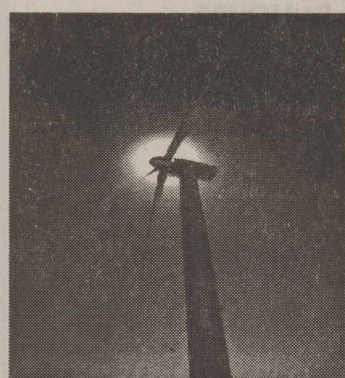
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We would also like to thank the many volunteers for making breakfast burritos, helping in the concession stand, hauling large containers of ice, cooking hot dogs, cutting and serving watermelon and selling T-shirts. Thank you to the community for coming out to support Ozona Lions. It's going to be a great year! Go Lions!

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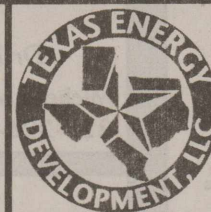
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ANTHRAX: Follow good sanitation measures

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prevent losses to this natural occurring disease. The injectable vaccine can be obtained from feed stores or through veterinarians or livestock supply representatives. Unfortunately, there is no approved medication or prevention for free-ranging wildlife. When cooler temperatures roll in, the outbreak will end."

When an area experiences an anthrax outbreak, Hillman said ranchers should wear long sleeves and gloves when handling or vaccinating livestock.

Afterward, good sanitation measures should be followed, including hand washing and laundering of clothing. This aids in preventing contact with the anthrax bacteria which may have been picked up on the hides of animals. Skin exposure to the bacteria can cause a nasty sore that requires appropriate medical treatment.

Hillman also said against picking up bones, horns or shed antlers, and said pets and children should be kept away from dead animals. Healthy animals also should be moved from a contaminated pasture during an outbreak.

"Anthrax 'hot spots' in a pasture are usually limited to very small areas," Hillman said.

To prevent additional soil contamination, he said TAHC regulations require that animals dead from anthrax be burned, along with their bedding and manure. This prevents wild pigs, coyotes, dogs or other predators from dragging carcasses (and the accompanying anthrax bacteria) from

one pasture to another. In severe droughts, that is not always possible, and a waiver of the regulations and alternative disposal may be requested from the TAHC.

Hillman said TAHC regulations also require that animals on an infected premises be quarantined for at least 10 days after all the livestock have been vaccinated against the disease. During this time, anthrax-exposed animals will die from the disease without contaminating new areas, while healthy, vaccinated animals will develop immunity.

"Hunters often ask us about the risks associated with harvesting animals in an area that has experienced an anthrax outbreak," Hillman said. "We do caution against harvesting wild hogs in an affected area during an outbreak. The hogs consume the meat of dead animals and could be carrying the bacteria. Fortunately, by the time deer hunting season starts, cool weather usually puts an end to a season's outbreak. Harvest only healthy-looking deer and other hoof stock. If a deer has ingested anthrax bacteria, within hours, it will stagger, tremble or exhibit convulsions, and death is inevitable."

All anthrax cases--suspected or laboratory confirmed--must be reported to the TAHC. The regulatory agency operates a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-8242, with state or federal regulatory veterinarians available at all times to take calls and work with private veterinary practitioners and producers.

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS
 • Jose Antonio Ramos, Laredo, duty on striking an unattended vehicle, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000.
 • Robert Govea, Ozona, possession of marijuana, misdemeanor, \$2,000 PR Bond; possession of a substance in penalty group 4, misdemeanor, \$2,000 PR Bond.
 • Ruben Lopez, Detroit, Mich., driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor, \$2,000; reckless driving, misdemeanor,

or, \$2,000 and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, felony, \$15,000.

• Armando Arellano, Del Rio, felony driving while intoxicated/failure to appear, third-degree felony, \$10,000 PR Bond.

• Francisco Bonilla, El Paso, leaving the scene of an accident, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

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RODRIGUEZ: There is no final bill yet, only proposals

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Businesses and their employees are suffering too. In 1993, 61 percent of small businesses offered health coverage - last year, only 38 percent did. About 10 percent of small companies say they're considering ending employee health coverage plans over the next year, and according to a Hewitt Associates survey, nearly one in five U.S. businesses plan to halt providing health care benefits to their employees in the next three to five years.

And if you think the current healthcare system isn't affecting our economy, think again. In 2006, the economy lost as much as \$200 billion because of the poor health and shorter lifespan of the uninsured. If we don't do something soon, by 2018, health care spending will rise to \$4.4 trillion - more than one fifth of the economy. We already spend twice as much per capita on health care than almost any other industrialized nation, yet objective analyses show we're no healthier for it.

Since the recession began, 10,680 Americans are losing health insurance each day. Maybe you're one of them. Or maybe you have insurance, but your treatment is in jeopardy because the insurance company decided you had a pre-existing illness or condition.

This is not tenable. We must do something or the costs of the current system will continue to rise uncontrollably. Insurance companies will continue to ration care and rake in profits. Americans will go on paying more to receive less.

The second big question is how to pay for it.

I know the American people are suffering. We're in a recession, and eight years of irresponsible spending have created a pretty deep fiscal hole that we need to get ourselves out of. Your anxiety about our deficit is understandable. It may not seem like the time to take on healthcare reform.

The truth is, we're already paying for the costs of uncompensated care. In our district alone in 2008, there was \$47 million in care provided to people, often in emergency rooms, where federal law requires that every person be treated, regardless of their ability to pay.

By investing more now in preventive care, we will keep our future costs from ballooning. Benjamin Franklin was right when he said an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. In the long run, we save by preventing illnesses rather than treating them. This is a win-win strategy that will achieve better health outcomes for less money.

It's important to remember that there is no final bill yet, only proposals being considered in both the House and Senate. Those proposals will almost certainly change over time. There is more I'd like to see, including a greater focus on expanding access to care in rural areas, as well as revenue mechanisms that make sense for small businesses struggling in a recession.

I think we can all agree that no system is perfect. Many say we have good healthcare in this country. I don't disagree. But as the most innovative and industrious country in the world, we can do better. Cheaper, more accessible, and higher quality care is well within our reach. Those would be improvements we could all live with. Are the current proposals the way to go? Not necessarily, but they are a start. Let's keep an open mind, debate respectfully, and work to solve this critical problem. Our nation's wellness and future economic strength are at stake.

Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez is a former social worker who currently serves on the House Committee on Veterans Affairs and the powerful House Committee on Appropriations.

STATE: Elmer Kelton, celebrated Western novelist, died on Aug. 22

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AFTER 36 HOURS, CHARGES GO UP

The amount of time it takes the Texas Historical Commission to produce public information for requestors is going to make a difference shortly.

Employees of the Commission who round up information for inspection or making copies will have to keep track of the time expended for each requestor.

If they go past 36 hours for you, the Commission will assess charges for personnel time. The hours will be calculated over the agency's fiscal year, which starts Sept. 1 and ends Aug. 31, 2010.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARKS COMING

The sale of those \$8 official state decals that must be displayed on off-highway motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles is bringing in enough revenue to improve and build more park facilities where OHVs can be operated.

Parks & Wildlife plans to spend more than half a million dollars in decal revenue in 2010-2011 for such purposes as land surveys, appraisals, land acquisitions and biological or cultural surveys.

PERRY ASKS FOR EMERGENCY FUNDS

In an Aug. 18 letter to President Barack Obama, Gov. Rick Perry requested a federal emergency declaration for the state because of the extreme fire hazard from ongoing exceptional drought conditions. Also requested was funding for additional firefighting resources.

CELEBRATED TEXAS NOVELIST DIES

Elmer Kelton, 83, died Aug. 22, 2009, of natural causes. The Crane native wrote more than 60 books, mostly western novels. His work experience included 15 years as a farm and ranch writer for the San Angelo Standard-Times.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

AUGUST 20
 • 4:30 p.m. - Grass fire 8 miles west on Miller Lane, 1/2 acre. Five units, seven firefighters. Time in service 1 hour, 21 minutes.
 • 5:12 p.m. - Reported motor vehicle accident at 337 mile-marker, was a vehicle with a flat. Three units, five

firefighters. Time in service 47 minutes.

AUGUST 22
 • 10:03 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident at mile-marker 372 on I-10, two motorcycles. Two units, five firefighters assisted EMS and worked traffic. Time in service 1 hour 51 minutes.

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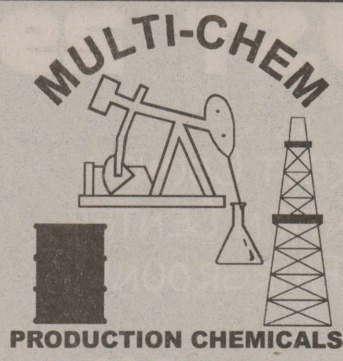
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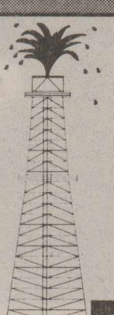
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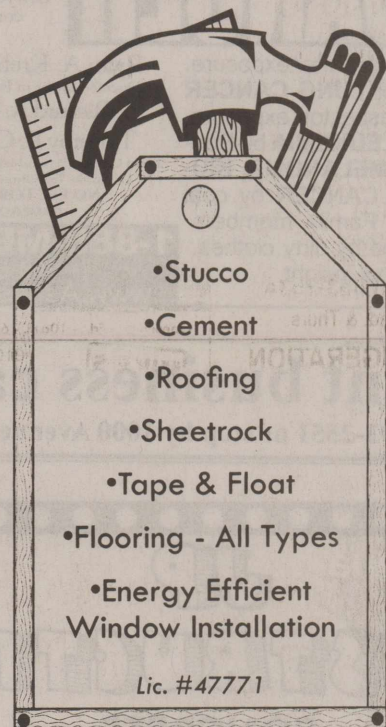
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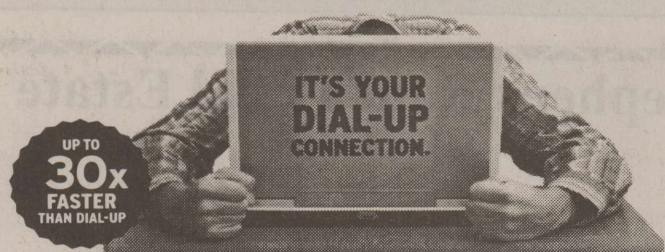
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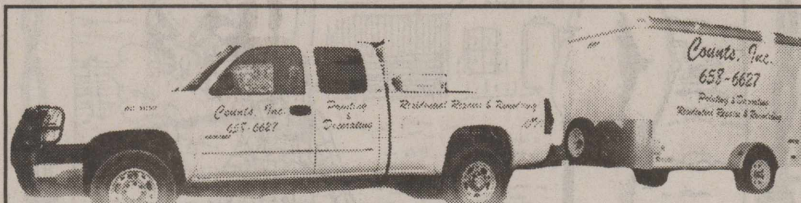
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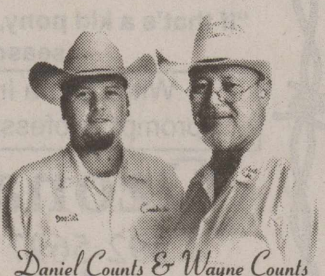
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