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Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Sept. 06	85	53	-0-
Sept. 07	83	46	-0-
Sept. 08	81	45	-0-
Sept. 09	84	46	-0-
Sept. 10	84	54	-0-
Sept. 11	89	63	-0-
Sept. 12	90	58	-0-

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

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Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 91	Hi 91
Lo 67	Lo 68
Sunny	*Sunny*
Friday	**Saturday**
Hi 93	Hi 93
Lo 69	Lo 69
Mostly Sunny	*Mostly Sunny*

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Agriculture Commissioner discusses tourism, water

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The future of rural Texas consists of water, tourism and keeping young people in the communities.

Those were some of the issues discussed Friday when Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs addressed the people of Ozona during a town hall meeting at the Crockett County Civic Center.

"Opportunities may not be immediately visible, but we can help to find ways to keep here and get people here," she said. "Ozona has a great location on the interstate. People are always coming by here going someplace."

One way her department is helping to defray the cost of marketing and promoting tourism for rural communities is through the Texas Yes! program.

"You can tie almost anything to tourism," she said. "As my daddy use to say 'everybody needs a little kick in the pants.'"

Water was also an issue that was brought up.

Combs talked about the Rio Nuevo group near Midland that is trying to pump groundwater for resale.

Combs said that the legislature will be looking into this and other water issues this legislative session. People should go testify when the session starts in January in Austin, she said.

"It's clear that the legal framework is not settled on these issues," she said. "People have to start looking at water as a commodity."

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Photo by Melissa Perner

AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SUSAN COMBS visits with Ozona FFA High School students during her town hall meeting Friday at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Talks continue on clinic

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors met with officials from Shannon Medical Center Thursday, during their regular meeting, to discuss options about the Family Health Clinic in Ozona.

Board President Jim Skehan said the board is still waiting to hear from the medical service consultants hired by the board to go over income and expenses provided by Shannon.

Director of Outreach Clinics for Shannon Health System Linda Knightstep R.N. presented the board with a more detailed account of income and expenses from October 2003-July 2004.

Knightstep said Shannon begins their new fiscal year Oct. 1 and are hoping to have a decision about the Ozona clinic by then.

"We will certainly respect whatever decision you make," she said.

Dan Stultz, CEO of Shannon Medical Center, said that Shannon is interested in supporting the clinic but the problem is the company can't continue to take a loss in operating after hours.

He said the clinic is losing around $200,000 and that isn't in Shannon's budget for their new fiscal year.

"I don't know what's best for Crockett County, that's up to you,"

*Please see **Clinic**, page 9*

County commissioners approve budget, adopt tax rate

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Commissioners adopted the 2005 tax rate and budget Monday at their monthly meeting.

The commissioners voted 5-0 to adopt the county tax rate at .65260 per $100 evaluation and the school tax rate at 1.50 per $100 evaluation.

The rates are the same ones set for 2004, which means if a person's property value doesn't change then there will be no increase in their taxes, said County Judge Johnny Jones. If the property value has changed then there will be a difference.

County Attorney Bill Mason did question whether or not the county had any say into the school district's budget.

The county adopted an estimated $2.8 million budget for 2005 which includes a $100 per month raise for full-time employees including elected officials. The vote was 5-0.

There was some discussion on an additional $125,000 in road and bridge for paving. The commissioners decide to keep it, but if the money isn't spent by the end of 2005 they would look as possibly putting some of the additional funds into the general revenue.

"I think we need to be able to control it," said Commissioner Frank Tambunga.

"Just because it's there doesn't mean it has to be spent," Jones added.

The budget also included $63,500 for new bunker gear for the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

"I think we need to leave it in there. We are going to pay off a truck this year. I'd rather get it all and that way we don't have to worry about it," Tambunga said.

In other business, Care Center Administrator Benny Gibbs addressed the board about looking into a possible expansion of the Care Center.

The center is averaging three residents per year and estimating on those statistics the facility will be full by 2006, he said.

"I just don't want it to get to the point that a person who needs a place to stay for care and their only family lives in Ozona and we don't have a bed available," Gibbs said.

Jones said to look at the availability of expanding in-house if it's a possibility due to having to fill up the facility if it is expanded.

Tambunga said he is concerned because of other nursing homes closing in small communities around the area.

Gibbs said the Care Center has been rated one of the most exceptional facilities in the area and exceptional in maintaining a 90 percent or above census.

"I think this is something we need to keep looking at and in the future we will need to do," said Commissioner Pleas Childress.

*Please see **COURT**, page 5*

Panthers get past Lions in final non-district game

Ozona 26, Fort Stockton 54

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Ozona	6	7	6	7	- 26
Fort Stockton	13	20	7	14	- 54

First Quarter
Fort Stockton - 7:33 remaining, Wayne Jefferson 3 run. (Octovio Contreras kick).
Fort Stockton - 1:55, Matt Garvin 4 run (kick failed).
Ozona - 1:43, Trey Collis 70 kick off return (kick failed).

Second Quarter
Fort Stockton - 11:50, Julio Pacheco 3 run (run failed).
Fort Stockton - 8:15, Jefferson 45 run (pass failed).
Fort Stockton - 5:34, Garvin 78 interception (run good).
Ozona - :00, Jack Rodriguez 1 run (Toby Pagan kick).

Third Quarter
Fort Stockton - 5:13, Jefferson 3 run (Contreras kick).
Ozona - 2:18, Rodriguez 3 run (kick failed).

Fourth Quarter
Fort Stockton - 9:23, Mark Smith 3 run (Contreras kick).
Fort Stockton - 3:21, Garvin 9 run (Contreras kick).
Ozona - 1:33, David Esparza 21 pass to Jared Espino (Pagan kick).

	Ozona	Fort Stockton
First downs	18	23
Rushes-yards	27-113	53-325
Passing yards	168	49
Total yards	281	374
Comp-Att-Int	13-33-2	4-7-0
Punts-Avg.	3-32	3-42.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-yards	5-39	4-50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING
David Esparza 9-60; Jordan Long 1-(-3); Raven Perez 3-10; J.D. Borrego 3-39; Jack Rodriguez 6-9 and two touchdowns; Jared Espino 1-9 and Vince Castro 4-10

PASSING
Esparza 13-27-168; Long 0-6-0.

RECEIVING
Espino 3-60; Trey Collis 2-14; Rodriguez 5-60; Toby Pagan 1-19 and Perez 2-15.

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

Ozona faced a quick and tough opponent Friday night as the Fort Stockton Panthers defeated the Lions 26-54.

The Lions defense managed to hold the Panthers on some plays, but the duo of Wayne Jefferson and Matt Garvin proved to be too much at times.

"We never quit playing hard. We finally found a little offense to speak of. I made some bad decisions on fourth down that really put our defense in a bind," said Coach Jeff Streun. "We had some critical turnovers that really changed the momentum of the game. Give Fort Stockton credit they have a good football team."

Jefferson would score the first touchdown for the Panthers three minutes into the first quarter on a three-yard run. Octovio Contreas's kick was good to put Fort Stockton on the board 0-7.

Garvin's turn came next with two minutes left in the quarter, scoring on a four-yard run. This time the kick failed making the score 0-13.

However, the Lions would rebound on the next play as Trey Collis caught the ball and ran it in for a 70-yard kick off return to put the Lions on the board 6-13 at the end of the first.

In the second quarter, the Panthers answered right back as Julio Pacheco scored on a three-yard run giving Fort Stockton a 6-19 lead.



Photo by Stephen Zubebueler

NICK PEREZ flies to tackle Fort Stockton's Julio Pacheco just short of the first down during Friday's game. J.D. Borrego had slowed down Pacheco before Perez hit him. Ozona then got ball on downs.

Three minutes later, Jefferson scored again on a 45 run bringing it to 6-25. Garvin would cross the goal line again at 5:34 left in the second on a 78-yard interception. The two-point conversion was good increasing the Panthers lead to 6-33.

The Lions found a break win quarterback David Esparza connected with Jack Rodriguez for a 20-yard pass. This would bring the Lions to the Panthers' 29-yard line.

After failing to pass to Rodriguez two times, Esparza ran the ball for 26 yards to bring Ozona close to the goal line.

On the third play, Rodriguez would run it in and Toby Pagan's kick would end the half with a score of 13-33.

In the third quarter, the Lions defense managed to hold back the Panthers to only one touchdown made by Jefferson halfway through the quarter.

On the Lions next possession, Esparza would pass to Jared Espino for 42 yards putting Ozona back into scoring position.

Two plays later, Rodriguez would run it in making the score 19-40 at the end of third.

Ozona would get a final score as Esparza made a 21-yard pass to Espino for the touchdown. Pagan's kick would bring the final score to 26-54.

"We've played a really tough non-district schedule and hopefully that will pay off for us when we start district," Streun said. "We will go back to work and definitely we (coaches) will hae the Lions prepared for Wall."

The Lions will take a week off before heading into district play. The first District 2-2A game will be against Wall at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in Wall.

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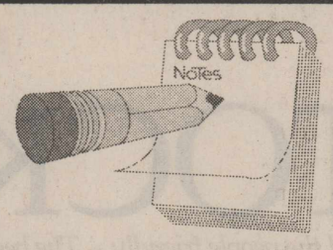
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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Football players wear capri pants and other kids sayings

One of my favorite shows on television use to be "Kids Say the Darnedest Things."

Of course I watched the one with Bill Cosby that would feature clips from the show that Art Linkletter hosted years ago.

The amusing part about the show was that no matter what came out of the child's mouth you knew it would be funny and honest. Children are like that.

These weren't actors who had rehearsed for hours on end to create the perfect comic timing, they were just kids.

For example, a typical question might be "how does a person decide whom they should marry?"

Some of the answers that were given by children ages 9 and 10 were "You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming," or "You flip a nickel, and heads means you stay with him and tails means you try the next one."

Where does it come from? Who knows but the answers still crack me up.

I got to thinking about some the kids' sayings that I've heard before.

One of my favorite is very common among three-year-olds. Instead of the word yogurt, the children call it "yogrit." Don't ask me where it comes from.

There's also an instrument out there known as a "guntar." I guess that a bigger version of a guitar.

Another favorite comes from my eight-year-old niece. When I was living in San Angelo, we were out to eat and a football game was on the big screen television in the restaurant.

As serious as she could be, my niece looked right at the picture of the football players on television and said "the football players wear capri pants."

All of us at the table did our best to try and not laugh, for she was making a serious observation. Afterwards, though, it was hard to try and hold it back as I was telling my friends.

Now, whenever she goes to a football game it has become a running joke, but she's still pretty serious about it.

At the last football game I was at with her, she also asked the question "why are the referees throwing Kleenex's on the field?"

I had to explain to her that they were flags because one of the teams had done something wrong, but it still cracks me up.

During the recent Olympics, she came up with the concept of an "Animal Olympics." She decided that her cat Pepper could be in the "meow" category because he does that a lot.

"He would win a gold medal collar," she said.

I thought it was pretty creative myself.

On her first day of school I asked her how she liked being in third grade.

Her response was "it's fun, but I have three stinky boys in my class. They don't talk to me so I'm not going to talk to them." Good answer, I thought.

I'm sure those of you with children have heard things like this before. To me, when children say these things they are ice breakers - little moments of relief to remind us that whatever we were worried about may not be all that bad.

Letters to the Editor

Chamber of Commerce's work on I-10 commended

To the editor:

The first part of the new project at the intersection of I-10 and Hwy 163 in Ozona is almost complete. It is a first step, and there will be other steps.

Our Chamber office has done such a great job to get this project going. The trees, sidewalks, and stonework planters at the intersection make Ozona look so inviting to travelers on I-10.

When we built I-10, we placed a wall of civilization between us and the beauty of Ozona. Now, we can begin to see the warmth of trees and nature where there was only concrete.

The grandchildren of those of us here in Ozona will someday point with pride to the people who worked to make this happen.

Unless I miss my guess, history will remember those of us who stood up and said we are going to preserve and beautify what God has given us.

John Fluth

Dance Team needs to have a 'cleaner' show

Dear Editor,

Is it just me, or was anyone else offended by the vulgar display that was passed off as "dance routine" by Ozona's new Dance Team? The halftime show at a football game should be family entertainment and an advertisement to showcase the talents of Crockett County. The dance routine at the game against Brady was not family entertainment.

It should have had a 21 or over viewing restriction on it. If that was talent that they were showing off it was not any talent that I should think Crockett County would be proud to display to other towns and schools. I hope the Brady fans were at the concession stand while the Dance Team performed so they did not go away from here wondering what in the world kind of kids Ozona is raising. I myself am raising three girls and part of the reason we come to the football games is for the halftime shows.

My girls and I love to watch the band, flag corps and twirlers, and I might say they did an excellent job at the first home game of the year. However, I hope I do not have to sit through another one of the Dance Team's displays. If anyone else feels this way maybe you, too, should let your views be known so we can return to a good clean halftime show.

Sincerely,
Carlon A. Stapper

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept. 15 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• Pesticide License Training, starting at 8 a.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office.
Sept. 16 - Ozona Middle School Lions vs. Rocksprings, 5 p.m. at Lion Stadium. • Freshmen Ozona Lions vs. Rocksprings JV, 7 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
Sept. 17 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• Introduction to Quickbooks computer class, 2-5 p.m. at the Ozona Middle School Computer Lab.
Sept. 18 - Ozona Lions and Lady Lions Cross Country Teams at Big Lake.
Sept. 20 -Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• Games, 1-3 p.m at the Crockett County Senior Center.
Sept. 21 - Hospice of San Angelo Volunteer Orientation, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• Parents Night, 6 p.m. at Ozona Primary School.
• Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees meeting, 7 p.m. at the Administration Building.
Sept. 22 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.



NEWS REEL
SEPT. 12, 1974

The FFA Sweetheart for 1974-1975 is Miss Debra Clayton. She was elected by the local chapter at their meeting last week and will compete at the district level in San Angelo in December. She is a senior at Ozona High School, a cheerleader, an accomplished cowgirl, plays basketball and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Clayton.

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A potentially dangerous fire was brought under control Sunday night by Ozona Firemen on the third floor of the Ozona Hotel. Firemen found two separate fires of suspicious origin on the third floor. The flames were doused before a great deal of damage occurred.

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Mrs. Joe Tom Davidson returned Monday from Dallas Monday where she visited her daughters and their families, Anne Davidson and Mrs. Giles Madray.

NEWS REEL
SEPT. 13, 1945

Mrs. R.E. Hardberger of O'Donnell is here for a visit with her daughters, Mrs. Lowell Littleton and Mrs. Pleas Childress and their families.

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News reports from Washington indicate that it is fairly certain that War Time which has been in effect since the start of the war as a daylight saving measure will be abolished beginning Oct. 1.

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Joyce West and Barbara White left last week for Dallas where she has enrolled in Southern Methodist University.

It's the Pitts

By Lee Pitts

Trader Nation

We are a nation of hagglers. The thrill of pursuing a "good deal" is our favorite pastime and no weekend is complete without dickering at a garage, yard, farm or estate sale. As a nation of bargain hunters we don't like to be told how much something is worth. Instead, we like to participate in the pricing process and that's why we love auctions so much. Auctions are the ultimate form of haggling.

"Despite the volume of junk, the sale was not at all what any of us bargained for. Oh sure, it looked like we'd hit the El Dorado of yard sales, but everything was priced way too high".

This dawned on me recently while attending an estate sale. Our good old neighbor Mr. Chance died and his two daughters came from back east to settle the estate of their parents, who had lived in the same house for 40 years.

During all that time I don't think they threw anything away. Their front yard looked like a recycling center. Seeking to maximize their inheritance, the two sisters spent the better part of a month pricing every item in the house and barn in preparation for a one day yard sale.

The sale was anticipated with great excitement in our neck of the woods simply because of the sheer volume of stuff. By daybreak on sale day the premises were crawling with friends, neighbors, antique dealers, collectors and the merely curious.

Despite the volume of junk, the sale was not at all what any of us bargained for. Oh sure, it looked like we'd hit the El Dorado of yard sales, but everything was priced way too high.

The heirs wanted every nickel of their inheritance and to make the day even less fun the sisters would not dicker one dime. Believe me, I tried.

"What would you take for this old milk bottle?" I asked one of the heirs.

"Everything is marked," snipped a stubborn sister.

"I see that but I was wondering if you'd take a little off?" I pleaded.

"No way. I'll have you know that milk bottle is very old and has been handed down from generation to generation in my family. I saw one on e-Bay at twice the price."

"Well you can just keep on handing it down and I hope you break it," I replied.

A sectional bookcase was marked $2,200. "Would you take $1,200?" I asked just to see the response. She acted as if I had offended the Chance family honor.

"We won't take a penny less than $2,200. One almost like it was worth $20,000 on Antiques Roadshow," she said, proving she was stubborn as a mule but only half as smart.

When I showed interest in a bronze horse clock and offered $50 I was shown a price guide in which a horse clock, that was in no way related, was valued at $250. I could take it or leave it.

One sister assured me that back East the clock would easily fetch twice that much. So I invited her to go back there and take her clock with her.

The Chance sisters clearly did not understand the rules of the game we were playing. Even the worthless junk was priced as if it were more valuable just because they owned it. An old computer keyboard was $15, a swamp cooler was $45, National Geographics were $10 apiece and old Sara Lee tins were priced for more than they were worth when they'd been full of coffee cake. A family photo album was $75... but no one wanted to adopt the Chance family.

Not at these prices. That's why at the end of the day 90 percent of the stuff still belonged to the obstinate sisters.

In desperation the sisters asked me how they could get rid of the stuff for they were homesick and wanted to cash out. I gave them the name of an auctioneer I knew, not knowing whether I was doing him a favor or not. He ended up buying everything, lock, stock and clock. Then he advertised an upcoming auction to sell the stuff.

The auction was a huge success. My auctioneer friend doubled his money and the Chance sisters returned to their eastern homes leaving lots of unmade money behind.

And I got a heck of a deal on the aforementioned horse clock for only $50 more than I could have bought it from the Chance sisters, who, by the way, are now remembered fondly in our community as Fat Chance and No Chance.



Photo by Paul C. Perner IV

THIS BIRD OF PARADISE, which belongs to Beecher and Dorothy Montgomery, bloomed last week. The plant is 10 years old and is kept in Mrs. Montgomery's greenhouse. The tropical, exotic plant blooms once a year.

Happy Birthday

Sept. 15 - Von Brawley and Bryan Branch

Sept. 16 - Tina Martinez, Desi Tijerina Jr. and Thomas Dennis

Sept. 17 - Benny Gail Hunnicutt, Judy Jones, Gabby Longoria and Laura Parker

Sept. 18 - Pablo Talamantez and Monica Schwartz

Sept. 19 - Aimee Longoria, Linda Conner, Kassidy Gonzalez, Nancy Vannoy and Ethan English

Sept. 20 - Stan Allen, Janna Munsell and Jackie Necessary

Sept. 21 - Rose Garza, Matthew William Fuentes, Mark Ramirez and Bear Borrego

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

Levis & Lace News

By TINA JARVIS
Levis and Lace Square Dancer

On Sept. 7, we had lessons at the senior building. Our students are really picking things up quickly. Everything Carol threw at them didn't take long for them to grasp.

Last Saturday, we had a plus workshop at the senior building. Club dancers Carol and Leroy Adcock, Otis Nester, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Lucy Hinde, Raul De La Rosa, Renee Padier, Jim Couch (one of our students) and Tina Jarvis were put through our paces. Jim Couch is doing really well considering he's only had three lessons but he's really catching on. We practiced spin change and exchange the gears, spin chain the gears, the teacup chain, follow your neighbor and split and load the boat. In between we talked about the Nationals at San Antonio and enjoyed the food that everyone brought. Guests David Turicchi and Mrs. Couch came and watched the fun.

Last Sunday, we decided to dance at the Care Center. Club dancers Carol and Leroy Adcock, Otis Nester, Nell Wester, Lucy Hinde, Raul De La Rosa, Renee Padier and Jim Couch danced.

Our next lesson will be 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

Customer service seminar Sept. 23

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center will conduct a free seminar on "Excellent Customer Service."

The seminar will be from 6-8:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at 1702 W. Avenue N in San Angelo.

For information or to register, call 942-2098.

Championship Chili Cook-off to be held Oct. 2

Ozona's very own Championship Chili Cook-off will take place Oct. 2 during Davy Crockett Days.

Tasting will begin at 10 a.m. and decisions announced at 10:30 a.m.

Entry fee is $10 per recipe and is payable ahead of time to any Ozona Community Center Employee or Board Member, or the morning of the cook-off when entry is brought. There will be an entry form to fill out and patrons can donate sales of chili to benefit the Ozona Community Center.

All proceeds will benefit the Ozona Community Center.

For information, call 392-2710, 392-3175, 392-3060 and 392-2552.

Ozona Garden Club Tips

By CHARLOTTE HARRELL
Ozona Garden Club

As we begin to enjoy the cooler days of autumn, it's time to prepare our yards and gardens for winter dormancy. Now is the time to clean out flower beds and distribute clean mulch. Survey your trees for possible pruning during the cold months of December and January. Dig up those irises, which have needed separation and replanting for quite sometime. Clear the ground of debris, and fertilize the trees and grass.

It is also the time to consider your backyard wildlife habitat. Our area is rich in wildlife, which many people enjoy watching. To attract birds, squirrels and butterflies, a little planning is needed. They need food, water, shelter and reproductive sites. Native species of plants and wildflowers can help provide food for wildlife. Different varieties of trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers provide sources of food, such as acorns, nuts, seeds and fruit and offer shade and nest sites. Evergreens are a good source of berries, cones with seeds, nesting sites and year-round shelter. When considering what trees or shrubs to plant, keep wildlife in mind. Bird feeders can provide an added source of food. Suet provides energy for birds during the winter. Pine cones dipped in a warm mixture of suet and seeds will serve as a suet feeder. Be sure to keep all feeders clean and free of disease.

Water needs to be provided all year, whether by filling an inverted trash can lid or by building an elaborate water garden with waterfalls. Moving water is especially attractive to wildlife and can be a simple dripping hose. Butterflies like mud puddles. Keep the birdbath clean and full. In the winter, place a piece of wood in the birdbath to keep it from breaking when the water freezes. Replace frozen water with fresh water.

Shrubs and trees provide reproductive sites for birds and squirrels. Nest boxes are a good substitute. Bat boxes are good to have, as bats eat many insects. If you like the more exotic creatures, tree stumps, rotting logs, stones and brush piles attract toads, turtles, frogs and lizards, and these animals eat the insects and worms found there. Avoid the use of pesticides by using native plants and organic remedies.

If you would like additional information to create a wildlife habitat on your property, contact The National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Drive, Reston, VA 20190-5362 or www.nwf.org

TxDOT reduces Crockett Country Bridge to one lane

Motorists can expect the westbound lane of the State Highway 290 bridge at Live Oak Creek in Crockett County to remain closed, according to Texas Department of Transportation officials.

The eastbound lane will provide one lane for travel until the winter of 2005 when the present structure will be permanently closed. Stop signs and one-lane signs have been installed to alert motorists at the bridge that is located near Fort Lancaster State Historical Park.

Construction will begin in the winter of 2005 to replace the 72-year-old existing bridge. The new bridge can be completed by the fall of 2006.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

This promises to be a busy week. On Tuesday we had the Concho Valley Community Action here to assist people that qualify with their utilities. On Tuesday night, the Levis and Lace Square Dancers taught steps to new members. On Friday, we will be having our "Beach Party Bingo" at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. We will be serving hot dogs with trimmings, chips and iced tea. You can come dressed for the beach and if you can bring a white elephant that pertains to a tropical theme. Please come and have a good time.

We are getting low on puzzles so Janet Moore came in with several puzzles that had belonged to Maggie Moore. Thank you so much Janet and Maggie for the beautiful puzzles.

There has been more interest shown in quilting and Nancy Hale has brought in a frame for us to use. If you have a top we will put it up in a frame here in the senior building. It would be a great way to get a group together. Look for a starting date in this column.

Our pot luck Sept. 8 was a great success. We had 41 attending, the food was good and the fellowship was even better. The next pot luck will be Sept. 22 at the center. Mark your calendar, bring a dish and come eat with us.

At 3 p.m. Sept. 23 we will have crafts for an hour. We will be making decorations for Halloween and the supplies will be furnished.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, Hospice Training will be held here at the senior center. Hospice is a great service to our community and if you are interested please plan on attending.

Wilena Holden had surgery last Friday in San Angelo Community Medical Center. We are hearing that she is doing well and is anxious to come home. Get well soon Wilena as we miss you so much here at the center.

Several ladies from Ozona enjoyed our trip last Friday to the RSVP luncheon in San Angelo. Attending were Nell Wester, Carol Adcock, JoAnn Babbitt, Johnnye Johnson and myself. Our good friends from Sonora Jim Brisben and Brigitte Rogers joined us. RSVP is a good organization and if you would like to join contact Lynn English at 392-9094.

The ladies who come in for our exercise three days a week are such an inspiration. They are so faithful to be here and put their all into the exercise which they know will benefit them. You really ought to see these ladies in action or better yet join them!

Games that are available are bridge, dominoes and cards. If you wish you may bring your favorite game feel free to do so. Monday, Wednesday and Friday we have our "Walk Two Miles" exercise class. Yes, you read it correctly we have advanced our program to walking two miles. It is still fun and takes only a few minutes longer.

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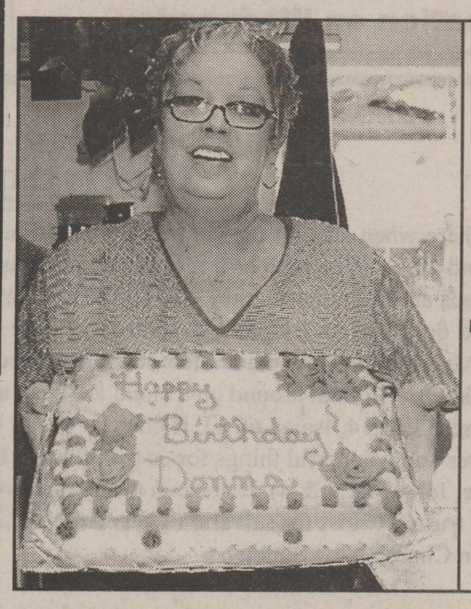


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I, Anna Hernandez, would like to give thanks to all my family for making the day special on Sept. 11, 2004. Special thanks to all my padrinos, kitchen helpers, the people that helped clean up, and those that helped decorating. A special thanks to my mom, dad, and my aunt Romelia Fierro that helped with everything.
Love, Anna Hernandez



Hospice volunteer orientation Sept. 21 and 22 in San Angelo

Hospice of San Angelo will host a volunteer orientation Sept. 21 and 22 at the Crockett County Senior Center.

The orientation will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

Volunteers are an important part of the hospice concept of care and complete a "team." A volunteer is chosen specifically for each family's needs and is there to be a friend.

The Hospice of San Angelo Volunteer Orientation class is designed to prepare volunteers to be a support to Hospice patients and their families. Volunteers learn the philosophy of hospice care, the concept of palliative care, the spiritual aspects of dying, and the process of grief.

The volunteers objective is to provide acceptance, social comfort and dignity for each patient.

For information, or to register, call Toni Pfluger, volunteer coordinator, at 658-6524 or 1-800-499-6524.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank Dr. Sims, the hospital staff and ambulance staff. Thanks to Dee Keilers for keeping Wendell calm when he had his heart attack. Thanks also to Anna Martinez and Wendi Quiroz for all their help

Linda and Wendell Casey

Obituaries

Jesus N. Perez



Jesus N. Perez, 97, of Ozona, died Sunday Sept. 12, 2004 in the V.A. Medical Center in Big Spring.

Funeral service was Sept. 14 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Perez was born April 17, 1907 in Villauniou, Mexico. He was a lifetime resident of Ozona and a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Perez is a U.S. Army veteran serving in World War II from 1942 until 1945.

Survivors include one son, Edward Perez of Ozona; one daughter, Moriama Perez of Ozona and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Manuela Fierro Perez.

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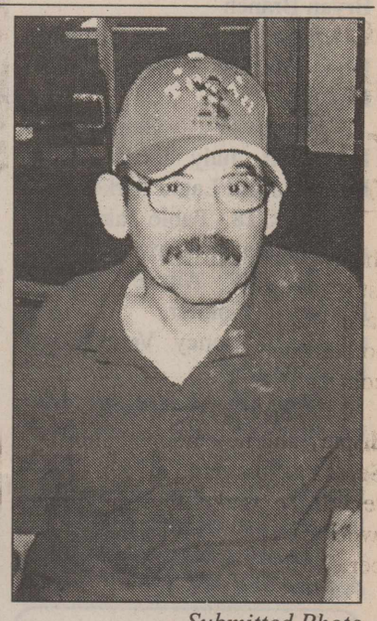
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Submitted Photo
MOISES GALINDO is a bingo winner with a big smile at the care center last week.



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Getting Ready

I wasn't there when she got the call but I was thrilled when she told me about it. She said, " They will be arriving Friday afternoon and they will be with us a few days." She was talking about our grandchildren. We sat down and started making out a list of foods and little snacks they like and to see if we had plenty on hand. We also discussed things they like to do and when we could do them. As I looked at all the plans we were making and the fun times we were looking forward to, I thought about Heaven. Many people have the wrong idea about it.

They think you will float around on a cloud and play a harp all day, not so. The Bible says it will be beautiful and God dwells there (Psalms 33:13,14, Isaiah 66:1). It goes on to say we have not seen anything as beautiful as Heaven and God has many joys, pleasures and wonderful things for us (Matthew 5:12, Corinthians 2:9, Psalms 16:11). There will be great mansions (where we will live, John 14:2,3 & 4). It goes on to say that everyone will not be there, only those who have asked God to forgive their sins and trusted Christ for salvation (Revelation 21:27). Don't miss out!

See you in Church Next Sunday.

Brother J

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Care Center Chatter

By ELSA VASQUEZ
Assistant Activity Director

Something exciting is always happening at the Crockett County Care Center. Let me tell you, it's an adventure every single day here. Jan and I try to make it that way for our residents.

Last Friday night, Jane, Elsa and helpers took Melecio Martinez, Emma Camarillo and Neva Palmer to the football game. They had so much fun. They really enjoyed it.

Wednesday at Bingo, Moises Galindo won big. He won a cap donated from Carlie's After Hours. He was so happy. That is the main reason why we are here, just to see a smile.

Francis Davis R.A., took nine residents this week for lunch at the Senior Center. They always make us feel welcomed.

Our volunteers this week were Ann Shaw, Otis Nester, Jim Calwell, JoAnn Williamson, Rachel Ybarra, Mrs. Reager, Nell Wester and Johnnye Johnson.

A big thanks goes to all the people in our beautiful little town that cares and loves us. God Bless!

OUR DEADLINE is MONDAY at NOON

(1) I appeal to you therefore brethren, and beg you in view of [all the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] As a living sacrifice, holy (devoted) consecrated, and well pleasing to God which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.
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By Miles Dabovich, CEA-AG/NR

ANT FACTS

Did you know that ants continue to be the most common household pest in America today? According to a 2000 Gallop Study, 44 percent of respondents cited ants as their number one problem, with mosquitoes next, followed by roaches and spiders. Wasps, hornets and bees ended up the study.

All ants are members of the scientific order of insects call Hymenoptera, meaning membranous wing.

Worker ants may live from four to seven years, while queens thrive as long as 15 years.

The queen mates only once, but produces offspring until she dies.

One of the most prominent assets of the group is its ability to adapt to an ever-changing environment.

Ants actually rival the activities of earthworms with regard to their role in the formation of top soil through soil movement, soil aeration and nutrient cycling.

Large colonies of ants have been observed to bring into the nest 28 insects per minute and 100,000 on a day when they were especially active.

Hundreds of years ago, certain North American and Central American Indians ate ants as part of their regular diet.

The existence of ants can be traced back to the time of the dinosaurs. And just like highly dominant life forms, ants have evolved everywhere to create an overabundance of species and overabundance of problems.

If you encountered problems with ants in your home last year, it's a fair bet the intruders will make a return visit. Any number of factors come into play when ants enter a home, but the main attraction is the pursuit of food and water. Once food is discovered, ants leave a chemical trail from the source to the nest and alert others to partake in the bounty. That is when the trouble beings.

The cooperation of the colony members is the deciding factor in the overwhelming power and strength of the creatures, which make them difficult to control. In fact, ants simply carry on their own business amid the wreckage created by humans. They need only a tiny piece of undisturbed environment to build a nest, search for food and multiply.

All ants are "social" insects and are actually programmed to act in concert with one another, creating quite a challenge to homeowners. Their dominance can be linked to their adaptability to ever-changing environments and climates. So whether you live in warm or cool climates, changes are good for the arrival of these troublesome insects.

What is the best way to eliminate or control these invaders? Preventive maintenance is the first step. Remove garbage regularly and clean all sugary spills. Eliminate obvious entry points these pests seek. Caulk around windows and doors, and repair cracks in foundations and basements. Trim tree limbs and shrubs to minimize any walkways to the house. If ants still persist, you may want to try some insecticides to eliminate them and prevent re-entry.

Many insecticides are available in a variety of formulations for home and perimeter pest control, including micro-encapsulated liquids, dusts, aerosols, granules and baits. Always be sure to follow label directions carefully for specific application use and general precautions.

Ants are industrious, but they are still just ants.

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COURT: Library looking for lawnmower racers

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Librarian Louise Ledoux said the library hasn't had anyone register for the annual lawnmower race during Davy Crockett Days, so they are not sure what the outcome will be.

The library also has special display and new books honoring Sept. 11, 2001, and also has materials to make people more aware of the upcoming November elections.

Ledoux also said that the library is looking to spend the Lone Star Library's grant money, which is around $2,000, on new computers.

Museum Director Patsy White said the museum will be doing a trail ride Oct. 23 for local citizens and the museum board has two new members Shannon Hunnicutt and Father Serafin Avenido.

Other agenda items approved:

• Execute resolution for adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Concho Valley Council of Governments.

• Contracts with CVCOG for Thunderbird Rural Public Transportation Drivers.

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I am confident that my credentials far outweigh those of my opponent. I have an Associate of Applied Science in Law Enforcement degree from Laredo Junior College, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Texas A&I at Laredo, and over 2,400 hours of training in federal and Texas law. Because of this, I will not have to take any examination within my first year in office. I will do any further study necessary on my own time before sitting for any required exams after my first year in office.

I have extensive working experience as a supervisor. I supervised eight employees while working on the Anti-smuggling Unit in Yakima, Washington. While working for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Harlingen, Texas, 41 employees were under my supervision. I understand the policies governing a jail and, as a federal employee, have worked with local and state jail operations while dealing with prisoners. While employed by the INS, I achieved the rank of G514, the equivalent of a full colonel. Further, I am fluent in Spanish, which is an indispensable tool for working near the Mexican border here in Texas.

If I am elected, the present sheriffs office staff will be maintained, based on qualifications and accomplishments. Further, my policy will be to patrol the streets of Ozona on a 24-hour basis. Presently, there is no evidence of patrol during early morning hours, at which time most robberies occur. It will be my policy to have our deputy sheriffs work in Ozona and on county roads, rather than on Interstate 10, as is now the policy. They will investigate any accidents that happen there. Currently, DPS officers are being called off their duties on IH 10 to do this. I am confident that these changes will more effectively protect the citizens of Crockett County as well as their property.

Over the years, I have received numerous awards for outstanding service, culminating in the U.S. Justice Department's Immigration and Naturalization Service's Distinguished Service Award. While holding jobs with the federal government, I held a Top Secret clearance and am still eligible to renew that clearance. I am a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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Eighth grade Lions win opening game

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The eighth grade Ozona Lions started the year with a 22-0 victory over the Fort Stockton Panthers Thursday.

The Lions took the opening kick off and drove the ball in for the first score of the season. Matthew Garza scored the touchdown on an 11-yard run, and Felix Venegas scored the two-point conversion, making the score 8-0.

In the second quarter, Ben Flores scored on a 15-yard run. The two-point conversion was no good making the halftime score 14-0.

During the third quarter the Lions scored their finale touchdown of the game on a 75-yard punt return by Matthew Garza, and Felix Venegas ran the ball in for the two-point conversion for the final score of 22-0.

Offensive standouts for the night were:

Offensive lineman - Steven Silva, Daniel Anderson, Chris Lara, Devon Diehl, Preston Tebbetts, Ruben Rivas and Latham Ducote.

Receivers and backs - Felix Venegas, Jesse Ramos, Ben Flores, Carlos Ochoa, Matthew Garza, Freddy Veloz, Jonathan Flores and Matias Gandar

The Lions defense was outstanding. They did not allow the Panthers to score. Two times they held the Panthers inside the 15 - yard line. Mathias Gandar had an interception for the Lions.

Defensive standouts for the night were:

Defensive secondary - Daniel Gonzales, Gary Bartley, Freddy Veloz, Matthew Garza, Ben Flores, Matias Gandar, Carlos Ochoa, Westly Smith and Jesse Ramos

Defensive Lineman and Linebackers - Felix Venegas, Ray Villerreal, Jonathan Flores, Matthew Komechak, Steven Silva, Eddie Gutierrez, Nathan Knox, Ruben Rivas and Daniel Anderson

"This was a great team effort and an outstanding way to start our season off," said Coach Benjy Unger.

The next game is 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16 against Rocksprings at Lion Stadium.



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FELIX VENEGAS RUSHED FOR 25 YARDS for a first down on this play. The eighth grade Lions defeated the Fort Stockton Panthers 22-0.

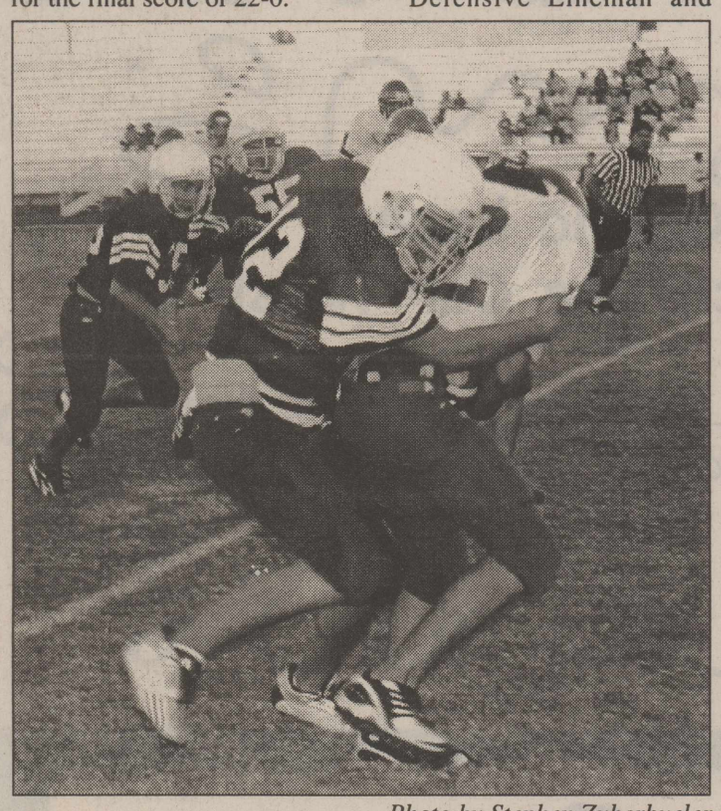


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MATTHEW GARZA WRAPS UP AN OPPONENT in the eighth grade Lions season opening 22-0 shutout of Fort Stockton in Lion Stadium on Thursday, Sept. 9.



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BEN FLORES SPRINTED 15 YARDS for a touchdown in the second quarter of the eighth grade Lions 22-0 victory over the Fort Stockton Panthers. Also pictured is Carlos Ochoa.

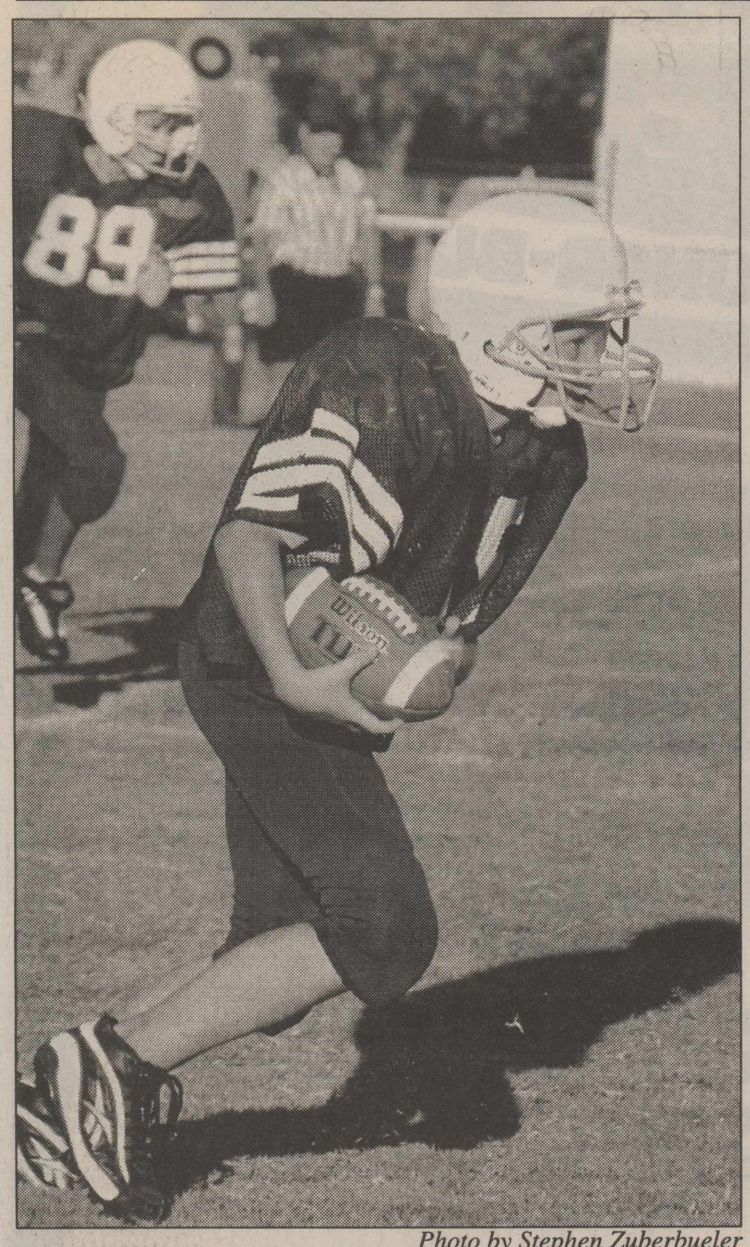


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KYLE SEWELL returns a kick off for the seventh grade Lions in their season opener against the Fort Stockton Panthers. Also pictured is Bailey Badillo.

Seventh grade Lions struggle against Fort Stockton

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions Seventh Grade Team had their opening game Thursday against Fort Stockton.

Starters for the Lions were: Offense - Jaron Vasquez, Matthew Fay, Kyle Sewell, Dylan Castillo, Jesse Badillo, Josh Ramos, Austin Whitten, Taylor Newton, Jonathan Bartley, Nathan DeHoyos, Lalo Longoria, Kurtlan Reyes, Markaus Galindo and Lane White. Defense - Jimmy Munoz, Jaron Vasquez, Kyle Sewell, Bailey Badillo, Anthony Villarreal, Kurtlan Reyes, Sergio Mata, Dylan Castillo, Jordan Martinez, Jonathan Bartley, Markaus Galindo, and Lalo Longoria. Also playing well on both sides of the ball were: Andres Mata, Nick Leonard, Wesley McGuire, Damon Johnson, Manuel Villarreal, K.C. Carson, Robert Torres and Andrew Galindo.

The Lions faced a tough opponent against the Panthers with Fort Stockton taking the win 8-48.

"I was pleased with the way these young men performed in their first UIL football game. We were very confused at times on offense, but these boys will get much better as they learn the system. We played well in the first half, but seemed to run out of gas in the second," said Coach Rich Bachman.

During the first quarter, Fort Stockton scored on a 36-yard run. The extra point was good.

In the second quarter, Fort Stockton scored on a 42-yard run. The extra point was good.

The Lions would score in the third when Jaron Vasquez ran it in for 62 yards. The two-point conversion was good by Dylan Castillo. Fort Stockton would scored twice on runs of 27 and 46 yards. Both extra points were good.

In the fourth quarter, Fort Stockton scored twice on runs of 52 and 38 yards. Both extra points were good.

"I was satisfied with the overall performance exhibited by this young team, as they never gave up and continued to fight until the end of the game," Bachman said. "I feel this group of young men has great potential and I expect them to continue to improve from week to week as they continue to work hard in practice."

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

Cross country teams place fourth at San Angelo meet

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Cross Country Teams placed fourth this weekend at the Concho Valley Cross Country Classic in San Angelo.

The girls team had 137 points behind Wall with 42, Jim Ned, 63 and Ballinger 92. Other teams placing were: 5. Abilene Wylie, 169; 6. Reagan County, 224; 7. Odessa JV, 226; 8. Grape Creek, 231; 9. Coahoma, 277 and 10. Del Rio JV, 278.

Individually, Britney Ramos placed third with a time of 13 minutes, 56.8 seconds.

Other Lady Lion team members competing were: Jamie Moore, Vicki Treto, Jessica Moore, Allison Skehan, Vaness Dela Garza and Candace Gandar. Competing in the JV division were Sara Dorrough and Hilary Huffman. Stacey Silva ran in the eighth grade division.

"We were pleased with the effort of everyone," said girls' Coach Glen Gleghorn. "We just need to keep improving each week to prepare us for the district meet.

On the boys side, Ozona was fourth also with 151 points behind Wall, 37, Del Rio JV, 57 and Pecos, 144. Other teams placing were: 5. Abilene Wylie, 173; 6. Stanton, 179; 7. Permian JV, 229; 8. Mason, 252; 9. Odessa JV, 266 and 10. Crane, 279.

Individually, Eliseo Treto placed second with a time of 17:39.5 and Simon Garza finished fifth at 18:21.6.

The Lady Lions and Lions will run Saturday in Big Lake.

Short handed JV Lions step up against Fort Stockton

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The junior varsity Lions traveled to Fort Stockton last Thursday and faced a tough team against the Panthers.

Coach Lynn Searsy said the team had to play short handed this game with five, two-way starters out.

"We had to place several players in positions they don't normally play and they did an outstanding job," he said.

In the first quarter, the Panthers had a good return off the Ozona kick off to the Lions 42-yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, the Panthers scored, but the Lions managed to hold them on the extra point bringing it to 0-6.

The Panthers hold Ozona on the Lions first possession forcing a punt. Fort Stockton then launches a 43-yard drive from the Lions 11-yard line but the Ozona defense holds them.

"There was some good defensive play here by Tell Churchill, Jose Galvan, Tate Collis and Nick Perez," Searsy said.

During the second quarter, Ozona moved the ball well.

"We had a good offensive line play by Mark Thornton, Barrett Richie and Churchill. Stephen Gillitt, Roman Tambunga and Thomas Gray ran the ball well but we are forced to punt," Searsy said.

Fort Stockton would drive the ball 47 yards for their second score from the 6-yard line. Again Ozona would hold them on the extra point brining the score to 0-12 at the half.

In the second half, the Panthers drive to the Ozona 6 yard-line but the Lions dug-in and held them.

"There was good play here by Justin Maldonado, Gray, Chris Fierro, Stevie Vargas and Timothy Longoria," Searsy said.

Ozona drives out of this hole. Maldonado connects with Collis on a 29-yard pass. Gillitt and Gray run the ball on several plays, but Ozona is forced to punt again.

Fort Stockton moves the ball to the Ozona 23-yard line and then score on a pass for the touchdown. The two-point conversion is good. to bring the score 0-20.

In the fourth quarter, several exchanges were made during this period. Stockton then breaks on a 83-yard run and scores to put them up 0-26.

The final score came late in the quarter, when the Panthers quarterback scramble for a 76-yard run to bring it to 0-32 at the buzzer.

"Our guys played hard in spite of the score. We are going through some adversity right now with our injuries, but there are some good lessons to be learned from this. These guys are maintaining a great positive attitude and they know this, along with hard work will pay off," Searsy said.

The JV squad will take a break this week from play, but will return Sept. 23 to play Wall at Lion Stadium. The game starts at 7 p.m.

Freshmen Lions show steady improvement against Panthers

Once again the freshman football team showed steady improvement.

The Freshmen Lions have played against some bigger schools during their first three games and have managed to have a halftime lead in the first two games.

Last Thursday's game against Fort Stockton was no exception.

After a very good punt by Justin Rodriguez, Parrish Aiguier tap a Panther pass into the hands of Mark Tambunga who returned it to the 1-yard line.

On the first play Colton McGinnis took the snap on a quarterback sneak for the touchdown. The two point conversion failed.

On the next offensive play, the Lions drove down the filed for the go ahead touchdown.

On a third and very long, Eli Silva ran a trap play that was good enough that was good enough for a first down. McGinnis connected with Silva on a bubble pass in which Silva broke several tackles to score from 40 yards.

The two point conversion failed again, bringing the halftime score to 12-8 in favor of the Lions.

However, the second half belonged to the Panthers with the final score being 12-34.

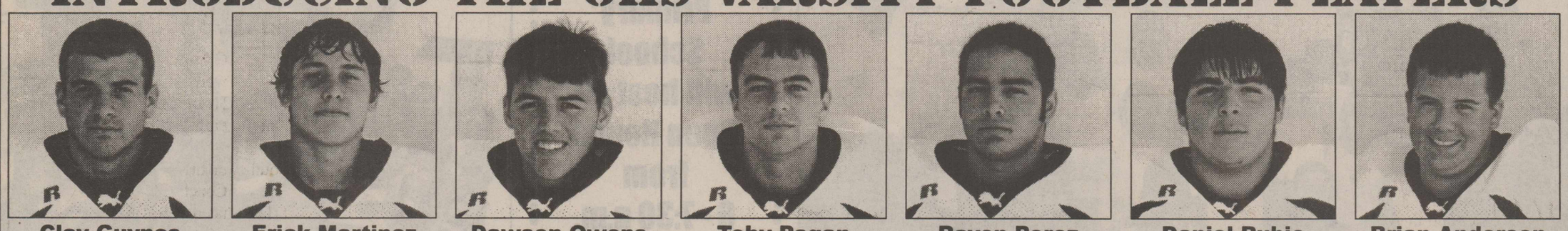
The Lions were able to muster up their most impressive drive of the season going more than 70 yards to inside the five-yard line. Unfortunately, Ozona was not able to cross the goal line.

The Freshmen Lions will face Rocksprings JV at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lion Stadium.

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Erick also plays
basketball & baseball.

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Position: SE/DE
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James & Cindy Owens
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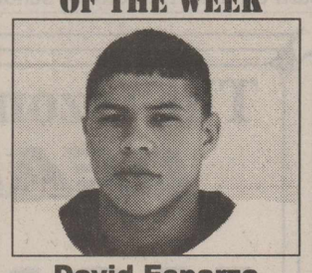
Brian Anderson
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FOOTBALL SCORES FROM AROUND DISTRICT 2-2A

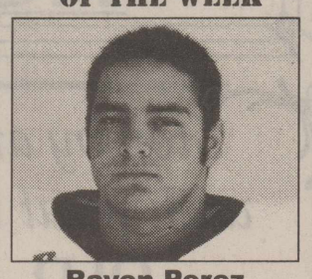
Eldorado	49
Menard	28
Blanco	45
Junction	7
McCamey	25
Reagan County	2
Sonora	32
Coleman	7
Wall	37
Coahoma	6
Jim Ned	55
Grape Creek	0

OFFENSIVE MVP OF THE WEEK



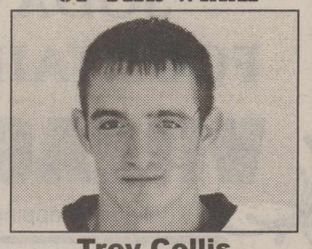
David Esparza
QB stats were 13-27 for 168 yards and one touchdown pass. He had 9-60 rushing and gave the offense a spark.

DEFENSIVE MVP OF THE WEEK



Raven Perez
Strong safety had seven tackles and one pass break up.

SPECIALTIES MVP OF THE WEEK



Trey Collis
Returned our second kick 70 yards for a touchdown, a big play for the Lions. Trey has a nack for making big plays.

Athletic Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Lion's Field house

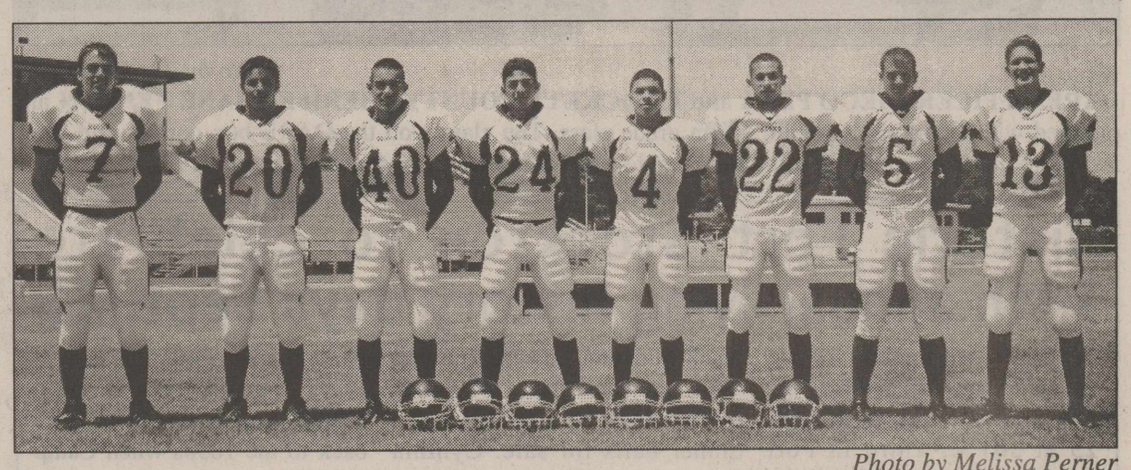


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HEAD COACH JEFF STREUN GIVES KUDOS to the Ozona Lion backs this week. "They had 27 carries for 113 yards and are getting better in the running game."

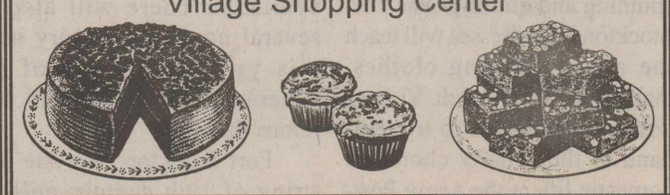


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THE OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE CHEERLEADERS perform last Thursday during the school's pep rally.



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JONATHAN FLORES (left) and NATHAN KNOX jam as they perform "The Lions Sleeps Tonight" last Thursday at the Ozona Middle School pep rally.

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DARE OFFICER DIEGO PENA and CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF SHANE FENTON are pictured with Charlotte Laughlin's fifth grade class. The class won the DARE box contest and were treated to gift certificates for mini pizzas and drinks donated by Town and Country.

Historic Fort Stockton to celebrate 14th annual living history days Sept. 25

The 14th annual Living History Days at Historic Fort Stockton will take place Sept. 25 at 301 E. Third in Fort Stockton. The grounds will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Living History Days celebrates the Indian Wars post and the frontier of the 1800s. Enjoy West Texas history and culture as it conies to life right before your eyes. Soldiers from forts Stockton, Concho, Davis, Lancaster and McKavett will include infantry, cavalry and artillery. There will be Native Americans, medicinal herbs, poets and storytellers. Learn how frontier women did tatting and lace-making, weaving and spinning and quilting. The Fort Stockton Laundresses will teach the art of washing clothes, making soap and starch. Visitors will be encouraged to try their hand at those daily chores of domestic life at the Army Post.

Visit with the re-enactors: Pat Cheatam, the San Angelo blacksmith and his wife Ann will have a wide variety of hand-crafted iron tools, chimes and dinner bells for sale. Cynthia Schneider, the Midland "Soap Lady" and husband Don will have homemade soap to sell, along with some really interesting tales.

There will be a western feel in the air as the Pecos River Gang keeps the peace and Gerry Allison gets into a scuffle over the story of his ancestry. Dough Whitaker will have the public spell bound with his rope trick and fast draw, The chuckwagon camp will stay busy all day as they feed the re-enactors.

There will be several food vendors and soft drink trailers available. There will also be several nonliving history units this year. Daughters of the American Revolution will also return this year.

Fort Stockton was one of a string of 19th century military posts that protected travelers an commerce on the San Antonio/El Paso road during the Indian Wars (1867-1886). In fact, military history in this area goes back to the 1850s when Camp Stockton served as a base for the expeditions throughout the region. During the Civil War, the post was occupied by units of the Army of the Confederacy.

This history will again come to life with soldiers setting up camp on the old fort's parade grounds.

Once again, the infantry will drill the sergeant's commands, cavalry will take the field, and cannons and small arms will fire, and the air will be filled with the music of the bugle, the fife and drum and the fiddle.

Don't forget to stop by the Silent Auction in Officer's Quarters 8. All sales benefit Historic Fort Stockton. There will be more than 100 items to choose from. Remember, Christmas is just around the corner.

Email your news to The Ozona Stockman at publisher@ozona.com

Ozona Primary School will host an Open House from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21

Come and meet the teachers and hear about the activities your child is doing in class. Open House will begin with a performance by the primary school students. A hot dog supper will be provided. All military personnel and veterans are invited to attend our Patriotic Celebration as our special guest.

Ozona Primary School will host an Open House Martes, 21 de septiembre 2004 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Vengan a conocer a las maestras y a escuchar las actividades que estan haciendo sus ninos(as) en la clase. Los estudiantes tendran un programa de musica al principio de Open House. Hot Dogs seran servidos.



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August 24	3 p.m.	Xtreme Bulls — Reno 1	ESPN Deportes
August 24	4 p.m.	Xtreme Bulls — Reno 2	ESPN Deportes
August 31	7 p.m.	Xtreme Bulls — Houston 1	ESPN Deportes
August 31	8 p.m.	Xtreme Bulls — Clovis 1	ESPN Deportes
August 31	9 p.m.	Xtreme Bulls — Clovis 2	ESPN Deportes
Sept. 5	7 p.m.	Reno (Nev.) Rodeo	OLN
Sept. 6	1 a.m.	Reno (Nev.) Rodeo	OLN
Sept., 6	11 a.m.	Reno (Nev.) Rodeo	OLN
Sept. 9	11 am.	Reno (Nev.) Rodeo	OLN
Sept. 12	7 p.m.	Greeley (Colo.) Rocky Mountain Stampede	OLN
Sept. 13	1 am.	Greeley (Colo.) Rocky Mountain Stampede	OLN
Sept. 13	11 am.	Greeley (Colo.) Rocky Mountain, Stampede	OLN
Sept. 16	11 a.m.	Greeley (Colo.) Rocky Mountain Stampede	OLN
Sept. 19	7 p.m.	Dinosaur Round Up Rodeo, Vernal, Utah	OLN
Sept. 20	1 a.m.	Dinosaur Round Up Rodeo, Vernal, Utah	OLN
Sept. 20	11 a.m.	Dinosaur Round Up Rodeo, Vernal, Utah	OLN
Sept., 23	11 am.	Dinosaur Round Up Rodeo, Vernal, Utah	OLN
Sept. 26	7 p.m.	California Rodeo Salinas	OLN
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Sept. 27	11 a.m.	California Rodeo Salinas	OLN
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Oct. 3	7 p.m.	Dodge City (Kan.) Round-Up Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 4	1 a.m.	Dodge City (Kan.) Round-Up Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 4	11 a.m.	Dodge City (Kan.) Round-Up Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 7	11 a.m.	Dodge City (Kan.) Round-Up Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 10	7 p.m.	Farm-City Pro Rodeo, Hermiston, Ore.	OLN
Oct. 11	1 a.m.	Farm-City Pro Rodeo, Hermiston, Ore.	OLN
Oct. 11	11 am.	Farm-City Pro Rodeo, Hermiston, Ore.	OLN
Oct. 14	11 am,	Farm-City Pro Rodeo, Hermiston, Ore.	OLN
Oct. 16	4 p.m.	Xtreme Bulls - Ellensburg (Wash.) 2	ESPN
Oct. 17	7 p.m.	Caldwell (Idaho) Night Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 18	1 a.m.	Caidwell (Idaho) Night Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 1 B	11 am.	Caidwell (Idaho) Night Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 21	11 a.m.	Caidwell (Idaho) Night Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 24	7 p.m.	Ellensburg (Wash.) Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 25	1 am.	Ellensburg (Wash.) Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 25	11 am.	Ellensburg (Wash,) Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 28	11 a.m.	Ellensburg (Wash.) Rodeo	OLN
Oct. 31	7 p.m.	Puyallup (Wash.) Rodeo	OLN
Oct. TBA	TBA	Face Picante ProRodeo Challenge, with River City Roundup, Omaha, Neb.	CBS
Nov. 1	1 a.m.	Puyallup (Wash.) Rodeo	OLN
Nov. 1	11 a.m.	Puyallup (Wash:) Rodeo	OLN
Nov. 4	11 am.	Puyallup (Wash,) Rodeo	OLN
Nov. 7	7 p.m.	Pendleton (Ore.) Round-Up	OLN
Nov. 8	1 a.m.	Pendleton (Ore.) Round-Up	OLN
Nov. 8	11 a.m.	Pendleton (Ore.) Round-Up	OLN
Nov. 11	11 am.	Pendleton (Ore.) Round-Up	OLN
Nov. 14	7 p.m.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Challenge, with River City Roundup, Omaha, Neb.	OLN
Nov. 15	1 a.m.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Challenge, with River City Roundup, Omaha, Neb.	OLN
Nov. 15	11 am.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Challenge, with River City Roundup, Omaha, Neb.	OLN
Nov. 18	11 am.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Challenge, with River City Roundup, Omaha, Neb.	OLN
Nov. 21	7 p.m.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Classic, with Texan Stampede, Dallas	OLN
Nov. 22	1 am.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Classic, with Texas Stampede, Dallas	OLN
Nov. 22	11 am.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Classic, with Texas Stampede, Dallas	OLN
Nov. 25	11 a.m.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Classic, with Texas Stampede, Dallas	OLN
Nov. TBA	TBA	Pace Picante ProRodeo Classic, with Texas Stampede Dallas	CBS
Nov. 28	7 p.m.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Classic, with Texan Stampede, Dallas	OLN
Nov. 29	1 am.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Classic, with Texas Stampede, Dallas	OLN
Nov. 29	11 am.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Classic, with Texas Stampede, Dallas	OLN
Dec. 2	11 a.m.	Pace Picante ProRodeo Classic, with Texas Stampede, Dallas	OLN
Dec. 3-12	TBA	Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, Las Vegas	ESPN/ESPN2

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COMBS: Healthier food in schools and more exercise are a top priority

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As for rural Texas competing more in the wool and mohair industry, Combs said unless Texas can make people be persuaded to buy on a large scale and lower the front-end cost, the overseas competition will continue to prevail.

"We have to find a way to have a more efficient kick back," she said. "We still need to do some other blends and see if we can market the product in conjunction with something else."

School nutrition was another issued Combs addressed.

She said a report should be coming out this October that contains nutritional values of vending machines, a la carte food, the food service center and the value of a universal breakfast.

Combs office was giving the responsibility of taking over the children's school breakfast and lunch program in 2003.



Photo by Melissa Perner

AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SUSAN COMBS addresses the people of Ozona and visitors Friday at the Crockett County Care Center.

Since then, she has been advocating healthier foods and more exercise in public schools.

"I use to handle child abuse cases and I feel strongly about having kids be safe and healthy," she said. "We're losing kids to obesity and diseases associated with it."

Those in attendance Friday included members of Ozona High School's FFA Chapter who made banners welcoming Combs, as well as the State FFA President Brandi Christie, State FFA Vice President Clark Gilliam and State FFA First Vice President Brandon Strey.



Submitted photo

DAVID MARTINEZ fights a raging house fire Saturday during a training with the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department. The firefighters learned how to combat flames that got caught in the ceiling of the house. Firefighters Michael King and Dominic Reyes also attended the training.

CLINIC: Possible expansion to the care center being studied

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he said. "This is a business decision. It's nothing personal."

If the board decides to just operate an 8 a.m.-5 p.m. clinic with no extended hours, then the county wouldn't have to pay a subsidy to Shannon. If not, then the county has to come up with the extra money, Skehan said.

At one point Shannon had 21 clinics across the Concho Valley, but with the passing of the 1998 Balanced Budget Act that number has dwindled to Ozona and Menard, Knightstep said. The 1998 Balance Budget Act placed a financial cap on reimbursements to rural-based clinics.

In most cases, the clinics were bought out by other companies or individuals with the exception of the clinic in Bronte that closed this summer, Knightstep said.

If the board does make the decision to turn the clinic operations over to another company, then Shannon would help with the transition process, Knightstep said.

The board said they will contact the consultants and hope to meet with them, and then meet again with Shannon before making a final decision. They are also hoping to reach a decision by Oct. 1.

"At this point, for the taxpayers, it's best to pursue the best avenue possible," Skehan said.

The board also voted to allow Care Center Administrator Benny Gibbs to pursue a study into looking how much it would cost to add on to the care center.

Gibbs said that with the aging population and other facilities closing in nearby towns he feels the care center will continue to grow.

"This is a long range goal, but I don't think we should wait too long at looking at this," he said.

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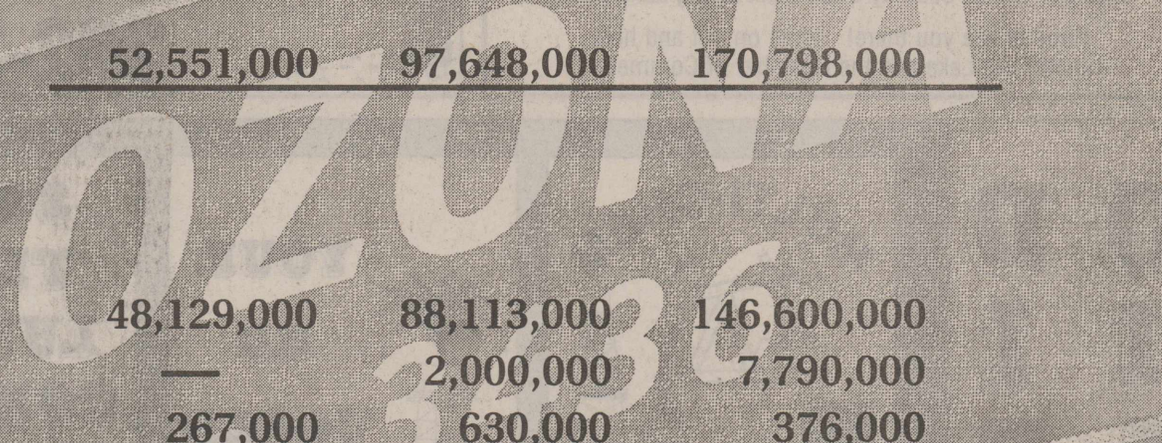
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT
9-7-04 to 9-13-04

WANTED

The following persons are fugitives from Justice in Crockett County, Do Not attempt to apprehend, if seen or location is known, please contact the Crockett County Sheriff's Office 325-392-2661. Your identity will be kept confidential.

• Eugenio Reyes Ramos Jr.- outstanding warrants for Failure to Appear: Resisting Arrest, Failure to Appear-Evading Arrest, Failure to Appear-Aggravated Kidnapping, and Failure to Appear-Aggravated Assault.

• Elizabeth Diane Martinez- warrant for Violation of Probation/ Forgery

Hindering apprehension/ prosecution, harboring/concealing another, or warning a person of pending apprehension is a violation of Texas Penal Code.

NOTICE: New 4-way STOP intersections in effect at intersections of 12th, 13th & Ave B, C and G

9-7-04
• Local business requests a deputy to stand by as they terminate an employee.
• Deputy unlocked a vehicle 200 block 14th Street
• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the truck stop.

9-8-04
• Report of a female subject at a local convenience store causing problems. Deputy arrived and had the subject to leave.
• Report of a stranded 18 wheeler I-10, notified a wrecker service.
• Request for a Deputy to assist with an intoxicated subject.

9-9-04
• Deputy assisted subject with gas.
• Report of a gas drive off from local convenience store.
• Report of a skunk at large. Deputy located the skunk and destroyed it.
• Subject request deputy locate a vehicle driven by someone that did not have permission to have the vehicle.
• Deputy met with subjects at the sheriff's office reference to a civil dispute.
• Subject request assistance with gas. Deputy escorted the subject to nearest western union.
• Report of several vehicles drag racing on County Road 308 near the airport. There were no vehicles in the area when deputy arrived.
• Report of loud music from the car wash. Vehicle was gone when deputy arrived.
• Report of subjects breaking in a Coke machine at local convenience store. Case under investigation.
• Deputy assisted subject with a courtesy transport to her work due to vehicle problems.

9-10-04
• Report of subjects at a local motel causing problems. Deputy arrived and settled the situation.
• Report of gas drive off from local convenience store. Deputy went to the county line and was unable to locate the vehicle.
• Deputies assisted a subject that had fallen and was unable to get up.
• Report of a grass fire I-10. Fire Department was notified.
• Report of a suspicious person near one of the schools. Deputy checked the subject and had him to move on.
• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at the school.
• Received a report of a swarm of bees on Willow Street, notified fire department.
• Report of a grass fire I-10, fire department was notified.
• Report of a minor accident near the football field, no injuries.

9-11-04
• Alarm at Davidson Gym. Deputy found employee in building.
• Deputy met with subject on a civil matter.
• Medical alarm on Man O War Street. Deputy assisted EMS.
• Locked Vehicle on Avenue E. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
• Juvenile runaway on 9th St. Deputy made report.
• Disturbance on Piedra Street. Deputy spoke to subjects.
• Possible assault in progress at Crockett Apartments. Deputy checked area and no assault.

9-12-04
• Deputy assisted home health care nurse on Avenue E. Elderly person needed assistance.
• Possible drunk driver on War Admiral. Deputies unable to find anyone in area.
• Alarm at Primary School. Deputy found teacher who had set off alarm accidentally.
• Disturbance on Corto Street. Deputy checked residence and all okay.
• Alarm at T&C Village Market. Deputy checked store and all okay.
• 911 hang up on Swaps Street. Deputy checked residence and all okay.
• Locked vehicle on Buena Vista Street. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
• Juvenile problem on 9th St. Deputy spoke with subjects.

9-13-04
• Deputy assisted motorist on I -10 with a flat tire.
• Deputy provided courtesy transport for stranded motorist.
• Deputy met with subject at office about harassment. Deputy spoke to involved parties.
• Deputy met with subjects about criminal trespass. Deputy escorted subjects off ranch.
• Report of a vehicle running into motel on Sheffield Road Deputy made offense report.
• Loud music reported at Ozona Car Wash. Deputy was unable to locate.
• Locked vehicle on Swaps Street. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
• Stranded motorist on I-10. Deputy assisted motorist and called mechanic.
• Possible drunk driver on I-10. Deputy was unable to locate vehicle.
• Possible drunk driver on I-10 in Pecos County. Dispatch contacted Pecos County.
• Report of subject not returning vehicle to owner on time. Deputy unable to locate vehicle.
• Possible motor vehicle accident on I-10. Deputy located unattended trailer – no accident.

ARREST REPORT

9-7-04
• Maria Teresa Moran, 42, of Ozona, was arrested by sheriff's deputy for assault threaten bodily injury. Subject was fined and released.

9-8-04
• Homer Kenneth Hein, 40, of Casa Grande, Ariz., was arrested by sheriff's deputy for assault.
• Frank Arturo Trujillo, 37, of Ozona, was arrested by trooper for public intoxication.

9-9-04
• Robert J Dulek Jr., 48, of Wenden, Ariz. was arrested on a Crockett County warrant for failure to appear. Driving while intoxicated.

9-10-04
• Christopher Scott Howell, 24, of San Angelo, was arrested on an out of county warrant for driving while license suspended. Subject posted a $300 bond and was released.

OFFENSE REPORTS

9-9-04
• Deputy filed a report of burglary of a coin-operated/collection machine after receiving a report that someone was breaking into the machine. Case is under investigation.

9-13-04
• Deputy filed a report of criminal mischief after receiving a report that a motel building had been run into by a vehicle, investigation continues.

Early school start costs taxpayers $790 million



AUSTIN - If Texas' public school students could vote, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn might just as well start picking curtain colors for the Governor's Mansion.

Of course, Strayhorn has not announced, and even if she had, the election's not until November 2006. And schoolchildren can't vote.

But what she suggested last week must have sounded good to Texas' 4 million schoolchildren, at least those old enough to follow the news: The school year shouldn't start so early.

When Strayhorn went to public schools and for a good while after, school did not start in Texas until after Labor Day.

These days, by legislative fiat, classes must get under way each year before Aug. 21. Some districts bring students and teachers back even earlier.

Beyond giving Texas pupils another two weeks of vacation (and even some extra time for their teachers), if the Legislature acted on the proposal, Strayhorn estimates a later school start could save taxpayers $790 million a year.

For school districts, the savings would come primarily in lower utility bills.

But a later start would mean less day care expenses for schoolteachers with young families as well as more money for teachers with summer jobs or teenagers with summer jobs.

No packed court in Texas...

Back during the Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt caught a lot of heat trying to increase the size of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Right now in Texas, the problem's not packing the court, but filing existing vacancies. The court is made up of nine judges, but as of last Friday it lacks a chief justice and a justice.

Thomas R. Phillips stepped down as chief justice and Justice Michael H. Schneider will leave the Texas court to fill a vacant bench on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. Phillips had been on the court for 16 years, while Schneider was appointed in September 2002 and elected to a full term two months later.

With both justices leaving the court before the end of their term, it will be up to Gov. Rick Perry to appoint their replacements.

Contract scrutiny coming...

The state spends a lot of money each year contracting with private vendors for everything from highways to building security.

Responding to a request from Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Steve Ogden (R-Bryan) has appointed an interim subcommittee to make sure taxpayers get the most bang for the buck when the state contracts for services.

"Texas needs to do a better job negotiating and executing its contracts with private vendors," Ogden said. "State agencies and state contractors owe nothing less than their mutual best efforts and complete transparency in serving the citizens of Texas."

Sen. Judith Zaffirini (D-Laredo) will chair the subcommittee.

Project ChildSafe...

In addition to their handcuffs, Texas game wardens are carrying another form of mechanical restraints these days - gun locks. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is giving away 80,000 gunlocks to Texas hunters. Part of the national Project ChildSafe initiative, TPWD will give a free gunlock to each student taking the required hunter safety course.

The department also will hand locks to hunters drawing the privilege to hunt in state parks and wildlife areas and others routinely encountered by game wardens.

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Movie begins at 8:30 p.m.
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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Endeavor Energy Res	15000'	Parker -100- #1 H	Big Dog Drilling 7	Drlg Ahead 13747'
New Chesapeake/OKC	10000'	Signal Baggett -29- #5	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drlg Ahead
New Pioneer Natural/IRV	10000'	Riggs -19- #3	Patterson Drilling/A 42	Drlg Ahead
Encore Operating LP	9100'	H & H Drilling Co. #8040	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drlg Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000'	Approach Childress -D- #1101	Key Energy (L) 10	Drlg Ahead 387'
New Approach Operating	9000'	Approach Bailey -A- #702	Nabors Drilling (O) 319	Moving On
New Approach Operating	9000'	Approach Bailey -B- #2001	Nabors Drilling (O) 347	Drlg Ahead
New J. Cleo Thompson/Dal	9000'	University 32-12e #3	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drlg Ahead
New Anadarko	8700'	Meybin -B- #7	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drlg Ahead
New Devon Energy/OKC	7000'	C C Montgomery #11	Patterson Drilling/A 169	Drlg Ahead
Bluegrass Energy	6000'	Simpson Canyon #2045	Adobe Drilling Mustan	Drlg Ahead 3305'
New Oxy USA/Midland	5600'	South Cross Unit #226	Eagle Rock Drilling 1	Drlg Ahead
New Fiml Natural Res	5450'	Baggett -C- #5b	Key Energy (O) 21	W.O.O.

Sutton County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Dominion OK TX E&P	8975'	Hudspeth -B- #106	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drlg Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8950'	Brown-Whitehead -2- #48	Key Energy (L) 42	Rigging Up
Dominion OK TX E&P	8950'	Duke Wilson -172- #14	Patterson Drilling/A 109	Drlg Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	8300'	Minnie H Hill-Mayer -D- #3	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drlg Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	8100'	Shannon -52- #14	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Drlg Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	7475'	Halbert #11	Patterson Drilling/A 102	Drlg Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	7100'	Duke Wilson #3215	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drlg Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	6900'	Deberry -A- #67	Patterson Drilling/A 102	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	6600'	Shurley #106	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Drlg Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	6300'	Galbreath -65- #14	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Drlg Ahead

Terrell County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Riata Energy Inc	19000'	Mitchell #1201	Lariat Drilling 4	Drlg Ahead
Newfield	15000'	Poulter #3801	Grey Wolf Drilling/M 714	Drlg Ahead
ConocoPhillips/Odes	12600'	University -4- #6	Patterson Uti/Lv 481	Drlg Ahead 5688'
ConocoPhillips/Odes	11800'	Culbertson -16- #4r	Grey Wolf Drilling/M 76	Drlg Ahead
New Nuevo Texas Inc	10500'	Mitchell -7- #8	Patterson Drilling/A 36	Drlg Ahead
WTG Exploration	8999'	Uncle Cecil #2	Lariat Drilling 7	Drlg Ahead
Fasken Oil & Ranch	7500'	Monroe Se -180- #21	Patterson Drilling/A 161	Drlg Ahead

Edwards County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Newfield	14000'	Whitehead #7301	Patterson Drilling/A 471	Drlg Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	7400'	Canyon Ranch #2112e	Key Energy (O) 4	Drlg Ahead 5017'

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Pogo Producing Co	6900'	Jackson #8	Heart Land Drilling 2	Drlg Ahead 6260'
O'Neill Properties	6600'	H J Case -A- #5	Heart Land Drilling 3	Drlg Ahead 5150'

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Mariner Energy	8400'	Sau Mariner 31-3c #3c	Big Dog Drilling 5	Drlg Ahead 7815'
New Mariner Energy	8400'	Sau Mariner 1-3a #3a	Big Dog Drilling 9	Rigging Up
New Pioneer Natural/IRV	8140'	Merchant Unit #5107a	Mattlock Drilling 2	Drlg Ahead
Pioneer Exploration	3000'	Fred Ball #11	Dpi Drilling 2	P.O.O.H. 2650'

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BOOT CAMP CASEWORKER II: Texas Youth Commission, Sheffield Boot Camp, has an opening for a Boot Camp Caseworker II. This individual is responsible for case management for all assigned youth. Case Management responsibilities include necessary tasks to complete assessment, case planning, family involvement and group service delivery. This position also performs discharge and release functions throughout the youth's commitment. This position is subject to work overtime or be on call. Minimum requirements: Bachelor's degree in related social sciences field, no experience required; unrelated degree with two years of casework experience; or HS diploma with three years of casework experience. Salary $2749 monthly. Subject to mandatory drug screening with acceptable results. Liberal State benefits. Apply on a State of Texas Application for job #SBC-05000 by 5 PM, September 21, 2004: Sheffield Boot Camp, P.O. Box 510, Sheffield, TX 79781 EOE Entry level positions available - Job Hotline - 1-800-908-9855.1c33

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 4 BR/2 BA mobile home and lot. Owner financing. 114 War Admiral. Call 392-5410. 5c29

MOTOR HOME FOR SALE: 1972 Dodge Motor Home for sale. All new brakes, good tires (two new), whole interior redone runs real good. $2,000. Call 392-2926 or 106 Avenue E. 1p33

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Saturday, Sept. 18, starting at 8 a.m. at 305 Avenue I. Children's and adult clothes and lots of miscellaneous. 1p33

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Helping Hands Fund-raiser

RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE: Helping Hands will be holding a rummage and bake sale Oct. 1 and 2 at the old Red Apple-Hillcrest Cafe on Sheffield Road. We will have a variety of items including a lot of holiday decor. More information will follow in the next Stockman. This is to benefit the Meals on Wheels program. tfnc33

Public Notices

Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss
Crockett County Consolidated Common School District:
State Financial Accountability Rating - Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will hold a public meeting to be included in the regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. September 21, 2004 in the Administration Office at 797 Avenue D. in Ozona, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Crockett County Consolidated Common School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system. 2c32

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Early Public Notice
Crockett CountyTexas, is considering wastewater improvements for residents located in the southern area of the County for TCDP Contract #724859 projects under the Texas Community Development Program for non-entitlement cities and counties. The project is located in the 100-year floodplain. The County is interested in discussing alternatives to this project, securing public perceptions of possible adverse impacts that could result from the project, and discussing possible measures to minimize any adverse impacts. A public hearing is scheduled on Monday, September 27, 2004at 5:00 p.m. at the Crockett County Water Improvement District #1 office, 511 11th, Ozona, Texas to discuss the proposed project. Please extend or send written comments to: Kala Longoria, Administrative Assistant to County Judge, Crockett County Courthouse, 907 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas 76943. Comments will be received until September 30, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.more detailed description of the project and FEMA flood maps are available for citizen review at the County Courthouse at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

John Jones
County Judge 1c33

PUBLIC NOTICE
TO: Elida Martinez, Respondent, Greeting: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney does not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty (20) days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition for termination and step-parent adoption, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition is for termination and step-parent adoption, as filed in the Court of Crockett County, Texas, on the 11th day of March, 2004, against, Elida Martinez Respondent, numbered 04-03-06661-CV, and entitled IN THE INTEREST OF ISAIAH ALEXANDER GONZALES, A CHILD. The suit requests for parental termination and step parent adoption. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: The requested termination and step parent adoption will be in the best interest of the child. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ozona, Texas, this the 7th day of September, 2004. Attest: Debbie Puckett-Moore, Clerk of the District Court of Crockett County, Texas.
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Came to hand on the 8th day of September A.D. 2004, at 3 o'clock p.m. and I executed the within Citation, by publishing the same in the Ozona Stockman, a newspaper published in the County of Crockett, in the State of Texas, the County in which suit is pending such publication being made on the 14th day of September, A.D., 2004, duly verified printed copy thereof is returned herewith. Shane Fenton, Sheriff Crockett County, Texas. 1c33

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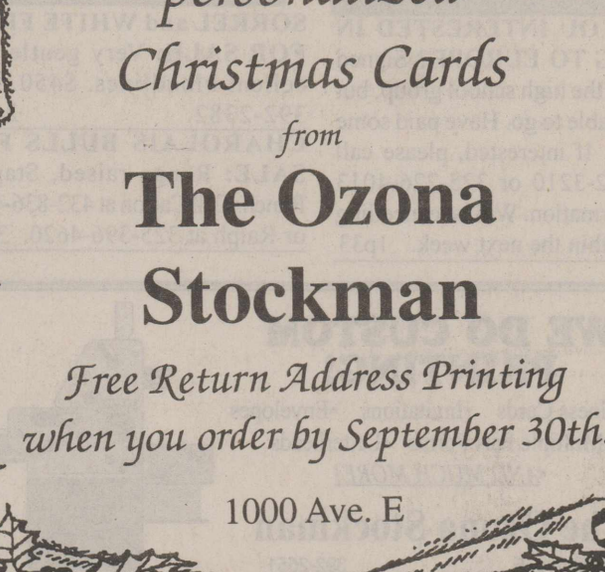
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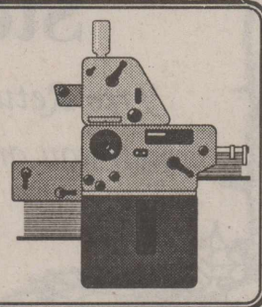
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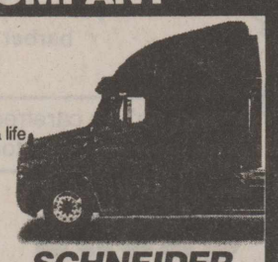
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