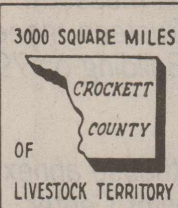


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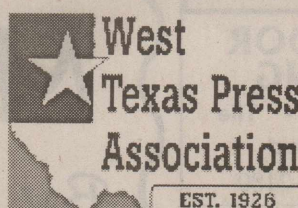
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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

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| Wednesday | |
| High 90 | Low 61 |
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Board adopts budget, sets lower tax rate

Money included for primary school roof, new computers

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Money for a new primary school roof and a replacement program for computers were approved when the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees adopted the 2006-2007 official budget.

The board also adopted a lower tax rate for 2006-2007 during the Aug. 30 special called meeting.

A vote of 5-1 was cast for approving and adopting the budget with board member Carol Buie voting against it. The board unanimously approved the tax

rate of \$1.37.005.

This rate is lower than last year's \$1.50 per \$100 value due to a requirement passed by the state legislature this May.

The estimated \$30 million budget includes \$300,000 for roofing which is expected to be used on a new primary school roof.

During the meeting, Superintendent Abe Gott passed around a report from the Garland Company Inc., which estimated a new flat roof on the primary school will cost around \$246,000 with a 30-year guarantee. The company is currently overseeing the roofing work being conducted on the high school cafeteria.

Pictures showing a waterfall inside the Pre-K and kindergarten wing, as well as other rain damage, were included in the report.

"We can have a flat roof from now on and it's going to leak," said Board President Dr. Marcus Sims. "I think we should fix this thing once and for all and put a gable roof."

To put a gable or pitch style roof, instead of a flat roof, electrical lines, air conditioning, vents and gas utilities would all have to be moved, which means the roof work would cost more.

"We know that it will cost a lot more, but we've spent

enough to put a gable roof since I've been on this board," Sims said.

The board then decided, with Gott's recommendation, to call a special meeting for 6:30 p.m. tonight, Sept. 6, to discuss and look at approving to bid out for a new roof.

Also approved in the new budget was \$50,000 for 75 new computers to replace the primary, intermediate and high school computer labs.

Gott said that one thing the new technology committee will work on is a replacement program for the computers.

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TxDOT to begin landscape project Sept. 11

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

The Texas Department of Transportation will begin construction on the landscape project and traffic signal upgrade starting Sept. 11 on Avenue E.

The 13-month project will include the addition of trees in the downtown area, as well as work to the intersection at Avenue E and 11th Street.

The corners will be equipped with ramps to make them up to code for the American Disabilities Act. There will also be additional 6-7 parking spaces added to the downtown area for a total of 90-91. Dollar General will be losing one handicap space and gaining four spaces.

Sidewalks in front of the businesses in the middle of the blocks will not be replaced due to so much work needing to be done on the corners.

Also, the existing sidewalks area also staying so there is no tearing up in front of the stores, said Shanon Biggerstaff, executive director of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

A sidewalk will be added to the front of the wall that surrounds the park on 163. Parking will then be available in front of the sidewalk. An ADA ramp will be put in for the park.

The traffic light will be a "single-phase" system, where only direction will be green at a time while the other three lights stay red.

Traffic will also be required to stop further back from the lights.

For more information, call TxDOT at 947-9205.

Rocksprings hosts Texas Pecos Trail Board of Directors meeting

By **SHANON BIGGERSTAFF**
 Chamber Executive Director

The Board of the Texas Pecos Trail Region is scheduled to meet Sept. 14 at the Edwards County Memorial Building (rodeo grounds), located off State Highway 41 North in Rocksprings. The public is invited.

The meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include the directors meeting, lunch and a tour of the Devil's Sink Hole as the educational element to the program.

The Devil's Sinkhole is the largest single chamber cavern and the third deepest in the state of Texas, reaching a total depth of over 350 feet.

The sinkhole is a collapsed limestone pit 45 to 65 feet in diameter at its opening, with a vertical drop of nearly 140 feet to its shallowest point atop a breakdown mountain in the main chamber.

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THE SEASON BEGINS

Lions lose by one in opener

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

FORT STOCKTON - The Ozona Varsity Lions got off to a painful start with a 26-25 loss to the Fort Stockton Panthers Friday night.

"We made way too many mistakes to win a game against a quality opponent and Fort Stockton was a quality opponent," said Coach Benny Granger. "For some reason, we were not totally prepared for this game and that falls on my shoulders. I will make sure we are better prepared each Friday from now on."

Fort Stockton got the ball rolling on the first play of the game with a 71-yard pass from quarterback Sergio Corral to Adrian Navarez to put the Panthers on top 6-0.

The Lions would quickly answer back with quarterback Jordan Long found Levi Vargas for a 30-yard pass to put the Lions in scoring position. Caleb Mitchel would then run the ball into the end zone for six yards to tie the game 6-6.

In the second quarter, Long would find Ely Silva who then ran the ball 73 yards for the Lions second touchdown. The extra point kick was good by Jose Galvan to put Ozona up 13-6.

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Photos by Melissa Perner

TOP: THE OZONA LIONS run out their brand-new Lion tunnel Friday at the Fort Stockton game. Bottom: Josh Santos (left), Stephen Gillitt (center) and Ely Silva tackle a Panther.

Two file for county attorney position

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Crockett County voters will get a choice on who will be the next county attorney during the Nov. 7 general election.

Steve Taliaferro and Jody Upham has both filed for the position.

Taliaferro is the current county attorney. He was appointed in May by the Crockett County Commissioners' Court after Bill Mason resigned.

He will be running as the Democratic candidate.

Challenging Taliaferro will be write-in candidate Jody Upham.

Upham is a local attorney who opened her own law office in January 2005, where she renovated the downtown building that was formerly Watson's Department Store on the corner

State Attorney General candidate makes stop in Ozona, page 5

of Avenue E and 11th St.

Upham previously practiced law in Austin before moving to Ozona.

On the state level, voters will also elect a new state senator between Democratic candidate and State Rep. Carlos Uresti, of San Antonio, and Republican candidate Dick Bowen, owner and managing broker of C.I.A. Real Estate Services in El Paso.

Former state senator Frank Madla lost in the March Democratic primary and then resigned in May before his term was finished.

On the national level, a new redistricting ruling has opened

the doors for several candidates challenging U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio.

Bonilla's new district, which includes Crockett County, now includes part of the south side of Bexar County, which led to the new candidates.

Bonilla's Democratic challengers include:

- El Paso Democrat Rick Bolaños, who won the March Democratic primary before the redistricting issue.
- Former Congressman Ciro Rodriguez, of San Antonio.
- Lukin Gilliland Jr., Alamo Heights businessman from San Antonio.
- Albert Uresti, a retired San

Antonio Fire Department district chief and younger brother to state senate candidate Carlos Uresti.

- August "Augie" Beltran of San Antonio.
- Adrian DeLeon of Carrizo Springs.

The loan independent challenger is Craig T. Stephens, owner of a San Antonio engineering firm.

Important election dates to remember are:

- Sept. 8 - first day to apply for ballot by mail.
- Oct. 10 - last day to register to vote to be eligible to vote Nov. 7.
- Oct. 23 - first day of early voting.
- Oct. 31 - last day to apply for a ballot by mail.
- Nov. 3 - last day of early voting.
- Nov. 7 - Election Day.

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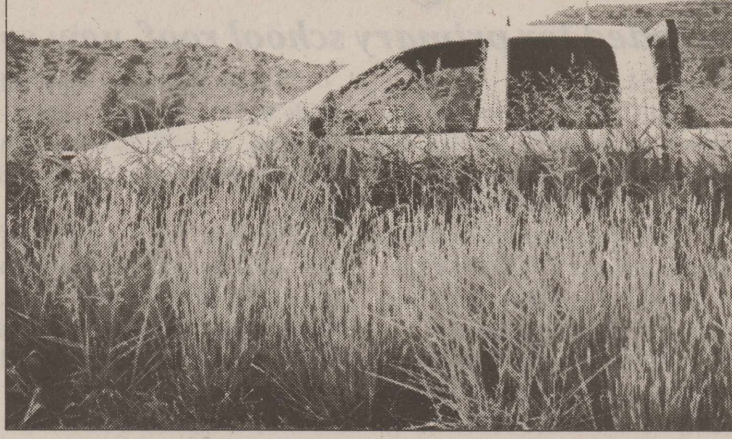
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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Time to cut the grass



Take a good look at this picture. Funny looking isn't it. Picture, instead of my husband's pickup, a deer standing in this tall grass. Do you think you would be able to see deer through this? I know a lot of us drive these roads every day and deer are part of it. However, when it's hard to see them throughout the day, imagine what it is like to see these animals at night in these conditions. All along Pandale Road, and I'm sure several other roads in our county, tall grass stretches from one end to the other. It's not like these roads have become this way in the last few weeks because of the rain. It's been this way for a couple of months now. Don't get me wrong, I love rain and I know we need rain. With rain comes growth and with growth comes a time to mow. That time has come along. Our roads need this maintenance. As deer season quickly approaches and more vehicles will be traveling on these roads. There are also those of us who travel these roads all the time, and I am not the only one. I just wonder how much lower our insurance would be if we could see the deer off the side of the road? It's time to cut the grass and make the roads safer for all.

'Business Tips' BY PAUL HOWARD

ASU Small Business Development Center

The importance of our small businesses

You may have wondered what constitutes a small business. It just might surprise you. According to the United States Small Business Administration, a small business is an independent business having fewer than 500 employees. There are some large employers in San Angelo and the Concho Valley, however, as the Chamber of Commerce lists 11 businesses that would be considered large. That leaves the overwhelming majority to be small. Small businesses are extremely important to the U.S. economy. Here is a list of statistics that is staggering to me. Small businesses:

- Represent 99.7 percent of all employer firms.
- Employ half of all private sector employees.
- Pay more than 45 percent of total U. S. private payroll.
- Have generated 60 to 80 percent of net new jobs annually over the last decade: in the most recent year with data (2003) small businesses created 1.9 million new jobs.
- Create more than 50 percent of non farm private Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- Are employers of 41 percent of high tech workers (such as scientists, engineers, and computer workers)
- Are 53 percent home based and 3 percent franchises.
- Made up 97 percent of all identified exporters and produced 28.6 percent of the known export value in FY 2004.

The Office of Advocacy estimates there were approximately 25.8 million businesses in the U.S. in 2005. Small businesses represent 99.9 percent of all businesses across the country. In addition, the number of minority owned businesses is increasing at 20 percent per year, and the number of female owned businesses is increasing at 25 percent per year. Today's entrepreneurs are driven, smart, hard working, and have what it takes to become small business owners. It is a great thing to witness the entrepreneurial spirit is so alive in San Angelo. As an SBDC advisor, it is even better to be able to help those entrepreneurs achieve their dreams. These numbers and statistics were not meant to bore you, but to impress upon you the fact that small businesses have been and will continue to be the backbone of the U. S. economy. God bless the entrepreneurs of this great country who have the guts to take the risk to become small business owners. The SBDC is offering a free seminar from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7 on "The Essentials of Starting a New Business." I urge any would be entrepreneurs to attend. Business Tips is provided by Mr. Paul Howard, Business Development Specialist and CBA I with Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For more information on this or any other topic, please contact Paul at Paul.Howard@angelo.edu or call 942-2098.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2. To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or e-mail us at publisher@ozona.com. Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published. Letters are subject to editing. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should try to not exceed 250 words.

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, Sept. 6**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Museum board meeting, noon at the museum.
 - Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.
- Thursday, Sept. 7**
- AA meeting, 5:30 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Residents' birthday party, 3:30 p.m. at the Care Center.
 - Ozona Middle School Lions vs. Iraan, 5 p.m. at Iraan.
 - Ozona JV Lions vs. Iraan, 6:30 p.m. at Iraan.
- Friday, Sept. 8**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ozona Varsity Lions vs. Iraan, 8 p.m. at Iraan.
- Saturday, Sept. 9**
- Ozona Cross Country Teams at the Concho Valley Classic in Carlsbad Park at San Angelo.
- Monday, Sept. 11**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Commissioners' meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
 - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OIS Open House, 6 p.m. at the intermediate school.
 - AA meetings, 8 p.m. at the Lutheran Church on 802 First St.
- Tuesday, Sept. 12**
- Concho Valley Community Action Council, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ozona Woman's League meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Crockett Room.
 - Round-Up for Rehab Get Together, 6-8 p.m. at the West Texas Rehab Center.
 - Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Wednesday, Sept. 13**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Grinders, DINKS & Rabbits

Although they might show up at wine and car auctions, here are some folks you'll NEVER meet on sale day at your local auction market during the slaughter cow run:

A Grinder - It is the Grinder's job at high-end auto auctions to get in the face of bidders and "grind" on them until they bid again. I feel for the safety of anyone who gets in the face of a cow buyer to point out the attributes of the canner cow he was trying to steal. Whereas the auctioneer is permitted to say a kind word about an old cow, anyone else who stops the sale and tries it is liable to get punched in the face.

Insurance Salesman - A common sight at Thoroughbred sales, these folks wait in the wings to insure buyer's purchases. I have yet to see an insurance salesman write a policy for a barren, toothless cow with an extremely short life expectancy.

A Rabbit - At horse sales sometimes you'll see a person bid repeatedly in a clandestine manner to force another bidder to pay a higher price. We call such people "rabbits." Auction owners provide all the market support needed at a cow sale.

Paddle Holders - Unlike antique sales, where neophytes often leave their bidding paddles in the air, grizzled cow buyers try to make it difficult for anyone to see them bidding. Unfortunately, this includes the auctioneer.

Spouses - During charity auctions you might see a husband and wife argue about spending \$5,000 for a Kobe Bryant basketball or a Barry Bonds baseball. I have yet to see a cow buyer bring his wife to a killer cow sale, let alone confer with her on whether to bid another tenth of a cent on an old piece of leather holding a cow together.

Investment Advisor - I once sat next to an investment advisor at an Arab horse dispersal during their fall from lofty evaluations. He was writing in his catalog the prices received for the horses he'd talked his investors into buying. Right next to those prices were how much his investors gave. If he was smart that guy left the country under an assumed name before the sale even ended.

Non-buying Bidders - Some people who just like to bid, or be seen bidding, will jump in at lower prices with no intention of actually having to pay for an item. At a cow sale the three or four cow buyers in attendance are apt to just let such a person buy one or two cows... or a truckload.

Pedigree Reader - You'll never hear one of these at a cow sale. Killer cow buyers don't care if an animal was Grand Champion at Denver or has a lot of blue blood flowing through her clogged arteries. All they care about is how many Big Macs she'll make.

Flower Arranger And Balloon Blower - I'll never forget a wine auction I worked where a scantily clad, pretty lady tied a balloon on the back of the chair of anyone who bought an item. The more money they paid... the higher the balloon was tied. Between the balloons and the huge flower arrangements in the center of every table you couldn't see anyone bidding. In my 30 plus years of attending cow sales I have yet to see a balloon tied to the back of a cow buyer's seat for buying a slaughter cow.

Yuppies and DINKS - I once asked a sale manager what type of person bought a llama and he replied, "DINK's," which he explained stood for "double income, no kids." It was his theory that the llamas were taking the place of children for such people. I don't think I have ever seen a cow buyer purchase a bovine as a companion animal.

Cocktail Waitresses or Wine Stewards - At art and wine auctions prospective bidders are often served drinks while they are bidding. Cow buyers have been known to take a nip or two but in most cases they usually wait until after the sale.

Consignor - Unlike car owners and real estate developers, cattlemen hardly ever go to an auction to see what their cows brought. Cow selling is lumped in with making bologna and child birth as things that were never meant to be watched in person.

Happy Birthday

Sept. 6 - Luann Pierce, Chelsea Spence and Yolanda Mata
 Sept. 7 - Jeffery Gillitt, Carson Childress, Glenn Crowder and Juan Garcia
 Sept. 8 - Jesslynn Kay Ferrero

Sept. 9 - Dominique Perez and Jennifer Gandar
 Sept. 10 - Angela Branch, Myra Dominguez and Kimberlee De La Garza

Sept. 11 - Wendy Justiss, Gene Hood, Julia Ramirez, Patricia Canales, Anais Venegas, Lazaro Rodriguez, Carly Wilha, Bob Falkner, Mike Worley, Johnito Rodriguez, Madison Childress, Anthony Gutierrez, Adriel Zamarripa, Rogelio Estrada and Nathan Knox

Sept. 12 - Alex Borrego Sr., Nicole Kendrick, Shirley Alisch, Marvin Anderson, Eloy Gonzales and Anna Hernandez

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

It's a boy

Paul De La Garza and Melissa Vargas are the proud parents of a baby boy born Aug. 15, 2006 at 9:28 a.m.

Jack Paul De La Garza weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Manuel IV, Maria and Lavon are the proud brothers and sister of "J.P."

Museum needs updates for new Ozona Address Book

The Crockett County Museum is working on printing a new version of the Ozona Address Book.

The last version printed was in 2000. The book will contain names and mailing addresses of local individuals and businesses.

To change or verify mailing addresses, call the museum at 392-2837.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
 Senior Center Director

Labor Day has come and gone. If you took a trip, I hope it was as enjoyable as mine, I traveled to East Texas to visit with friends and family.

Our condolences go out to the all the family of Ruth Seahorn who passed away Aug. 30. Ruth will be sorely missed by all her friends and family.

I made a huge mistake in my last column when I listed the birthdays. I failed to mention Sandy Bebee who also had a birthday. Congratulations, best wishes and may you have many more Sandy.

I visited with Pat Nicks and her son Weldon returned home from the hospital last Wednesday. I was happy to hear that he was feeling well enough to come home.

Since we were closed on Monday, the Crockett County Senior Board met Tuesday. This was a regular business meeting.

Dorothy Friend has returned from her yearly stay in Ruidoso, N.M. She said "it was wonderful and she only wished that she could have taken the entire bridge club with her." Welcome back to Crockett County, Dorothy.

The Concho Valley Community Action will be here at 10 a.m. Sept. 12. This organization assists those who qualify with their utilities.

We will be having a Senior Bingo Social at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 12. After our meal of lasagna, salad and dessert, we will begin our bingo game.

In the near future, it is possible that E.A. Wadsworth will be teaching line dancing. Please watch this column for a time and a date. We think E.A. is wonderful to want to do this.

Do not forget that we have the Defensive Driving videos (or DVD's) to rent here at the Crockett County Senior Center. The cost to rent them is \$40.00 and you are allowed to keep them 72 hours.

We have a number of books to select from in our book case. We also have magazines and a few recipes. The book case is placed in the hall across from our small kitchen here at the Senior Center.

Come "Walk Two Miles" with us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 am. This exercise program conditions you to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel better. Our numbers are down because of summer and vacations.

Our bridge players come to the Senior Center to play every Monday and Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. These ladies have such fun and bring smiles with them. Come by and let them cheer up your Mondays and Thursdays. Those who played bridge last week were Sadie Davidson, Dorothy Friend, JoAnn Babbitt, Marolyn Bean, Marilyn Cox, Eileen Childress, Jean Odom, Liz Williams, Katherine Russell, and Celia West.

Our activities are for those of you over 50 years of age. (We are flexible). Come out and see us soon and see what you are missing.

Friends of the Library News

By CHARLOTTE HARRELL
 Friends of the Library

Watercolorist Herb Cooper of Midland will mount an art exhibit at the library, beginning around Sept. 1. Mr. Cooper says that "the greatest joy for me in painting, or any creative endeavor, is the discovery factor. The 'What If...'"

He explores what happens to light if...what color does when...how is shape affected as...

He loves helping students discover the multitude of techniques, applications and subjects afforded today's artists. The ever-expanding realm of water media makes the possibilities of discovery endless.

Mr. Cooper received degrees in art education from North Texas University and the Chicago Art

It's a girl

Sara Claire Childress was born Aug. 8, 2006 in San Angelo. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Ira and Karin Childress, of Ozona.

Proud grandparents are Terry and Sara Albert, of San Angelo, Bob and Vivian Childress, of Ozona and Tony and Judy Hall, of Junction.

Proud great-grandmother is Crystelle Childress, of Ozona.

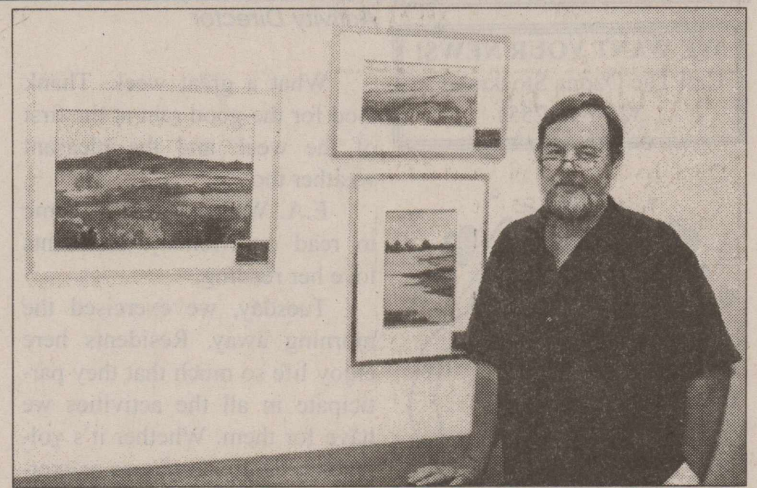


Photo by Joe Hernandez

HERB COOPER of Midland currently has an art exhibit on display at the Crockett County Public Library.

Institute. He has studied privately with Tom Notestine, Naomi Brotherton and Ann Templeton. He taught art in the Midland public schools for 30 years, and now teaches watercolor and calligraphy workshops and runs an art gallery.

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Her proud parents are Tessa and Michael Poffinbarger of Odessa.

Her grandparents are Janet and Brent Moore of Ozona, Mike and Virginia Poffinbarger Sr. of Las Vegas and Will and Michele Hanson of Athens, Texas.

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Care Center Chatter

By **JAN ST. CLAIR TICE**
Activity Director

What a great week. Thank God for the good rain at the first of the week and the pleasant weather too.

E.A. Wadsworth R.N. came to read on Monday. Residents love her reading.

Tuesday, we exercised the morning away. Residents here enjoy life so much that they participate in all the activities we have for them. Whether it's volleyball, bingo, dominoes or exercises on video, they love it all.

Carol Adcock and Brother John brought us a good word on Tuesday afternoon.

On Beauty Shop Day, out volunteers were Rachel Ybarra and Nana Fierro.

Thanks to all the people that came to help and visit us, all the churches, The Ozona Stockman for giving us the weekly newspapers and all the volunteers.

Our September birthday party will be at 3:30 p.m. Thursday and a Fiesta at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 15 for Diez y Sies de Septiembre event.

Levis & Lace Square Dance News

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

Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. John Geen from San Angelo will come down and conduct a work shop for Rita Rios and myself to help us with our calling.

Everyone is invited to come and watch.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

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Methodist church begins month of 'welcoming' this week

By **JOHN FLUTH**
Pastor of the Ozona United Methodist Church

September begins open house at the Ozona United Methodist Church and the renewal of our "Welcoming Congregation" program.

At this time of welcoming we will strive to discover ways of inviting and making our services more engaging to the community of Ozona:

- Sept. 9 - Epiphany team meeting at the Sheffield Community Center.
- Sept. 10 - "Back to School Sunday" with the dedication of our new hand bells.
- Sept. 10 and 17 - Pastries and coffee will be welcoming worshippers in the foyer before the 11 a.m. services.
- Sept. 17 - Offers breakfast from 8:45 - 9 a.m., followed by worship service from 9 - 9:45 a.m. honoring public school teachers and community center teachers. Everyone is encouraged to continue enjoying breakfast during the service. Our children's bell choir will perform

during the 9 and 11 a.m. worship services.

• September 21 - 24 - Epiphany #4 will be held at the Sheffield Boot Camp. Sandy Stokes will be director with the Rev. John Fluth as Spiritual Director. (Worship services beginning at 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. allow community members from other congregations the opportunity to eat breakfast with us, worship with us, and still make it to their own church in time for Sunday School and worship.)

• Oct. 1 - Breakfast from 8:45 - 9 a.m. followed by worship service from 9 - 9:45 a.m. honoring civil servants of our community. Again, during the service everyone is encouraged to continue enjoying a great breakfast.

• Oct. 7 - At 3 p.m. a tractor-trailer full of pumpkins is scheduled to arrive at the Community Center. Please help support our Community Center by being there to unload and/or buy a pumpkin.

Please help us work together to uplift each other, as we spread God's Word to our world.

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Card of Thanks
The family of Beatrice Vargas would like to thank everyone who donated food for the Hamburger Sale and the brisket lunch that we had as a benefit for expenses of Bea. We would also like to thank the people of Ozona for the support they have showed us on the two benefit sales we have had. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts and may God bless you all.
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Obituaries

Felipe Perez

Felipe Perez, 19, of Ozona, died Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006 in an Odessa Hospital.

Funeral service was Thursday, Aug. 31, 2006 at Templo Siloe Assembly of God with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his parents, Maria and Johnny Elizondo of Ozona; grandparents, Florencio Rodriguez and Estanislada Varela of Mexico; Teresa Martinez and Gustavo Perez Solis of Mexico; three sisters, Rocio Perez and Teresa Perez of Lexington, Ky. and Alma Elizondo of Ozona; seven brothers, Gustavo Perez of Jacksonville, Fla., Luis Perez of Ozona, Gerardo Elizondo and Javier Elizondo both of Elko, Nev., Johnny Elizondo Jr. of San Angelo, Eric Elizondo of San Diego, Calif. and Carmelo Rodriguez of Houston and a special aunt and uncle, Octavio and Lucy Perez of Lewisville, Texas.

Ruth Holland Seahorn



Ruth was an active member of the Ozona United Methodist Church serving in many capacities throughout the years.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill Seahorn; her twin sister Margaret Miller; her older sister Avis Robbins and her parents Lewis and Rebecca Holland.

She is survived by her son Pon Seahorn and wife Jill of Ozona and daughter Rebecca Johnson and husband Cecil of San Angelo. Ruth is also survived by her grandchildren, Will Seahorn and wife Mindy, Terel Seahorn, Seth Johnson and Reed Johnson and great-grandchildren, Kaylee, Weston and Schraeder Seahorn.

The family would like to extend its deepest gratitude to Rosa Montes, Rudy Huereca and Olivia Tijerina. A special thank you goes to the staff of Hospice of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were John "Sandy" Stokes, Randy Upham, Morris King, Scott Rogers, Gene "Sooner" Williams, Dr. David Jacoby, Steve Taliaferro and Rick Hunnicutt.

Funeral service was Friday, Sept. 1, 2006 in the Ozona Methodist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Ruth Holland Seahorn, 84, of Ozona, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006 after a lengthy illness.

Ruth was born to Lewis and Rebecca Holland on May 19, 1922 in Christoval, Texas. She and her sister were known as the "Holland Twins." After graduation Ruth and her sister Margaret moved to Ozona in 1941 where they were employed at Smith drug under the ownership of Pascal Northcutt. On Dec. 26, 1943 she married Bill Seahorn.

Ruth was a "Stay at home" mom until her children left Ozona. Later she and her sister, Margaret Miller established the Happy Hollow Toy & Gift Shop. There they spent 20 happy years serving the community.

Joe King

Joe King, 80, passed away Friday, Aug. 25, 2006, in a San Angelo hospital, following a long illness. He was born Aug. 11, 1926.

His body was donated to Texas Tech Medical Research Center. A memorial service is pending in Ozona.

He is survived by his widow, Patsy King of San Angelo; his son, Billy Joe King Jr., and daughter-in-law Zana Bailey King of Austin; his daughter, Helen West, and son-in-law Dan West; grandchildren Hampton and Mackenzie West of Baton Rouge, La.; and his sister, Helen Stifter of Arlington, Texas.

Memorial arrangements are being made through Ross Funeral Home in Sterling City. In lieu of flowers, you can send donations to your favorite charity in Joe's name.

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*When tomorrow starts without me
and I'm not here to see...
If the sun should rise and find your eyes filled with
tears for me, I wish so much you wouldn't cry
the way you did today...
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we didn't get to say, I know how much
you love me, as much as I love you...
And each time you think of me,
I know you'll miss me, too.
But when tomorrow starts without me,
please try to understand...
That Jesus came and called my name and took me by
the hand, And said my place was ready
in heaven far above...
And that I'd have to leave behind
all those I dearly love.
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think
we're far apart...
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.
- Love, your cousin Carmen*

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Brother J

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USDA Secretary Names New Chief for the Natural Resources Conservation Service

TEMPLE - Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced on Aug. 23 the selection of Arlen Lancaster as Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Lancaster succeeds Bruce Knight at NRCS, who was recently confirmed by the U.S. Senate as under secretary of agriculture for marketing and regulatory programs. Lancaster has served as deputy assistant secretary of Congressional Relations at USDA since April 2005. Prior to his service at USDA, Lancaster

served in various senior staff positions in Congress.

Having worked since 1999 for Senator Mike Crapo as a senior policy advisor and as the staff director for the Senate Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization since 2001, he played a key role in crafting the conservation title of the 2002 Farm Bill. He also worked for Senator Robert Bennett from 1998 to 1999.

As Chief of NRCS, Lancaster will lead the primary federal

agency that works directly with private landowners to help them conserve, maintain and improve their natural resources.

NRCS emphasizes voluntary, science-based conservation; technical assistance; partnerships; incentive-based programs, and cooperative problem-solving at the community level.

Lancaster is a graduate of the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science. He and his wife Staci live in Alexandria, Virginia.

Bonilla announces drought relief

Producers to receive \$763 million

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Henry Bonilla, Chairman of the US House of Representatives Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, announced Aug. 29 the dispersal of \$763 million in drought relief and accelerated payments to the nation's ranchers and farmers from the US Department of Agriculture.

Texas agricultural producers have been suffering for months under the heat and lack of moisture that has left crops withering and livestock operators liquidating their herds.

Many estimates pin this as the worst drought to hit Texas since the 1950s.

The assistance announced is an important first step towards addressing the hardships this continuing weather pattern has

had on producers and the rural economies that depend on them.

Bonilla announced the funding and cited the hard work of the producers as the reason for the assistance.

"Texas producers should be proud of the work of their organizations in bringing this issue to the forefront of the Department's priorities. They have made this a front-burner issue, and I commend the Department for responding," Bonilla said. "While this is a great start, the drought is not over. As I travel my district it is amazing to see the resilience of our producers in the face of this natural disaster. We must continue to monitor the situation and direct assistance as the situation worsens."

The aid announced today will provide \$50 million in

block grants to states to address livestock drought related disasters in those counties declared as drought disaster areas since early March of this year.

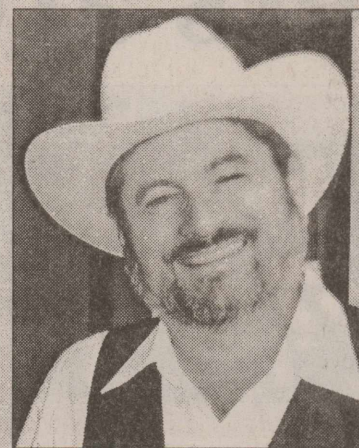
It also provides \$28 million in funding through the Emergency Conservation Program and the Grasslands Reserve Program, targeted at a backlog of applications in those programs for drought stricken areas.

The largest portion of assistance is accelerated decoupled crop program payments to cotton, peanut and soybean producers of \$700 million.

These crop payments were scheduled to go out later this year, but after evaluating the need throughout the country, the funding will be released early at a time when assistance is needed most.

Candidate for attorney general makes stop in Ozona

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher



DAVID VAN OS

David Van Os, Democratic candidate for Texas Attorney General, made Crockett County his 160th Texas courthouse stop on Aug. 31.

Van Os, who is originally from Kilgore, is making his way throughout Texas visiting all Texas courthouses in all 254 counties.

Van Os made three stops on Aug. 31 visiting Crockett, Kerr and Kimble counties before heading to Irion and McCullough counties on Sept. 1.

"For a long time, rural Texas has been ignored," Van Os said. "In a democracy everybody counts. The political process should include everybody."

Van Os said that he has heard from people all over the state as to how disconnected the state government is in Austin from the rest of the people.

One of these disconnections is the recent plan for the

Trans-Texas Corridor, which Van Os said he feels is "the biggest exercise of eminent domain in the United States."

"It was never voted upon by the public at large and it's an insult to the people of Texas," he said. "It is an outrageous eruption of greed in Texas."

Van Os said his message to Texas voters is "I am the people's lawyer."

He said he claims to fight for the working class against big oil, big insurance and other "corpo-

rate and political elites who are rampaging against democracy."

"My job is to put government back in the hands of the people to serve them like it's suppose to," he said.

Van Os is a San Antonio attorney and graduate of the University of Texas at Austin Law School.

He is owner and senior attorney of David Van Os & Associates, a San Antonio firm of four attorneys concentrating in constitutional law, labor law and civil rights.

He has also been admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and every United States District Court in Texas.

In 2004 Van Os ran for a seat on the Texas Supreme Court.

Van Os is running against incumbent Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott in the Nov. 7 General Election.

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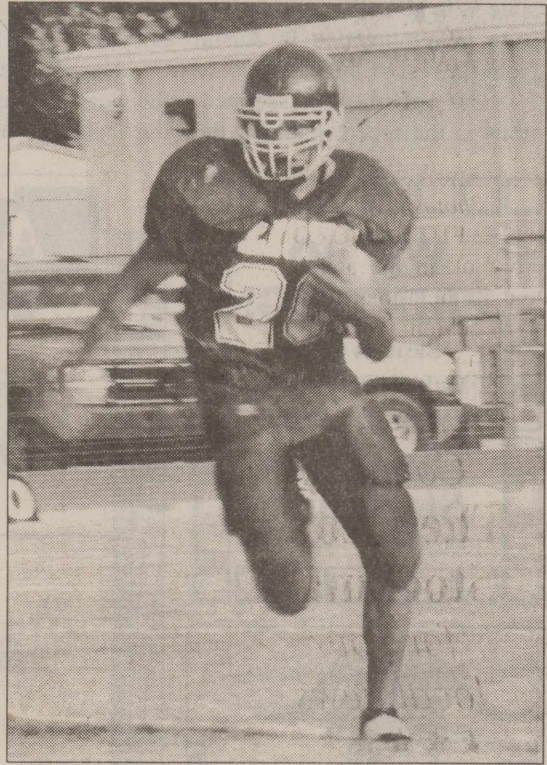
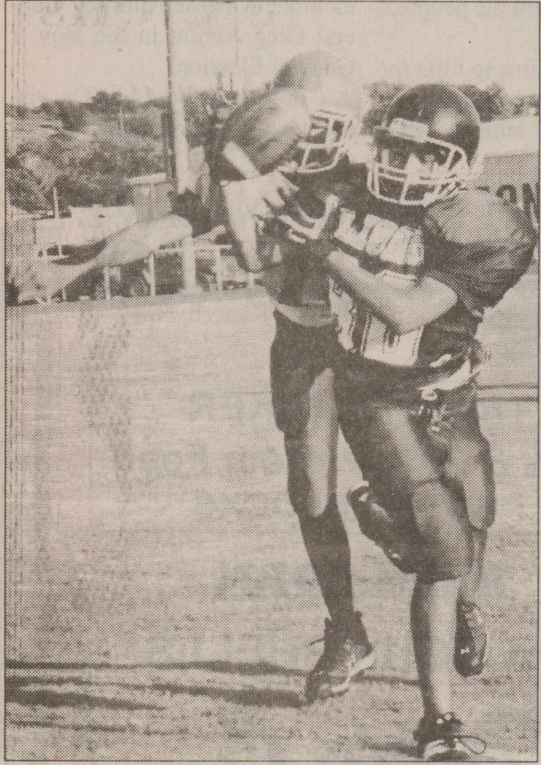
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Panthers are too much for JV Lions



MATIAS GANDAR (left) and **Fabian Onate** (right) look to clear a path for runner **Ben Flores** during the JV Lions Aug. 31 season opener against Fort Stockton at Lion Stadium.



DOUBLE LIONS: (left) **Jesse Ramos** looks to make a catch for the JV Lions while outrunning a Fort Stockton Panther. Right: **Felix Venegas** makes a run down the field for Ozona. Venegas was one of the top runners for the JV Lions early in the game against Fort Stockton. The JV Lions will take on the Iraan Braves at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Iraan.

Ozona unable to hold off Fort Stockton in season opener

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona JV Lions lost in their season opener, 12-30, to the Fort Stockton Panthers.

The Lions would start out strong three minutes into the first quarter when quarterback **Matthew Garza** ran for a 30-yard touchdown to put the Lions up 6-0.

It wouldn't take Fort Stockton long to answer as they scored with a minute left in the first quarter. The two-point conversion was good to put the Panthers up 8-6.

Fort Stockton would score again before the end of the half to put the Panthers at 15-6.

Garza would score again for

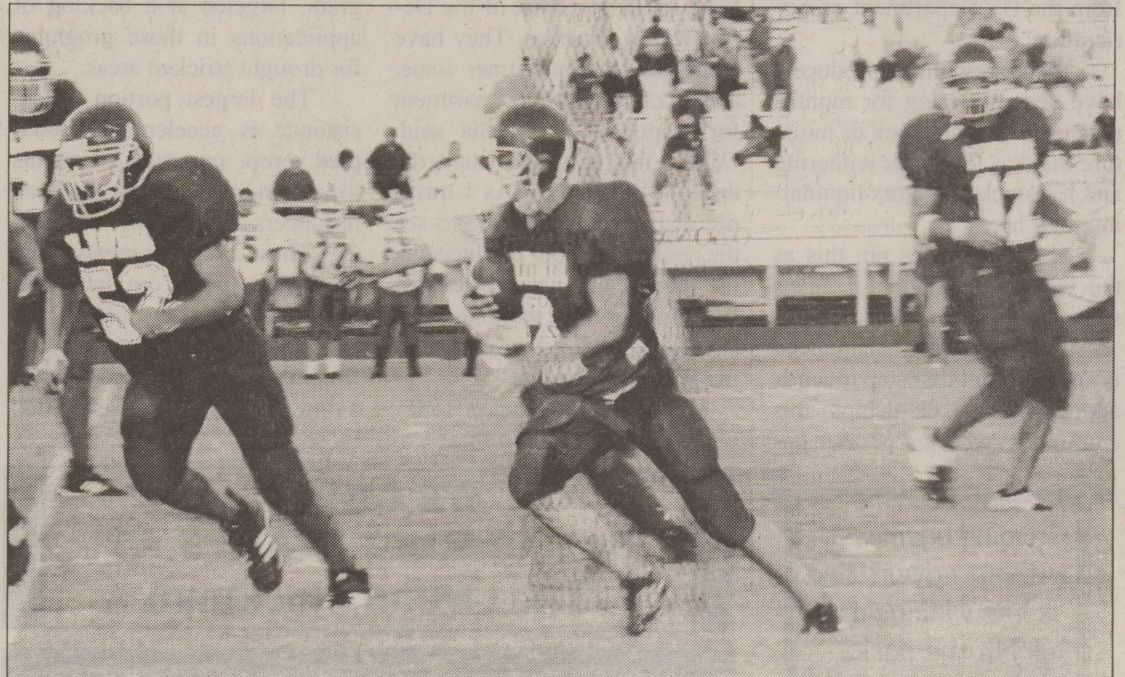
the Lions with 9:46 left in the game to put Ozona at 12-15.

The Panthers would answer back two more times to complete the game at 12-30.

Carrying the ball for the Lions on offense were **Ben Flores**, **Felix Venegas**, **Stanton Najar** and **Matias Gandar**.

Defensively, **Jesse Ramos**, **Najar**, **Garza** and **Gandar** all made interceptions for the Lions. Key tackles were also made by **Devon Deihl**, **Flores**, **Steven Silva**, **Matthew Komechak**, **Preston Tebbetts**, **Venegas**, **Najar**, **Johnny Flores**, **Ramos**, **Lane White**, **Lalo Longoria**, **Jordan Martinez** and **Fabian Onate**.

The Lions will take on the Iraan Braves at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Iraan.



STEVEN SILVA (left) looks to block for runner **Stanton Najar** while quarterback **Matthew Garza** (right) looks on. Garza scored two touchdowns for the Lions against Fort Stockton.

LIONS: Ozona faces Iraan Friday

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Long would once again find **Vargas**, late in the half for a 15-yard touchdown to put Ozona up 19-6 at the half.

However, the Panthers pounced back in the third quarter with two scoring drives.

Shea Sanchez would run the ball end for a four-yard touchdown, after the Panthers had clawed their way down the field.

Navarez would then connect with **Corral** for a 38-yard pass and the score to tie the game 19-19.

On the Lions' next possession, **Vargas** would go back to punt but decided to run instead toward the Fort Stockton 10-yard line.

Long would then run the ball in two plays later for the score to put Ozona up 25-19.

Fort Stockton was not finished yet. The Panthers would break through in the fourth quarter and score with **Corral** running the ball in 17-yards.

The extra point kick would be good sealing the Fort Stockton victory at 26-25.

Defensively, the Lions made several tackles including **Silva** who had 7 1/2 tackles, **Stevie Vargas** 6, **Levi Vargas** 5, **Long** 5 and **Josh Santos** 1 along with a causing a fumble and a fumble recovery.

The Lions are now 0-1. Ozona will take on the Iraan Braves this week.

"I look at the big picture. I'm looking to get ready for our first district game. If we win along the way, that's great," **Granger** said. "We need to get rid of the

things we are doing wrong and progress in the areas of job responsibilities."

The game starts at 8 p.m. Friday at Lion Stadium.

Fort Stockton 26, Ozona 25

SCORE BY QUARTERS:

Ozona 6 13 6 0 - 25
Fort Stockton 6 0 13 7 - 26

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter:
Fort Stockton - **Adrian Navarez** 71 pass from **Sergio Corral** (kick failed).

Ozona - **Calib Mitchel** 6 run (kick failed).

Second Quarter:
Ozona - **Ely Silva** 73 run (**Jose Galvan** kick).

Ozona - **Levi Vargas** 15 pass from **Jordan Long** (kick failed).

Third Quarter:
Fort Stockton - **Shea Sanchez** 4 run (**Aaron Castro** kick).

Fort Stockton - **Navarez** 38 pass from **Corral** (kick failed).

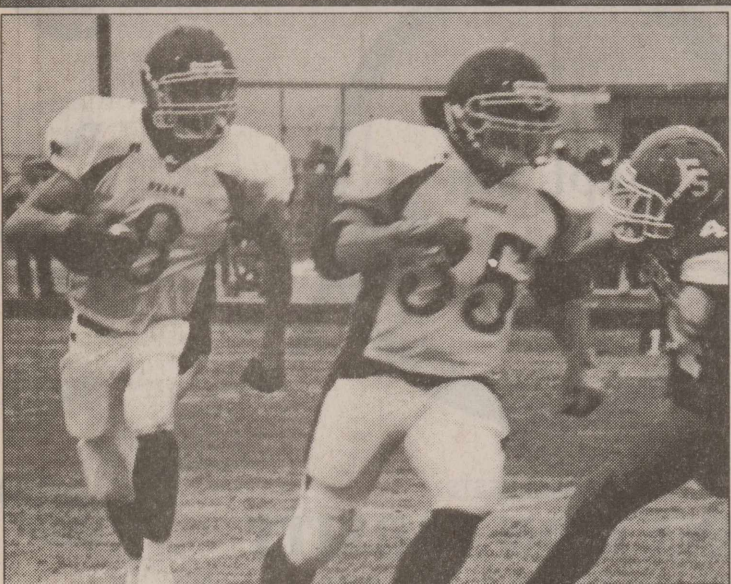
Ozona - **Long** 3 run (kick failed).

Fourth Quarter:
Fort Stockton - **Corral** 17 run (**Castro** kick).

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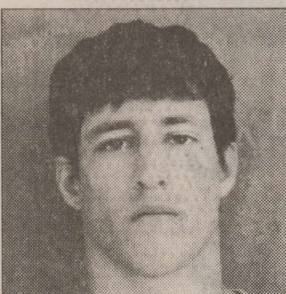
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| Total Yards | 233 | 331 |
| Rushes-Yards | 36-155 | 40-158 |
| Passing Yards | 78 | 173 |
| Passing | 7-12-0 | 9-14-0 |
| Punts-Avg | 4-29 | 2-26 |
| Penalties-Yards | 9-50 | 9-70 |

OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND JV LIONS WILL TAKE ON THE IRAAN BRAVES THURSDAY IN IRAAN. EIGHTH GRADE STARTS AT 5 P.M. AND JV AT 6:30 P.M. IN IRAAN

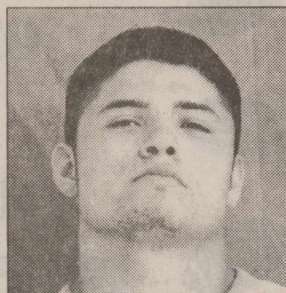


TOP: **Jose Galvan** (left), **Justin Maldonado** (center) and **Alex Ochoa** tackle a group of Panthers during Friday's Fort Stockton game. **BOTTOM:** **Caleb Mitchel** (#35) gets ready to block for **Levi Vargas** as he heads down the field. **Levi** would score one touchdown for the Lions as well as have five tackles on defense. The Ozona Lions will take on the Iraan Braves at 8 p.m. at Lion Stadium. This will be the first home game of the season.

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Levi Vargas
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Cross country teams win at Reagan County meet

Varsity Lions, middle school teams bring home championship

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions dominated at the Reagan County Invitational this past weekend in Big Lake.

The Varsity Lions won the meet, defeating Stanton, Christoval, Eldorado and Presidio.

Levi English placed second with a time of 16 minutes, 28 seconds. Ethan English was next at 12th place with 17:52.

The rest of the Lions that participated were: 17. Jesse Badillo, 18:07; 26. Lalo Longoria, 19:10; 27. Fabian Onate, 19:13; 38. Stanton Najjar, 20:00; 46. Wilson White, 21:21; 50. Josh Ramos, 22:16 and 51. Corey Kelley, 22:22.

The Varsity Lions are also ranked fourth in the state behind Holliday, Krum and Wall, according to the Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas.

The Varsity Lady Lion placed sixth in the meet. Other teams placing were: 1. Stanton; 2. Presidio; 3. Reagan County; 4. Garden City; 5. Christoval; 7. Forsan; 8. Iraan; 9. Rankin and 10. Reagan County.

Placing for the Lady Lions were: 10. Vicky Treto; 15. Vanessa Rodriguez; 25. Farran Wilson; 34. Sara Dorough; 55. Alex Cruz and 66. Brandyn Tebbets.

In the middle school division, the Lions won the meet defeating Irion County and Midland Classical Academy.

Placing for the Lions were: 2. Josh Gonzales, 12:37; 4. Aron Aguilera, 12:56; 11. David Perez, 14:44; 12. Andy Trevino, 15:11; 15. Kyle Dean, 15:23 and 17. Mark Gallardo, 15:29.

The middle school Lady Lions also won the meet defeating Irion County and Forsan.

Rebecca Ramos placed first with a time of 13:53. Right behind her was teammate Chelsea Moore who had a time of 13:58.

Also placing for the Lady Lions were: 7. Makayla Badillo, 15:07; 10. Melanie Miller, 15:31; 12. Maria Villarreal, 15:48; 35. Gabby Gutierrez, 19:13 and 38. Natalie Hernandez, 20:14.

The teams will be competing at the Concho Valley Classic Saturday at the Carlsbad Park near San Angelo.



Photos by Shona Moore

OZONA VARSITY LIONS won the Reagan County Invitational meet this past weekend. Those pictured are: (back row, left to right) Tate Collis, Fabian Onate, Wilson White, Levi English, Ethan English, Stanton Najjar and Coach Justin Holloway. Front row: (left to right) Corey Kelley, Jesse Badillo, Lalo Longoria, Josh Ramos and Roman Tambunga.



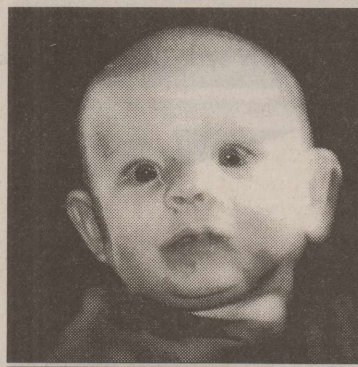
OZONA VARSITY LADY LIONS placed sixth at the Reagan County Invitational meet this past weekend. Those pictured are: (left to right) Vicky Treto, Farran Wilson, Vanessa Rodriguez, Coach John Jackson, Alex Cruz, Brandyn Tebbets and Sara Dorough.



OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL LIONS won the Reagan County Invitational meet this past weekend. Those pictured are: (back row, left to right) Abey Lara, Mark Gallardo, David Perez, Aron Aguilera, Josh Gonzales and Coach Justin Holloway. Front row: (left to right) Andy Trevino and Kyle Dean.



OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL LADY LIONS won the Reagan County Invitational meet this past weekend. Those pictured are: (back row, left to right) Makayla Badillo, Rebecca Ramos, Coach John Jackson, Chelsea Moore, Gabby Gutierrez and Natalie Hernandez. Front row: (left to right) Melanie Miller, Maria Villarreal and Alex Rodriguez.



Photos by Melissa Perner

THESE FUTURE OZONA LIONS took in the action Friday night as the Lions took on the Fort Stockton Panthers in Fort Stockton.

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Helping Hands pre-game spaghetti supper Friday

Helping Hands will be having their spaghetti supper at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 at the Civic Center.

Cost is \$5 for all you can eat. The menu will be spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, homemade bread, dessert and drink.

Come on by and enjoy a good meal for a good cause. Tickets will be sold by board members or you can call 392-5026.

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS or TAKS test, but who have met all other graduation requirements, may register to retake the necessary section(s).

Out-of-School retesters can register for the TAAS or TAKS retest by accessing <http://k12testing.tx.ncspearson.com> or by completing and submitting a paper registration form. Registration packets are available in the counselor's office at Ozona High School.

The appropriate registration form must be submitted online or returned in the preaddressed envelope and received in Austin, Texas, no later than 5:00 p.m. September 15, 2006.

Fly the Ozona Lions flag on Fridays

The Ozona Booster Club encourages all community businesses to show their Lion pride by placing their Lion flags outside on Fridays. If you don't have one, call 392-3200 and the Booster Club will get one to you. **GO LIONS!**



The Ozona Stockman Deadline is Monday at NOON

Big Lake Softball Tourney seeking entries

A men's/co-ed slow pitch softball tournament will take place Sept. 8 and 9 in Big Lake.

Entry fee is \$140. The deadline is Sept. 6 for entries.

For more information, call (325) 450-0211 or (325) 884-3626.

'All Aboard the Fan Bus to Van Horn'

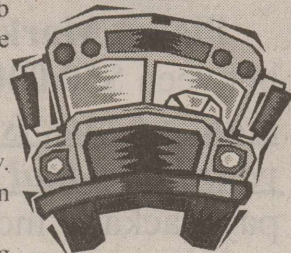
The Ozona Athletic Booster Club will be sponsoring a charter bus to the Van Horn football game.

The seats will be \$32 and sold on a first come, first serve basis.

The bus will leave on Friday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. It will depart from Davidson Gym.

No alcoholic beverages or smoking will be allowed on the bus. No refunds.

If you are interested please call Jerri Lynn Fierro at 392-5062



Western Pep Rally Friday

Dust off your boots and hats and join the Ozona Cheerleaders for the Western Pep Rally at 3:20 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 at the Davidson Gym.

Show your Lion Spirit by wearing purple on Friday and flying your Ozona Lions flags!

Youth Center Calendar of Events

Sept. 8 - YOUTH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOOTBALL GAME!

Sept. 11 - High School Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Sept. 14 - YOUTH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE FOOTBALL GAME; IT WILL OPEN AFTER THE GAME!

Sept. 15 - YOUTH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOOTBALL GAME!

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FIRE CHIEF BOB FALKNER (left) Lauren Lajar (center) and Michael Mitchell participated in the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department's "Fill the Boot" campaign on Monday. The money collected benefits the muscular dystrophy association.

CHAMBER: Tour of Devil's Sinkhole included with meeting

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A series of deep lakes are located at the base of the steep sloping sides of the breakdown mountain.

The Devil's Sinkhole was designated a National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service in 1971.

A large seasonal colony of Mexican Free-tailed Bats (April-October) inhabit the Devil's Sinkhole.

An estimated one to four million bats emerge each evening to forage for insects and return at dawn to their roosts within the chamber.

Bat Flight Observations are available by reservation by calling (830) 683-BATS or visiting the Rocksprings Visitor Center.

The Board's mission is "To create regional partnerships for promoting economic growth while preserving the unique cultural heritage of the region for present and future generations."

The Pecos Trail Region covers approximately 35,000 square miles and consists of 22 counties: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler.

Readers may learn more about the Texas Pecos Trail Region by visiting the regional web site: www.texaspecostrail.com.

In addition to providing regional and contact informa-

tion, this user-friendly site is designed to permit communities to enter tourism-related information (e.g., local attractions and events) on the website.

It also permits potential visitors to develop travel itineraries throughout the region.

It can be a powerful and effective marketing tool, if properly utilized. Chambers of Commerce, Main Street programs, and city and county governments are encouraged to make full use of this asset, at no charge, for the benefit of their communities.

For more information or to attend the board meeting or tour, you can RSVP with the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 325/392-3737.

Winners from the 14th annual Davy Crockett Days

SIDEWALK CHALK ART CONTEST WINNERS

Preschool - 1. Madison Castro; 2. Rainey Payne and 3. Shelby Galindo.

Age 5-7 - 1. Aliyah Guerra; 2. Jasmine Talamantez and 3. Kyle Lewis.

Age 7-9 - 1. Stephanie Salinas; 2. Madison Hubbard and 3. Madison Galindo.

Age 10-over - 1. Kyann Hernandez and 2. Rebecca Hernandez.

TORTILLA THROW

1. Shawn Davis; 2. Tommy Longoria and 3. Jordan Long

HULA HOOP CONTEST

1. Josh Porra; 2. Madison Hubbard and 3. Rebecca Hernandez

SACK RACE

Primary School - 1. Paige Lewis and 2. Kyle Lewis

Intermediate School - 1. Sean Porra; 2. Samantha De La Garza and 3. Aliyah Guerra

Middle School - 1. Tyler Vitela; 2. Miguel Vergara and 3. Shawn Davis

High School - 1. Matthew Payne; 2. Alex Ochoa and 3. John Tom Tijerina

BLIND MAN'S WHEELBARROW RACE

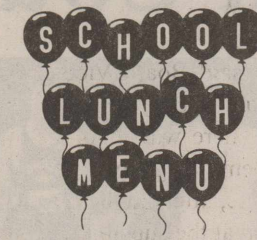
1. Brooke Tambunga & Paige Lewis and 2. John Tom Tijerina & Aliyah Guerra

RAFFLE WINNERS:

Earrings & Pendant from Carlie's - Melissa Perner; Sand Cross from Carlie's - Bernice Payne; \$25 Gift Certificate from Triple C - Adriana; Porcelain Wall Clock from Small Fashions - Sarah Lott; \$30 Gift Certificate from Petals & Pearls - Yolanda; Planter from Baskets & More - Terri Hernandez; \$25 Gift Certificate from Triple C - Lucy Ortiz; \$500 Cash Raffle Winner - Dianne Lott

We want to say a big Thank You to everyone who donated to the raffle and congratulations to all the winners!

E-mail the Stockman at publisher@ozonastockman.com



LUNCH MENU

Sept. 6 - Chickburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Cookie
 Sept. 7 - Pizza, Nachos, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit
 Sept. 8 - Pork Choppett, Green Beans, Gravy, Pineapple, Rolls
 Sept. 11 - Cowboy Stew, Peaches, Ice Cream, Creambread
 Sept. 12 - Nacho Supreme, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Pinto Beans
 Sept. 13 - Barbecue on Bun, Pork N Beans, Tator Tots, Cookie
 Sept. 14 - Com Dog, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli, Applesauce
 Sept. 15 - Chicken Nuggets, Corn, Gravy, Mixed Fruit
 Sept. 18 - Frito Pie, Refried Beans, Veg. Salad, Sliced Bread
 Sept. 19 - Soft Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Refried Beans, Cobbler
 Sept. 20 - Cheeseburger, Lettuce Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Cookies
 Sept. 21 - Chili Dog, Baked Beans, Cheese, Applesauce
 Sept. 22 - Chicken Fry, Green Beans, Gravy, Peaches, Rolls
 Sept. 25 - Chicken Spaghetti, Veg. Salad, Peas, Rolls
 Sept. 26 - Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Ranch Style Beans, Cake

Sept. 27 - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Cookie
 Sept. 28 - Pizza, Nachos, Baby Carrots, Pineapple
 Sept. 29 - Steakfingers, Corn, Gravy, Applesauce, Rolls

FAST FOOD

Sept. 6 - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Cookie
 Sept. 7 - Corn dog, Nachos, Baby Carrots, Mixed Fruit
 Sept. 8 - Cheeseburger, Lettuce Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries
 Sept. 11 - Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Veg. Salad, Peaches, Ice Cream
 Sept. 12 - Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Pinto Beans
 Sept. 13 - Chickburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Cookie
 Sept. 14 - Pizza, Nachos, Broccoli, Applesauce
 Sept. 15 - Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries
 Sept. 18 - Grilled Ham & Cheese Sand., Veg. Salad, Mixed Fruit
 Sept. 19 - Frito Pie, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Refried Beans, Cobbler
 Sept. 20 - Hamburger, Lettuce Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Cookies
 Sept. 21 - Barbeque on Bun., Baked Beans, Applesauce
 Sept. 22 - Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots
 Sept. 25 - Ham & Cheese Sand., Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Peaches
 Sept. 26 - Soft Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Ranch Style Beans
 Sept. 27 - Chickburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Cookie
 Sept. 28 - Corn Dog, Nachos, Baby Carrots, Pineapple
 Sept. 29 - Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served with milk, juice, muffin, toast and jelly. You may have your choice of one of the following items each day.

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| Sept. 6 - Chorizo & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal | Sept. 22 - Ham & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal |
| Sept. 7 - Breakfast Pizza or Cold Cereal | Sept. 25 - Beef & Bean Burrito or Cold Cereal |
| Sept. 8 - Ham & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal | Sept. 26 - Sausage & Biscuit or Cold Cereal |
| Sept. 11 - Beef & Bean Burrito or Cold Cereal | Sept. 27 - Sausage & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal |
| Sept. 12 - Sausage & Biscuit or Cold Cereal | Sept. 28 - Breakfast Pizza or Cold Cereal |
| Sept. 13 - Sausage & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal | Sept. 29 - Chorizo & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal |
| Sept. 14 - French Toast or Cold Cereal | |
| Sept. 15 - Ham & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal | |
| Sept. 18 - Beef & Bean Burrito or Cold Cereal | |
| Sept. 19 - Sausage & Biscuit or Cold Cereal | |
| Sept. 20 - Sausage & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal | |
| Sept. 21 - Pancake or Cold Cereal | |



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THANK YOU FROM THE OZONA COMMUNITY CENTER!

The 14th annual Davy Crockett Festival was a big success and we owe it all to you!

We also want to say a HUGE thank you to the Knights of Columbus for being our co-sponsor this year! We couldn't have done it with you!

We also want to say a special thanks to the employees of Crockett County who worked so hard to prepare the park for the Festival. They assisted with set-up and provided equipment to assist us. Thank you also to Jesse Fierro for being at the Festival all day to help us with whatever we needed!

We also want to thank the following for their donations and contributions to this year's Festival:

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OHS Cheerleaders and sponsor Karen Huffman for running the kids game pavilion. Ya'll did an awesome job!

OHS Colorguard and the Levis and Lace Square Dancers for their performances at the entertainment stage.

The Crockett County Public Library for having their Poker Run and Bike Show during the Festival - it was a great addition to the activities!

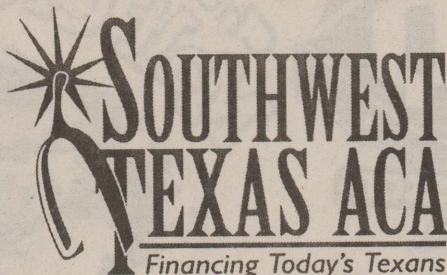
The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department for cooling everyone off with Water Polo!

We also want to thank the Ozona Chamber of Commerce for turning the Festival over to the Ozona Community Center this year. We also want to thank Shanon Biggerstaff for her help and guidance this year; it was invaluable. And of course, we want to thank everyone who came out to the 14th annual Davy Crockett Festival - we hoped you enjoyed it!

Life In The Country It Doesn't Get Any Better

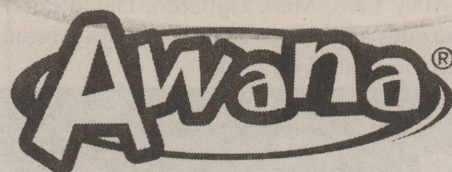
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BOARD: Input gathered on substitute teacher pay

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New computers will be purchased for the labs every three to four years, while the older lab computers will be rotated into classrooms, said Coty Tidwell, technology director.

"The computers in the labs right now are good machines, and they can be very beneficial in the classroom and still be very functional for years to come," Tidwell said. "It's actually an upgrade for what the classrooms have now."

Input on increasing substitute teacher pay was also discussed at the meeting.

Gott said that while administration, not the board, approves the pay, he wanted the board's input on paying uncertified substitutes \$50, certified substitutes who work less than 10 days for one teacher \$75 and certified substitutes who work more than 10 days for one teacher \$100.

Currently the pay is \$55 for certified substitutes who work less than 10 days for one teacher and \$75 for more than 10 days.

The board discussed how the pay for the certified substitutes does need to be increased at times when teachers are out for long periods, such as maternity leave or serious illness.

"I just feel like the kids need to be kept up to speed. This can be better for the kids," said board member Tom Anderson.

"I don't blame them for not wanting \$55 a day," Sims added.

When a teacher is out for six weeks, the substitute takes over the responsibility for giving grades, holding parent conferences and often making lesson

plans, Gott said.

"We have a small pool to draw from for certified teachers," said Board Vice President Laurie Hale.

There was a concern about implementing this new salary change, after teachers have been told that the substitute deduction for this year will be \$50.

Teachers are given five days from the state and five days from the district where substitute pay is not deducted. The five days within the district must be used within the year, or the teacher will lose them.

"Teachers get a certain salary and they budget themselves so. If they are anticipating a long term absence that's one thing, but if they're not how can we chop them off at the knees," Buie said.

"We need to be sure everyone understands what happens," Hale added. "We deduct them \$50 and then change it next year, but perhaps we could still raise the pay this year."

Another suggestion on the teacher sick leave days was looking into starting a sick leave bank, Gott said.

Each employee would donate a day and if a person has a catastrophic event then that person could apply for some additional days.

Hale said that the district should look and see what other schools in the area are doing.

High school principal Dan Webb and intermediate school principal Manley Holmes both said finding certified substitutes is difficult, but that it's important when teachers are going to be for

a long period of time.

"It's a difference in daylight and water," Holmes said. "It makes a difference in the outcome of those kids."

Gott said attendance in both teachers and students is important as well, especially with schools trying to aim for 97 percent attendance in students.

Middle school principal Doug Guynes said in a survey that was done about a year ago, Crockett County's substitute teacher pay was higher than some and not as high as others within the area.

"As long as the kids are doing well, not losing ground then we are better off with a certified teacher," said board member Dwight Childress.

"The only time that I see this as a major thing is when a teacher is out for a significant amount of time," Gott added.

Next year, teachers will know ahead of time about the changes, but since this year has started it's best not to change what is being deducted, Gott said.

However, the district does need to pay more this year, Gott said.

Other agenda items approved:

- Request from the Crockett County 4-H program to obtain adjunct faculty status as well as sanctioned extracurricular activity.

- Repeal of all previously adopted policies and adoption of (LOCAL) policies as prepared by TASB Policy Service.

- Approval of TASB Localized Policy Manual Update #78.

AGENDA FOR TONIGHT'S, SEPT. 6, CALLED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

- Update on bond information - discussion on information that the board requested from the superintendent to obtain, such as how a bond would affect our school district, how it affects taxes, what can bond money be used for.
- Discussion and approval to request proposals/bids for a new roof at the primary school.
- Approval of budget amendments to the 2005-2006 budget.

Meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Sept. 6 at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.

The Stockman DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

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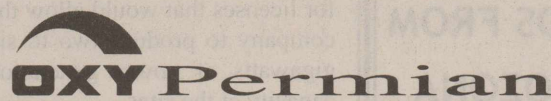
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES - TERRELL COUNTY

Oxy Permian, the largest oil producer in Texas, currently has several employment opportunities in Terrell County, in Texas, which are highlighted below. Oxy believes in the future of the Permian Basin and the continuation of its prolific

production history. Our strength is leveraging secondary and tertiary recovery technologies to maximize production from existing wells; we lead the industry in active CO2 floods in the basin. Our gross operated production has grown to over 200,000 bopd. We are actively involved in the West Texas communities where we live and work. Oxy Permian offers challenging and exciting career opportunities right here in the Permian Basin. All positions require applicants to be a high school graduate or higher, a strong team player, have working skills in Microsoft Office Products, and to have applicable oil and gas experience as required by the position.

WORKOVER/COMPLETION SPECIALIST - Job Posting # 2733

The Workover/Completions Specialist is responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, and supervising well servicing, workover, and completions activities. Position is also responsible for performing root cause failure analysis, and recommending solutions for downhole problems. Duties include performing rig coordination, supervision, and safety inspections; completing timely and accurate documentation of well work performed within appropriate software program; tracking well service and material costs, assisting in managing downhole budget, and seeking cost reduction and efficiency enhancement methods; working closely with cross-functional team to ensure maximum production and injection efficiency and to reduce failures and problem wells. (Job is based at Oxy's Terrell plant 32 miles south of Sheffield, Texas on Hwy. 349).

Requirements include:

- 5+ years directly related experience
- Demonstrated ability and experience to coordinate and supervise well servicing activities
- Demonstrated project management skills and experience in planning, scheduling, organizing and supervising well servicing equipment
- Knowledgeable of best practices in well pulling, well repair and stimulation
- Experience in performing root cause failure analysis and working economic evaluations
- Knowledgeable of chemical treatment options and familiarity with downhole pump and equipment products and associated applications

PRODUCTION TECH - Job Posting # 2732

Operation, surveillance, and troubleshooting oilfield surface equipment. This includes validating and inputting production data, performing preventative maintenance, minor maintenance, and minor repairs on equipment, reporting spills and leaks, initiating process for major equipment repairs, serving as a company representative for the sale of oil, gas, and condensate, and coordinating abandonment of facilities. (Job will be based from the Parkenham field office, approximately 26 miles South of Sheffield, Texas on Hwy 2400).

Requirements include:

- 3+ years of oil field production experience.
- Requires proficient skills in the operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of basic production facility equipment (i.e., separators, heater treaters, FWKO, LACT and VRUs)
- Demonstrated ability to review and analyze production trends and determine appropriate action to remedy problems
- Demonstrated ability to troubleshoot mechanical problems and perform root cause failure analysis
- Experience in repairing minor mechanical problems and performing preventative maintenance
- Ability to work rotating shifts

HEALTH/ENVIRONMENTAL/SAFETY (HES) SPECIALIST - Job Posting # 2734

This position is the focal point for integrating HES practices and policies into daily operations of a cross-functional team which includes operations and engineering. Responsibilities include: developing and implementing new and existing programs designed to promote improved HES performance, audits and assessments, training, emergency response planning, internal and external reporting, conducting investigations, record-keeping, land owner relations, site remediation, focal point for regulatory and other government agencies and conducting team safety meetings. (Job is based at Oxy's Terrell plant 32 miles south of Sheffield, Texas on Hwy. 349).

Requirements include:

- 5+ years of working knowledge of oilfield production operations.
- Awareness of regulatory requirements at the federal, state and local levels.
- Demonstrated proactive attitude for personal safety and the safety of co-workers and the public.
- Experience in company safety and environmental programs.
- Effective interpersonal skills, with the ability to influence behaviors to create a safer working environment
- Solid communication skills (written and verbal)
- Ability to work with employees, contractors, land owners, city officials.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - Job Posting # 2735

This position will provide administrative support for our field and plant operations. Duties include creating documents, spreadsheets, and presentations using MS Office products, creating and running reports, ordering supplies, inputting payroll information, administering paykeys, processing invoices, inputting information into DIMS, doing TRRC reporting and allocations, scheduling meetings, processing travel & entertainment statements, and handling mail. (Job will be based from the Parkenham field office, approximately 26 miles South of Sheffield, Texas on Hwy 2400).

Requirements include:

- Proficient knowledge of PC tools (Microsoft Products, Word, Excel, etc.)
- Excellent organizational skills - able to manage & prioritize numerous responsibilities and effective work under minimal supervision
- Highly effective team player with excellent interpersonal skills
- Proficient in basic data extraction and data manipulation tasks
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- Proficient experience in applications relating to payroll and invoice processing.

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

| CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT | # OF CALLS |
|--|------------|
| Abandoned/impounded vehicles | 1 |
| Animal control, Livestock Complaints | 3 |
| Civil Complaints | 1 |
| Civil Service | 1 |
| Courtesy Transports | 3 |
| Criminal Activity Complaints | 13 |
| Disturbances, Domestic, Loud Noise etc. | 14 |
| Juvenile Complaints | 3 |
| Locked Vehicles | 4 |
| 911 Medical, Fire Calls | 6 |
| Motorist Assistance | 2 |
| Reckless driving/speeding complaints | 3 |
| Security Alarms | 3 |
| Sheriff's Office/Jail Admin | 11 |
| State/County Road Calls | 2 |
| Suspicious Persons/Vehicles | 2 |
| Welfare/gas/food | 4 |
| Vehicle Accidents | 1 |
| Traffic Citations Issued | 6 |

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS: It is against the law to aid, harbor, or assist in preventing arrest/apprehension of a person with Felony warrants.

TRAFFIC NOTES: Our small town has a large amount of unsafe drivers operating vehicles among us.

- Racing the Yellow light, to avoid stopping for a red light,
- Unsafe passing of vehicles on the right side at 1 lane intersections,
- Not stopping for school buses w/red flashing lights,
- Parking in the middle of streets to unload/pickup school kids,
- Parking along fire hydrants, in handicap spaces, & blocking driveways

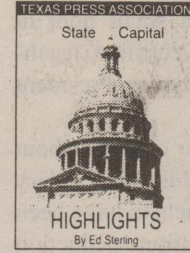
Please be watchful for these unsafe drivers, we can not catch them all at once but eventually their bad driving habits will lead them to traffic citations.

ARREST REPORT
8-29-06
 • Kevin Randall Murrish, 31, of California was arrested by DPS Troopers for unauthorized use of motor vehicle and possession of controlled substances. Subject remains in custody.

8-31-06
 • Rene Salinas, 36, of Lamesa, was transferred from Ector County by sheriff's deputy for failure to appear on felony DWI. Subject remains in custody.

OFFENSE REPORT
8-31-06
 • A criminal mischief over \$50 and less than \$500 was filed by a citizen reporting that person(s) slashed vehicle tires sometime during the night of Aug. 31 in the 400 block of Avenue G, investigation continues.

Candidates have their own take on TAKS test



AUSTIN - Now that the kids are back in school, gubernatorial candidates are talking about what they would do to improve education.

Candidates focused on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS.

Incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Perry seems to be saying TAKS matches the curriculum, things are fine the way they are, and stick with the program.

Democrat Chris Bell said TAKS should be a diagnostic tool to help schools get an idea of students' academic strengths and weaknesses, but not to be the keystone to public education in Texas.

Independent candidate Kinky Friedman has one of the bolder ideas, which would be to kill TAKS, the test students must pass to advance at intervals in the elementary and secondary grades, and finally, to graduate.

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, also running as an independent, wants kids to take TAKS at the beginning of the school year rather than at the end, so teachers can get an early assessment and make needed adjustments.

She also wants to give teachers a \$4,000 a year raise, bring back a \$1,000 health care stipend taken away by the Legislature and offer high school graduates tuition-free junior college.

Plans made for nuclear plants
 Dallas-based TXU Corp. on Aug. 31 announced plans to build one to three new nuclear power plants in Texas.

TXU will file applications for the plants with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for licenses that would allow the company to produce two to six gigawatts of power generation capacity at the sites.

The applications will be filed by 2008, and if approved, the power plants would be up and running between 2015 and 2020, according to a company news release.

Part of the plan is to increase capacity at the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant near Glen Rose.

Students' math scores improve
 Students improved their math scores but received lower reading scores this year on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Texas Education Agency announced in an Aug. 29 news release.

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"The average math score of the 129,784 Texas students enrolled in public and private schools who took the SAT was 506 out of a possible 800. That compares to a score for Texans of 502 in 2005.

"While the Texas score showed improvement, it fell short of the national average math score of 518. Nationally, math scores dropped two points in 2006," the TEA said.

New biodiesel plant to open
 This month, Hawaii-based Pacific Biodiesel Inc. is bringing online Willie Nelson's vision: a biodiesel fuel plant in Carl's Corner, the truckstop about 60 miles south of Dallas.

The plant will process locally produced cottonseed oil and used cooking oil to make the fuel, B20. The plant is designed to make 3 million gallons of B20 a year.

Nelson has long promoted biodiesel as a way to reduce the nation's dependency on fossil fuels and to create a new revenue stream for family farms.

Drought relief loans to come
 Texas will get a share of a \$780 million pot the U.S. Department of Agriculture will divide up to give farmers drought relief. But Texas' share won't be much compared with the \$4 billion in crop and livestock losses this year in the Lone Star State.

Relief will come to qualified farmers and ranches in the form of low-interest loans capped at \$500,000.

Best behavior urged for drivers

The Texas Department of Public Safety planned to have officers out in force over the long Labor Day weekend.

No one can afford a ticket for drunken driving: the penalty is a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to 20 years in jail.

Last year, DPS troopers arrested 751 people for driving while intoxicated during the Labor Day weekend.

AG launches anti-violence effort

Attorney General Greg Abbott and the Texas Council on Family Violence launched the public awareness program "Red Flags: Know When to Raise Them."

The program is offered to "help young Texans form healthy relationships by learning to detect and deter date-related violence."

DPS seeking new recruits

The Department of Public Safety is now accepting applications for anyone interested in becoming a state trooper.

The next recruit school will start Jan. 21, 2007, in Austin. The application deadline for Texas residents is Sept. 22 and Sept. 15 for out-of-state applicants.

"Our goal is to attract outstanding men and women who want to serve as the first line of defense for the citizens of Texas," said DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. "Thanks to the Legislature, our salaries are more competitive with larger police agencies."

"Diversity is important to DPS. We encourage minorities and women to consider a law enforcement career with the Department," said DPS Recruiting Coordinator Lt. Phillip Ayala.

Graduates are initially assigned as uniformed officers in one of several services. After gaining experience, troopers can compete for a variety of assignments in the Texas Highway Patrol, Criminal Law Enforcement, Driver License, Administration and Texas Ranger divisions.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 20 years of age and have completed 90 hours of college credit. Law enforcement, jailer or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement.

Each applicant's background will be carefully scrutinized, including prior criminal history. They will also be required to submit to a polygraph examination, psychological examination and physical readiness test. DPS is an equal opportunity employer.

Information is available through a toll-free number, 1-866-TXTROOP (898-7667), that rings directly into the recruiting office at DPS Headquarters in Austin.

Additional information is accessible on the DPS Web site, http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/trainingacademy/Trooper_Trainee/traineelinks.htm and application packets can be picked up at any DPS office.

Driver's license office has moved

The Ozona driver's license office has moved to the conference room at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

The entrance is on the south side of the building. The office is open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. every Wednesday.

The new location is spacious and will provide more comfort to the public.

The driver's license examiners come from San Angelo.

Sgt. Osiel Games is over the local office.

The Ozona DPS office will have driver's license, motorcycle, CDL study manuals and various other forms that can be picked up anytime.

The Ozona DPS office is a 24-hour facility available for any emergency or to answer questions.

For more information on the driver's license office, call Games (325) 223-6903.

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***Crockett County**

| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|--------------------------|-------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Willco Oil & Gas Exp | 15000 | Brown Ranch #139-#2 | Grey Wolf Drilling A 39 | Assigned |
| New Exl Petroleum Lp | 11000 | Arlidge #408 | Lariat Services Ode 22 | Run Casing 671' |
| Approach Operating | 9000 | Universityffans #2501 | Nabors Drilling (O) 347 | Assigned |
| Approach Operating | 9000 | J R Bailey -A- #513 | Nabors Drilling (O) 347 | Drig Ahead |
| New Anadarko E & P Co Lp | 9000 | Laura Hoover Estate -528-#28 | Patterson Drilling A 122 | Drig Ahead |
| Apache Corp Tulsa | 8000 | Henderson Tract #2401 | Patterson Drilling A 169 | Drig Ahead |
| New Tona Oil & Gas Co M | 6100 | Hallie Black -3a- #8 | Sand Dollar Drilling A 271 | Drig Ahead |
| New Teles Operating | 3999 | Shannon Ranch -3- #5 | Sand Dollar Drilling 23 | Drig Ahead |
| Momentum Energy | 1050 | Chambers County #403 | Hope Drilling 1 | Logging |
| Momentum Energy | 1050 | Chambers County #405 | Hope Drilling 1 | Assigned |

***Sutton County**

| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|-------------------------|------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 9650 | Brown Ranch -A139- #2 | Patterson Drilling A 39 | Assigned |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 9650 | Joe Friend Estate -A- #925 | Patterson Drilling A 120 | Drig Ahead |
| New Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 9500 | Morris Brothers Ranch -C77-#2 | Patterson Drilling A 120 | Assigned |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 9500 | Johannsen -A80- #3 | Patterson Drilling A 704 | Assigned |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 9150 | Duke Wilson -176-#11 | Patterson Drilling A 704 | Drig Ahead |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 8975 | Hicks -23- #12 | Patterson Drilling A 122 | Drig Ahead |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 8690 | Tom Mitchell -2- #9 | Patterson Drilling A 108 | Drig Ahead |
| New Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 8600 | Mayer -36- #13 | Patterson Drilling A 122 | Assigned |
| New Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 8550 | E S Hill-Mayer Jr -C- #5 | Patterson Drilling A 742 | Assigned |
| New Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 8500 | Mayer -15- #18 | Patterson Drilling A 108 | Assigned |
| New Mariner Energy | 8300 | Mayer #12a | Patterson Drilling A 102 | Mixing On |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 7350 | Ward #71 | Patterson Drilling A 115 | Drig Ahead |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 7250 | Canon Ranch #9213b | Patterson Drilling A 105 | Assigned |
| New Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 7250 | Ward #75 | Patterson Drilling A 115 | Assigned |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 7150 | Canon Ranch #92-14b | Patterson Drilling A 105 | Drig Ahead |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 6975 | Canon Ranch #2083b | Patterson Drilling A 161 | Drig Ahead |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 6950 | Canon Ranch #2084a | Patterson Drilling A 161 | Assigned |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 6675 | Rip Hill-Ward -B- #1-3 | Patterson Drilling A 107 | Drig Ahead |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 6500 | Reed -100-#25 | Patterson Drilling A 40 | Drig Ahead |
| New Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 6400 | Reed -100-#26 | Patterson Drilling A 40 | Assigned |
| New Range Production Co | 5000 | W A Myers #20 | Patterson Drilling A 42 | Drig Ahead |

***Schleicher County**

| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|--------------------------|------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| New Approach Operating | 9650 | Romucha #1325 | Patterson Drilling A 39 | Assigned |
| Dominion Ok Tx E&P | 8750 | Ryan -19- #2 | Patterson Drilling A 742 | Drig Ahead |
| Pogo Producing Co | 6900 | Deibi-Jones #5 | Heart Land Drilling 2 | Drig Ahead 5835' |
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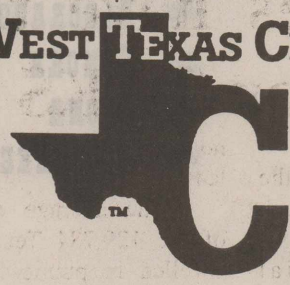
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| Prime Operating Mid | 9000 | South Siles Sprabery Unit | Adobe Drilling Mulesk | Drig Ahead 8365' |
| Mariner Energy | 9000 | University -25- #71m | Lariat Services Ode 13 | Drig Ahead 7412' |
| New Mariner Energy | 9000 | Hartgrove -B- 21m | Lariat Services Ode 16 | Drig Ahead 8536' |
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| Pioneer Natural Inv | 8260 | Merchant Unit #3222k | Mattlock Drilling 2 | Drig Ahead 7266' |

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| New Newfield | 15000 | Poulier #3403 | Patterson Drilling A 118 | Mixing On |
| Encoro O & C Dallas | 12500 | Cuthbertson -18- #5 | Nabors Drilling (O) 57 | Drig Ahead |
| ConocoPhillips Odes | 12500 | Independence -13- #2 | Patterson U G L 481 | Drig Ahead 9837' |
| Encoro Operating Lp | 12200 | Banner Estate #50 H | Nabors Drilling (O) 641 | Drig Ahead |
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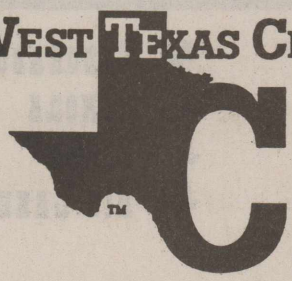
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