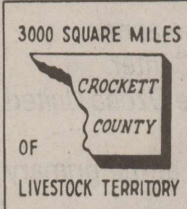


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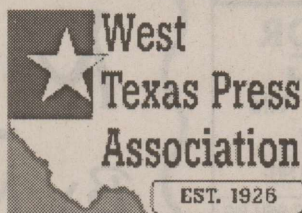
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<b>Wednesday</b>	
High 93	Low 63
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High 88	Low 63
Partly Cloudy	
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High 82	Low 62
Partly Cloudy	
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High 87	Low 63
Partly Cloudy	
<b>Sunday</b>	
High 88	Low 65
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## One sentenced, another arrested in drug bust

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
 Editor and Publisher

Another arrest was made last week in the two-year drug investigation, while one man was sentenced to prison in district court.

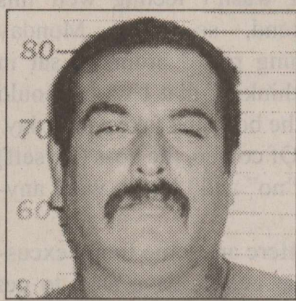
Jimmy Roland Sanchez was arrested in Odessa on Sept. 19 and transferred to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

He is charged with delivery of a controlled substance. Sanchez is now the 24th person to be arrested in what is the result of a two and a half year investigation coordinated by Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

Earlier this month, a Crockett County Grand Jury issued 35



**JIMMY ROLAND SANCHEZ**



**LUIS ROBERTO PEREZ**

sealed indictments ordering the arrest of 27 people for selling drugs in Ozona. Three still have warrants out for their arrest.

Also last week, Luis Roberto Perez, 35, pled guilty in district court and was sentenced to seven

years in prison.

Perez was one of 23 people that were arrested Sept. 13 in the drug investigation.

Perez pled guilty to two counts of delivery of a controlled substance. One of the incidents

occurred on Feb. 14 and the other occurred on May 12, according to court documents.

Both offenses are third-degree felonies, which are punishable up to 10 years in prison with a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Perez was sentenced by District Judge Brock Jones to seven years in prison for each charge, with both charges to run concurrent.

District attorneys Laurie K. English and Stephen Smith prosecuted the case. Perez's defense lawyer was Gonzalo Rios.

The arrests are all related to the sale of dangerous drugs, such as marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine. The charges range

from state jail to second-degree felonies, which mean if convicted punishment can range from two to 20 years.

Law enforcement agents started an undercover sting of drug traffickers in July 2004 in Crockett County.

Those assisting the Crockett County Sheriff's Department, Reagan County Kirk Pullig, Texas Ranger Brooks Long, 112th District Attorney Laurie English, Val Verde County Sheriff's Office, agents of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and federal prosecutors.

Also on Sept. 13, Upton County arrested 30 people on drug-related charges.

## Lions grab Badgers by the tail

*Ozona recovers McCamey's fumbles to secure win*

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
 Editor and Publisher

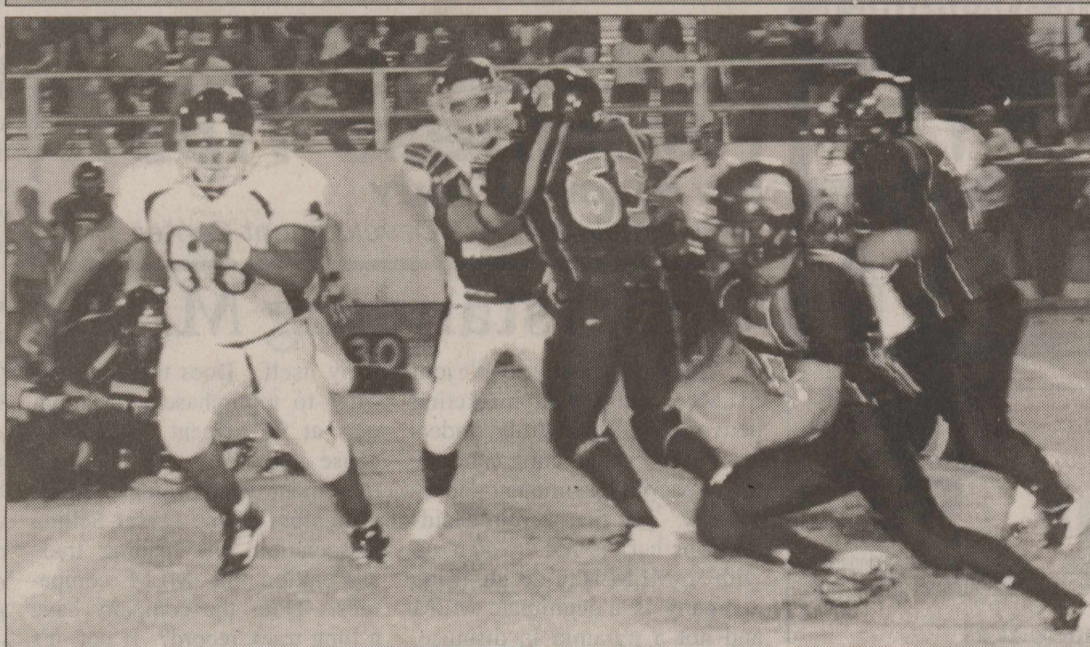
**MCCAMEY** - As the clock ticked down during the fourth quarter of the Ozona Lions game against the McCamey Badgers, the two stars that emerged were ones that didn't even get across the goal line.

Seniors Levi Vargas and Matthew Payne managed to recover key fumbles to help Ozona keep their narrow lead and get the 26-21 victory Friday night.

It would then be up to the Ozona defense to keep the Badgers at bay. With the pressure building, and the clock ticking, the fumbles recovered by Levi Vargas and Payne became the key plays in stopping McCamey from scoring again.

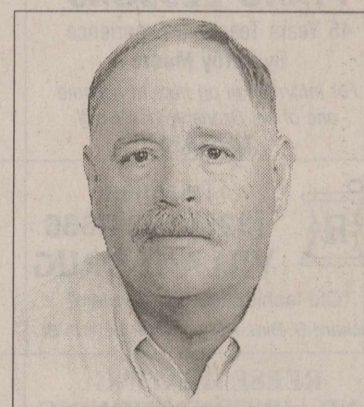
"The San Angelo paper stated that McCamey fumbled away the win. I say our defense knocked the fire out of the Badgers giving us the win," said Coach Benny Granger. "McCamey was a stronger team than we anticipated and much of this was due to them getting their quarterback David Mooney back on the team. He was a very strong kid that was tough to tackle. He allowed them to do much more than they had shown in previous games. I was proud of our kids for being physical enough to

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**TOP:** CALEB MITCHEL (right) runs the ball down the field as Matt Turland blocks a McCamey Badger. Mitchel would score a touchdown for the Lions in the third quarter. **BOTTOM:** MATTHEW PAYNE looks to stop a McCamey player. Payne would recover one of two key fumbles in the fourth quarter to keep the Lions ahead for the 26-21 victory.

Photos by Joe Hernandez



## Taliaferro announces candidacy for county attorney

The Crockett County Democratic Party announces the nomination of Steve Taliaferro as the Democratic Candidate for Crockett County Attorney.

Steve is a native of Ozona and graduated from high school here. He received a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas. Steve is licensed to practice law in Texas and Missouri and has been practicing law for 24 years. He was the Winkler County Attorney for 7 1/2 years. Steve has practicing in Ozona for the past 5 years.

Steve brings his long experience with handling criminal cases to the office of Crockett County Attorney. The County Attorney is primarily responsible for prosecuting misdemeanor criminal cases for the county and prior experience is ordinarily very helpful and in the case of Crockett County, vital because of the great back log of cases.

Steve was appointed by the Crockett County Commissioner's. Please see **ATTORNEY** page 9

## A 'spacious' bus Crockett County EMS receives new ambulance

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
 Editor and Publisher

Organization and storage are two key elements ambulance personnel need when on emergency calls.

The Crockett County EMS now has a new ambulance that seems to fit the bill.

The vehicle, purchased with county funds as approved by the commissioner's court, is not any larger than the other two ambulances the EMS currently has, but the way it was built has created more areas for storage.

"It's spacious," said EMS member Leesa Marshall.

The EMS had a "Meet the Ambulance night" on Sept. 18 at the

EMS barn. County officials, EMS members and DPS personnel attended the event.

The new bus was designed by EMS member Dee Keilers, and is filled with storage throughout the inside and outside.

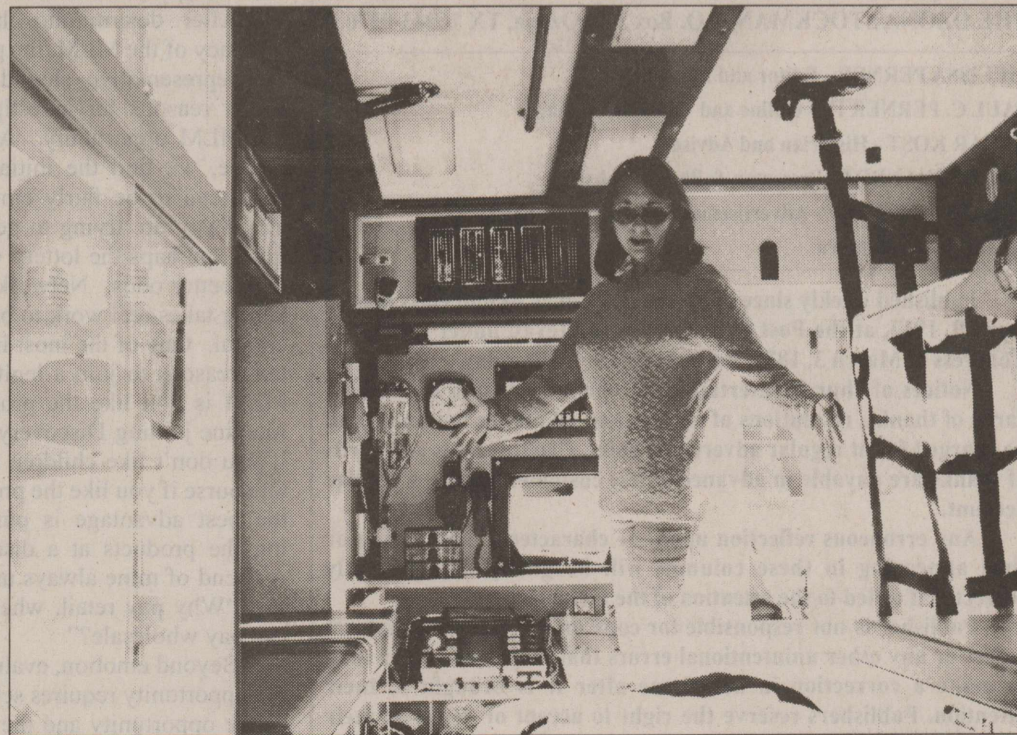
"It took out the wasted space," Marshall said.

"This is uniquely our own," added Vonda Flanagan, EMS member.

The new ambulance has the capability to hold three minor-injured patients and two critically-injured patients.

The older ambulances can only hold up to two minor-injured and one critical.

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**VONDA FLANAGAN** shows how two critical patients and three patients with minor injuries can be treated in the new Crockett County EMS ambulance.

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# Formation of bond committee approved at school board meeting

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
Editor and Publisher

The formation of a new facilities committee was approved. Now, it's time to select the members.

During the Sept. 20 regular meeting of the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees, the board approved to form a facilities committee to look at putting together a bond for district improvements.

The committee will be made up of all the school board members, a representative from each school campus and members of the community.

Board members will make recommendations of who they think should serve on the committee to Superintendent Abe Gott. Gott will then contact the people recommended about serving.

"We need to cover all the aspects of the community that we

can," Gott said. "We need people you think will be willing to serve and seriously look at the issues and make a recommendation."

During the past few weeks, the board has had several discussions on what facilities need improvements. Members of the board also took a look at some of the campuses that need repairs.

Some areas include new windows in the Heritage Building at the high school, a new roof for the primary school, new buses, new computers and improvements to the field house and concession stand. The board has also talked about building a new school to combine the intermediate and primary schools.

Gott said he didn't know how many meetings the facilities committee will have. The board is aiming to get the bond together to be voted on by May.

In his superintendent's report, Gott said the district is

planning on installing some railings in the middle of the Lion Stadium steps on the home side by homecoming.

The board also looked at the overview of the school FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) report. CCCSD received a superior rating, which is the highest rating.

The board agreed on a clarification of the 2006-2007 Property Casualty Insurance for three years.

The board also approved Menard Special Education Cooperative Special Education Shared Services Arrangement Agreement.

During a special called meeting on Monday, the board approved bids on property located on Monterey Street.

The next regular scheduled school board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Administration Building at 797 Avenue D.

# AMBULANCE: New vehicle has storage compartments everywhere

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Before, EMS personnel would have two tackle boxes full of supplies that sat wherever there was room.

Now, there is a storage location that is climate controlled for medications, areas for supplies, three sections for oxygen and storage underneath the two bench seats.

Storage is also located on the outside of the vehicle, for the backboards and immediate use supplies.

The storage compartments are also accessible from the inside and outside.

There is also an automatic lift for replacing the large oxygen tank that the ambulance carries.

"This is going to save on a lot of back problems," Flanagan said.

Treto's welding built the custom bumper for the new unit.

The ambulance will be used as the first response on a 9-1-1 emergency call, while the other

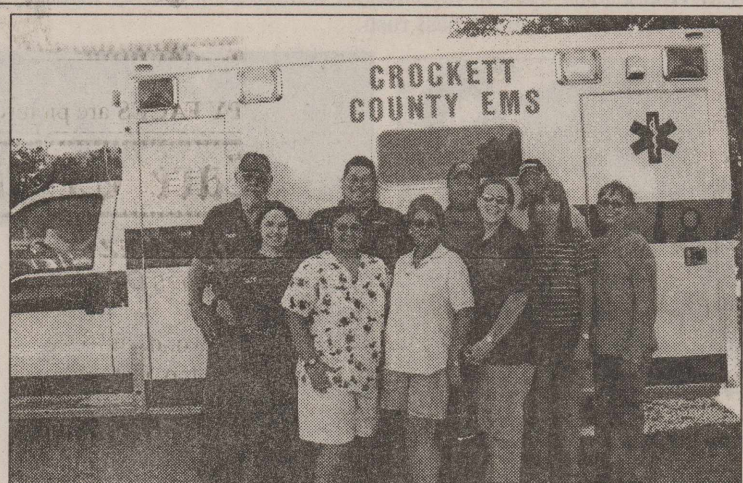


Photo by Melissa Perner

**MEMBERS OF THE CROCKETT COUNTY EMS** stand in front of their new ambulance during "Meet the Ambulance Night" on Sept. 18. Those pictured are: (back row, left to right) Dee Keilers, Freddy Leija, Bailey Bishop and Steve Pagan. Front row: (left to right) Penny Weddle, Rita Rios, Lou Carson, Leesa Marshall, Melissa Glosson and Vonda Flanagan. Not pictured are: Wesley Bean, Lindsay Bean, Larry Glosson, Doug Meador, Mario Mendoza, Georgia Morrow and Brian Morrow.

two will be second and third responders and used for transfers.

"We are proud of it and we

appreciate the county approving the budget for it," Flanagan said.

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# Archeology fair set for Saturday at Fort Concho

"YesterYears Revisited," the Concho Valley Archeology Society's 7th annual Archeology Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Fort Concho in San Angelo. The fort is co-sponsoring the event and is located at 630 S. Oakes St.

The fort is also celebrating National Museum Day that day.

The event will feature troops on the parade grounds, firing weaponry, exhibits from Fort Chadbourne, Concho Valley Artifacts, Pre-historic Hide Tanning and Paint Rock Pictographs.

There will also be presentations and demonstrations on flint knapping, The Butterfield Stage, The 49er's Trail across Panama and Tracing the Chihuahua

Road. There will also be children's activities, such as: throwing an atlas, making pottery and baskets, painting pictographs and learning how pre-historic people cooked their food.

A special treat will be an authentic teepee and story-telling by Ray Hernandez of Menard.

There is no admission cost to the fair.

For more information, call Larry Riemenschneider at (325) 481-2646 or (325) 653-8216.

**Thank you for reading The Ozona Stockman**

# Upcoming seminars at the ASU Small Business Development Center

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center is offering the following seminars over the next month.

## Legal Issues Facing Small Business

Thursday, Sept. 28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Rassman Building on the ASU Campus. Cost is \$20.

Speaker: Karen Best, (Staff) Business Development Specialist & CBA I and Attorney-At-Law

Many small business owners think they can save money by handling legal issues on their own, but often find out that the cost of not seeking professional advice ends up being far greater than the money they were trying to save.

This course helps small business owners identify when an attorney's services may, or may not, be required.

Topics to be covered include: deciding on your business structure; contract preparation, interpretation and negotiation (including leases and financing agreements); regulatory compliance (including zoning, permits, licenses); insurance issues; intellectual property issues and employment issues.

## Essentials of Starting A New Business

Thursday, Oct. 12, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 100 of the Rassman Building on the ASU Campus. No cost for this seminar.

Speaker: Grace Garcia, Training Specialist

Starting your own business? We highly recommend you attend this seminar. This practical workshop will help you avoid common pitfalls, evaluate your strengths and weaknesses and the skills needed to succeed.

Also, explore the initial paperwork, the assessment process, legal structures and the business plan.

Other seminars:

- Six Step Marketing Plan to Boost Your Sales - 6 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 17 in Room 111A of the MCS Building on the ASU Campus. Cost is \$20.

- Introduction to QuickBooks - 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Oct. 18 in Room 117 of the Rassman Building on the ASU Campus. Cost is \$20.

- Understanding Financial Statements, 6-8:30 p.m., Oct. 19 in Room 100 of the Rassman Building on the ASU Campus. No cost.

- QuickBooks the Basics, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Oct. 25 in Room 117 of the Rassman Building on the ASU Campus. Cost is \$20.

- Financing Options for Your Business, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 26 in Room 100 of the Rassman Building on the ASU Campus. No Cost.

For more information, or to register for any of the seminars, call (325) 942-2098 or e-mail sbdc@angelo.edu

# Friends of the Library event has been postponed

The Friends of the Library annual meeting and catered dinner has been postponed until further notice.

The featured author, Jane Pattie, is unable to attend due to a family illness.

The Friends of the Library will reschedule at a later date.

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The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 29 in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. Recipes will be given.

The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

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Varsity Lions (continued from front page)

cause fumbles." It was a fumble that started the game, this time with McCamey picking up the ball. That Ozona fumble would lead to McCamey's first touchdown by Dylan Armendarez who caught a pass from Mooney. Derek Adler's kick was good to put McCamey up 7-0.

The Lions would be quick to answer, as the offense drove down field to the McCamey 24-yard line. On fourth and nine, Long would find Levi Vargas for a 16-yard pass to put Ozona into scoring position.

Long would then run the ball in for the touchdown. Mark Tambunga's kick would be good to tie the game 7-7.

With 1:27 left in the first quarter, McCamey's Domo Brown would find the end zone on a 5-yard run. Adler's kick was good for a 14-7 McCamey lead.

Ozona would answer back when Ely Silva rushed for 26 yards and his first touchdown of the night. Tambunga's kick would tie it up at 14-14.

Silva's second touchdown would come toward the end of the first half on a 77-yard run to give Ozona a 20-14 lead. Silva would have 8 carries for 119 yards.

Late in the third quarter, Silva, Josh Santos, Caleb Mitchel and Jordan Long would move the ball down the field. At the 30-yard line, Long would get a break and rush for 20 yards to put the Lions deep into Badger territory.

On fourth and one, Mitchel would inch through the McCamey defense for the touchdown to put Ozona ahead 26-14.

However, McCamey would answer back early in the fourth quarter on a five-yard run by Clint May to narrow the lead 26-21.

"The offensive line did a great job in providing the blocking to allow 315 yards rushing. Ely (Silva) had 121 yards, Jordan (Long) had 88 yards, Josh (Santos) had 65 yards, Caleb (Mitchel) had 37 yards and Levi (Vargas) had 4 yards. That is impressive and cannot happen without the line doing their job," Granger said.

Ozona is now 2-2 overall. They will take the week off before facing Marfa Oct. 6 during the homecoming game and then starting district play Oct. 13 against Reagan County.

"The open week is coming at a good time for us. We need to get healthy and have a chance to polish up our plays without having to rush through it," Granger said.

Ozona 26, McCamey 21

SCORE BY QUARTERS:  
Ozona 14 6 6 0 - 26  
McCamey 14 0 0 7 - 21

SCORING SUMMARY  
First Quarter:  
McCamey - 6:59 remaining, Dylan Armendarez 8 pass from David Mooney (Hector Morales kick).  
Ozona - 2:50, Jordan Long 8 run (Mark Tambunga kick).  
McCamey - 1:27, Domo Brown 5 run (Morales kick).  
Ozona - 0:00, Ely Silva 26 run (Tambunga kick).  
Second Quarter:  
Ozona - 2:25, Ely Silva 77 run (kick blocked).  
Third Quarter:  
Ozona - 1:51, Caleb Mitchel 1 run (pass failed).  
Fourth Quarter:  
McCamey - 10:20, Clint May 5 run (Morales kick).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Ozona	McCamey
First downs	20	16
Rushing Yards	49-299	33-247
Passing Yards	37	69
Total yards	336	316
Comp-Att-Int	3-6-1	7-12-0
Fumbles-lost	3-1	4-2
Punts-avg.	2-25.5	2-32
Penalties-yards	8-50	9-55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS  
RUSHING:  
Ozona - Ely Silva 8 carries for 119 yards.  
McCamey - Domo Brown 9-122, David Mooney 19-84, Mark Marquez 3-34.  
PASSING:  
Ozona - Long 3 completions of 6 attempts with 1 interception for 37 yards.  
McCamey - Mooney 7 completions of 12 attempts with 1 interception for 69 yards, 1 touchdown.  
RECEIVING:  
Ozona - Levi Vargas 1 reception for 15 yards.  
McCamey - Dylan Armendarez 2 reception for 27 yards.

JV Lions get first win of the season against McCamey

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lions got their first win of the season defeating the McCamey Badgers 34-20.

"I was proud of the guys for getting their first win at home this season and for their efforts to fight through turn-

over and struggles we had during the game. We did improve defensively this week, which is something we have been trying to work on," said Coach Justin Holloway.

Some of the players who stood out on defense this week were Jesse Ramos with 2 break-ups and an interception while

Marcus Galindo had 7 solo tackles from his tackle position, Holloway said.

Steven Silva was a workhorse in the backfield with 14 carries for 125 yards and 2 touchdowns, Holloway said.

Ben Flores and Matthew Komachek also added touchdowns of their own.

"Many of the younger guys are starting to feel more comfortable and I was thankful many of them got to play in tough situations Thursday, it will make them better varsity players in the future," Holloway said.

The JV Lions have the week off before facing Marfa at 6 p.m. Oct. 5 in Marfa.



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JV QUARTERBACK MATTHEW GARZA steps back in the shotgun formation as Bailey Badillo (35) and Ben Flores (24) move in to help protect him from the pass rush.

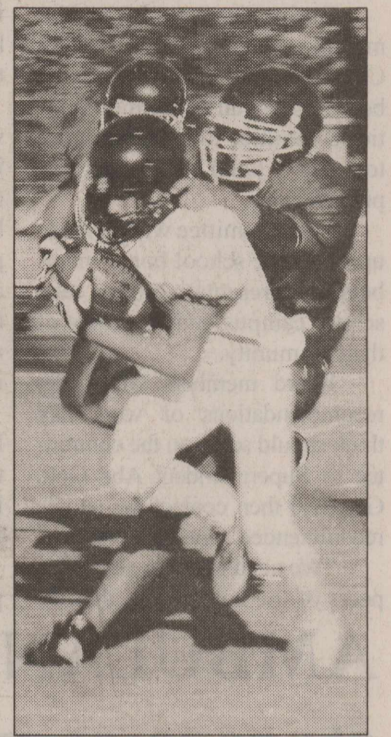


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WORKHORSE STEVEN SILVA strong arms a McCamey Badger in the JV Lions 34-20 victory.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

JONATHAN FLORES flattens the quarterback for a loss of yards for the McCamey Junior Varsity.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

CENTER PARRISH AIGUIER (54) and Abel Villarreal (57) hunker down to take out a JV McCamey defensive lineman to open up a hole for Ben Flores after the handoff from Matthew Garza.



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BEN FLORES SPRINTS INTO THE END ZONE as Coach Justin Holloway signals the touchdown for the JV Lions.

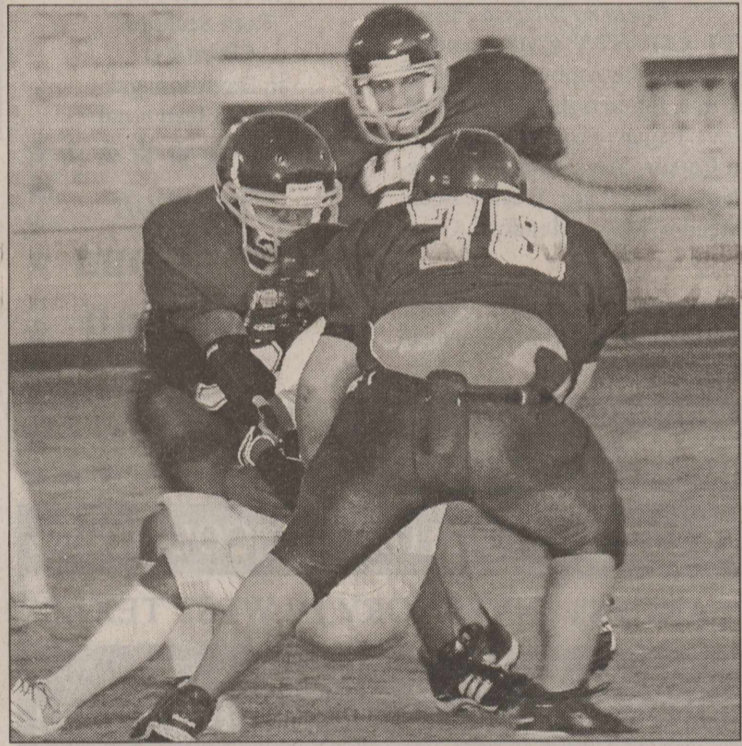


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MARKAUS GALINDO (79) AND STEVEN SILVA gang tackle a JV Badger as Matthew Komechak arrives to help finish off the job for a loss of yards for McCamey.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

JV LION DANIEL ANDERSON latches on to the McCamey kick-off returner as Lalo Longoria (72) moves in to help take him down.



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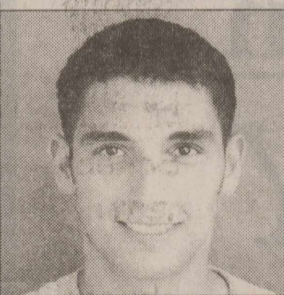
IT'S CLOBBERING TIME as Ruben Rivas (back), Steven Silva (32) and Matthew Komechak (45) pulverize a JV McCamey Badger. Also close to the action is Jesse Ramos (80).

OFFENSIVE MVP'S OF THE WEEK



OFFENSIVE LINE  
Rylee Ramos  
Freddy Fierro  
Cat Sessom  
Matthew Payne  
Chris Fierro  
Barrett Richie  
Provided blocking for 315 yards rushing.

DEFENSIVE MVP OF THE WEEK



Alex Ochoa  
Alex had four tackles and one sack.

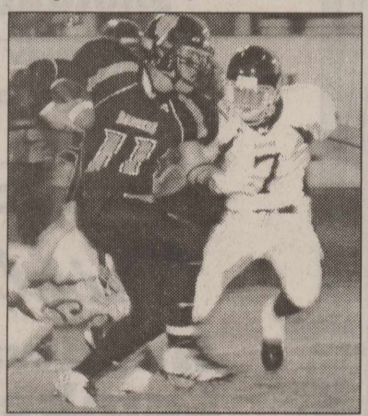


Photo by Joe Hernandez  
JUSTIN MALDONADO goes stride for stride with varsity running back from McCamey.

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REAGAN COUNTY	21
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# Middle School Lions shutout Badgers 44-0

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Middle School Lions took a bit out of the McCamey Badgers Thursday winning 44-0.

Scoring for the Lions was Eric Talamantez with runs of 35 yards and 25 yards Josh Gonzales with runs of 22 yards and 45 yards for touchdowns he also had a two point conversion.

Chris Rendon also had two touchdown runs. One was from 23 yards out and one was from

15 yards. Rendon also converted two 2-point conversions.

Others making contributions offensively was Abey Lara with three catches for 46 yards, Anthony Gonzales, Kyle Dean, Mark Gallardo and Lane Hale.

"They all did a great job at the full back position and helped lead the other backs to the end zone, as well as Alejandro Mendez who did a great job running the offense as quarterback late in the game," said John Esparza. "Our offensive line was the key to the whole game they were

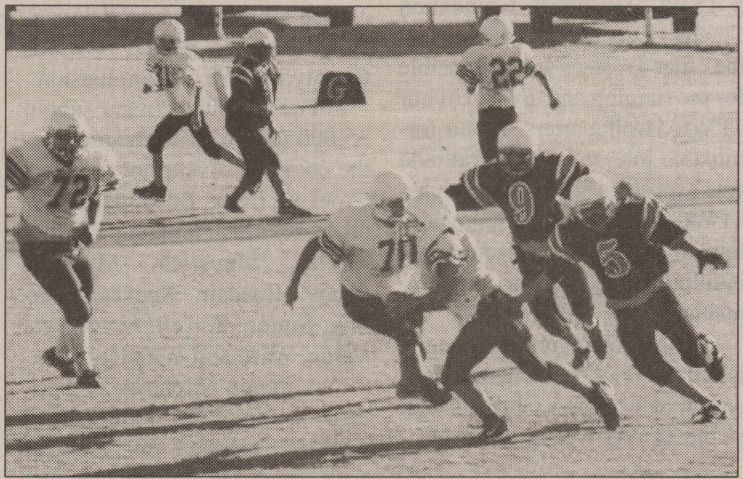
firing off the ball and creating huge holes for our backs to run through because of the line the Lions only faced third down three times the whole game and we never had to punt."

Defensively the Lions were in top form only allowing three first downs the whole game and causing several fumbles, Esparza said.

Causing some of those fumbles a recovering them were Adreil Zamarripa, Russell Komechek, Andrew Sanchez and Andrew Hamilton.

"We really got after it on defense I think every one on the team was in on at least one tackle, they were having fun and getting to the ball. I could not be prouder of the way they played," Esparza said.

Others playing for the Lions were Austin Sudrieth, Miguel Vergera, Jose Aguilar, Anthony Tambunga, Trey Feirro, Alonso Quiroz, Ben Hernandez, Tyler Vitela, Joe Borrego, Stefan Wilson, Richard Borrego, Hector Hernandez and David Perez.



Submitted Photos

SCENES FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIONS FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST McCAMEY ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 21.

# Lions take second, Lady Lions seventh at Irion County meet

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Varsity Lions and Lady Lions both finished in the top 10 at the Irion County Invitational this past weekend in Mertzon.

The Lions finished second behind Wall.

"We are progressively get-

ting stronger. Our times are getting faster and the young men really seem to be responding well to what I ask of them each and every week. I feel are attitudes are right and that we need to just keep working to get stronger as a group as district nears," said Coach Justin Holloway.

Those placing were: 2. Roman Tambunga, 17 minutes 22

seconds; 5. Levi English, 17:40; 21. Ethan English, 18:32; 30. Jesse Badillo, 19:03; 33. Tate Collis, 19:18; 37. Fabian Onate, 19:41; 60. Lalo Longoria; 21:40; 70. Wilson White, 23:08; 75. Jaron Vasquez, 23:37 and 77. Corey Kelley, 23:40.

The Varsity Lady Lions placed 7th overall at the meet.

Those placing were: 21.

Victoria Treto; 33. Vanessa Rodriguez; 58. Farran Wilson; 64. Sarah Dorrough; 65. Stacey Silva; 72. Vanessa Delagarza; 73. Brandyn Tebbets and 79. Alex Cruz.

The cross country teams will compete in the Ozona Cross Country Meet starting at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Ozona Country Club.



Submitted Photos

TOP: THE OZONA LIONS PLACED SECOND at the Irion County Invitational in Mertzon. Team members are: (back row, left to right) Coach Justin Holloway, Jesse Badillo, Lalo Longoria, Ethan English, Roman Tambunga, Fabian Onate, Levi English and Tate Collis. Front row (left to right) Wilson White, Corey Kelley and Jaron Vasquez.

RIGHT: THE OZONA LADY LIONS PLACED SEVENTH AT THE IRION COUNTY INVITATIONS CROSS COUNTRY MEET held this past weekend in Mertzon. Team members are: (l. to r.) Alex Cruz, Vanessa Delagarza, Stacy Silva, Sarah Dorrough, Coach John Jackson, Vicky Treto, Farran Wilson, Vanessa Rodriguez and Brandyn Tebbets.



ENTERING THE PEP RALLY ON FRIDAY are: (l. to r.) Tate Collis, John Tom Tijerina, Chris Fierro and Stephen Gillit.

## Homecoming Activities

Activities for Homecoming week, Oct. 2-6:  
SPIRIT DAYS

- Monday - Pajama Day - wear your p.j.s to school
- Tuesday - Decade Day - dress up in the attire of you favorite decade
- Wednesday - Crazy day - when looking goofy is okay.
- Thursday - Nerd Day
- Friday - Spirit Day - come decked out in purple and gold and show your "Lion Pride"!

### EVENTS

- Bonfire - 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5 behind the Senior Center.
- Homecoming Parade - 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6. The parade starts in front of the Davidson Gym, will go past the square and turn right on 11th Street then right on Ave. H to the Care Center and back to football field for the Homecoming Pep Rally.
- Supper - 5 to 7:30 p.m. barbeuce supper sponsored by Ozona Woman's League at the Civic Center.
- Queen Crowning - 7 p.m. before the football game at Lion Stadium.
- Game - 7:30 p.m. Ozona Lions vs. Marfa Shorthorns at Lion Stadium.

## Cub Scout Rally Tuesday

There will be a Cub Scout Rally at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 at the primary school.

We are looking for anyone interested in becoming an Adult Scout Leader female or male.

For more information, call (325) 392-2827.

## Primary school Open House Thursday

The Ozona Primary School will hold their annual Open House at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the primary school.

Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

## Benefit Odessa softball tourney Saturday

Chris Slatosch Men's Benefit Softball Tournament will take place Saturday at the UTPB Softball Complex in Odessa.

ASA entry fee is \$150 and unsanctioned teams are \$160. This is a double-elimination tournament.

All proceeds benefit Chris Slatosch at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Deadline is 10 p.m. today, Sept. 27.

For more information, call Gary Chambers at (432) 413-0396, Justin Silvas at (432) 770-5770 or the Odessa Softball Association at (432) 550-7811.

## Saw You At The Pole

Wednesday, Sept. 27

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m @ the Town Square

### PIZZA

Student Speakers: Jordan Long, Mark Thornton and Colby Mayfield

Guest Speaker: Rod Miller

Music by: Ozona High Guitarists

## ATTENTION OZONA LIONS FANS

Ozona Woman's League invites you to our

## Homecoming BBQ Dinner

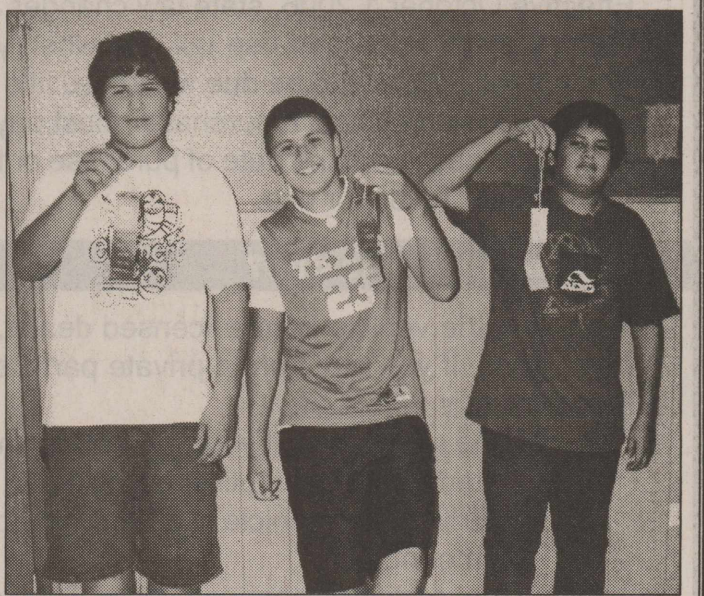
\$5 per plate

Tickets are available at The Ozona Stockman, Triple C Hardware & Lumber or from any board member

October 6 at the Crockett County Civic Center  
Serving starts at 5 p.m. and ends at kickoff

Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and Ozona Woman's League scholarship fund

## Youth Center Calendar of Events



Winners of the Middle School Sept. 19 Pool Tournament: (left to right)

- First place - Anthony Tambunga
- Second place - Mark Gallardo
- Third place - Phillip Munoz

Sept. 28 - High School Movie Night 7-10 p.m.

Sept. 29 - High School Pool Tournament starting at 7 p.m.

Oct. 2 - High School Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Oct. 3 - Middle School Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Oct. 6 - YOUTH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED DURING FOOTBALL GAME. IT WILL OPEN AFTER THE GAME.

GO SUPPORT THE OZONA LIONS!





## Texas Forest Service closes the book on state's worst fire season

**COLLEGE STATION** — After 515 days of wildfire response, Texas Forest Service closed the book on Sept. 19 on the worst fire season on record for the state.

The latest season actually began on Jan. 1, 2005, with little to no reprieve from major, sustained fire activity up until today.

However, since April 22, 2005, state-wide conference calls have been held on almost a daily basis to coordinate for and plan the attack on the dangerous fire season that lasted beyond the normal two month period.

The fire season-ending rainfall event that occurred in Texas over the weekend was the fifth such consecutive front containing substantial rainfall to pass through the state in the past several weeks.

These fronts have served to

moderate fire activity to a level well within local response capacity, rather than the extended attack, large statewide fire response that included bringing in almost 4,000 out-of-state personnel and 500 pieces of equipment from all 50 states.

"The local fire departments are the first responders to wildland fires in Texas," said Mark Stanford, chief of fire operations for Texas Forest Service. "However, if they determine that their capacity to control the fire is exceeded, they request suppression assistance from us. We are called on to manage the situation and fight these fires along side of the local firefighters."

Since Jan. 1, 2005, Texas Forest Service has responded to 4,456 fires that burned 1,601,405 acres. That is over and above the 24,685 fires that burned 658,835 acres that were reported to Texas Forest Ser-

vice's Online Fire Reporting System by participating local fire departments.

Regrettably, 19 lives were lost since November 2005. In addition, 734 homes were lost, along with 1,320 other out-buildings. It is an estimated \$628 million loss to the citizens of the state.

In the last scheduled conference call, Bobby Young, associate director and state fire chief thanked the out-of-state personnel for their help and commended all the Texas Forest Service personnel who have made the sacrifices during the past 18 months to protect the state.

"You have put your lives on hold, and you have sacrificed time with your families to do your jobs," said Young. "I know your efforts are appreciated by the executive team of Texas Forest Service, as well as the citizens of Texas."

## USDA Rural Development honors million dollar lenders

**TEMPLE, TEXAS** — USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, has announced that American Meridian Mortgage Company has been recognized as a Million Dollar Lender in the Guaranteed Rural Housing loan program.

To highlight this achievement, an award was presented to Wayne Knipe, Vice President of American Meridian Mortgage Company, at the Guaranteed Rural Housing Lenders Meeting held last week in Temple.

To receive this recognition, the recipient must have loaned over \$1 million while maintaining a low delinquency.

"Together, USDA Rural Development and American Meridian Mortgage Company work as a team to provide opportunities for rural Texas homeowners," Daniel said. "Our Guaranteed Rural Housing Loan Program is the best option for eligible low and moderate-income applicants to move into a home without a down payment."

American Meridian Mort-

gage Company, located in Plano, and established in 1994, provides USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Rural Housing loans along with other mortgage loan products throughout the state of Texas.

USDA Rural Development Guaranteed Rural Housing loans are a more affordable alternative to other mortgage loan products that charge monthly mortgage insurance.

Other zero down programs charge an up front mortgage insurance premium that is due at closing, with monthly mortgage thereafter.

In comparison, the Guaranteed Rural Housing Program offers a significant savings to borrowers by charging a one-time only guarantee fee that is due at closing, and no monthly mortgage insurance.

Typical savings for a family can range between \$20 and \$50 per month. Without expensive mortgage insurance premiums, homebuyers can qualify for a "better" home, which could

mean the additional bathroom or bedroom that they may desire.

Loans can be made to purchase new or existing homes that meet Agency requirements. In many cases most of the closing costs associated with purchasing the house can be financed into the loan.

USDA Rural Development Housing Programs target communities with populations of 10,000 or less and locations not closely associated with urban areas. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population. Never assume an area is not eligible.

The USDA Rural Development local office that serves your area can be located at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/officeinfo.htm>, or call the State Office Housing Program at (254) 742-9770.

American Meridian Mortgage Co. can be reached at 555 Republic Drive, Suite 200, Plano, Texas 75074, (972) 527-0335, or at [www.1000movein.com](http://www.1000movein.com).

## Monthly diabetes support group to meet on Thursday

The Wesley Nurse Program hosts a monthly diabetes support group at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28 at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship hall.

This support group is a good continuation for all who have attended any part of the

"Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes" class.

Various topics and activities are part of the monthly meeting including cooking, diabetes care, medications, research and general discussion.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth at 392-3060.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETINGS

**Mondays** - 8:00 p.m.

Lutheran Church  
802 First St.

**Thursdays** - 5:30 a.m.

Court House Annex  
808 Ave. D

### A COMMUNITY PARTNER IN WEST TEXAS



**Lynn Hinsley**  
Ambassador

Devon Ambassador Lynn Hinsley is a west Texas native and has been a district foreman for the company for 13 years. Sports of all kinds play a significant role in Lynn's life, which is why he is a committed Sonora City League activity supporter. Lynn is also an avid football fan and looks forward to the time he spends coaching YMCA Youth Football in Sutton County. Lynn and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of 11-year-old twins, Aaron and Jared, and daughter Kayla, who is the mother of grandchildren, Bailey and Kenzie. Lynn fills his free time during every season pursuing his other hobbies, which include hunting, fishing and golfing.

Devon Energy is proud to be a part of west Texas. As a committed and active community partner, Devon makes safety and environmental stewardship a priority. Our job is to ensure that oil and natural gas continue to be efficient and safe resources. Devon's support for beneficial natural resource development extends to contributing to the well-being of west Texas, its people and their property. We continually demonstrate this commitment through support of local fire departments and law enforcement, sponsorship of community events and involvement with local schools and associations.



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## ATTORNEY: Taliaferro was appointed to office in May

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Court as County Attorney in May of this year. Since taking office, Steve has been in the County Attorney's office full time. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to stop by the office anytime and he will be glad to talk to you.

Political advertisement paid for by Steve Taliaferro, P.O. Box 1108, Ozona, Texas 76943



Submitted photos

ODIE HAIRE (top) and TOMMY MILLER each won a new/used vehicle this past weekend from All American Chrysler Jeep Dodge in San Angelo.

**The Ozona Community Center is looking for donations of empty printer cartridges and old cell phones. They are working on new playground equipment for the Community Center. Items can be dropped off at the Community Center.**

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