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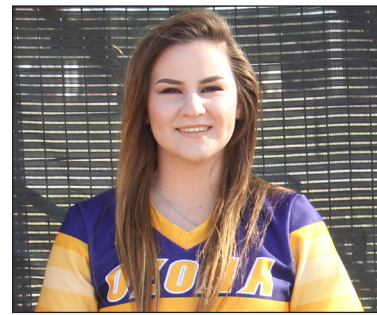
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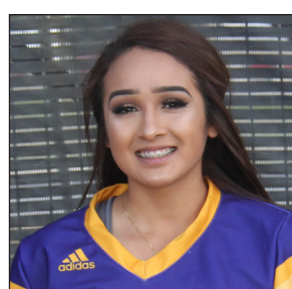
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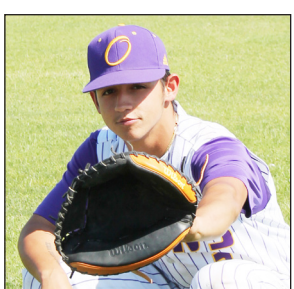
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Honorable Mention - Softball



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HUNTER SMITH
Honorable Mention - Baseball



ALEC LARA
Honorable Mention - Baseball

State funding cuts force school districts to slash costs

BY ALIYYA SWABY
TEXAS TRIBUNE

Doug Rice will take over next school year as principal of a single-campus rural school district east of Amarillo, close to the Oklahoma border. There's just one problem: He's already the superintendent.

He's putting on a second hat to save money since Kelton ISD will likely lose almost half its operating budget next year. A stalemate between the Texas House and Senate crushed any hopes of lawmakers making school funding formulas more equitable and simple this legislative session. That leaves school superintendents preparing to either work with much less in their coffers or risk having to shut their doors and forcing students to transfer to other districts.

Kelton ISD is one of almost 300 districts relying on a pot of money that expires in September. The Legislature this session decided not to extend that funding or provide districts with much relief to help ease the transition.

Rice is planning to

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Ward Walker 7-Oaks Ranch partners with Laura Bush's Texan by Nature

BY TAYLOR KEYS
TEXAN BY NATURE

The Ward Walker Ranch recently became a Texan by Nature Monarch Wrangler for their efforts to create habitat essential to the monarch butterfly.

Texan by Nature is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded by former First Lady Laura Bush to align the broad interests of conservation groups with business, healthcare, schools, the scientific community, and faith-based organizations.

Their mission is to spur Texan-led conservation that produces tangible benefits for people, prosperity and natural resources.

Monarch Wrangler is Texan by Nature's first statewide initiative and provides Texas employers, organizations, and individuals with a results-oriented and meaningful way to get involved in creating habitat essential to the monarch



TAYLOR KEYS | TEXAN BY NATURE

THE WARD WALKER RANCH recently became a Texan by Nature Monarch Wrangler for monarch butterflies. Pictured are: Philip Walker (7-Oaks Ranch), Leland Wellman (Ozona Resident), Cathy Downs (Monarch Watch) and Taylor Keys (Texan by Nature)

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Summer Reading Program featuring Safari Greg Thursday

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Public Library's Summer Reading Program is off and running.

This year's theme is "Build a Better World." The program kicked off Monday morning with registration, story time and a craft.

Library Director Susan Williams said they had 61 children and adults Monday.

The program is planning several special events this summer.

The first one will be Safari Greg with two shows on Thursday, June 8. The first show will be 11 a.m. at the library and the second show will be 6 p.m. at the Civic Center. Both shows are open to the public and free.

Greg "Safari Greg"

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

SAFARI GREG will give his "Amazing Urban Safari!" show at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Crockett County Public Library and 6 p.m. Thursday at the Crockett County Civic Center.

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Tips to keep in mind when door-to-door sales representatives start knocking

This summer, Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas advises you to be on guard the next time a sales representative knocks on your door.

During the spring and summer months, home security systems or alarm businesses hire traveling sales agents to go door-to-door, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Summer is an active time for this type of activity because many residents are home during the day to answer the door. In some cases, these sales representatives will use high-pressure or deceptive sales tactics to get potential customers to

buy expensive home security systems or equipment.

According to the Texas Attorney General, under Texas law, a door-to-door seller must advise you verbally and in writing that you have a right to cancel the sale within three days.

The sales representative must also give you a contract or re-



BBB COLUMN

HEATHER MASSEY

ceipt stating the date of the sale, the name and address of the merchant and a statement of your right to cancel the contract, which includes the address where you send your cancellation notice.

If a sales representative comes to your door, your BBB advises the following:

- Know who you are buying from. Before you open your door or let anyone into your home, ask to see a photo ID, business card and some proof of the business they're representing. Also, ask for a physical address and for local references.
- Do your research. Look up

the business online and get references from your friends, family, neighbors or from the company's current clients. For a business you can trust, go to bbb.org.

- Resist pressure to "buy now." One sign of a security system scam is a sales representative that may pressure their way into your home and then refuse to leave. Don't be pressured to take advantage of a time-sensitive offer, like "once in a lifetime" or "today only." Instead, do some comparison shopping and take time to decide whether you want the product being sold.
- Get written estimates. A

reputable business won't try to sell you anything before completing a professional assessment of your needs and layout of your home. Ask plenty of questions, and find out who will perform the installation and monitor the system. Some businesses subcontract work to a third party. Remember, don't let anyone who hasn't made an appointment into your home. If an estimation or installation needs to be done, call the business directly to make an appointment.

· Know your rights. The Texas Business & Commerce Code states that you have three days

to cancel a contract for goods or services sold to you, regardless of whether you have received the goods or services. This "cooling-off rule" only applies to transactions made at someone's home or at a seller's temporary location. Keep your receipt or contract and a copy of your cancellation notice. Remember, you are not obligated to return goods to the seller until you have recovered either your money or your agreement to pay money.

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'Texas Miracle' comes down to earth

A "sanctuary city" immigration bill derided as a vehicle for institutional racism. A voter ID law designed to mollify a federal judge who found the existing law an example of intentionally discriminatory legislation. Redistricting maps repeatedly labeled intentionally discriminatory and unconstitutional by a number of other federal judges. Efforts to put more money into the public education system — and to lower local property taxes — died. So did an effort to leash local government property tax increases by requiring voter approval over hikes of a certain size.

And a fight over a "bathroom bill" and "religious conscience" legislation that businesses inside and outside Texas have warned will turn off their employees and their customers and put an economic hickey on the state known for the "Texas Miracle."

The 85th Legislature has some 'splainin' to do if the state is going to sell that package of social, property tax and education engineering to economic development people. At the very least, state officials have a lot of public relations work to do after a bruising session. They accomplished some things, sure, but they might as well have written the marketing flyers for regional business developers in other parts of the country.

Doing what their primary voters have loudly demanded, lawmakers have risked their long-standing support from the business and economic development folks.

Politics is competitive. But so is economics. Economics offered the strongest argument against the "bathroom bill" — legislation that grew from public debate over public school rules for transgender people using restrooms and other facilities that don't match their sex at birth. In other places — notably North Carolina — related laws prompted companies to cancel expansions, sports leagues at the national and collegiate level to move tournaments and games to other states, and performing artists to cancel shows and concerts.

It wasn't a threat that something might happen, but a threat that something that had happened — in North Carolina — might happen in Texas, too.



STATE ANALYSIS

ROSS RAMSEY

It was, in a phrase that turns the stomachs of people who work in chambers of commerce and visitors bureaus everywhere, "bad for business."

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and others who support the legislation dismissed those concerns as overblown and contended that Texans needed protection from a menace for which they presented no evidence.

That's not unlike voter ID, which targets a rare sort of voter fraud and ignores a much more common one — "harvesting" votes at nursing homes and centers for the elderly.

Opponents of those and other measures see them as cloaks for other objectives, ways to discriminate against transgender people on the one hand, and to discourage minority voters on the other.

And the end of the session isn't the end of the conversation. It's more like a change of venue — from the statehouse to various courthouses, the legislative branch to the judicial branch.

The bathroom bill didn't make it past the Legislature. Maybe it'll return in a special session, and maybe it won't. Only your governor knows for sure.

But voter ID made it, and the Texas Legislature's new version will get a going-over by U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos as soon as this week. She's the judge who ruled last month that the 2011 law currently on the books intentionally discriminates against minority voters in Texas.

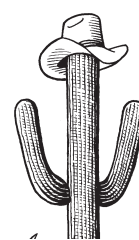
Redistricting lines for the state's congressional delegation and the Texas House will be in front of judges once again in July. "Intentional discrimination" has been a regular phrase in those rulings, too.

Austin, San Antonio and other cities are already suing the state over the freshly signed sanctuary law, which doesn't take effect until September.

The business argument that prevailed against sanctuary legislation in 2011

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Unreal Estate



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

Being a ranch realtor these days must be difficult because they must appeal to two distinct types of buyers. There are the lifestyle buyers who could care less about about a ranch's carrying capacity, and then there are the ranchers who have pulled the wool over their banker's eyes and can get financed to buy another place. So how do ranch realtors appeal to lifestyle buyers without insulting the cattlemen, and vice versa? Here are a few unreal estate ads to show you how hard this must be.

See if you can tell which target audience the realtor is trying to reach.

Unparalleled recreational opportunity- Thrill to the blood curdling call of the wolves. If you love to hunt this is the place is for you. (Sure, there's lots of hunting, but very little finding.) Javelina, bears, lions, skunks and wild turkey have been spotted in the past. (That was back in 1896 and the only Wild Turkey on this place is in the bar.) Live off the fat of the land. (If you like to eat wild pig.) A large elk herd lives on the ranch. (And tramples all the fences and eats any hay you put out for the cows.) Three miles of river frontage for fly fishing right outside your door. (The house flooded five years ago.) \$35,000,000. Firm.

This One Will Pencil- (If you use some very fuzzy math.) Will run 350 cows in a good year. (The last good one was in 1956). Manufactured home on the premises that's so gross even the rats left. Miles and miles of old pipe that needs replacing. Comes with haying equipment. (You're gonna need

it.) Only \$7,000,000.

Live The Life Of Luxury- Impressive main residence is a 12,000 square foot sprawling log home with a media room, spa and gym. The entire 125 acre ranch is lushly landscaped. (It wouldn't feed two goats for a month). Relax in your very own an indoor/outdoor wrap-around-the-house seawater pool with a swim up bar. (It's the only water on the place.) Miles and miles of brand new plastic fencing. Borders Ted Turner so there are regular buffalo sightings on your property. Near a ski area. Act quick. This one won't be on the market for long. \$75,000,000!

For The Cowboy In You- Equestrian facilities include round pen, roping arena, barn with 12 stalls. Would make a great ranch for miniature horses, ostriches or llamas. (It's not worth a darn as a cow outfit.) Could also be a profitable horse racing operation. (Yeah, and if pigs had wings they could fly.) Home on property is a double wide modular home that previously was Trevor Brazilles horse trailer. \$3,000,000.

Sustainable- For the greenie in you. Grow your own organic vegetables. Could be a solar facility or a great wind farm. (The weather around here is terrible.) 100 percent of mineral rights sell with the

ranch. (The only mineral around here is the asbestos in the walls of the broken-down home.) A natural amphitheater perfect for poetry readings A real working ranch at 10,000 feet elevation near Jackson Hole with a 25 million dollar view. There's no home for the manager. (Nor enough income to pay for one.) If you have to ask the price you can't afford it.

300,000 Acre Ranch!- (295,000 acres BLM, 4,950 Forest Service lease. 50 acres deeded.) There is a conservation easement on the entire ranch. (So the Nature Conservancy will be breathing down your neck constantly.) Will run 26 pair for half the year. (But must be replaced constantly because the wolves around here are eating the cattle as fast as they can be replaced.) Huge shop. (It's bigger than the house.) Could be a good grass ranch. (Now that they've legalized marijuana in this state.) \$26,000,000.

Historic Ranch- A rustic old line camp cabin that dates to 1850, has some indoor plumbing and impressive history library is included. (The holes in the walls are chinked with old newspapers from 1936.) Outbuildings include your own outdoor boudoir. This place was used at one time to film Little House On The Prairie. Outdoor kitchen. (There's not one in the house.) Comes with a collectible squeeze chute. Great shopping nearby. (There's a COSTCO two hours away!) Call for price. (We're too embarrassed to say.)

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State budget awaits final approval from governor

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Governor Greg Abbott as of June 4 had not signed Senate Bill 1, the 2018-2019 state budget finally approved by both houses of the 85th Texas Legislature on May 27. SB 1 appropriates \$216.8 billion in total spending for the state's budget during the 2018-19 biennium.

A long wait for Abbott's signature may fit a pattern. The governor did not sign the 2016-2017 budget until June 20, 2015, the final day for him to approve or veto legislation. The governor has the power to veto line items in the bill, instead of rejecting it wholesale.

SB 1, a lot to contemplate at 969 pages in length, could take every remaining day for the governor's office to digest, until this session's veto deadline of June 18.

The budget bill, however, has already earned the approval of state Comptroller Glenn Hegar, who signed the document on June 1. "Even

before I released the Biennial Revenue Estimate back in January, lawmakers understood this session would be difficult and coming to a budget consensus would require sacrifice and compromise," Hegar said.

"I commend legislators for crafting a conservative budget that remains within my revenue forecast."

BILLS SIGNED AND NOT SIGNED

A mere 1,211 of the 6,631 bills, concurrent resolutions and proposed constitutional amendments filed by state representatives and senators this session gained passage by both houses. That comes to 18.3 percent, or a success rate of about one in five.

Gov. Abbott signed Senate Bill 5, the voter photo-identification bill that opponents promised would be chal-

lenged in federal court over constitutionalism. Supporters said the bill by Joan Huffman, R-Houston, would allow a person to sign an affidavit stating they have a reasonable impediment to obtaining a photo ID and cast a regular ballot. Opponents, however, testified that proposed changes in the law still would have racially discriminatory effects.

The bill is slated to take effect Sept. 1.

HB 62, the statewide ban on texting while driving, has not yet been signed by the governor. Authored by Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, and sponsored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, HB 62 has been sitting on the governor's desk since May 25.

SB 8, by Dr. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, was amended in the House to become an omnibus abortion

regulation bill. According to the Senate News Service, the bill would require that fetal tissue "be given a proper burial or cremation after an abortion, would ban a certain type of second-trimester abortion and would reaffirm the ban on partial birth abortions in Texas and

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Lunch and Learn series tackles scams

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Recognizing and dealing with scams was the topic of the May 25 Lunch and Learn at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

Heather Massey, regional director of the Better Business Bureau in Midland, offered tips and information on how to recognize and handle different types of scams.

Currently, the most popular scam circulating is the IRS phone scam. Massey said this scam has been the biggest one in the last two years.

IRS impersonators make threats of arrest, deportation and license revocation if they don't receive immediate payment. The scammers instruct people to put money on a prepaid debit card, an iTunes gift card or send payment via wire transfer.

"If you owe the IRS money, they will never call you over the phone. They only operate through the U.S. Postal Service. If the IRS calls you, it's a scam, flat out," Massey said.

Another phone scam involves using the 876 area code, which is Jamaica. Massey said callers from this area code tell people they have won a big prize, like a new car in Florida, but they have to send a prepaid gift card to claim it.

"If something is too good to be true, it is," Massey said.

Massey also said charity scams are also common. She said before donating to any charity, it is best to do



HEATHER MASSEY with the Better Business Bureau talks about scams during the May 25 Lunch and Learn Series at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

research, and to always ask for the charity to send information.

"If the person gets pushy, it's probably not legitimate," Massey said.

People should also be aware of door-to-door salesman selling electricity. Massey said with these salesmen they don't tell customers about the Oncor delivery charge.

"A legitimate electric company will be willing to work with you," Massey said.

While the elderly is the first group people think about when it comes to scams, Massey said millennials, ages 18-24, are the biggest targets for scams.

She said this group tends to give out their social security numbers and falling for student loan scams.

"We need to work with that group and educate them to ask questions," Massey said.

BBB offers this advice to avoid getting scammed:

- Look out for Caller ID spoofing. Part of scammers' tactics include Caller ID spoofing, which happens when the caller masks their own number and causes the number of a well-known service, like the IRS, to appear on Caller ID. Also, the caller might give a badge number and know the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Protect your personal information. Don't provide any account number or other financial information over the phone.
- Don't be bullied. Never trust callers who use threats and hostility to push you into doing what they want. Be skeptical of what a caller claims he or she can do if you refuse to meet their demand.
- Hang up. Consider joining the Do Not Call Reg-

istry to cut down on telemarketing and sales calls. This may not help with scammers, but you'll get fewer calls overall. This may help you more quickly notice the ones that could be fraudulent. Report it. If you're unsure if the call is real, contact the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040 or go to irs.gov. Write down the number, name of the caller and other details, and report it to BBB Scam Tracker and the U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) to help warn others. BBB also shares Scam Tracker information with government and law enforcement agencies, so every piece of information is helpful in tracking down scammers.

Massey said people can visit www.bbb.org and look up the legitimacy of a company or take documents to their local bank to check.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 7

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

Thursday, June 8

- Balance Exercise, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Safari Greg Summer Reading Program, 11 a.m. at the Crockett County Public Library and 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, June 9

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OHS JV Cheerleader Hamburger and Sweet Sale Fundraiser, 11 a.m. at the town square

Saturday, June 10

- First Ozona Lions Golf Scramble, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona Country Club
- Knights of Columbus, 10 a.m. at the old Fitness Center by Ozona High School
- Special Guided Tour, 10 a.m. at Fort Lancaster

Monday, June 12

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex
- 4-H Clothing and Textiles Workshop, 9 a.m.-noon at the 4-H Office.
- Summer Reading Program, 10 a.m. at the Crockett County Public Library
- Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center

Tuesday, June 13

- Sit Down Exercise, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center

Wednesday, June 14

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- TAME Trailblazer Exhibit Trailer, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Crockett County Public Library
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 7 - Alejandra Borquez, Kim Weddle, Garry Raymon Held, Eligio Martinez, Colt Sorrell, Jessica Everett, Linda Thompson and Rudy Martinez III

June 8 - Kayla Turland, Jason Parker, Alondra Nayeli Garza, Michael Hill and Lisa Colin

June 9 - Rick Bird, Ninfa Preddy, Karen Pennington and Elvira Martinez

June 10 - Jesus Alan Mendoza, Linda Rios, Harvey

Sanchez, Melissa Lozano, Silvia Coy, Juan Coy and Matthew Cornejo Jr.

June 11 - Emilia Tambunga, Leslie D. Mata, Tamie Gray, Matthew Beseril, Leticia Borrego, Esmeralda Castillo, Rebecca Pierce and Liliana Camarillo

June 12 - Ysabella Makae Flores, Ruby Rodriguez, Victoria Zapata, Erika Fierro, Rogelio Lopez and Wes Morgan

June 13 - Becky Nowell and Rebecca Galvan

Roberts receives New Agent Award

BY REBEL ROYALL
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION AGENCY

FORT STOCKTON - When Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service District Extension Administrator, Rebel Royall took over his position in October 2016, he felt that it was very important for the County Extension Agents in Far West Texas to be recognized and rewarded for the good work and the difference they make in people's lives.

"It is very important to me that agents who are doing a good job feel appreciated," said Royall.

Because of that Royall worked with Regional Program Leaders, Marvin Ensor and Mandi Seaton to institute a Spring Agent Awards Program in 2017.

"We don't get to reward them with pay increases very often, so district based awards are a way of showing



CROCKETT COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT KAILEY ROBERTS (left) received the New Agent Award on May 18 at a ceremony held Fort Stockton. Also pictured is Rebel Royall, district extension administrator.

that we as a leadership team recognize the work they do," said Royall.

Crockett County's Kailey Roberts received the New Agent Award, a category set up for County Extension Agents with two years or less experience, at the awards ceremony held on May 18 in Fort Stockton.

"Kailey has done an outstanding job as the County Extension Agent- Family and Consumers Sciences in her first two years in Crockett County," said Royall. "She has not only done outstanding work with the 4-H and Youth Program, but has established successful educational classes for adults

and is well thought of in the community. We are very proud of Kailey and look forward to her having a very successful career with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension."

Roberts started working in Crockett County in 2015.

As the family and consumer agent, Roberts is in charge of 4-H programs, including food and nutrition and sewing, as well as nutrition and diabetes education, child passenger safety and more.

*Crockett County
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HELPING HANDS NEWS

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JUNE 7

Barbecued hamburger, buttered corn, spinach salad, no bacon, cinnamon pears and milk.

JUNE 8

Chicken fajitas, salsa, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, corn tortilla, strawberries and peaches and milk.

JUNE 9

Lemon pepper cod, corn O'Brian, breaded tomatoes, whole wheat bread, apricots, sugar cookie and milk.

JUNE 12

Turkey w/gravy, scalloped potatoes, squash w/red pepper, wheat bread, apple and milk.

JUNE 13

Beef taco stew, Mexican rice, lettuce and tomato salad, salsa, fruit cup w/oranges and milk.

JUNE 14

Herb baked chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, pears and milk.

What to know about diabetes and brain health



HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

JIM FISH

The latest research has shown that even minor elevations in blood glucose/sugar levels are related to the reduction in size of the hippocampus, the brain's memory center. These levels of blood glucose also correlate to a decline in cognitive function, dementia and mood disorders; including impaired neurogenesis, the process by which we grow new brain cells. This is in addition to the fact that even moderately high blood glucose levels are toxic to all the other body's tissues and organs.

On April 27, Diabetologia, a journal dedicated to reporting on issues related to diabetes, published the findings of a study involving 100 persons in the early stages of type 2 diabetes. Half were overweight and the other 50 subjects were normal weight. "The subjects were all studied with MRI scans of their brains, as well as various tests of memory, planning, and reaction times. All of the results were compared to 50 healthy control subjects who did not have diabetes." - per Dr. David C. Perlmutter, a Board-Certified Neurologist, Fellow of the American College of Nutrition and four-time New York Times best-selling author.

"The results of this study were really quite telling. The diabetic patients demonstrated significant brain changes in multiple areas, in both the deep white matter as well as in the brain's cortex... Blood brain barrier dysfunction is also noted to occur in diabetes. This sets the stage for entry of otherwise excluded proteins and even bacteria into the brain leading to nerve

cell damage." The study confirms the fact that our lifestyle choices profoundly influence the risk for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and weight gain, and not just for superficial reasons.

T2DM is believed to as much as quadruple the risk for dementia, and adding obesity to the mix worsens the situation.

T2DM and all other metabolic disorders are also known as the "Western Diseases". They develop out of a genetic condition which manifests itself in various ways but the common factor is Carbohydrate Intolerance (CI).

People with CI will show various indications and issues at numerous points throughout their lives. One person may progress through the stages rather quickly, and have very debilitating conditions as a child while another will go through the first two stages more slowly and not realize a disease until later stages of maturity.

Carbohydrate restriction for weight loss is scientifically proven better than low-fat diets in studies, regardless of time periods compared. The most significant course of action for anyone with CI is the elimination of all refined carbohydrates including high-glycemic plant foods, processed flour and sugar.

Perlmutter contends, "The actionable information here is that we've got to maintain a diet that's lower in sugar

and carbohydrates, welcome healthful fat back to the table, be sure we're getting plenty of good prebiotic fiber, and, by all means, make sure that exercise is part of the plan, every day."

Perlmutter, also the author of "Grain Brain" focuses on the ultimate role of elevated blood sugar in brain degeneration.

He explores the in-depth, scientific meta data produced by numerous studies that demonstrate significant risks of Alzheimer's disease or dementia, especially if the individual is also diagnosed with T2DM.

A recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine bolstered Perlmutter's discoveries demonstrating significantly increased risk for cognitive decline with mild elevations of blood sugar... much lower even than those that would indicate diabetes.

Diabetes is also known to foster inflammation, and inflammation is the cornerstone of Alzheimer's type dementia, not to mention heart disease and other risks to health and wellbeing.

The 'nutshell' here is to prevent developing diabetes at all cost. Nutrition should include a way of eating that is low in sugar and other high-glycemic carbohydrates. This is fundamental for the regulation of blood sugar as a critical factor in brain preservation and avoiding Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus.

Here's to your health.

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LOOKING OUT THE KITCHEN WINDOW

I remember a time I was looking out the kitchen window and noticed a lot of movement outside. There were all kinds of birds in the backyard and so many different colors, shapes and sizes and there was a lot of activity. Many of the birds were looking for food and finding it because my wife has little feeders for them and we also put out our old bread. There are also old pecans hulls with little pieces of pecans in them. There is a birdbath and a little pond for them. They like to play in the water and they take baths, even on some of the cold days. There are trees and little bushes that they can play in or rest or find protection. Sometimes there is danger and my wife has helped them in that area, first she had the veterinarian remove the front claws from the ol cat. Then she put a tiny bell on his collar. Now the ol cat doesn't like it but it is a lot harder for him to catch the little birds. Watching out window reminded me about something in this life. God has provided for our needs, (Psalm 34:10, Luke 12:24 & 27, Philippians 4:19, John 10:10). Yesterday my wife and I were eating out and a waitress brought us all the things we ordered and neatly placed them before us and as she walked away she said, "Enjoy". See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>Apostolic Church 1908 Santa Anna St. Pastor Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O'War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Martes: 6 p.m. Jueves: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Bernardito Getigan Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona Every Second Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Pastor Paul M. Ray Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O'War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>
<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>New Beginnings Ozona "church...but different" 354 Highway 163 South Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. (325) 226-3060 www.newbeginningsozona.com</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon 9 a.m. Informal Worship, Fellowship Hall 10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary</p>
<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Mark Fricke Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Youth - 6:00 p.m. - Wednesdays K.I.D.S. - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays</p>	<p>ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY</p>	
<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy. 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>

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All pastors of Ozona churches are invited to submit columns.

An invitation

Are you overwhelmed by life? Do you feel that there is no place to turn, no one to listen, no one to give you encouragement? Then, you might be you looking for a church home. You have many choices here in Ozona as the ads in the Ozona Stockman show you. Although particular beliefs may vary, all of these Christian churches worship the same God, and proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives. In fact we are all part of the church universal, which the Bible refers to as the Body of Christ. You may hesitate to go because you do not know what to expect. Maybe you have never been before, or maybe it's been so long you're embarrassed. Don't be! You will be welcome at any of them.

I'd like to tell you a bit about Ozona United Methodist Church. We worship in that big brick building next to the Travelodge. Our Sunday schedule offers some choices of which you might not be aware. There are two very different services from which to choose.

At 9 a.m., our Sunday begins with an informal worship service in our Fellowship Hall. To get there, you turn in the drive by the Travelodge and come in the side entrance of the building, the one with all the columns in front. You will be greeted by friendly faces, fresh coffee, snacks and juice as we settle around tables and visit for a bit before worship begins. Our music at this service is led by a varying size group of musicians playing an assortment of acoustic instruments ----- guitars, bass, mandolin, fiddle, keyboard --- depending upon who is available on any given Sunday. New musicians are welcome to come practice and join in. The music is much more contemporary than traditional! The words for songs are projected on screens as is all necessary information for the service. Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 10 a.m. Children and youth classes are in the education wing, a women's class meets in the Fellowship Hall and the Men's Bible Class meets in the chapel. You are welcome to attend these classes, whether you come to worship or not.

If you think there is no place in the world where church is "just like it used to be" come to our 11 A.M. worship service in our sanctuary----- that part of the building that faces 11th Street! When you come, you will be warmly greeted at the front door and offered a paper bulletin to guide you through the service. At the beginning of the service, candles are lighted at the front of the church and organ music invites you to worship.

The songs at this service are hymns sung from hymnals and the music is played on our wonderful organ. The



FROM THE PULPIT

JEAN REARDON

congregation is invited (not required!) to participate in worship by reading together a Psalm for the Call to Worship, reading an Affirmation of Faith, and sharing aloud joys and concerns (if desired) and praying the Lord's Prayer together.

Holy Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month.

Both services share a common theme of the day and hear a message given by the pastor. The theme for Sunday, June 11, is "Created, Taught & Redeemed, Empowered!"

Now, you may have heard rumors that we are "divided" because several years ago the people of the church decided to offer two different forms of worship. That is not true. This church just decided to offer two things on the worship menu! We are one church that worships God in two equally valid ways. We are open to new people and new ideas.

Excuses for not giving church a try:

1. "My children might not be welcome." Forget that! Both services are child friendly. The early service in particular always has lots of kids. There are small tables with paper activities for them to choose if parents like that option. There is also easy access to the church nursery which is attended by an adult. It's not unusual for kids to come and go during worship. Your kids won't bother us nearly as much as they bother you! Therefore, nursery care is provided during both services.

2. "I don't have anything appropriate to wear." Please don't let that idea keep you away from any church! That is one thing that has changed about the way church used to be. Dress is much less formal. While most folks who have been going to church all their lives do often dress in their "Sunday best", it is not to impress anyone, but is their way of honoring God. You do not find all the men in suits and ties, nor the women in dresses. If you are concerned that your clothes are too casual, you might especially enjoy the early service.

The people of the United Methodist Church have a deep understanding of the Grace of God which is offered to all even though it is underserved and can't be earned by being "good enough". We realize that we have all sinned at one time or another and therefore do not sit in judgment of anyone who would like to come and worship with us and perhaps accept that grace. You are welcome to give it a try! Don't worry about your kids, or what to wear, just come.

JEAN REARDON is the pastor of Ozona United Methodist Church.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of the family of Michael (Mikey) Ybarra, Jr., we would like to thank the community for all the prayers, calls, texts, flowers/plants, and all special gifts we have received during this difficult time. Our Mikey had a heart of gold and from seeing all the community support, he touched so many more lives than we could have ever imagined. Thanks again and please continue to lift us up in prayer for the long journey ahead.

Thanks again,
The Ybarra and Ramos family

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FORT LANCASTER NEWS

Special guided tour Saturday

BY WILSON WHITE
FORT LANCASTER

SHEFFIELD, Texas — Fort Lancaster came alive with history this month during our annual Western Frontier Days! The Fort was filled with US Soldiers, settlers, pioneers, Texas Confederates, farm animals, Buffalo Soldiers, camels, and much more. We had many excellent groups of re-enactors this year. The schools of Ozona and Iraan/Sheffield attended our event bringing nearly 350 school children to enjoy the event, fort and history. Students and visitors could witness what early frontier life was like in Texas and experience the daily life of soldiers.

As part of Western Frontier Days, a special ceremony was held on May 20 to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Lancaster and celebrate Armed Forces Day. There were many visiting public who attended the event.

We want to thank all our



OES STUDENTS visited Fort Lancaster on May 19 as part of the fort's Western Frontier Days.

volunteers, living history re-enactors, presenters and sponsors. Special thanks to our local sponsors and advertisement supporters from Ozona; the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, Ozona Stockman, Ozona Radio KYXX, Ozona Library and DCP Midstream. Thank you to all who visited Western Frontier Days this year. We hope to see you again next Western Frontier

Days May 18 and 19, 2018.

Our next program is a guided tour Saturday, June 10. The guided tour will be followed by a hands-on history display with weapons, uniforms, and soldier equipment. Upon arrival, a soldier will greet visitors and serve as their tour guide. Visitors can walk the trails around the ruins of Fort Lancaster learning about the site's fascinating history and stories.

The tour begins at the Visitor's Center at 10 a.m., visitors are asked to arrive a few minutes early.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 per child.

Fort Lancaster State Historic Site, a Texas Historical Commission property, commemorates the remnants of Fort Lancaster, built in 1855 to protect the road between San Antonio and El Paso. The site contains the ruins of the fort along with a new Visitors Center and exhibit.

For more information, call (432) 836-4391 or visit www.visitfortlancaster.com.

Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board Meeting Thursday

The Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors will hold their regular board meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 8, at the EMS Building. The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:

- Sign and approve the minutes of the April 6 meeting.
- Clinic Report

- EMS Report
- Care Center Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Public Comments
- Discussion of non-agenda items by members for the purpose of placing them on the next agenda.
- Review and authorization to pay Care Center/H.S.C./E.M.S. Financials.

- Executive session if needed.
- Supplemental agenda:
 - New Business: Floor at New Clinic.
 - Public Comments
 - Discussion of non-agenda items by members for the purpose of placing them on the next agenda.
 - Executive session if needed

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Carter is a dynamic entertainer who is in constant demand at schools, churches, fairs, festivals and just about any venue or event that involves families, adults or children.

Combining the skills of a master magician, the humor of a comedian, and the knowledge of a wildlife biologist he creates a show unlike any other.

Carter is originally from the West Texas town of Pampa where he comes from a fifth generation ranching family. Spending his youth on the ranches in Texas and New Mexico he developed an appreciation and love of animals that continues to this day.

His love of magic came when at age five he saw his father do a magic show for the Christmas Club members at the local bank. He had no idea his dad could do such cool things.

He is a six-time winner of the Best of Nashville: Nashville's Best Children's Entertainer Award and twice won the Tennessee Governor's Award of Excellence in Education.

Other Summer Reading Programs include:

- Monday, June 12, Story Time and Craft from 10-11 a.m. at the library with "Myrtle the Turtle."
- Thursday, June 15, 10-11 a.m. at the library with Doll Maker Sandy Whitley.



THE OZONA STOCKMAN FILE PHOTO

THE WILD THINGS ZOOFARI will return June 19 for the Crockett County Public Library's Summer Reading Program.

- Monday, June 19, 11 a.m.-noon Dinosaur George at the library.
- Wednesday, July 19, 10-11 a.m. Story Time at the library.
- Wednesday, July 26, 10-11 a.m. Story Time at the library.
- Wednesday, Aug. 2, 10-11 a.m. Story Time at the library.
- Wednesday, Aug. 9, 10-11 a.m. Reading Rodeo at the library.
- Wednesday, Aug. 16, 10-11 a.m. Back-to-School Bash featuring Jeremy Munoz at the library.
- For more information, call the library at (325) 392-3565 or visit <http://crockett.ploud.net>.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bingo social Monday

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

The last few days have been wonderful, weather-wise. We have had some rain and less wind. The early mornings are just beautiful and the evenings are great as well. There will be a change in the time we will open and close the center in the future. The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m.

I have some free ride tickets for the Thunderbird here at the office. Come by and you can have them as long as they last. First come - first serve. The Thunderbird is a great service provided by Concho Valley Transit District and our own Crockett County. There are those that do not have transportation available for the medical services in San Angelo, or for just a nice trip to the city. They are not aware that the

Thunderbird can take them to San Angelo. Come on you younger ones and look into these services that are there and help your parents and grandparents figure this out.

If you did not get a San Angelo paper May 13, there was a senior source book in there that lists all the services available for us older folks. Stop by the Senior Center and I have some extra copies that most can do them. There are a lot of people working to help you with your problems. Take advantage of them.

We are still doing balance exercises Monday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. These are simple exercises that are done very slowly so that most can do them. The ones that are joining in say that it helps them with the movements that they have had a lot of trouble with. All is slow and easy.

There will be bingo every

Thursday afternoon. That means tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. Try it - you'll like it. Just a nickel a card per game. You win all the nickels if you bingo. Then we have a blackout game that has a little more for a prize. We have cold drinks and popcorn and it is kind of like a little party.

Bingo Social for June will be on Monday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. We will be serving chicken salad sandwiches on croissants with banana pudding made by Corina Diehl.

Exercise - 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Mexican Train - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday

Prayer Group - 3 p.m. Wednesday

Quilting - 9:30 a.m. Thursday

Balance Exercise - 9:30 a.m. Thursday

Bingo - 2 p.m. Thursday

Come on out, the coffee is on.

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I wasn't really into science because I literally thought it was boring, but now, I want to be a SCIENTIST. So, thank you TAME Trailblazer!

Female 6th grader, Baytown, TX

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Safari Greg
Thursday, June 8
11 a.m. at the library
6 p.m.
at the Civic Center

Safari Greg and his "Amazing Urban Safari!" show is a state-of-the-art magic show written especially for children, that combines amazing magic, big laughs, and hilarious surprises!



Monday, June 12
10-11 a.m.
Story Time and Craft with "Myrtle the Turtle."

The Library will be closed on Friday, June 9, for carpet cleaning.

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HOURS
Monday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday:
9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.



CROCKETT COUNTY EMS visited The Ozona Community Center on May 23. Students got to tour the ambulance.

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butterfly through planting natives, removing invasive species, and tagging or tracking monarchs. Whether you're an individual with a love for monarchs or a business leader looking to give back to your community, becoming a Monarch Wrangler is a rewarding and educational experience.

To become a Monarch Wrangler visit: www.texasbynature.org/programs/monarch-wrangler.

On April 30-May 1, a staff member from Texan by Nature and members from other organizations, planted native milkweed plants on the Ward Walker 7-Oaks Ranch. The Ward Walker family has been working to remove invasive species, such as redberry juniper (*Juniperus pinchotii*) by mechanical methods and prescribed burning.

The family also practices rotational grazing and has been seeding native grasses, wildflowers, and forbs on the property to benefit many species of wildlife such as the monarch butterfly. Milkweed plants (genus *Asclepias*) are essential for monarch butterfly reproduction; monarchs lay their eggs on the



THE WARD WALKER RANCH recently became a Texan by Nature Monarch Wrangler for monarch butterflies. Pictured are: Pete Ewald (Wildlife Systems), Houston Dobbins (Natural Resources Conservation Service), Suzanne Meyer (Del Rio Resident), Cathy Downs (Monarch Watch), Taylor Keys (Texan by Nature) and Paula Harley (seated; Texas Master Naturalist).

milkweed and the larvae utilize the milkweed as a food source.

The milkweed planted on the ranch was provided by Monarch Watch. Their mission is to address changes in agricultural practices and development which decimated monarch habitat, and to restore habitats for monarchs, pollinators, and other wildlife. Monarch Watch is initiating a nationwide landscape restoration program called "Bring Back The Monarchs."

The goals of this program are to restore 20 milkweed species, used by monarch caterpillars as food, to their native ranges throughout the United States and to encourage the planting of nectar-producing native flowers that support adult monarchs and other pollinators.

To participate in Monarch Watch's Milkweed Restoration Program, applicants for restoration milkweed plants must demonstrate that they have a land management plan, and that other nectar sources are either pre-existing or are included in the new planting. Ward Walker 7-Oaks Ranch is a great example of exactly the conditions for which the program is looking. For more information on Monarch Watch visit www.monarchwatch.org.

For more information on Texan by Nature visit www.texasbynature.org and connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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use a chunk of the district's savings to make up some of the \$900,000 gap in next year's budget. "If nothing else changes, we've got three years," he said.

The funding challenge facing districts like Kelton, as well as the unique pot of money they are set to lose in three months, stems from decisions by state officials made over a decade ago. In 2006, the Legislature compressed tax rates by a third, after the Texas Supreme Court ordered them to alleviate the high property tax rates in local school districts. They also created a state aid program to make up the extra revenue districts lost by lowering tax rates.

At the beginning, most districts received money through that program, called Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction, or ASATR. Over the years, most of the districts stopped qualifying for the funds, in many cases because of how their enrollment or property tax base grew, or both.

In the fiscal year that ends Aug. 31, the state estimates it will pay about \$400 million to almost 300 districts through ASATR. Then the program will expire.

Earlier this year, both the House and Senate passed a version of House Bill 21, a measure intended to increase funding for most schools and bring the formulas for allocating that money up to date. But the Senate added a "private school choice" provision to the bill, which the House and many public education advocates refused to accept, arguing it would sap money from public schools. The bill died, and so did any real chance in this year's regular legislative session of bolstering funds for districts relying on ASATR.

Many of the districts that still rely on the money are small, rural and mineral-rich, meaning their property values fluctuate with the prices of oil and gas, currently near a low.

Comstock ISD has thinned out its program offerings over the past few years, preparing for the funding drought.

"We don't have football because of costs. We don't have ag because of costs. We don't have band because of costs," said Superintendent O.K. Wolfenbarger III.

He plans to keep cutting

With ASATR gone, districts will lose money

Districts stand to lose as much as \$13.9 million after ASATR expires. For some districts, the money from the program makes up a large percentage of total state funds.

District	ASATR funds	Percent of state funding
Andrews ISD	\$13.9 M	38%
Prosper ISD	\$10.8 M	10%
Texas City ISD	\$10.7 M	11%
Northwest ISD	\$10.7 M	5%
Barbers Hill ISD	\$10.5 M	17%
Seminole ISD	\$9.9 M	29%
Snyder ISD	\$8.7 M	31%
Zapata County ISD	\$8.6 M	28%
Sheldon ISD	\$8.4 M	9%
Crane ISD	\$8.1 M	53%
Kames City ISD	\$7.3 M	54%
Franklin ISD	\$7.1 M	36%
Denver City ISD	\$6.6 M	38%
Decatur ISD	\$6.4 M	25%
Glen Rose ISD	\$6.4 M	32%

Source: Texas Education Agency
Credit: Chris Essig, Texas Tribune

back on supplies, using less copy paper, finding cheaper deals on utilities and not re-hiring support staff.

"If I start cutting teacher positions ... I've got kids that are going to be in danger of not having the courses they need to graduate," he said.

Comstock ISD is already taxing residents at the maximum rate allowed under state law and cannot collect any additional funds in local property tax revenue. It could be losing around 15 percent of its budget with the state aid program not getting extended.

CCCCSD Superintendent Raul Chavarria said the district will be losing money, but did not have hard numbers yet.

In 2016, the district received \$2.3 million in ASATR funding.

A budget workshop has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. June 19 at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D. The meeting is open to the public.

"We've already taken some steps in reducing staffing, but even with those steps you can't make up for the big shot all at once," Chavarria said.

Reagan County ISD stands to lose \$2.59 million, Irion County ISD \$519,000 and Sonora ISD \$2.5 million in ASATR funds, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Critics argue districts knew the state aid program was scheduled to dry up in 2017 and should have been prepared.

"Obviously for those districts, it does create a hardship because they're used to having the extra funding,"

said Ray Freeman, executive director of the Equity Center, a school finance advocacy group. "But they have known for six years that the funding was going away."

Now, he said, districts that were getting state funds through this external program will get it through the regular funding formulas, just like everyone else.

Freeman said districts should raise property taxes to raise more money, if they have not reached the maximum rate.

But superintendents of those districts said it's not that easy. Many of them are considered "property-rich," meaning they send money to the state to subsidize districts that can't collect as much tax revenue, through a Texas program nicknamed "Robin Hood." Taxpayers can be especially wary of supporting higher tax rates when they know the revenue will go to the state.

This session, legislators passed a budget that would rely even more heavily on local property taxes, meaning the state would be paying much less than half of public education costs.

Rich Dear, superintendent of Godley ISD in North Texas, said enrollment is growing so quickly taxpayers have already had to foot the bill for new facilities. With ASATR gone, Godley ISD could lose around 15 percent of its current operating budget, Dear said.

Lovejoy ISD, located north of Dallas, has built four new campuses in the past decade, and operating costs have skyrocketed, said Superintendent Ted Moore. "We're playing the hand we've been dealt. We're doing the best we can to take care of our taxpayers, providing an educational program that's the best we can provide," he said.

Superintendents said they have prepared as well as they could for this situation, scaling back early to cushion their savings.

"We try to operate the district as leanly as possible and as efficiently for our tax base," said Joe Waldron, superintendent of Lefors ISD, located in the rural Texas Panhandle. Administrators there saved between \$100,000 and \$200,000 per year over the past four years. The money is supposed to go into capital investments — such as repairs to buildings and vehicles — but now it will go toward running schools.

Waldron has cut staff more than 10 percent over the last three years. Teachers and board members are "heartbroken" the state aid program was not extended this session, he said. And most parents will be "blindsided" when they find out their school district is on life support and may only have two or three years to live.

"The important thing is that the school is the only thing in this town," he said. "The school hurts, the community hurts. That's just a fact of rural public education."

- Melissa Perner with The Ozona Stockman contributed to this article.

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OZONA LADY LIONS 2017 SUMMER FUNDAMENTAL BASKETBALL CAMP was held last week. The camp had 45 girls in grades third through eighth grades at the OHS Davidson Gym.

Lady Lions Basketball Camp

BY LEE ABBEY
OZONA HIGH SCHOOL

We had a great camp with record numbers of our present and future Lady Lions. We had 45 girls from third through eighth grades participate last week.

Three years ago when we first started camp we had less than 15.

The numbers have grown along with the skills of these young players. You can tell there are dedicated kids and parents on their way up.

Thanks goes out to seniors Julie Marshall, Asia Lara, Madison Galindo, Jackson Abbey, Coach Frankie Kay and Mrs. Abbey for their help. The future of the Ozona Lady Lions is so bright that you have to wear shades!

We had a lot of fun with games, competitions, skills stations, and hard work.

These kids were great especially for the amount of participants in one gym. There were a lot of daily

competitions and games, but these contests were cumulative for each day.

FREE THROWS

HS All Stars - 1. Christina Geary; 2. Kelynn Bean; 3. Mia Rodriguez and Atleigh Morris.

NJCAA - 1. Esmie Fraga; 2. Juliet Rodriguez; 3. Mara Crenwelge

NCAA - 1. Audymn Geary; 2. Claire Bean; 3. Cameron Ochoa

WNBA - 1. Norah Rodriguez; 2. Reaghan Gonzalez; 3. Jaylynn Tijerina and Dorisel Sanchez

LAYUPS

HS All Stars - 1. Kelynn Bean and Madolyn Childress; 2. Avery Davidson; 3. Mercedes Perez

NJCAA - 1. Serena Diehl and Serenity Briggs; 2. Christina Geary and Juliet Rodriguez; 3. Esmie Fraga

NCAA - 1. Audymn Geary; 2. Valeria Garza; 3. Alondra Garza and Mia Davidson

WNBA - 1. Reaghan Gon-

zalez and Shelbie Galindo; 2. Jaylynn Tijerina and Norah Rodriguez; 3. Paige Sanchez

HOT SHOTS

HS All Stars - 1. Avery Davidson; 2. Madolyn Childress; 3. Kelynn Bean

NJCAA - 1. Catherine Geary and Savannah De La Cruz; 2. Serenity Briggs; 3. Alex Delgado

NCAA - 1. Audymn Geary; 2. Alondra Garza; 3. Valeria Garza

WNBA - 1. Jaylynn Tijerina; 2. Mysti Mata; 3. Norah Rodriguez, Paige Sanchez, Skylar Lacy, Natalie Rodriguez and Emma Crenwelge

All the kids including Jaycee Maldonado, Brylee Gutierrez, Audrey Upham, Grace Upham, Rianna De La Rosa, Lea Quigley, Cora Perez, Lillian Burger, Ysabella Espariza, Claire Bean, Maria Aranda, Rosa Randolph, McKenna Luckie, Anahi De La Cruz and Ally Cervantez earned awards in daily contests, defense, offense and most improved.



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JAROD SEALS was named to the All-District Academic Team and Second Team for District 6-5A.

Seals makes All-District Baseball

Jarod Seals made District 6-5A Academic All-District and also made Second Team All-District as a left-handed starting pitcher for the Eaton High School Team.

He tied for first on wins for Eaton. He was second in the team for strikeouts and his ERA was 3.6.

Jarod was a starter as a right-fielder when he was not pitching.

He was first on the team in runs scored and second in runs batted in (RBIs).

Jarod, who is a Junior in Eaton High School, is the son of Michael and Erika Seals of Haslet, Texas.

He is the grandson of Alejos and Gloria Tambunga of Fort Worth, Texas.



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T.J. MYNYK received the "Silver Slugger" award for leading the Lake Country Christian School in RBIs this season.

Mynyk awarded 'Silver Slugger'

T.J. Mynyk was awarded the "Silver Slugger" award for leading the Lake Country Christian School (middle school baseball team) in runs batted in (RBIs).

He plays shortstop and is the youngest seventh-grader to start on the eighth grade baseball team.

T.J. also played middle school basketball for Lake Country and was awarded the "Offensive Player of the Year" Award.

He is the son of Ted and Kathi Mynyk of Haslet, Texas.

He is also the grandson of Alejos and Gloria Tambunga of Fort Worth, Texas.

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Recordbooks due June 26

District 6 Recordbooks and Outstanding Awards: Entry on 4-H Connect between June 12-23, with the hardcopy on-site at the district office by 5 p.m. on June 26.

If you would like your Recordbook to be hand delivered, hardcopy must be submitted to the Crockett County office by noon on June 21.

CLOTHING and TEXTILES

A 4-H Clothing and Textiles Workshop will be held from 9 a.m.-noon Monday, June 12, at the 4-H Office.

Participants need to bring two bandanas, one two or three inch roll of ribbon and one 20-ounce bag of stuffing for pillow.

LIVESTOCK SHOWS

For youth interested in showing livestock for the upcoming season, hair sheep will be shown as well as Fine Wool and Fine Wool Cross, meat goats, angora goats and hogs.

Youth that have never shown in Crockett County may show ewe lambs or nanny kids.

Anyone that needs assistance in finding a sheep or goat project, contact Ryan Bean or Les Hale. They can direct people to a breeder.

BARN CLEAN UP

4-H families who used the county barns in 2016-

2017, attend a barn clean up from 8-11 a.m. June 23.

Bring a shovel or rake and gloves. Lunch will be provided.

TEXT REMINDERS

Text to cc4hclub to 81010 to receive text reminders on your phone.

4-H OFFICE

The Crockett County 4-H Office can be reached at (325) 392-2721 or crockettcounty@ag.tamu.edu.

Kailey Roberts, CEA-FCS, can be reached at (210) 705-2887 or kailey.roberts@ag.tamu.edu.

Lydia Munoz, secretary, lydia.munoz@ag.tamu.edu. Like the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/crockettextension.

CCCCSD Summer Feeding Program

June 7-14

Breakfast 7-9 a.m.

Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Breakfast and Lunch is free for all students ages 0-18. Adults - Breakfast is \$1.60, Lunch \$3.30. at OES Cafeteria

BREAKFAST

Wednesday, June 7
Cinnamon roll with sausage or cereal with Texas Toast.

Thursday, June 8
Animal crackers with cheese stick or cereal with graham crackers.

Friday, June 9
Muffin with yogurt or cereal with Texas Toast.

Monday, June 12
Sausage biscuit or cereal with Texas Toast.

Tuesday, June 13
PB&J sandwich or cereal with graham crackers.

Wednesday, June 14
Chicken and waffle or cereal with Texas Toast. Everyday fruit cup, fruit juice and milk.

LUNCH

Wednesday, June 7
Pizza choice, baby carrots, ranch, mixed fruit and milk.

Thursday, June 8
Crunchy fish, Texas Toast, cole slaw, pinto beans, oranges and milk.

Friday, June 9
Popcorn chicken, brown gravy, potatoes, corn, green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite and milk.

Monday, June 12
Taqitos, queso, charro beans, salad, hot cinnamon apples and milk.

Tuesday, June 13
Meatball sub sandwich, tator tots, veggie cup, fruit, pudding and milk.

Wednesday, June 14
Pizza choice, salad, tomato cup, fruit cup and milk.

To learn more about school meals, call Ludy Vargas (325) 392-5501 ext. 5547

First Ozona Lions Golf Scramble

June 10 at the Ozona Country Club

Tournament Benefitting the
OZONA LION FOOTBALL TEAM

- Four man/woman teams
- Limited amount of golf carts for rent
- Limited amount of teams
 - \$200 per team
 - Play starts at 9:30 a.m.
- \$100 deposit on date of entry, \$100 on June 10

FMI, call Kyle Freeman at (325) 207-2634 or Heather Claburn at (325) 226-4286



Youth Center Calendar of Events

HIGH SCHOOL:

Monday: 7-10 p.m.;
Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.;
Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.;
Thursday: 2-10 p.m.;
Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight
and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.;
Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.;
Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

OHS MEAL NIGHT:

Monday - 7-10 p.m.

7TH AND 8TH MEAL NIGHTS:

Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

CLOSED SUNDAYS

YOUTH CENTER BOARD MEETING

6 P.M. TONIGHT (JUNE 7) AT THE CIVIC CENTER

OZONA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LIVE AUCTION

SATURDAY, June 10, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Location: Crockett County Consolidated Common School District's Old Fitness Center

across from Ozona High School on Avenue D.

CCCCSD will be auctioning off all the fitness equipment and other items!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Frank Tambunga (Event Organizer) 325-392-2827

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During office hours on Thursdays call 392-2508
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Eldorado Clinic at 325-853-2572

USDA Farm Service Agency County Committee nomination period begins June 15

BY ISABEL BENEMELIS
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins on Thursday, June 15.

"County committees allow farmers and ranchers to make important decisions about how federal farm programs are administered locally to best serve their needs," said Acting FSA Administrator Chris Beyerhelm. "We strongly encourage all eligible producers to visit their local FSA office today to find out how to get involved in their county's election. There's an increasing need for representation from underserved producers, which includes beginning, women and other minority farmers and ranchers."

County committees are made up of farmers and ranchers elected by other producers in their communities to guide the delivery of farm programs at the local level. Committee members play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of FSA. Committees consist of three to 11 members and meet once a month or as needed to make important decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs, county office employment and other agricultural issues. Members serve

three-year terms. Nationwide, there are over 7,700 farmer and ranchers serving on FSA county committees.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations, including those representing beginning, women and minority producers, may also nominate candidates to better serve their communities. To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, and reside in the local administrative area where the election is being held.

After the nomination period, candidates will encourage the eligible producers in their local administrative area to vote. FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 6. Ballots will be due back to the local county office either by mail or in person by Dec. 4.

Newly-elected committee members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2018.

To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

All nomination forms for the 2017 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA office by Aug. 1. Locate your local office at <https://offices.usda.gov> and visit to get more information.

Texas Cattle Raisers applaud livestock bill

AUSTIN — Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) applauded the final passage of HB 2817, authored by State Representative Mary Gonzalez, D-El Paso, and sponsored by Senator Charles Perry, R-Lubbock. The legislation was sent June 1 to Gov. Abbott for his signature. Provisions within the bill ensure those who criminally kill livestock will be held accountable, and that TSCRA Special Rangers have the tools necessary to continue their steadfast protection of Texas' ranchers.

TSCRA Special Rangers have noticed a disturbing increase in offenses that involve the criminal killing of livestock, prompting concern for the welfare of the cattle and the livelihoods of Texas cattle raisers.

At present, criminal offenses involving the killing of cattle do not carry the same penalty as stealing that same animal, although both crimes have the same net effect on the rancher. Regardless of whether an animal is stolen or killed, the rancher loses the value of that animal and its potential offspring. HB 2817 ensures that shooting a cow will be as punitive as stealing it, a minimum third-degree felony.

The bill was also amended in the Texas Senate, by Chairman Perry to include language from a separate House bill, authored by Rep. Tracy King, D-Uvalde, that had passed unanimously from the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee. The provision guarantees that TSCRA can continue its cattle inspection program, a valuable asset for Texas ranchers. Over the past decade, the program has helped recover or account for more than 37,000 head of stolen cattle and related property worth more than \$42 million.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

Effective June 1, Crockett County Sheriff's Office will be charging \$6 for each copy of a requested crash report.

Type of Calls	Count
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	4
911 medical/fire assistance	7
Civil complaints	6
Civil documents served	4
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	15
Juvenile/School	2
Motorist assist/locked vehicle	10
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	7
Minor/major traffic accidents	7
Alarms	2

5-31-17
• Sheriff's deputies arrested Alfred Chila, of Ozona, for possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of a dangerous drug, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

6-1-17
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of a stolen trailer from a residence on Avenue G.
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of a possible terrorist threat from an individual on Avenue J.

6-2-17
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of stolen property from a residence on Corto Street.

• After responding to a call of a disturbance at the Stripes on Del Rio, sheriff's deputies arrested Dedon Prince, of Rasharon, Texas, for an out of county warrant. Subject was arraigned and transported to Upton County.

6-3-17
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of some stolen equipment from a shop on Avenue H.

6-4-17
• Sheriff's deputies served a criminal trespass notice on an unwanted subject on Avenue AA.
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music call on Avenue A.

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument on Bold Ruler.

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

5-27-17
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music call on Avenue M.

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a burglary at the Triple C Hardware & Lumber. As a result of the investigation, two juveniles were arrested and charged. The investigation is still ongoing.

5-28-17
• Sheriff's deputies arrested Sky L'Ann Munoz, of Ozona, for failure to appear on a charge of assault family violence. Subject was arraigned and sent to Upton County.

5-30-17
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of a possible burglary on Willow.

• Sheriff's deputies took a report of gas theft from the Stripes on Del Rio.

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was that it would disrupt the labor pool in Texas, that it was discouraging to the exact kind of immigrants — people pulling themselves up by the bootstraps, to revive an aphorism — the state wants to attract, and that it would undermine community policing that many law enforcement people consider essential in safe big cities.

But the business voice on that issue was buried this year, the victim of a presidential election that emphasized immigration as a problem, a rush of conservative politicians who have noted voter disquiet about border security for years, and a distraction — the bathroom bill — for trade groups that might otherwise

have been focused on sanctuary legislation.

School finance, and the local property tax relief that would be engendered by higher state spending for education, died last summer when the Texas Supreme Court said the current system was flawed, but not unconstitutional. That gave the Legislature — which never takes big steps on education spending without court orders — room to do nothing.

The other stab at property taxes — an effort to constrain local increases by giving voters better veto power — fell short, too.

Education, taxes and intentional discrimination. The state of Texas is flirting with a branding problem.

ROSS RAMSEY is executive editor and co-founder of The Texas Tribune. E-mail him at ramsey@texastribune.org.

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give state officials the power to prosecute violators."

SB 8 is awaiting action by the governor.

SB 12, by Royce West, D-Dallas, would create a \$25 million grant program to help local law enforcement entities pay for body armor resistant to high-powered ammunition. The governor signed West's bill on May 27 and the legislation took effect the same day.

REVENUE TOTAL REPORTED

Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 2 announced that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.5 billion in May, an amount 4 percent more than in May 2016.

"State sales tax collections in May indicate a Tex-

SOME PRAISE WITHDRAWAL

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton thanked President Donald Trump for his June 1 decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Climate Agreement.

According to the United Nations, the international agreement's goal is "to strengthen the global response to the threat of climate change by keeping a global temperature rise this century well below 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius."

Examples of other officials publicly applauding President Trump's decision last week were: Texas Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian, U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, and U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert of Tyler.

Last Puzzle Solution

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ACROSS

- TXism: "___ lick" (none)
- TX Dabney Coleman and this Estrada had roles in "Midway"
- 34th TX governor
- O'Daniel
- Black ___ is on TX endangered list
- library and museum at UT: "Harry ___"
- TXism: "fought tooth ___ nail"
- Uvalde's newspaper
- TX Steve Forrest film: "Spies Like ___"
- TXism: "he's ___ to ride the river with"
- golf clubs toter when Astros win all games in a series: "___ sweep"
- Apple media player
- TXism: "enjoyed about all ___ I can stand"
- ___ Pepper
- TX Charley Pride's "My Eyes Can Only ___ You"
- TX Kenny Rogers' "If I Knew ___ What I Know Now"
- Gov. Hogg's only daughter
- Randolph Field in TX was called "West Point ___"
- sorrows
- trade something
- TX Lovett's "Since ___"
- rabbit-like mammal (2 wds.)
- this agcy. is now a part of Homeland Security
- TXism: "got 'em in my cross ___" (after 'em)
- ___ Phillips College is in Borger
- Elvis' pos. with Rangers
- golf ball holder
- TXism: "beer ___" (saloon)
- TXism: "you ___ take that to the bank"
- actor Begley of 1952 film "Lone Star"
- East TX river
- Amtrak is one you can get ride in TX
- TXism: "lie up the loose ___"
- TX-OK river
- Richard of 1960 film "The Alamo"
- Mexican shawl
- TXism: "come ___ the seams"
- TXism: "brave ___ a rodeo clown"
- "top dog" at a corp. took off
- Clyde H.S. class
- Cruise and Brady
- TX Sly's "___ to Take You Higher"
- "Antique ___ of Texas" sells barbed plaques
- Alan Ladd 1953 western
- TXism: "___ with" (join)
- Greek name
- TXism: "no hill ___ stepper"
- former Dallas & Chicago DJ, Tom hand joint

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- Comal County seat
- TX Drew Brees is QB for New ___
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Richard Ernest Hall, Deceased, were issued on June 2, 2017, in Cause No. 17-04-01282-PR, pending in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas, to: Isaac Hall.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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DATED the 2nd day of June, 2017.
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