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A safari of fun and animals

San Angelo doll maker coming **Thursday**

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A tortoise, a bearded dragon, a South American Tegu named "Tess" and an Albino Burmese Python named "Banana Jill" were all featured during "Safari Greg's" program last week at the Crockett County Public Library and Civic Center.

Greg "Safari Greg" Carter gave two packed performances where he entertained with animals, magic and humor.

Library Director Susan Williams said both shows were so successful, she has already booked "Safari Greg" to come back next year.

This Thursday, the library will welcome San Angelo Fabric Artist Sandy Whittley and her dolls.

Whittley will present a children's program on her dolls at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 15, at the library.

Following her children's program, a ladies program will be held at noon. Everyone is invited and lunch will be served.

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KEYLNN BEAN (left) nervously pets a South American black and white Tegu as Safari Greg holds the animal. Greg performed as part of the Crockett County Public Library's Summer Reading Program on June 8.

Bachman hired to lead Ozona Middle School

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A familiar face will be leading Ozona Middle School this fall.

Last week, Superintendent Raul Chavarria announced that Rick Bachman has been hired to be the new OMS Principal.

For the past two years, Tamara McWilliams has been overseeing the middle school and elementary school campuses. Bachman will take over OMS and McWilliams will move to OES for the 2017-2018 school year.

"CCCCSD felt it was time to serve OMS with one campus principal. We are committed to serve our students and community with quality leadership. Tamara McWilliams has done an excellent job in overseeing both campuses, but the time was now to have her focus on one campus," Chavarria said. "We had several excellent candidates to choose from, and we were excited to add Mr. Rick Bachman to our staff as OMS Principal."

Bachman is a familiar face to Ozona, having lived here for 25 years before moving to Fort Stockton in 2007. Bachman was a teacher and coach at CCCCSD for 12 years.

For the past 10 years, he has been teaching and coaching at Fort Stockton

For the past two years, he has been an as-



RICK BACHMAN

sistant principal at Fort Stockton Middle School.

Bachman is a graduate of Angelo State University. He received his master of education degree from Sul Ross State University in 2015.

"We're just happy. I'm real excited to be coming home," Bachman said. "I'm looking forward to a great year. I've got a lot of ideas that I like to run with. I feel like I'm ready for it."

Bachman said he feels like the support he has already received from the teachers and community will help with his transition.

He also said he wants to focus on academic achievement, along with developing students to be wellrounded and participate in all activities.

"I just want to come and do a good job," Bachman said.

Chavarria said there will not be an assistant principal at OMS, like there has been the past two years. He said since the campus has the smallest enrollment in the district, an assistant principal is not necessary.

Commissioners approve neighborhood watch signs

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Crockett County will purchase signs for groups that establish an active neighbor-

hood watch. At Monday's regular meeting, the county commissioners approved to purchase up to five signs for each neighborhood watch that is active and remains active.

Members of the Chandler Heights Neighborhood Watch program were in attendance to ask about the signs. The neighborhood watch encompasses the area of Live Oak Drive, Mesquite Drive, Cedar Drive, Angus Street, Circle Drive, Ratliff Street and that area of Avenue J.

The group has held meetings and is working together to be another set of "eyes and ears" for local law enforcement, Fierro said.

About 80 people have

signed up for the watch and there were 32 at the first meeting, Fierro said. There is also a Facebook group.

"We think there will be other neighborhoods in Ozona that will be interested in this. We think it could spread throughout town," Fierro said. "We realize it probably won't stop everything, but hopefully it will slow people down."

Sheriff Robert Rodriguez attended the group's first meeting and said he was very supportive of neighborhood

watch. "I wish it wasn't just a neighborhood watch, it wish it was a town watch," Rodriguez said.

Two deputies are on patrol for the entire county at all times. However, if those deputies are assisting with a major incident, such as a vehicle accident, or on a call out in the county, that leaves town

not being patrolled at times,

Rodriguez said. Rodriguez also said the main thing with the neighborhood watch is to let the sheriff's office know that people are out on patrol and no con-

frontations due to safety. "We can patrol all we want. We can only do so much. I don't know if we can get more deputies, but we're going to have to do something,"

said Ira Childress. County Judge Fred Deaton said if people are observant and do things like get a license plate or take a picture then it will make a difference. Deaton also said law enforcement must have probable cause before anything can be done.

"You don't catch them all the first time or second time. If you are doing any kind of a watch you are going to know

PLEASE SEE **COURT,** PAGE 7

Gov. Abbott signs statewide ban on texting while driving

BY EMMA PLATOFF TEXAS TRIBUNE

Gov. Greg Abbott on June 6 signed into law a bill that creates a statewide ban on

texting while driving. The measure, authored by state Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, goes into effect Sept. 1. This is the fourth session in a row Craddick has tried to pass such a ban.

'By enacting this public safety legislation, the governor is saving lives by deterring this dangerous and deadly behavior," Craddick said in a statement. "For a long time, Texas has needed this law to prevent the loss of life in unnecessary and preventable crashes and we finally have it.'

Former Gov. Rick Perry vetoed a similar proposal in 2011, calling it a "governmental effort to micromanage the behavior of adults." Abbott hesitated for several days before

signing the bill, prompting speculation that he was undecided on the ban. The governor announced that he had

signed the bill at a press conference Tuesday, when he also announced a series of priorities for a special legislative session to start July 18. Among those priorities is further work on the ban, which Abbott said "did not fully achieve my goals."

"I was not satisfied with the law as it was written," Abbott said Tuesday. "Now that Texas does have a statewide ban on texting and driving, I am calling for legislation that



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fully pre-empts cities and counties from any regulation of mobile devices in vehicles. We don't need a patchwork quilt of regulations that dictate driving practices in Texas."

The law includes a provision to pre-empt local ordinances that govern a driver's ability to "read, write, or send an electronic message."

But Abbott said Tuesday he hopes for broader legislation that fully pre-empts local governments from passing "any regulation of mobile devices in vehicles."

A broader pre-emption measure would impact dozens of cities — including Austin, San Antonio and El Paso — that currently operate under stricter mobile regulations.

Andy Duehren contributed to this story.



Interim committee gives legislature a new chance to improve open government laws

Five of the most frightening words to hear from elected of ficials from all levels of government are these: "I'm all for transparency, but...."

The phrase following the "but" is usually an excuse to weaken government transparency, not protect it.

Our open government laws were once considered the nation's best, but in recent years they've been eroded by court rulings and loopholes that weakened Texans' right to know what their state and local governments are up to. In**GUEST COLUMN**

KIRK WATSON AND TODD HUNTER

formation that was routinely available for decades is now off limits — particularly information about dealings between government and business interests. This has led to a dangerous erosion of accountability.

We worked with a bipartisan group of lawmakers from both chambers to reverse that trend in the 2017 session. Even though our proposals didn't

pass the full legislature, we're already working to get them passed in the 2019 session.

Here's a sampling of the bills we hope to revive:

· SB 407 and its companion, HB 792, would have repaired the loophole created by a 2015 Texas Supreme Court ruling called Boeing. In that case, the court ruled that businesses and governmental entities may withhold information

about their contracts with each other by claiming the information might put them at even a slight competitive disadvantage. In an era of public-private partnerships, this makes it impossible to know how the public is faring in countless arrangements.

· SB 408 and its companion, HB 793, would have addressed a Texas Supreme Court ruling that redefined when private entities supported by public funds have to comply with transparency laws. Because of that ruling, citizens now have

no way to know how the hard- sure individuals with comearned money they paid in taxes is spent once it's channeled through a private entity like a chamber of commerce, a local non-profit, or even a for-profit business.

· HB 2710 would have restored citizens' access to dates of birth in governmental records after a 3rd Court of Appeals ruling put much of that information off limits. Businesses, journalists and even private citizens need access to dates of birth in otherwise public documents to enmon names are not confused with each other.

· HB 2670 would have closed a loophole used by some officials to hide public documents on their private electronic devices. The bill would have established a process to compel every official to follow the law.

These were not pie-in-the-sky measures that would endanger public-private partnerships or facilitate identity theft. Quite

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Lean state budget approved by legislature

n May 29, another 140-day term of the Texas Legislature came to an end. Working with less revenue, with shortfalls forecasted by the Texas Comptroller due to the economic downturn in oil and gas prices, the Legislature nonetheless put together another two-year state budget. The final version passed the House with the support of 135 members (with 14 Democrats voting against it).

Importantly, Texas law requires a balanced budget. Additionally, this 2018-2019 budget keeps state spending increases under population growth plus inflation, staying well below all constitutional spending limits. While many spending decisions were tough and arguably some good programs and vital government roies ala not receive the level of funding some prefer, we were able to provide meaningful solutions to some of Texas' most pressing challenges while investing in our highest priorities.

Here are just a few of the highlights of the new state budget:

CHILD PROTECTION

In January, Governor Abbott made improving Child Protective Services and Texas' foster care program a top priority for this Legislature. To that end, we added \$508 million in the budget for child protection. This includes funds to hire almost 600 new CPS caseworkers, to enhance foster care provider rates, and to provide additional support for families who take in abused children (also known as kinship care).

MENTAL HEALTH

Last year, I served on the House Select Committee on Mental Health in order to take a comprehensive view of how to improve the state's behavioral health system for children and adults. The committee's findings helped shape this



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orities. We allocated \$300 million for new construction. significant repairs and increased capacity at state mental

year's men-

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budget pri-

health hospitals. We also appropriated \$62.7 million to eliminate waiting lists for community mental health services for adults and children, and we earmarked \$37.5 million for a new mental health jail diversion program.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

The budget continues to fund our public education system at current levels and accounts for growth in enrollment with an additional \$2.65 billion in funding. \$1.6 billion was earmarked for pre-kindergarten funding, with \$236 million going to districts implementing high-quality pre-kindergarten. This was another of Governor Abbott's priority measures. We also provided a backstop for districts who are experiencing rapid decreases in their property values, as well as funding to bring high-speed broadband to public schools and libraries. Unfortunately, consensus for additional funding for ASATR (Additional State Aid for Tax Return) school districts was not reached.

BORDER SECURITY

AND PUBLIC SAFETY In 2015, we added \$840 million to the budget for border security. This year, we allocated funds to hire 250 new state troopers to expand operations along the Texas-Mexico border. Additionally, we earmarked \$25 million in the budget for protective vests for law enforcement officials across the state.

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As I Recall

"What are you in for?" asked the coldlooking culprit, as if this was my first day in prison and he was to be my new best friend: my cell mate. But we weren't in jail, we were in the lobby of the dealership where we buy our cars. My new friend was a salesman who was hiding, ready to pounce like a mountain lion on any poor unsuspecting soul who dared set foot in the jungle of the car lot. Like a hawk, he was looking out the huge plate glass window to spot his prey who had unknowingly ventured into no-man's land. He was ready to bolt out the door and be all over any prospective buyer like brown gravy on mashed potatoes.

"I received another notice in the mail," I said, "that there's another recall to fix something on my car. Hey, you look familiar, I know you, you're the guy who sold me my multi-recalled car!"

"We only issue the recalls for your own safety," the salesman meekly said.

"Maybe so, but I hardly see how I was in any danger from a rear windshield wiper."

er that warms the water for your windshield wipers in freezing weather may get hot." "Isn't that the point?" I asked. "And I

"We sent out that recall because the heat-

hardly feel like I was in much danger of having a horrendous wreck because I never used that particular feature anyway. In fact, I never knew the car had that option." As the day dragged on Lengaged the

salesman in chit chat because about the



IT'S THE **PITTS**

LEE PITTS

only thing I hate worse than going to the dentist is waiting for my car to be fixed, especially in a lobby where the only reading material was Vogue and a Pottery Barn catalog that some other poor sap of the recall class had left behind.

No wonder there were no tip jars in this place!

I was in familiar territory though, having been here three times before for my

fairly new car. The first offense the recall police flagged me for was for a defect in my heated seat, which was another feature I didn't know I possessed, except when I ate extremely spicy foods, of course. The other time was for a defective sensor that read my cabin temperature, which posed as much danger to my person as a good steak and a glass of wine. These government-mandated recalls get a little old after awhile and I guess the car salesman sensed my disgust as I was looking fondly at the old photographs of horses and carriages on

"If you think you have problems now," said the salesman, "can you imagine all the things the bureaucrats would have made us recall back then? Commerce would have come to a standstill as they could have

issued recalls for uneven tread wear on horseshoes, loose rivets on harnesses or manure stains on the leather. Back then you'd have received a telegram that read, "The emission control system on your 1878 model horse may run a little rich when filled with high octane alfalfa. This could result in the driver getting exhaust all over his church clothes. Please bring in your horse so that the proper adjustments can

"Or, " I suggested... "WARNING!!! Dear Sir or Madam, it has come to our attention that the horse our salesman sold you may have a screw loose, and this coupled with the fact that your horse may not have had all the training that our salesman indicated, could result in your engine running away from you. Please be advised that should this happen, and you did not respond to our recall notice, your loss will not be covered by our extensive 3 day or 3 mile guarantee."

'In the old days" the used car salesman said, "the government's recall police would have had a field day as horse traders back then had a reputation for saying almost anything to get you to buy a horse."

Hmmm. Sounds like someone else I

Finally my car was ready and on my way home I decided to check out the rear windshield wiper so I turned it on. Almost immediately my seat started warming up.

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Governor demands action, calls lawmakers back to Austin

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on June 6 announced a special session of the Texas Legislature to begin on July 18 to address issues that went unresolved during the contentious 140-day regular session that ended May 29.

Abbott explained why he thinks it necessary to order lawmakers back to Austin.

"Considering all the successes of the 85th legislative session, we should not be where we are today," he said. "A special session was entirely avoidable and there was plenty of time for the legislature to forge compromises to avoid the time and taxpayer expense of a special session. As governor, if I am going to call a special session, I intend to make it count," he added.

Special session agenda items Abbott named for lawmakers to address will begin with sunset legislation — bills on the continuation or abolishment of certain state agencies, including the Texas Med**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

ical Board.

Once the sunset legislation meets the governor's expectations, he said, the rest of the items on lawmakers' to-do list would be as follows:

- Teacher pay increase of \$1,000;
- · Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices;
- · School finance reform commission;
- · School choice for special
- needs students;
- · Property tax reform; · Caps on state and local spending;
- · Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land;
- · Preventing local governments from changing rules midway through construction projects;
- · Speeding up local gov-

ernment permitting process;

- · Municipal annexation reform.
- Also:
- · Texting while driving preemption;
 - · Privacy;
- · Prohibition of taxpayer
- dollars to collect union dues; · Prohibition of taxpayer funding for abortion provid-
- · Pro-life insurance reform;
- · Strengthening abortionreporting requirements when health complications arise;

· Strengthening patient

- protections relating to do-notresuscitate orders; · Cracking down on mail-
- in ballot fraud; and
- · Extending maternal mortality task force.
- Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, re-

acted to the governor's announcement with a Twitter social media posting: "The people of Texas have a right to expect that we will finish the job on these critical issues." House Speaker Joe Straus did



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CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Stappers receive Salute to Excellence Award

Carlon and Ann Stapper received the 2017 Texas 4-H Youth Development Salute to Excellence Award last week at the Texas 4-H Roundup at College Station.

This award was presented to the Stappers in recognition of their dedication, commitment and the difference they have made in the lives of Texas 4-H Youth.

Also, Thomas Cruz placed fourth overall individual in Mohair Judging at Texas 4-H Roundup.

RECORDBOOKS

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 July 12, at the 4-H Office.

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

FOOD and NUTRITION

A 4-H Food and Nutrition Workshop/Community



ANN and CARLON STAPPER (left photo) received the 2017 Texas 4-H Youth Development Salute to Excellence Award last week at the Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station. Thomas Cruz (right photo) placed fourth overall individual in Mohair Judging at Texas 4-H Roundup.

Service event will be held from 9-11 a.m. July 11.

For more information, call (325) 392-2721.

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 as-

sistance 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 @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.

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

Lydia Munoz, secretary, lydia.munoz@ag.tamu.edu.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Thursday, June 15

- Balance Exercise, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Sandy Whitley, Doll Maker, Summer Reading Program, 10 a.m. at the Crockett **County Public Library**
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Bridal Exhibit, 3 p.m. at the Crockett County Museum

Friday, June 16

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Ribbon Cutting, 11:30 a.m. at Chica Dee's Fish 'N' Chicken, 312 Avenue E
- Father's Day celebration, 3 p.m. at the Care Center

Sunday, June 18

• Father's Day

Monday, June 19

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.-noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church
- Food Handlers Class, 10 a.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office
- Wild Things ZooFari Summer Reading Program, 10 a.m. at the Crockett
- County Public Library and 6 p.m. at the Civic Center

• CCCCSD School Board Budget Workshop, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building Tuesday, June 20

- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.-noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church
- Sit Down Exercise, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center

Wednesday, June 21

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m.-noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- CCCCSD School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building

TEXAS PECOS TRAIL NEWS



THE TEXAS PECOS TRAIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS met in Ozona for their May Partner's event and Board Meeting.

Pecos Trail Board meets in Ozona

Wednesday, June 14 Chicken Alfredo

Thursday, June 15 Beef Tacos

Friday, June 16.....Fried Fish

Sat., June 17.. Texan Burger w/Cheese - \$8.99

Sunday, June 18Fried Chicken

Tues., June 20..... Chicken Spaghetti

Wednesday, June 21 Steakfingers

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MONDAY THRU

FRIDAY

Monday, June 19Meatloaf

BY MELISSA HAGINS TEXAS PECOS TRAIL

The Texas Pecos Trail Region met in Ozona for their May Partner's event and Board Meeting.

We had a great turnout from local guests, Board Members and out of town We toured the Crockett

County Museum then had a welcome from County Judge Fred Deaton. Deaton gave us information about the courthouse,

the historic town square and

the statues on the square.

Next, we toured the Ozona Visitor Center with information given to us by Shanon Biggerstaff President of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

To end our tour we walked thru the Interpretive

During lunch we had several great speakers including Tom Anderson from the Escondido Trail and Jefferson Spilman Site manager of Fort Lancaster State Historic Site.

Teresa Caldwell with the Texas Historical Commission also spoke to the group about the Trails and what we do.

OZONA COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

Garden is growing, producing

BY DIANE WOMACK OZONA COMMUNITY GARDEN

Summer is underway and if you haven't driven by the Community Garden lately you might be surprised at the progress. We have several gardeners that have some amazing vegetable plants growing and producing. They have enjoyed harvesting tomatoes, peppers, squash, radishes, cucumbers, beets, green beans and cilantro. It has been fun to see the garden taking shape. We are also enjoying the flowers that Ms. Brockman's class planted for our pollinator friends, the butterflies, bees

and hummingbirds. Ten years ago the U.S. Senate's unanimous approval and designation of a week in June as "National Pollinator Week" marked a necessary step toward addressing the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations. Pollinator Week has now grown into an international celebration of the valuable ecosystem

services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles.

June 19-25, 2017 has been designated National Pollinator Week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of the Interior. We hope you have some pretty flowers in your yard and are enjoying watching the busy activity of these insects as they collect pollen and nectar.

The Governor of Texas has also proclaimed the support of National Pollinator Week by

issuing a Proclamation. Please drive by 202 Ave J to have a look if you haven't already. The rain has been a real boost and things are looking good. We're happy to do our part to promote Pollinator Week. Thanks to the gardeners and others that have made this new venture both fun and successful this season. If you'd like to participate, call (325) 392-2301 ext. 3 between 9 a.m. and noon, Monday-Friday.



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Few things in life are as beautiful as a field of native Texas wildflowers. And you can thank a bee for that — or a hummingbird, or even

Pollinators come in all shapes and sizes. While the iconic honeybee is the most well-known, moths, wasps, beetles, butterflies and birds share the load of spreading the pollen that helps plants grow healthy and strong These creatures help maintain a beautiful and healthy ecosystem

Pollinators also add billions of dollars annually to the value of crops grown in the United States, many of which sprout from Texas soil, and encourage tourism of Texas' striking natural landscapes.

Each June, a week is dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of these often overlooked animals and insects

At this time, I encourage all Texans to make their own gardens, farms

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim

and ranches friendlier to these beneficial creatures.

June 19-25, 2017, to be

Pollinator Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriat

June 14 - Nicholas Hernandez, Ruth Craig, Keano Perez, Lisa Garza and Sidney

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 15 - Fred Chandler, Amri Vargas, Melanie Rose Lozano, Lynn Maness Perner, Taylor Oglesby and Damon Johnson

June 16 - Manuel Gutierrez Jr., John Longoria, Romeo Perez Jr., Megan Bullard, Camille Cervantes, Rocky Venegas, Alisa Paredes

June 17 - Rosa Montes,

Charlotte Little, Rebecca Mata

and Fernando Fernandez Jr. June 18 - Hunter Smith,

Nancy Tambunga-Ayala, Jon De Hoyos, Norma Carson and Jason Sullivan

June 19 - Daniel Lombrana Jr., Stan Najar, Brad Sullivan, Isaura Lopez, Geniece Childress, Chase Clark, Elaine Castro and Lanell Garcia

June 20 - Mary Lou Hayes, Stanton Najar, Sylvia L. Unate, Joe Ybarra, Rick Bachman, Emily Stuart and



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- · Currently uninsured or under insured
- · West Texas resident
- · Typically have a difficulty qualifying for income-based help programs
- · 39 and younger if symptomatic



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- · Age 21-64
- · Currently uninsured or under insured
- · West Texas resident
- · Typically have a difficulty qualifying for income-based help programs



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HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the elderly. If you have some time, or need some community service for school, come by or call (325) 392-5026.

JUNE 14
Herb baked chicken, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, pears and milk.

JUNE 15
Meatloaf with gravy, new potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, hot cinnamon apples and milk.

JUNE 16

Chicken & dumplings, winter vegetables, tossed salad, what bread, banana pudding with wafers and milk.

JUNE 19

Beef steak fingers with cream gravy, black-eyed peas, greens, wheat bread, pineapple tidbits and milk.

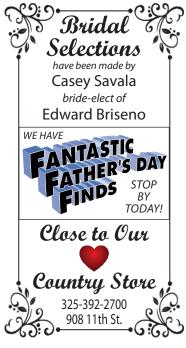
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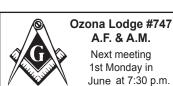
Chicken stew, sliced beets, wheat bread, orange and milk.

JUNE 21

Chop steak with mushrooms, potato wedges, green beans, wheat bread, pineapple crisp and milk. **JUNE 22**

Chicken enchilada bake, Mexican rice, peas and carrots, wheat bread, fruit cup w/oranges and milk.





Food is life sustaining life

We all agree "food is fuel", but our varying cultures, social gathering and emotional attachments have made it so much more than that. Our relationship with food begins when we are too young to comprehend that food is more than something to satisfy hunger. Over time this relationship becomes complicated. We eat it for pleasure. for comfort, when we're sad and depressed. Food is our friend when we're hurt, when we socialize, our reward, as gifts and when we're lonely.

Food is an obsession for many... an addiction that causes shame, guilt and unworthiness. The extremes associated with food attachments can even kill. Worse yet, food imprisons more and more of us every year by confining us to wheelchairs and beds, and to the solitary confinement of our own bodies.

Food intolerances and sensitivities are responsible for almost all metabolic disorders and diseases throughout the world community. What once was thought to be little more than "western diseases" are now pandemics that robs us of our quality of life, at best; but are killing us one-by-one, by the millions worldwide.

Technological advancements made by both the food and pharmaceutical industries have created forms of nutrition and potions our bodies have not yet evolved to process beneficially. Yet, we have embraced them to the point that we have forgotten from where we came and what we once knew.

We have allowed medical authorities who have little knowledge of nutrition to take responsibility of our health and welfare, to the point that our very existence is threatened.



HERE'S TO
YOUR HEALTH

JIM FISH

Processed foods contain added chemicals and many of the beneficial nutrients originally present in whole foods are extracted

to increase

its shelf-life

and reduce expenses. Fast food is only a couple molecules away from being plastic and even lack enough nutrients to even feed bugs and bacteria.

The human body is not a combustion engine. We are complex, dynamic organisms that extract nutrition at the molecular level, for the healthy functioning of all our various tissues, organs, bodily fluids and operating systems.

All food is not created equal, and what we eat is not necessarily what we absorb. A calorie is not just a calorie and there are a multitude factors affecting how we digest, process, and use the food we eat. The value of the food outside our body isn't necessarily the same as the value inside our body, but that's only a part of the story...

The macronutrients (proteins, carbohydrates, and fats) in our food are reduced by our digestive systems into components that supply energy, chemicals, hormones, and support the magnetic and electrical exchanges of brain functioning. The process of digestion extracts all available micronutrients, phytochemicals, zoochemicals, water, and more. "Phyto" means plants and "zoo" refers to animals. The phytochemicals in our "leafy greens" and grains, and zoochemicals in our animal

products provide our body with some benefits, but some very detrimental problems, as well.

We need to know how our individual genes express the nutrients in the foods we eat. Our best strategy is to educate ourselves, be mindful of every bite we eat and understand its role in our bio-individuality, our health, wellness and functioning.

There is a new science in town that promises to answer the questions concerning our nutrition and how it is expressed genetically for each of us. "...Nutrigenomics will ultimately enable such personalized dietary advice, it is a science still in its infancy and its contribution to public health over the next decade is thought to be major. ... Whilst nutrigenomics is aimed at developing an understanding of how the whole body responds to a food via systems biology, research into the effect of a single gene/single food compound relationships is known as nutrigenetics," states Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia on its page entitled, "Nutrigenomics."

We are about to realize a drastic paradigm shift regarding our nutrition and ways of eating. Regardless of what we believe or deny, our body's genes are going to react and "express themselves" as they always have, in the ways they evolved to react to the nutrients we ingest. We would do well to be mindful of our nutriment. While food may be fuel... it is an expression of life sustaining life and we all are its recipients. Here's to your health.

JIM FISH is a certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach. Contact him with your health related questions or for citations to this article at: (325) 276-2150, JimFishINHC@usa.com or Jim Fish, P.O. Box 905, Ozona, Texas 76943

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bingo every Thursday

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

It is really quiet this month. All the parties are over for the graduates and we all are wanting to rest now. We need to get ready to honor our fathers this weekend. They work to make our lives good and now we need to make their weekend great.

Happy Father's Day guys.

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 you can have. 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 July will be on July 24. We will be serving chili dogs, chips and fruit cups made by Blanca Martinez for dessert.

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.

CARE CENTER CHATTER

Father's Day celebration Friday

BY MARY WILLIAMSON
ASSISTANT ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Marta De La Garza, along with dietary, housekeeping and a few nursing staff, started our Mother's Day celebration early in the morning on May 12 setting up their disco's with propane and started cooking breakfast. They made flour and corn tortillas from scratch, eggs, chorizo, potatoes, bacon, guacamole and hot sauce using roasted toma-

toes that they roasted here.

Staff brought in their molcajetes for making the guacamole and hot sauce. Around 10 a.m., they started preparing carnitas, tostadas, cabbage and fresh lime aid for lunch. The residents were served menudo for lunch, some choose to eat carnitas instead of the menudo and some wanted both.

Marachi Festival from San Antonio arrived around 2 p.m. and played until 4 p.m. This year they brought a group of six musicians consisting of two women and four men.

The group played to the residents getting them involved with the songs and music also.

Marta dressed as a male dancer and she was joined by Maria Arredondo, Josefina Treto and Paula Lozano dressed in beautiful dresses and they danced to music and songs. The residents, staff and visitors enjoyed the performance from the musicians

and dancers. A big thank you to everyone that donated money toward the Marachi's.

We are planning a Father's Day celebration for 3 p.m. Friday, June 16.

On game day we set out several games, such as Scrabble, Checkers, Yahtzee, cards and Dominoes, residents choose which game they want to play. Bingo continues to be the game we play the most.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are the days we play bingo. This month we even played bingo twice in the same day with lots of prizes.

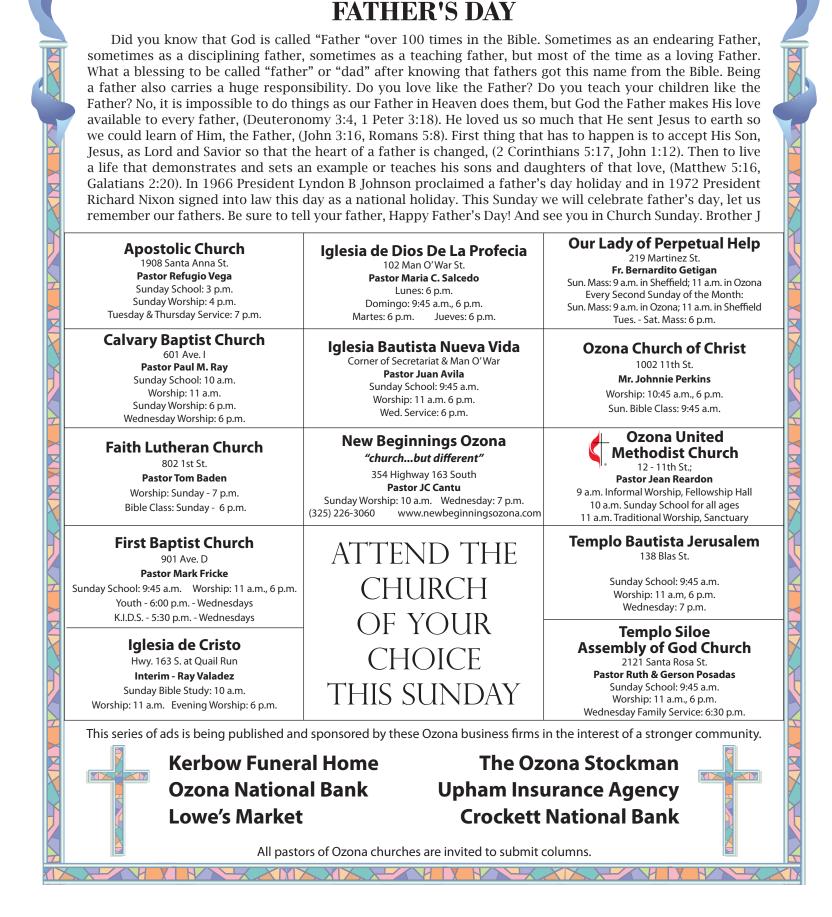
Residents enjoy using the parachute trying to toss a ball into the center by shaking the parachute. We have been using the screened in prch for social activities such as coffee, tea and cookie time and fruit days.

Residents also enjoy sitting out on the porch when the weather is nice visiting with each other and families.

We want to send out a big thank you to staff that assist with party preparation and serving during the parties, and to volunteers that give time and resources to the residents and also to The Ozona Stockman for providing newspapers for residents to read.

We welcome volunteers who would like to help with activities or would like to provide items for bingo prizes.

For more information, call Marta De La Garza at (325) 392-3096 ext. 31.





OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Chica Dee's Fish 'N' Chicken Ribbon **Cutting Friday**

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Ribbon Cutting for Chica Dee's Fish 'N' Chicken at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 16, at the restaurant's location on 312 Avenue E.

Owners are Kelle West and Kevin Taylor.

Chamber representatives, board members, ambassadors and the public are welcome to attend.

For more information, call Chica Dee's Fish 'N' Chicken at (325) 392-2221.

'Get Found on Google Search' workshop June 27

The ASU-SBDC (Angelo State University Small Business Development Center) is excited to host the training event "Get Found on Google Search and Maps" on Tuesday, June 27, from 6-8:30 p.m. for \$20.

This workshop will explain how to setup Google My Business-your one-stopshop for managing business info as it appears across Google Search and Maps, and helping potential customers find important info, like your phone numbers, hours of operation, and driving directions.

Register in advance for this event so that we can provide adequate seating and handouts for everyone.

To find out more about this program, or to register, call the ASU-SBDC at (325) 942-2098 or register online at www.sbdc.angelo.edu.



SANDY WHITTLEY (above photo) will make a children's presentation and speak at a ladies lunch **Thursday at the Crockett County Public Library. RIGHT PHOTOS:** Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson, along with a dragon, are some of Whittley's unusual dolls.

LIBRARY: from page 1

"These are definitely not your grandma's dolls. You'll see dolls with attitude, dolls with stories to tell, life-size dolls, fabric, dollmaker's 'stuff' and have your creativity and imagination stirred like never before," Whittley said. "I love doing programs for children because they have such wonderful imaginations. Even the boys get into it because there are dragons and sea serpents and outra-



geous things. For the ladies, the program is a bit different, but it is still a lot of fun. Ladies love bangles and beads and fancy stuff. My mother taught me all kinds of sewing and handwork. I don't think she thought it would take me in a direction it has taken me, but it certainly has been

a fun trip." On Monday, June 19, the library will welcome the Wild Things ZOOfari with two shows. The first one will be 11 a.m. at the library and the second will be at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Wild Things ZOOfari is the top premiere in providing animal shows.

"We Bring The Zoo To You" is their trademark.

Wild Things ZOOfari educates about the importance of wildlife conservation.

For more information, visit wildthingszoofari.com Other Summer Reading

Programs include: Thursday, June 22, 10-11 a.m. at the library with

Nate Harris and his robots.

· Monday, June 26, 10-11

a.m. at the library with Story Time and Fourth of July Crafts by Kimberly Harris.

Thursday, June 29, 11 a.m.-noon at the library with Rob Holliday the Magical Balloon Guy.

· Wednesday, July 5, 10-11 a.m. Story Time at the library.

· Wednesday, July 12, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Repco Wildlife Encounters at the library.

· Thursday, July 13, 11 a.m.-noon Dinosaur George at the library.

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· Wednesday, Aug. 9, 10-11 a.m. Reading Rodeo at the

· 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.

Hill Country Food Truck Festival set for June 24

FREDERICKSBURG, Texas - The Fourth Annual Hill Country Food Truck Festival, featuring over a dozen food trucks, 10 Texas Hill Country wineries and a lineup of live Texas music, will take place from Noon-11 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, in Luckenbach, Texas, rain or shine.

Last year almost 3,000 folks enjoyed what could be best described as an iconic summer day in the Texas Hill Country, delicious food, Texas wine, ice cold beer and great Americana music.

Over a dozen regional food trucks will be selling lunch and dinner from noon to 8 p.m. (or until sold out). Trucks who are scheduled for the event to date include: Cheesy Jane's (burgers), Cousin's Main Lobster, Backwoods BBQ, Slider Provider (slider burgers), Hippie Momma's (comfort food), Stouts Pizza, Top Notch Diner (comfort food), Teka Molino (Mexican), Get Fried Café (gourmet fries), Wheelie Gourmet (Mediterranean), Twisted Traditions, Lone Star Café, Hitchin' Post Steakhouse, SaWeet Cupcakes, Tikiz Shaved Ice and JustTeaBar.

The "Weingarten" will be open with 10 Texas Hill Country wineries selling by glass and bottle from noon to 8 p.m. (or until sold out). Wineries include Becker Vineyards, Bending Branch Winery, 4.0 Cellars, Wedding Oak Winery, Lost Draw Cellars, Messina Hof Hill Country Winery, Henly Vineyards, Kissing Tree Vineyards, Hye Meadow Winery and Flanigan's Texas Distillery & Winery.

Texas craft beers (and others) will be for sale all day and evening at the Luckenbach Texas bar.

Live Texas music will be featured throughout the day and evening from noon

to 11 p.m. on the outdoor stage under the oaks. The music line-up includes Zac Wilkerson, Jeff Plankenhorn, Sweet Shine & Honey (Rachel Laven), Audry Oliver, Clayton Gardner, L&M Kings and Julia Hatfield. Headlining the event will be The Dirty River Boys from El Paso.

Family friendly event, and dogs on leashes are wel-

There will be seating under tents in the food truck area. Bring your lawn chairs to claim a perfect shady spot in the music stage area.

Plenty of free parking

Grounds admission tickets are \$15 per adult; children 12 and under are free. Tickets are on sale now at www.luckenbachtexas.com. Or at the gate starting at 11 a.m. on festival day.

Proceeds will benefit the Texas Center for Wine and Culinary Arts (TCWCA). In addition to the TCWCA, event organizers include Luckenbach Texas, Texas Hill Country Wineries, the San Antonio Food Truck Association and the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitor Bureau.

Sponsors to date include the City of Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg Inn & Suites, Class A Rentals, Texas Department of Agriculture, Allied Ag, Billy Johnson State Farm. Hill Country Film Festival and the GO CLINIC of Hill Country Memorial Hospital.

For more information, visit www.visitfredericksburgtx.com.

TRAILBLAZER









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!

JOIN US WHEN WE ROLL INTO YOUR TOWN!

Crockett County Public Library 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, June 14 1201 Avenue G Ozona, Texas

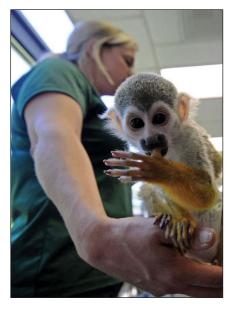
THIS TRAILBLAZER VISIT SPONSORED BY: the Tocker Foundation

CROCKETT COUNTY 2017 SUMMER READING PROGRAM!



Sandy Whittley Doll Maker Thursday, June 15 10 a.m. at the library

Come meet Sandy Whittley, of San Angelo, and see her amazing dolls! "These are definitely NOT your grandma's dolls!" Her dolls are unique, creative and imaginative!



Wild Things **ZOOfari!** Monday, June 19

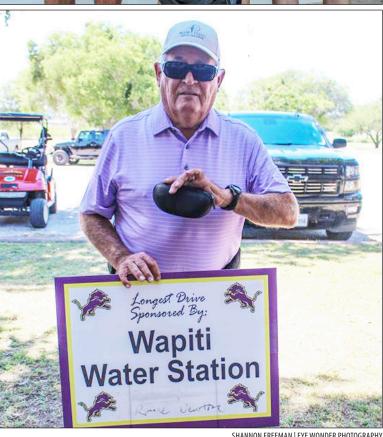
11 a.m. at the library 6 p.m. at the Civic Center

Crockett County Public Library 1201 Avenue G • Ozona, Texas (325) 392-3565 http://crockett.ploud.net Facebook page: **Crockett County Public Library.**

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.

Lions Golf Scramble a success





HANNON FREEMAN | EYE WONDER PHOTOGRAPHY LIONS GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS (top photo) Ricky Webster, Sherri Hill, Seth Webster and Michael Hill. LONGEST DRIVE WINNER (bottom photo) was won by Royce Newton.

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Drawing to be held for gold football helmet

BY SHANNON FREEMAN OZONA SCHOOLS

We would like to thank our sponsors and those that joined us at our First Annual Ozona Lion Football Golf Scramble on June 10. The Ozona Country Club was very generous and allowed us to play on their course. It would not have been possible without the sponsorship of Ozona National Bank, Lily Construction and Epic. Our hole sponsors were El Chato's Restaurant, Hitchin' Post, Mi Familia, Mike's Auto Care, Ozona Cable, Pikes Peak, Triple C Hardware, Village Drug, Vision Exploration and Wapiti Water Station.

We had an amazing day and are already counting down the days and planning next year's event. A very special thank you to Heather Hill Claburn for all your help in getting this organized. This is our first scramble to put together and you made this seamless and much more enjoyable.

And a shout out to the amazing golfers who showed up and supported our young athletes. We had eight teams, not bad for a first time, and they are as follows: Sherri Hill, Michael Hill, Ricky Webster and Seth Webster (winners of our scramble with an amazing 14 under par); Lindsy Bean, Wesley Bean, Kyle Freeman and David Mc-Guire; Alan and Heather Claburn, Adrian Arispe and Jared Shaffer; Mitch Kay, Marvin Clark, Tony Stewart and Royce Newton (winner of our Longest Drive): Tyler Doan. Jake Trainer, Quinton Odom Heath Prather: Juan Flores, Bertrand Butler, David Moore and Randy Galindo; Turk Gonzales, Arty Gonzales, Chuck Romo and Manuel Ortiz; Domingo Perez, Brian Mendez, Josh Smith and Matt Galindo. Again, thank you so much for taking your day off and supporting our Ozona Lions. We have an amazing community, no doubt. Proud to be an Ozona Lion.

We will be holding a drawing for an official Chrome Gold Football Helmet.

The funds will go towards the purchase of these helmets for our varsity team to wear at home and playoff games.

Tickets are \$10 each, and you can pick them up at the Administration Building or at the field house during our strength and conditioning camps throughout the sum-

Drawing will be held on Meet the Lions Night in mid-

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Aug. 26 Town Square Same day as Games Booths **Toro Loco Bull Riding!** are FMI, call or text Arts & Crafts Booths **Melissa Perner** • Fun for all ages! (325) 226-4547

Drama camp set for July 28-29

The Ozona High School Theatre Department is hosting a drama camp for all CCCCSD students who will be in seventh-12th grade for the 2017-2018 school year.

Camp dates at 1-5 p.m. July 28 and 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. July 29 at the OHS Auditorium.

This camp is free of charge, but participants must register in order to attend.

Registration forms are available at the Administration Building or on the school's website at http:// ozonaschools-ohs.ss11. sharpschool.com.

Registration forms will be accepted until July 26.

For more information, email Dottie De Leon at dottie.deleon@ozonaschools.net.

Ozona Elementary Honor Roll

A HONOR ROLL **Sixth Six Weeks**

First Grade - Cameron Asbill, Addisyn Chavez, Sadie Childress, Dylan Gallarzo, Cavin Geary, Rylee Hamm, Jose Mata, Mikell Moran, Kaleb Ramon, Monika Salazar, Anna Shaffer and Mia Webb.

Second Grade - Mark Alvarez, Addison Badillo, Rielee Barrera, Wyatt Bean, Leonel Blanco, Lillian Bunger, Aden Cervantes, Mara Crenwelge, Avery Davidson, Darrius Galindo, Lindsey Galindo, Christina Geary, Charles Harger, Ayumi Hernandez, William Higginbottom, Nolan Martinez, Avery Mendoza, Ciera Morales, Atleigh Morris, Dorian Perez, Nickolas Perez, Ariston Pratt, Nicole Rojo, Machaih Rosendaul, Emily Shaffer, Alejandro Tello, Skylah Thomas, Christian Treto, Grace Upham, Jordan Vega and Cole Wyatt.

Third Grade - Kelynn Bean, Serenity Briggs, Madolyn Childress, William Claburn, Graciano Garcia, Jakelynn Hernandez, Luna Hernandez, Jaycee Maldonado, Rowdy O'Bryant, Mercedes Perez, Timothy Porras, Michael Preddy, Jacoby Ramos, Ryan Ramos, Juliet Rodriguez, Thalen Roller, Trey Ruiz, Colt Scroggins, Shelby Venegas and William Webb.

Fourth Grade — Maria Aranda, Rico Capetillo, Rogelio Capetillo, Savannah De La Cruz, Iran Elizondo, Ysabella Esparza, Gabriel Fullingim, Catherine Geary, Zury Hernandez, Jakob Little, Sarai Meza, Jezebel Ramirez, Moses Ramirez, Mireya Rivera, Jae Rodriquez, Sienna Tatum, Carissa Thomas, Leara Thomas, Tristyn Timms and Kaitlynn Trujillo.

Fifth Grade - Lauren Albers, Jesus

Aranda-Avila, Claire Bean, Bernardo Blanco, Grant Childress, John Childress, Seth Childress, Emma Crenwelge, Mia Cruz, Mia Davidson, Asa Forehand, Esmeralda Fraga Mata, Sebastian Fullingim, Valeria Garza, Audym Geary, Mia Gutierrez, Miguel Angel Hernandez, Jadlyn Hunt, Jonessa Jurado, McKenna Luckie, Laramie Nowell, Cameran Ochoa, Kailyn Preddy, Faith Quiroz, Nicholas Ramon, Alexis Scroggins, Audrey Upham, Noah Veirs, Mia Venegas and Ryan Williams.

A-B HONOR ROLL Sixth Six Weeks

First Grade - Madison Albers, Michael Bennett, McKenzie Dalton, Brian Dominguez, Jace Dominguez, Izabella Escalante, Bobby Hernandez, Brenda Yanely Hernandez, Allison Landa, Olivia Leverett, Emary Maldonado, Stormi Martinez, Andres Mata, Ivan Mata, Ace Mejia, Hy-Leh Merrifield, Onecimo Ortiz, Jordan Parks, Ambrie Perez, Avaree Perez, Bella Perez, Aiden Quiroz, Maliyah Ramirez, Arturo Rivera, Isaias Rodriguez, Raeleigh Rodriguez, Malakai Rodriquez, Serinidee Rutherford, Andon Silva, Kaseybel Smith, Isaac Vega, Elijah Veirs and Aubrey Villarreal.

Second Grade — Jocelynn Ayala, Jonathan Borrego, Freddy Chavez, Marina Contreras, Caden Dominguez, Angel Elizondo, Alexas Garza, Victoria Guajardo, Faith Guerra, Hailey Larson, Christopher Leverett, Destiny Locklear, Joshua Manosalva, Jesus Mendoza, Teagan O'Bryant, Jaython Perez, Robert Puckett, Rikki Radican, Aaliyah Renteria, Alyiah Rodriguez, Bryan Serrano, Snayjder Soto and

Third Grade - Tessa Albon, Alison Allsup, Jaden Bennett, Ella Childress, Charles Claburn, Maria Damian, Destiny Dominguez, Sofia Elizondo, Yesenia Escalante, Jetsi Flores, Ademari Garza, Osvaldo Gonzales, Adrian Guerra, Taylor Hamm, Jonathan Hernandez, Kaidence Hernandez, Mylin Hernandez, Joe Jurado, Hailey Longoria, Angel Radican, Maci Ramirez, Mareli Rodriguez, Bradyn Scherr, Dwayne Smith, Ian Smith, Jorge Torralba, Ayissa Vasquez, Abygale Veirs and Matt Ybarra.

Fourth Grade — Hillary Mashay Alvarez, Avery BaFdillo, Kurt Bean, Macailee Renae Blanco, Sebastian Camarillo, Alexandrea Cervantes, Micheal Daniels, Adrinne Delgado, Serena Diehl, Rhian Dominguez, Michael Flores, Corey Galindo, Ryan Hurst, Adrian Jara, Kailyn Longoria, Yulissa Lopez, Maddac Luna, Delaney McGee, Yesenia Mendez, Blayk Mitchell, Israel Perez, Bayea Porras, Luke Puckett, Samuel Sandate, Bayleigh Tinney, Exander Whitby and Evelyn Yeager.

Fifth Grade - Raelynn Barrera, Roberto Barrera, Fernando Blanco, Felipe Cano, Matthew Daniels, Jack De La Garza, Robyn Dominguez, Salmon Duron, Alondra Garza, Alondra Garza, Ashlyn Gomez, Jacob Guajardo, Brylee Gutierrez, Patrick Hensley, Callie Martinez, Tell Nowell, Ty Nuttall, Addyson Ortiz, Cora Perez, Christopher Ramirez, Vanesa Rodriguez, Jaycelynn Rodriquez, Kaden Ruiz, Alexia Salazar, Frank Sorrell, Jaylynn Tijerina, Andrea Torres, Rigoberto Treto, Alyssa Vargas, Ricardo Velasquez, Kaitlyn Venegas, Jesse Villarreal and Nikolas Villarreal.

Ozona Middle School Honor Roll

A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Six Weeks Sixth Grade - — Levi Bishop, Alicia Ca-

brera, Charli Oglesby, Logan Thompson and Isaac Torres.

Seventh Grade – Jazmynn Barrera, Monserrat Blanco, Roxana Camarillo-Mares, Carlos Cantu, Esperanza Castillo, Matthew Delgado, Ysabella Flores, Ethan Gonzalez, Bryce Gray, Harley Hernandez, Varun Kala, Sydney Knaack, Jason Lopez, Makayleigh Martinez, Mysti Mata Zapata, Melvyn Majia, Amber Moran, Keano Perez, Siria Rodriguez, Kolton Thompson, Genesis Venegas, Jaron Villarreal and Krysten Webb.

Molina, Reaghan Gonzalez, Ian Hernandez, Catherine Perez and Norah Rodriguez.

A-B HONOR ROLL Sixth Six Weeks

Sixth Grade - Ivey Campos Rodriguez, Noah Contreras, Rianna De La Rosa, Maximus Everett, Faith Gaytan, Skylar Lacy, Christa Montgomery, Victoria Nowell, Jarryn Puckett, Annissa Ramos Gregory, Kattie Rodriguez, Elyssa Trujillo, Andrea Viera and Jayden Ybarra.

Seventh Grade - Reagan Borrego-Barrera, Abriele Cervantes, Christopher Con-

treras, Matthew De La Garza, Kayleigh son Childress, Michael Esparza, Jorge Garcia Dominguez, Armando Gaona, Osvaldo Garcia, Aries Hernandez, Daniel Hernandez, Kayleigh Hernandez, Adam Hopper, Alejandra Mata, Jacqueline Medina, Haley Nowell, Cameron Perez, Lea Quigley, Lizabet Quiroz, Mary Rodriguez and Elizabeth Villarreal.

Eighth Grade — Lianna Blanco, Austin Castro, Ethan Criswell, Angela Damian, Shelbie Galindo, Andrea Garza, Alondra Hernandez, Kemberly Hernandez, Kevin Hernandez, Jonathan Jurado, Idaly Ledezma, Joshua Mahannah, Jose Munoz, Alexandra Quiroz, Raul Ramirez, Dorisel Sanchez, Elisabeth Sanchez, Emmanuel Venegas and Jacquline Venegas.

Ozona High School Honor Roll

A HONOR ROLL

Sixth Six Weeks

Freshmen - Chantz Elliot, Josh Knaack, Coulter McWilliams, Gavin Mejia, Eb-

ony Ramirez and Caleb Webb. **Sophomores** – Makenna Fox, Kassidy Gonzalez, Matthew Gunnels, Sara Gunnels, Brenna Hale, Andy Hernandez, Denise Rodri-

guez, Samantha Torralba and Christian Yruegas. **Juniors** — Madison Galindo, Madyson Hubbard, Asia Lara, Paige Lewis, Kamryn Lozano, Rachel Mendoza and Carissa Perez.

Seniors – Madison Childress.

Sixth Six Weeks

Freshmen – Jade Borrego, Esmeralda Castillo, Jacob Childress, Rebecca Flores, Aiden Fuentes, Osiel Hernandez, Alec Lara, Wendy Mata, Roslynn Mendez, Lexi Montgomery, Ashley Moran, Holly Munsell, Kendra Sarabia, Kenzee Talamantez, Joseph Vitela, Adrian Whitby and Justin Yeager.

Sophomores – Ivana Hernandez, David Landin, Isaura Lopez, Karina Marmolejo, Marisol Medina, Adalyne Nehus, Marcus Perez, Ebony Ramirez, Esperanza Ramirez, Juan Rangel, Christian Valdes and Riley Wil-

Juniors – Josae Coy, Zephen Cuevas, Greg DeHoyos, Itzel Esmerado, Marc Flores, Steban Flores, Kassidy Gonzales, Zoe Jones, Cierra Sanchez and Christian Yruegas.

Seniors – Jackson Abbey, Thomas Cruz, Edgar Damian, Zachary Dockal, Madyson Hubbard, Maiah Jurado, Asia Lara, Timothy Maldonado, Diana Marquez, Julie Marshall, Sidney Perez, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Luis Sifuentes, Juan Gabriel Tambunga, Azaylea Tovar, Bobbie Jo Vargas

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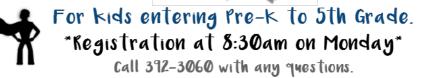
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Lawmakers vote to fund veterinary medicine at Texas Tech

BY MATTHEW WATKINS **TEXAS TRIBUNE**

Texas Tech University's on-again, off-again plans to open a veterinary school in Amarillo might just be on

Buried in the 900-plus page budget approved Saturday by state lawmakers is \$4.1 million allocated to Tech for "veterinary medicine." That money appears to be start-up funding for a new vet school — even though Tech started the legislative session saying that plans for the school were "on pause."

Tech originally announced in late 2015 that it wanted to open a school in Amarillo 2019. But the idea was met with fierce resistance by Texas A&M University, which has the only veterinary school in the state. Despite the "on pause" declaration, lawmakers from the Lubbock area never gave up. A line providing the funding was included in the House's version of the budget — but not the Senate's. The budget conference committee tasked with crafting a compromise decided to leave it in

The Tech system has said the school would help West Texas address a shortage of large-animal veterinarians. In a short emailed statement late Saturday, Tech System Vice Chancellor Brett Ashworth said that the system appreciated the Legislature's support but didn't provide any further details.

Meanwhile, a group of four West Texas legislators —



Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, Rep. Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, Rep. John Frullo, R-Lubbock, and Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo — celebrated the

decision in a joint statement. "Rural Texas depends on agriculture as an economic driver, and the lack of largeanimal veterinarians in Texas can have a devastating effect on our communities," the statement said. "The inclusion of \$4.1 million in the state budget to establish a veterinary school at Texas Tech University will go a long way in addressing this need."

They added, "The overwhelming support for the funding of a veterinary school at Texas Tech University goes to show that both chambers and both political parties understand how important this is to rural Texas. This school will ensure students receive high quality veterinary skills and education for large animal practice in high need areas.'

It's unclear whether a 2019 goal is still realistic. And

Tech will still likely need approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before any plans are finalized. The staff of the coordinating board said last year that the state doesn't need another traditional veterinary school, arguing the cost would outweigh the benefits. Tech, however, has said that its school would be unique and focus largely on bringing veterinarians to rural areas. The coordinating board was

Meanwhile, Texas A&M University System officials have said that expanding their school's reach would be a more efficient way of meeting the state's needs.

receptive to that possibility.

A&M System Chancellor John Sharp reiterated those concerns late Saturday night.

"My congratulations to Sen. Charles Perry for getting it in the appropriations bill," Sharp said. "The Coordinating Board study was against it. Even the Tech board opposed it. But he came in 'guns up' and got it for Tech."

COURT: from page 1

who is coming in and out of your neighborhood. The main this is not to get hurt," Deaton said.

"If we get enough leads, and we get information put together, we can establish probable cause," Rodriguez added.

Shannon Hunnicutt said a house on Angus Street was recently broken into and that if someone had taken a photo of someone walking down the street, or of a car with a license plat that could be a lead.

"You'd be surprised if you stay home all day how many people are walking around the neighborhood in the middle of the day," Hunnicutt said.

CLINIC

The commissioners approved to cut the curb at the southwest corner of the clinic and to remove the flower bed in that area. Stripes will be painted and signs placed for no parking in that area due to the ambulance needing that space.

The ambulances are cutting the curb in this area of the clinic, said Commissioner Wesley Bean.

At the Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board Meeting on June 8 Carmen Sutton said the Ozona Garden Club is working on landscaping the other flower bed with native plants.

EMS Coordinator Eddie Martin also said the architect, Rick Burnight, is working on the flooring problem at the new clinic.

Martin said when the flooring is pulled back, there

is moisture underneath in

the entire clinic.

Martin said Burnight told them it is coming from the concrete, and that repairs should all be done under warranty of the building.

"The architect is working on it. He is making all the necessary steps that we need to do," Deaton said.

UTILITY COMPANIES

Commissioner Frank Tambunga asked for officials of the Crockett County Water Department and NatGas to attend the meeting to discuss work that is done on the county streets.

Tambunga said he has received complaints that when the utility companies work on the gas or water lines, the pavement is not fixed correctly.

"We want to pave some of our streets and I know you all may have plans to do work on the same streets. I want to work with everybody," Tambunga said.

Doug Meador, with the water department, said his office works with County Road Supervisor Jeffrey Stuart and they keep good base material in stock.

Scott Carson with NatGas said his office always calls everyone and notifies them of any job they are doing. Carson also said they also put in material and pack it down as much as they can.

"It would be nice to have a plan of action so we don't pave on top of your projects," Bean said.

Meador said they do let Stuart know their plans, and Carson said other than the new county jail project Nat-Gas has no other planned project except fixing leaks as needed.

Stuart was unable to attend the meeting and Tambunga said another meeting maybe called later to discuss the issue further when everyone is available.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa Lozano asked the commissioners about putting up a banner advertising her personal training business in a county park.

She had a banner at Lion Stadium, where she had received permission from CCCC-SD Superintendent Raul Chavarria to place the information.

However, she said she had to take it down because Chavarria had received phone calls from other businesses wanting to put up signs.

Deaton said the county does not allow banners to be placed in the county parks because the parks would be full of banners and it takes advertising away from local businesses, like The Ozona Stockman newspaper.

"We would be competing with private enterprise," Childress said.

Tambunga said if at events or festivals, a business can buy a booth at the event and put their banner up.

ASPHALT AND PAVING ROCK

The commissioners opened bids for asphalt and paving rock. No decision was made due to Stuart not being at the meeting.

The commissioners will call a special meeting at noon Friday, June 16, to decide on the bids. The meeting is open to the public.

Commissioner Eligio Martinez was absent from the meeting.

WTPA scholarship available

Applications are current- nual Summer Convention in ly being accepted from area Granbury, July 20-22. students for two \$2,000 Bob Craig Memorial Scholarships awarded through the West Texas Press Association and the Texas Press Association.

The contest is open to applicants in the area served by WTPA member newspapers, and whose career goals include working with a community newspaper. (Name of county or coverage area of newspaper) students are eligible to apply for the scholarships through the Ozona Stockman membership in

Each scholarship is divided into two payments of \$1,000 each semester. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester the scholarship is awarded. College students must have at least 60 hours of college course work. Each applicant must also fill out an application form and write an essay based on the theme, "My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism."

One scholarship will be presented to a graduating high school senior and the other to a student attending a college or university as a print journalism or advertising major, or a communication studies major with a minor in journalism. Broadcast or public relations majors do not qualify.

Applications can be downloaded from the WTPA website, www.wtpa.org. Applicants must be from the area served by WTPA membership.

Applications and essays should be sent to Bob Dillard, WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 1097, Fort Davis, Texas 79734-1097, and be postmarked no later than June 19, 2017. Winners will be chosen by the West Texas Press Association board of directors, and announced during the association's 87th An-

The Bob Craig Memorial Scholarships are named in honor of late West Texas publisher Bob Craig of Hamlin. Craig, who died in 1981, was the long-time publisher of the Hamlin Herald and a member of the West Texas Press Association. He served 18 years on the board in various capacities, including president in 1967, and secretary-treasurer for many years.

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Friday, June 16 Dutch waffle with bacon or cereal with Texas

Monday, June 19

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Tuesday, June 13 PB&J sandwich or cereal with graham Wednesday, June 14

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June 14-21

Wednesday, June 14

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Thursday, June 15 Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, broccoli,

green beans, apples and milk. Friday, June 16

Corn dog, oven fries, baby carrots with ranch, peaches, crispy cereal treat and

Monday, June 19

Country fried steak, potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, strawberry cup and

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members of the Texas Sen-

ate and Texas House of Rep-

to improve the lives of indi-

viduals who work for and

with the Child Protective Ser-

House Bill 5, House Bill 7, and

Senate Bill 11 - passed with

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have the opportunity and

the leadership we needed to

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This session was truly histor-

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CARLOS URESTI

best practices we learned in the Fort Worth area's foster care pilot project, and extends those principles throughout the state. House Bill 7 rebalances the family court system to ensure that all parties, children, parents, judges, and the Department of Family and Protective Services, are provided with transparency, due process, and access to vital information

"As a member of the Senate Committee on Finance, I also advocated for more money for child abuse prevention services, and for a continuation of December's salary raises for caseworkers that we worked very hard to win support for. We have both a moral and a legal obligation to these children, and I believe these bills, with the additional funding, helps us meet these obligations," said

Uresti represents Senate District 19, which includes Crockett County.

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.

Monthly Status Report - May 2017 Minor/major traffic accidents Total Placed in Jail 27 Total Released 20 **OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:** Currently Incarcerated - Ozona 0 Currently housed outside county 13 Housing Cost - Mitchell Co. \$76 · Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal \$17,437.50 argument on Avenue G. Housing Cost - Upton Co. Housing Cost - Sutton Co. \$0 · Sheriff's deputies escorted an unruly customer from the Holiday Inn Express. Housing Cost - Schleicher Co. \$0 Housing Cost - Pecos Co. \$0 **Total Housing Cost** \$17,513.50 · Sheriff's deputies took a report of crimi-**Total Civil Papers** 20 nal mischief at a residence on Avenue H. Civil Papers Served (state and out of county) 14 · Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal Total Unserved argument on Native Dancer. 6 **Total Fines Collected** \$269 **Total Civil Fines Collected** \$390 · Sheriff's deputies took a report of a pos-

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· Sheriff's deputies took a report of criminal mischief on Avenue O.

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MURR: from page 2

PRO-LIFE

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the state who serve pregnant women in need. Moreover, the budget authorizes Health and Human Services to spend up to \$20 million additional dollars once the \$18.3 is allocated in order to expand service into rural areas and increase the number of providers in the network. **TEXAS TEACHER RETIREMENT CROSSWORD** \$350 million in the budget is dedicated to increasing

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revenues, this is one of the most conservative, fiscally responsible budgets in Texas history, and it's the second consecutive conservative budget that I have been a part of crafting. I believe it's positive proof that our state can keep taxes and spending low, while at the same time meeting the basic needs of our fellow Texans.

As always, it is an honor to represent you in the Texas House of Representatives, and I welcome your comments and opinions. Please visit my website at www.AndrewMurr. org or contact our District Office in Kerrville (715 Water St.) at (830) 257-0432 and let me hear from you.

REPRESENTATIVE MURR represents District 53 in the Texas House, which includes Crockett County.

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Cash Bonds Collected

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Inmates Transported

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Actual 911 Calls

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Reckless driving/ speeding complaints

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Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise 12

ted by a diverse set of stakeholders over many months; further, we amended them multiple times to address legitimate concerns. But despite our best efforts, all of these bills ultimately fell victim to special interests whose desire for secrecy won out over the rights and needs of the people of Texas. We can and should do better when it comes to an issue as fundamental as government transparency.

But there was one silver lining: The Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate passed a concurrent resolution requesting a select committee to study transparency laws make recommendations be-

fore the 2019 legislative session. This provides a great opportunity for us to reaffirm and strengthen the public's right to know what its government is up to.

We hope the creation of this select committee will mark the beginning of real change. But that will only happen if public officials and citizens take a strong stand for government transparency. Simply put, we need leaders who aren't afraid to challenge the status quo.

We have heard "I'm all for transparency, but..." far too often. Now it's time to come together to restore and improve our open government laws. The people of Texas deserve no less.

KIRK WATSON, a Democrat, represents Austin in the Texas Senate. TODD HUNTER, a Republican, represents Corpus Christi in the Texas House of Representatives

STATE: from page 2

over the so-called "bathroom bill" addressing the treatment of transgender students and property tax reform. Both items are on the special session call, with the bathroom bill referred to as "privacy."

PAXTON APPLAUDS DECISION

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 6 announced his support of the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to give states more time to comply with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard, an ozone regulation issued in 2015. Texas has a pending lawsuit contesting the rule.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt sent a letter to governors informing them that the Clean Air Act enforcing federal agency is extending the deadline for promulgating initial area designations for the standards by one year.

Since 1980, wrote Pruitt, total emissions of the six principal air pollutants have dropped by 63 percent and ozone levels have declined by 33 percent. Despite the continued improvement of air quality, costs associated with compliance of the ozone NAAQS have significantly increased.

"Texas has continually reduced ambient ozone concentrations in the state without stifling the growth of Texas's industry or population, and looks forward to continuing efforts to improve air quality while bolstering the Texas economy," Paxton said.

HEGAR DISTRIBUTES REVENUE

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on June 7 announced his office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$640 million in local sales tax allocations for June, an amount 3.6 percent more than in June 2016.

Allocations are based on sales made in April by businesses that report tax monthly.

The cities of Round Rock, Frisco, San Antonio, Midland and Odessa saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations, Hegar said. The cities of Houston and Austin saw small decreases, he added.

HURRICANE READINESS BEGINS

Hurricane season began June 1 and continues through Nov. 30.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management on June 5 brought together personnel from more than two dozen state and federal agencies at the Texas State Operations Center in Austin for a weeklong hurricane exercise.

Dubbed Hurricane Charlie, the exercise was conducted "to bolster our preparedness efforts for this year's hurricane season," said Nim Kidd, chief of the division. "Early preparation is critical to saving lives when a hurricane or severe weather occurs, so we are asking the public to do just that — get ready now."

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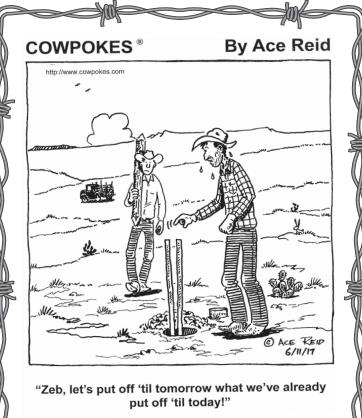
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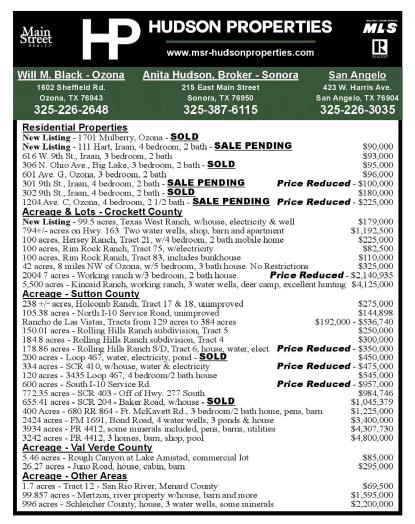


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