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can access STAAR scores

online BY MELISSA PERNER

THE OZONA STOCKMAN STAAR test scores were presented at the Crockett

meeting on June 21. "We did well, but we still have some ways to go in some areas," said Tammy McWilliams, OES and OMS Principal.

County CCSD's regular board

Class scores were:

· Third Grade - 63 percent math; 66 percent reading.

· Fourth Grade - 79 percent math; 69 percent reading; 52 percent writing.

· Fifth Grade - 77 percent math; 77 percent reading; 70 percent science.

· Sixth Grade - 58 percent math; 43 percent reading.

· Seventh Grade - 61 percent math; 70 percent reading; 64 percent writing.

· Eighth Grade - 89 percent math; 92 percent reading; 81 percent science; 67 percent social studies.

"We do have some weak spots we need to work on, McWilliams said.

At OHS, the end-of-course

test results were also presented: · Algebra I - 82 percent approaches grade level; 45 percent meets grade level; 10 per-

cent masters grade level. PLEASE SEE **BOARD**, PAGE 9

Businesses closed, Stockman early deadline

Several local businesses will be closed Tuesday, July 4.

for holiday

The Ozona Stockman will be closed. Deadline is 3 p.m. Friday, June 30, for the July 5 edition.

Crockett County Offices, CCCCSD Administration Offices, the Crockett County Public Library, the Civic Center and the Senior Center, will be closed Tuesday, July 4, but will resume regular business hours Wednesday, July 6.

Many county offices and the library will close at noon Monday, July 3.

Crockett National Bank and Ozona Bank will both be closed Tues-

day, July 4. The Family Health Center will be closed Tuesday, July 4, but the Urgent Care Center will be open in the back.

Fourth of July events

The Crockett County Veterans will host the G.I. Joe 5k Fun Run and Walk on Saturday, July 1. The event starts at 8 a.m. at the town square across from the Crockett County Court-

Registration is \$15 per person and includes an event T-shirt.

"This event is also to encourage people to stay fit. So stay fit by participating, and, at the same time, support our veterans," said Coordinator Frank Tambunga.

Proceeds will support such events as the Veterans Appreciation Dinner and Memorial Day Ceremony.

The Knights of Columbus will then sponsor a Fourth of July Festival at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, at the town square park.

It will include food booths, music, games, jumping balloons and a washer pitching tournament. Booths are \$35 per booth.

The Children and Pet Parade will be at 7 p.m. that day. Prizes for first, second

and third places. Around 8 p.m. the Patriotic Parade will take place starting at the Crockett County Courthouse and ending at the north baseball parks.

Prizes for first, second and third places.

Everyone that has a member of the family in the military is encouraged to provide a float in their



honor. Also, all businesses are also asked to provide a parade float.

After the parade, a fireworks show will take place at the north baseball fields.

The fireworks show may be canceled due to weather or not enough funds raised.

Anyone interested in making a monetary donation to assist the Knights of Columbus with the fireworks show can drop them off at Ozona Bank or with any Knights of Columbus member.

"Our goal is to raise \$2,500. We hate to cancel, but if we do not raise our goal then we will not have a fireworks show for the Fourth of July. Help us continue our great community's annual tradition of the Fourth of July Celebration by making a donation," Tambunga said.

For more information, or to donate funds, call Tambunga at (325) 392-2987.

FORT LANCASTER

Fort Lancaster Historic Site will have a special guided tour Saturday, July 1.

The tour of the historic fort ruins followed by a hands-on history display with period weapons, uniforms, and soldier equipment.

"The special tour will allow visitors to imagine what it must have been like to live and work at Fort Lancaster during the mid-1800s" said Jefferson Spilman, Fort Lancaster Site Manager.

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.

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

Storm causes fallen trees, debris

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Ozona residents spent part of their weekend cleaning up after a storm that hit Friday

Rain, wind and small hail caused fallen trees and limbs around town.

Crockett County Road Department employees worked Saturday and Monday morning cleaning up the debris, including massive tree limbs in the town square park. The park was taped off all weekend due to the damage.

The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and the Crockett County Sheriff's Office responded to down limbs that blocked roads, as well as down power lines.

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A TREE takes out a backyard pool after high winds and rain hit Ozona Friday night. Owners are Kayla and Kenny Tobar.

Abbey, Fay and Fierro named **All-West Texas Baseball**

Abbey, Tommy Fay and Aiden Fierro have been named to the 2017 All-West Texas Baseball Team by the San Angelo Standard-Times.

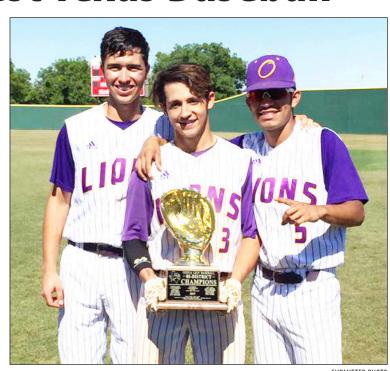
Abbey, who played third base, first base and pitcher, was a first-team alldistrict selection.

He batted .415 and drove in 30 runs while hitting 19 extra-base hits including one home run. He was 4-2 on the mound with an ERA of 3.13 and WHIP of 1.53 and helped lead the Lions to the third round of the Class 2A playoffs.

Catcher Fay averaged .412 and had an on-base percentage of .583. He drove in 15 runs and had 21 stolen bases.

He had a .989 fielding average. He was honorable mention all-district, but he was the most valuable player for the Lions, who won two playoff series before falling in the third round.

Fierro was a first-team



JACKSON ABBEY, TOMMY FAY and AIDEN FIERRO were named to the San Angelo Standard-Times All-West Texas Baseball Team.

all-district pitcher. He averaged .486 at the plate with 25 RBIs and 17 extra-base hits - including one home

He was 7-3 on the

mound with a 3.83 ERA and 1.54 WHIP. He struck out 53.

> - Information provided by the San Angelo Standard-Times

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM 11 A.M. THURSDAY AT THE LIBRARY



West Texas figures out why Abbott hates public schools

My hero this week is Graydon Hicks, Fort Davis Superintendent of Schools. Hicks recently sent a scathing letter to Governor Abbott and Lieutenant Governor Patrick, raking them over the coals for "the lack of positive legislative action for public schools in Texas" in the most recent session of the Texas legislature, which adjourned at the end of May without passing a school finance bill. Hicks is a West Point graduate and an experienced school administrator. He is no-nonsense guy who does not mince words. After detailing the effect on Fort Davis's schools of shrinking state financial support for pubover the past 10 years, combined with an increasing number of unfunded mandates and requirements, Hicks wrote, "How much more do you want to harm



RAMBLING BOY

LONN TAYLOR

...If your intent is to dissolve public education (and your actions are more than a clear signal of such), then simply go on the record with that statement and remove the State's authority to further overburden us without financial support. Quit pontificating about bathrooms. Quit hiding your intentions behind righteous statements about school vouchers and choice.

Hicks accompanied his letter with a chart showing the annually-declining amount of state funding available to the Fort Davis Independent School District and the increasing burden on local taxpayers since 2008. In 2008 state funding amounted to \$3.9 million, or 68 percent of the school district's budget; local property taxes provided \$1.8 million, or 32 percent. In 2017 the state will contribute \$378, 000, about one-tenth of their 2008 commitment, or 15 percent of the total budget; local taxes will provide \$2.2 million, or 85 per-

"The Fort Davis ISD has 226 students," Hicks wrote. "It has no cafeteria, has no bus routes, has dropped our band program, has eliminated (or not filled) 15 staff positions, has cut stipends for extra-curricular activities, has frozen (or reduced) staff pay for one year, has cut extra-curricular programs, has no debt, and has increased our local tax rate to the maximum allowed by the law. . . . We have nothing left to cut."

You can feel Hick's anger and frustration oozing off the page, and I share it. Public education is one of the basic building blocks of democracy. Public schools are where children learn that everyone in America is not like them, and learn how

to get along with those who are not. Public school classrooms are where children first encounter voting, majority rule, and minority rights. Public schools are where children learn to ask questions, to evaluate evidence, to develop an ear for cant and deceit, to hone the skills that will turn them into informed voters, who are the most important people in a democracy. The Texas Legislature's, and the governor's and lieutenant governor's, willful neglect of our

PLEASE SEE **SCHOOLS**, PAGE 8

Abbott's pen cut transparency like a sword

Editor's note: The following was originally published in the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

ith the simple act of signing his name, Gov. Greg Abbott completed a trifecta of failure by all branches of state government to defend the people's right to know.

Abbott was proud of himself Thursday for vetoing 50 bills that he claimed were government overreach. One of those was House Bill 2783, regrettably the only government transparency measure to survive the 85th Legislature.

HB 2783, one of the more modest of the sunshine bills introduced this session, would have allowed plaintiffs who sue a government entity for withholding public information to collect attorney fees when the entity ends the suit by turning over the information. Public officials are known to slow-walk an information request to the attorney general's office when they already know good and well that it's public information, or to foot-drag until a lawsuit is filed. They sorely need a deterrent, and HB 2783 would have been one — a mild one, but better than nothing.

Abbott's objection was that the bill would have been an incentive to sue and collect damages at public expense. There is no such thing, and there would have been no such thing, as predatory information-request filing for the purpose of collecting attorney fees. This is a getrich-never scheme. Find us the worst lawyer in Texas and we'll show you someone whose time is too valu-

able to waste on this. "Texas Public Information Act lawsuits are not common, and when they do occur it's because a governmental entity has refused to hand over public information — the people's information," said Kelley Shannon, executive director of the Texas Freedom of Information Foundation. "Going to court is a last resort, and an option not many Texans can afford. When a lawsuit is neces-

WHAT'S ON OUR MINDS **EDITORIAL**

sary, a judge should have the ability to award attorneys' fees to the prevailing plaintiff who had to turn to the courthouse when all else failed in seeking public records.

We agree with that. The people's right to public information has suffered miserably since Abbott became governor two years ago. Under his administration, the judicial, legislative and, now, administrative branches of government have either actively damaged or failed to protect and restore the public's right to know.

Notably, in 2015, the Texas Supreme Court decided to let government entities withhold contracts with private businesses from public view on the premise that disclosure would put the contractor at a competitive disadvantage. Any harm caused by disclosure should be an accepted cost of doing business with government

— as it was until that ruling. The court also decided in 2015 to allow nonprofits such as economic development corporations that receive public funding and perform government functions to shut their books from public view.

Ken Paxton also took over from Abbott as attorney general in 2015 and began a new tradition of siding with government against the public on disclosure disputes. One of the more memorable ones was interpreting the court ruling on competitive disadvantage to allow the city of McAllen to keep secret what it paid singer Enrique Iglesias for a performance. Did he underbid Lady Gaga or what?

Among the most notable failures of the 85th Legislature was the death of bills to remedy those two court rulings. Lawmakers spent too much time bickering about the discriminatory transgender bathroom bill, which failed, thankfully, and the anti-Hispanic show-me-your-papers

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Old Crows and Wild Turkeys

World List?"

"It's very simple re-

ally," he explained. "All

you do is keep track of

the different birds you

"experience" and note

Bird watching

hoot, so on a lark I de-

cided to become a bird

watcher. Two weeks

later I saw my tourist

"Do you happen to know what kind of bird that is sitting on the back of your cow there?" asked the trespassing tourist, peering through a pair of high dollar binoculars.

"Around here we call them cow birds," I replied. "It is quite a common sight to see a bird dining on the back of a cow, proving the theory that two really can live as cheaply as one."

"Well, I'll have you know that I have traveled around the world looking at birds and I can tell you from experience that is not a Common Cowbird."

"Well if you know so much what did you ask me for? What are you doing on my ranch any way?"

"As I said, I am a bird watcher and I travel around the world searching out new birds. In the 45 years that I have been bird watching I have personally "experienced" over 5,000 different birds which ranks me 21st on the American Birding Association's World List of Bird Watchers. I'll have you know that in my career I have "experienced" several endangered species and have spotted such rare birds as the Nuthatch, Chickadee and the Booby Bird."

"Yeah, I have seen a few of those myself. That sounds like an interesting and competitive hobby and one that I might he interested in. I see a lot of birds every day, how do I go about getting on this



the time and location." sounded like a real

PITTS

IT'S THE

LEE PITTS friend who dropped by on his way out of town. "How have you done so far on your life list?" he asked.

"So far I have "experienced" 35,000

You'd have thought I'd shot an endangered tweety bird in his presence. He screamed, "That's impossible! There are only 1,400 known birds in the entire United States. As I told you, I've been bird watching for nearly 50 years and I've only spotted 5,000 all over the world! I doubt vou've been to the Brazilian rain forest since last we met so it would be impossible for you to have

seen even 2,000!" "Well, I have kept a list like you told me to. Do you want so see it?"

My new feathery friend graphed my Life List out of my hand and here's what

· 65 dead chickens on the barbecue spit at the annual FFA banquet,

· 21 ugly, smelly buzzards circling the afterbirth of one of my cows, 127 Cow Birds of various plumage,

· 3,475 itsy-bitsy blackbirds sitting on a wire prior to a rain storm,

· 70 Baltimore Orioles and Blue Jays, (I don't know if they count because they were on the television).

· 31,000 turkeys at a turkey farm. "And that doesn't even count the 15

sea gulls that left their calling card on the hood of my pick-up. Nor did I count the thousands of birds I saw heading north because I wasn't sure if they were ducks or geese."

After my bird-brained friend saw my Life List he was squawking like a rainedon rooster. His faced turned more colors than a peacock has feathers.

I think he was jealous that in just two short weeks I'd seen seven times more birds than he saw in his entire life.

I thought he was about ready to pop a cork or blow a gasket so I said, "Let's go have a drink down at Happy Jack's Tavern. There's an Old Crow and some Wild Turkey down there you need to "experience" right about now.

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First Gulf storm of season elbows Texas

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — State emergency responders geared up for the first time this hurricane season in response to Tropical Storm Cindy, which came ashore just east of the Texas-Louisiana border on June 22. Two deaths were attributed to the storm — one of them an elderly man found in a sandmired pickup truck on Texas' Bolivar Peninsula.

The storm dropped most of its rainfall east of its center — up to 18 inches in some places far to the east — and much less in Texas. But as a precaution two days before landfall, Gov. Greg Abbott ordered an increase in readiness from level four, normal conditions, to level three, increased readiness.

Four Texas Task Force 1 boat squads were activated, along with two Texas Military Department vehicle squads. Also, the Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Task Force, the Texas Military Forces Aircraft and shelter and feeding teams were placed on standby.

Abbott noted that weather conditions related to tropical storms can change rapidly without warning, causing catastrophic flooding. "That is why I am imploring all Texans in the Gulf region to stay updated and heed warnings from your local officials, avoid high water areas and refrain from attempting to drive through roadways or over bridges that have the potential to flood."

PAXTON LEADS COALITION

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on June 19 urged the Federal Communications Commission to deny a petition by the broadband industry to prevent states from investigating and settling claims over false and misleading advertising about broadband Internet speed.

"As the U.S. Supreme Court ruled," Paxton said, "a federal agency may pre-empt state law only when and if it's acting within the scope of its congressionally delegated authority. Hundreds of millions of Americans rely on broadband Internet services every day, yet they don't always get what they pay for. The states' consumer protection powers must be left intact to protect customers from providers who make false claims about broadband speed."

Paxton was joined in the letter by the attorneys general of Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi,

Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin. **TEXAS ADDS JOBS IN MAY** The Lone Star State's economy PLEASE SFF



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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

ROBOTS visited the Crockett County Public Library's Summer Reading Program on June 22 by way of OMS Teacher Nate Harris. Students were able to interact with the machines and even allowed to control them.

Balloon guy Thursday at Summer Reading Program

The Crockett County Public Library's Summer Reading Program will host Rob Holladay, the Magical Balloon Guy, for their program at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 29.

Holladay has been voted the number one children's entertainer and balloon artist.

For 20 years, Holladay has been amazing audiences young and old with his message, magic and balloon characters.

He has been featured on radio, television and in numerous newspapers across the country.

"I want to encourage children to read and use their imaginations using stories told with, or by, balloons," Holladay said.

For more information, visit www.magicalballoonguy.com.

Other Summer Reading Programs include:

· 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.

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

· Wednesday, July 19, 10-11 a.m. Story Time at the li-

· Wednesday, July 26, 10-11 a.m. Story Time at the library.

· Wednesday, Aug. 2, 10-11 a.m. Story Time at the li-

· 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.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 28

- 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 29

- Balance Exercise, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Rob Holladay the Magical Balloon Guy, Summer Reading Program, 11 a.m. at the Crockett County Public Library
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center

Friday, June 30

Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center

Saturday, July 1

• G.I. Joe 5k Fun Run and Walk, 8 a.m. at the town square in front of the **Crockett County Courthouse**

• Special Guided Tour, 10 a.m. at Fort Lancaster

Monday, July 3

• Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center

Tuesday, July 4

- Independence Day
- Fourth of July Festival, 2 p.m. at the town square park
- Children and Pet Parade, 7 p.m. at the town square park
- Patriotic Parade and fireworks, 8 p.m. starting at the town square park and ending at the north baseball fields

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 28 - Sofia Coy Lopez, Brandon Asbill, Savannah De La Cruz, April Barrera, Jeff Sanchez, Eddie Vitela, Layne Collis, Paula Maness, Selena Newby, April DeHoyos

June 29 - Charlie Ramos, JC Cantu, Cameron Harrison, Tere Garcia, Tricia Mendoza, Blanca Dominguez, Michael Mata, Sarah De La Garza, Randy Herring and Lane Hale

June 30 - Ashlev Talamantez, Alison Allsup, Joaquin Mata, Rosa Soto, Davelyn Hood, Hugh Childress, Shake Riley and Gavin Grannis

July 1 - Sol Stokes, Bob-

bie Reed, Armandina Rivero, Ricardo Damian, Socorro Torres, Trudy Shoemaker, Jessica Newby, Shelly Trujillo and Joe Ross

July 2 - Andres Borrego, Maesa Hale and Mark Chil-

July 3 - Karen Morris, Kimberlee R. Fuentes, Jimmy Ybarra, Brett Castillo and Jason Badillo

July 4 - Rosa Maria Arredondo, Mark Owensby, Shelbie Fierro, Manuel Longoria, Mark Adam Alvarez, Aschten S. Aguilar and Shelbie Kamarae

Drama camp 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.

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BALLOONS MAGIC PUPPETS STORIES!!

OHS Fish Camp July 31

Ozona High School will host Fish Camp at 6 p.m. Monday, July 31, at the high school.

All incoming freshman

and their parents are invited to attend.

The event will include orientation, tour of the campus will be able to meet new OHS Principal Rene Valeriano.

For more information, call (325) 392-5501 ext. and students and parents 5711.



WHERE: Crockett County Public Library, 1201 Avenue G

WHEN: Thursday, June 29

TIME: 11 a.m.

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 28

Meatballs with brown gravy, oven potatoes, peas and carrots, wheat roll, fruited cherry gelatin and milk.

JUNE 29

Barbecued pork on bun, potato salad, navy beans, lettuce, tomato, onion, hot cinnamon apples and milk.

JUNE 30

Tuna salad, green pea salad, cucumber and tomato salad, wheat bread, fruit cup with oranges and milk.

JULY 3

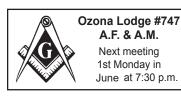
Chicken patty on bun, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, onion, tangy coleslaw, mustard, chunky fruit medley and milk.

JULY 4 Closed for holiday.

JULY 5

Grilled oregano chicken, garden blend rice, green beans, wheat bread, angel food cake and milk.





No calorie sweetness

One thing almost all books and nutritional science practitioners have in common is they single out sugar as the primary culprit in luring Man from the path of universal health and wellbeing. Deep down, we all recognize sugar is bad and is even killing us. Now, the food industry is profiting by providing sugarfree and artificially sweetened drinks, snacks and processed foods. Are we "going from the frying pan into the fire?"

"The problem is that when you're avoiding sugar and using sugar-free beverages, and artificially sweetened foods and beverages, you're actually setting the stage for more weight gain, and even for type 2 diabetes." - Dr. David C. Perlmutter, physician, researcher and best-selling author.

Further, artificial sweeteners increase the odds of obesity, inflammation, Type 2 Diabetes, cancer and heart disease.

In a Canadian study called, "Chronic low-calorie sweetener use and risk of abdominal obesity among older adults", fifteen hundred participants were followed for ten years and kept up with things like the size of their belly the amount of abdominal fat, weight gain, body mass index (BMI) and others.

Throughout the study the participants kept food diaries, recording the intake of all their food items, and researchers paid particular attention to the usage of lowcalorie sweeteners.

Non-users showed a longterm reduction in their body mass index, compared to a dramatic increase in the BMI of those who used the artificial sweeteners. Similar results were found in their resulting waistlines, body fat



HERE'S TO **YOUR HEALTH**

JIM FISH

and overall weight measurements. Further,

the researchers concluded that the specific food eaten affects subsequent eating behav-

ior, unrelated

to calorie

content... refuting the "calories-in, calories-out" (CICO) hypothesis.

This is the theory that obesity is a simple matter of eating more calories than one uses. Proponents of the CICO theory believe calories matter more than the type of nutrients found in our various foods and is responsible for weight gain and ill health. In other words, 100 calories of sugar would have the same effect on the body as 100 calories of broccoli... which is ridiculous.

"Artificial sweeteners: sugar-free, but at what cost?" an article appearing in Harvard Health Publications suggests, "By offering the taste of sweetness without any calories, artificial sweeteners seem like they could be one answer to effective weight loss. The average 12-ounce can of sugar-sweetened soda delivers about 150 calories, almost all of them from sugar. The same amount of diet soda zero calories. The choice seems like a no-brainer."

However, Harvard Health continues, "Animal studies suggest that artificial sweeteners may be addictive. In studies of rats who were exposed to cocaine, then given a choice between intravenous cocaine or oral saccharine, most chose saccharin.'

Other studies have shown that low-calorie sweeteners contribute to the obesity and Type 2 Diabetes Mellites pandemics by way of its influences on intestinal microbiota and subsequently, the endocrine system and energy homeostasis.

Then there is a 10-year study of 5,300 adults, again demonstrating how individuals who used artificial sweeteners over the course of the study also had significant increases in abdominal fat, BMI, an overall tendency to gain more weight and a risk for Type 2 Diabetes.

Dr. Perlmutter explains, "... artificial sweeteners have a profound detrimental or damaging effect on the gut microbiome the microbiota, the organisms that live there. It sort of changes our gut bacteria to the extent that we actually get signals from our gut bacteria telling us that we're starving and we tenaciously hold on to every calorie thus leading to increased weight gain and inflammation - hallmarks of many of our chronic degenerative conditions, including type 2 diabetes."

Finally, in the Multiethnic Study of Atherosclerosis, daily consumption of diet drinks was associated with a 36 percent greater risk for metabolic syndrome and a 67 percent increased risk for type 2 diabetes.

I believe we all should rethink the inclusion of artificial sweeteners in our ways of eating. Instead of that soda, have a glass of water instead. Drink your coffee black, you'll be glad you did, in the long-run.

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

OBITUARIES

Mary Sue Arledge

Mary Sue Arledge, precious wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend passed away peacefully June 24, 2017.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, June 27, at the Ozona Church of Christ. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at kerbowfuneralhome.com.

She had a love for God, her family and people that was unparalleled and she never met a stranger. Sue was born Mary Susan Harvey to Phil and Winnie Harvey on August 6, 1930. She and her sister Betty Lou, shared a happy childhood living throughout West Texas while her father worked for the Humble Oil Company.

In 1947, while away at school, she fell for a young rancher, which began her 70-year love with Larry Arledge. Life at the ranch was a definite adjustment, but somewhere in those first few years, she learned to cook, work and developed a deep love for the land.

She and Larry ranched together at Pandale for 69 years, raising their daughters there and serving actively in the small, close-knit community through Pandale Study Club and their ranching endeavors.

Sue's family and extended family brought her immense joy, and she will always be remembered for the



love and values she poured into everyone around her.

She is survived by her husband, Larry of Pandale and Ozona, her sister, Betty Lou Winslow of Dallas, her daughters Debra Brown and husband Joe of Llano and Pumpville, Lara Sue Baggett and husband Penn of Ozona, and Leanne Higgins and husband Billy of Eldorado, as well as her grandchildren, Jodye Smathers and husband Rick, Leana Talbott and husband Tom, Neal Higgins and wife Megan, and Haley Higgins. Sue had a special love for her great-grandchildren, Maci, Andy, Will, Slade, Lauren and Rayce and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends who affectionately knew her as Aunt Sue.

She was preceded in death by her father, Philip, mother, Winnie, step-mother, Gladys, dear in-laws Willie and Eva Arledge and greatgranddaughter, Jacey.

"I have fought the fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Fourth of July crafts Friday

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

I just walked in to the most beautiful thing this morning. As I was unlocking the door, I looked at the bench on the right side, and there was a flag folded perfectly laying there. I looked at the flag pole and the flag was gone. I don't know who picked up our flag and folded it so beautifully, but I thank that person from the bottom of my heart. The wind blew so hard here on Friday and it must have blown it on the ground. I have been looking at the trees around town. The county boys were hard at work during the weekend at the park and were picking up limbs around town early this morning. Thank the Good Lord there was not any major damage here that I know of.

Thanks for the rain. I am planning a craft time to make decorations for the Fourth of July. This will start at 1 p.m. Friday, June 30. Come join us andmake a paper ornament for your house to celebrate our country's special day on Tuesday. I am hoping that Rhonda Shaw will be joining us. She is so good with any craft projects.

Come join us, it will be fun. I have some copies of the 2017 Senior Sourcebook 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.

The center will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 4:30

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.

Card of Thanks

On behalf of the Francisco Moran Family, we would like to thank everyone for the flowers, food, thoughts and prayers. Special thanks to the staff at the Crockett County Care Center and family during this time of loss.

NEEDBUSINESS CARDS? Call 392-2551, stop by 1000 Avenue Eor email publisher@ozonastockman.com

THE LITTLE DOG WITH THE CASE OF DON'TS

Years ago my daughter left her little dog with us to keep for a short time. Usually the little dog was standing at the door ready to go but sometimes she didn't want get out of her bed or even pay attention to me. I could call her and she wouldn't respond. It might have been just for that morning or for the day or it even lasted for several days. We took her to the nearby veterinarian and he couldn't detect anything. Thinking about the response of that little dog reminds me of a problem Christians may face in life. No matter how hard we try sometimes we just don't or won't respond to God, (Deuteronomy 11:13-17, Jeremiah 17:9). It doesn't happen very often but you sure upsets things when it does. Sometimes there is no reasonable explanation as to why we don't or won't. During those times I cry out to God to help me to not slip away or let my heart grow cold and that problem or attitude, (Proverbs 20:9) or whatever it is, will not become a permanent way of life, (Hebrews 3:8). I also ask Him to forgive me when I feel that way and to help me do better, (Acts 8:22). And usually just like the little dog in a day or so I am waiting at the door ready to go for and with God, (Psalm 51:10-12). See you in Church next Sunday.

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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.

Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. **Pastor Tom Baden** Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

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 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.

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1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St.:

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Plan on watering plants, trees the right way

BY JOHN BEGNAUD SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

SAN ANGELO — If the recent 95-plus degree day didn't get you thinking about summer in West Texas, then the past few weeks with no or little rain will. This spring has been great for conditioning plants for our normally hot and dry summers. The way we irrigate can also influence the hardiness of plants.

Plants in our area are used to infrequent rains that wet the soil completely. Soils may not be wet again for a while. Roots trail moisture downward and become trained to use the entire soil profile for water absorption. Allowing the deep soil to store water for deep roots is important to developing drought-hardy

The use of automatic sprinkler systems with time clocks have spoiled many of us while allowing for more frequent light watering that trains plant roots to be shal-

In our predominantly clayloam soils, 1 inch of slow to moderate rain or irrigation moves water down through the soil about 6-9 inches deep on level ground. If applied weekly, this is adequate for turf grass and most shrubs.

During hot, dry periods, flowering perennials and annual flowers benefit from a twice-weekly watering to encourage maximum bloom. They may survive watering only weekly or even longer in- rain and irrigation if the soil

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS



tervals, but flowering will be diminished.

Trees, on the other hand, may perform better with more than 1 inch of water at one irrigation. Two to 3 inches of water applied every two or three weeks will allow water to penetrate to deeper roots. They can go longer between

profile is wetted to a depth of 1½- to 2-feet deep.

Apply water in the root zone. It is easy to pick where shrubs and grass have the majority of roots. Woody root systems of trees are quite different. Newly planted trees and shrubs have roots right next to their stems and trunks for a couple of years.

As plants mature the roots extend out beyond the edge of the limbs or drip-line. Older trees may have water-absorbing roots twice as wide as the limb spread.

Research on tree irrigation demonstrates that many trees are able to pick water up from one side of a tree and redistribute it to all parts of the limbs and canopy when in adequate quantity. Therefore, trees whose roots are covered by concrete, buildings or unwatered territory can be kept healthy by watering and fertilizing one side of the tree where soil exists.

Just look at street trees and picture the massive underground root structure with limited water absorption area. The surrounding hard surface acts as a mulch by reducing soil water evaporation. Every crack and opening around the root area allows water to enter and be used by the roots.

San Angelo has some great examples of street trees that are performing well with little care or water. The downtown area is a lesson in tough trees.

Weekly watering of landscapes may require a oncea-month deeper irrigation to keep mature trees healthy if regular rains cease.

When turf is removed and gravel mulch is installed to landscapes, remember existing trees will still need irrigation during dry times.

> JOHN BEGNAUD is a retired Tom Green County Extension agent for horticulture. Contact him at jebegnaud@gmail.com.

Win an Ozona Lion football helmet

The Ozona Lions Football Team is holding a drawing for one of their official Chrome Gold Helmets.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available for purchase at the Administration Building or at the Lion Stadium Field House during strength and conditioning camps throughout the summer.

Drawing will be held on Meet the Lions Night in August. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of gold helmets for the varsity team to wear

during home games and play-



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 28 Biscuits and gravy with sausage and

scrambled eggs or cereal with Texas

Toast. Thursday, June 29

Oatmeal with cinnamon toast or cereal with graham crackers.

Friday, June 30

Muffin with yogurt or cereal with Texas Everyday fruit cup, fruit juice and milk.

Tex-Mex Stack, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, salsa, tomato cup, hot cinnamon

Thursday, June 29 Hamburger, hamburger garnish, oven fries,

Friday, June 30

Chicken parmesan, breadstick, green

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

CCCCSD Summer Feeding Program June 28-30

LUNCH

Wednesday, June 28

apples and milk.

veggie cup, orange smiles and milk.

beans, apple slices and milk.

Clothing and textile workshop July 12

tiles Workshop will be held from 9 a.m.-noon July 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.

FOOD and NUTRITION A 4-H Food and Nutrition Workshop/Community 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

A 4-H Clothing and Tex- 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.

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.

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Youth Center Calendar of Events

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

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

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.

CLOSED SUNDAYS OHS MEAL NIGHT:

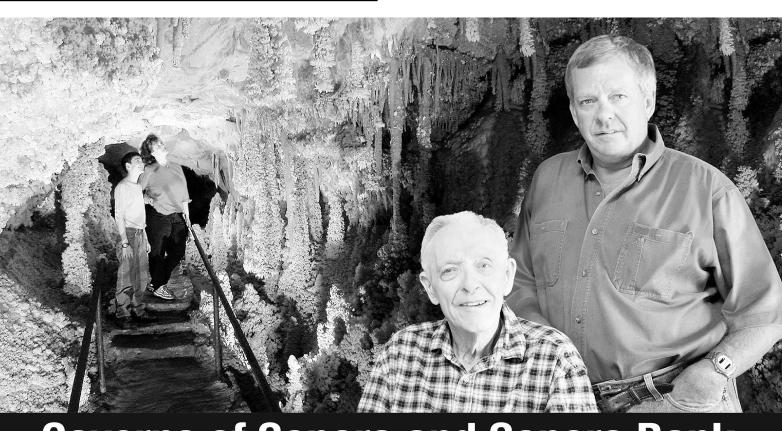
Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

7TH AND 8TH MEAL NIGHTS:

Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

STARTING AUG. 1:

- 1. Graduated Seniors memberships have expired.
- 2. Sixth graders entering seventh grade may attend the youth center with eighth grade.
- 3. Eighth graders entering ninth grade may attend the **YOUTH CENTER WITH THE** HIGH SCHOOL.



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OZONA FIREFIGHTERS extinguish an 18-wheeler fire on June 21 located west on Interstate-10. The fire was fully involved when firefighters arrived. No injuries reported.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Western Posters recognized as **Business of the Month**

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Western Poster Service, Inc. was founded in 1985, in San Angelo, Texas.

"Western Posters has been a family owned and operated business for the last thirty-two years. Billy Pierce, my dad, was the founding general manager of Western Posters. I was one of the first employees assigned to sales, quality assurance, and customer relations," said Rachel Kitchens. "For the past 32 years this family owned and operated business has provided quality and competitive service to the poster printing industry."

Western Posters is known for its solid record of quality products and on-time delivery.

At the time Western Posters was founded it was strictly a billboard printing company.

Since then, Western Posters has expanded to several other printing areas. Western Poster's current services include: printing and installation of all types of vehicle graphics including full vehicle wraps and high quality vinyl lettering, printing and



cals, creating full-color banners at any size, printing all types of signs including plastic "coroplast" signs, political signs, all types of metal signs, store front signs, back-lit plexi signs, real estate signs, and even vehicle magnetic signs.

"We can also print on different papers including a glossy poster paper, an artist quality rag watercolor paper, and also an artist quality canvas material," said Rachel. "Our large format printers are very versatile and we continually find new products to offer. Some other products we can help you with are: business cards, pamphlets, tri-fold brochures, booklets, flyers, postcards, duplicate forms, two-part duplicate pads, and even fan apart duplicates. We also offer all types installation of all types of of flags including the popudecals including die-cut de- lar vertical 'sail' flags. We al-

so still offer all types of billboard printing including digital paper, as well as billboard vinyl wraps."

"Western Posters has a graphic artist on staff, Carrie Alexander, that will be happy to help you design your new company logo, or to help you develop any idea into a final product."

"We service the surrounding communities including Ozona. We have a number of out-of-state printing customers. Our work is customized and tailored to your needs. Our web site offers a number of examples of our work."

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Western Posters and thank them for their commitment to providing quality service to their customers.

Western Posters is located at 901 Strawn Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904. They can be reached by phone at (325) 658-6153, or at 1-800-456-7874. By fax at (325) 658-3017, by email at: westernposters@gmail.com willwrapu@gmail.com.

You can visit their web site at www.Western-posters.

Their hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7-11 a.m., and noon-4 p.m.



THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS celebrated its eighth birthday on Monday night. Pictured are: (left to right) Lissa Benson, Samantha Torres and Cheryl Thomas, general manager.

Sheep and goat expo Aug. 18-19

BY STEVE BYRNS TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

SAN ANGELO - Officials said plans for the 2017 Texas Sheep and Goat Expo featur-

ing new events are finalized. The statewide Texas A&M AgriLife event set for Aug. 18-19 in San Angelo is one of the largest sheep and goat programs in the world, particularly in the way it addresses different segments of the industry, said Marvin Ensor, event coordinator and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service regional program leader in San Angelo.

New this year will be a session on Angora goats, a major youth component and sheep performance data instruction as well as a sale of performance-tested rams. More information specific to these events will be available in coming weeks, Ensor said.

Now in its third year, the educational program is preceded by the 44th annual



Sheep and Goat Field Day. The field day opens with registration at 8 a.m. followed by the program at 8:30 a.m. and ends with lunch at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 18 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87. The field day touts topical information stemming from work

done at the center. Following lunch on the center grounds, the expo begins at 1 p.m. with a move to San Angelo's 1st Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena. Aug. 18 activities

end at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 19 ac-

tivities will run from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. also at the Spur Arena.

"There are other sheep and goat events and educational opportunities across the nation, but this unique program addresses the Texas area and the southwest part of the United States by having concurrent sessions that address wool sheep, Angora goats, meat goats, club lambs and hair sheep," Ensor said. "We have all the different segments covered with educational programs to address the specific needs of the industry. So make plans now to join us as these are the two educational events, back to back, you won't want to miss this year."

Early expo registration by Aug. 15 is \$40 for adults, while student registration is \$15 per day. Late registration after Aug. 15 is \$60.

The final expo agenda and online registration is available at http://agrilife.



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- · Biology 89 percent approaches; 49 percent meets; 7 percent masters.
- · English I 61 percent approaches; 45 percent meets; 7 percent masters.
- · English II 52 percent approaches; 32 percent meets; 2 percent masters.
- · U.S. History 84 percent approaches; 58 percent meets; 28 percent masters.

These are new performance labels for students.

 Masters Grade Level (Passing) - Performance in this category indicates that students are expected to succeed in the next grade or course with little or no academic intervention.

· Meets Grade Level (Passing) - Performance in this category indicates that students will have a high likelihood of success in the next grade or course but may still need some short-term, targeted academic intervention.

· Approaches Grade Level (Passing) - Performance in this category indicates that students are likely to succeed in the next grade or course with targeted academic intervention.

· Does Not Meet Grade Level - Performance in this category indicates that students are unlikely to succeed in the next grade or course without significant, ongoing academic intervention.

McWilliams said eventually the state would like all students to be at meets grade

"We left ourselves a little bit of room for improvement," said OHS Principal Rene Valeriano.

McWilliams also said she believes OES will score 68-69 percent overall and 69-70 percent overall at OMS.

The Texas Education Agency releases district and campus accountability ratings in August.

McWilliams said the district made their own individual reports for each student and sent them to parents due to the reports from the state not being available for at least a week.

"As soon as we get the confidential student reports, we will send them out as well. They are going to look different," McWilliams said.

Parents are now able to check their students' STAAR test scores online.

The Texas Education Agency has announced the launch of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Report Card on an interactive website at www.texasassessment. com.

Among the available tools on the website will be the ability to view actual STAAR questions as well as their student's answer. Texas will be among the first states in the nation to offer this valuable component to all its parents.

The new report card contrasts dramatically from what has been shared in previous years with parents. The revamped report presents information in a more colorful, understandable and parentfriendly way, according to a press release from the Texas Education Agency.

Student information includes how a child performed on a specific STAAR assessment, how the student is progressing from the previous school year, and the level of reading difficulty a student can successfully accomplish.

The website also makes available resources designed to help parents prepare their son or daughter as they progress from grade level to grade level. Resources include tools to support a child's ability to read and write, as well as tips and questions to help prepare for parent-teacher conferences in the new school year, the release stated.

For more information, visit www.texasassessment.com or www.tea.texas.gov or contact CCCCSD at (325) 392-5501.

PERSONNEL

After meeting in executive/closed session for 45 minutes, the board approved the resignations of Edward Perez, Jennifer Perez, Carlos Robles, Mitchell Kay and Jonathan Graves.

The board then approved the hiring of Richard Bachman as the new OMS Principal to a two-year administrator contract.

They also approved the hiring of Britni Duarte, Adrienne Sanchez and Wayne Lisenbe to dual assignment (teacher and coach) probationary contracts, and the hiring of Lisa Herring De-Hoyos to a probationary teacher contract.

Superintendent Raul Chavarria said the district is currently filling two positions, one of for math and another for a coaching position.

Coach Justin Doiron has been moved from OES PE to teach science at OHS this fall, so that position needs to be filled, Chavarria said.

Chavarria said he expects both positions to be filled soon.

THE BOARD ALSO:

- · Approved a clarification in the State Step Scale for teacher pay. CCCCSD will now start at zero instead of one on the scale in order to match the state.
- · Approved the payment \$231,000 as indicated for 2017 QSCB payment from fund balance.
- · Approved policy updates from the Texas Association of School Boards. Updates will be posted on the school website.
- · Tabled making any decisions on the housing renovation bid submitted by Lopez Construction. Chavarria said they are waiting for information on how the budget comes out.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular board meeting will be July 19. Budget workshops have also been set for July 10 and August 28.

All meetings are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D, and they are open to the public.



TINA AND JOE MORAN lost their Sunsetter awning off the wall on their balcony at their house Friday night due to high winds.



THIS TREE was knocked down by Jennifer and Troy Dockal's back door due to Friday night's storm.

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STORM: from page 1

According to the National Weather Service in San Angelo, the Ozona Airport recorded wind gusts up to 66 mph.

Some residents were without power until Saturday.

"Wind blew a tree down and ripped our power line off the pole. It crushed our dog kennel, some of the new swing set and we had a live wire down in the backyard," said Jody Moore, who lives on Avenue J.

Fred Hernandez, manager of external affairs at AEP Texas, said people should always use extreme caution around downed lines.

"Assume that the line is active and stay away from it," Hernandez said.

Tina and Joe Moran lost their Sunsetter awning off the wall on their balcony.

"Heartbreaking because we have enjoyed this awning for a long time, but we are

thankful for the rain," said Tina Moran.

The airport reported a total of 1.29 inches. Sherry Sewell reported 2.1 inches on the north side of Ozona. The Wagon Wheel Barbecue reported 3.5 inches on the south side of town.

A lightning storm Saturday caused a grass fire north of Ozona off of State Highway 163 on the Forehand Ranch. Ozona Firefighters, local ranchers and the Texas Forest Service got the fire under control by Sunday evening.

The storm system hit Midland and San Angelo first before making its way southeast.

San Angelo reported wind gusts of up to 78 mph.

Weather is expected to remain sunny and hot through Monday with highs in the upper 90s and lows in the 70s, according to the National Weather Service in San An-

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so-called sanctuary cities bill, which passed, unfortunately, and which Abbott signed with gusto.

"It's so unfortunate that an anti-transparency attitude took hold at the Texas Capitol this year, resulting in the death of multiple open government bills," Shannon said. HB 2783 "is but one example. The people of Texas are the losers in all this."

Indeed. Texas' transparency laws, formerly among the strongest, emerged in the 1970s as remedies for government scandal.

What has happened to them since Abbott took office is a scandal. He didn't elect the justices of the Supreme Court — not by himself, at least. But he has provided no leadership in demanding a remedy for the damage the court has caused. And when he had the opportunity to let the lone meager transparency measure of the 85th Legislature become law, with or without his signature, he killed it.

Texas needs the commitment of its government leaders to restore, protect, defend the people's right to public information. Or it needs new government leaders.

al of UNESCO. I recently had

a note from Harry Krenek

of Dripping Springs, Texas,

who sent me an excerpt from

a recent history of his home

town, Elgin, Texas, that was

about Luther Evans's father.

George Washington (Wash) Ev-

ans. The piece was written by

Bobby Joe McClendon, who

was a grandson of Wash Ev-

ans, and it was about a train

trip that McClendon had made

to Washington, D.C. with his

McClendon explained that

because his grandfather was

a section foreman on the Katy

Railroad he had railroad pass-

es for himself and his family,

and in the summer of 1948 he

and his wife, Lilly, decided to

take their two oldest grand-

children to Washington, D.C.

by rail to see the sights and

visit their son. McClendon de-

scribed how Wash Evans wore

his starched striped bib over-

alls on the three-day trip, and

how they ate from white ta-

blecloths in the dining car and

slept in the Pullman berths,

and how his grandfather

would talk to anyone on the

train about anything. Between

St. Louis and Washington, he

said, his grandfather got into

a conversation with "a dark-

complexioned gentleman who

was dressed in a white linen

outfit" in the dining car. The

rest of the family eventually

went to their Pullman car and

went to bed, but Wash Evans

and the dark-complexioned

gentleman sat up talking all

night. The Evans family lost

track of him in Union Station

in Washington the next morn-

ing and never saw him again,

Years later, when Luther Ev-

ans was Director-General of

UNESCO and was in India, he

spent an afternoon with Jawa-

harlal Nehru, the prime minis-

ter. At one point Evans made

some remark about his fa-

ther, and Nehru said, "Mr. Ev-

ans, would your father happen

to be Mr. Wash Evans of Elgin,

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SCHOOLS: from page 2

public school system's funding problems, while wasting time framing legislation telling people what bathrooms they can use and forbidding cities from outlawing fracking and plastic bags, is an open scandal.

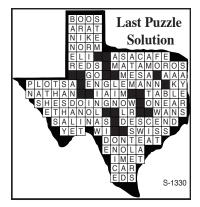
Section 1 of Article 7 of the Texas Constitution is quite clear. It says, "A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools.

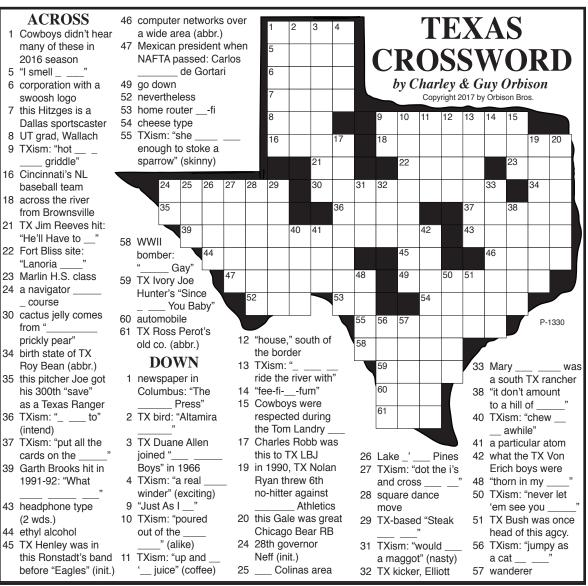
Folks, they ain't doing it! There is one statement in Hicks's letter that I think hits the nail on the head. I generally avoid conspiracy theories, but I honestly think that there is, shall we say, if not a conspiracy then a commitment among Republican politicians nationwide to end publicly funded education. Political analysts seem to agree that better-educated voters tend to vote Democratic. What better way to suppress those voters than to attack the sources of their education? Responsible citizens need to watch these guys like hawks and vote for our children's futures. We need more public officials like

nies in the legislature. On a brighter note, a few weeks back I wrote a column about Luther Evans, a product of Texas's rural pub lic schools (he graduated in a class of nine from Bastrop High School) who went on to became the Librarian of Congress and the Director-Gener-

Graydon Hicks and fewer like

Abbott, Patrick, and their cro-





CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT Weekly Activity Report

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Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints 3 911 medical/fire assistance Civil complaints Civil documents served Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise 11 Juvenile/School Motorist assist/ locked vehicle Reckless driving/ speeding complaints Minor/major traffic accidents Alarms

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS: 6-19-17

• Sheriff's deputies took a report of theft of some construction equipment located in northwestern Crockett County. 6-20-17

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Andre Lemon Applewhite, of Riverside, Calif., for possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Aric Raymond Robicheaux, Victoria, Texas, and Bailey Neil Gras, of Willis, Texas, for possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of controlled substance amount between 4 and 400 grams. Subjects were arraigned on released on bond.

• Sheriff's deputies took a report of theft from a residence on Hickory. 6-21-17

• Sheriff's deputies took a report of theft

from a residence on Walnut Street. · Sheriff's deputies took a report of crimi-

nal mischief on Corto Street. · Sheriff's deputies responded to a possible domestic disturbance on Avenue E.

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

6-24-17

• After responding to a call about an unruly passenger on a passenger bus, sheriff's deputies arrested Jermaine F. Barnett, of Travis AFB, Calif., for disorderly conduct, public intoxication and resisting arrest. Subject was arraigned and sent to Upton County. 6-25-17

• After a call of a disturbance at El Chato's restaurant, sheriff's deputies arrested Jessica Merrifield, of Ozona, for assault. Subject is awaiting arraignment.

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Juan Gabriel Tambunga, of Ozona, for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Subject is awaiting ar-

 Sheriff's deputies arrested Anthony Shawn Dominguez, of Ozona, for criminal trespass of a habitation. Subject is awaiting arraignment.

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music call on Avenue L.

FOR THE RECORD: COURT PROCEEDINGS

DISTRICT COURT June 2016

• Juan Javier Sanchez Jr., 26, of Mission, Texas, pled true to possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony. Sentenced to five years community supervision, \$2,000 fine, \$180 restitution, 120 hours community service and \$408 court costs.

STATE: from page 2

expanded in May with the addition of 14,800 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs, the Texas Workforce Commission announced.

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.8 percent, down from 5.0 percent in April.

"Texas employers created 266,600 jobs over the past year and the Texas economy continues to provide competitive advantages to large and small business owners across the state," said Andres Alcantar, chair of the Texas Workforce Commission. "TWC remains committed to fostering innovative partnerships that equip Texas students and workers with in-demand skills," he added.

The mining and logging category recorded the largest private-industry gain over the month, with 6,600 jobs added. Construction employment grew by 3,400 jobs in May and financial activities employment expanded by 3,200 jobs.

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state, with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 3.1 percent.

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Attorney General Paxton on June 21 praised the city of Kermit for repealing a local sales tax on single-use plastic bags.

"Cities and municipalities in Texas are obligated to follow the rule of law, and the Legislature passed a law that clearly prohibits a sales tax on bags," Paxton wrote. That law, Paxton said, is Health and Safety Code Sec. 361.0961(a)(3), which states: "A local government or other political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance, rule or regulation to assess a fee or deposit on the sale or use of a container or package."

In May, Paxton's office gave the city of Kermit 60 days to repeal its bag tax. With the city's action, there are no more bag taxes remaining in Texas, Paxton said.

TIPS FOR ZIKA-FREE HOLIDAY

The Texas Department of State Health Services posted precautions in advance of Independence Day festivities.

"Don't let Zika stop your July 4 plans," the agency said, and offered everyday ways to avoid mosquito bites, which are known to transmit the Zika and West Nile viruses.

Texans, especially pregnant women, should continue to protect themselves from Zika by:

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All bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. August 14, 2017. Any proposal received after this date will be returned unopened. Proposals received without a signature will not be accepted. Proposals will be awarded at the next regular school board meeting.

Crockett County Consolidated Common School District PO Box 400 Ozona TX 76943

> Please mark your Proposal Envelope as follows: Sealed Proposals - Cafeteria

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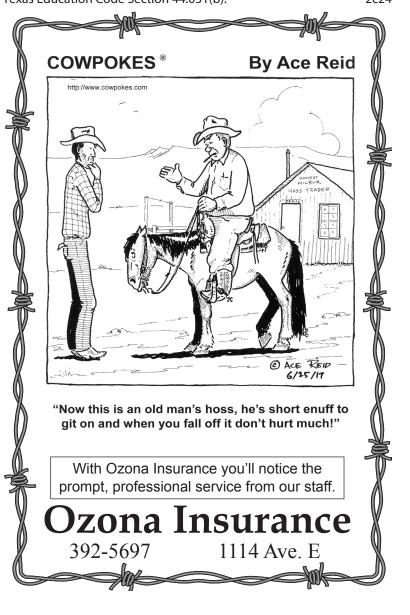
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Proposals will be opened at the Administration offices, 797 Avenue D. Ozona, 76943 at 3:00 PM, Monday, August 14, 2017. Proposals may be negotiated after receipt.

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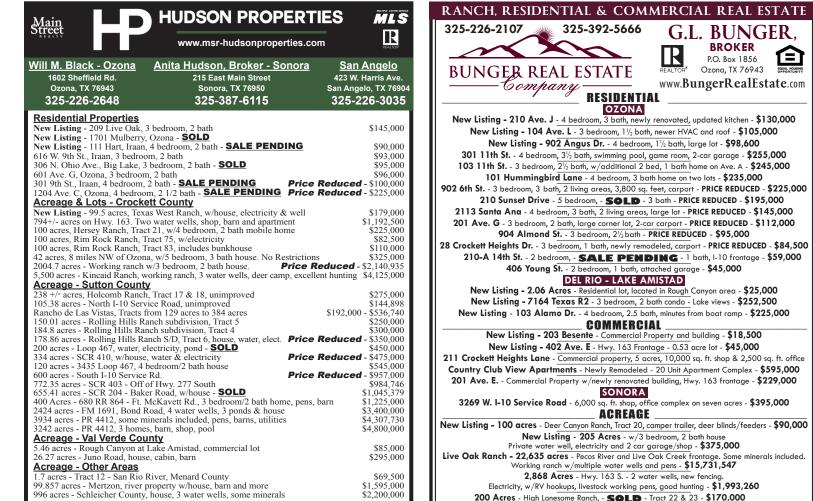
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Vehicle Stored at Sheffield Towing Storage Facility: 1998 Grey Honda Civic; License: 4ASJ961/CA; VIN: 1HGE-J7225WL028721. Total charges: \$846.50 includes \$50 notification fee; storage accrues daily at \$20 plus tax. Vehicle is stored at Sheffield Towing Service, 900 Garrett St. Sheffield, Texas 79781, 432-836-4623 phone; 888-655-9064 fax; TDLR Storage Facility License# 0641691VSF.

PUBLIC SALE

The following wrecked and abandoned vehicles will be sold at a sale open to the public. Wednesday, June 28, 2017 Time: 8:00 a.m.

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