The convenience of walking down Allen Street to the Tombstone Bank of America to deposit money and get change will soon be gone. Bank of America officials decided to close down the branch located on Allen Street on July 13 at 2 p.m. Officials are still deciding when to transfer their current employees.

The reasons that Bank of America pointed to focused on the issue of customer demand. “We constantly evaluate our retail network to ensure we are meeting evolving customer demand, and may add or consolidate banking centers as a result,” Colleen Baggett, Bank of America media relations officer, said in an email.

While retail banking centers continue to be a cornerstone of how we do business, we also continue to evaluate our banking center network nationwide, as customers use self-service channels to complete most of their routine banking needs,” that explanation from the nation’s second largest bank is not making downtown merchants happy.

The branch closure will have a major ripple effect on the town and some citizens have put together a petition urging to keep the branch open. The petition will have little to no effect because the bank is a private business.

The closing will force business owners drop boulders into our valve assembly damaging the pipeline, taking it apart, trickling in. Someone has been ruining the paths for years,” said Kevin Rudd, public works director.

“People are going out there to the pipeline to Miller Spring and getting clogged by debris, officials filled the section area is invisible, and any junk that was a screen,” Barnes said. “The catchment areas to the Terrorist act. We have to fight for our lives now. Someone is also trying to prevent crews from doing the repairs right now.” Rudd said. “There’s just been a lot more vandalism to the pipelines to Miller Spring and the city is employing new strategies to get change or make deposits. The crews have had to go back and redo it all the time.”

“We went in there and about every 50 yards there was a screen,” said Derrick Cloudhug, owner of the Dunite Eagle. “It would make everything that is new simple, pretty much a pain in the butt.”

“Vandalism is not new to the pipelines. Vandalism is to the pipelines to Miller Spring and the city is employing new strategies to protect the catchment areas from being picked on us. We have no need here for a full service bank with a trust department, a home loan department and all those other things.”

Not all storeowners are normal about their banking needs. John Fields, owner of Johnny One Dog’s Tombstone Sarsaparilla, has other people in mind with the closing of the bank.

“One lot of the locals are retired people around here,” Fields said. “A lot of people that get their retirement checks wired in, it’s going to effect them.”

“Vandalism will now depend on the Tombstone Federal Credit Union, local ad 218 S. Summer St. Susan Jones, manager of the credit union, says that they will make any necessary adjustments in order to fill everyone’s needs.

“Yes, we will definitely be able to handle it,” Jones said.

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LONE BANK CASHES OUT

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High school salutes new JROTC program

Program excels in its first year on campus, outranking expectations

By Samantha Munsey

The Tombstone Epitaph

When the Junior Reserve Officer Train- ing Corps program started at Tombstone High School this school year, Chief Theo- nis Gross did not expect a lot of participa-
tion. “It is a new program and I thought just few students would be interested in being cadets,” Gross said. “So when we saw 10 students enrolled in the program, I knew it was going to pass my expectations.”

About 20 percent of the 510 students en-
rolled in the school are in JROTC. Tomb-
stone High School has the highest rate in Cochise County of students who serve in the military after graduation, according to Gross.

“Our motto is to motivate young cadets to be good citizens,” Gross said. “So if these students decide to go into the mili-
tary they have these skills. And even if they do not join they will have that leader-
tory experience.”

Tombstone Unified School District of-
ficials decided to incorporate JROTC into the high school after they applied last year to host the program, Gross said. Some of the requirements the high school had to meet in order to be consid-
ered included providing two classrooms and finding space outside the school where JROTC members could conduct drills. In addition to this, the JROTC is in the pro-
cess of constructing a rifle range and ob-
stacle course, which will be available for students to use next year.

“We are building this program, we don’t want to take on too much too fast,” Gross said. “We want to make sure we do it right.”

In the program, students participate in a 90-minute class during the school day where they learn about leadership and mili-
tary principles. After class they participate in physical training and practice. Students who complete two years of the JROTC have the opportunity to start at a higher military rank if they decide to go into the service after graduation.

“I am here because I want to go into the Air Force,” said Tomas Carraza, a freshman cadet at Tombstone High School.

“I want to do something that they were offering and knew I wanted to do it, and so far it has been fun.”

Before JROTC started in Tombstone, the only school that offered the program in Cochise County was Buena High School located in Sierra Vista, which hosts about 100 cadets, Gross said. Nicolai Zanetta, a cadet and a junior at Tombstone High School, was a part of the JROTC program at Buena High School before changing schools this semester. He said that while he likes the JROTC pro-
gram in Tombstone, he feels there is room for improvement.

“I feel that it is not quite up to par as the Buena battalion just because Tombstone is new to this,” Zanetta said. “But they do have amazing knowledge of the program here that I have not learned yet.”

Gross anticipates more students signing up for JROTC next school year and thinks more perspective students will want to travel and go to school in Tombstone be-
cause of it.

“I wanted to go to Tombstone because I prefer small schools,” said Alyson Jans-
sine, a freshman cadet at Tombstone High

School, who could have attended Buena High School. “I want to be a medic in the Air Force and because they now have the JROTC program here, it was easy to make the choice to come here.”

Cosdy Norris, a sophomore and cadet at Tombstone High School, cleans and pins his military uniform on Wednesday, April 11. Norris is a member of the JROTC.

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Korte was the public works director for-
er prior to 2010, but the position has been empty since he resigned that year.

“You are my appointment and I am the one who will have to work with him,” Schmidt said. “Why would you stick me with some-
one that wouldn’t be able to work with?”

Councilman Stacey Korbback-Reeder was the only other voter in favor of Korte. There are four members here that think he is the best person for the job. Schmidt said.

“I can’t even compare Kevin and Phil, the one’s that aren’t here,” Korbback-Reeder said. “I don’t know what will happen next. I’m disheartened for Tombstone.”

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New museum to honor German “Wild West” author

By Andrew Cockrum

The Tombstone Epitaph

In Europe, the American Wild West is a lifestyle that can only be found in books and movies. Even if you died in 1912, your novels were so popular today that they can be enjoyed as films and plays. Because of May’s influence, some Europeans travel to places like Tombstone to get a Wild West experience that is reminiscent of the tales told in his books. This April, Apache Spirit Ranch and the Karl May Museum will open a museum in Tombstone displaying the author’s work. The museum will be located off of Fourth Street next to the Tombstone Chamber of Commerce. The Tombstone Courthouse State Historic Park has had exhibits about May before, but this museum will showcase his work on a permanent basis.

Peter Stroger, the owner of Apache Spirit Ranch, developed the idea for the one-room museum as an annex to the main collection in Tucson, Arizona, where the Karl May Foundation is located.

Im fernen Westen (1879)
Der Wildschütz (1880)
Das Waldschlösschen (1882-84)
Das Liebchen der Wüste (1883-85)
Die Leben des Pater Eckhart (1884-86)
Deutsche gasogene – Holzhütten (1885-88)
Der Weg zum Glück (1886-88)
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Am Rio de la Plata (1894)
In den Cordilleras (1894)
Old Surehand I (1894)
Old Surehand II (1894)
In den Lande des; (1894-95)
Old Surehand III (1895)
Satan und Ischariot I (1895)
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Auf fremden Pfaden (1902)
"Weltbach" (1907)
Im Reich des silbernen Lohn (1898)
Im Reich der silbernen Lohn (1898)
Am rennenden (1898)
Hamburger Probleme (1899)
Erlebnisgäste (1900)

Tourism, businesses in full bloom as spring festivals blossom

By Rebecca Hilnes

The Tombstone Epitaph

Tombstone is a small city with a big thirst for entertain- ment. The Tombstone Autumn Bells Festival on Saturday, April 13, is one of numerous spring festivals held in Tombstone every year. The festival features music, food, and art, as well as a variety of other activities.

The Rose Festival, Friday, April 13 — Sunday, April 15

The annual Rose Festival features everything you would expect from an American Wild West celebration. There will be a parade with floats, a pet parade, and a pet costume contest. The festival will also feature a flea market, craft fair, and a variety of entertainment throughout the weekend.

Wyatt Earp Days, Saturday, May 26 — Sunday, May 27

Tombstone’s annual Wyatt Earp Days are coming up. The festival features music, food, and a variety of other activities. The festival will also feature a parade, a rodeo, and a variety of other entertainment throughout the weekend.

Film Adaptations of Karl May:

Auff der Trümmer des Paraísoes (On the Brink of Paradise) (1920)
Durch die Wüste (Through the Wasteland) (1956)
Die Schütze (1957)
Der Schütz im Silberne (1964)
Im Reich des silbernen Lohn (1965)
Mie Kampt vom Osten (1963)
Winnetou I: Der Schütz der Götter (1965)
Winnetou II: Das Land der Toten (1967)
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Winnetou and the Golden City (1973)
Winnetou and the Golden City (1974)
OWNERS HOPE NEW STORE PRODUCES RIFE FOLLOWING

By Katie Doolin

The Tombstone Epitaph

Local residents for years have wanted for a full-service grocery store in their community, and a change is coming to town, but it doesn’t fulfill their most cherished dreams.

The Tombstone Grocery opened on the north edge of town near the corner of trends. The couple visited Tombstone for the first time earlier this fall, just in love with it, and moved to town on Feb. 2. The couple opened the Tombstone Grocery on the corner of North San Carlos Road on Feb. 2, and shortly after that we began to fill in with every day essentials the town and its people rely on.

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Food Bank hungry for help as donations continue to fall

By Kristina Sarch

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The Tombstone Community Food Bank is strapped for cash. It’s a serious problem. I need food," said Edquist. "We do try to help the Tombstone Food Bank as much as possible, but they are one of nearly 300 partner organizations that help us distribute food to people in need," he said.

Edquist is mailing out letters explaining the food bank’s dire situation to businesses in town, Sierra Vista and Tucson. Also, Edquist recently applied for a grant from Kerlog, and has applied for donations from Safeway.

"If I could raise around $1,200 a month, I could successfully feed every family of one or two approximately three days a week to feed the needy, Edquist is only able to work around 22. Schmidt said that most individuals in the community are living off of their Social Security benefits, and making it easy for them to qualify for assistance.

"Times are very tough right now, and there’s very few people working for minimum wage, or relying on their Social Security,” McMahon said. “And it’s just too hard for people to survive on.

The food bank’s grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is almost exhausted. Now, instead of working 45 hours per week to fund the needy, Edquist is only able to work around 22.

"This means that not many donations can be picked up, and the residents, as well as myself, are being forced to ration the food," Edquist said.

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