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Three to run for District 4 vacancy on city council

By Lew K. Cohn
Inquirer Publisher

Three candidates have filed to run for the November special election for the District 4 Gonzales City Council seat vacated earlier this year by Rob Brown.

City Secretary Kristina Vega said Ronda Miller, Thomas Enriquez and Dan Blakemore all filed to run by the Sept. 1 deadline and their names are listed above in ballot order after a drawing for places was held Tuesday, Sept. 7. Brown, who served as mayor pro tem, submitted his resignation letter to City Manager Tim Patek on July 26, citing the growth of his business as the reason, adding that he and his family would relocate to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. Brown is a business partner with Rene De La Garza in the Texas Land and Right of Way, LLC, which is headquartered in Gonzales at 615 St. Paul St. The company assists utilities and other entities in the acquisition of title, right-of-way easements and water rights in multiple counties throughout central Texas.

It was Blakemore whom Brown defeated in the District 4 race in November 2020 as Brown unseated the incumbent by a 56.68% to 43.32% margin (433 votes to 331). Prior to his win last November, Brown had previously run unsuccessfully for mayor. Blakemore served as a council member for three years from 2017 to 2020.

The special election is being held in conjunction with the state's constitutional amendment election on Nov. 2 and the council has approved an agreement with Gonzales County for the latter to conduct the election. The estimated cost to the City of Gonzales is \$2,562.43, however, the price could change based on the amount of time election workers spend on their required duties.

This marks the second time in just 12 months voters will have to go to the polls to elect a District 4 council member.

Steve Fountain contributed to this report.



GCSO mourns Sheriff Ynclan



"I truly believe that my purpose in life was to be a lawman."

— Robert Ynclan, Gonzales County Sheriff



County's top LEO dies after COVID-19 battle

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan lost his battle against COVID-19, succumbing to the illness on Sunday, Sept. 5. He was 63.

Ynclan had been in an Austin hospital since last month after falling ill. Friends, colleagues and other elected officials began sharing word of his death on Facebook late Sunday afternoon.

"Rest In Peace Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan. The Bexar County Sheriff's Office is mourning the loss of Sheriff Robert Ynclan, who lost his battle with COVID-19," Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar's department said.

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Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan is being remembered as a "gentle giant" who believed his purpose in life was to be a lawman.

City to formalize GEDC agreement regarding J.B. Wells settlement

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

At their Thursday, Sept. 9, regular meeting, the Gonzales City Council will consider an economic development funding agreement with the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation that will help the city pay off its settlement of the lawsuit filed by the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary over the J.B. Wells Park.

City Council will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 St. Joseph, following a 5 p.m. workshop.

If approved by the council, the agreement will effect Sept. 15 as long as the city does not receive a petition signed by more than 10 percent of the city's registered voters by Sept. 14.

The seminary sued the City of Gonzales in 2017 over the estate of J.B. Wells Jr., whose last will included a reversionary interest in favor of the seminary in

the real property that now makes up the city's J.B. Wells Park, Expo and Arena.

This past June, after four years of battling in court, the two sides reached a settlement agreement of \$1.825 million, which avoids more legal fees and gives the city all of the seminary's interest in the land. The city had already racked up more than \$500,000 in costs defending itself in the lawsuit.

The Gonzales County Court approved the settlement agreement in July after the city authorized issuance of 20-year general obligation refunding bonds as allowed by the Texas Government Code to pay for the settlement.

Annually levied ad valorem taxes will be used to pay back the settlement amount generated by the sale of the bonds. By issuing general obligation bonds, the city is not required to post a legal notice nor solicit voter approval.

In an effort to lessen the impact the

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More than 600 new Texas laws go into effect

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

More than 600 new laws signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott went into effect Sept. 1 in the state of Texas. These new laws, including the "Heartbeat Bill," constitutional carry legislation, and laws that protect law enforcement, were passed during the 87th Legislative Session.

"The 87th Legislative Session was a monumental success, and many of the laws going into effect today will ensure a safer, freer, healthier, and more prosperous Texas," said Governor Abbott. "I look forward to my continued work with the legislature to build upon these successes and create an even brighter future for the Lone Star State."

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Green Clover 4-H Club officers include, from left, Augustus Sexton, Jaxon Beck, Liam Frederick, Brodi Ramos, Jamesley Hilt, Savay Sexton and Madison Hilt. (Contributed)

Green Clover 4-H to hold first meeting of new year

BY SAVAY SEXTON
Green Clover 4-H Club

Green Clover 4-H Club will hold their first club meeting of the 2021-2022 year on September 14 at 4:30 p.m. at the PACE building (Master Gardners Building), 623 N Fair Street, Gonzales.

If you are new to 4-H, or don't have a 4-H Club, we would love to have you

be a part of Green Clover 4-H. Please come to our meeting on Sept. 14. You can also contact Gonzales County Extension Office at 830-672-8531 or Club Manager Kamii Ramos at 830-203-9461 if you have any questions.

Our 2021-2022 Green Clover Club Officers are:

- President — Augustus Sexton
- Vice President — Jaxon Beck
- Secretary — Liam Frederick
- Treasurer — Brodi Ramos
- Reporter — Jamesley Hilt
- Parliamentarian — Savay Sexton
- Council Delegates — Brodi Ramos, Jamesley Hilt and Madison Hilt

Our club officers are excited and ready for a great 2021-22 year. We can't wait to see everyone at our first meeting and meet new club members.

Abbott announces third special session date, agenda

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Governor Abbott on Tuesday, Sept. 7, issued a proclamation announcing that he will convene a third special legislative session at 10 a.m. Monday, September 20, 2021. The proclamation identifies five agenda items for the third Special Session.

"The Texas Legislature now has the opportunity to redraw legislative and congressional districts in accordance with the new census numbers," said Governor Abbott. "In addition to re-districting, there are still issues remaining that are critical to building a stronger and brighter future for all Texans."

Agenda items for the third Special Session will include:

- Legislation relating to the apportionment of the State of Texas into districts used to elect members of the Texas House of Representatives, the Texas Senate, the State Board of Education, and the United States House of Representatives.
- Legislation providing appropriations from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), Pub. L. No. 117-2.
- Legislation identical to Senate Bill 29 as passed by the Texas Senate in the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, disallowing a student from competing in University Interscholastic League athletic competitions designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth.
- Legislation regarding whether any state or local governmental entities in Texas can mandate that an individual receive a COVID-19 vaccine and, if so, what exemptions should apply to such mandate.
- Legislation similar to Senate Bill 474 as passed by the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, but that addresses the concerns expressed in the governor's veto statement.

Gov. Abbott proclaims September as Preparedness Month

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Governor Greg Abbott has issued a proclamation recognizing September 2021 as Preparedness Month in Texas. Coinciding with National Preparedness Month, this month is a time to encourage Texans to develop and practice emergency plans to protect their household and property in the event of an emergency or natural disaster by creating a communication strategy, deciding on an emergency meeting location, building a three-day disaster preparedness kit, and signing up for emergency alerts.

"Each September, the State of Texas participates in National Preparedness Month and renews our commitment to promoting emergency preparedness in homes, businesses, and communities across the Lone Star State," reads the Governor's proclamation. "At this time, I encourage all Texans to remain mindful of both natural and manmade disasters. As the conditions of potential threats can change rapidly, it is essential to understand and heed warnings from local officials and emergency management personnel. In order to ensure a better and brighter future for the state of Texas, we must prepare today for a safer tomorrow."

The Texas Division of Emergency Management, which marks its second anniversary as a standalone state agency under the Texas A&M University System today, is also highlighting key preparedness topics from Ready.gov every week during the month of September 2021 across social media:

WEEK 1

September 1-4: Make A Plan
Talk to your friends and family about how you will communicate before, during, and after a disaster. Make sure to update your plan based on the Centers for Disease Control recommendations due to the coronavirus.

WEEK 2

September 5-11: Build A Kit
Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don't forget to consider the unique needs each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly. Update your kits and supplies based on recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control.

WEEK 3

September 12-18: Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness
Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Know the risk of disasters in your area and check your insurance coverage. Learn how to make your home stronger in the face of storms and other common hazards, and act fast if you receive a local warning or alert.

WEEK 4

September 19-25: Teach Youth About Preparedness
Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

Find out about 4-H during Come and Go night

GONZALES COUNTY 4-H

Have you ever watched the show Chopped on Food Network or been interested in robots? Do you love taking pictures or creating fashion pieces, or finding the best deal when shopping? Are you wondering how you can do more community service or get involved in creating plays or even do shooting sports? Have you wanted to show animals?

You can do all of these things

through 4-H! It is the start of the 4-H year which means these projects are getting fired up for third-12th graders. You can contact the AgriLife Extension Office at 830-672-8531 and they can answer questions about projects and can help you choose which club will be best for you to join.

If you are interested in learning more, we have a Come and Go 4-H 101 night on September 9 from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fair Street/PACE Building 623 N. Fair Street, Gonzales.

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 September 12 92°/71°	Thunderstorms possible 35% chance of rain • RealFeel 98
 September 13 94°/73°	Sunshine; a t-storm possible 30% chance of rain • RealFeel 97
 September 14 94°/73°	Partly sunny 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 98
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Celebrations

Birthdays

September 9th Steve Hendershot Jordan Holmes Staznie Maldonado Lori Parker Barney Perry Darren Schauer Melanie Soto	September 11th Wilbert Benes Jr. Pauline Calvin Jessica Clay Elizabeth Crow Lillian Porter Kermit Thiele Donna Trammell Frederick William Weber Harlen Wilkerson	September 13th Barry Bright Sam Glass Jeanie Hindman Betty Nowotny Mary Phillips Ashley Rawls
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Thrifty & Fritter™ Reaching a Goal

Wow! I would really like to be able to buy that cool jacket, Thrifty!

I know how you could get it, Fritter...

TWO MONTHS LATER... Thrifty, you were right! Your idea worked! Thank you!

How I Got My Jacket by Fritter

Number the steps Fritter followed in order.

○ In all, I repeated the goal of saving \$10 six times. And that's how I saved \$60!

○ First, I set a **goal** to save the money to buy it. The jacket I wanted cost \$60.

○ \$60 seemed like an enormous amount of money. But my pal Thrifty told me to think of the \$60 as a series of smaller goals.

○ After that, I made the goal to save \$10 again.

○ So I made a goal to save just \$10 at first.

Put a check next to each job Fritter did to earn \$10 to put in his piggy bank each week. If you check the right boxes, they add up to exactly \$10.

<input type="checkbox"/> Mowed the lawn: \$3	<input type="checkbox"/> Took out the trash: \$1	<input type="checkbox"/> Sold lemonade: \$4
<input type="checkbox"/> Fed our neighbor's bird: \$1	<input type="checkbox"/> Recycled bottles and cans: \$3	<input type="checkbox"/> Raked leaves: \$2

Which jacket did Fritter choose?

Fritter's jacket doesn't have a zipper. It has stripes, but not on the sleeves. It has less than seven buttons.

Kid Scoop Together: Funny Fill-in

Ask a family member to give you:

- 4 nouns
- 2 adjectives
- 1 verb
- 10 plural nouns

Use these words to to fill in the blanks in this story. Then, read the silly story you created aloud together for lots of laughs!

Roger is a collector of _____ ADJECTIVE PLURAL NOUN

As you can imagine, such a collection is quite expensive.

To save money, Roger always looks for the best _____ NOUN when shopping. He'll often compare _____ PLURAL NOUN between products to see which one is a better _____ NOUN.

At the grocery store, he doesn't just fill his basket with a lot of _____ PLURAL NOUN. Instead, he writes a _____ NOUN and brings it with him. He clips _____ PLURAL NOUN out of the newspaper to save money. He checks the newspaper's website for special _____ PLURAL NOUN, too.

Roger buys _____ PLURAL NOUN in bulk. He will _____ VERB them with his friends and family if he has extras. He saves money by choosing _____ ADJECTIVE _____ PLURAL NOUN instead of more expensive _____ PLURAL NOUN.

Roger also checks the classified ads for _____ PLURAL NOUN when he needs new ones. He bought a very reliable car that way that doesn't use a lot of _____ NOUN.

"Thanks to the money I've saved with the newspaper, I am about to start a new collection of rare _____ PLURAL NOUN!" says Roger happily.

Write On!

Safety Tips

What are three safety tips for kids to remember?

You Can Do It!

What is a big goal you would like to achieve? Is it saving money, improving how well you play a sport or completing a big homework project?

My Goal: _____

Break your goal into smaller goals:

First:	Second:	Third:	Fourth:
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

It might take more than four steps, or repeating some steps, to reach a bigger goal. Don't give up!

Extra! Extra! The Money Round Up


Look through the newspaper for five or more numbers that show a price. Cut out each price and glue onto a sheet of paper in order from smallest to largest. Round each number to the nearest 100 and write that number next to each price.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Add sums up to 100.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Without using any of the coins below twice, circle the coins that add up to:

28¢ 29¢ 31¢ 36¢



Standards Link: Math: Students compute money sums.

Double Double Word Search

REMEMBER ENORMOUS THRIFTY ACHIEVE CREDIT MONEY TRASH PIGGY BANKS THINK GOAL SAFE SAVE JOB

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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K	B	J	H	N	T	A	S	M	R
N	A	T	E	L	L	E	L	R	E
A	G	Y	E	V	E	I	H	C	A
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



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More than 600 new laws in effect

By **GARY BORDERS**
Texas Press Association

More than 600 new laws signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott went into effect Sept. 1. The new state laws — including one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the country, the right to carry handguns both concealed and openly without a license, changes to election law and a bill allowing restaurants to sell alcohol to go — were passed during the 87th Legislative Session.

The second special session ends on Sept. 7

“The 87th Legislative Session was a monumental success, and many of the laws going into effect today will ensure a safer, freer, healthier, and more prosperous Texas,” Abbott said. “I look forward to my continued work with the legislature to build upon these successes and create an even brighter future for the Lone Star State.”

Some of the more controversial laws, such as the abortion bill and the election law, face judicial challenges from opponents, although the U.S. Supreme Court last week refused to hear an appeal to the abortion bill, which bans the procedure if a woman is more than six weeks pregnant.

State deploys additional resources to Ida victims

Abbott announced Wednesday that additional resources and personnel have been deployed to assist in the response and recovery efforts in Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Ida. Those resources include 116 guardsmen from a battalion tactical command and several platoons with high-water vehicles and other heavy equipment.

“Texas remembers the generous support offered by Louisianans during Hurricane Harvey four years ago, and we have recognized their need for additional help as they recover from the destruction of Hurricane Ida earlier this week,” Abbott said. “We will continue to help our neighbors in need, just as they did for us.”

Grants available for prescribed burning in Central, East Texas

The Texas A&M Forest Service has nearly a half-million dollars available in grants to offset the costs of prescribed burning on private lands in Central and East Texas.

“Texas has seen above-normal rainfall this year, resulting in greater herbaceous fuel loading in our fire environments,” said Andy McCrady, Texas A&M Forest Service Program Coordinator. “With more fuels, it is important for land managers to look ahead at what areas have the heaviest undergrowth and consider planning prescribed fire operations in those locations at a time when weather conditions are moderate.”

The application deadline is Thursday, Sept. 30. Interested landowners can search eligibility and fill out an online application by visiting <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/cppgrant/>.

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations rise again

After a decrease last week in COVID-19 cases in Texas, the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported a rise to 126,379 new cases in Texas as of Friday, up about 20,000 from the previous week. Total number of deaths was 1,649, up 22% from the previous week. A total of 13,790 lab-confirmed patients were in Texas hospitals, up slightly from the previous week, according to the Texas Department of Health Services.

Nearly 4,200 Texans died of COVID-19 in the last month, largely due to the delta variant and overwhelmingly among the unvaccinated; the overall death toll since the pandemic began is over 56,000.

The number of Texans as of Friday who are fully vaccinated continues to trickle up, now totaling 13.8 million, or 47.4% of the state’s total population.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Doctors, dentists should disclose vaccination status

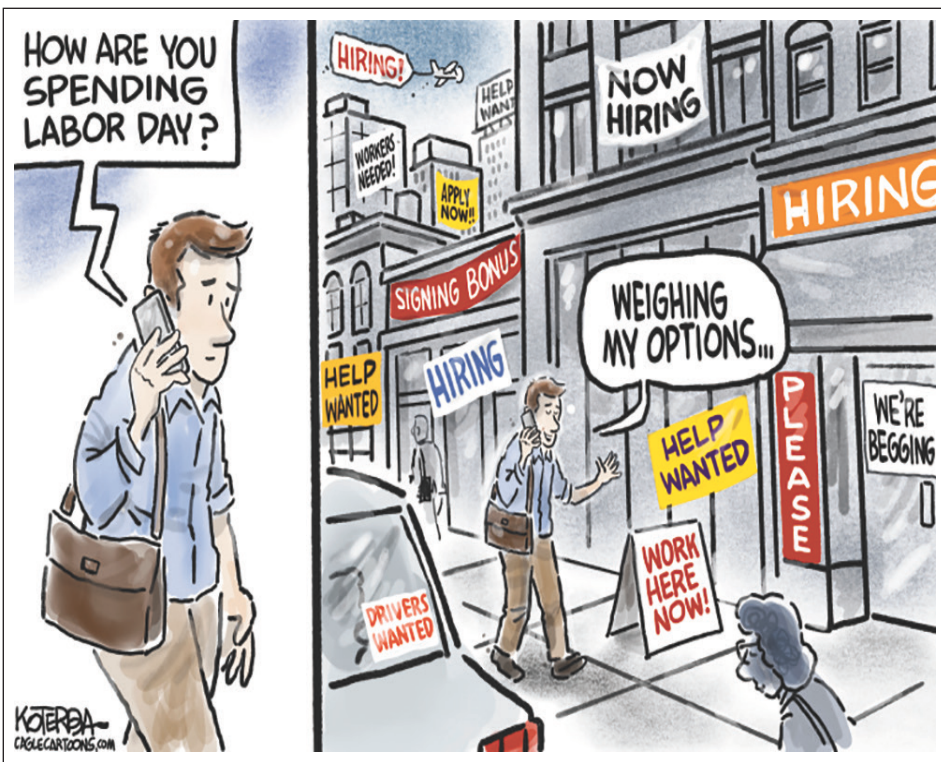
Dear editor,

Would you like to have a doctor who is unvaccinated examine you or have a dentist with their hands in your mouth? Has anyone checked to see if their doctor or dentist has been vaccinated?

I called for an appointment at the dentist yesterday and asked if they had been vaccinated? I was informed that they did not have to answer under HIPPA. Booooo!

I am 69 years old and would like to see a few more years. I don’t believe it is an unreasonable question to ask. And I am entitled to have a vaccinated doctor or dentist if I prefer that. If you don’t care that is your right. I think the law needs to be changed in that regard.

Tamra Ainsworth



Letters to the Editor Policy

It is the policy of The Inquirer to encourage reader participation on its Opinion page. Diverse and varied opinions are welcomed. Because of space limitations, we must limit all contributors to one letter per person per month. Letters of 400 words or less will be published unless they contain language or content that the editors feel is inappropriate.

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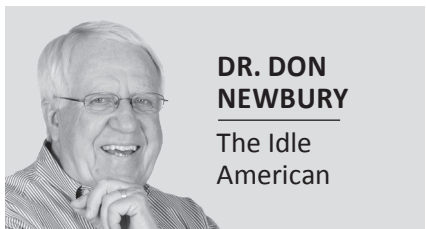
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Looking After Their Own...

Seminary professors, bless ‘em, are saddled with expectations that run the gamut, and they forge on, day after day, knowing that the likelihood of having “another Billy Graham” in their classes is beyond remote.

Though their patience be tested, they give their best shots, even for struggling students who feel called to the ministry from a myriad of backgrounds far removed from theological study.

Dr. Jimmie Nelson, longtime professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is a couple of decades removed from fulltime teaching. His memories, though, are aglow with thoughts of classroom experiences. He has always been a respected mentor and guide with much sympathy for students new in the faith. After all, he never owned a Bible himself until a junior in high school....

He remembers a preaching seminar where students voiced 11-minute sermons, knowing they’d be critiqued by fellow students. One absolute “newbie” spoke of the Apostle Paul’s being “buffeted,” like unto a slap in the face.

This was a new term to the student, who pronounced the word “buffayed” each time he uttered it. Most classmates stifled chuckles. This pleased Dr. Nelson, since he was always on the look-out for teaching moments.

The professor counseled with the student privately, trying hard to “prop up” the lad’s self-confidence. The student eventually served on foreign mission fields. Throughout his career, he stayed in touch with his mentor, always signing off as “the buffet guy.”...

The late Dr. Robert Smith was another Biblical scholar cut from “Nelson cloth.” He, too, was very big on grace. He was once a panelist discussing the “Tower of Babel.”

On the program before Dr. Smith, another theologian pronounced the word “Bay-bull.” Again, snickers were stifled.

Dr. Smith — unable to “make himself” pronounce the word correctly — carried on with his predecessor’s choice of “Bay-bull.” (He later said privately that our current word “babble” was coined after the Tower of Babel account.)...

Years ago, when professional groups attended conventions in private railway cars, one was filled with astronomers and another with preachers.

In the dining car, an astronomer and a minister struck up a conversation. He said that his view of religion pretty much boiled down to simply “following the golden rule.”

The preacher responded that he felt similarly about astronomy. “It pretty much boils down simply to ‘twinkle, twinkle, little star,’” he smiled....

Religion is a popular topic at care centers, I am told.

One day, a resident asked another if he believed in infant baptism.

“Without any doubt,” the other guy responded. “As a matter of fact, I’ve seen it”....

The late Dr. Jesse Fletcher, longtime president of Hardin-Simmons University, was one of the most versatile Christian leaders of my acquaintance. He was a respected educational leader, minister, missionary, author and scholar. He also was an avid private pilot and held his own with golfing friends.

He loved to tell self-effacing stories. He admitted at several speaking engagements during his early years in ministry that he was “delighted to learn that the Bible has both an Old and New Testament.”...

I’m not sure if the setting for this final vignette was on the porch down at the feed store, or maybe on the patio of a retirement center.

Their topic, however, was mere conjecture on the origin of the word “grandparent.” One opined that long, long ago, a grandparent who had prayed for a grandchild for many years, finally had petitions answered. In early November, his daughter presented him with a bouncing baby boy (well, maybe not “bouncing”). Granddad, awash in cash, bought his grandson lavish presents, including presents for Thanksgiving, December 1, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.

When he added up his purchases, the total was almost exactly one thousand dollars, or, as expressed in some parlances, “A GRAND.” Maybe that is how “GRANDparents” got their designations. I dunno....

Dr. Newbury, a longtime university president, is a speaker, author and columnist in the Metroplex. Phone: 817-447-3872. Website: www.speakerdoc.com

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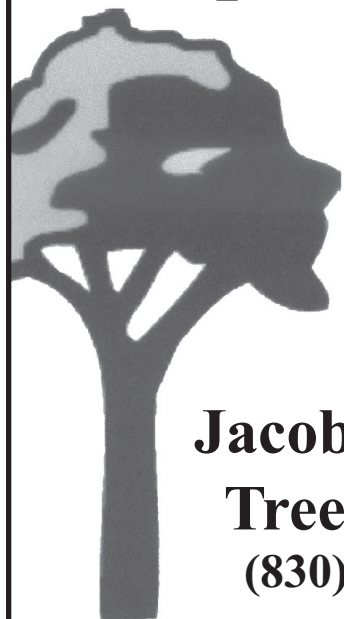
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‘Bird poop’ actually eggs from caterpillars

Q. I know it sounds crazy, but we have caterpillars on our Meyer lemon tree that look like bird poop! There are only 2 or 3 and they are not aggressive feeders, but they are eating the foliage. Do you know what they are and how should we control them?

A. The caterpillars you are describing are from the giant swallowtail. They lay their eggs on citrus. The adult butterflies are beautiful. If you can leave 2 or 3 of the butterflies to mature. Pick off the rest, you are right they don't do much damage.

Q. The water in our birdbaths is splashed out by the birds and evaporates quickly most days but other days it forms a brown crust in the pan. Is that crust a problem that will hurt the birds? The water gets to look like a swamp sometimes!

A. Do your best to rinse the baths clean once per day but in most cases the “swamp” won't hurt the birds.

CALVIN FINCH

Gardening
Q&A



Q. We have not been able to find the preemergent Amaze or XL at our local nursery or feed store. They say none exists any longer! Are they correct?

A. Apparently the manufacturing facility in China that produces those products was put out of production in an explosion. I know one retail outlet, Milberger's in San Antonio has a supply of Amaze. If you can't find any other sources, consider the products at your usual source, and select the one that best describes your target weeds on the label. Other products

include Dimension, Halts, and Preen.

Q. What are those large grubs that live around the edge of the compost pile? Are they a threat to plants or gardeners?

A. Those are the rhinoceros beetle grubs. It is a beneficial beetle that apparently feeds on other insects. The grubs help decompose the organic material in your compost pile. Treat the grubs well. Let them live and mature.

Q. When is the recommended time to fertilize our lawn for the fall? What kind of fertilizer is best to use?

A. Fertilize the lawn in the fall about October 1 with a “winterizer” fertilizer such as 18-06-12. “Winterizer” fertilizer has a fast release form of nitrogen so the grass can take it up quickly and organize the nutrients in its structure to accomplish cold tolerance and nitrogen availability in the spring.

NSHS teacher Bahlmann completes ag academy

CONTRIBUTED STORY

Clarence Bahlmann, a teacher at Nixon-Smiley High School, has successfully completed the 2021 Agricultural Mechanics Academy, a national agricultural educator training event hosted at Texas State University in San Marcos. Clarence was one of 20 participants from across the United States selected to participate in the academy.

The academy was an intensive 10-day training that included hands-on learning and train-the-trainer style lessons in agricultural mechanics focused on small gas engines, residential wiring, and welding.

This first of the kind training was held from July 27 through Aug. 5 under the direction of Dr. Ryan Anderson, assistant professor in agricultural education and agricultural mechanics at Texas State University.

“Dr. Ryan Anderson and Texas State University offered a great training with hands on teaching in welding, electrical wiring, and small



Nixon-Smiley High School teacher Clarence Bahlmann, right, poses by a Briggs & Stratton engine with Buddy Nava, from LBJ High School in Laredo. The two teachers were among a selection group of 20 teachers nationally to take part in the 2021 Agricultural Mechanics Academy. (Contributed Photo)

engine operation which I will be able to duplicate in my Agricultural Mechanics classroom,” Bahlmann wrote in a press release. “The Academy was top notch, bringing in experts from Briggs & Stratton and Lincoln Electric and I was able to fill in gaps in my training.

“I look forward to my students turning these lessons

into Career and Technical skills to be used when they begin looking for employment.”

Anderson was able to develop and host this training at no cost to the participants through funding by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

“The agricultural mechanics academy provided a tre-

mendous opportunity for teachers across the nation to receive the training and skills necessary to be successful in the agricultural mechanics courses that they teach. Agricultural mechanics is a critical component of many rural communities and a core part of many agricultural education programs,” states Dr. Anderson. “This is an opportunity I wish I had as an early career educator.”

Participants of the academy received numerous classroom items and teaching resources for being selected and participating in the academy. Those items include a classroom sets of small gas engines, curriculum, and tools from Briggs & Stratton with training provided by Power Distributors; welding gear packs, curriculum, and training from Lincoln Electric; and Agricultural Technical Systems and Mechanics textbooks from American Technical Publishers. Participants in the academy exceeded over 120 Continuing Education Credit hours for participating.

LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales Livestock Market September 4, 2021

907 Cattle

Compared to our last sale:

Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold 1.00-2.00 lower. Less quality calves and yearlings sold \$2.00-3.00 lower. Packer bulls sold steady while packer cows sold steady.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 210-225; 300-400 lbs., 205-212; 400-500 lbs., 165-185; 500-600 lbs., 152-160; 600-700 lbs., 145-150; 700-800 lbs., 130-138. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 80-95.

Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 165-175; 300-400 lbs., 159-162; 400-500 lbs., 142-158; 500-600 lbs., 139-145; 600-700 lbs., 129-136. **Packer Cows:** Good lean utility and commercial, 55-68; Cutters, 69-75; Canners, 36-50; High yielding fat cows, 64-67.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 88-93; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 83-88.

Stockers Cows: \$600 to \$1,025. Pairs: \$750 to \$1,100.

Cuero Livestock Market Report on September 3, 2021

There were only 69 cows and 15 bulls. The market remained steady but again with such a small supply it looked as good as it has for last several weeks.

The calf market was strong with demand for all classes across the board. It was a small run of calves ahead of labor day weekend. Most of the tops were off from \$1-\$3 but there were a number of steers classes that had new highs. Demand remains very strong. Good calves continue to sell well

particularly the heavier weight steers.

Packer bulls: 7 6.00-95.00

Packer cows: 55.00-73.00

canners & cutters 28.00-40.00

poor & weak 74.00-80.00

Palpated:12 bred 850.00-\$1,030

PAIRS: 3 (AVG-HIGH)

Steer Calves: NONE

Under 200 lbs. 150.00-170.00

200-249 lbs. 179.00-208.00

250-299 lbs. 149.00-200.00

300-350 lbs. 164.00-206.00

350-400 lbs. 161.00-196.00

400-450 lbs. 149.00-186.00

450-500 lbs. 147.00-172.00

500-550 lbs. 144.00-156.00

550-600 lbs. 137.00-150.00

600-700 lbs. 128.00-149.00

700-800 lbs. 131.00-137.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. 142.00-180.00

200-250 lbs. 160.00-202.00

250-300 lbs. 167.00-206.00

300-350 lbs. 166.00-214.00

350-400 lbs. 147.00-192.00

400-450 lbs. 153.00-180.00

450-500 lbs. 144.00-163.00

500-550 lbs. 137.00-150.00

550-600 lbs. 128.00-149.00

600-700 lbs. 131.00-137.00

700-800 lbs. 137.00-150.00

Over 700 lbs. 127.00-136.00

Sale date: August 31

Cattle on hand: 1774

Packer Cows:

Canner and Cutter Cows: \$50-74

Utility & Fat Cows: \$48-70

Low Dressing Canner Cows: \$38-51

Poor/Weak: \$30-40

Packer Bulls:

Heavyweight Bulls: \$92-98

Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$83-92

Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$70-82

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$1,000-1,200

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$750-1000

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: 2 - \$1,375

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: None

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$170-235

200-300 lbs.: \$170-220

300-400 lbs.: \$170-225

400-500 lbs.: \$155-215

500-600 lbs.: \$142-175

600-700 lbs.: \$132-153

700-800 lbs.: \$124-145

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$162-220

200-300 lbs.: \$148-180

300-400 lbs.: \$140-177.50

400-500 lbs.: \$138-167.50

500-600 lbs.: \$138-157.50

600-700 lbs.: \$125-147.50

700-800 lbs.: \$112-140

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: \$135-140-215

The market this week was mixed. No. 1 types sold strong and near steady. No. 2 and plainer kinds sold \$2 to \$4 lower. Demand is good. Packer cows and bulls sold tully steady on approx. 200 head total.

Seguin Cattle Co. Market Report

Sale date: September 1

Quality of cattle was good with a very active market. All classes remain steady

Cattle: 736

Sheep & Goats: 543

Medium & Large Frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb.: \$1.45-2.10

300-400 lb.: \$1.50-2.10

400-500 lb.: \$1.40-1.92

500-600 lb.: \$1.23-1.60

600-700 lb.: \$1.22-1.59

700-850 lb.: \$1.29-1.40

Medium & Large Frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb.: \$1.20-1.66

300-400 lb.: \$1.27-1.92

400-500 lb.: \$1.32-1.52

500-600 lb.: \$1.26-1.56

600-750 lb.: \$1.28-1.54

Cows:

Utility & Commercial: \$64-80

Cutters: \$54-63

Canners: \$45-53

Palpated Cows (Young): None

Palpated Cows (Middle Aged): \$475-975

Cow/Calf Pairs: \$1450-825

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding: \$85-99

Light & Low Yielding: \$64-84

Feeder Bulls: \$70-90

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies (Young): \$150-265

Nannies (Thin & Old): \$85-145

Kid Goats (Fat): \$3.00-3.40

Kid Goats (Small & Thin): \$2.35-2.95

Wethers: \$2.10-2.80

Billies: \$1.75-2.20

Pairs: None

Barb. Ewes (Young): \$115-165

Barb. Ewes (Small & Old Ewes): \$60-110

Barb. Lambs (Fat): \$2.10-3.00

Barb. Lambs (Small & Thin): \$2.50-2.95

Wooled Ewes: \$110-\$140

Wooled Bucks: \$1.20-1.80

Lambs: \$2.40-2.70

Barb. Bucks: \$200-300

OBITUARIES

JANELL SEIDEL REED



Janell Seidel Reed was born April 5, 1935 to Hattie and William Seidel. She had one brother, Milburn Edward Seidel. Janell worked on her family farm growing up. They grew cotton and peas and they raised chickens and cows. Her love for gardening and ranching only grew as she got older. She enjoyed the country life, sitting on her front porch watching people pass by, spoiling her cows, going to the auction then eating lunch at the cow palace after. She checked on her cows as often as she could for as long as she could. She was so proud of her work with them and loved to talk about them with her family. She found joy in hard work and time spent with family. Janell married James Everett Reed on April 9, 1957. Together they had four children: Christie Estell, Loretta Ann, Connie Lynn & James Milton. In their early years of marriage, JE and Janell traveled and lived in different cities until they settled down in Gonzales. Many weekends and holidays were spent in String Prairie with her mom and family. She worked 37 years for H-E-B in Gonzales. She loved her job and all the people she would get to see each day. She loved country music. Some of her favorite artists were Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty. One of her and JE's favorite past times were dances at Watterson Hall. She loved to dance. She passed down her devotion to her faith, her love for good music and family gatherings down to her children. Through her walk with dementia, as she slowly started to forget things one thing that was not forgotten was her faith. Alongside her daughters, they all enjoyed praying the rosary. Janell and her daughter, Connie, each night prayed the rosary together. She could resight every prayer of the rosary without skipping a beat. Even when Connie would sometimes fall asleep praying the rosary at night, Janell was there to keep her in line and make sure she would wake up to continue praying the rosary. Janell grew up in St. Mary's Catholic Church. She enjoyed at-

tending mass at St. Mary's and the annual String Prairie Bizarre. She loved having her close friends and family around her. One of the many ways she will be remembered by was that she was a wonderful cook. Her favorite recipes are often hard to recreate because of how she could eye a "drop" of vanilla or add a "dab" of butter. She taught her daughters her wonderful recipes and they will continue the wonderful legacy of her and her recipes. Her turkey and dressing & lemon and chocolate pies was always a favorite of ours. Her cooking is one of the many things we will miss about our sweet grandmother. Janell was a hard worker whether she was on the farm or in the kitchen, if she was not working, she would often be spending time with one of her daughters and their families. She was so proud of all her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She doted upon them often and had the biggest smile when one of her great grandchildren ran up to crawl into her lap.

Everyone loved Janell whether it was her family, friends, co-workers, or neighbors next door. Janell will be remembered by her giving heart and strong faith by all who have met her, and she will be greatly missed.

She is proceeded in death by her husband James Everett Reed, her son James Milton Reed, her mother Hattie Seidel, her father William Seidel, and her brother Milburn Seidel.

She is survived by her daughter Christie Krueger (spouse) Jerry Krueger, her daughter Loretta Thomas (spouse) Johnny Thomas, daughter Connie Thomas (spouse) Randall Thomas. Grandchildren: Randall Thomas (spouse) Shel-

ley Thomas, Ryan Thomas (spouse) Kortnie Thomas, Nicole Watts (spouse) Jeffery Watts, Elizabeth Freeman (spouse) Cody Freeman, Cassidy Thomas, and Tiffany Thomas. Great Grandchildren: Madison Thomas, Tye Thomas, Peyton Thomas, Layne Thomas, Kendall Watts, Grace Thomas, Ella Thomas, and Avery Freeman. She is preceded in death by her husband James Everett Reed, her son James Milton Reed, her mother Hattie Seidel, her father William Seidel, and her brother Milburn Seidel.

The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday evening, September 6, 2021 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with the Holy Rosary being recited at 7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 am Tuesday, September 7, 2021 in St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in String Prairie, Texas with the Honorary Reverend Dariusz Ziebowicz and Co-Celebrant Victor Mayorga officiating. Graveside services followed in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in String Prairie. Pallbearers: Randall Thomas, Ryan Thomas, Jeffery Watts, Cody Freeman, Billy Seidel, Steven Seidel, Tye Thomas, and Layne Thomas. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to be made in honor of Janell to St. Mary's Catholic Church in String Prairie, Texas. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com.

Due to the present uptick in reported Covid-19 illnesses, protective measures regarding social distancing, and use of personal protective masks are strongly recommended for the visitation, funeral mass, and graveside burial rite. Those remotely symptomatic of COVID-19 are politely asked not to attend. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

HORACE EUGENE MERCER



On Tuesday, August 24, 2021, the Lord called Horace Eugene Mercer home. Horace was born July 13, 1937 to William Franklin Mercer and Myrtle Ollie. He was the youngest of his 12 siblings. As a young man Horace enjoyed fishing, hunting, and riding horses while working cattle on the family farm.

He graduated Gonzales High School in 1956 and married Sylvia Pivoda of Luling in June of 1956. They were married for 65 years. Together they had two children Gene and Rhonda.

Horace loved his family and friends deeply; he was a hardworking man with a heart as big as the Texas sky.

Horace and Sylvia opened Mercer Implement off highway 90A and

worked together till he renewed his CDL career, driving for Graham Cattle Co. until he retired at the age of 75.

After retirement Horace enjoyed watching purple martins on the front porch swing with his beautiful wife, watching re-runs of Gunsmoke and endless amounts of Fox News.

Survivors include by his

beloved wife, Sylvia, son, Gene and his wife Vicki of New Braunfels, grandchildren, Elizabeth Cook and Taylor and Heath Mercer, and great-grandchildren, Aiden and Andrew Cook. Horace is preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Rhonda Cook, granddaughter, Erica, and half-brother. Carl Acker.

Services were held at the Eastside Baptist Church at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 28, 2021, with Pastor Robert Ramirez officiating. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting, www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers donations can be made out to the East Side Baptist Church. Seydler-Hill Funeral Home was honored to assist in the funeral arrangements.

ROSEMARY RIOJAS ALMAGUER



Rosemary Riojas Almaguer, 63, of Yoakum, passed away Thursday, August 26, 2021. She was born March 14, 1958 in Gonzales the daughter of Inocencio and Virginia Morales Riojas. She was a homemaker. Her favorite pastime was playing Bingo especially at Come and Take It and Thursdays in Yoakum. She was an avid sports fan and loved the Dallas Cowboys and the San Antonio Spurs. She enjoyed going out with friends and family and treasured time spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughters: Rosemarie Garza, Emily Torres and husband Roberto and Lynette Almaguer all of Yoakum and Cynthia Rios and husband Mario of Gonzales; sons: Paul Garza, Manuel Garza and Joe Graza all of Yoakum and Jonathan Almaguer of Gonzales; sisters Janie Rodriguez, Mary Cantu, Hilaria Zamora and Rafe-

la Selpuveda all of Gonzales; brother Fabian "Sarge" Riojas of Gonzales. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters Annie Navejar, Sandra Flores, Hope Ceja and Delia Zamora, brothers Frank Riojas, Fred Riojas, Ben Riojas, David Riojas and Frank "Pancho" Riojas.

Visitation was held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday, September 6, 2021. Funeral service was held at 2p.m. at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with Pastor Frankie Riojas officiating.

Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com

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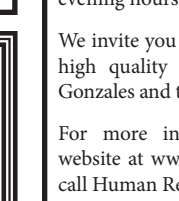
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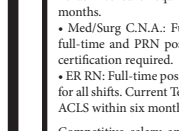


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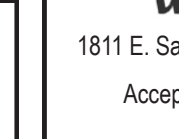
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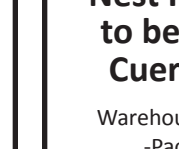
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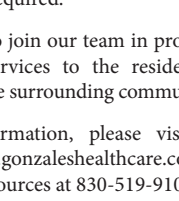
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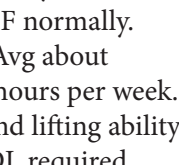
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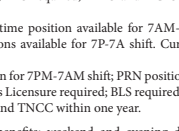


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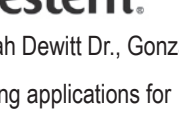
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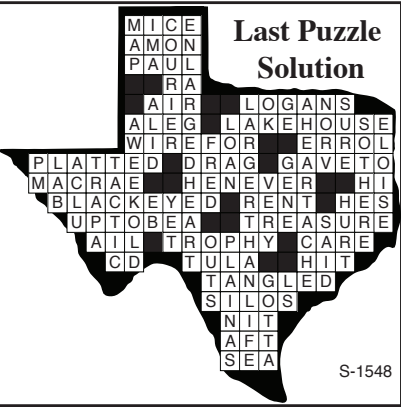
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Notice of Public Hearing

The City Council of the City of Smiley will be holding a meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at the Smiley Community Center, 207 Steele St., Smiley, Texas to Consider adopting a proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

PERMIT Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for Mixed Beverage License by Alberto Perez Granados, dba Jr's Sports Bar, LLC to be located at 223 N Nixon Ave, Nixon, Gonzales County, Texas 78140. Officer of said company is Alberto Perez Granados, Managing Member.

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by County Auditor Becky Weston, at 427 St. George Street, Suite 302, Gonzales, Texas 78629, until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 16, 2021, for the purchase of Liquid Asphaltic Materials, Bid #22-3580 for Precinct 1, Precinct 2, Precinct 3, and Precinct 4.

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**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS
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JAMES LYNN RYAN**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JAMES LYNN RYAN, Deceased, were issued on August 31, 2021, in Cause No. PW21-0115, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to WENDY MARES OHRT.

The residence of Independent Executor, Wendy Mares Ohrt is 2462 Berger Rd., Victoria, Texas 77905.

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

DATED the ____ day of September, 2021.

c/o: Andrew M. Abrameit
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Cuero, Texas 77954

Invitation to Proposers

Sealed proposals addressed to Gonzales Independent School District for:

Gonzales High School Practice Field Turf and Lighting Project
Gonzales Independent School District,
Gonzales County, Texas

will be received at Gonzales ISD East Avenue Administration Building, 1615 St. Louis, Gonzales, Texas 78629 until 2:00 p.m. (CST), Tuesday, September 14, 2021 after which time all proposals will be opened and read aloud. Proposals received after closing time will be returned.

A non-mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. (CST) at the Gonzales High School Field House, 1546 Seydler, Gonzales, Texas 78629.

Proposal Documents are available on the Gonzales ISD website at: www.gonzalesisd.net/Page/171. The Proposal Documents are also available at www.civcastusa.com; search: P2119500SP.

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of the court this 30th day of August 2021.

Janice Sutton District Clerk
Gonzales County, Texas

By K. Alarcon Deputy



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THE STATE OF TEXAS Cause No. 27,955

David Nesbit and Wendy Nesbit IN THE DISTRICT COURT

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gonzales, Texas, this 25th day of August, 2021.

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Gonzales County, Texas

By Georgia Nichols



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ORDINANCE NO. 2021-21
ORDENANZA NRO. 2021-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 4, DECLARING THE VACANCY, AND ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL SAID VACANCY FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

UNA ORDENANZA DE LA CIUDAD DE GONZALES, TEXAS, PARA ACEPTAR LA RENUNCIA DEL CONCEJAL POR EL DISTRITO 4, DECLARAR LA VACANTE Y ORDENAR UNA ELECCION ESPECIAL PARA CUBRIR DICHA VACANTE POR EL TERMINO RESTANTE; Y DISPONER UNA FECHA DE ENTRADA EN VIGENCIA

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists in the office of City Council Member District 4 for the City of Gonzales, Texas; due to the resignation of Council Member Robert R. Brown Jr.; and

EN VISTA DE QUE actualmente existe una vacante en el cargo del Concejal por el Distrito 4 para la Ciudad de Gonzales, Texas, debido a la renuncia del Concejal Robert R. Brown Jr.; y

WHEREAS, Section 3.02 of the City of Gonzales Charter states the office of a Councilmember or office of the Mayor shall become vacant upon death, resignation, removal from office by recall, a declaration of vacancy by City Council; and

EN VISTA DE QUE, la Sección 3.02 de la Carta Organica de la Ciudad de Gonzales declara que el cargo de un Concejal o el cargo del Alcalde quedara vacante por fallecimiento, renuncia, remoción del cargo por destitución, una declaración de vacante por el Consejo Municipal; y

WHEREAS, in the event of a vacancy in the City Council, if there are 365 days or more remaining on the term of the vacated City Council office, the City Council shall call a special election to fill such vacancy; and

EN VISTA DE QUE, en caso de producirse una vacante en el Consejo Municipal si hay 365 días o mas restantes en el termino del cargo vacante en el Consejo Municipal, el Consejo Municipal convocara una elección especial para cubrir una vacante de ese tipo; y

WHEREAS, the application period shall open immediately upon passage of this Ordinance and end on September 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.; and

EN VISTA DE QUE, el periodo de solicitud abraira inmatiatamente despues de la aprobación de esta Ordenanza y terminara el 1 de septiembre de 2021 a las 5:00 p.m.; y

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gonzales finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and interest to conduct a joint election with Gonzales County for the November 2, 2021 election requiring the use of polling locations and early voting hours as determined by Gonzales County.

EN VISTA DE QUE, el Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Gonzales halla que es lo mejor para la salud, la seguridad y el interes publicos celebrar una elección conjunta con el Condado de Gonzales para la elección del 2 de noviembre de 2021 que requiera del uso de los lugares de votación y los horarios de votación anticipada que el Condado de Gonzales determine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS:

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, EL CONSEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE GONZALES, TEXAS ORDENA:

- Section 1. The City Council of the City of Gonzales hereby accepts the resignation of Robert R. Brown Jr. effective July 26, 2021; and declares a vacancy in the office of City Council District 4 for the unexpired term ending May 2023.
- Sección 1. Por la presente, el Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Gonzales acepta la renuncia de Robert R. Brown Jr. a partir del 26 de julio de 2021; y declara una vacante en el cargo para el Distrito 4 del Consejo Municipal por el termino restante que finaliza en mayo de 2023.
- Section 2. The Special Election to fill the vacancy is hereby ordered for November 2, 2021, for the purpose of electing a Council Member for District 4, to fill the remainder of the three year term.
- Sección 2. Por la presente, se ordena la Elección Especial para cubrir la vacante para el 2 de noviembre de 2021 para el propósito de elegir al Concejal por el Distrito 4, para cubrir el resto del termino de tres aftos.
- Section 3. Candidates must file an application with the City Secretary of the City of Gonzales, and may do so beginning immediately upon passage of this Ordinance and continue through Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.
- Sección 3. Los candidatos deben presentar una solicitud a la Secretaria de la Ciudad de la Ciudad de Gonzales y pueden hacerlo de inmediato a partir de la aprobación de esta Ordenanza y seguir hasta el miercoles 1 de septiembre de 2021 a las 5:00 p.m.
- Section 4. The County Clerk for Gonzales County shall serve as early voting clerk; the appointment of a deputy clerk or clerks for early voting by the County Clerk shall be in accordance with the law.
- Sección 4. El Secretario del Condado del Condado de Gonzales actuara como oficial de votación anticipada; la designación de un suboficial o suboficiales para la votación anticipada por el Secretario del Condado se hara en conformidad con la ley.
- Section 5. On Election Day, November 2, 2021, the polls shall be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., at the locations established by

Gonzales County on the dates and times as follows, or as may be amended by Gonzales County, per the contract.

Gonzales County Election Precinct

Pct. 1, 14, & 15

Pct. 2 & 11

Pct. 3, 5, 7 & 8

Pct. 4, 6, 10, 13

Pct. 9

Pct. 12

Sección 5. El Dia de Elección, 2 de noviembre de 2021, las casillas abriran en el horario de a.m. a 7:00 p.m., en los lugares de votación establecidos por el Condado de Gonzales en las siguientes fechas y horarios o segun el Condado de Gonzales los modifique en virtud del contrato.

Precinto electoral del Election Precinct

Prec. 1, 14 y 15

Prec. 2 y 11

Prec. 3, 5, 7 y 8

Precintos 4, 6, 10, 13

Prec. 9

Prec. 12

Section 6. Early Voting by personal appearance shall commence on October 18, 2021 and continue through October 29, 2021, at the locations established by Gonzales County on the dates and times as follows, or as may be amended by Gonzales County, per the contract.

Main Early Voting Location:
Randle-Rather Building — EV Election Room
427 St. George, Gonzales, Texas 78629

October 18th-19th
Monday - Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

October 20th- 21st
Wednesday-Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 22nd
Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

October 25th- 29th
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Additionally, early voting locations will be identified in the contract executed with Gonzales County.

Sección 6. La votación anticipada en persona empezara el 18 de octubre de 2021 y seguira hasta el 29 de octubre de 2021 inclusive en los lugares de votación establecidos por el Condado de Gonzales en las siguientes fechas y horarios o segun el Condado de Gonzales los modifique en virtud del contrato.

Principal lugar de votación anticipada:
Randle-Rather Building-Sala de elección de votacion anticipada
427 St. George, Gonzales, Texas 78629

18 y 19 de octubre
Lunes y martes 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

20 y 21 de octubre
Miercoles y jueves 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

22 de octubre
Viernes 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

25 al 29 de octubre
Lunes a viemes 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Ademas, los lugares de votación anticipada seran identificados en el contrato firmado con el Condado de Gonzales.

Section 7. Applications for ballot by mail shall be received by the Gonzales County Clerk at 427 St. George, Ste 200, Gonzales, Texas 78629 no later than close of business on October 22, 2021.

Sección 7. Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo deben ser recibidas por el Secretario del Condado de Gonzales en 427 St. George, Ste 200, Gonzales, Texas 78629 antes del cierre de] horario de atención del 22 de octubre de 2021.

Section 8. This election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Election Code, and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote in the election. The City Secretary and Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code in carry out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Sección 8. Esta elección se celebrara en conformidad con la Constitución del Estado de Texas y el Código Electoral, y todos los votantes habilitados residentes de la Ciudad seran elegibles para votar en la elección. Por la presente, se autoriza e instruye a la Secretaria de la Ciudad y a la Alcaldesa a que tomen todas y cada una de las medidas necesarias para cumplir con las disposiciones del Código para realizar y celebrer la elección, sean expresamente autorizadas en la presente o no.

Section 9. The Mayor and/or the City Secretary of the City of Gonzales are hereby authorized to execute and/or issue, for and on behalf of the City, such orders, documents, and forms as may, from time to time, be promulgated by the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in conjunction with the election herein ordained.

Sección 9. Por la presente, se autoriza a la Alcaldesa y/o la Secretaria de la Ciudad de la Ciudad de Gonzales a firmar y/o expedir para la Ciudad yen su nombre, ciertas órdenes, documentos y formas como pueda, periódicamente, promulgar la Secretaria del Estado de Texas en conjunto con la elección ordenada en este documento.

Section 10. Said election shall be held in accordance with Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

Sección 10. Dicha Elección se llevara a cabo de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas y la Ley Federal de Derecho al Voto de 1965 y sus enmiendas.

Section 11. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Sección 11. Por la presente, se declara que es intención del Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad que las frases, clausulas, oraciones, parrafos y secciones de esta Ordenanza sean divisibles, y si cualquier frase, clausula, oración, parrafo o sección de esta Ordenanza fuera declarado inconstitucional por el fallo o decreto valido de cualquier tribunal con competencia jurisdiccional, dicha inconstitucionalidad no afectara ninguna de las frases, clausulas, oraciones, parrafos o secciones restantes de esta Ordenanza, debido a que la misma hubiera sido promulgada por el Consejo Municipal sin la incorporación en esta Ordenanza de cualquiera de esas frases, clausulas, oraciones, parrafos o secciones inconstitucionales.

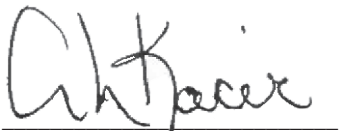
Section 12. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

Sección 12. Por la presente, se halla y de determina oficialmente que la asamblea en la cual esta Ordenanza fue adoptada estuvo abierta al publico y que se dio aviso publico de la hora, el lugar y el propósito de dicha asamblea segun lo exige la Ley de Asambleas Publicas en el Capitulo 551 del Código de Gobierno de Texas y sus enmiendas.


Section 13. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Sección 13. Esta ordenanza entrani en vigencia inmatiatamente despues su aprobación.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of August 2021.
APROBADA Y ADOPT ADA el 12 de agosto de 1


Mayor (Alcaldesa), Connie L. Kacir

ATTEST (ATESTIGUA):


Kristina Vega, City Secretary (Secretaria de la Ciudad)

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Cause No. 28,035

IN THE MATTER OF
THE MARRIAGE OF

SUSAN IRENE DE LA GARZA
AND
ARTHUR RICARDO DE LA GARZA

AND IN THE INTEREST OF
B.G.G., B.G.G., AND S.A.G., CHILDREN

§ IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

**APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AD LITEM
AFTER CITATION BY THE PUBLICATION**

The Court finds that Arhur de la Garza, a party in this case, has been cited by publication and that no answer has been filed and no appearance has been entered by Arthur de la Garza within the prescribed time.

The Court appoints Eddie Escobar, a licensed attorney, to defend the suit on behalf of Arthur de la Garza.

SIGNED ON August 24, 2021.

Eddie Escobar
JUDGE PRESIDING



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NOTICE OF HEARING

A hearing on the Petitioner's "Request for Temporary Orders" is set on the 15th day of September at 9:00 a.m. In the District Court at the Gonzales County Courthouse with the Honorable Judge Crawford.

SIGNED ON August 25, 2021.

Fluna
Court Coordinator

Cause No. 28,035

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF : IN THE DISTRICT COURT
SUSAN IRENE DE LA GARZA AND | 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
ARTHUR RICARDO DE LA GARZA : GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS
AND IN THE INTEREST OF
B.G.G., B.G.G., AND S.A.G., CHILDREN

PRECEPT TO SERVE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ANY SHERIFF OR ANY CONSTABLE WITHIN THE STATE OF TEXAS,
GREETING:


YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SERVE Arthur de la Garza who resides
in your county and the State of Texas, the accompanying: Notice of Hearing.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but of this writ make due return as the law directs.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of the court this
30th day of August 2021.

Janice Sutton District Clerk
Gonzales County, Texas

By *K. Alarcon* Deputy



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LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

<p>Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office Aug. 24-Sept. 3</p> <p>Aug. 24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Smiley woman, 55, Local Warrant – Possession of Marijuana < 2oz. Released on \$1,000 bond. Possession of Marijuana < 2oz. Released on \$1,000 bond. Possession of a controlled substance PG 2 >1G < 4G. Released on \$6,000 bond. <p>Aug. 25:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Gonzales man, 35, Assault causes Bodily Injury to Family Member. Requires \$3,000 Bond. Resist Arrest, Search or Transport. Requires \$3,000 bond. Remains in Custody.• A Gonzales man, 52, Local Warrant — Fail to Comply Sex Offender Duty to Register Life/Annually. Requires \$50,000 bond. Remains in Custody.• A San Antonio man, 26, Possession of Marijuana >4 oz. < 5 lbs. Released on \$5,000	<p>bond. Unlawful carrying a weapon. Released on \$2,500 bond.</p> <p>Aug. 27:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Gonzales man, 34, Local Warrant — Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breathing/Circulation. Released — Week-ender.• A Gonzales man, 40, Parole Violation — Remains in Custody.• A Luling man, 24, Local Warrant — Assault causes Bodily Injury Family Member. Local Warrant — Criminal Mischief >\$100 <\$750. Local Warrant — Theft Property >\$100 <\$750. Remains in Custody. <p>Aug. 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Harwood man, 31, Local Warrant — Burglary of Habitation. Requires \$150,000 bond. <p>Aug 29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Seabrook woman, 45, Harris County	<p>Warrant — Theft Property < \$100 with Previous Conviction. Released on \$100 bond.</p> <p>Aug. 30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Waelder man, 25, Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breathing/Circulation. Released on \$10,000 Bond• A San Antonio man, 41, Local Warrant – Evading Arrest Detention w/Vehicle Requires \$150,000 Bond. <p>Sept. 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Gonzales man, 52, Commitment/Sentence – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G. Commitment/Sentence – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G Remains in Custody.• A New Braunfels man, 28, Commitment/Sentence – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G. Remains in Custody.• A Bastrop woman, 24, Commitment/Sentence – Possession Controlled Substance PG 2 <1G. Commitment/Sentence – Posses-	<p>sion Marijuana <2 oz. Remains in Custody.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Myrtle Beach, S.C., woman, 32, Fail to ID Fugitive from Justice Refuse to Give. Remains in Custody. <p>Sept. 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Cuero man, 32, Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G. Requires \$2,500 Bond. Unauthorized Use of Vehicle. Requires \$2,500 Bond. TDCJ/Austin Parole Division – Parole Violation. Remains in Custody <p>Sept. 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Gonzales man, 34, Local Warrant – Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breathing/Circulation. Released – Week-ender. <p>Statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processings: GCSO: 17, DPS: 6; GPD: 14, WPD: 1, NPD: 7, SMO: 1, Constable 4: 1. Total: 47.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election

<p>Proposition Number 1 (HJR 143)</p> <p>HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation’s charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women’s Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women’s Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues.”</p>	<p>tion of a sincerely held religious belief.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations.”</p>	<p>Proposition Number 6 (SJR 19)</p> <p>SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment establishing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation.”</p>
<p>Proposition Number 2 (HJR 99)</p> <p>HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county.”</p>	<p>Proposition Number 4 (SJR 47)</p> <p>SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person’s license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person’s election, during which time the person’s license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge.”</p>	<p>Proposition Number 7 (HJR 125)</p> <p>HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse’s residence homestead.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse’s residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person’s death.”</p>
<p>Proposition Number 3 (SJR 27)</p> <p>SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the propaga-</p>	<p>Proposition Number 5 (HJR 165)</p> <p>HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office.”</p>	<p>Proposition Number 8 (SJR 35)</p> <p>SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.”</p>

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Overflowing Blessings

By **JASON MONTTOYA**
Nations Christian Fellowship

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” - John 10:10

How much does God want to bless us? Some seem to have a limited idea, as if God only wanted us to bless us in small ways. They live as if there are limits to what is possible.

But the Bible gives us a completely different perspective. Jesus said He came that we might have life and have it “abundantly.” In an other translation it indicates that

this literally means having life “till it overflows.” This is a picture of blessings without limits!

God wants you to have overflowing blessings! The question is, what are your expectations? What do you really believe about the Gospel? Have you placed limits on what God can do for you? Are you dominated by doubt or hindered by fear?

Fortunately, you don’t have to wonder what God would say about these matters. His Word gives us truths that we should declare in our lives!

Jesus came “to destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8).

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If you ask in faith, anything will be possible for you: “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you” (Matthew 17:20).

He has given you His power and authority (Luke 9:1).

In your life, don’t place limits on God.

Remember Jesus’ words: “Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father

may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it” (John 14:13-14).

Believe God’s promises, and expect His overwhelming blessings to flow into your life.

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Only clothing items will be accepted. The ministry is located at 708 St. Louis St. in Gonzales. For more information, please call 830-672-5566.

Turtle S’Wing & Shoot Event set for Sept. 20

The Turtle Wing Foundation will

hold its Second Annual Turtle S’Wing & Shoot event at the Big Easy Ranch in Columbus on Sept. 20.

The foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization works with children in rural areas who have learning challenges. It served more than 300 children last year across Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca, Gonzales and surrounding counties.

To learn more about Turtle Wing Foundation or this event, “like” their page on Facebook or visit www.turtlewingfoundation.org.

The Big Easy Ranch, 2400 Brunel Mill Rd. in Columbus, offers hunting, golfing, and shooting clays – on a course designed by U.S. Open Sporting Clay Champion Cory Kruse.

Activities will be followed by a cocktail hour and meal accompanied by fun events including a helicopter ball drop, live auction, and a raffle for a classic 1972 Bronco Sport (<https://turtlewingfoundation.betterworld.org/events/ford-bronco>).

Anyone interested should contact event chairs Kevin Chance

512-743-1580, Becca Edmiston 979-732-1710, or Jeff Cernosek 830-857-6322.

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The 3rd Annual Nixon-Smile Education Foundation Texas Hold’Em Tournament will be held on Saturday, Oct. 2. Tickets are \$80 each and include a meal and drinks.

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Apaches scalp Austin Crockett, 49-8, for first 2021 win

By Lew K. Cohn
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales' high-octane running offense wasted few opportunities as the Apaches made short work of their hosts, the Austin Crockett Cougars, in a 49-8 win at House Park in Austin Friday, Sept. 3.

After forcing a punt by Crockett with 5:24 left in the first quarter, Gonzales got to work on its first possession. Starting first and 10 at the Crockett 32, Cesar Matamoros took the ball down to the 15 on with the first carry of the night and then Braden Barfield then motored to the 2 to make it first and goal.

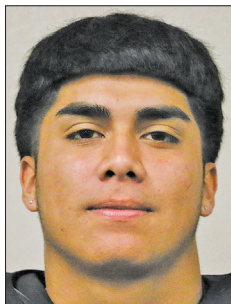
Matamoros then finished off the drive with a two-yard TD run. Junior QB Jarren Johnson then ran in the two-point conversion to make it 8-0 for the visiting Apaches with 4:41 left in the first.

The Cougars put together a drive on their second possession of the night, but Gonzales put the kibosh on Crockett's scoring chances with an interception deep in Apache territory.

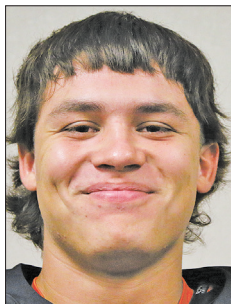
On Gonzales' ensuing possession, Johnson found a huge hole in



Johnson



Matamoros



Garza

the Cougar defense and appeared to score on a 76-yard run with less than a minute to play in the first quarter, but unfortunately, a holding penalty wiped out the gain. However, Derrick Garza would score early in the second quarter on a 21-yard run with 11:07 left in the second. Johnson caught Crockett napping on the two-point conversion run to make it 16-0 for Apache Nation.

Matamoros picked up his second TD of the night later in the second quarter on Gonzales' third possession with a 12-yard run. Yet another Johnson two-point conversion run made the score 24-0 with 7:05 left in the first half.

Crockett gave the Apaches a gift

with a botched punt snap on their next possession that put Gonzales at the Cougar 9. That led to Matamoros' third TD of the night on the very next play on a nine-yard run out of a Wildcat formation. The PAT kick was good, making it 31-0.

Special teams also came into play on the next Crockett drive as the Apaches blocked the next Cougar punt to give them the ball inside the Crockett 40. Garza scored his second TD of the night to make it 37-0 and the PAT kick was blocked with the Cougars running it back for a two-point conversion of their own to make it 37-2 with just over two minutes to play.

The second half opened with much of the same for the Apaches. Johnson showed off his arm with a long TD toss to Josh Esparza to make it 43-2 with 9:11 left in the third quarter. The PAT attempt failed.

With 30 seconds left in the third quarter, Gonzales looked prime to score yet again, but a lost fumble ended a promising Apache drive when Crockett recovered the ball at their own 17.

Braden Barfield broke a punt return, going from one side of the field to the other before taking it to the house, but unfortunately, the play was wiped out by a holding penalty on the Apache special teams. T.J. Riojas then went to work and finished off a drive with a one-yard plunge to make it 49-2 with seven minutes left in the game. The PAT attempt failed for the Apaches.

Crockett did get a last-minute touchdown run by quarterback Cameron Dickey after a direct snap with 1:19 left in the game to make it 49-8. However, the two-point conversion run was stuffed by a Gonzales defense that was stout all night.

Matamoros led all rushers with five carries for 72 yards and three scores, while Garza had six carries for 33 yards and two touchdowns. Other Apaches toting the rock included Barfield (three carries, 26 yards), Bryce Brown (4-22), Riojas (4-20-1 TD), Tyrann Webb (3-20), Johnson (3-14), Eleby (3-13), Jaydon Blackwell (2-10) and Sam De La Garza (1-2).

Johnson had a perfect night passing the ball, hitting on all seven attempts for 132 yards and one TD.

Barfield had three catches for 56 yards, while Esparza had one for 44 and the TD. Brett Breitschopf had two for 23 yards and Eleby had one for nine.

With the victory, the Apaches run their season record to 1-1 overall, while Crockett falls to 0-2. Next week, Gonzales plays their first home game of the season, hosting the Fredericksburg Billies at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, at Apache Stadium. It's Homecoming for Apache Nation. Home fans will receive a free 24-inch x 36-inch glossy Apaches football poster, courtesy of Elandee Boutique, 620 St. Joseph St.

Johnson honored as Ford Player of Week for Aug. 27

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Ford Motor Company is proud to announce the winners of the 2021 Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Week trophy for week 1.

Among these winners is Shiner Catholic High School's Zak Johnson, a senior running back for the Cardinals, who was named Player of the Week for Private Schools for games played the weekend of Aug. 27.

This Built Ford Tough gridiron hero is honored for his performance on the field and his leadership off the field. Each week of the regular high school football season will see a new winner in the sport's six classifications, all with hopes of ultimately becoming the Built Ford Tough Texas High School Football Player of the Year.

Shiner St. Paul coach Jake Wachsmuth was impressed by what he saw from senior running back and linebacker Zak Johnson in the team's scrimmages. But he had no idea what was in store for the Cardinals' season opener against Yorktown High School.

Johnson carried 22 times for 380 yards and seven touch-

downs, had a 28-yard reception, ran for five two-point conversions, kicked an extra point, and had nine tackles, including one for a loss.

Johnson scored on runs of 62, 34, 2, 64, 1, 2 and 85 yards to lead three-time defending TAPPS Division IV state champion St. Paul to a 59-36 win. Johnson also kicks off and punts for the Cardinals and earned first-team all-state honors last season at running back, linebacker and as a punter.

"He had really good scrimmages and he was making big plays in those. He just had a lot of big runs, and he also had the 4 or 5 yards to get first downs. To do it on 22 carries, I think he had four or five really big chunk yardage plays, and on those plays he just made things happen," said Wachsmuth.



GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



The winning team from the Sept. 1 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left to right: Blake Cox, Brant Philippus, Jake Barnick, Devin Benes, Neil Perdue and Doug Kotzebue. (Contributed Photo)



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VOLLEYBALL



Hodges



Baker



Sample

Lady Apaches finish off Somerville at home

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches put away a pesky Somerville team in straight sets on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at home with a 25-21, 25-8, 26-24 victory that moves their overall record to 8-14.

“Somerville was very scrappy and put up a good fight in the third set, but the girls got it done,” said Coach Sarah Neal.

Mckenzie Hodges had six aces for Gonzales, while Tara Lester had seven kills and Kristyn Baker was the top hitter with 11 kills. Alyson Jahns had four assists, while Macy Sample had 18 assists.

“Overall, it was a good night for the Lady Apaches,” Neal added.

On Friday, the Lady Apaches play San Antonio Fox Tech at home for their Homecoming game. Varsity plays at 5:30 p.m., and then JV and Freshman will play at 6:30 p.m.

The Lady Apaches also defeated the Shiner St. Paul Lady Cardinals, three sets to one, in a match played at Shiner St. Paul on Friday, Sept. 3.

Gonzales won the first set, 25-21, but the Lady Cards evened things up with a 25-18 win in the second set.

The Lady Apaches then closed out the match with a pair of 25-21 victories in the third and fourth sets.

Gonzales moved to 7-14 overall on the season with their second road win of the year, while Shiner St. Paul falls to 1-5 overall.

Eighth-grade Lady Apaches fall to Cuero

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

On Thursday, Sept. 2, the Gonzales Lady Apache 8th Grade A Team played Cuero at home. The Lady Apaches played two sets but were defeated., 23-25, 15-25. Top players were Joelee Lester with 15 points serving points and Ava Carrizales who had a great game on the back row. The A team's record is now 1-1.

Also that night, the Gonzales Lady Apache 8th Grade B Team played Cuero at home, but lost in two sets, 18-25, 16-25. Top players were Paige Kuntschik with a great serving game and Nora Koch and McKenzie Gillette with a terrific game at the net.



Thompson



Ramos-Gutierrez

Waelder drops straight sets to Ganado

STAFF REPORT

The Waelder Lady Wildcats volleyball team fell at home to Ganado in straight sets Tuesday, Sept. 7.

The final scores of the three sets were 18-25, 19-25 and 15-25.

Elizabeth Ramos-Gutierrez tried to keep things close for the Lady Wildcats by going on a five-point serving run, but the Lady Indians pulled out the victory.

Zyriah Toran led Waelder with four kills, while Jalissiah Thompson registered her first block of the season, according to coach Tionne Graves-Brown.

Mustangs corralled by Three Rivers in 25-12 loss

STAFF REPORTS

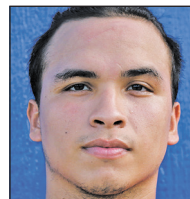
The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs learned some lessons on the road with a hard-fought 25-12 loss at Three Rivers on Friday, Sept. 3.

The Mustangs managed to put together 211 yards rushing, but could only muster 22 yards passing in a tough night for Nixon-Smiley, which fell to 1-1 on the young season.

Bradyn Martinez led all Mustang rushers with 15 carries for 102 yards, including a 65-yard jaunt, and one touchdown. For the season, Martinez has gained 245 yards on 23 car-



Martinez



Jantes



Moses

ries with three touchdowns, an average of 122.5 yards per game.

Dario Jantes toted the rock 15 times for 61 yards while George Rodriguez had five carries for 34 yards. Jason Adams carried the ball three times for five yards and quarterback Luke Moses had nine yards on two carries.

Moses was just two of

eight passing the ball, but one of those was a TD pass to Martinez, who caught both of Moses' tosses for 22 yards and the one score. For the year, Moses is five of 16 for 77 yards, 1 TD and one interception.

Nixon-Smiley returns home this Friday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. to host Hallettville Sacred Heart in a non-district tussle.

Applications being accepted for Texas game warden cadet class

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The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is currently accepting applications for their 65th Texas Game Warden Cadet class.

As fully commissioned peace officers, game wardens are responsible for the enforcement of Texas laws across the state including water safety, natural resource protection and environmental management. Unconstrained by city or county jurisdictions, Texas Game Wardens patrol the state's natural waterways, oversee hunting and fishing regulation, and often support local landowners. More widely known, are the specialized skills that have made them a reliable resource for disaster re-

sponse.

“Texas Game Wardens have a long and proud tradition of protecting and conserving the State's valuable natural resources. That includes our waterways, landscapes, and the wildlife we enjoy daily,” said Col. Chad Jones, TPWD Law Enforcement Director who stressed that the role of a game warden goes beyond the badge. “Not only are game wardens trained in a number specialized fields like search and rescue and disaster response, we are members of the community. We are out in our neighborhoods hosting fishing events, educating boaters, and encouraging another generation of Texans to enjoy and preserve the outdoors.”

For those interested in becoming a Texas Game

Warden, applications are being accepted from Sept. 7 to Oct. 8. Applicants must be 21 years of age with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college. For a list of requirements, please visit the TPWD Game Warden recruitment webpage.

All cadets who are accepted to the program are required to live at the Game Warden Training Center near Hamilton, Texas for the duration of the 33-week training period, set to begin October 2022. Follow this link to watch a video encapsulating the Texas Game Warden training experience. For more information, check the game warden career webpage or contact Texas Game Warden recruiter Chelsea Bailey at chelsea.bailey@tpwd.texas.gov.

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GHS vs. Fredericksburg

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SCORES & SCHEDULES

GONZALES HIGH SCHOOL 2021 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

(0-0, 1-1)

- **Aug. 27:** El Campo 56, Apaches 34
 - **Sept. 3:** Apaches 49, Austin-Crockett 8
 - **Sept. 10:** vs. Fredericksburg, 7:30 p.m.**
 - **Sept. 17:** at Ingleside, 7 p.m.
 - **Sept. 24:** at Jarrell, 7:30 p.m.
 - **Oct. 1:** Open
 - **Oct. 8:** vs. Giddings, 7:30 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 15:** at Smithville, 7:30 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 22:** vs. La Grange, 7:30 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 29:** at Navasota, 7:30 p.m.*
 - **Nov. 5:** vs. Cuero, 7:30 p.m.* ***
- *4A-2 District 13
**Homecoming
*** Senior Night

NIXON-SMILEY HIGH SCHOOL 2021 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

(0-0, 1-1)

- **Aug. 27:** Mustangs 14, Bloomington 6
 - **Sept. 3:** Three Rivers 25, Mustangs 12
 - **Sept. 10:** vs. Hallettsville-Sacred Heart, 7:30 p.m.
 - **Sept. 17:** at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 - **Sept. 24:** at Stockdale, 7:30 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 1:** vs. George West, 7:30 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 8:** Open
 - **Oct. 15:** at Natalia, 7:30 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 22:** at Karnes City, 7:30 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 29:** at Navasota, 7:30 p.m.*
 - **Nov. 5:** vs. Dilley, 7:30 p.m.* ***
- *3A-2 District 15
*** Senior Night

GONZALES HIGH SCHOOL 2021 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

(0-0, 7-14)

- **Aug. 10:** lost to Yoakum; def. Shiner
 - **Aug. 12-14:** Columbus Tourney: lost to Columbus, lost to La Grange, def. Industrial, lost to Smithville, lost to Caldwell.
 - **Aug. 17:** def. Cedar Creek
 - **Aug. 19-21:** Schulenburg Tourney: lost to Cuero, lost to Schulenberg, lost to Flatonia, lost to Burton.
 - **Aug. 24:** lost to Schulenburg
 - **Aug. 26, 28:** @ Hondo Tourney: lost to Hondo, def. Somerset, lost to Southwest, def. Sonora, lost to Hondo, def. D'Hanis.
 - **Aug. 31:** lost to Edna
 - **Sept. 3:** def. Shiner St. Paul
 - **Sept. 7:** vs. Somerville, 6 p.m. @
 - **Sept. 10:** vs. SA Fox Tech%, 6:30 p.m.
 - **Sept. 14:** @ SA YWLA, 7:30 p.m.
 - **Sept. 21:** vs. Hallettsville-SH, 6 p.m.
 - **Sept. 28:** @ Cuero, 6 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 1:** vs. La Vernia, 6 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 5:** @ Navarro, 6 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 8:** vs. Pleasanton, 6 p.m.* &
 - **Oct. 12:** BYE
 - **Oct. 15:** vs. Cuero, 6 p.m.* ^
 - **Oct. 19:** @ La Vernia, 6 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 22:** vs. Navarro, 6 p.m.* #
 - **Oct. 26:** @ Pleasanton, 6 p.m.*
- *4A District 27 Match
@ Elandee Volleyball Poster Night
% Teacher Appreciation Night
& Pink Out Night
^ Parent Night
Senior Night

NIXON-SMILEY HIGH SCHOOL 2021 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

(0-0, 14-8)

- **Aug. 10:** def. Yorktown
 - **Aug. 12&14:** @ Yorktown Tourney: def. Rice Consolidated, def. St. Joe, lost to Cuero, lost to Weimar, def. Cuero JV, def. St. Joe.
 - **Aug. 13:** lost to Poth
 - **Aug. 17:** def. Falls City
 - **Aug. 19&21:** @ Bloomington Tourney: def. Faith Academy; def. Palacios; def. West Oso; lost to Falls City; def. Bloomington.
 - **Aug. 20:** def. Nordheim
 - **Aug. 24:** def. Stacey
 - **Aug. 27-28:** @ Cuero Tourney: def. Thrall, def. Smithville, def. Luling, def. St. Joseph (JV), lost to El Campo, lost to Hallettsville.
 - **Aug. 31:** lost to Hallettsville SH
 - **Sept. 3:** lost to Fayetteville.
 - **Sept. 7:** vs. Yoakum, 7 p.m.
 - **Sept. 10:** @ Luling, 7 p.m.*
 - **Sept. 14:** vs. Randolph, 7 p.m.*
 - **Sept. 17:** vs. Marion, 7 p.m.*
 - **Sept. 21:** @ Cole, 7 p.m.*
 - **Sept. 24:** @ Stockdale, 7 p.m.*
 - **Sept. 28:** vs. GH Northern Oaks, 7 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 1:** vs. GH Monte Vista, 6 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 5:** vs. Luling, 7 p.m.* &
 - **Oct. 8:** @ Randolph, 6 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 12:** @ Marion, 6 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 15:** vs. Cole, 7 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 19:** vs. Stockdale, 7 p.m.* ^
 - **Oct. 22:** @ GH Northern Oaks, 7 p.m.*
 - **Oct. 26:** @ GH Monte Vista, 6 p.m.*
- *3A District 15
*** Senior Night
& Pink Out Night
^ Parents Night

WAELDER HIGH SCHOOL 2021 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

(0-0, 2-5)

- **Aug. 10:** def. Victoria Lady Cobra
- **Aug. 20:** lost to Dime Box
- **Aug. 27-28:** @ Cuero Tourney: lost to Cuero; lost to Edna; def. Smithville JV.
- **Aug. 31:** lost to Luling
- **Sept. 7:** lost to Ganado.

- **Sept. 14:** vs. Prairie Lea, 5 p.m.*
- **Sept. 17:** @ Weimar, 4:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 21:** vs. Louise, 5 p.m.
- **Sept. 24:** @ Schulenburg, 4:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 28:** vs. Flatonia, 5 p.m.
- **Oct. 1:** vs. Shiner, 4:30 p.m.
- **Oct. 5:** vs. Ganado, 5 p.m.
- **Oct. 8:** vs. Prairie Lea, 4:30 p.m.*

- **Oct. 12:** vs. Weimar, 5 p.m.
 - **Oct. 15:** @ Louise, 4:30 p.m.
 - **Oct. 19:** vs. Schulenburg, 5 p.m.
 - **Oct. 22:** vs. Flatonia, 4:30 p.m.
 - **Oct. 26:** @ Shiner, 5 p.m.
- *1A/2A District 27 game

OBITUARIES

ALBERT OROSCO SR.



Albert Orosco, Sr., age 87, passed away Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021.

He was born Sept. 26, 1933 in Yoakum to Anselmo and Josephine Villarreal Orosco.

Albert was a truck driver by profession. He was an accomplished accordion musician and loved music. He was a loving husband, father, and Grandpa. He served his country during the Korean Conflict in the U.S. Army.

Survivors are his wife: Tomasita; daughters: Lupe Gaitan, Josie (Jesse Guzman) Villarreal, Kathy Orosco, and Tracy (Paul) Chavez; sons: Albert (Mary Lou) Orosco, Jr., Adam (Linda Rodriguez) Orosco, and Bernie Flores; stepdaughters: Jovita (Tony) Ramirez, Gloria Horton, Becky (Michael) Gaitan; stepsons: Vincent (Mary) Gaitain, Ramiro (Cynthia) Gaitain, Gilbert (Shelia) Gaitain, Joseph (Kristen) Gaitain, and Trini (Roxanne) Gaitain; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-

great grandchildren; sister: Eloisa (Nacho) Castillo; brothers: Joe Orosco, Alfredo Orosco, and Carlos (Josie) Orosco, Sr.

Preceded in death by parents; daughters: Janie Dickinson, Rachel Johnson, and Genie Garraamillo; sisters: Rafaela Orosco, Andrea Orosco and Julia Orosco; brother: Anselmo Orosco, Jr.; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Adam Orosco, Jr., Jase Gaitan, Eric Chavez, Brandon Orosco, Paul David Chavez, and Gilbert Gaitan, Jr. Honorary pallbearers are Paul Chavez, Sr., Jesse Guzman, and Pete Guevara.

Rosary was recited Tuesday Aug. 31, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Yoakum followed by the Funeral Mass. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorials can be given to Dornburg Center of Compassion.

Arrangements by Thiele-Cooper Funeral Home: 361-293-5656.

JASON COLE NESLONEY



Jason Cole Nesloney, 51, of Gonzales, Texas passed away Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Jason was born August 13, 1970 in Beeville, Texas to Robert Lee Nesloney, Sr. and Linda L. Smith Nesloney.

As a young child, Jason enjoyed riding motorcycles, boating, fishing, and spending time with family. He started working in the oilfield after school and moved to Belmont, Texas in 1994 where he started working as a meter reader for GVEC, working his way up in the department to foreman.

Jason met the love of his life, Shelly Ann Oliver, in 1990. Life events separated them but eventually they reunited and married. Jason embraced the father role to their daughter Erin. He was a very calm patient and loving husband and father. Jason enjoyed jet skiing, playing dominos, floating the river, vacationing, boating, concerts and RVing with “his girls”, family and close friends Tim and Trish Stoepler and Valerie and Clay Whites.

Jason Cole Nesloney is survived by his adoring family, wife, Shelly Nesloney, daughter, Erin Foley, brother and sister-in-law, Robert Lee Nesloney, Jr., and Laurie, nephews, Chase (Kourtney), Anthony, Connor, Todd (Liz) Nesloney, Justin (Taylor) Harvey, Carlos Ryan, Josh Hendershot, and Jeremy Morris, nieces, Kelsea Oliver, Brittanie (Shaun) Boyd, Jessica Harvey, Brooke (Tyler) Trevino, Shawna Epperson, and Ashley Valenta, his great-

nephews, Cade, Liam, and Brixton Nesloney, Kinston Trevino, great-nieces, Danny Faith Lee Harvey, Hayden Mertz, and Aubrey Morris, along with numerous cousins, aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his beloved parents Linda and Robert Nesloney, Sr., cousins, Clay Nesloney, Scott Allor, Ronnie Richards, mother-in-law, Debbie Mager Hendershot, and niece Sydney Oliver.

The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, September 3, 2021 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 4, 2021 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with Fr. Paul Raaz officiating. Interment followed in Belmont Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Clint and Todd Nesloney, Bubba Mager, Jerry Gray II, Elliott Bucky Floyd, and Boyd Catching. Honorary pallbearers: Doug, George, Charles, Johnny, and Chase Nesloney. Memorials may be made to Norma's House. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com.

Due to the present uptick in reported Covid-19 illnesses, protective measures regarding social distancing, and use of personal protective masks are suggested for the visitation, funeral service, and graveside burial rite. Those remotely symptomatic of COVID-19 are politely asked not to attend. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

3rd Annual Come & Take It Memorial Golf Tournament slated for Oct. 2

CONTRIBUTED STORY

The Gonzales High School Class of 1964 and the Community Foundation of the Gonzales Area (CFGa) will host the third annual Come & Take It Memorial Golf Tournament on Oct. 2 at the Gonzales Independence Golf Course.

The tournament honors the county's seven “Fallen But Not Forgotten” Vietnam veterans killed in action. Proceeds provide the Tommy D. Chenault Scholarship opportunities to area students.

The tournament proceeds go to the Community Foundation

of the Gonzales Area (CFGa), (a 501 c3 organization) providing Gonzales area students, faculty, veterans and/First Responders, or their children, educational scholarship opportunities via the Tommy D. Chenault Scholarship Award, which is given on a competitive basis. Five \$5,000 scholarships were given last year to the following area schools: Waelder (1), St. Paul High School (1), Shiner High School (1), and Gonzales High School (2).

For questions or to contribute support to the program, contact Ken McGinty at 830-305-1193.

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14 this Berlin wrote songs for TX Ginger Roger’s 1936 “Follow the Fleet” (init.)

15 Texas iced ____

17 TXism: “hog wash”

19 TXism: “just ____ the bucket” (insignificant)

20 this Rob directed Reba as “Ma Tex” in 1994 film “North”

24 this “Arnie” won the Texas Open from 1960-62 (init.)

25 TX George Strait’s “____ It Go” (2015)

26 “Texas Folk ____ Society”

40 a bitter beer

41 TXism: “worn ____ – frazzle” (tired)

42 TXism: “thinks he’s the only ____ the barnyard” (big ego)

48 prayer ending

50 large barn rodents

51 hit by singer in 28-down: “Peggy ____”

56 this J. Wright killed rare albino buffalo near Synder in 1876

57 this Taniguchi built an Oriental Garden in Austin (1968-69)

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

OBITUARIES

DELILAH TREVINO ALVA

On Friday, August 27, 2021, heaven gained a beautiful angel, Delilah Trevino Alva. Delilah was born August 29, 1950 in Gonzales, Texas to Harry and Estella Trevino.

Delilah was an exceptional mother and grandmother. She cared deeply for her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She was always first to offer help and ensured everyone was safe, healthy and happy.

She is survived by her Fiancé, Edward Alva, her three daughters, Melissa



Trevino Alva, Melanie Alva and Erica Alva Ramos, son-in-law John Ramos, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She was the fourth oldest of seven siblings of

which three survive her – Ida Trevino Gonzalez, Bonnie Trevino Collins and Michael Trevino.

Delilah was predeceased by her parents Harry and Estella Trevino, her sisters Yolanda Trevino Luna, Brenda Trevino Becerra, and Michelle Trevino Molina, and her brother Harry Trevino Jr.

Pallbearers include: Gabriel Pena, Clint Garcia, Richard Collins, Coy Collins, Corey Collins, Roland Luna, Devin Cantu, Terry Buckner and Michael Lee Trevino, Jr.

SHERIFF ROBERT CARLOS YNCLAN

Sheriff Robert Carlos Ynclan, 63, of Gonzales, passed away Sunday, September 5, 2021. Robert Ynclan was born June 1, 1958 in Dilley, Texas, to Guadalupe and Julia Rosales Ynclan. He married the love of his life Cynthia Marie Porras on October 24, 1980 in the Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in Shiner, Texas. Robert was a member of Two Rivers Bible Church.

Robert was raised on a working ranch in Cotulla, Texas. He moved with his family to LBJ Ranch in Stonewall, Texas where his father worked, and Robert continued with his love of hunting, fishing, and camping. Robert developed another passion while living at LBJ's ranch, a love for law enforcement as he watched the Secret Service men serve and protect President Lyndon B. Johnson. Certainly, all the old westerns he watched had an influence as well as Robert clearly felt a calling to be a "Lawman." Robert also developed into a spectacular high school basketball player and had college scholarship offers to take his game to the next level. But his true calling was a Lawman and Robert went to college to study law enforcement and eventually join the Texas Department of Public Safety. Robert was a dedicated State Trooper and served in this capacity with integrity and devotion to duty until his retirement when he ran for Gonzales County Sheriff. It was far from an easy race for Sheriff as it took a tremendous amount of time, support from many generous constituents and complete faith in God to achieve this goal. But achieve this goal he did, Robert broke the recorded record of tallied votes for Sheriff and became the first Latino Sheriff of Gonzales County. Robert followed his longstanding principles and trust in God to serve his county with a just and honorable approach to best serve all the people in Gonzales County and his beloved state of Texas.

Robert did find some time to play basketball while he served with the Department of Public Safety. He was part of the Police Olympic Basketball team that won their State Tournament and the National Title. Surely this was a great joy for Robert and his teammates, but even this didn't measure up to his greatest fortune which was meeting Cynthia Por-



ras in the check-out line at a Gonzales Super S grocery store. He saw her again at church and after a few prayers and mustering up a bit of courage, Robert asked Cynthia out on a date and the rest as they say, is history. Robert was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. His had a very strong work ethic and was a great provider for his family. He was a man of high moral character. He led his family by example and with unparalleled love. He freely shared his faith with his family and walked closely with the word of his Lord in his heart. He was an ever-present dad at his children's academic and sporting events, and he was a very proud father as he happily shared their accomplishments with friends and loved ones. He was so very proud of his family and even though son Jaime is certain he could have taken the ol' man in basketball, and son Marco has no doubt he could have fanned his dad in three pitches, there was daughter Marrisra, a superior athlete herself, there to cheer her daddy on as he did for her in the countless athletic events she played in throughout her career. Robert Loved. He cherished every moment he had with his wife and children. He was blessed and he knew it, nothing would ever come between him and his family. He felt the same for those he worked beside for they were his family as well. He was an extremely loyal man. His was a world that prescribed faith, family, and career. Nothing could ever detract him from his steadfast tenets, and his beautiful life. Robert Carlos Ynclan was a very big man who through the years touched many thousands of lives with his soft-spoken words, firm but fair nature and remarkable sense of humor. As a lawman he bravely stood before peril everyday with psalm 91 firmly in his heart "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of

the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Robert did not succumb to a virus, for a bit of Robert lives on in every person that knew him, and we are all better people because of him.

Robert is survived by his adoring family, wife of nearly 31 years, Cynthia Ynclan, daughter, Marisa Ynclan, sons, Jaime Ynclan, Marco Ynclan "Samantha Pettitt", grandchildren, Maya Gonzales, Noah Canales and Catori Fae Marie Ynclan, sisters, Gloria Rodriguez, Mary Dailey, Norma Ynclan, and Cindy Moser, brothers and sisters-in-law, Juan and Brenda Ynclan, Lupe and Tina Ynclan, Tony and Becky Ynclan, Luis Ynclan and Joey Ynclan. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Rosa and Lupita Ynclan.

The family will receive friends from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, September 9, 2021 in the J.B. Wells Expo Center in Gonzales. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 9, 2021 in J.B. Wells Expo Center with Pastor Jesse Elizondo officiating. Interment will follow in the Cementerio Mexicana La Union. Pallbearers: Jaime Ynclan, Marco Ynclan, Lupe Ynclan, Tony Ynclan, Luis Ynclan, Juan Ynclan, Michael Escalate, and Miguel Rodriguez. Honorary pallbearers: Howard Brothers, Judge Patrick Davis, Captain Steven Tellez, Daryl Jiral, E. T. Huey, Tony Rico, Armando Fuentes, Russell Bundy, Lt. Glen Garrett, Travis Hall, Wayne Henkes, Mike Turk, David Nething, Josh Garcia, Paul Ebner and the entire Gonzales County Sheriff's Office deputies and staff. Memorials may be made to the Air1 Radio, 97.7, McQueeney. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com.

By request of the Robert Ynclan family, in an effort to prevent further devastation from the virulent COVID-19 virus, protective measures regarding social distancing, and use of personal protective masks will be mandated by the family for the visitation, funeral service, and graveside burial rite. Those remotely symptomatic of COVID-19 are politely asked not to attend. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

Additional obituaries, please see pages A6 and A15

LAWS

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A full list of new laws can be found at capitol.texas.gov/Reports/Report.aspx?LegSession=87R&ID=effectivesept1.

Included in the new laws are:

House Bill 9 enhances the criminal penalty to a state jail felony offense for anyone who knowingly blocks an emergency vehicle or obstructs access to a hospital or health care facility.

House Bill 103 creates an Active Shooter Alert System in Texas.

House Bill 365 creates civil liability protections for farmers and ranchers.

House Bill 547 allows home-schooled students to participate in UIL activities.

House Bill 957 repeals the criminal offense of possessing, manufacturing, transporting, or repairing a firearm silencer. It also ensures that any firearm suppressor manufactured in Texas, and that remains in Texas, will not be subject to federal law or federal regulation.

House Bill 1280 will outlaw abortion in Texas after Roe v. Wade is overturned.

House Bill 1500 prevents any government entity from prohibiting the sale or transportation of firearms or ammunition during a declared disaster or emergency.

House Bill 1900 penalizes cities that defund their police departments. The law freezes property tax revenues for cities with a population over 250,000 that defund the police. Under this law, cities that defund the police will lose their annexation powers for 10 years and any area annexed by a defunding city in the past 30 years can vote to dis-annex from the city. It also allows the State of Texas to withhold sales taxes collected by a defunding city and give it to the Texas Department of Public Safety to pay for the cost of state resources used to protect residents of a defunded municipality.

House Bill 1925 prohibits camping in public spaces.

House Bill 1927 authorizes Constitutional Carry in Texas, meaning law-abiding Texans can legally carry a handgun without a license to carry.

House Bill 2366 enhances criminal penalties for the use of laser pointers and creates an offense for the use of fireworks to harm or obstruct the police.

House Bill 2622 makes Texas a Second Amendment Sanctuary State by protecting Texans from new federal gun control regulations.

House Bill 3257 creates the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission.

House Bill 3712 provides increased training and transparency during the hiring process for peace officers.

Senate Bill 8 ("The Heartbeat Bill") bans abortion the moment a baby's heartbeat is detected in the womb.

Senate Bill 13 prohibits state contracts and investments with companies that boycott energy companies.

Senate Bill 19 prohibits any governmental entity from contracting with any business that discriminates against firearm and ammunition businesses or organizations.

Senate Bill 20 allows guests to store firearms in their hotel rooms.

Senate Bill 23 requires voter approval to reduce law enforcement budgets in counties with a population of more than one million. If voter approval is not received, but the county still defunds the police, the county's property tax revenue will be frozen.

Senate Bill 24 requires police departments to review files of applicants before they are hired to ensure officers with a negative history aren't passed between departments.

Senate Bill 550 removes the shoulder or belt holster requirements, allowing Texans to carry firearms in whatever kind of holster they choose.

FUNDING

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settlement will have on the city, officials reached out to GEDC to ask them to help pay for half the cost, or \$912,500. The city was facing an Oct. 10 deadline to pay the settlement in full.

During a joint meeting with the council, GEDC agreed to provide the \$912,500 to the city, but spread out over the course of the 20-year bond period, which represents about \$61,700 per year.

By making the payments annually instead of in one lump sum, GEDC is able to absorb the cost through its sales tax collection instead of running down its reserves and thus can continue to use its reserve funds to recruit and retain business in Gonzales. GEDC collects a half-percent of sales tax revenue in the city for its funding.

While GEDC is helping the city pay back the settlement, it is not a party to the bond, nor will it receive any interest in the J.B. Wells Park complex.

The city's performance agreement being considered Thursday is similar to one that would be done by any other applicant that seeks money from GEDC.

The J.B. Wells Park, Expo and Arena was appraised at \$7.349 million by the Gonzales Central Appraisal District, and \$11.3 million by Bolton Real Estate, according to case filings.

If more than 10 percent of the city's registered votes sign a petition pre-

sented to the city by Sept. 14 against the settlement and terms of repayment, the agreement between the city and GEDC "shall not be executed and shall be deemed invalid and without legal effect." The Sept. 14 date is 60 days after GEDC published a

notice in the Gonzales Inquirer on July 15 of its intent to enter into the agreement with the city.

The city will also consider final adoption of the budget and tax rate during Thursday's regular meeting.

Steve Fountain contributed to this report.



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Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar, left, is among many law enforcement and government officials who took to Facebook to mourn the loss of Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan, right. Flags in Gonzales County are flying half-staff to honor the late Ynclan, who died Sept. 5 after a battle with COVID-19. (Courtesy photo)



Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan was sworn in on Jan. 1, 2021 by County Judge Patrick C. Davis after winning the November general election. A former DPS trooper, Ynclan only served as sheriff for 248 days before he passed away from complications from COVID-19 on Sunday, Sept. 5.

“The City of Gonzales wishes to express our thoughts and prayers are with Sheriff Ynclan’s family, Gonzales county, the Sheriff’s office, and everyone in our community who has been affected by COVID-19. Rest In Peace, Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan.”

—City of Gonzales

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ment posted Sunday on Facebook. “The BCSO is keeping his family and his agency in Gonzales County in our thoughts and prayers.”

“Tonight we mourn the passing of our beloved Sheriff to the west. Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan lost his battle with Covid,” posted Lavaca County Sheriff’s Office on Facebook. “Please keep Sheriff Ynclan’s family, friends and colleagues in your prayers as we begin to say goodbye. He was a gentle giant and will be missed by so many. Godspeed.”

Shiner Police posted “The hearts of your local Law Enforcement are saddened after receiving the news that we lost a great brother, Sheriff Ynclan of Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office. Sheriff Ynclan lost his battle with Covid today. He was a great leader and even better man. Please keep Sheriff Ynclan’s family, friends and colleagues in your prayers as they mourn their loss.”

“The City of Gonzales wishes to express our thoughts and prayers are with Sheriff Ynclan’s family, Gonzales county, the Sheriff’s office, and everyone in our community who has been affected by COVID-19. Rest In Peace, Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan,” city officials posted on Facebook Monday.

Late Tuesday, Gonzales City Manager Tim Patek announced “As per the request of Governor Abbott, flags of the State of Texas and the United States of America at all buildings, facilities, and offices in Gonzales County may be lowered immediately to half-staff in honor of Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan, who died while in office. Flags should return to full-staff at sunset on Thursday. Individuals, businesses, municipalities, and other political subdivisions and entities

in the surrounding area and region may fly flags at half-staff for the same period as a sign of honor and respect. Thank you & God Bless.”

A native of Fredericksburg, Ynclan was sworn in as the Gonzales County Sheriff in January after winning election in November 2020. As a Republican candidate, he defeated Democratic candidate Floyd Toliver. Ynclan had retired from the Texas Department of Public Safety in 2019 after 35 years as a state trooper to seek the sheriff’s position.

“I truly believe that my purpose in life was to be a lawman,” Ynclan told the Inquirer during last year’s sheriff’s race. “In my 35 years of working for DPS I have enjoyed serving and protecting the citizens of this State and Gonzales County. I feel my work is not done yet and would like to continue my service to the citizens of Gonzales County as Sheriff!”

Ynclan said at the time he believed the sheriff’s most important duty was “to keep the peace and enforce the laws while securing the county citizens of their lives, property and possessions.”

“Trust is the most important issue,” he added. “Trust in law enforcement to enforce our constitution to be just and fair to all. Also trust in the candidate to do what he promises to do and never forget he works for the people.”

Ynclan’s plans upon taking office were to have training for all in his department while “making officers proactive and strategizing locations of patrol deputies so that our response times are faster on the 911 emergency phone calls.

“We will not tolerate any lawlessness, combat the drugs and ensure our citizens and their properties are safe. We will work together with our partners in

the City, County, State and Federal level to achieve this goal!” Ynclan said. “I will support our local organizations, uphold the 2nd amendment and comply with child custody cases. I will host various community events and execute crime prevention. I will work with our Commissioners to be fiscally conservative with the respect that it is our taxpayers money. As Sheriff I will be transparent and listen to the concerns of the citizens of Gonzales County.”

Prior to being a DPS trooper, Ynclan had worked for four years for La Salle County, having served two years as chief deputy.

He and his wife had been married for 31 years prior to his passing and together they had three children and two grandchildren.

Ynclan graduated from DPS school in 1984. and held a master peace officer license as well as numerous certifications.



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A timeline of the morning of September 11, 2001

On the morning of September 11, 2001, 19 terrorists hijacked four commercial airplanes bound for California. The planes departed from airports in Boston; Newark, NJ; and Washington, D.C. September 11 would become an infamous date in American and world history, and the events of that day would forever change the world. As the world commemorates the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the following timeline, courtesy of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, can help people fully understand how events unfolded on that late-summer morning two decades ago.

- **5:45 a.m.:** Two of the hijackers pass through security at Portland International Airport in Maine. The men will take a short flight to Boston Logan International Airport, where they will join three other hijackers and board American Airlines Flight 11.
- **6:00 a.m.:** Two of the hijacked planes, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, will eventually crash into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center complex in New York City. The day was a significant one on the New York City political calendar, as polling stations opened at 6 a.m. for primary elections.
- **7:59 a.m.:** American Airlines Flight 11 takes off from Boston with 11 crew members, 76 passengers and five hijackers on board. The plane, which will eventually crash into the North tower at the World Trade Center, is filled with more than 76,000 pounds of fuel.
- **8:15 a.m.:** United Airlines Flight 175 takes off from Boston with nine crew members, 51 passengers, and five hijackers on board. This flight also is loaded with 76,000 pounds of fuel.
- **8:19 a.m.:** American Airlines ground personnel are alerted by flight attendant Betty Ann Ong that Flight 11 is being hijacked. This call lasts roughly 25 minutes and Ong reports that the cockpit is unreachable. In the moments before Ong's call, one of the hijackers stabbed Daniel M. Lewin, who was sitting in front of him in first class. Lewin is likely the first person killed in the 9/11 attacks.
- **8:20 a.m.:** American Airlines Flight 77 takes off from Washington Dulles International Airport. The flight has 49,900 pounds of fuel and is carrying six crew members, 53 passengers and five hijackers.
- **8:21 a.m.:** The transponder on Flight 11 is turned off. This device is meant to allow air traffic controllers to identify and monitor the flight path of a plane.
- **8:24 a.m.:** One of the hijackers of Flight 11 unwittingly broadcasts a message to air traffic controllers alerting them to the attacks. The hijacker was attempting to communicate with passengers and crew within the cabin.
- **8:30 a.m.:** Around this time, roughly 80 people have already begun gathering on the 106th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center for a financial technology conference. The conference is one of many events on the Trade Center schedule that day.
- **8:37 a.m.:** The Boston Air Traffic Control Center alerts the military that a hijacking is under way.
- **8:42 a.m.:** United Airlines Flight 93 takes off from Newark International Airport. The flight was due to take off at roughly the same time as the other hijacked planes, but was delayed due to routine traffic. Seven crew members, 33 passengers and four hijackers are on board. The flight is filled with 48,700 pounds of fuel.
- **8:46 a.m.:** Five hijackers crash Flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. Hundreds, including everyone on board the flight, are killed instantly. The crash severs all three emergency stairwells, trapping hundreds of people above the 91st floor.
- **8:46 a.m.:** Police, paramedics and firefighters are sent to the North Tower.
- **8:50 a.m.:** While visiting an elementary school in Florida, U.S. President George W. Bush is notified that a small plane has hit the North Tower.
- **8:52 a.m.:** A flight attendant aboard Flight 175 reaches a United Airlines operator in San Francisco and reports the flight is being hijacked. By 9 a.m., various passengers on Flight 175 have called family members.
- **8:55 a.m.:** The Port Authority informs people inside the South Tower via a public address system that the building is secure and there is no need to evacuate.
- **8:59 a.m.:** The Port Authority Police Department orders both towers evacuated. One minute later Captain Anthony Whitaker expands the order to include all civilians in the entire World Trade Center complex.
- **9:02 a.m.:** An evacuation order is broadcast in the South Tower.
- **9:03 a.m.:** Five hijackers crash Flight 175 into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower. All onboard the flight are killed, as are an unknown number of people inside the building. Two of the three emergency stairwells are impassable and most elevator cables are severed, trapping many people above the impact zone and inside elevator cars.
- **9:03 a.m.:** A second call for mobilization brings the total number of New York City Police Department officers responding to the scene to roughly 2,000. In addition, the FDNY issues a fifth alarm and deploys several hundred additional firefighters to the scene.
- **9:05 a.m.:** President Bush is informed that a second plane has crashed into the World Trade Center.
- **9:12 a.m.:** Flight attendant Renée A. May calls her mother and tells her that hijackers have seized control of Flight 77. When May's call is disconnected, she calls American Airlines.
- **9:30 a.m.:** Amidst reports of additional hijacked planes, the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management at 7 World Trade Center is evacuated.
- **9:37 a.m.:** Hijackers crash Flight 77 into the Pentagon. All 53 passengers and six crew members perish, and 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground are killed in the fire caused by the crash.
- **9:42 a.m.:** The Federal Aviation Administration grounds all flights, ordering all civilian planes in United States airspace to land. Departures also are prohibited.
- **9:45 a.m.:** Evacuations at the White House and the U.S. Capitol begin. Both the House of Representatives and Senate are in session at the time the evacuation begins.
- **9:58 a.m.:** Flight 93 is flying so low to the ground that passenger Edward P. Felt is able to reach an emergency 911 operator in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.
- **9:59 a.m.:** The South Tower collapses after burning for 56 minutes. The tower collapses in just 10 seconds.
- **9:59 a.m.:** Continuity-of-government procedures are implemented for the first known time in American history.
- **10:03 a.m.:** Four hijackers crash Flight 93 into a field near the town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. All 33 passengers and seven crew members on board perish. Passengers and crew had stormed the cockpit, and the plane ultimately crashes just 20 minutes' flying time from Washington, D.C.
- **10:15 a.m.:** The E Ring of the Pentagon collapses.
- **10:28 a.m.:** The North Tower collapses after burning for 102 minutes. More than 1,600 people are killed as a result of the attack on the North Tower.
- **11:02 a.m.:** New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani urges the evacuation of lower Manhattan.
- **12:16 p.m.:** The last flight still in the air above the continental United States lands. Within two and a half hours, U.S. airspace has been cleared of roughly 4,500 commercial and general aviation planes.

READERS REMEMBER

‘One is an accident.
Two is an attack.’

Twenty years ago, I worked in a federal government institution. September 11, 2001, started out as a busy day. I was instructing a training class of about 25 adult students with a co-instructor. We had called a short break between lessons. One of the students had a small radio and was listening to her favorite station when a special news report came on to say a plane had flown into one of the twin towers in New York City. It had happened before and we assumed it was the same, a small plane with some tourists. Then they reported it was a full-sized passenger jet.

We had televisions in the halls and break rooms that carried the major news stations. My partner and I released the class for the morning break and we all found a tv to watch the video about the tragedy. While we were watching the live scene, the second plane flew into the second tower. I heard my partner say grimly, “One is an accident. Two is an attack.”

Lessons were abandoned for the day. The almost 2500 employees in the building all seemed to be gathered around the television sets. We all cried out as news about the Pentagon attack and the views of the collapsing towers came. News of the grounding of all airplanes upset my partner. His son was in the air somewhere along the east coast and he couldn’t reach him. My sister, who worked for the same facility was also worried. She had just dropped an elderly, very nervous friend at the airport.

They began talking on the news about the evacuation of federal installations. We looked around for management to ask what we were supposed to do and discovered they had ALL left. People began to leave on their own. Finally a voice on the loudspeaker insisted there was no evacuation but we could leave. Due to the large number of employees leaving at the same time, it took me FOUR hours to get out of the parking lot. The towers had already collapsed, and I spent the hours listening to the

reported chaos in New York. We did not have cell phones in the family, but since four of us worked at the facility in different buildings we called each other on our desk phones and agreed to meet at one sister’s home near our workplace.

When we were finally all together, one sister reported a person had gone off the rails at her workplace, running screaming through the halls until tackled by another couple of employees. My sister checked up on her elderly friend and discovered to her relief the news of grounding planes had come just as the pilots were getting ready to move the plane, so all the passengers had to do was get back off again, and her friend’s son had come to pick her up. I learned many days later my instructor partner’s son had safely landed and was fine.

For many of us, it brought back memories of the Oklahoma City bombing. Some of us in Austin lost friends there. Some military parents made sure their children were not in the Pentagon. Some parents had problems because the news reports brought back memories of their children being at the A&M bonfire disaster.

I had to take a flight to Atlanta just a couple of weeks after the attack. People asked me, “Aren’t you afraid?”

I thought about it. But I have been in dangerous situations before. In fact, just driving to and from work made me more nervous than being on a plane. The armed guards in military uniform at the airports didn’t bother me, they made me feel safer. The hyper alert security made me relaxed instead of tense. When you’ve lived through something like that, there is no such thing as an intrusive search, or a restriction of liberties. I don’t get upset at long security lines, or being searched at the gate. I’m glad to know somebody cares about my safety.

Peggy Perry
Harwood



Remembering
the 1993 attack on the
World Trade Center

Among the more indelible images to emerge from the terrorist attacks on September 11 are the photographs and video footage of two airplanes flying into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center in lower Manhattan. At 8:46 a.m. on the morning of September 11, 2001, five hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 11 into floors 93 through 99 of the North Tower. Seventeen minutes later, United Airlines Flight 175 was crashed into floors 77 through 85 of the South Tower. Both buildings would ultimately collapse, killing untold numbers of innocent people. The attack on 9/11 was the second terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in less than a decade. On February 26, 1993, approximately 1,200 pounds of explosives in a rental van parked in the underground parking garage of the World Trade Center was detonated by a small cell of terrorists linked to a local radical mosque and an Islamist terror network. The 9/11 Memorial & Museum notes that the explosion created a five-story, 150-foot-wide crater. The attack injured more than 1,000 people and killed six, including Monica Rodriguez Smith, who was pregnant. The day of the attack was her last day of work before maternity leave. Two memorials, a fountain and a brass plaque bearing the names of the victims of the 1993 attack, were ultimately created to commemorate those who lost their lives. Each memorial was destroyed in the attacks on September 11, 2001, but a small piece of the fountain was recovered in the aftermath of 9/11. That piece was rededicated on February 26, 2005.



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READERS REMEMBER

‘One of the hardest things

I had to do in my teaching career.’

On September 11, 2001, I was teaching fifth and sixth grade Fine Arts at North Avenue. During my conference, I went to the teachers’ lounge to check my mailbox. Another teacher and our counselor were there, very intently watching something on TV. They told me two airplanes had flown into the Twin Towers in New York City. As we watched, the first tower collapsed. None of us could believe our eyes.

After a short break, I had to go back into my classroom and continue teaching. Our principal told us to go about the day as usual and don’t let the students know what was happening. That was one of the hardest things I had to do in my teaching career.

My sister Jan and I decided to go to Washington, D.C. in 2009 to

watch the Capitol Fourth concert and fireworks. On July 4, we got in line outside the capitol building hours before the show started. There we met Richard, a gentleman who worked at the Pentagon. We arranged for him to take us on a tour a couple days later. We walked the entire outer ring of the Pentagon, stopping at the exact location [where] the plane crashed. It is now a small chapel. Outside the Pentagon is a memorial honoring those Americans killed on the plane and those who died inside the building.

As a side note, my mother-in-law’s birthday was on September 11, and my granddaughter was born last September 11.

David Fullilove



The 9/11 Memorial

Among the more indelible images to emerge on September 11, 2001 was the sight of two planes crashing into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center. Still photos and video footage of those planes flying into the Twin Towers were the first images of the attacks many Americans saw, and no one who watched events unfold that morning will ever forget those images.

Though both the North and South Towers fell on that day, today the site where each tower once stood is a serene retreat in the bustling lower Manhattan neighborhood that was shaken to its core on the day of the attacks. The 9/11 Memorial was designed by architect Michael Arad and landscape architect Peter Walker. The 9/11 Memorial and Museum notes that Arad and Walker’s proposal was chosen in a design competition that featured 5,201 submissions from 63 countries.

The 9/11 Memorial is located on the western side of the former World Trade Center where the Twin Towers once stood. Two enormous reflecting pools are part of the Memorial Plaza, which is where the North and South Towers once stood. The pools feature the two largest

man-made waterfalls in North America. Around the edges of the pools, the names of people who were killed in the 9/11 attacks in New York, the Pentagon, on Flight 93, and in the 1993 bombing at the World Trade Center are etched in bronze.

In recognition of the crash sites, 400 swamp white oak trees were selected from nurseries located in New York, Pennsylvania and near Washington, D.C. These trees are located throughout the Memorial Plaza, providing a peaceful respite separate from the surrounding city. The Memorial Plaza also includes one Callery pear tree. That tree was discovered at Ground Zero weeks after the attacks and it was severely damaged. The tree, now known as the Survivor Tree, was nursed back to health by members of the New York City Parks and Recreation Department and returned to the World Trade Center site in 2010, where it still stands as an enduring symbol of resilience and perseverance.

The 9/11 Memorial is free and open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information about the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum can be found at www.911memorial.org.

READERS REMEMBER

A phone call jarred me awake:
‘Turn on the TV now!’

On the morning of September 11, 2001, a phone call jarred me awake around 9 am. The first words in my ear that day were from a friend shouting, “We’re not playing tennis today! Turn on T.V. now!”

I groped for the remote control, clicking it on just in time to watch in horror as the 2nd plane hit the World Trade Center tower. “Oh, my God!” I screamed into the receiver. My first thought echoed like a bomb blast, “This means war with someone”. My second thought hit closer to home: my girlfriend of a dozen years was in Washington D.C.

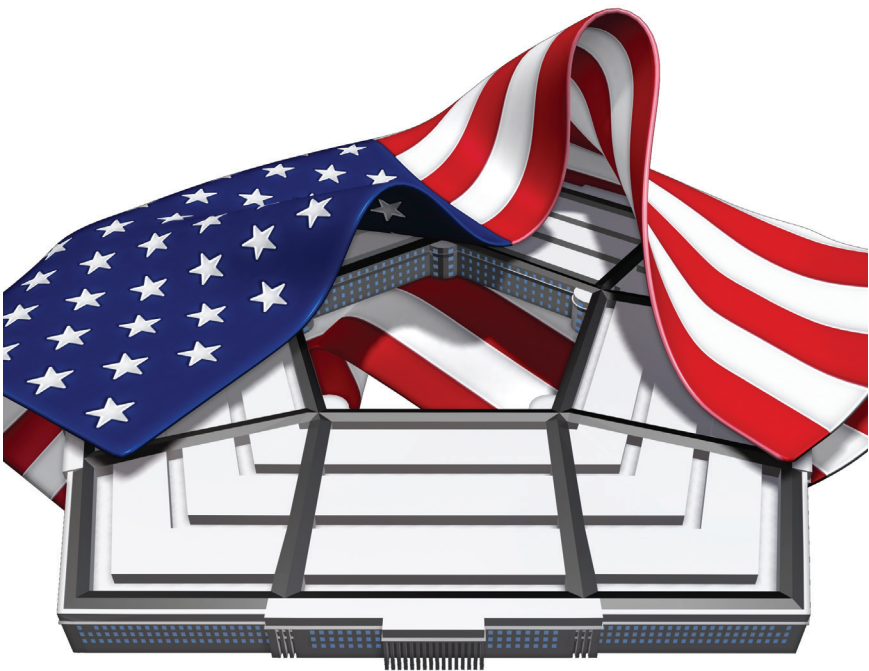
As a librarian who pioneered online virtual reference, she was scheduled to give a speech that morning at the Library of Congress. Later she brought me a note

pad from her hotel The Capitol Suites: “You can’t stay closer to the Capitol!” it bragged, though clearly not the greatest spot to be at that moment.

Shuddering with fear and worry, I tried calling her but all phone lines were down or busy. I finally reached her that night. She was fine but security had interrupted her lecture and ushered everyone out of the building. She told me she saw dozens of Congressional workers running frantically down the Capitol steps.

Like everyone alive that dreadful day, I knew instantly our country and the world had changed forever.

PoetKen Jones
Gonzales



The Pentagon Memorial

At 9:37 a.m. on September 11, 2001, five hijackers crashed American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia. All 53 passengers and six crew members perished in the crash, and an additional 125 military and civilian personnel on the ground were killed in the fire caused by the crash.

The hijacking of Flight 77 was part of the broader attack on 9/11, which remains the deadliest terrorist attack in world history. The Pentagon Memorial was created to honor the 184 people whose lives were lost at the Pentagon on 9/11, as well as their families and all those who sacrifice to protect and preserve the freedom of Americans.

The design of the Pentagon Memorial was developed by architects Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman. Their design was chosen from 1,100 submissions.

The Pentagon Memorial sits on two acres of land just outside where Flight 77 struck the building. The memorial includes 184 benches that are dedicated to each of the victims. The benches are organized in a timeline of their ages, stretching from the youngest victim, 3-year- Dana Falkenberg, to the oldest, 71-year-old John Yamnicky.

Each bench is engraved with a victim’s name and arches over a shallow reflecting pool of water, lit from below. The benches for the passengers who were aboard the plane at the time of the crash are positioned so visitors will face the sky when reading the victim’s names. The benches dedicated to the victims who were inside the building are positioned so their names and the Pentagon are in the same view.

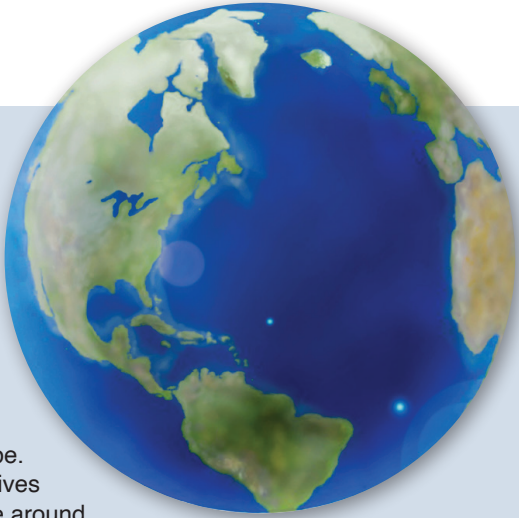
A curved wall known as the Age Wall also is a significant part of the memorial. The wall increases in height from 3 inches to 71 inches to represent the ages of the victims.

Eighty-five paperbark maple trees were clustered throughout the memorial, and these trees feature foliage that changes to orange and red each fall. The trees will eventually grow to 30 feet, providing a canopy of shade over the memorial.

The Pentagon Memorial is free and open seven days a week year-round, though visitors are urged to contact the Memorial in advance due to potential restrictions or closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. More information about the Memorial is available at <https://washington.org/find-dc-listings/national-911-pentagon-memorial>.

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The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 were perpetrated on American soil and in American airspace, but the tragedy that unfolded on 9/11 affected countries across the globe. The attacks on 9/11 claimed the lives of citizens of 78 countries. People around the world mourned those who perished in the attacks, and various world leaders made comments that reflected the global impact of the senseless acts of violence that were perpetrated on 9/11. The comments from then-German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder reflect how shaken the world was in the aftermath of the attacks. “They were not only attacks on the people in the United States, our friends in America,” Schroeder said, “but also against the entire civilized world, against our own freedom, against our own values, values which we share with the American people.”



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At 10:03 a.m. on September 11, 2001, the last of four planes that were hijacked earlier that morning crashed into a field near the town of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The people behind the 9/11 attacks later claimed the hijackers who commandeered the plane intended to crash it into the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., but passengers and crew stormed the cockpit, prompting the hijackers to crash the plane into the field, which is less than 20 minutes' flying time to Washington, D.C.

The efforts of passengers and crew onboard Flight 93 were nothing short of heroic. Though everyone aboard the flight perished in the crash, the attack on the U.S. Capitol was thwarted, saving untold number of lives. All passengers and crew on board Flight 93 were awarded a Congressional Gold Medal on September 11, 2014.

The Flight 93 National Memorial is located in Stonycreek Township in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, roughly two miles north of Shanksville. The memorial was opened to family members of the victims on September 10, 2015, and is now open to the public seven days a week, 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset, though visitors are urged to contact the Memorial in advance due to potential restrictions or closures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In September 2005, the Flight 93 Advisory Commission, which included family members of the victims as well as design and art professionals and

community and national leaders, chose a design proposal submitted by Paul Murdoch Architects and Nelson Byrd Woltz Architects from among 1,100 entries.

The Flight 93 National Memorial includes the Tower of Voices, a 93-foot-tall musical instrument that holds 40 wind chimes, one to represent each of the 40 passengers and crew members who perished in the crash. The tower is located on an oval concrete plaza that includes two curved concrete benches facing the opening of the tower. The tower is surrounded by concentric rings of white pines and deciduous plantings. A live webcam of the Tower of Voices can be viewed at <https://www.flight93friends.org/plan-your-visit/webcams>.

Visitors to the Flight 93 National Memorial also can visit the Memorial Plaza. The Memorial Plaza features the Wall of Names, which is made up of 40 white polished marble stones inscribed with the names of the passengers and crew who were aboard Flight 93 on 9/11. The Memorial Plaza extends one-quarter mile alongside the area where Flight 93 crashed. Visitors can walk along the Memorial Plaza and view the impact site, including a grove of eastern hemlock trees that were damaged by the crash. A gap in the tree line is still visible and serves as a lasting "scar" of the crash.

More information about the Flight 93 National Memorial is available at <https://www.nps.gov/flni/planyourvisit/index.htm>.

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