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Council adopts tax rate, budget, JB Wells agreement

By LEW K. COHN Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales City Council took care of three pressing items of business Thursday night when they adopted the new budget and tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year and approved an agreement

with Gonzales Economic Development Corporation to help settle a lawsuit over the J.B. Wells estate.

Council members voted 3-0 to adopt a tax rate of 32.52 cents per \$100 valuation (\$0.3252), which is the same as the voter-approval tax rate, or the highest tax rate that the city may adopt without

holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

Citizens may attend the public hearing to voice their support or opposition to the proposed rate as well as the proposed \$31.6 million

While the new tax rate is larger than the no-new-revenue tax rate of 30.94 cents — the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year — it is actually a decrease of 2.59 cents from last year's tax rate of 35.11 cents per \$100 valuation, or a decrease of

7.38 percent in the total tax rate.

The new rate is expected to increase the total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 5.39% or \$88,200, bringing the total tax levy on all properties to \$1,723,815. Of

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TAC, county officials discuss **ARPA funding**

By ROB FORD For The Inquirer

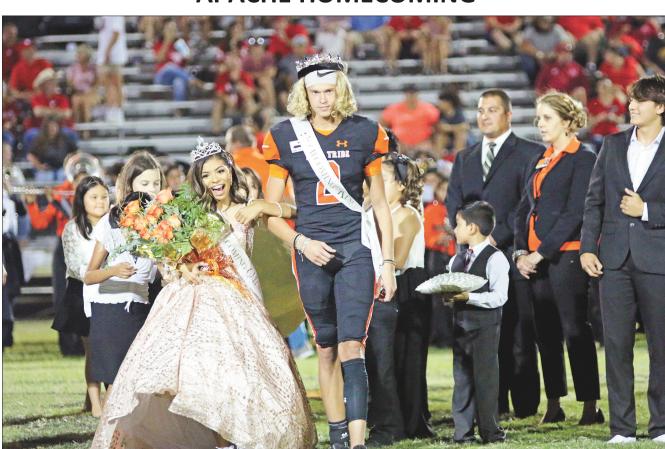
During its Sept. 13 meeting, the Gonzales County Commissioners Court received a presentation from Tramer Woytek with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) regarding the American Rescue Plan.

Woytek, who is the Judicial Resources and Liaison and County Relations Officer with TAC, addressed those in attendance regarding the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan that was signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021. The act established the \$350 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, which include \$65.1 billion in direct aid from the U.S. Treasury Department to all counties nationwide. Of that total, Texas' 254 counties will receive about \$5.7 billion.

Woytek explained that the U.S. Treasury Department published proposed rules known as the interim final rule, on May 17 that define acceptable uses for American

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APACHE HOMECOMING



Gonzales High School crowned Trinity Barr as the Homecoming Queen and Brett Breitschopf as the Homecoming King on Friday, Sept. 10, at halftime of the Apaches' game versus Fredericksburg. They were presented their sashes by Belen Leon, a Gonzales resident and current Miss Teen International. The crownbearer was Edgar Cardenas and the flower girl was Mareleen Parra. Helping crown the king and queen was assistant superintendent Robin Trojak, while Principal Jon Basha presented flowers to the queen.

County sales tax allocations grow

By Lew K. Cohn Inquirer Publisher

Sales tax allocations improved for Gonzales County municipalities this month as each of the four cities which collect sales tax saw an increase.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$925.1 million in local sales tax allocations for September, 20.9 percent more than in September 2020.

These allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

For the month of September 2021, Gonzales County municipalities received a combined \$245,664.07 in sales tax allocations, up \$15,098.95 or 6.55 percent from the \$230,565.12 received during September

Overall for the year, sales tax allocations are down from the \$2,362,628.76 collected in the first nine months of 2020 to the \$2,218,575.18 collected so far in 2021, a decrease of \$144,053.58 or 6.1 percent.

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Mourning Ynclan



LEW K. COHN

Pallbearers, including family members and fellow law enforcement, wheel the casket containing the body of the late Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan, to an awaiting hearse following his funeral services at J.B. Wells Expo Center on Thursday, Sept. 9. Hundreds came out to pay their respect to the lawman, who lost his battle with COVID-19 on Sept. 5. For more photos, see page 17.

Reverend shares life lessons in biographic work

Bv LEW K. COHN Inquirer Publisher

When he was a young man growing up in Gonzales, Bishop George Sampleton's mother told him he would write a book about his life that would be included in universities

and would serve to inspire others. More than 50 years later, his mother's words proved to be prophetic as Sampleton, who now resides in Cedar Creek, has published his memoir, "Don't Give Up Keep the Faith," which now rests in the collections of more than 45 major universities - including Yale, University of Delaware, UT-Austin, Texas A&M, Notre Dame — as well as at the Library of Congress and at the historic Greenwood Cultural Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, which recently observed the 100th anniversary of the 1921 Tulsa race massacre.

Sampleton, who is currently the pastor of the Spiritual Pentecostal Church in Bastrop, was a member of the first integrated class at Gonzales High School when he began attending in 1965.

"We had so many difficulties and different things going on in the school," Sampleton

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Gonzales Rotary Club heard about the successes and challenges of the Gonzales High School Fire Academy at their Sept. 14 meeting. Among those who spoke were, from left, GISD CTE coordinator Jennifer Ervin; GHS Fire Academy cadet Kael Lopez; Gonzales Mayor Connie Kacir and Gonzales Fire Chief Keith Schmidt.

Rotary Club hears success of Gonzales Fire Academy

Special to The Inquirer

At the Gonzales Rotary Club meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14, the guests included Gonzales Fire Chief Keith Schmidt, Gonzales ISD CTE coordinator Iennifer Ervin and former Councilman Dan Blakemore, all there to talk about the challenges and successes of the Gonzales High School Fire Academy.

The Gonzales City Council, Fire Chief Keith Schmidt and Texas A&M

agreed to put together a Fire Academy for high school students starting their freshman year. After a year of teaching every day, it was decided to make the four-year program a twoyear program for juniors and seniors.

The first graduating class will have five students, including Kael Lopez, who said "he hopes to be a fireman, the first in his family." He works out with members of the Gonzales Fire Department, as well as getting lots of physical training as a football player

for Gonzales High School.

Guiding the students for her second year is CTE coordinator extraordinaire, Jennifer Ervin, who has worked very hard along with Schmidt in obtaining gear and other items to teach the students with. It has been a learning experience all around.

Rotary is always looking for new members and welcome all to attend, every Tuesday on the third floor of the Randle-Rather Building, 427 St George St., Gonzales.

GISD's Schumacher receives leadership scholarship

Special to The Inquirer

Gonzales ISD superintendent John Schumacher has been selected to receive an academic scholarship

to attend the Superintendent Academy, a Senior Executive Leadership program that is a part of Thompson Executive Lead. Institute ership (TELI) in Austin,

Texas.



Schumacher

Having been among the 25 superintendents that were competitively selected, Schumacher will participate in a nationally known advanced leadership development program that serves Texas and surrounding states.

In order to be selected for a nomination, Schumacher had to meet a set of rigorous screening criteria and was judged by a screening committee. Nominees must have a leadership skill set that will add value to discussions among cohort members. The goal of the academy is to assist successful superintendents in achieving higher levels of discipline and growth.

Highlights of the Superintendent Academy include Executive Leadership training conferences and an invitation to Gonzales ISD school board to join in a Visioning Session in San Antonio.

SHINER CELEBRATES



Shiner Catholic School celebrated Grandparent's Day on Friday with a parade. Grandparents were invited to attend Mass and then afterward they got into their cars and drove in front of the school while the students cheered, clapped, and jumped for joy as they saw their loved ones. Many grandparents decorated their vehicles and the students' prepared banners and flyers to hold up and show off. The parade idea started last year due to COVID-19 but due to the overwhelming popularity, we did it again this year. There were more than 50 cars in



Shiner Catholic School students gathered around the flag pole for a remembrance tribute on the 20th anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The student council and leadership students led the service which included facts about that day, prayers, and a flag ceremony. The day started with Mass, then a Grandparent's Day parade, followed by the 9/11 tribute, and ended with treats for the grandparents.

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THUNDERSTORM

September 18

September 17

93º/71º

93°/72°

September 19

A thunderstorm possible 30% chance of rain • RealFeel 102



91°/70° **September 20**

Mainly cloudy

25% chance of rain • RealFeel 96

Some sun, a t-storm possible

30% chance of rain • RealFeel 94



September 21 88°/69°

Rather cloudy 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 93



September 22 89°/65°

Mostly cloudy 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 94

elebrations

Birthdays Lisa Kotzebue

September 16th Sarah Holmes Irene Koehler Shannon Long Gracey Novosad

Samuel Lewis David A. Matias Caroline Withers

Barbara Quinney September 21st Leia Quinton Dalton

Lorri Pavliska

Greg DuBose

Keith Heldarsen

Carolyn Juarez

Justin LaFleur

Doris Leazer

Kelly Lindner

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(id Scoop Together:

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the article below and correct the eight errors you find. The first one is done for you. Then, rewrite the article correctly on the lines below it.

Nothing But The Tooth

Contrary to legend, George Washington's false teeth were KNOT made of wood. NOT

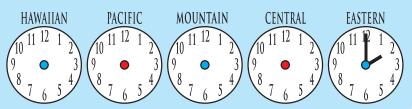
Washington had poor dental helth and when he was inaugurated president in 1789, he had only won real tooth. Dentures were made for him by a Noo York dentist, Dr. John Greenwood and they were actually carved from hippopotamus ivory.

The false teeths were attached with gold wire springs and brass screws, leaving a whole for the existing tooth. Dr. Greenwood believed you shouldn't never extract a tooth when there is a possibility of savings it.

Constitution Day is celebrated on September 17 each year. This is the day some people, known as "The Founding Fathers," signed the Constitution of the United States. It was in the year 1787.

HOW TO CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION DAY

On Constitution Day, everyone in the country is asked to recite the Preamble of the Constitution at the same time.



The clock shows what time to read the Preamble in the Eastern Time Zone (2:00 p.m.). Can you fill in the clocks for the other zones? Ask a parent to help you.

The Preamble:

United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Who were the Founding Fathers?

Do the math to label each Founding Father pictured.

The Founding Fathers were a group of men who organized the American colonists' revolution and formed an independent country—the United States of America.

They knew that after they won the war with England, they would need a Constitution to create laws for the new country. The men who led the revolution, worked on the Declaration of Independence and wrote the Constitution are known as the Founding Fathers.

Seven of those men are considered key figures and students today study their lives and writings.





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What **People** Say

17 + 17 = Thomas Jefferson

14 - 7 = George Washington

13-9 = John Jay

16 + 12 = John Adams

Select one article from today's newspaper. Highlight all the quotes in the article. Then, rewrite each quote to say the opposite of what the person actually said.

Standards Link: Language Arts / Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Thomas Jefferson was 33 years old when he wrote the Declaration of Independence; he was not part of the Constitutional Convention as he was the Minister to France at the time. Four years after the Constitution was written, he insisted that Ten Amendments be written up as The Bill of

Rights to protect an individual's rights as a citizen.

24 - 7 = Benjamin Franklin 13 + 5 = Alexander Hamilton

19 - 6 = James Madison

Heroic Homonyms

Benjamin Franklin used these words urging his fellow signers to be of the same mind. "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." This reveals two meanings of the word "hang" — to stay together and to be killed by a rope tied around the neck. Many homonyms have at least two different meanings. Write down another meaning for each word other than the one given.

BANK: The edge of a river or _

BAT: A small flying animal or ____

LIGHT: Weighing very little or _

RING: A sound made by a bell or ___

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students understand homonyms.

Kid Scoop Word Search

The Founding Mothers

Scoop Puzzler



Abigail Adams was the wife of John Adams. She would become The First Lady in 1797. In a letter to her husband in 1776, she urged him to "remember the ladies" with the warning, "If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to (cause) a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice or representation."

This was written long before the 19th Amendment was added to the Constitution, giving women the right to vote. Circle every fourth number to reveal the year the 19th Amendment was finally added to the Constitution.

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Standards Link: Civics: Understand how a constitutional government has shaped America.

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Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recongized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

This week's word: **FOUND**

One meaning of the word found is to establish or organize something for the future.

The American government was founded on the principles of checks and balances.

Try to use the word **found** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

LESSON LIBRARY

We the People

The Preamble starts with "We the People..." Find examples in the newspaper of people working together to improve something or accomplish a goal. Collect these features throughout the school year.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how a constitutional government has shaped America.



ANSWER: The flag.

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Bill of Rights

What are three to five rights you think every child should have?

Vaccine could eradicate COVID like polio

Dear editor,

In my youth, polio was a threat to our community and the world. As I recall, early one morning my mother and father took me to the school house — not for class that day but for a sugar cube, the means to carry the Salk vaccine, a medicine to defend against polio.

All the people wanted to do what they needed to do to not get the life threatening monster - polio. The disease hit home because my younger sister was a victim/survivor of polio (1952). I remember that the entire community supported our family in this epidemic crippling or perhaps death disease.

Through the years polio has been eradicated "due to a successful vaccination program, the US has been polio free since 1979." Today, only two countries in the world have never stopped transmission of polio

In this Covid pandemic, it would appear to me that if all of us would take the precaution - through the vaccine — we would/could eradicate the virus; the other choice could be death. Note that the population keeps multiplying, so contagious Covid is ready to knock some of us out.

Why wait for government to try to make you do it? I take issue with government taking over my life - use common sense. Just sayin!

Ann W. Covert Greer, S.C. Former Gonzales resident

Wait to vote on taxes until council is full

Publisher's Note: Thomas Enriquez is running for the now-vacant District 4 Gonzales City Council seat. This letter was approved for print because it does not include a political endorsement of Mr. Enriquez or any other candidate and it was submitted before The Inquirer learned of his candidacy. The Inquirer will not run letters to the editor from political candidates beginning 45 days prior to an election. The District 4 city council election is Nov. 2.

Dear editor,

My name is Thomas Enriquez. I am a longtime resident of District 4. The reason I'm writing this letter is because I saw the city is going to be discussing possibly raising my taxes for the fifth year in a row.

My district, as of right now, has no one to represent us because the council member for our district resigned. A new member is to be elected in November's election. In my opinion, I think the council should wait until all the citizens of the city are represented because we pay taxes and have the right to be heard as well.

I also would like to remind all the new council members that, right now, they have no record of raising taxes, and once you vote to raise taxes, you can never erase that from your record. The citizens of Gonzales voted for change and the landscape of the city council reflects that. I just hope the people running our city and the people who vote in November remember that.

Thomas Enriquez Gonzales

U.S. BILL OF RIGHTS

The following text is a transcription of the enrolled original of the Joint Resolution of Congress proposing the Bill of Rights, which is on permanent display in the Rotunda at the National Archives Museum. The spelling and punctuation reflects the original.

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

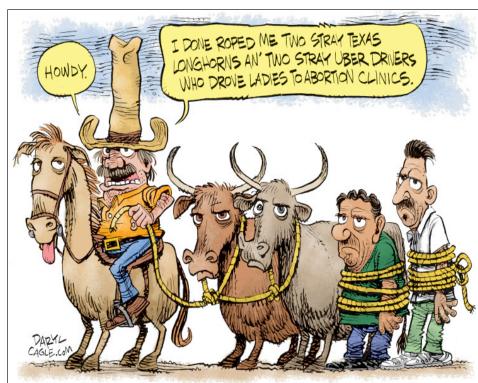
No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to



OPINION



Letters to the Editor Policy

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Only letters written exclusively to the newspaper will be published. Letters to a third party or those written to more than one newspaper are not accepted. "Wallpaper" submissions that are in large part copied-andpasted from another author or organization will not be published.

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DR. DON **NEWBURY** The Idle American

Now they can be told...

reachers, bless 'em, don't have to

look hard for reasons to laugh. Some are able to put laughter "on hold," restraining guffaws until sermons end; others can only surrender to the humor of the moment. This day, I'll address the "long and the

short of it," The former, Dr. Bruce Mc-Iver, was a student participant in Baylor University's "great revival" in the 1940s. For decades, he jotted down details of his "preacher pratfalls." (He died at age 76 in 2001, having served for 30 years as pastor of Dallas' Wilshire Baptist

He spent a good chunk of his retirement years writing, including a popular book with which preachers of all stripes can identify: Stories I Couldn't Tell While I Was a Preacher....

What with social media "nooked and crannied" along the way, it is usually best--or at least just as well--for preachers to "loosen up" and simply join congregants in laughter.

So it was on a recent Sunday at Plainview's First Baptist Church, where the "long and the short of it" played out with the baptism of Wayland Baptist University basketballer Deng Bol Yol, a South Sudanese senior who was a refugee to Uganda, guided by fellow student Cole Rubac and by WBU's Director of Spiritual Life, Rev. Donnie Brown, Deng accepted Christ this summer, having been baptized as a lad, but without realizing what it meant. So, he wished to be baptized by Brown, who is 5-5, while Deng stands 6-11....

Brown, with 34 years in ministry and a veteran of whatever can get off the rails during a church service, figured they'd best make a "dry run." After all, Deng would be the tallest person he'd ever baptized.

They made a weekday visit to the church; Donnie was relieved to see a chair in the baptistry.

The rehearsal went well. The chair was out of sight in the baptismal pool. Deng was seated, and Brown leaned Deng's upper body "forward and under" so he would be fully immersed. There was, however, a slip "twixt cup and lip."

Dr. Jacob West, FBC lead pastor, opened the service by baptizing two children--Hailey Zacher, 10, and Chasen Fortune, 9. They are of usual size, and no chair was needed.

Brown, realizing the baptistry was "chairless," didn't panic. Someone quietly returned the chair, and just in time. Unaware of the quiet movement involved in getting back into place, the audience gasped when they noted the 18-inch difference in height. Then, they offered thunderous applause.

Brown capped off proceedings with an observation suggested by a Wayland faculty member: "Deng is not the only one who can dunk."....

Dr. Chris Liebrum, another religious leader, has a catalogue of "things gone terribly wrong," and points out that most "extraordinary happenings" simply cannot be foreseen.

He remembers a "country club wedding" where he was the officiant several years ago.

The MOB (mother of bride) had planned the event meticulously. She loved the carefully manicured grounds, but still ordered truck loads of additional flowers, engaged harpists and "hired" a couple of homing turtle doves that would be loosed when "man and wife" traipsed back down the flower-decked path....

Simply put, I guess, is that the doves didn't get the memo. One of them flew skyward, circling high above the ceremony for a few minutes before returning to his (or her) waiting keeper back on the ground.

Who knows how or why the other dove forgot its training. It was theorized that perhaps the bird saw an insect crawling on the ground and decided to have a snack.

Well, just as the bird reached its prey, a stray cat jumped from a bush, and, well, you can guess the rest. They said everything had gone perfectly until the very end of the ceremony - and, of course — the turtle dove....

Dr. Newbury, a longtime university president, continues to speak and write regularly. His weekly Idle American column has been written weekly since 2003. He welcomes comments/inquiries. 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc. com. Twitter: @donnewbury; Facebook, Don Newbury.

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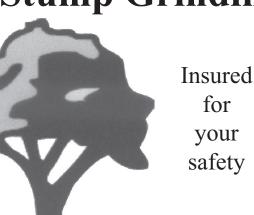
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METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

Q. I have dead looking areas in my lawn. They are mostly in the sunniest part. What do you think is causing it? Most years the lawn is green all summer.

A. If it is brown ar-

for a week. If it is just a water situchinch bugs with a soil insecticide.

phlox flowers that were about 3 feet

Lack of water is prime culprit behind brown spots in the yard

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Q&A

Gardening

eas in the hottest part of the lawn it is usually caused by a lack of water or chinch bugs. To check if it is a lack of water do some hand watering on test areas. Soak it generously every other day

ation you should see some response to the extra water. If there is no response to the water, treat the area for

Q. We were at a party last weekend and the hostess had some pink tall. The flowers were pretty, but the most distinctive characteristic was the fragrance of the flowers. They smelled like lilacs. Do you have any

idea what the variety was? The Hostess could not remember. A. The description

sounds like Fanick's Phlox. If your nursery does not have them communicate with Fanick's Nursery in San Antonio.

Q. What are some of the ways to discourage squirrels from eating all the seeds in your bird feeders? You mention that there are several options on your radio show!

A. Start with a feeder that has weight sensitive perches that close when a squirrel sits on one. Use

safflower seed rather than sunflower seed. Birds like both seeds, but squirrels don't care for safflower seed. It also works to use pepper flavored seeds and suet. Birds ignore the pepper, but rodents don't care

Q. In addition to snapdragons what other flowers will survive and bloom in the winter?

A. Consider stocks, sweet peas, dianthus, calendula, petunias, and alyssum for sunny gardens. In the shade use cyclamen and primula.

Q. What vegetables can we plant by seed in the winter garden?

A. English peas, lettuce, mustard, turnips, radishes, rutabagas, carrots, and beets. Use transplants for onions and spinach and the cabbage related vegetables, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, kale, Swiss chard, and collards

Cloud pushes FSA to address staffing challenges

Special to The Inquirer

Congressman Michael Cloud sent a letter Thursday, Sept. 9, to Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Zach Ducheneaux regarding the staffing challenges at FSA that are causing delays in processing farmers' USDA program and loan applications. As Ranking Member of the Oversight Committee's Economic and Consumer Policy Subcommittee, he led this letter with other Members on the Oversight Com-

"Countless farmers in our districts

Service Agency (FSA) offices. As problems for many farmers. While their representatives and Members we understand processing times vary of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, we want to work with the current administration to equip FSA to meet the needs of farmers," wrote the lawmakers.

"As our farmers progress through the planting season and into the harvesting season in the fall, it is important the FSA office is adequately staffed. The direct interaction many of our farmers have in these offices cannot be substituted with only

have reached out concerned about emails and phone calls. Further, between counties, it is important to avoid unnecessary delays for these applications," continued the lawmak-

Congressman Cloud and the other lawmakers also asked for a timeline on when local FSA offices will be fully reopened and greater information about the hiring process, including whether the new procedures for onboarding employees have expedited

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK REPORTS

Gonzales Livestock Market September 11, 2021

1415 Cattle

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer bulls sold steady while packer cows sold

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 223-225; 300-400 lbs., 207-215; 300-400 lbs., 207-215; 400-500 lbs., 162-190; 500-600 lbs., 143-158; 600-700 lbs, 139-143; 700-800 lbs, 128-135

Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 80-95. Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 165-175; 300-400 lbs., 155-162; 400-500 lbs., 148-152; 500-600 lbs., 137-145; 600-700 lbs., 125-134.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 55-67 Cutters, 69-79; Canners, 36-50; High yielding fat cows, 62-69.

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

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

Nixon Livestock September 13 Cattle - 1802 Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$134-144-219 300-400 lbs - \$142-152-213 400-500 lbs - \$141-151-200 500-600 lbs - \$128-138-169 600-700 lbs - \$120-130-146 700-800 lbs - \$119-129-142 Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$134-144-193 300-400 lbs - \$133-143-195 400-500 lbs - \$129-139-180 500-600 lbs - \$122-132-178 600-700 lbs - \$116-126-168 700-800 lbs - \$104-113-124 Slaughter Cows - \$30-84

Slaughter Bulls - \$80-93

Pairs: 1 pair - \$1550

Stocker Cows - \$650-1100

Saturday Hours: 8am-5pm; Sunday Hours: 8am-8pm.

Cuero Livestock Market Report on September 10, 2021 Number of head 1.512

There were 187 cows and 18 bulls. The packer market remained steady with the past few weeks. As always, the price reflects the quality/condition on hand.

The calf market remained steady holding on to the last few weeks. The lighter classes were \$2-\$3/cwt higher on the tops. Good quality continues to sell well. Overall, a good solid market.

Packer bulls:

Packer cows:

75.00-97.00

59.00-74.00 canners & cutters poor & weak 25.00-40.00 Palpated:15 bred 65.00-86.00 PAIRS: 11 \$1,275-\$1,425 Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH) Under 200 lbs. none 200-249 lbs. one-160.00 250-299 lbs. none 158.00-214.00 300-350 lbs. 350-400 lbs. 158.00-218.00 400-450 lbs. 153.00-200.00 450-500 lbs. 145.00-188.00 500-550 lbs. 140.00-172.00 550-600 lbs. 139.00-151.00 600-700 lbs. 141.00-155.00 700-800 lbs. 136.00-144.00 **Bull Calves:** (AVG-HIGH) Under 250lbs 151.00-222.00 250-300 lbs. 181.00-214.00

300-350 lbs. 183.00-218.00 350-400 lbs. 168.00-210.00 400-450 lbs. 150.00-204.00 450-500 lbs. 144.00-184.00 500-550 lbs. 41.00-160.00 550-600 lbs. 137.00-170.00 600-700 lbs 130.00-146.00 Over 700 lbs. 128.00-139.00 Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH) under 200 lbs. 152.00-185.00

156.00-210.00

140.00-160.00

156.00-206.00

146.00-200.00

135.00-170.00

182.00=>replacement

136.00-

200-250 lbs.

250-300 lbs

300-350 lbs.

350-400 lbs.

400-450 lbs.

450-500 lbs.

500-550 lbs 135.00-170.00=>replacement 550-600 lbs. 132.00-158.00=>replacement 134.00-600-700 lbs. 170.00=>replacement Over 700 lbs

124.00-150.00=>replacement

Hallettsville Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Sale date: September 7 Cattle on hand: 1470 Packer Cows: Canner and Cutter Cows: \$53-77

Utility & Fat Cows: \$51-72 LightWeight Canner Cows: \$41-53 Poor/Weak: \$28-40 Packer Bulls: Heavyweight Bulls: \$94-102 Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$85-95

Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$72-84 Stocker Cows: Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$950-1100 Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers:

\$700-950 Good Cow & Calf Pairs: 4 pair -\$1,425 Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: None

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings: Number 1 steer & bull calves: Under 200 lbs.: None

200-300 lbs.: \$162-215 300-400 lbs.: \$167-215 400-500 lbs.: \$152-210 500-600 lbs.: \$142-167.50 600-700 lbs.: \$132-155

700-800 lbs.: \$124-145 Number 1 heifer calves: Under 200 lbs: None 200-300 lbs.: \$148-172 300-400 lbs.: \$140-167.50 400-500 lbs.: \$138-165 500-600 lbs.: \$136-157.50

600-700 lbs.: \$124-142.50 700-800 lbs: \$112-138 Replacement Heifers: 350-700 lbs.: \$135-185

The market this week was similar to last week. No. 1 kinds in all weight brackets sold steady strong. No. 2 and plainer kinds sold \$1 to \$2 lower. Demand remains good.

Packer cows and bulls sold \$3 high-

er on approx. 160 hd. Total. Seguin Cattle Co.

Market Report

Sale date: September 8 Stocker cattle 3-5 softer. Packer cows and bulls steady. Cattle: 550

Sheep & Goats: 401 Medium & Large Frame #1 Steers: 200-300 lb.: \$1.20-1.93 300-400 lb.: \$1.40-2.08 400-500 lb.: \$1.44-1.88

500-600 lb.: \$1.25-1.65 600-700 lb.: \$1.10-1.45 700-850 lb.: \$1.15-\$1.35 Medium & Large Frame #1 Heifers: 200-300 lb.: \$1.26-1.56 300-400 lb.: \$1.24-1.92

400-500 lb.: \$1.29-1.70 500-600 lb.: \$1.21-1.50 600-750 lb.: \$1.13-1.36 Cows

Utility & Commercial: \$64-79 Cutters: \$50-64 Canners: \$28-49 Palpated Cows (Young): \$800-\$1,050

Palpated Cows (Middle Aged): \$475-725 Cow/Calf Pairs: \$550-975

Bulls: Heavy High Yielding: \$93-103 Light & Low Yielding: None

Feeder Bulls: None Sheep & Goats: Nannies (Young): \$205-280 Nannies (Thin & Old): \$125-200 Kid Goats (Fat): \$3.10-3.60 Kid Goats (Small & Thin): \$2.35-

2.95 Wethers: \$3.70 Billlies: \$1.95-2.05 Pairs: None

\$80-140

Barb. Ewes (Young): \$150-190 Barb. Ewes (Small & Old Ewes):

Barb. Lambs (Fat): \$2.80-3.10 Barb. Lambs (Small & Thin): \$2.45-2.70

Wooled Ewes: \$80-\$140 Wooled Bucks: \$1.10-1.40 Lambs: None Barb. Bucks: \$700-1200

BARBARA ANN DREYER

Barbara Ann Dreyer passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Friday, September 10, 2021. She was born on August 19, 1935 in Gonzales, Texas to Alva Claude and Mary Edith Adams Bowers. On March 12, 1954, Barbara married the love of her life, Jene Allan Dreyer.

Barbara loved her family and her friends and was in her element when she was entertaining and feeding them. She was well known for her cornbread dressing, enchiladas and pinto beans, homemade apple and chocolate pies, and homemade yeast rolls. At church gatherings, everyone always asked for Barbara's cornbread dressing. For all family birthdays, she would prepare their favorite meal and des-

For fifty plus years, Barbara and Jene were members of a Supper Club that met monthly at a member's home for dinner and fellowship. They continued to meet until a couple of years ago and then continued the tradition by going out together for a meal.

Barbara was a longtime member of Eastside Baptist Church where she served in many capacities over the years. She spent many hours serving in the kitchen, working in Bible School, and teaching her beloved class



of ladies whom she loved dearly. But what was dearest to her heart was working on Operation Christmas Child each year.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Jene Dreyer; one son, Jene Allan Dreyer, Jr and wife Sylvia Guerra Dreyer; two daughters, Debbie Soefie and husband Jesse and Joni Leland and husband Bill; grandchildren, Bonnie Smith Wirth and husband Steve, Jaime Smith Goerlitz and husband Dennis, Colton Dreyer and Brianna Hauschildt, Tress Dreyer, Sara Soefje Wagner and husband Patrick; great grandchildren, Grace Newman, Matthew Newman and Caleb Wagner; her sisterin-law Betty Bowers; her caregiver and dear friend, Annette Aguirre; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude and Mary Bowers; one brother, Earl Bowers; and one sister Edna

Ellison.

The family received friends from 5 to 7 pm Tuesday, September 14, 2021 in Seydler Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 10 am Wednesday, September 15, 2021 in Eastside Baptist Church with Revs. Robert Ramirez and Hollas Hoffman officiating. Interment followed in Denton Creek Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Colton Dreyer, Tress Dreyer, Grace Newman, Matthew Newman, Steve Wirth, and Dennis Goerlitz. Honorary pallbearers are Jesse Soefje, Bill Leland, Patrick Wagner, Dr. Garth Vaz and the Deacon Body of Eastside Baptist Church. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www. seydlerhillfuneralhome. com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Eastside Baptist Church, Operation Christmas Child, or to Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation.

Due to the present uptick in reported Covid-19 illnesses, protective measures regarding social distancing, and use of personal protective masks will be required 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.

Doyle H. Allen

Doyle H. Allen, just 57 years old, died unexpectedly at his home in Gonzales, Texas. His loved ones are deeply saddened by his sudden death.

Doyle was born on September 5, 1964 to Susan Elise Clark Allen and Travis G. Allen and spent his early years in Portales, NM. At the age of 5, the family moved to Vancourt, TX. He attended all 12 years of school and graduated from Wall ISD in 1983. During high school he began working with Calvert Collision Center and that sparked his passion of owning his own auto body shop. He attended college at Angelo State University before deciding to move to Gonzales, Texas and work at Allen's Farm Equipment and Repair with his Uncle Allen and Aunt Barbara Weidner. While working there, one day a week he continued his passion of working on auto body repair and paint. In a few years, he went to work for Cooper Auto Body which he eventually bought and renamed Allen's Body Tech. Doyle took pride in owning his business and dedicated his life to making his customers happy. His greatest accomplishment

was being a father. Doyle was an adventurous, kind, caring man who worked hard, played harder and loved his family and friends with all he had. When not working, Doyle loved to golf, snow ski, hunt, shoot guns, check cows and be outside.

He served his community on the Gonzales Tourism Committee, Gonzales Golf Advisory Board, as a volunteer



with Norma's House, a member of the Gonzales Elks, the N.R.A. and last-

ly an organ/tissue donor. Doyle is survived by his beautiful daughter Kiley and her mother Wendy Allen, his love, Deane Novosad and her daughters Hannah (Cody) Reynolds and Gracey Novosad. He is also survived by his mother Susan Hendershot and stepfather Haskell Hendershot, his sister Deborah (Steve) Pelzel, niece Heidi (Rene') Duron, nephews, TJ (Keria) Pelzel, Colby (Ruth) Pelzel; sister-in-law Amy Allen, niece Katy Allen, nephews Travis and Austin Allen; sister Mia (Brian) Schauer, niece Brie (Roy) Irons and great nieces Marlow and Everly Irons, nephew Trent Schauer; niece Cierra Craig; and numerous cousins, great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Travis G. Allen, brother Monte D. Allen, best friend Craig Partusch, nephew Colby Parker Craig, and maternal and paternal grand-

The family will receive friends Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. There will be a celebration of Doyle's life on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the

parents.

First United Methodist Church in Gonzales with Dr. Matt Pennington officiating. Interment will follow in Gonzales Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be Clay Baker, John Daniel, Josh Murrell, Dane Needham, Trent Schauer, Gary Schroeder, Michael Simper, and Shawn Stamport. Honorary pallbearers will be his nieces and nephews, Earl Braddock, Kimberlee Brown, Ronnie Lomax, Sam Morrow, Matt Ramirez and Victor Villanueva.

Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www. seydlerhillfuneralhome. com. Memorials may be made to: Independence Golf Course Benefactors (IGCB) Acct., P.O. Box 279, Gonzales, TX, where Doyle was a good and loyal board member and assisted in establishing this account; Monte D. Allen Donor Advised Fund at Laredo Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 450223, Laredo, TX 78045, for assistance to those battling cancer in honor of his brother, Monte; or Norma's House, P.O. Box 1925, Gonzales, TX, where Doyle donated his time to benefit child victims of abuse.

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, celebration of life 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.

Maria "Mary" Luna Velasquez

"Mary" Maria Velasquez, 75, of Waelder, Texas, passed away on September 7, 2021. Mary was born on October 7, 1945 in Fort Bend County to the late Jose "Joe" Luna, Sr. and Bruna Garza Luna.

Mary was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Waelder, Texas. She enjoyed spending time with her family as often as possible. She loved shopping, going to the movies, eating out, playing cards, and most of all, she loved sharing hilarious life experiences with her children and grandchildren. Mary was full of life and very humble. She grew up poor, but rich in love. She wouldn't have had it any other way.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jose "Joe" Luna, Sr. and Bruna Garza Luna; husband of fifty-five years, Santana Velasquez; two brothers, Joe "Moon" Luna, Jr., Robert Luna, Sr.; one sister, Francisca Luna; son-in-law, Michael Anthony Caballero, Sr.

She is survived by one son - Guadalupe "Lupe" Velasquez (Rita) of Buda, four daughters - Melinda Caballero of Waelder, Lisa Brown (Roscellus Sr.) of Buda, JoAnn Ibarra (Adolph Gonzales) of Waelder, Stephanie Velasquez of Gonzales, seventeen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Caleb Ibarra, Chris Velasquez, Matthew Velasquez-Banda, Velasquez-Banda, Jason Roscellus Brown, Jr., Freddie Noyola, Victor Oruonyehu,

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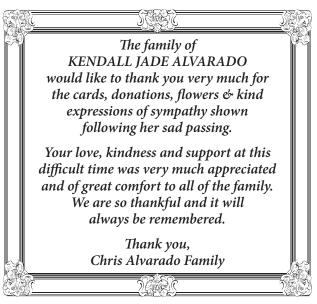


and Zachary Velasquez.

A gathering to share memories of Mary was held Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Smith Funeral the Velasquez family.

Home in Flatonia, Texas. A rosary reciting followed. A Christian mass to celebrate the life of Mary will occur Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 10: a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Waelder, Texas. Burial will occur at Waelder Community Cemetery in Waelder, Texas.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.smithfuneralhomeflatonia.com for



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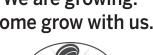
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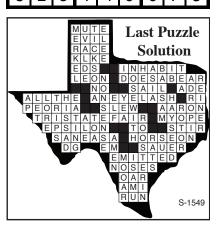
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September 9 Puzzle Answers

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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.

Notice of Public Sale

Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, M-J Stor-All at 1551 Hwy 90E, Waelder, Texas 78959 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy alandlord lien. The sale to be held at 10 a.m. on October 02, 2021 at 1551 Hwy 90E, Waelder, Texas 78959. Unit items sold as-is to the highest bidder. Cleanup deposit may be required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale. Property includes the contents of space of the following tenant: Stacey Pena Kambeu Kamsu. General Description: Tires, Household & Misc. Items.

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The CITY OF NIXON will hold a meeting at 4:30 PM on Monday, September 20 at Aphne Patillo Nixon Public Library, 401 N. Nixon, Nixon, Texas 78140 to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2021. The proposed tax rate is \$0.3853 per \$100 of value.



The City of Gonzales is accepting applications for board appointments to our various boards, commissions and committees. The term of office for most boards begins October 1st. To be considered please submit your application to the City Secretary no later than September 27th. For more information visit: https://www.gonzales. texas.gov/p/government/boards--commissions

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF THE BUDGET; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; RENEWING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL POLICY, INVESTMENT POLICY AND BUDGET CONTINGENCY POLICY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, APPROVING THE APPRAISAL ROLL; SETTING THE TAX RATE; LEVYING AND ASSESSING GENERAL AND SPECIAL AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF GONZALES. TEXAS; APPORTIONING THE LEVIES FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; ND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE CITY OF GONZALES MASTER RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE AND FOR VARIOUS CITY SERVICES; CONSOLIDATING THOSE FEES FOR CONVENIENCE; AND AMENDING THE CITY OF GONZALES CODE OF ORDINANCES; ESTABLISHING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Waelder has determined that the following proposed action under the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS NON-RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT HARVEY ROUND 1 FUNDING GLO Contract No. 20-065-112-C309 is located in the 100-year floodplain/wetland, and the City of Waelder will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. Heavy rain overwhelmed the drainage and wastewater systems of the City of Waelder. Inadequate drainage throughout the city prohibited stormwater from draining effectively, which flooded most of the city and caused intermittent power outages at the wastewater treatment plant. This threatened public health, safety, and general welfare. The City will conduct drainage and sewer infrastructure improvements to facilitate proper stormwater conveyance, reduce the impact of future flooding, and facilitate the proper functioning of critical wastewater-system components to reduce the impact of sewage contamination and backflow in emergency situations. Approximately 6.18 acres of 100 hundred flood plain will be impacted by the proposed improvements primarily along existing road right-of-way consisting of drainage ditches, valley drains, drainage piping, and improvements at the sewer plant consisting of a sewer plant generator and 6 LS transfer switches to be located above the 100 hundred year flood The proposed project(s) impact the entire community of Waelder, City Hall is located at 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959 in Gonzales County.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain/wetland, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Waelder at the following address City Hall located at 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959 on or before October 4, 2021. The City of Waelder can be contacted by phone directly at 830-788-7331 or by contacting the City Secretary by email at melindac@gvtc.com to the Attention: Roy Tovar, Mayor, Certifying Officer. A full description of the project may be reviewed at the City web site at cityofwaelder.org. The project activities and location can also be reviewed at City Hall, from the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday at the Waelder City Hall, 300 US-90, West, Waelder, Texas 78959. Comments may also be submitted by mail or email at melindac@gvtc.com.

Date of Publication: September 16,2021

Notificación temprana y revisión pública de una propuesta Actividad en una llanura de inundación o

humedal de 100 años

Esto es para dar aviso de que la Ciudad de Waelder ha determinado que la siguiente acción propuesta bajo el DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO SUBVENCIÓN EN BLOQUE PROGRAMA DE RECUPERACIÓN DE DESASTRES PROYECTOS DE INFRAESTRUCTURA NO INVESTIGACIÓN Y DESARROLLO HARVEY RONDA 1 FINANCIAMIENTO GLO Contracto No.20-065-112-C309 está ubicado en la llanura de inundación / humedal de 100 anos, y la Ciudad de Waelder identificară y evaluară alternativas viables para ubicar la acción en la llanura de inundación / humedal y los posibles impactos en la llanura de inundación / humedal de la acción propuesta, como lo requiere la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y / o 11990, de acuerdo con las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C Procedimientos para tomar decisiones sobre el manejo de llanuras aluviales y la protección de humedales. Las fuertes lluvias abrumaron los sistemas de drenaje y aguas residuales de la ciudad de Waelder. El drenaje inadecuado en toda la ciudad prohibió que las aguas pluviales se drenaran de manera efectiva, lo que inundó la mayor parte de la ciudad y causó cortes intermitentes de energía en la planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales. Esto amenazaba la salud pública, la seguridad y el bienestar general. La Ciudad llevará a cabo mejoras en la infraestructura de drenaje y alcantarillado para facilitar el transporte adecuado de aguas pluviales, reducir el impacto de futuras inundaciones y facilitar el funcionamiento adecuado de los componentes críticos del sistema de aguas residuales para reducir el impacto de la contaminación de las aguas residuales y el reflujo en situaciones de emergencia.

Aproximadamente 6.18 acres de 100 cientos de llanuras de inundación se verán afectadas por las mejoras propuestas principalmente a lo largo del derecho de vía de la carretera existente que consiste en zanjas de drenaje, desagües del valle, tuberías de drenaje y mejoras en la planta de alcantarillado que consiste en un generador de planta de alcantarillado y 6 interruptores de transferencia LS que se ubicarán por encima de la inundación de 100 cien años Los proyectos propuestos afectan a toda la comunidad de Waelder, el Ayuntamiento se encuentra en 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959 en el condado de Gonzales.

Hay tres propósitos principales para este aviso. En primer lugar, las personas que pueden verse afectadas por las actividades en las llanuras aluviales/humedales y las que tienen interés en la protección del medio ambiente natural deben tener la oportunidad de expresar sus preocupaciones y proporcionar información sobre estas áreas.

Se alienta a los comentaristas a ofrecer sitios alternativos fuera de la llanura de inundación / humedal, métodos alternativos para servir al mismo propósito del proyecto y métodos para minimizar y mitigar los impactos. En segundo lugar, un programa de aviso público adecuado puede ser una herramienta educativa pública importante. La difusión de información y la solicitud de comentarios públicos sobre las llanuras aluviales / humedales pueden facilitar y mejorar los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos e impactos asociados con la ocupación y modificación de estas áreas especiales. En tercer lugar, como una cuestión de equidad, cuando el gobierno federal determina que participará en las acciones que se llevarán a cabo en las llanuras aluviales / humedales, debe informar a aquellos que pueden ser puestos en mayor o continuo riesgo.

Los comentarios por escrito deben ser recibidos por la Ciudad de Waelder en la siguiente dirección Ayuntamiento ubicada en 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959 en o antes del 4 de octubre de 2021.La Ciudad de Waelder puede ser contactada por teléfono directamente al 830-788-7331 o comunicándose con el Secretario de la Ciudad por correo electrónico a melindac@gvtc.com a la Atención: Roy Tovar, Alcalde, Oficial Certificador. Una descripción completa del proyecto puede ser revisada en el sitio web de la Ciudad en cityofwaelder.org. Las actividades y la ubicación del proyecto también se pueden revisar en el Ayuntamiento, desde las 8:00 am hasta las 5:00 pm de lunes a viernes en el Waelder City Hall, 300 US-90, West, Waelder, Texas 78959. Los comentarios también se pueden enviar por correo o correo electrónico a melindac@gvtc.com.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

Cause No. 27,955

David Nesbit and Wendy Nesbit

2ND 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT The Unknown Owners of 1.0 acres in the

name of the Trustees of the Smithville School. The Unknown Owners of 0.5 acres in the name of the Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Smithville Community

GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

TO: Trustees of the Smithville School Defendant - GREETING

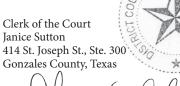
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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. On the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Gonzales County, at the Courthouse in said County in Gonzales, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed in said court on 04/05/2021 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this unit is as follows, to-wit: Trespass to Try Title as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Original Petition on file in this suit.

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

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff Stephen Ganske 202 N. Camp St. Seguin, TX 78155 830-379-9445



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The Unknown Owners of 1.0 acres in the name of the Trustees of the Smithville School, The Unknown Owners of 0.5 acres in the name of the Trustees of the African Methodist

Episcopal Church of Smithville Community GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

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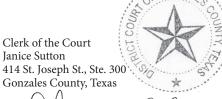
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Construction Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

The City of Nixon (CDBG Contract #7220331) will receive bids for Roosevelt Avenue Sewer Improvements, 2020 TxCDBG Project (19-7356) until 10:00 A.M. on Friday, October 1, 2021 at City Hall, 100 West Third Street, Nixon, Texas 78140. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, October 1, 2021 at City Hall, 100 West Third Street, Nixon, Texas 78140 at said office.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows: $1. \pm 1,650$ LF Wastewater Line, Manholes & Associated Appurtenances

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at BEFCO Engineering, Inc., 485 N. Jefferson (PO Box 615), La Grange, Texas 78945 (979) 968-6474. Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$75.00 with BEFCO Engineering, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. The deposit will not be refunded. Electronic copies may be obtained at no charge by request at (office@befcoengineering.com).

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid [for those contracts that exceed \$100,000]. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Nixon or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Agriculture Office of Rural Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin. The City strives to attain goals for compliance with Federal Section 3 regulationas by increasing opportunities for employment and contracting with Section 3 residents and businesses where feasible.

The City of Nixon reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by City of Nixon for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

City of Nixon Name of Grant Recipient

All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Owner invites competitive sealed proposals from Contractors for CITY OF GONZALES - GONZALES MEMORIAL MUSEUM and APMHITHEATRE REFLECTING POOL RECIRCULATING PUMP, Gonzales, Texas. Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at the office of TSG Architects AIA and at that time all proposals shall be opened and read aloud. Proposals shall be addressed and delivered to the City of Gonzales c/o TSG Architects AIA, 312 Saint Francis Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, 830.672.7801. No proposal may be changed, amended or modified after the same has been submitted. A proposal may be withdrawn, however, and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. The City of Gonzales has the right to accept or reject any bid or to waive any technicality which may be in the best interest of the City of Gonzales.

Each bid proposal must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check, or an approved bidder's bond in an amount not less than 5% of the maximum total bid, payable to the City of Gonzales, Texas without recourse, as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute performance and payment bonds on the forms provided, within ten (10) working days after the award of contract.

The work will be awarded under a single lump sum contract for all general construction work per Section 00 2116 and Section 00 4200.

mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at the Gonzales Memorial Museum, 414 Smith Street, Gonzales, Texas. All bidding general contractors must attend or have a qualified representative present to attend this meeting.

Included in the construction but not limited to will be:

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Substitutions, received at least ten (10) days prior to the original bid date and hour.

Request for Substitution must be submitted in accordance with Section 01 6000. Availability of Plans and Specifications: Plans and Specifications are available from the architect, TSG Architects AIA, 312 Saint Francis Street, P.O. Box 1573, Gonzales, Texas 78629, 830.672.7801. Contractors may obtain one (1) printed set after receipt of refundable deposit of \$50.00 per set. Sub-Contractors may obtain one (1) printed set after receipt of non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per set. Additional printed construction document plan sets may be purchased at \$50.00 per set non-refundable, plus postage and handling if applicable. A downloadable electronic file of the construction document plan set is available for a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00. Plans must be returned to the architect within ten (10) calendar



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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 dias 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

EN VISTA DE QUE, el periodo de solicitud abrira inmediatamente 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

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 CONSEIO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE GONZALES, TEXAS ORDENA:

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.

Por la presente, el Consejo Municipal de la Sección 1. 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.

The Special Election to fill the vacancy is hereby Section 2. 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.

Por la presente, se ordena la Elección Especial Sección 2. 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

Candidates must file an application with the City Section 3. 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.

Los candidatos deben presentar una solicitud a Sección 3. 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.

The County Clerk for Gonzales County shall Section 4. 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.

El Secretario del Condado del Condado de Sección 4. 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

On Election Day, November 2, 2021, the polls Section 5. 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. 3, 5, 7 & 8

Voting Location Randle-Rather Building 427 St. George, Gonzales, Texas 78629

820 St. Joseph

311 Hwy 90W

Gonzales, Texas 78629

Gonzales Municipal Building

Master Gardner's Building Pct. 2 & 11 623 N. Fair Street Gonzales, Texas 78629

Gonzales, Texas 78629 Gonzales County Nixon Annex Pct. 4, 6, 10, 13

603 E Central Nixon, Texas 78140 Waelder Community Center

Waelder, Texas 78959 Pct. 12 JB Wells JR Park Building 2301 CR 197

El Dia de Elección, 2 de noviembre de 2021, Sección 5. 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

Lugar de Votacion Randle-Rather Building 427 St. George, Gonzales, Texas 78629

Master Gardner's Building Prec. 2 y 11 623 N. Fair Street Gonzales, Texas 78629

Prec. 3, 5, 7 y 8 Gonzales Municipal Building 820 St. Joseph Gonzales, Texas 78629

Gonzales County Nixon Annex Precintos 4, 6, 10, 13 603 E Central Nixon, Texas 78140

Waelder Community Center Prec. 9 311 Hwy 90W Waelder, Texas 78959

JB Wells JR Park Building Prec. 12 2301 CR 197 Gonzales, Texas 78629

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 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday - Tuesday October 20th- 21st

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

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday-Thursday

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

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

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

25 al 29 de octubre 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Lunes a viemes Ademas, los lugares de votación anticipada seran

identificados en el contrato firmado con el Condado

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.

Las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo Sección 7. 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.

Esta elección se celebrara en conformidad con Sección 8. 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 celebrar 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 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

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 Gobiemo de Texas y sus enmiendas.

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

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

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

Mayor (Alcaldes,), Connie L. Kacir

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HELEN MAURINE (HILL) Cox

Helen Maurine (Hill) Cox was born October 8, 1932, in Waelder, TX, to William Henry Hill and Cora Catherine (Hopkins) Hill. She passed from this life on September 7, 2021, at the age of 88 years old while a resident at MacArthur Hills Senior Living Center in Irving, TX.

Maurine graduated from Gonzalez, TX, High School in 1950. On March 7, 1953, she married Gene E. Cox in Luling, TX. They made their home in Palacios, TX, where Gene worked for Alcoa and Maurine worked as a secretary in a local law firm. During their years in Palacios, three children were born to them: Karen, Gaylon, and Keith.

Gene later went to work for Tenneco Oil Company, and his work took the family to Haynesville, La., Okeene, OK, and Corpus Christi, TX, where Gene retired. Maurine worked either in banks or as a secretary in the places they lived. Gene and Maurine spent their retirement years living in Coppell, TX,



where Maurine worked at the Foley's store in Vista Ridge Mall.

Maurine loved family "get togethers", bowling with friends, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, and traveling. She and Gene were also very supportive of their children and grandchildren's school activities. She attended GracePoint Church in Coppell. She will be remembered for her generosity, her chocolate pie, and her Italian cream cake.

Maurine is preceded in death by her husband Gene; her parents; four brothers: Harrell Hill, Audrey "Chic" Hill, Cliff Hill,

Arno Hill; three sisters: Lexie McLaughlin, Dean Hill, Catherine Hill.

Maurine is survived by her three children: daughter Karen Weber and husband Owen of Coppell, TX; son Gaylon Cox and wife Karen of Okeene, OK; and son Keith Cox and wife Angela of Ft. Worth, TX; six grandchildren: Russ Weber and wife Melinda of Flower Mound, TX; Kristen Blalock and husband Micah of Coppell, TX; Matthew Cox and wife Tonya of Laverne, OK; Mark Cox and wife Ginger of Hennessey, OK; Kelsey Cox of Lewisville, TX; Josh Cox and wife Courtney of Stillwater, OK; ten great grandchildren: Evelyn Weber, Anabelle Weber, Levi Blalock, Noah Blalock, Joy Blalock, Tre Blalock, Keaton Cox, Kace Cox, Evan Cox, and Lauren Cox; one brother Don Hill and wife Vencie of Pasadena, TX.

Funeral services were held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at Rolling Oaks Funeral Home, Coppell, TX.

JOHNNY CASTELLANO RAMOS

Johnny Castellano Ramos, age 67, of Gonzales, Texas passed away on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Johnny was born March 17, 1954 in Gonzales, Texas to Irene and Jose Ramos.

Johnny attended school in Gonzales. To provide for his family he drove trucks for over 30 years. Johnny retired from his truck driving days. He enjoyed spending time with his wife of 49 years. He always relished greeting friends and familiar faces. Johnny loved to spend time with his family, especially time with his grandchildren. He was always very proud of his family.

In his spare time, Johnny loved to work on cars. He was a big fan of the Dallas Cowboys, San Antonio Spurs and Texas Longhorns. He liked to watch westerns, wrestling and comedies. He also loved to barbeque for his family.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Marialaine Cardona Ramos; his sons Noel Ramos and wife Yes-



enia, Gustavo Ramos and his wife Sylvia, Johnny Ramos Jr, Alvin M. Ramos; and his daughter Adriana Trevino and husband Victor; his brother Ruben Ramos, his sisters Josephine Ramos Enriquez and Julia Ramos Vera Alvarado; his grandchildren Alex Trevino, Nathan Trevino, Ariel Ramos, Mauricio Ramos, Jason Ramos, Celeste Ramos, Triston Ramos, Kaylee Ramos, Jenna Ramos and Haze Ramos.

Johnny was preceded in death by his father Jose Ramos and his mother Irene Ramos; his brothers Joe Ramos Jr., Robert Ramos, and Tony Ramos;

his sisters Mary Alice Ramos Adames and Rose Mary Ramos; his nieces Patty Ramos and Bernice Ramos, his nephew Lee Vera, and his grandson Avin Luke Ramos.

Serving as pallbearers are Noel Ramos, Gustavo Ramos, Johnny Ramos Jr, Alvin M. Ramos, Jason Ramos, Triston Ramos, Alex Trevino, Nathan Trevino, Jack Ramos, Luz Enriquez Jr. and Eugene Enriquez.

A visitation for Johnny was held Tuesday, September 14, 2021 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Buffington Funeral Home in Gonzales, Texas with the rosary following at 7:00 PM. A funeral mass occurred on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gonzales, Texas. Interment followed at Gonzales Memorial Park in Gonzales, Texas.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.buffingtonfuneralhomegonzales.com the Ramos family.

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West, Fonseca to speak at RWOYA gathering

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RWOYA started the election season by

bringing in the first of four gubernatorial candidates, Don Huffines. This month, RWOYA is proud to bring another candidate, LTC Allen West, to speak and field questions concerning the upcoming election. RWOYA will also introduce candidate Ysmael Fonseca, who is running for 13th Court of Appeals.

To meet the needs of everyone's

schedule, the group has changed their meeting time and date to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, at the Yoakum Community Center, 105 Huck St., so please jot the new date on your calendars.

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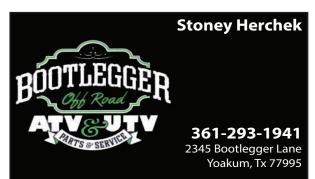
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Have you ever asked, "Why me?" When a great attack comes, what should you do?

2 Chronicles 20:2 reads "Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from beyond the sea."

Can you imagine three armies coming against you? I bet this was not the news Jehoshaphat wanted to hear.

Verse 3 reads "and Jehoshaphat feared." The king felt helpless in the face of this

seemingly hopeless situation. Jehoshaphat had a fear that makes you run

to God. The kind of fear that pushed you to faith and into action. What were the actions he took that caused

victory? First, "Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord." He didn't go to social media or any friends, he went directly to the King of Kings. The second thing he did is found in verse 4, Jehoshaphat remembered. He remembered all previous victories!

If God did it before, he can do it again.

5 Then Jehoshaphat stood up in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem 6 and said: "Lord, the God of our ancestors, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over all the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you. 7 Our God, did you not drive out the inhabitants of this land before your people Israel and give it forever to the descendants of Abraham your friend? He was reminding the people and God what he had already accomplished for his people.

Verse 12 Our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you."

The next thing he did was listened to the

14 Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Jahaziel and he says "Listen, King Jehoshaphat and everyone! This is what the Lord says to

Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but

16 Tomorrow march down against them. 17

You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the Lord will be with you."

The voice of the Lord came to a prophet and here is the direction that was given

You will not need to fight. Can you imagine how ridiculous that sounded three armies coming against you and by the way, you don't need to fight?

Jehoshaphat responds by worshipping God. 18 Jehoshaphat bowed down with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the Lord. HE believed God and did what God in-

structed him to do. Jehoshaphat sang a vic-

22 As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

I encourage you to worship God and sing your song of victory.

We need **ONE** columnist for November!

The Inquirer is seeking one more pastor from Gonzales County to volunteer to write a series of messages on a theme or topic for November.

Any local clergy will be considered. There is no requirement for degrees, training, tenure, etc.

Each week's submission should be 450 words in length. Four columns will be needed for November.

Submissions will be due the last Monday of the month prior to publication (example: February's author should have his/her work turned in the final Monday in January).

To be considered for a month, please email lew. cohn@gonzalesinquirer.com.

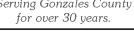
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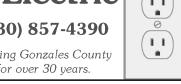
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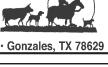
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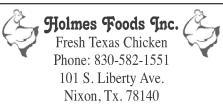
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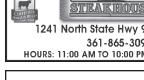
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Lady Apache volleyball collects pair of losses

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The Gonzales Lady Apaches suffered a pair of setbacks in losses at home to the Fox Tech Lady Buffaloes on Friday, Sept. 10, for Homecoming, and on the road at the Yong Women's Leadership Academy in San Antonio on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

On Friday, Gonzales dropped the first set, 23-25, but stormed

"YWLA was loud and energetic, and moved the ball around well. We just struggled to make the adjustment."

—Sarah Neal, head coach

back to take the second set 25-16. Despite their best efforts, however, the Lady Apaches could not close out wins in the next two sets, dropping each by a 23-25

margin.

McKenzie Hodges led the team in kills with a high of 16. Sydney McCray took three aces. Tara Lester had 11 kills and Madison York

"We just made quite a few errors that didn't allow us to catch up and keep a lead," said head coach Sarah Neal.

On Tuesday, Gonzales jumped out to a 25-15 win in the opening set, but then dropped the next three sets to YWLA, 19-25, 12-25 and 23-25.

Kristyn Baker had seven kills.

McKenzie Hodges had 12 kills. Madison York had four aces. Carlee Ramos had 11 digs.

"YWLA was loud and energetic, and moved the ball around well. We just struggled to make the adjustment," Neal said.

The Lady Apaches take the court at Goliad on Friday, Sept. 17, and will return home to play Hallettsville on Tuesday, Sept. 21.



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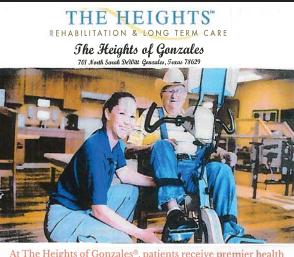
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Apache running back Derrick Garza looks for running room against the Billies. Garza finished with 97 yards on 13 carries, including a 70-yard TD run to start the second half.

Apaches drop home opener to Fredericksburg, 42-18

By LEW K. COHN Inquirer Publisher

Just a minute into the second half of their Friday, Sept. 10, contest against Fredericksburg, it looked like Gonzales might pull off a big upset win on Homecoming night at Apache Field.

On the first play after the second half kickoff, junior running back Derrick Garza outraced everyone 70 yards for his second TD of the night to give the Apaches an 18-14 lead that had the home crowd on their feet.

Unfortunately, victory was not to be for the Tribe as the Billies scored the final 28 points of the game to snag a 42-18 win.

The loss dropped Gonzales to 1-2 overall, while Fredericksburg improved to 3-0 after spoiling the Apaches' home opener.

Fredericksburg came into the game ranked 16th in Class 4A Division I and it appeared the game might get out of hand early when the Billies scored two early touchdowns. On their first possession of the game, Fredericksburg wasted little time. Quarterback Cole Immel connected with Jesse Leija on a 45-yard TD pass and Jovany Alva's kick made it 7-0 with 11 minutes left in the first

Four minutes later, Immel took to the air again and connected with Mason Reeh for a 20-yard TD pass. Alva's kick increased the Billies' lead

to 14-0. Gonzales head coach Mike Waldie settled down his troops and the Apaches began moving the ball against a very fast, very talented Fredericksburg defense that helped out Gonzales' cause with poor decision-making which led to a number of penalties.

In the second quarter, junior quarterback Jarren Johnson scrambled left, avoided a rush and connected with Garza on a short pass, which the speedster then took the distance for a 49-yard TD reception. A Billie penalty on the conversion attempt allowed the Apaches to go for two and Cesar Matamoros ran in the ball to make it 14-8.

Gonzales' Braden Barfield stopped a Fredericksburg drive later in the second quarter with an interception of a Will Degenhardt pass.

Late in the first half, Gonzales drove the ball down towards the Fredericksburg goal line and it appeared the Apaches might tie the game, but penalties stifled any more progress and the Apaches settled for a 24-yard Jonathan Tejada field goal to cut the lead to 14-11 with a minute left in the first half.

At halftime, senior Trinity Barr was crowned Homecoming Queen, while senior Brett Breitschopf was crowned Homecoming King as the Gonzales Homecoming Court was

As stated earlier, the Apaches took over their only lead of the game with Garza's run and Tejada's PAT early in the second half. It would be a shortlived one, however.

Fredericksburg took to the air again and Immel, who was injured and briefly left the field in the first half, connected once more with Reeh, this time on a 15-yard TD toss that allowed the Billies to retake the lead. Alva's PAT made it 21-18.

Gonzales drove the ball into Fredericksburg territory on their next possession, but turned the ball over



Gonzales' Kamren Leal (4) puts a finishing hit on Kade Jenschke to bring

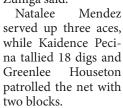
down the Fredericksburg receiver while another Apaches attempts a leg tackle during the Friday, Sept. 10, game at Apache Field.

Lady Mustangs thump Luling on the road

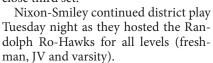
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The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs came away from Luling Friday, Sept. 10, with a straight-set victory over the Luling Lady Eagles in the opening game of district play.

The Lady Mustangs took all three sets in the match -25-12, 25-11 and 25-10 — to claim a very important road win. Christiana Ramirez notched 29 assists, while Madisyne Rice was the top attacker with 12 kills, head coach Loraine Zuniga said.



Both the freshman and JV teams fought hard, but each ultimately lost in a very close third set.









Indians ambush Mustangs, 42-13

By LOUIS DECKER For the Inquirer

The Hallettsville Sacred Heart Indians used a 21-point outburst in the second quarter to propel them to a 42-13 victory over the Nixon-Smiley Mustangs, Friday night, at Mustang Stadium.

There was about a four-minute stretch we just fell apart," said Mustangs Head Coach Troy Moses. "We just gotta get mentally tougher and stronger and respond better to adversity."

The Indians' offensive explosion came after a tight, fast-paced first quarter that saw Sacred Heart (2-1) take a 14-6 lead. Taking advantage of a short field, due to a penalty following a punt, the Indians drove 25 yards in just three plays, capping the drive with a 13-yard run, less than three minutes into the contest. Sacred Heart would score on the very next play from scrimmage, as Jose Ramirez picked up a Mustang fumble and scampered into the end zone untouched. Nicholas Angerstein added the extra point on both

Nixon-Smiley (1-2) responded with an 80-yard run from Brayden Martinez on the very next play, but the try for two was unsuccessful, leaving the score at

From there, Sacred Heart was able to convert three Mustang turnovers into scores in the second quarter to turn the game into a rout, with a pair of short touchdown runs from quarterback Austin Kutac and running back Korbin Koehne. Kutac also had a touchdown pass to cap the scoring, as the Indians went to



Jeremiah Munoz (12) hauls in a TD pass for Nixon-Smiley against Hallettsville Sacred Heart on Friday, Sept. 10.

the locker room, up 35-6.

The Mustangs came out in the second half and responded defensively, forcing a fumble on Sacred Heart's first possession of the third quarter, and the offense got another big run from Martinez to set them up in the red zone, but the drive stalled and Nixon-Smiley turned the ball over on downs at the Sacred Heart 11

From there, the Indians proceeded to go on a 17-play, 89-yard drive that consumed most of the third and fourth quarters, converting on fourth down three times, finally finishing the drive off with a touchdown run on fourth down.

"I'm proud (of) the way we played in the second half. Our kids played hard, all the way up to the last second," said Moses, "We just gotta learn to respond to adversity earlier in the game."

Nixon-Smiley recovered a fumble late in the game and the Mustangs got a 34yard touchdown pass from Luke Moses to Jeremiah Munoz. Sacred Heart was then able to run out the final seconds of the

The Mustangs are on the road next week, as they face the Charlotte Trojans. Kick-off is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday night.



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The GJHS Lady Apaches have seen a lot of growth in recent matches.

Gonzales junior high volleyball squads see improvement on the court

Special to The Inquirer

On Thursday, Sept. 9, the Gonzales Lady Apache 8th Grade A Team travelled to La Vernia to play their third season game. The Lady Apaches played two sets and unfortunately took a tough loss. The scores were 25-13 and 25-17.

Top offensive players were Isa-

bella Ikard and Hailey Camarillo with two kills each. Addelyn Escobedo, Hailey Camarillo, and Ryah Gonzales played a great defensive game in the back row with great serve receive and several outstanding digs. The Apache A

The Lady Apaches fought hard defensively, but came up short this time. There were some great offensive plays made by Nora Koch and McKenzie Gillette with some awesome sets performed by Paige.

Defensively in the back row, Gonzales had several players shine on the court. Keaton and Reagan Barfield showed some

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on downs when a fourth down conversion at their opponents' 35 failed. Leija scored again, this time on a 40-yard TD run with seven minutes left in the third quarter and Fredericksburg upped their advantage to 28-18 after Alva's

PAT. The Apaches got the ball back and tried to go to the air, but Layton Beyer intercepted a Johnson pass and set up the Billies at the Gonzales 27. Leija then scored for the third time of the night, punching it in from eight yards out. After Alva's PAT, the score was 35-18 with four minutes to go in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Gonzales again moved the ball deep into Fredericksburg territory, but failed to convert a crucial fourth down, this time at

the Billies' 29, turning the ball back over to the visi-

Then late in the game, the Billies found the end zone one last time when Stephen Wade took it in from three yards out and the PAT closed out the scoring at 42-

Stats

Gonzales gained 114 yards on the ground on 31 carries, with Garza leading all Apaches with 13 carries for 97 yards. No other Apache had more than seven yards rushing.

Johnson connected on 12 of 26 passes for 195 yards with a TD and a pick. On the receiving end, Breck Eleby caught four passes for 77 yards, while Josh Esparza had three catches for 38 yards. Garza had the one catch for 45 yards and

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Breitschopf had a 20-yard reception as well.

On the defensive side of the ball, Mason Najevar was all over the field, tallying nine solo tackles and three assists for 12 total tackles, while Davonte Smith (7-2) had nine and Kamren Leal (6-1)and Jeremiah Hastings

(5-2) each had seven. For Fredericksburg, the Billies racked up 198 yards on 30 carries with most of that coming from Leija, who rushed 16 times for 144 yards and two scores. Wade had 26 yards on four

carries and a TD. Immel was eight for 18 passing for 135 yards and three TDs with no intercep-

tions. Gonzales travels this Friday night to play Ingleside as the Apaches look to even up their record. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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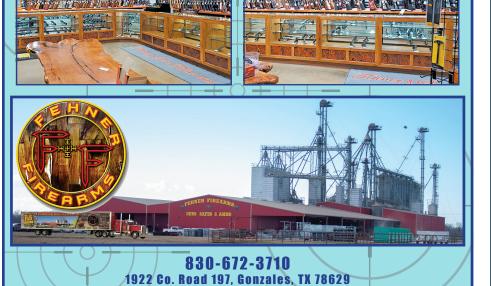
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Julie Denise Kelso, age 46 of Round Rock, formerly of Gonzales was called to heaven by our Father after a tumultuous fight with covid, on Friday September 10, 2021. Julie came into this world with her big blue eyes at St. David's hospital in Austin, Texas to Butch and Nancy Jackson on March 13, 1975. Julie was the first child for Butch and Nancy and they were overjoyed. She was the first grandchild on both sides of the family as well. Julie was loved be-

yond belief from day one. Julie is survived by her husband of 25 years, Brandon Kelso, her children Jackson, Carson, and Kylie, parents Nancy and Butch Jackson, sister Jill, brother Bryan, father-inlaw James (Jim) Kelso and Loretta, brother-in law Shannon Kelso, brotherin-law Kevin Kelso and sister-in-law Tammy Bell and husband Keith, and many nephews and nieces on both sides. She is preceeded in death by her grandparents Berthold Z. and Eva K. Jackson, grandparents Edwin and Emily Barta, mother-in-law Dee Kelso, sister-in-law Mary Kelso, and cousin Kevin

Kruzic. Julie attended Gonzales



High School and graduated in 1993. While in school she was a member of the Mighty Apache Band flag corp and had many friends. Through her many friends she met Brandon Kelso. Brandon and Julie had their first date at their Senior Prom where sparks were beginning to ignite. After high school Julie attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos where she recieved her degree in Early Childhood Development, while Brandon went to The University of Texas in Austin. The two loved each other and wrote letters back and forth throughout their two years of dating. After two years of dating Brandon knew Julie was the one he could wake up to forever, so he showed up at her apartment and asked her to marry him. She obivously said yes without

Julie Denise Kelso

a doubt! They were married August 10, 1996 in a beautiful ceremony in Gonzales with all of their family and friends in attendance.

Julie used her degree to

get her first job in Austin, where they moved after graduation, at Prodigy. Prodigy was the first place she worked after graduation, and the first place that confirmed children were going to be a huge part of her life. She was a teacher to classrooms of children who quickly named her Mrs. JuJu and she was so loved there. Julie had a gift of creating friendships with everyone she met. Honestly she never met a stranger. She had a way about her that made you feel so comfortable that before you knew it you would be telling her your life's story on her couch and she'd be praying with you. While working at Prodigy Julie and Bran-

don got the exciting news

she was expecting her first

child, Jackson. Julie de-

cided after having her first

son that her time would

be better spent at home

raising him and mak-

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Good thing she and Bran-

don made that decision

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their second child Carson, then along came their third Kylie. Their family was complete.

Julie introduced Christ to each of her children from a very young age, baptizing each of them into the Catholic Church as babies. Her faith, next to family was her entire life.

Julie was a member of St. William Catholic Church in Round Rock, where she was a Religious Education Teacher. Not only did she bring Christ into the light for other peoples children, she also taught his word to all three of her own children through the church. She was an active member of the JCDA (Junior Catholic daughters of America). In the JDCA, Julie and Kylie were able to spend tons of time together volunteering and helping others grow their faith. She looked forward to helping others when

ever she could. Meals Ministry for Priests was another one of Julies volunteer7 opportunities. She would prepare meals for the priests at St. William Church, and they truly looked forward to her savory treats! Julie was a member of the CRHP program (weekend retreat for church) where she made so many life long friends. Julie and her boys were part of the YMSL (young men's service league) which is an organization where mothers and their sons participate in acts of service which benefit their communities. Julie, Jackson and Carson put in over 100 hours of commitment to YMSL and were taught the importance of spending time together to do good things.

JuJu had an at home daycare for 20+ years at her comfy home. She brought approximately forty different children into her life over the years and helped them read, write, and respect one another. Her daycare was run like a fine tuned fiddle, each child a note in the most beautiful song. The children were extended family to her and Brandon's family and she loved all of them as if they were her own. If a spot opened because one of her kids was headed for kindergarten, that place was quickly snatched up by an anxiously awaiting parent. Julie was an immeasurable contribution to her daycare family and without her now may Christ bring

them comfort. Most of her activites or volunteer events had a connection to God and friendship. So many people called upon Julie for guidance and advice because her devotion to God was so pure and unbending. There was God's way, and Julie's way which was virtually the same thing. Julie could translate the bible in such a way that it could make you look forward to the next bible study. There are not enough things each of us can say to explain how amazing she was. Her legacy will live on in each of us. She will never be forgotten and I'm sure twenty, fifty, a hundred years from now people will know her name. Julie Denise Kelso was truly a blessing to this world and her life lived with us was the greatest gift. Her last words were: "God is good, all the time, all the time God is good. Mother Mary keep me close under your mantel. Jesus I trust

in you!" Visitation was held in Beck Funeral Home, Austin, TX, on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 from 5 pm- 7 pm with a Rosary following at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will be in St Williams Catholic Church on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 10:00 am.

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shared and cherished by all. Billie Faye is preceded in death by her father Warren Wesley "Bill" Robinson and nephew, Terry "Joey" Key.

Billie Faye is survived by her mother, Faye Robinson, husband, James Padgett, her four children, Kimberly Wright (Johnny), Jeffrey Spears (Tracie), Brittany Balderas (Adam), Krystal Cantu (Samuel); twelve grandchildren, Dylan, Corbyn, and Shaylan Wright, Jerin, Krystan, and Jeriden Cantu, Jonathan Sepulveda, Jayla Ornelas, Jennifer, Jose Adam, Jr., and Jasmine and one great-grandchild, Blakelynn Wright. Billie Faye is also survived by her brother Robby Robinson and family, and sister Candyce Guidry (Richard) and family, and her father-inlaw, James Henry Padgett, Jr., and family, who was a very kind and loving friend and care provider over the

With respect to social distancing for family and friends, a Memorial will be held September 18, 2021 at 1:00pm over Zoom, organized by the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Planned at a later date, Billie Faye's ashes will be spread with family members present.

Friends may sign the guest book and leave condolences by visiting seydlerhillfuneralhome.com

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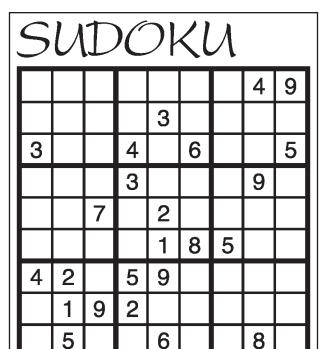
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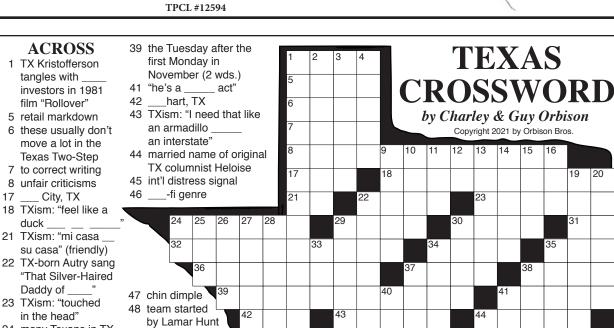
Fun By The Numbers Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending

puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you

name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle! Answers found in next week's Classifieds.



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Anna Frances "Fran" Huff DeChane

Anna Frances "Fran" Huff DeChane was born on March 23, 1939 to Walter Nixon Huff and Iva May Minear Huff. She passed into eternal life on September 7, 2021 while recovering from heart surgery.

Frances "Fran" DeChane was born at home in Harwood, Texas. Her family moved to Sharonville, Ohio when she was a child. She learned the printing trade at the knee of her father as he began the Sharonville Press newspaper. She was at the Press until graduation. In July of 1957, she joined the United States Marine Corp where she served honorably for two years. After leaving the Corp, she married and secured a type setting position at the Cincinnati Enquirer. From her first marriage were born three daughters, each with their own strength, that she was extremely proud of and cherished dearly. She was a



strong woman that raised strong girls.

In 1969, she moved with her daughters to Michigan. Fran first worked at the Macomb Daily Newspaper and then transferred to the Detroit News where she met and married Richard DeChane. She learned the process and worked with metal type, tape, punch cards, and finally digital in her career as a typographer.

Fran was a member of the Marine Corp League Detachment #968 and was

the only female Marine member of the attachment. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Order of the Eastern Star, Detroit Typographical Union #18, the Communication Workers of America Local #14503, and International Typographical Union.

Fran was always giving of herself, time and talents. She loved helping others and showed that through volunteering at Gleaners Community Food Bank in Michigan and Gonzales Christian Assistance Ministries in Texas. She was a member of Earth Angels Quilt Group where she loved to create quilts and crafts for those in need. Serving on the Harwood Community Center Board allowed her to assist with the projects associated with the upkeep of the center that bears her father's name on the cornerstone.

Fran, Frannie, Friend Fran, Aunt Frannie, Miss Fran – no matter what she was called, she never met a stranger. She would share anything she had with anyone in need. "If it's free, take two" was advice she offered on a regular basis. In her free time, she loved mowing lawns and playing with her cats. She often sat on the porch watching the neighborhood, putzing, or taking apart components of electronics for the copper wire. She was the epitome of recycle and reuse. She was a collector, with the amazing ability to see the worth in things. She loved the uniqueness of the \$2.00 bill, which she gifted often to those around her. Fran was a strong willed, independent woman who always found a way to accomplish tasks she was passionate about. She fought for causes she believed in and for the people she

She is survived by brother Wallace Huff, daughters Renee Fairchild (Ace), Jami Owens (John) and Terri Lawhorn. Grandchildren Randall Eardley (Emily), Ryan Eardley, Thomas Owens (Amber), Joshua Owens, Tyler Owens (Leigh), Evan Owens (Katie), Shenan Owens, Amanda Crossman (Jonathan), and Alyssa Jurzcak. Great grandchildren Ava Jane, Zane, and Isabella Eardley, Emma, Emily-Elizabeth, Tobias, and Aria Owens, Abraham, Abigail, Ezra Rose, and Ellie May Crossman, Dominique, Jr. and Blake Nelson. She was proceeded in death by husband Richard DeChane, father Walter Nixon Huff, mother Iva May Minear Huff, sisters Aurale Huff, Martha Holbrook, Rosemary Smith, and brothers Walter Huff Jr, Wayne Huff,

and grandson Marshall

Fairchild.

The family received friends from 1 pm to 3 pm Friday, September 10, 2021 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services followed at 3 pm in Sevdler-Hill with Brother Buford Scott officiating. Interment followed in Harwood Cemetery. Pallbearers are Randall Eardley, Ryan Eardley, Thomas Owens, Joshua Owens, Tyler Owens and Evan Owens. Honorary Pallbearers are Wallace Huff and Barry Miller.

Fran was a beloved mother, grandmother, wife, sister, aunt, and friend that will be dearly missed. Memorial gifts may be made to the Harwood Community Center, c/o Marjorie Fairchild PO Box 80, Harwood TX. 78632. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (HJR 143)

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.

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."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 99)

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.

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."

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 27)

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 propagation of a sincerely held religious belief.

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."

Proposition Number 4 (SJR 47)

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.

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."

Proposition Number 5 (HJR 165)

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.

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."

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 19)

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.

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."

Proposition Number 7 (HJR 125)

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.

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."

Proposition Number 8 (SJR 35)

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.

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."



ABOVE

A Texas Department of Public Safety honor guard marches the colors in front of the hearse which carried the late Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan to his final resting place at Cementerio Mexicana La Union on Sept. 9. Ynclan was a retired DPS trooper before he ran for sheriff in 2020.

BELOW

The riderless horse (complete with boots in the stirrups) is a symbol of fallen law enforcement officers in the state of Texas. In this case, it commemorates the passing of Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan, who died from COVID-19 on Sept. 5. COURTESY/PRIMARY FOCUS STUDIOS





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Gonzales Mayor Connie Kacir, right, praises the life of the late Gonzales County Sheriff Robert Ynclan as she presents an American flag to his widow, Cynthia Ynclan, left, before the start of his funeral service at J.B. Wells Expo on Thursday, Sept. 9. In addition to Kacir, Gonzales County Judge Pat Davis and state Sen. Lois Kolkhorst were also present to extend their condolences.

SALES TAX

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Sales tax allocations for Gonzales, the largest city in the county which generates the lion's share of sales tax revenue, was up 4.72 percent from \$198,942.72 for September 2020 to \$208,346.90 for this month. For the year, however, allocations are down 8.04 percent as Gonzales has only collected \$1,879,623.99 for all of 2021, compared to \$2,044,079.94 through this point last year.

Sales tax receipts for Nixon were

up 14.77 percent for September from \$25,533.89 allocated in September 2020 to \$29,30719 allocated for this month. For the year, sales tax receipts are up 0.41 percent from \$253,883.02 in 2020 to \$254,930.93 this year.

Waelder saw sales tax receipts of \$5,888.03 this month, an increase of 38.25 percent above last September's allocation of \$4,258.91. For the year, Waelder is up 24.35 percent from \$46,891.98 in 2020 to \$58,311.65 this

Finally, Smiley's sales tax receipts were up 15.97 percent from \$1,829.60 in September 2020 to \$2,121.95 this month. For the year, Smiley has seen sales tax allocations grow by 44.64 percent from \$17,773.82 at this point last year to \$25,708.61 this year.

Two cities in Gonzales County -Gonzales and Nixon — collect a 1.5 percent sales tax rate, while Smiley and Waelder collect a 1 percent sale tax.

OBITUARIES

JACQUE YVETTE KINCAID SUTTON

Jacque Yvette Kincaid Sutton, 45, was born on May 7, 1976 in Santa Ana, CA to Lynne Patricia Toupin Kincaid and James David Kincaid. She graduated from Owasso High School in 1994. Jacque invested her life's energy in raising three wonderful children and being the best sister, friend and Auntie you could have. She will forever be known for her beautiful smile, tinkling laugh and compassionate heart.

Jacque is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Virgil Joseph and Yvette Jacqueline Toupin along with paternal grandfather Ray Harper Kincaid. She will be welcomed to Heaven by her Uncle Micheal Toupin, who preceded her in death by only a matter of days. Also greeting her will be Richard and Kyle Kincaid with whom she shared countless weekends enjoying their shared passions of hunting and fishing.

Jacque is survived by her maternal grandmother, Dorothy Hill Kincaid, her parents, her former husband Jason, children Jacob Ryan, Kylah Jean, and Chloe Brett. She was blessed with four aunts and uncles on both the Toupin and Kincaid sides. She enjoyed the company of eleven Kincaid and nine Toupin cousins. She is also survived by and is irreplaceable to her sisters Jamie and Sarah, as well as brothers Justin, James, & John Wesley. She holds a special place in the hearts of her nieces and nephews Brittney, Sebastian, Wyatt, Jace, Maddie, and Isla.

Visitation was held at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, 906 Saint Paul St.,



Gonzales, on Wednesday, September 15. Jacque will be laid to rest at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 16, 2021 in a graveside service at Thompsonville Cemetery with Pastor Hollas Hoffman presiding. Masks are required. In lieu of flowers please consider contributing to the GoFundMe account named Jacque's Wish that has been set up for her children to bridge the financial gap they are facing for the next several months. Pallbearers: Jacob Sutton, Stacey and Sebastian Darland, Justin Caddell, James David and John Wesley Kincaid. Honorary Pallbearers: Wyatt and Jace Caddell, James Terry, and David Howering. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneral-

Please join us in an opportunity to visit and partake in light refreshments at Thompsonville Community Church immediately following the graveside service. Dorothy's World Famous Sweet Tea is not guaranteed. For those concerned about closed spaces and covid there is an outside area at the church so you can participate in funeral and reception. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

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Rescue Plan recovery funds. Publication of the interim final rule began a two-month period for collecting comments from

county officials. "The next step in the federal rulemaking process is pending," Woytek noted. He also said that TAC is monitoring developments and will continue to provide updates as new infor-

mation becomes available. According to the TAC website, counties will receive their allocation directly from the Treasury Department in two portions, with the first 50 percent having arrived in May, with the remaining 50 percent to arrive about 12 months later. Each county's allocation is based generally on its share of the U.S. population. Also according to the website, the Treasury Department created a submission portal through which counties can request their share of the recovery funds. Counties need a valid Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and an active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) database to submit their requests and receive payment.

During the presentation Woytek also pointed out that an interim report was due Aug. 31, 2021, and that all counties that have certified for recovery funds were required to submit

the interim report, which covered spending from the date the county received its recovery funds to July 31.

Also, a performance report was due Aug. 31 from counties that received recovery funds before July 15 and that have a population of at least 250,000. Counties that received recovery funds after July 15 must submit their reports within 60 days

of receiving funding. "All counties must file quarterly project and expenditure reports," Woytek noted. "The first report covering spending from the date the county receives its recovery funds to Sept. 30, 2021, is due

by Oct. 31, 2021." TAC also noted on its website that an annual recovery plan performance report is required only for counties with populations of at least 250,000. The first performance report was

due Aug. 31. Each annual report thereafter will cover 12 months and will be due within 30 days of the end of

the reporting period. Commissioners also announced they would be holding a special called meeting on Thursday, Sept. 16, during which they will meet in an executive session during which they will interview candidates for an

interim sheriff. Upon returning to regular session, they will consider and discuss appointing the best candidate for

the position. In other business, com-

- missioners: • approved a resolution authorizing County Grant
- Program Year 2022; · received monthly reports from constables on precincts 1, 3 and 4;
- received the county clerk's report of fines and jury fees for approval and filing in the minutes pursuant to Tex. Gov. Code 51.402; and
- approved an order to create a county elections administrator.

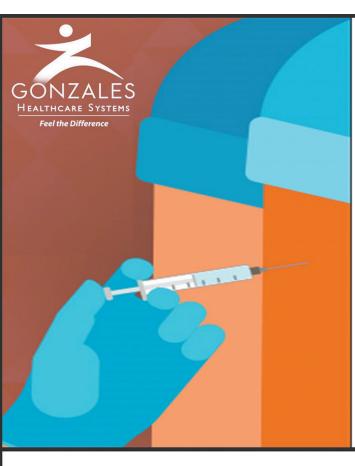


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830.672.8502 for testing and treatment options.

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that amount, \$8,176 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The average homestead taxable value increased from \$117,233 in 2020 to \$127,106 this year, an increase of \$9,873, or 8.42 percent. The tax on the average homestead will increase from \$411.61 to \$413.35, an increase of just \$1.74 or 0.42 percent.

The newly adopted 2021-22 budget of \$31,606,346 includes \$10,484,603 in general fund expenditures, including JB Wells Park, as well as \$10,989,032 in the electric fund and \$3,098,509 in the wastewater fund. Other fund expenditures being proposed include \$1,913,509 in water fund; \$1,989,913 in the economic development fund; \$1,247,700 in debt service fund-governmental fund; \$734,627 in the solid waste fund; \$581,480 in a restricted use fund; \$537,900 in capital projects-business; and \$28,075 in capital projects-governmental. Total revenues being proposed are \$28,551,914.

Council members also voted 3-0 to adopt an economic development funding agreement with the GEDC to help pay off the \$1.825 million settlement of a lawsuit filed by the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary over the J.B. Wells Park. The agreement takes effect Sept. 15.

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 Are-

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 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.

tor 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 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.

REVEREND

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"I would come home and be frustrated, hurt and down and so despondent. My mom noticed the expression on my face and said, 'George, what's wrong?' I said, 'It seems as if we can't actually do anything, we can't actually succeed and we are outcasts over there.'

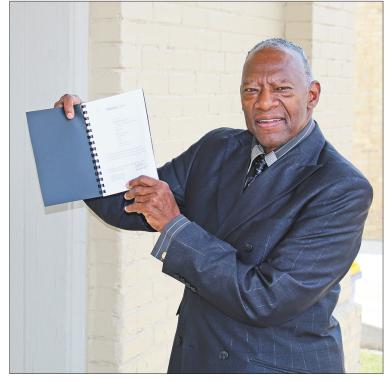
"She said, 'Sit down. Listen to me. You're over there for one thing and one thing only. You're over there to learn because one day, they're going to be reading about you in the universities and studying about you and you're going to have a book out about your life. The title of that book is going to be 'Don't Give Up Keep the Faith.'

"My mom was the driving factor in my life that helped me come up with this particular subject," Sampleton added. "She said 'it's not about hatred. You'll never go anywhere if you continue to hate. But if you love and are at peace with yourself from within, you're able to do the things you need and not only that, you will be a contributor to those who have been haters and help them to see we are all human beings and all have differences, but it is how we handle those differences."

Sampleton said his mother always told him, "If they knock you down, I better not see you down on that floor. You better be up crawling on your elbows. I better see you trying to climb up. If you don't, I'm going to be right here to instill that in you to let you know you are somebody."

Sampleton grew up in a family of six children with his parents in Gonzales and said his father was an "uneducated and unlearned" laborer whose wisdom and sage advice came from life and not books.

"We were considered nomads and gypsies because Dad only made \$18 a week," Sampleton said. "But during that time, I never saw or heard him complain even when he knew things were bad. He never held his head



LEW K. CO

Bishop George Sampleton stands by the side door to the Peach Creek Antiques at the corner of St. Paul and St. Francis streets in Gonzales. Sampleton, who was part of the first integrated class at GHS, said the building used to house a taxi stand which had separate entrances for "whites" and "colored." He is holding a copy of his self-published book, "Don't Give Up, Keep the Faith," which now is housed in the collections of 45 university libraries.

down.

"What I learned from him is, first, you must respect yourself and then others will respect you. They may not like you, but they have to respect you. Don't go around looking for a hand out. Apply yourself. Dedicate yourself, commit yourself to what you are doing and be a well-done person in doing a well-done job.

"They will respect you because you are honest and non-judgmental. Everyone has problems, including you, but we must teach people to work on their own problems and self-esteem. If I look down on myself, other people are going to look down on me."

Sampleton said lessons that can be learned from his book include

not just self-pride, but perseverance, fortitude, hard work and honesty. And at all times, he said, he has tried to embrace love and not hatred even when he endured racial intolerance, bigotry and saw injustice in his small town growing up.

He said he values hard work and believes when young people pull themselves up by their own bootstraps, they appreciate their accomplishments even more.

"If you're not going to get out here, roll your sleeves up, wrap your hands around something and go to work, don't bring that to me," Sampleton said. "If you give somebody something, they don't know the value of it. They'll just as soon throw it away in that trash can. But if I earn it, I'm going to

take care of it and not let anybody destroy what I worked for, whatever it is."

Sampleton said his time at Gonzales High School came during a period of great transition. A total of 56 students came over from what had been the "colored" high school for African-American students and by the time graduation rolled around in 1968, only 15 of those remained.

He fondly remembered the influence of the late Thomas E. Burrows, who was his principal at Gonzales High School, as well as his typing teacher.

"She was my typing teacher and I don't remember her last name, but she said, 'George, don't worry because you are going somewhere,' even in the midst of everything that was going on," Sampleton said. "That was very encouraging to me and she saw the potential in me.

"I especially looked up to Mr. Burrows. I always would think about him and how he dressed and walked and carried himself. He would stop me in the hall and ask me, 'Are you doing all right? Yeah, you're doing all right, George.' That left a lasting impact on me. He would encourage me to remain steadfast and understanding. He believed in me."

Sampleton said he did not write the book to make a profit, but because he was divinely inspired to share the truths he has learned in life.

"The Lord didn't bless me to write that book to sell it," Sampleton said. "All of those books at the universities were ones I donated. When the Lord helped me to write the book, he said 'I don't want you to write this for money.' If I do that, I'm going against the spiritual laws of Heaven.

"I have to stay humble. If I did this for money, the money will leave you, but the integrity and what you stand for will be here for the rest of your life and beyond."

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