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Municipal Judge Deidra Voigt (left) swears in new Gonzales mayor S.H. "Steve" Sucher in the council chambers. Sucher was joined by his wife Linda (right).

VANDY VAN EPPS

Sucher sworn in as Gonzales mayor

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

During a packed council meeting Tuesday afternoon officials for the city of Gonzales, along with members of the community, gathered for the swearing in of new Mayor S.H. "Steve" Sucher, who won the June 14 mayoral run-off with 544 votes (over Isaac Anzaldua who

received 493 votes). Municipal Judge Deidra Voigt swore Sucher in as the new mayor of Gonzales, replacing former mayor, Connie Kacir, who served the city for six years. After being sworn in, for one of the first acts in his official capacity for the city of Gonzales, Sucher

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City manager addresses road construction

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
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Road construction began recently on St. Joseph Street with city workers replacing water lines prior to the repaving project planned by TxDOT.

City Manager Tim Patek spoke to the Inquirer about the construction on St. Joseph Street and other road work the city has planned.

"The situation is (that) we wanted to get finished with the water line before TxDOT comes in, in July, and starts paving. TxDOT has from July the 4th until the end of August to come in and pave all of St. Joseph," Patek said.

The city is working on two phases of getting the waterline replaced, and Patek explained the city was not allowed to "commingle money" from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the General Land Office (GLO). Patek handed out a construction projects schedule in the last regular city council meeting listing out the timeline of those projects, including road work the city will be completing on St. Lawrence. Patek said they are waiting on ARPA funds to arrive prior to further projects.

"Once we get those, then we'll be able to do that project. So hopefully, we can start bidding that out, probably within the next month or two. Get those funds in here in September, and then get that completed," Patek said.

Regarding informing the residents of Gonzales about the road work; Patek had a staff meeting earlier Tuesday

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Holt murder still unpunished 22 years later

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

The anniversary of the murder of John Robert Holt is quickly approaching. Twenty-two years ago, Holt lost his life, with his murder occurring on the night of Sunday, June 25, 2000. Author-

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CONTRIBUTED

Gonzales resident Lena Salazar, front, works on a scene from "As You Like It" with other Camp Shakespeare castmates in the Winedale Theatre barn. Camp Shakespeare's first 2022 performance of the comedy will be at the Crystal Theatre in Gonzales this Friday, June 24, at 3:30 p.m.

Young thespians to bring Shakespeare to life in Gonzales

Decade-long partnership between Winedale, Crystal Theatre continues this Friday

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

A partnership for the past 10 years between Camp Shakespeare at Winedale and the Crystal Theatre in Gonzales has

seen young thespians ages 11-17 treading the boards at the venerable downtown venue as they explore the works of the immortal Bard of Stratford-on-Avon through performance.

Campers will return to the Crystal twice this summer as well, beginning this Friday, June 24 at 3:30 p.m. when Session One campers will put on a public performance of the comedy "As You Like It."

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Gonzales graduate competes for Miss Texas

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales High School and Texas A&M graduate Angela Witzkoske is competing against 41 other young women from throughout the state to be crowned Miss Texas 2022 this week in Richardson.



Witzkoske

Witzkoske, 26, of Harwood, holds the title Miss Richardson, the host city for the pageant, which is being held June 19-25 at the Eisemann Center of the Performing Arts. Last year, Witzkoske competed in the Miss Texas pageant as the reigning Miss Southeast Texas for 2020-21. She also competed at Miss Texas Teen USA pageant in 2011 as Miss Gonzales County.

She is a 2014 graduate of Gonzales High School and a 2018 graduate of Texas A&M with a bachelor's degree in communications with a minor in journalism.

She served as Miss Gonzales County in 2012 and has volun-

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MAIN STREET CONCERT



VANDY VAN EPPS

Geri Armstrong sings and gets the crowd into the power of gospel music for the celebration of Juneteenth. For more photos from the event, see page 7.

Commissioners ban outdoor burning, fix radio 'issues'

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners approved reinstating a countywide burn ban at their Tuesday, June 21, special called meeting and also straightened out some issues with previous actions regarding the purchase of radios for area law enforcement and fire personnel using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The burn ban, which is for

unincorporated areas of Gonzales County, takes effect Friday, June 24, and shall remain in effect for 90 days or "until such drought conditions no longer exist and this order is hereby lifted by authority of" County Judge Pat Davis. A violation of the burn ban is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

In other action, commissioners withdraw actions they

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Smiley City Council replaces financial consultant

Villasana appointed mayor pro tem

BY CLAYTON KELLEY
For the Inquirer

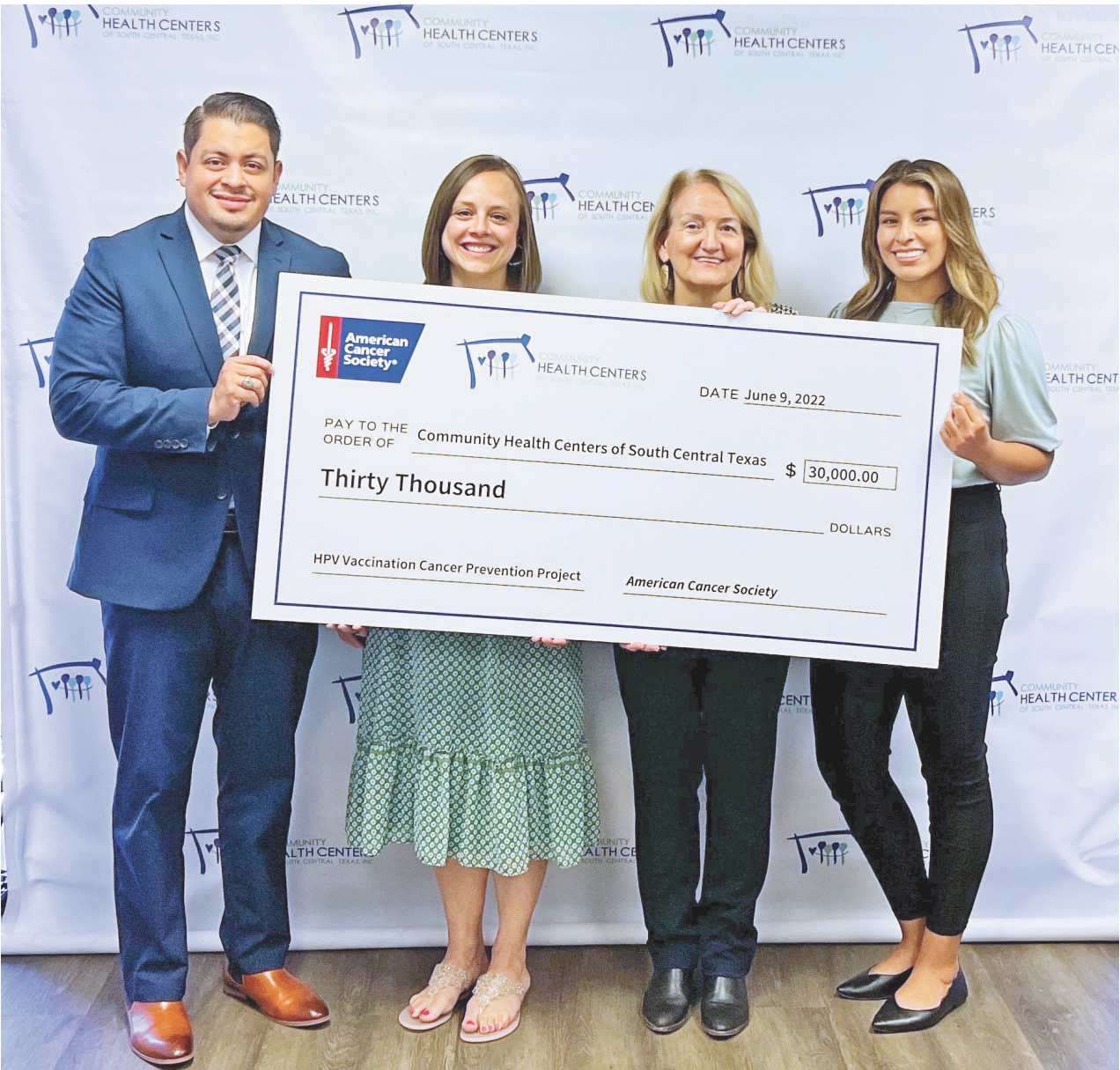
Smiley City Council removed

former financial consultant Lisa Dudley added Paul Holm & Company in her stead at the June 16 council meeting. The City of Smiley has also decided to move their financial institution from Wells Fargo to Third Coast Bank in Nixon. Meanwhile, Ellis Villasana

was appointed the new mayor pro tem of the Smiley City Council. Villasana was elected to the council May 7, but has previously served on the governing body. The status of the animals in the city pound and the related costs was a topic of discussion.

Some of the animals have been there for several years and the city's concern is the amount of money being spent, nearly \$640 per month, to take care of these animals. Discussion on financial statements and unpaid bills were moved into executive session.

When called back from executive session, no action was submitted on that part of the agenda. An additional city holiday — Monday, June 20, to be observed as Juneteenth — has also been approved by the City of Smiley.



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Pictured during a check presentation at the Community Health Centers of South Central Texas are, from left, Rafael De La Paz, Kaela Momtselidze, Carol Villareal and Jessica Ostiguin.

CHCSCT receives funds for HPV vaccinations

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Community Health Centers of South Central Texas (CHCSCT) has partnered with American Cancer Society to increase HPV vaccination rates in the community. HPV

vaccination is cancer prevention and helps protect against six types of cancer. The American Cancer Society recommends that boys and girls get the HPV vaccine between ages 9 and 12. On Thursday June 9, Kaela

Momtselidze from the American Cancer Society, presented CHCSCT with a check for \$30,000 to continue HPV cancer prevention efforts. CHCSCT serves Gonzales, Caldwell, Bastrop, Guadalupe, and Victoria counties.

Give blood, give life at June 28 blood drive

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Gonzales Memorial Hospital, in partnership with South Texas Blood & Tissue, is holding a blood drive Tuesday, June 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with donors able to choose from hundreds of eGift cards in return for donating this life saving blood. The gift cards include those from Amazon, airbnb, and Southwest Airlines, along with many others. In February of this year the American Red Cross released a press statement asking for blood

donations, citing that the U.S. was at its worst blood shortage in over a decade, with a 10 percent decrease in donations just since March 2020. In April South Texas Blood & Tissue also released a statement, announcing that hospitals across south Texas are down to one day's supply of type O blood, requesting at that time that the community step up and increase blood donations. South Texas Blood & Tissue Center has experienced a 20 percent increase in hospital orders for blood, and current donations do

not keep pace with this demand. As of April 2022 the total blood inventory dropped to a 1½ day supply, considerably less than the 7-day supply recommended for this area, with type O, as mentioned above, especially low in supply, at less than a day's supply. South Texas Blood & Tissue Center states on their website that about 200 more donations a day are needed to both match demand and re-build inventory to meet growing demands for blood

to treat cancer patients, trauma victims, surgery patients and transplant patients, to name a few of the most urgent needs. "Patients across South Texas require lifesaving transfusions every day. We're asking for your help to ensure they get the blood they're counting on," states the organizational website. For further information or set up a time to donate please contact Nicole Kubenka at Memorial Hospital Gonzales, 830-672-7581 ext 1009.

Nixon annual fireworks show slated for July 2

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Nixon-Smiley Cisd, City of Nixon and Nixon Fire Rescue will host the annual Independence Day Fireworks Show Saturday, July 2, at the Nixon-Smiley Football Stadium, 800 N. Rancho Road, Nixon. The fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. All attendees must stay in or be in close proximity to their vehicle. There will be no walk-ins and no loitering allowed. There are no public restrooms. The community is encourages

to watch the fireworks display from home as the fireworks show should be visible from two to three miles away with no obstructions (trees, large buildings, etc.). Parking will be available at the football stadium parking lot for those wishing to watch from their car there. Donations and proceeds will go toward next year's fireworks show. Feel free to share your photos on the Nixon Fire Rescue Facebook page. For any questions or comments, email nixon-firedept@gmail.com.

Celebrations Birthdays

June 23rd Dottie Cuvelier Randy Harkey Sr Pam Lester Lauren Miller	June 26th Robert Bennett V J "Bubba" Brzozowski Craig Hines Shari Tate
June 24th Pam Connor Brenda Hodge Kellie Kutac Kim Martinez Preston Richter Laurie Simmons Norma Turk	June 27th Ronnie Baker Angela Barefield John Lamprecht Elise Low Rebecca Menking Irene Oakes Cary Richardson
June 25th Pat Bautista Jesse Campion Tzitz Dixon	June 28th Tyrone Stovall
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Main Street board discuss future events

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Main Street board of director got together last Thursday, June 16, to talk about the future of the Main Street Concert series and other events. The board went over the success of the Cinco De Mayo celebration, and later went over the June 4 and June 11 concert and brought up the concerns about the heat, which has exceeded 100 degrees at times. "The June 4 and June 11 concert, in my opinion, have been so darn hot that nobody wants to come out of their air conditioning. We pay headliners sometimes \$2,000 to \$3,000 to play to 50 people," Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla, Main Street director, said. Hutchinson-Padilla added those are some concerns that the board needs to keep in mind if they want to continue the Main Street Concert series or move towards something else. Other solutions includes pushing times of the concert to back an hour, and Hutchinson-Padilla mentioned the

city agreement that the concert had to be shut down by 11 p.m. Christine Presley had a discussion with fellow board member Britney Caka that the length of the event "is not equal to the success of the event." "You can have a very successful three-hour event, so from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. or 8 p.m. You know, we don't have to drag it out all day," Presley said. The board suggested having a tent set up for water for the event. Caka suggested that the concert series has run its course and they need to figure out new innovative ways to bring events downtown other than the concert series. In other business, the Main Street Board approved the following agenda items:

- approved not to go forward with a Levitt AMP Gonzales Music Series grant application.
- approved a bid regarding a new stage banner.
- approved to alter the schedule of Main Street community events for 2023 and continued discussions about the future of the June Concert Series.

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	June 25 103°/78°	Partly sunny and hot 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 104
	June 26 105°/80°	Mostly sunny and hot 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 104
	June 27 103°/79°	A t-storm around the p.m. 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 104
	June 28 100°/79°	Sunshine and hot 5% chance of rain • RealFeel 102
	June 29 99°/76°	Sunshine; hot, less humid 3% chance of rain • RealFeel 100

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Garden Q&A

What's the difference in Mexican petunia varieties?

Q. My neighbor who is a good gardener recommended that I plant Mexican petunia as a ground-cover. The flowers were attractive, but the plants keep growing tall and now are spreading. He says I have the wrong variety. What should I do?

A. Yes, it sounds like you have the standard Mexican petunia (Ruellia) rather than the dwarf variety. The dwarf comes in 3 bloom colors (blue, pink, and white) and does not take over the neighborhood like the large version. It will grow and bloom in sun or shade. Pull all the tall Ruellia and replace them with the dwarf. Be aware that you will have a period of time when the tall spreading Ruellia will keep sprouting! The pollinators like both Ruellia but your neighbors will probably not.

Q. You recommended that we use malathion to control stink bugs. Is there

any organic option?

A. One gardener in San Antonio area says he uses an outdoor vacuum cleaner, the kind with a tube collector. It requires more labor but seems to work for him on his fruit trees and blackberries.

Q Is anyone else reporting that the purple martins have already left for the season? Between the heat and a lack of insects it didn't look like they were very successful in producing youngsters.

A. Unfortunately I had the same experience and all the martins seemed to be gone by June 15 which is early for our neighborhood. At least one gardener has reported a more successful nesting period than we have described. Please let me know how your martins fared this year.

Q. We lost our Mexican limes to the February 2021 freeze. We are going to replant. Is it best to plant them in the soil like

CALVIN FINCH
Gardening Q&A



we did last time or do they survive better when planted in half whiskey barrels?

A. I recommend the half whiskey barrels or a similar size container because it produces a plant that is large enough to produce a good crop but small enough to do a better job of protecting them from the cold.

Q. What do those black slugs eat? I see them at the edge of my raised bed garden.

A. They eat the same thing as snails, foliage and fruit. Control them with Slug and Snail bait. Beer traps also work well. For more information on beer traps visit my archived articles on plan-tanswers.com.



JULY

GARDENING CALENDAR

If this was the ordinary July Gardening Calendar, it would not be unusual for me to warn you to be ready for our first days of the year with 100-degree temperatures. Our 100-degree temperature days of the year usually arrive about July 1. This year they showed up in May and occurred frequently in June! Wouldn't it be wonderful if we did not experience anymore and as long as we are wishing, hope for some generous rains?

We are still in drought restrictions and the lawns do not look good unless you have been able to irrigate despite the drought restrictions. A more reasonable solution than a generous irrigation program may be a survival strategy. For St Augustine grass that means watering every 3 weeks. If you have zoysia, Bermuda, or buffalo grass you may be able to refrain from watering and let the grass go dormant. Those varieties are capable of recovering from a dormant state due to lack of water relatively quickly after the rains resume or water becomes available from another source. In addition to not using the limited water the dormant lawns stay relatively weed free and do not need to be mowed.

In the vegetable garden okra, southern peas, and peppers are producing fruit as long as they receive adequate water. The spring planted tomatoes should be finished with their season and can be pulled in late June or the first of July. If you leave the tomato plants in the garden in July it often leads to spider mite or disease development. Clear the old plants out so you can plant the fall transplants at the end of the month.

Anecdotally it looks like the old reliable Celebrity did the best in dealing with the heat and drought. They were prominent in the Top Tomato Competitions. Let's see what happens with the fall crop, I would expect that the Rodeo Tomato performs better than it did in the spring season.

Flowers have done well despite the heat and drought. In the sun the show is led by zinnias and Cora vinca. In addition to colorful beds and cut flowers, zinnias provide nectar for pollinators and seeds for the birds. The Cora vinca has overcome the threat from aerial phytophthora and is deer proof. Two other deer proof blooms for the

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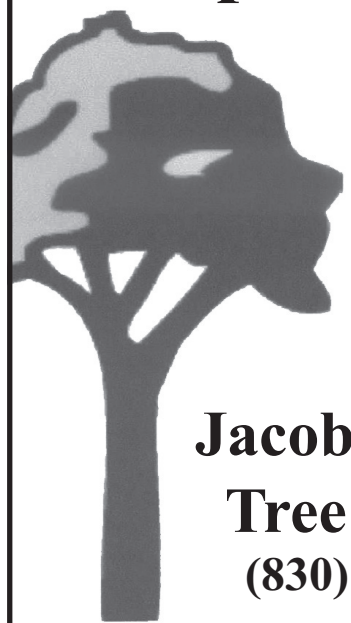
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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

June 18

Cattle 1647

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold steady to a little higher on good quality. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady with a weaker undertone. Packer bulls sold steady while packer cows sold steady.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 175-215; 300-400 lbs., 185-200; 400-500 lbs., 175-185; 500-600 lbs., 159-169; 600-700 lbs., 147-152; 700-800 lbs., 142-151.

Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 95-100.

Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 158-175; 300-400 lbs., 157-160; 400-500 lbs., 140-159; 500-600 lbs., 143-152; 600-700 lbs., 134-142.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 64-73; Cutters, 75-90; Canners, 34-52; High yielding fat cows, 75-85.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 98-116; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 88-95.

Stocker Cows: \$600 to \$1,000. Pairs: \$750 to \$1,100.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

June 20

Cattle – 1551

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$135-145-185

300-400 lbs - \$148-158-193

400-500 lbs - \$143-153-181

500-600 lbs - \$134-144-170

600-700 lbs - \$129-139-157

700-800 lbs - \$122-132-146

Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$117-127-173

300-400 lbs - \$137-147-190

400-500 lbs - \$131-141-160

500-600 lbs - \$116-126-165

600-700 lbs - \$107-117-137

700-800 lbs - \$97-107-137

Slaughter Cows - \$25-93

Slaughter Bulls - \$83-114

Stocker Cows – \$560-1100

Pairs: \$590-1000

OUR NEXT HOLIDAY WILL BE ON FOURTH OF JULY!!!!

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Sale date: June 14

Cattle on hand: 2258

Packer Cows:

Canner and Cutter Cows: \$55-94

Utility & Fat Cows: \$54-90

Light Weight Canner Cows: \$40-55

Pair/Weak: \$30-40

Packer Bulls:

Heavyweight Bulls: \$104-113

Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$89-103

Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$74-89

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: None

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$750-1150

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: None

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$900-1225

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$155-210

200-300 lbs.: \$150-215

300-400 lbs.: \$152-207.50

400-500 lbs.: \$148-195

500-600 lbs.: \$142-175

600-700 lbs.: \$134-160

700-800 lbs.: \$124-152

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$140-195

200-300 lbs.: \$135-175

300-400 lbs.: \$136-172.50

400-500 lbs.: \$136-165

500-600 lbs.: \$135-162.50

600-700 lbs.: \$122-145

700-800 lbs.: \$110-135

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: \$130-185

The market this week continued active and strong on the No. 1 kinds. No. 2 and plainer kinds sold a little easier. Over all a good active sale.

Packer cows and bull were \$2 to \$3 higher on approx.. 425 total.

We will have a sale Tuesday, July 5th.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

June 15

Quality very deep. Market 3-5 better all the way through on all classes

Cattle – 1479

Sheep & goats – 948

Medium & large frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb. 1.18-1.92

300-400 lb. 1.20-1.95

400-500 lb. 1.47-1.87

500-600 lb. 1.20-1.67

600-700 lb. 1.15-1.63

700-850 lb. 1.03-1.48

Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb. 1.12-1.60

300-400 lb. 1.14-1.73

400-500 lb. 1.27-1.77

500-600 lb. 1.14-1.62

600-750 lb. 1.13-1.36

Cows:

Utility & Commercial – 77-95

Cutters – 50-76

Canners – 38-49

Palpated cows (young) – None

(Middle Aged) – 450-1000

Cow/Calf Pairs – 500-1050

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding – 100-118

Light & Low Yielding – 65-99

Feeder Bulls – None

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies (Young) – 200-340

(Thin & Old) - 80-190

Kid Goats (Fat) – 3.60-4.45

(Small & thin) – 2.70-3.50

Wethers – 2.85-4.40

Billies – 1.40-2.50

Pairs - None

Barb. Ewes (Young) - 100-155

(Small & Old Ewes) - 60-95

Barb. Lambs (Fat) – 2.40-3.20

(Small & Thin) – 1.20-2.50

Woolled Ewes – 90-120

Woolled Bucks – 1.20-1.60

Lambs – 2.30-2.60

Barb. Bucks – 400

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

June 17, 2022

NO SALE ON JULY 1, 2022

Number of head 1,518

There were 261 cows and 22 bulls. This market was strong once again maintaining and exceeding some of the levels last week. The market is very strong and higher on packer cows by over \$6.

Top cows were at \$99/cwt while bulls topped out at \$117/cwt, \$4/cwt higher.

The calf market was a little weaker on the light and middle weights but the heavier end is solid. Drought and economy concerns are weighing on the market. Recession appears to be coming causing the economy to slow down as consumers tighten spending to deal with inflation.

Packer bulls: 90.00-117.00

Packer cows:

canners & cutters 70.00-99.00

poor & weak 44.00-69.00

Palpated:

27 bred 83.00-96.00

PAIRS: 4 \$875-\$1,050

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. 150.00-180.00

200-249 lbs. 164.00-188.00

250-299 lbs. 173.00-192.00

300-350 lbs. 159.00-188.00

350-400 lbs. 158.00-186.00

400-450 lbs. 158.00-184.00

450-500 lbs. 152.00-182.00

500-550 lbs. 154.00-175.00

550-600 lbs. 148.00-161.00

600-700 lbs. 139.00-157.00

700-800 lbs. 139.00-155.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs 149.00-190.00

250-300 lbs. 175.00-192.00

300-350 lbs. 155.00-186.00

350-400 lbs. 153.00-184.00

400-450 lbs. 154.00-184.00

450-500 lbs. 158.00-178.00

500-550 lbs. 140.00-160.00

550-600 lbs. 142.00-154.00

600-700 lbs. 130.00-155.00

Over 700 lbs. 129.00-140.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

under 200 lbs. 128.00-166.00

200-250 lbs. 135.00-186.00

250-300 lbs. 148.00-200.00

300-350 lbs. 144.00-178.00

350-400 lbs. 138.00-163.00

400-450 lbs. 138.00-162.00

450-500 lbs. 136.00-182.00

500-550 lbs. 136.00-

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When cancer is hard to swallow

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Esophageal cancer is often un-represented in the media, public discourse and general community discussions, leading to a lack of awareness of the existence, extent, causes and repercussions of this devastating diagnosis. Esophageal cancer is a disease that occurs when malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissue of the esophagus.

Esophageal cancer occurs in the esophagus, the long, hollow tube like organ that runs from the throat to the stomach. The esophagus moves food from the back of the throat to the stomach to be digested. Esophageal cancer usually begins in the cells that line the inside of the esophagus, and may occur anywhere along that tract. These mutations/changes make cells grow and divide out of control. These abnormal cells then form a tumor in the esophagus that may show growth, and invade nearby structures, potentially spreading to other parts of the body. This is the sixth most common cancer death, worldwide, with rates varying in different geographic locations.

Chronic irritation of the esophagus, including with risk factors such as smoking, heavy alcohol use, chronic acid reflux, and an individual's nutritional habits can increase the risk of esophageal cancer. Obesity and the disorder Barrett esophagus also is a risk factor for this disease. More men than women, statistically, will get esophageal cancer. Those diagnosed with Barrett's esophagus (a precancerous condition caused by chronic acid reflux) should watch for other signs and symptoms and consult their physician for further screen options and to discuss the pros and cons of this screening.

Symptoms of this disease include difficulty swallowing (dysphagia), unintended weight loss, chest pain or pressure, indigestion, or worsening heart burn, chest pressure, coughing, or hoarseness without other known cause. Unfortunately esophageal cancer typically causes no signs or symptoms.

There are different classified types of cells involved in this type cancer. The type of resulting esophageal cancer will determine the treatment options used for treatment. Adeno-

Preventing this type of cancer would include smoking cessation, consuming alcohol in moderation (if at all) eating more fruits and vegetables and maintaining a healthy weight.

carcinoma begins in the cells of mucus-secreting glands of the esophagus, occurring most often in the lower portion of the esophagus. Adenocarcinoma is the most common form of esophageal cancer in the United States, and affects

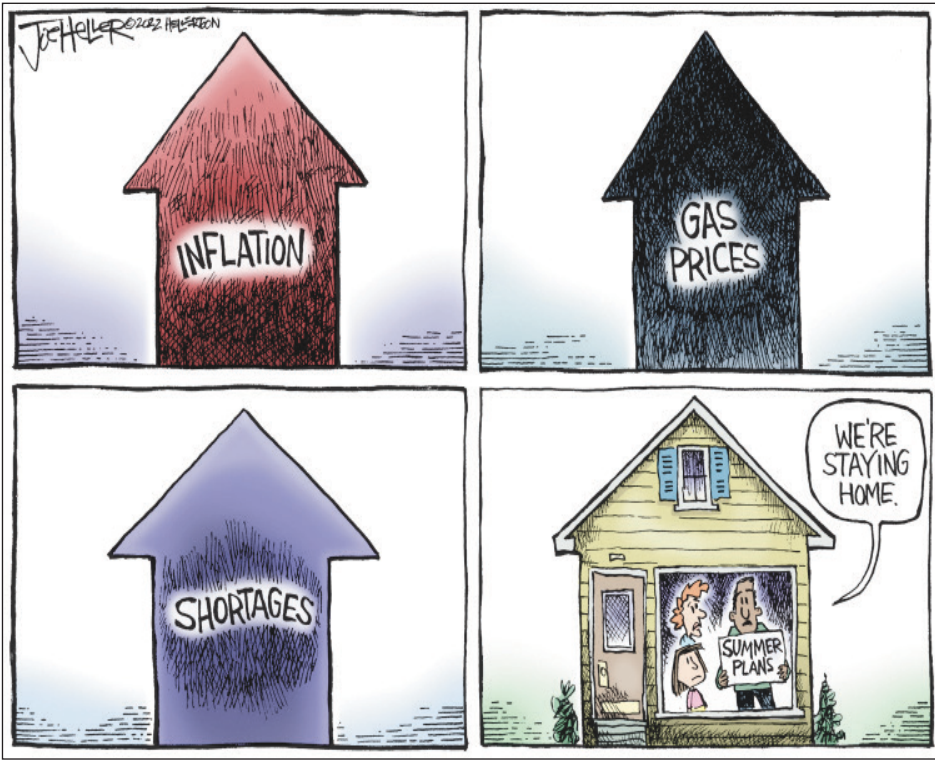
primarily white males. Squamous cell carcinoma is made up of flat, thin cells that line the surface of the esophagus. This type of cancer occurs most often in the upper and middle portions of the esophagus. This is the most prevalent type of esophageal cancer worldwide. The other rare types of this cancer include small cell carcinoma, sarcoma, lymphoma, melanoma, and choriocarcinoma.

The complications that may be found with esophageal cancer, in the advancing stages, are obstruction of the esophagus, with the mutated cells making it difficult for food and liquid to pass through the esophagus. Increasing and difficult to manage pain. Bleeding in the esophagus, which is usually gradual during severe stages, though may present suddenly.

Preventing this type of cancer, or reducing the risk would include smoking cessation; consuming alcohol in moderation, if at all; eating more fruits and vegetables, especially a variety of colorful choices to be added to your diet; and maintaining a healthy weight.

Betty Cohn is a retired registered nurse with 35 years of experience in the medical field in a variety of roles. She will write a semi-monthly column about medical-related topics and welcomes questions and suggestions at bospangle@yahoo.com.

Opinion



Letters to the Editor Policy

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

Letters must either be about Gonzales County, from a resident of Gonzales County, or in response to a story that appears in print or online in The Inquirer.

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- Personal attacks.
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During periods ahead of an election, The Inquirer does not accept letters to the editor urging voters to vote for or against candidates in local elections. Endorsements should be displayed in political advertising. In light of

this policy, we reserve the right to reject or edit letters for references to candidates and whether or not they should be elected. The Inquirer will accept letters expressing views on bond measures, constitutional amendments and other such issues. Letters will not be accepted once early voting has begun.

The Inquirer will not knowingly publish factually incorrect information.

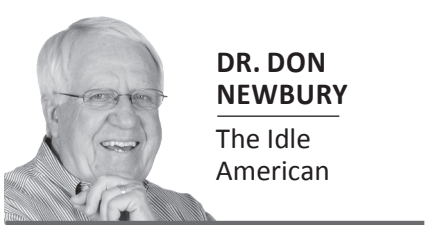
Only letters written exclusively to the newspaper will be published. Letters to a third party or those written to more than one newspaper are not accepted. "Wallpaper" – submissions that are in large part copied-and-pasted from another author or organization – will not be published.

Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand. Discourse should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner. Letters referring to news stories should also mention the headline and date of publication.

All letters must be signed and include the writer's street address or route address telephone number, which will be used for verification purposes only.

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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

And off they go...

The collective "whoosh" sweeping across the nation this month is the sound of school leaders exhaling, most of them having awarded diplomas, seen graduates throw caps skyward and watch them depart — ready or not — to face the great unknown.

The "whoosh" is as predictable as the next sunrise for administrators participating in events where "pomp" is exceeded only by "circumstance." Not predictable, though, is whether Murphy's Law kicks in. Usually whatever can go wrong does.

Understandably, there was considerable "slack-cutting" by school superintendents this year, what with this being the first post-COVID school event worthy of true comparison to the "way we were" pre-COVID. In this piece, I'll zero in on graduation caps....

For a few centuries, square-topped caps — often called mortarboards — have added to the formality of graduation garb, fashioned like caps adorning 15th century Catholic priests.

Perhaps a better reason for keeping caps "on the square" is the removal of temptation to wear them backwards, since such switching doesn't change "the look."

For the past couple of years, though, many school leaders have shortened "thou shalt not" lists, enabling graduates to use their mortarboards as, uh, message boards. Conveyed are futuristic allegiances to whichever colleges or universities have been chosen, whatever pursuits are planned, or depictions just for laughs....

Some laughable messages ride on whether attendees are privy to the graduate's motivation.

One sticks out. A graduate's cap was adorned with "tardy slips" collected during her senior year. "I would have included junior slips, too," she lamented, "But that would have meant getting a larger cap."

Two guys conspired with smile-inducing messages. One read, "I did it my way." The second one added, "He thinks he did..."

At one ceremony, the superintendent spoke for several minutes about one graduate's list of academic and athletic honors.

A woman seated in the audience whispered into the ear of the person seated next to her, unaware that the latter was the graduate's mother. "I'd give 20 years of my life to have a daughter like that," she said.

The proud mother answered, "Well, you didn't miss it far..."

Having spoken at numerous commencement ceremonies, I learned many years ago about the importance of brevity. Rarely is one ever criticized for a speech being too short. I've also learned that when such events are poorly planned, it is often the speaker who pays the price.

At a long ago engagement, the commencement exercises were held in an old gymnasium. There was no air-conditioning, and several box-like fans did little more than redistribute hot air. The temperature had soared to 101, holding well into the ceremony. Valedictory and salutatory speeches were made, and the new principal made announcements we've all grown accustomed to hearing. When he offered instructions to the 30 graduates, however, he invited parents to accompany them on stage if they'd like to do so....

I pinched myself, making sure I wasn't dreaming. I prayed that the first graduate would cross the stage without accompaniment. Alas, her mother came along, sobbing as she pointed to so many teachers who'd helped her daughter along the way. Two hours had passed before it was my turn. The 10 o'clock hour was at hand.

Babies were crying, attendees — whether standing or crammed on backless bleachers — were weary, and bladders were challenged. There were choruses of groans during my introduction.

I was determined to confine my remarks to three minutes....

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TALES OF SUNKEN TREASURE!

A Sunken City

In the 1600s, Port Royal, Jamaica, was one of the busiest seaports in the Caribbean. It was home to merchants, missionaries, smugglers and pirates.

In 1692, an earthquake hit the city. Much of it sank 65 feet (20 meters) below sea level. For hundreds of years, sand and mud covered the city. Many treasure seekers tried to find the sunken city and failed.

Then in 1965, a diver named Robert Marx used modern equipment to dig under the layers of mud and found the lost city. He was not looking for treasure, but find it he did!

Thousands of coins were found—perhaps lost pirate treasure.

Sunken Ships

Long ago, Spanish ships full of treasure sailed the seas. Sometimes these ships sank, leaving tons of treasure on the sea floor. Search the sea floor for seven coins with letters on them. Unscramble the letters to find out what these ships were called!

A Spanish treasure ship was called a _____

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell independently combining phonemes to form words; vocabulary development.

Answer: Galleon

ABC Treasure Hunt

Take a trip under the deep blue sea and look for treasures from A to Z. Can you find each letter of the alphabet hidden in the picture?

Shark Alert

Diving for the lost city of Port Royal is dangerous. Divers must watch out for sharks.

Uncover the Unlikely

Well, shiver me timbers! There are two land animals hiding in the picture above. Can you find them all?

Standards Link: Visual

Treasure Hunter Clues

Divers looking for sunken treasure do not look for the hulls of sunken ships. Wooden hulls rot after hundreds of years under water.

Treasure hunters look instead for lumps that could be the remains of metal parts of a ship: cannons, anchors, tools and ballast. Sometimes, even these are hard to see, as most of them have been encrusted with sand and shells.

Newspaper Treasure Hunt

Dig through the newspaper to find:

- a word that starts with **tr**
- something you consider a treasure
- four 2-syllable words
- a 6-digit number

Standards Link: Decoding: Recognize blends and multi-syllable words.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Sunken SOMETHING

Some say that in 1876, *something* carrying millions of dollars of gold crashed and fell into the Ashtabula River in Ohio. Many have tried to find the mystery bullion, but to date no one has. Do you think it is really there? Or is it a legend?

To find out what crashed, color each space with one dot BLACK and color each space with two dots BLUE.


Standards Link: Reading Comprehension.

Double Double Word Search

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

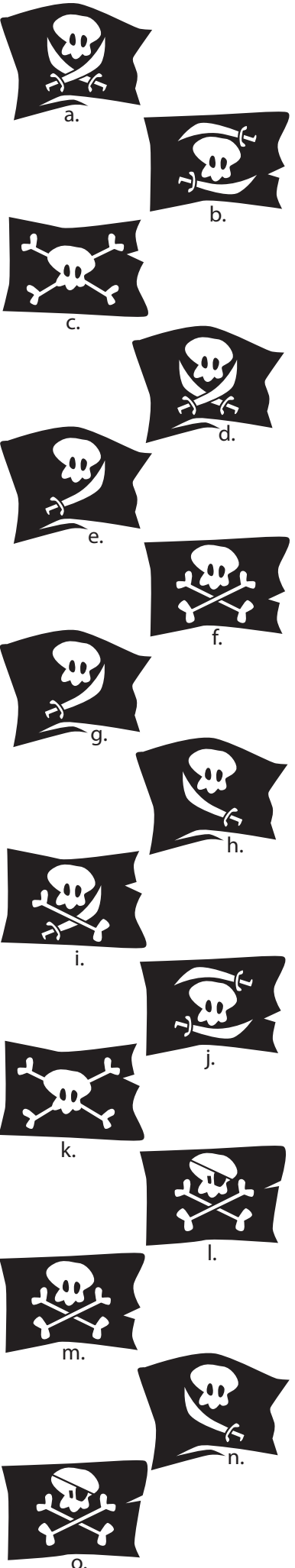
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.



Pirate Pairs

The crew of the pirate ship *The Scurvy Albatross* came up with a unique flag. It's the only one here that has no exact duplicate. Circle it.



a. b. c. d. e. f. g. h. i. j. k. l. m. n. o.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



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CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH



The Edwards Association celebrated Juneteenth on Saturday, June 18, with a kickball tournament and fun day at the old Edwards High School campus off Fly Street. David Tucs, president of the Edwards Association, said the event was well attended and a joyous time was had by all. Tucs also thanked Kimberly and Rodney Miller of Divine Restoration Apostolic Ministries. Kids had a blast playing games and eating fresh watermelon slices.

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Above: Tommie Butler (former Nixon resident), Lonnie "Bucky" Erskine (Current Nixon Resident), and Quincy "Boy" Brown (Former Nixon Resident) enjoyed each other's company as they celebrate Juneteenth at the Camp House Concerts in Nixon Saturday afternoon. Left: Seventeen local families attended the Juneteenth celebrations in Nixon.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Nixon Juneteenth brings families together

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

About 80 people gathered for a Community Juneteenth celebration at the Camp House Concerts location on Saturday, June 18, in Nixon to celebrate Juneteenth.

Organizers: Kelly Roberts-Cooper (decedent of Nixon and Gillett, Texas residents) Nona Bruce, Nixon resident

Largest family present: The Butler Family of Nixon

Largest city/town present: Nixon followed closely by Gillett

Oldest attendee: 83 years 7 months old, Mr. C. W. White with Gillett family ties, followed closely

by Mr. Calvin Martin, 83 years 5 months old.

Youngest attendee: 11-month-old Ryeson Ray Roberts, with Butler family ties.

Attendee who traveled the farthest: Sandra Jenkins, a former Nixon resident with Butler and Erskine family ties, traveled from California.

Music, food, prayer, and memories were made.

Local families represented (by last name): Alexander, Applewhite, Ball, Butler, Brown, Collins, Dibrell, Erskine, Gay, Houston, Mathis, Moore, Norwood, Patton, Roberts, Shelton, and White.





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—MAYOR S.H. "STEVE" SUCHER





Above: David Tucs, of the Edwards Association, spoke to the crowd on stage before headliner Beverly Houston and Breezin' (at left) played and wished everyone a "Happy Juneteenth".



Above: The Gospel Group consisting of Sondi Snell, David Caesar, Geri Armstrong and Rihanna Gardner, performed with Russell Grant for the Main Street Concert last Saturday as they celebrate Juneteenth.

At right: Geri Armstrong sings and gets the crowd into the power of gospel music for the celebration of Juneteenth.



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



Kimberly Miller sings along to Russell Grant and the Gospel Group during the Main Street Concert Series.



David Caesar, of the Russell Grant and the Gospel Group, sings gospel songs on stage last Saturday for the Main Street Concert series and celebration of Juneteenth.



Russell Grant on his signature keyboard as he and the Gospel Group perform to the crowd at the Main Street Concert Series in celebration of Juneteenth.

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Above: Kimberly Miller (from left), Pastor Rodney Miller and Aaron Miller feel the power of the gospel music Saturday evening for the Main Street Concert series. At left: Franchell Jarmon and her son Aquaden Jarmon clap along to the beat of the music at the Main Street Concert Series.



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Rihanna Gardner, one of the gospel singers, with Russell Grant as she sings to the crowd on stage for the Main Street Concert Series in celebration of Juneteenth.



Beverly Houston sang "September" by Earth, Wind and Fire and other cover songs at the Main Street Concert Series last Saturday night.

OBITUARIES

AUDREY LENORE (THARP) KURTZ

Audrey Lenore (Tharp) Kurtz passed away on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at the age of 90. She was born on June 25, 1931, to Mamie Pearl (Smith) and Walter Tharp in Gonzales, Texas. She lived in Gonzales County and attended Gonzales schools. She worked at Continental Produce, department, and retail stores and at several businesses she and her husband owned.

She married Lloyd Morris Kurtz on March 17, 1949, in Wrightsboro. They had 68 years together before his passing in February 2018. She was a member of the Memorial Heights Baptist Church, where she attended church and Sunday school.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Nicknamed "Cotton" at a young age by her grandfather, her amazing memory entertained family and friends with stories of her childhood and life experiences.

She was an avid reader, solved crossword puzzles, finished numerous jigsaw puzzles, and enjoyed an occasional trip to Louisiana. Attending the Tharp reunion annually, she enjoyed visiting with family and friends, telling stories, and playing dominos. After her diagnosis, she decided to trust in her Lord and stay in Gonzales



to be among her family and friends.

Audrey is lovingly remembered by her son, Donnie (Patty) Kurtz, grandchildren, Amy (Russel) Hempel, Christopher (Laurie), all of Victoria, Becky Jo (Scott) Tolle of College Station, and Joey Alford of Gonzales, great-grandchildren, Ashley (Buster Hansel) and Britany Hempel of Victoria, Scooter Tolle of College Station, and Ethan Alford of Gonzales, siblings, Bonnie York, Walter Tharp, Betty Nell (Carie) Tullis, James (Judy) Tharp, and Larry (Lisetta) Tharp.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Lloyd, daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Joe Alford, sister Marjorie, brothers Winston and Earlie, and one infant brother.

The family wishes to give a special thanks to members of the Hospice Care Team, the staff at the Texan Nursing and Rehab, Donna Kay Malik, Shirley Carleton, Ellen Lehnert,

Marion Baker, Darren and Pam Parker, Edith Warren, Sammie Malatek, Barbara Koricanek, Judy Munoz, and all her other many friends and caregivers that are too numerous to mention.

A visitation will be held on Monday, June 20, 2022, from 9 AM until 11 AM, in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery with Rev. Clint Lowery officiating. Pallbearers include: Russel Hempel, Christopher Kurtz, Joey Alford, Darren Parker, James Tharp, and Larry Tharp. Honorary pallbearers: Scott Tolle, Carie Tullis, Walter Tharp, and the Sunday School class at Memorial Heights Baptist Church.

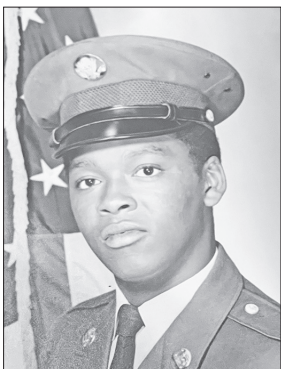
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made one of the following, or to a donor of one's choice: Memorial Heights Baptist Church, P.O. Box 2, Gonzales, Texas 78629.

Pecan Branch-Smith Cemetery (c/o Tyree LaFleur), 3267 State Highway 97 East, Gonzales, Texas 78629.

Care Team Hospice, 1119 Water Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629.

Friends and family may leave their condolences and sign the guestbook by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

FREDDIE LEVAN BRAZIL



Freddie Levan Brazil was born on November 14, 1955, to Betty J. Manley and Rufus Brazil. He was raised in Daytona Beach, Florida, where he attended Daytona Beach High School. After graduating, he enlisted in the US Army, in which he served nine years. For 10 years, he worked for the Guadalupe Electrical Company. Upon his health declining, he fulfilled his dream of being a truck driver for Tyson Chicken, which became the company to eventually retire him.

Freddie Brazil married the love of his life, Linda Brazil on December 12, 1978, in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. To this union, he gained three children; Barbrea Ann Cray (predeceased in death); Kinard Cray Jr. of Houston, Texas; and Gordon R. Mack Jr. of Austin, Texas. Out of these three children, he also gained five grandchildren: Keenen Mack, Keewaun Mack, Kyrese Mack, Kyne-sha Mack, and Rheyra Cray. Freddie's children and grandchildren remember him for his resilience, strength, his sound wisdom, and wise counsel.

Deacon Brazil was a

survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda Sue Brazil; his mother, Betty J Manley of Florida, and children; Kinard Cray Jr., Gordon R. Mack Jr Kimberly Mack Daughter in Law., and five grandchildren; Keenen Mack, Keewaun Mack, Kyrese Mack, Kynesha Mack, and Rheyra Cray. He is also survived by his sisters; Carol James Smith of Daytona Beach, Florida; Nadine Franklin Greg of Groveland, Florida; and Margie Manley of Daytona Beach, Florida. Brother Jessie Manley, JR, of Daytona Beach, Florida. Two special Brothers and Friends Bryan Polk of Gonzales, TX Quincy Johnson of Gonzales, TX.

There is a host of family member and friends who will forever cherish his memory, a host of nieces and nephews of Daytona beach Florida relatives and coworkers, classmates, and church members.

Services: Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 10:30 A.M., Providence Missionary Baptist Church 1020 St. Andrew Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629 Services entrusted to Harris Funeral Home, 127 Highway 90A, Gonzales, Texas

MARIAN THERESIA BROM VYVJALA

Marian Theresia Brom Vyvjala, 92, of Gonzales, passed away Friday, June 17, 2022. Marian was born November 25, 1929 in Lavaca County to John J. and Mary Sykora Brom. She married Clarence Vyvjala on November 5, 1955 in Moulton, Texas. Marian was a charter member of the St. James Altar Society and Catholic Daughters. Marian was an active church member until she moved to The Heights of Gonzales in April 2011.

Marian grew up in Lavaca County near Moulton. She graduated from the Moulton High School with the Class of 1947. She worked with her husband at Quality Print Shop from 1976 to 2009 all the while raising two children, keeping house, and preparing magnificent meals for her family. She was an amazing cook, canner, and seamstress. She enjoyed yard work and treasured the fruit of her labor. She was a loving and doting mother and grandmother and a faithful wife and companion to her husband.



Marian Vyvjala is survived by her adoring family; daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia Vyvjala Stickle and George of Smithville, son, Michael Vyvjala of Gonzales, granddaughter, Hannah Louise Stickle of Smithville, sisters, Georgia Raab of Shiner, Emily Migl of Victoria, Margie Novak (Victor) of Yoakum, and Martha Migl of Victoria. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 pm Sunday, June 19, 2022 at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with the Holy Rosary being recited at 7 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 pm

Monday, June 20, 2022 in St. James Catholic Church with Deacon Terry Brennan presiding. Prior to the mass a viewing at the church will be from 1 to 1:45 pm. Burial will follow in the Gonzales Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers: George Stickle, Doug Jansen, Mark Friedrich, and Steve, Stephen, and Leo John Vyvjala. Memorials may be made to the St. James Altar Society or the Gonzales Catholic Daughters. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

Janice Yvonne Caraway, age 48, entered eternal rest on Saturday, June 11, 2022, in Nixon, Texas. She was born April 19, 1974 to Robert and Wilma (Leasman) Eilts.

Janice is survived by her loving husband of 27 years, Kris Caraway; children, Jeannemae Echavarria and husband Inez "Junior", and Zackary Caraway; grandchild,

Jason Lee Echavarria; parents, Robert "Buster" and Wilma Eilts; sister, Vanessa Gonzales; brothers, Ronald Leathers, and Michael Leathers and wife Tonya; other loving family and many friends.

A visitation with the family will take place Friday, June 17, 2022, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Finch Funeral Chapel, Nixon, Texas.

Graveside Service
Saturday, June 18, 2022 2:00 PM
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Pastor Michael Cowey will officiate at the service. Interment to follow in Nixon Cemetery. You are welcome to sign the online guestbook at www.finchfuneralchapels.com.

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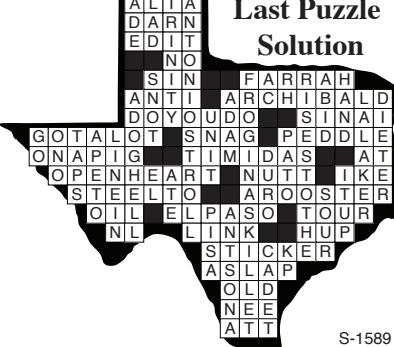
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**EMERGENCY ORDER
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WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorized the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires:

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Gonzales County, Texas, for the duration of the above mentioned declaration;

1. Actions prohibited: A person violates this order if he/she burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames or sparks or orders such burning by others.
2. Enforcement:
(a) Upon notification of suspected outdoor burning, the fire department assigned to the location of the fire shall respond to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire;
(b) As soon as possible, a duly commissioned peace officer shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire;
3. Violation of this order: At the discretion of a peace officer and the Fire Chief or Fire Incident Commander, it shall be determined if a violation of this order has occurred. A citation may be issued and the cited party may be prosecuted in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing misdemeanors. (In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081(h), a violation of this order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00)

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this non-commercial preparation of food and the burning of prickly pear for livestock feed are exempt from this order.

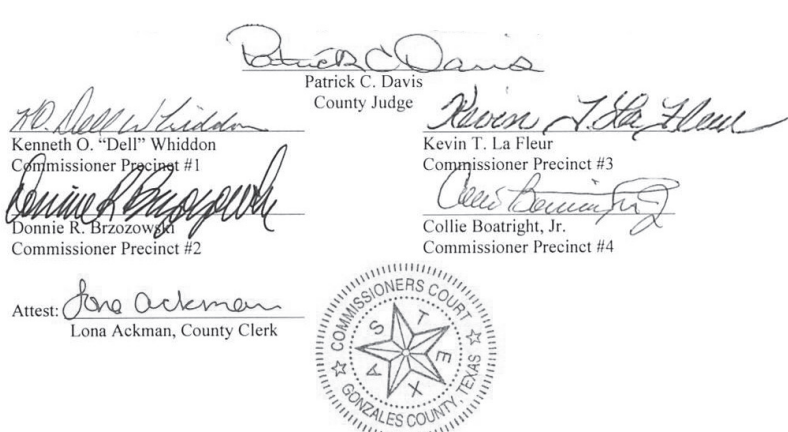
BE IT ALSO ORDERED that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this order does not prohibit prescribed fires conducted in compliance with guidelines set forth by federal or state natural resource agencies and burned under a burn plan approved by such agencies. Prior to a burn, a plan shall be filed in the County Judge's office and notice given to the local Volunteer Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer and that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above statute and order.

THIS ORDER shall remain in effect for 90 days or until such drought conditions no longer exist and this is order is hereby lifted by authority of the County Judge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that this state of disaster is hereby declared this 21st day of JUNE, 2022, with said burn ban to go into effect JUNE 24TH, 2022.



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On October 27, 1947 Jim and Sue Rodriguez welcomed their daughter, Lillian Marie to this world. She had 3 brothers, Jimmy (Maren; children: Anthony (preceded in death), Jimmy, Kevin and Marie), Andy (Cindy; child: Wesley, Jeremy and Jennifer) and Artemio (Lucy-preceded in death; children: Robert, Art, Bonnie-preceded in death; Artemo, Arturo and Sandra).

Mom was never one to back down and she believed in standing your ground, always! When Gonzales integrated schools she was one of the students who held the doors open to welcome the new students into school because she thought everyone should have equal opportunities! She took part in school activities and was a member of the Orange Jackets (spirit squad) at Gonzales High School and when she graduated, she pursued an education in the field of Radiologic Technology. Mom would tell stories about being there to see the actual use of many of the now-standard fields like MRI, Nuclear Medicine and other Radiologic studies. Mom worked at Gonzales Memorial Hospital for 20+ years, then Mobile MRI prior to retiring. She loved working with patients and talking to people. She had a laugh that was so robust and hearty, she would make others smile and laugh along. She would always do her best to make everyone feel welcomed.

Mom raised two children, Cheryl Garcia (Joey) and Isaac Anzaldua (Kena) who each had (still have) a best friend that was like an additional child- Janet Hadaway and David Piette and Marcos Flores. Mom looked out for all her kids and made sure they knew they were loved and always had a place to call home.

Mom would become a Girl Scout leader and be a part of a legacy that will never be forgotten. She formed a strong sisterhood with each of these women: Teresa Washichek, Dolores Pekar (preceded in

death), Pauline Alvarez and in more recent years, Donna Pick. These amazing women worked hard to bring scouting to Gonzales. With headaches, tears and lots of love and dedication, Girl Scouts became an organization that would be a part of Gonzales for over 30 years. Mom loved her Scouts; they were all like her daughters. She made sure to teach us to be independent women who knew how to take care of ourselves. She made it a point to make sure we traveled outside of Gonzales so that we would know that there was a great big world out there. Her scouts traveled in a 15-passenger van-packed to the ceiling- snacks under the seats- stopping at truck stops to see what kind of trinkets they had- everyone's music overlapping each other-singing songs, fighting and laughing like sisters. No matter what the situation her scouts meant the world to her and as much fun as she was, she was also stern and always, always, always wore red nail polish. Even today, those red nails are a thing of legends. You knew you better listen up when that red nail was pointing your way and shaking, her hands could speak volumes with barely any movement. She was a partner in my business of decorating T-shirts and encouraged me in every step of the way. It was because of her encouragement that I always felt beautiful and loved. She never put me down or made me feel less than. She recently told me how proud she was of both of her children and bragged because as she put it "how many parents have kids fighting over who is going to take care of them?!" Always Mammita, We will always fight for you!

Mom made time to do many things, but she loved watching Isaac play Football



for the Mighty Apaches on Friday nights! She played powder puff football when she was younger, so she loved the game, and it was even better because of him. Mom and Isaac shared a bond like no other. He would tag along with her while she planned events, he watched how she worked with people during good times and during times of conflict. He learned how to appreciate everyone's differences. She was so proud of him when he graduated and moved to the "big city" of San Antonio. During that time, Isaac married Wendy and they had two sons-Corey and Nico. The birth of these boys would impact mom's life more than anything else she had ever experienced. She loved spoiling her boys and "sneaking" treats to them whenever she could. Isaac would remarry-years later-to Kena who brought her daughters (Haley and Kylee) into mom's life and she loved them and instilled in them the same strength she did for all her girls. At one point, Mom found herself even more surprised when Isaac told her he was going to start his own business following in his grandfather's footsteps and opening an autobody shop. She was nervous for him but when she saw the amazing work he was producing, she knew he had made the right choice.

We were lucky to have a mom that loved us and fought, fiercely for her family. She was loving and stern in just the right amounts. Each of us shared a secret language with her that the others wouldn't understand, and she will be missed greatly. Mom had faith and had recently become stronger in her relationship with the Lord. She lived a long and full life. There is nothing that she wanted to do

that wasn't done, short of taking overseas trips or winning the lottery lol. Mom didn't want sadness when she left this world because she lived a life of happiness and sarcasm and doing things her way! On Wednesday June 15th Mom gained her wings and in true Lillian fashion, she left this world at 10:27am, that time matching the same date she was born. Thank you, Mom, for being the best mom any kids could ever have. Thank you for teaching us about respect, kindness, love and taking no crap! We will miss you until we meet again, but we will carry on your legacy and be there for each other and value life a little more knowing it is precious and fleeting.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 pm Monday, June 20, 2022 with the Holy Rosary being recited at 7 pm all in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 am Tuesday, June 21, 2022 in St. James Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Gonzalez Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers include Joey Garcia, David Piette, Corey and Nico Anzaldua, Robert and Art Rodriguez. Honorary Pallbearers: Kevin, Jimmy, Wesley, Sam and Justin Rodriguez and Arnold Guerro. Memorials may be made to the Lillian Fernandez Fund, soon to be established. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

Mom had requested that anyone attending her services, to please wear bright, happy colors as she felt this is not a time to be sad. Be Happy because she is out of pain and with her mom and dad celebrating the life she lived. Anyone is also welcomed to wear red polish on their nails in her honor.

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Cultivating something to enjoy

Howdy y'all, I pray that all is well. I mentioned last week that it looks like we may be in for a hot summer, and no sooner had the ink dried in our beloved Inquirer, that the thermometer hit 107 degrees. I guess it's a good thing that I've been watching what I eat and have lost significant weight, as it's dramatically reduced the fear of becoming ...the worlds largest pork rind!

In keeping with my "Little beach on the prairie" home make-over theme, I've recently added another small piece of the puzzle that's continually put a smile on my face. Years ago I'd built a twelve foot square fire pit area in the back yard using terracotta pavers, and framed in with painted two by fours. A five by five hole was left open in the center for burning old lumber and logs. I'd primarily built it for the boys, as they had friends over on holidays and really enjoyed gathering around the fire (many all nighters) and playing games.

Now that they're grown and gone it had become somewhat neglected, often over grown and time consuming to keep up with. As I really hate waste, I decided to repurpose it into

something I could enjoy.

The front of my house sports a forty foot ramp in an L shape, which forms an alcove. After spending a rather hot afternoon digging up almost 100 pavers and feeding the fire ants some skinny white boy legs, I tilled up the alcove in prep for my future "good vibes a plenty" project to begin. I framed in a ten by ten area, meticulously laying the pavers as evenly as possible. I left an open four by six hole, with one row of pavers against the ramp, two deep on the sides, and an open ten by five area in front of the alcove.

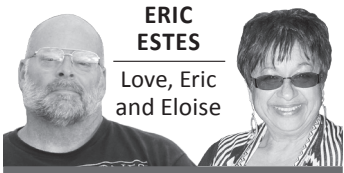
I repurposed some of the shelving boards I'd removed from the house during my remodel, creating a box that would sit on top of the pavers around the open hole.

I salted the soil to sterilize it, laid multiple layers of weed cloth down, and followed by installing a pond liner. After filling the liner 70% with water, I stretched it over the frame, securing it with staples, and topped off the frame using extra two by threes I had stored. I continued filling to capacity, then installed a small pump with a bell shaped fountain on top. I finished off by

throwing in some artificial lilly pads and lotus flowers I'd ordered from Amazon, smiling ear to ear, as my new feel good project was now complete. The best part is the pump has a bright led light on it which not only lights the fountain, but a little of the surrounding area as well, really adding to the ambience and enjoyment at night. The critters haven't quite figured out what it is just yet, as they sit starrng at it with a blank look on their face. Or, maybe they just love it way too much, as that's the same way Eloise would often look at me? Either way, it didn't stop one of my racoons from running off with a lilly pad. Yep, love has it's price!

I thank God continuously for allowing me the time, health, and resources to change things up, as it's helped dramatically with trying to find my way forward after Eloise's departure, something that's taking a little longer than I had originally anticipated. I think the apostle Paul said it best in Philippians 4, I know what it's like to be in need, and I know what it's like to have plenty. I've learned the secret to being content in any situation...I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Until next time, y'all hang in there and have a great week.
Love you guys, Eric.



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MURDER

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ities believe Miguel Angel Osorio-Munoz, a fugitive in this case, is responsible for this brutal death. Currently a \$3,000 reward for information leading to an arrest is offered by the Texas Rangers with information on the Rangers' Unsolved Homicides website.

Holt, a married father of two young daughters, was murdered in Gonzales County. On the night of his slaying, witnesses observed Holt arguing with his hired ranch hand, Cesar Alonso Osorio, who was later identified as Miguel Angel Osorio-Munoz. The heated disagreement took place on the Holt Ranch near Harwood, Texas, with a witness observing Osorio-Munoz fleeing the scene and Holt, at the location, already deceased from a gunshot wound.

Arrests warrants for murder and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution were obtained on Osorio-Munoz; however, all efforts to locate the fugitive were unsuccessful. It was originally believed the suspect fled to Mexico, with his current whereabouts unknown.

This family and law enforcement need the community's help in locating this suspect, and bringing him home to Texas for justice. The available photos of the suspect in this case were taken in 2000. These published photos are the latest photos available by law enforcement, to date.

Today, the suspect would be approximately 48 years of age, stands 5-foot-5, was heavyset at the time of the murder, with brown hair and brown eyes. The fugitive has also been known to use the aliases of Cesar Alonso Osorio and Miguel Angel Osorio-Trujillo.

The Texas Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investigation Program was created to assist Texas law enforcement agencies investigating unsolved murders or violent serial crimes. Since there is no statute of limitations for the offense of murder, investigators pursue these cases to a successful resolution or until no viable leads remain.

Individuals may submit information on this unsolved murder on the Texas Ranger cold case website: dps.texas.gov/TexasRangers/UnsolvedHomicides/Details.aspx?&id=237. Information can also be submitted at 1-800-346-3243 (DPS missing person hot-line).

To be eligible for the cash rewards tipsters must provide information to authorities by calling the Crime Stoppers hot-line at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). All tips are anonymous.



Holt

MAYOR

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awarded Kacir with a plaque to honor and thank her for many dedicated years of service.

"It was my greatest honor to serve the citizens of Gonzales," Kacir said.

Mayor Sucher took his seat alongside the council to adopt and discuss agenda items, including the 2021 Sidewalk Improvement project, discussing solutions for the sidewalks at Texas Hero Square. Engineer Keith Schauer, along with City Manager Tim Patek, discussed communications with the grant writer regarding recalculations for this project.

"If the council would like to take the sidewalks out of Texas Hero Square that would save around \$75,000," Patek said. "And I just found out today that we did get approval and environmental we had an email that was sent out so that's good to go."

Councilwoman Ronda Miller addressed the city manager regarding other solutions, and Patek reported that he could verify alternative solutions with the grant writer. Miller, after personally visiting the side walk in question indicated her position that a re-bid would be a "smart| move on the part of the council.

The councilwoman introduced several pictures suggesting the possibility of repairing the sidewalks versus a total replacement of the entire structure.

"I cannot understand why you want to pull that all up an redo....there are



Mayor S.H. "Steve" Sucher next to the City Manager Tim Patek and Councilman Bobby O'Neal for their first meeting together Tuesday, June 21.



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New Gonzales mayor, S.H. "Steve" Sucher (Right), with former Mayor Connie Kacir (Left) as she received a plaque honoring six years of services to the city.

some patch areas that definitely need to patch it but I cannot fathom why you want to tear up the side walk and spend all that money. It doesn't seem

we should be doing that in today's economy," Miller said, requesting that the city manager specify bids regarding repairs instead of a full replacement.

CROWN

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teered with the announcement of the Miss Gonzales County Royal Court at the past two Come and Take It celebrations. She has also performed the national anthem at several Texas A&M University sporting events.

Witzkoske is a first-generation Aggie and college graduate who has a passion for public speaking. Her social impact statement, "Educate, Encourage, Exceed: Pursuing an Education," is directly inspired by her life experiences and pays tribute to the importance of hard work and

perseverance.

Having witnessed her family's tenacity to build a successful life through various avenues of education, Witkoske has seen firsthand "there is no straight and narrow path to success." She is an advocate for all forms of education, including but not limited to trade, technical and vocational schools and believes "we should never stop learning."

"As a first-generation college graduate, I worked my way through school with the assistance of student loans," she said. "Now

that I'm in my career, post graduation, I am currently repaying nearly \$35,000 in student loan debt. Thanks to the Miss America organization, I have been able to reduce my student loans."

Through the Miss America Organization, Witkoske has accumulated nearly \$1,500 in scholarships thus far and has applied that to her student loans. The Miss America Organization is the number one provider of scholarships to young women in the country and she plans to earn much more at the Miss Texas

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1 TXism: "in ____ neck of the woods"

5 TXism: "that dog ____ hunt"

6 Texas Ranger pitcher, Glen

7 expression of relief

8 TX Farrah Fawcett film: "Somebody Killed ____ Husband"

9 doctors' org.

12 seat of Callahan County

17 racing team rowing guys

19 blood vessel

21 ____ sonnets (poems)

22 peanut

23 TXism: "quick ____ in church"

28 TX-born Roger Miller 1964 hit: "____ Me"

29 gunfighter skill in early Texas: "quick ____"

30 Lake Ray Roberts area: "Isle ____"

31 TXism: "wipe the slate clean"

35 "____ Space" will build first industrial space station

36 TX Simone Biles was "____ of the Year" in 2014

42 TX NFL Hall-of-Famer Forrest Gregg was drafted ____ in 1956

44 Bastrop was named for one

DOWN

1 TXism: "just ____ holler away" (near)

2 a person who might have "road rage" in Houston? (hyph.)

3 buried

4 place in storage

9 Apollo 11: "one small step for ____"

10 Teddy Roosevelt recruited Rough Riders in this San Antonio site (3 wds.)

11 Cut ____ Shoot, TX

12 golf clubs tote

13 TXism: "mean as ____"

14 in Grand Prairie: "Ripley's Believe ____ Not!"

15 TX Kelly Clarkson is daughter-in-law to this McEntire

16 this former Cowboy, Pearson, is now in NFL Hall of Fame

18 fed. retire. agcy.

20 2022, e.g. (abbr.)

23 business info. in a Texas newspaper

24 Texas "soccer mom" vehicle? (abbr.)

25 "blind as ____"

26 the capital city of this country is Oslo

27 ____-camp

32 TX actor Torn (init.)

33 TXism: "honest ____ the day is long"

34 dir. from Canyon to Hereford

36 TXism: "old as ____"

37 golf tees

38 semiaquatic mammal: river ____

39 TXism: "a ____ walk the river with"

40 bow and ____

41 classic western: "High ____" (1952)

43 Texas electronics corp.

45 dir. to Cameron from New Braunfels

47 "bland ____ without salt pork"

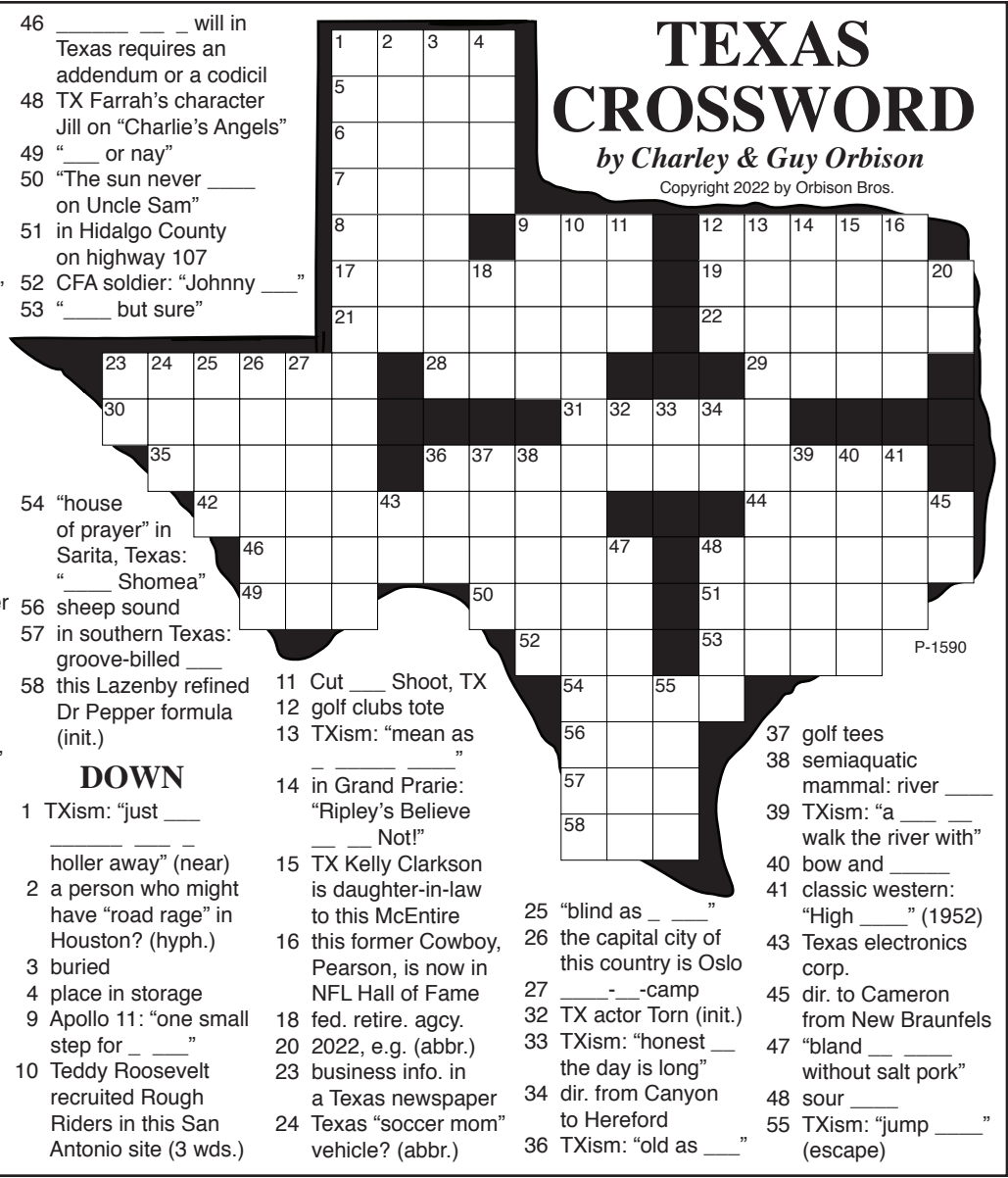
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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

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There will be a putting contest for \$10,000 as well

as hole-in-one prizes (a 2022 Ford vehicle and a 2022 Harley Davidson). There will also be prize giveaways for the longest drive and closest to the pin.

Cash prizes will be available for first through third places. There will also be a players pool with food and drinks provided.

Entry fee is \$60 per player (\$75 per player in the players pool). Mulligans are \$5 per player with a one mulligan per golfer max. A two-

person team may enter if their handicap is above 10.

Checks are payable to Nixon Open, c/o Blake Janicek, PO Box 130, Nixon, TX 78140.

For more information about the tournament, contact Jeffery Patteson at 830-534-8665; Blake Janicek at 830-857-5283; T.J. Dougherty at 210-912-7476; Reid Tausch at 713-597-0153; Reagan Springs at 979-575-6654; or Reed Borchardt at 830-391-5982.

JR. ALL-STARS



CONTRIBUTED

The Jr. All-Stars with manager Mike Bailey and assistant Albert Ramos. The team lost to Shiner, 17-5, on June 17, but defeated Lockhart, 13-3, June 19 and Gonzales, 23-12, on June 20. They lost a barnburner in their final game to Shiner, 17-14, in Cuero June 21.

12U ALL-STARS



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The 12U All-Stars with manager Bret Hill and coaches Josh Gray and James McCray. The 12U All-Stars defeated Yoakum, 11-10, on June 19 and Luling, 15-4, on June 20. They lost their final game, 6-3, to Lockhart June 21 in Luling.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



CONTRIBUTED

The winning team from the June 15 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Ronnie DuBose, Trey Iley, Manny Gonzales, Jackie Waltrip and Chuck Emmick.



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The second-place team from the June 15 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Spencer Breitschopf, Dee Bairington, Glenda Kessler and Bill Kessler.

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July 4, 2022

in observance of Independence Day.

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Gabrielle Rodriguez attends HOBY seminar

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Incoming Shiner St. Paul High School junior Gabrielle Rodriguez attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) seminar this summer.

HOBY was founded by Hugh O'Brian in 1958 with a mission to inspire a global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service,



Rodriguez

community.

HOBY alumni are challenged to complete 100 hours of community service within the next year as a

and innovation.

HOBY leaders explore and discover their own personal leadership strengths and learn how to apply them to serve their

way to put their passion and newly built leadership skills into action. 300 students from across Texas were chosen competitively to participate in this year's seminar.

Students are chosen for being outstanding communicators, critical thinkers, creative problem-solvers, strong decision-makers, interest in service to others, and courage to speak out and challenge ideas to create positive change.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

BLUNDELL MAKES RICE UNIVERSITY HONOR ROLL

Madison Blundell of Gonzales has been named to the Rice University President's Honor Roll for the Spring 2022 semester. To meet eligibility requirements for this honor, undergraduate students must meet the minimum GPA that is calculated from approximately the top 30 percent of all eligible under-

graduate GPAs.

SHSU ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLLS FOR SPRING

Katelyn Ostby of Gonzales was named to the Sam Houston State University Spring 2022 President's Honor Roll, while Tiffany Guerra of Harwood was named to the SHSU Spring 2022 Dean's List.

The students on the President's Honor Roll are

undergraduates who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average in all work while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours.

The students listed on the Dean's List of Academic Honors are undergraduates who have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5 out of a perfect 4.0 in all work attempted while enrolled in not less than 12 semester hours.

Job fair set for June 30

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

A community job fair is being held Thursday, June 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 304 Saint Louis Street, in Gonzales.

Applicants are encouraged to apply for many available positions in the area. Per event planners no experience for these positions are necessary, with training provided. The highlighted positions have a wage range between \$12 - \$25 per hour, with employee benefits.

This event is a collaboration between

Workforce Solutions, the city of Gonzales, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Interested applicants may contact Chris Perez at 361-578-0341, extension 2131 for further information or questions. Perez may also be reached via email at chrisperez@gcworkforce.org.

Visit the Workforce Solutions web page for information on the event, information about Workforce Solutions, or other questions regarding employment opportunities in Gonzales County.

STARR test results to be released June 24

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

On Friday, June 24, parents of Gonzales ISD, Nixon-Smiley CISD and Waelder ISD students can gain access to a personalized snapshot of their child's academic progress this year by logging into TexasAssessment.gov.

This website provides STAAR results and resources

designed to help you ensure your child is well prepared as they progress to the next grade level.

You will need your child's Unique Access Code.

Here are the steps to getting that code and your student's results:

- Visit TexasAssessment.gov.
- Click "Lookup unique access code."
- Type in your student's first name, their social security or s-number, and their date of birth. Click "Go".
- A window will pop up with their unique code already entered in the box. Don't forget to write down this code for future use. Enter their date of birth and click "Go" again.

LCRA offers community partnership grants

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Lower Colorado River Authority is offering grants of up to \$50,000 for community projects throughout LCRA's wholesale power, water and transmission service areas.

Applications for Community Development Partnership Program grants will be available online in July and must be submitted by midnight July 31. Most grants are for \$25,000 or less, but several grants of up to \$50,000 are awarded during each cycle.

Eligible organizations include volunteer fire departments, emergency responders, local governments, schools, libraries, civic groups, museums and other tax-exempt nonprofit organizations. The grants are not available to individuals, for-profit entities, professional associations, social service projects or limited-use facilities.

Applicants requesting more than \$5,000 in grant funding must supply matching funds of at least 20 percent of the total project cost. The projects must benefit or be available to an entire community and also improve the value of a capital asset through building, renovating or purchasing equipment.

Organizations in all

or part of the following counties are eligible for CDPG grants: Aransas, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Blanco, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Coke, Coleman, Colorado, Comal, Concho, Coryell, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, DeWitt, Dimmit, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Fayette, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Harris, Hays, Hidalgo, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Llano, Mason, Matagorda, Maverick, McCulloch, Medina, Menard, Midland, Mills, Nolan, Nueces, Pecos, Real, San Patricio, San Saba, Schleicher, Starr, Sterling, Sutton, Taylor, Terrell, Tom Green, Travis, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Williamson and Zavala.

In the most recent round of grants in spring 2022, LCRA awarded more than \$815,000 to 36 projects, including purchasing new vehicles and equipment for first responders; making renovations to historic buildings; and improving parks and community centers.

Visit lcr.org/cdpg for details about eligibility requirements and previous grant awards. Applications will be available July 1. For questions, email grants@lcr.org or call 800-776-5272, ext. 3140 or ext. 1627.

Keep on Smilin' in Smiley with Spider-Man showing

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Movie night is back in Smiley, with "Spider-Man: No Way Home" to be shown at the drive-in movies Saturday, June 25 at dark (beginning at approximately 9 p.m.).

Everyone is welcome to join fellow community members in enjoying this free event, which also includes free hot dogs, chips,

drinks, and popcorn.

The movie location will be at the Nations Christian Fellowship property, next to the Smiley Post Office. Participants may bring blankets, lawn chairs, or tune in to their vehicle radio.

This event, which was first held in 2018, promises fun for the entire family, and all the summer fun is free to community members and guests.

Notice of Public Hearing on Gonzales Central Appraisal District Budget

The Gonzales Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2023 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the appraisal district office, 1709 E. Sarah Dewitt Drive, Unit B, Gonzales, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$1,907,048.00
The total amount of increase from the current year's budget.	\$ 186,249.00
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	14
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	14

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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NEWBURY

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Surveying the audience, I spoke thusly: "I know it is tiring for you in the back to stand up, the difficulty faced by bleacher guests to sit up, and how late tonight our graduates intend to stay up. So, I pray God to know that I'll know when to shut up."

Two minutes later, I left the stage, perhaps never more appreciated. Before I began a two-

hour drive back home, the principal apologized. He said he'd learned an important lesson that night....

Dr. Newbury, a longtime university president, writes weekly and continues to speak throughout the state. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Facebook: Don Newbury. Twitter: @donnewbury.



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Frontier, NSCISD team up to bring free internet to students

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Nixon-Smiley CISD staff and students living in areas serviced by Frontier Communications can now receive free internet service through Frontier's K-12 Connected @ Home program.

A partnership between Frontier Business and local school districts, the goal of K-12 Connected @ Home is "to keep students online and active,

providing broadband services to those who need it most."

"School districts identify the students and Frontier establishes their internet connection so they can continue learning at home," Frontier Communications said in a press release. "Frontier will invoice the USAC directly, on behalf of the school district, for home internet services for individual students. Families will not receive a bill from Frontier."

The Universal Service Ad-

ministrative Company (USAC) administers the Emergency Connectivity Fund program, through which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) provides funding to schools and libraries for "reasonable costs of laptop and tablet computers; Wi-Fi hotspots; routers; modems; and broadband Internet connections for use by students, school staff, and library patrons at locations ... other than a school or library.

"Funding is limited to students, school staff, and library patrons who would otherwise lack access to connected devices and broadband Internet services sufficient to engage in remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic," according to the USAC.

Frontier works with school district to confidentially identify which students need service and a non-disclosure agreement is used to provide "complete anonymity"

for those students and their families. Eligibility standards are in most cases based upon involvement by students in the federal free and reduced lunch program.

Services currently would be funded through June 30, 2023, but there is a possible extension coming that could make services available at no charge for a longer period of time.

For more information, contact the Nixon-Smiley CISD at 830-582-1536.

2021-2022 SBAG SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Marissa Esparza, left, is the daughter of Mario & Maria Esparza and the granddaughter of Alfredo & Maria Mora and Jerry & Lupe Esparza all of Smiley. Marissa will be attending Texas State University this Fall and will be majoring in Health Science. Emilie Janicek, above, is the daughter of Mark & Tasha Janicek of Smiley and the granddaughter of the late Eugene & Erleen Janicek. Emilie will be attending Tarleton State University in the Fall and will be majoring in Animal Science with a Pre-Vet focus.

Episcopal Church welcomes interim pastor

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Episcopal Church of the Messiah has recently welcomed a well-known priest as their interim pastor. The church invites the community to visit at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday to hear this remarkable pastor and preacher.

The Rev. Dr. Robert Certain came to national and international attention when he officiated the funeral services for former President Gerald R. Ford at the Washington National Cathedral in early 2007.

Thirty-five years earlier, he had been a prisoner of war in Hanoi, North Vietnam, before submitting to a call from God to enter the priesthood.

Following the Vietnam War, Christ Episcopal Church in San Antonio sponsored him to attend the School of Theology, an Episcopal Church seminary in Sewanee, Tennessee, and he was ordained as a priest in 1976 after he received his Master of Divinity degree. In 1990, he was awarded



Robbie and Dr. Robert Certain

his Doctor of Ministry degree from the School of Theology.

He served as a chaplain in the Air Force on active duty and in the reserves in various locations, including basic military training at Lackland AFB, at the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command and Air Mobility Command, and at the Air Force Academy. He is a graduate of the Air War College. He retired from the Air Force Reserves in 1999 at the rank of

Colonel.

Since 2007 he served on the Defense Health Board, on its committees on psychological health and medical ethics, and on the task force for the prevention of suicide by members of the armed forces. He also served on the VA Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War from 2008-2018 and as its chairman for five years.

From 2012-2015 he was the Executive Director of the Military Chap-

lains Association of the USA. He served on the Board or Directors and as National Chaplain of the Military Officers Association of America, as the national chaplain of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, as the national commander of the American Ex-POWs and on the board of directors of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society. In 2014 he was inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

Father Certain served parishes in Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arizona, California, and Georgia before retiring from parish ministry in 2012. Since returning to Texas, he has served as interim rector of Grace Church in Cuero, St. John's in McAllen, St. Andrew's in Seguin, and St. Philip's in Beeville before coming to the Church of the Messiah in Gonzales.

Robert is married to the former Robbie Wade of Blytheville, Arkansas. They have two grown children and two grandchildren. Robert and Robbie make their home in San Antonio, Texas.

NEWS BRIEFS

GISD STUDENT REGISTRATION OPEN

All returning Gonzales ISD students for the 2022-23 school year must be registered through Sky-ward Family Access. Please register your student for the campus they will be attending during the 2022-2023 school year. If you need assistance with your username, please contact the campus registrars. If you need assistance with your password, please use the "Forgot Password" option.

Computers will be available at the Student Center located at Gonzales High School on Monday, June 27 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, June 29 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Student Center will be closed from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch.

SMILEY MAYOR TO HOLD CITY HALL HOURS

Smiley Mayor Lisa Benavidez announced last week she will have regular hours at Smiley City Hall, 207 Steele, for constituents to speak to her. "If you come to city hall between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday, I am there to serve each and every one of you," Benavidez said in a Facebook post. "I am not ever too busy to speak with you on your concerns."

SMILEY PATRIOTIC BAKE SALE

Smiley city staff will host a patriotic bake sale on Saturday, July 2, across the street from Nations Christian Fellowship, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. or whenever sold out. Ride your decorated bike to the event for an opportunity to win fun prizes. Red, white and blue décor encouraged to celebrate a happy Fourth of July in Smiley. Let's show our American pride in a positive manner! Hope to see you there!

EDWARDS MUSEUM RIBBON CUTTING

The Edwards High School African-American Museum will have an official ribbon cutting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 1. Come be a part of history and celebrate the opening of the new museum. For more information, please contact Edwards Association president David Tucky at 830-263-1611.

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SHAKESPEARE

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Among the cast will be two young Gonzaleans who are also members of the Crystal Theatre's Shakespeare Ninja performing group — Lena Salazar and Miguel Moreno.

The pair began attending the two-week University of Texas residential summer camp on June 12 and will complete the experience with their final performance at the Winedale theatre barn at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 26. Another performance will be 3 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the La Grange ISD Performing Arts Center.

“We’ve been hosting the Winedale Shakespeare campers for a decade now,” said Barbara Crozier, director of the Shakespeare Ninja program at the Crystal. “The first was in 2012 when we had two young men who were part of our original five Ninjas taking part in Camp Shakespeare that year.

“One of the most important pieces that we’ve seen performed at the Crystal was when Camp Shakespeare performed “Merchant of Venice” in 2019, the year before the pandemic shut things down. It is a timeless piece with its themes of racial and religious struggles and strife.”

Moreno is no stranger to Camp Shakespeare as he was featured, along with recent Gonzales High School grad Ruby Hamilton, in the 2020 documentary “Take Pains. Be Perfect” about the history of the University of Texas’ Shakespeare at Winedale program founded by legendary professor Dr. James B. “Doc” Ayres in 1970.

The documentary began airing on PBS stations in April and can be seen for free at pbs.org/video/take-pains-be-perfect-a8uepq. It’s title comes from a line spoken by the character Bottom to the rest of the “rude mechanicals” performing the “play within the play” in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

At age 89, though he no longer runs the collegiate



The Crystal Theatre Shakespeare Ninja program has had a decade-long partnership with Camp Shakespeare at Winedale. This year, two Shakespeare Ninjas are among the 14 first-session campers: Lena Salazar, second from left, and Miguel Moreno, far right. The Winedale Theatre barn, where the camp is held, has been remodeled to resemble the Globe Theatre in Great Britain.

program, the spry Ayres continues to take part in Camp Shakespeare along with camp director Robin Grace Soto and will be at the Crystal to oversee Friday’s performance and to speak with attendees about Camp Shakespeare, which he began in 2000.

Session Two campers from Camp Shakespeare will perform the tragedy “Macbeth” on the Crystal Theatre stage at 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 15.

Tickets for both Crystal Theatre performances are \$10 per person (children 12 and under are free). Reservations can be made by emailing Soto at robingracesoto@utexas.edu or Ayres at jayres@cvctx.com).

Tickets can be paid for at the door using cash, check, or card.

Camp Shakespeare at Winedale only takes 14 campers per session at a cost of \$1,700 per student. The youth stay at the Farmstead B&B in nearby Round Top and spend their day working on lines and characterizations, going through physical and vocal exercises, working on scenes, doing journal writing, relaxation exercises, making masks, taking part in problem solving, singing, dancing and even watching film sequences of Shakespeare’s plays. Everything is done as a community.

“All the elements of the program are intended to promote an understanding

and appreciation of the works of Shakespeare, and of their extraordinarily complex and penetrating vision of human life,” according to Soto. “Campers develop, test, and transcend their sense of self through their exploration of Shakespearean characters. What we pursue here is the conviction that anyone can live life more fully through a personal encounter with Shakespeare’s art.”

The best candidates for Camp Shakespeare are kids who “who work well with others, who are inventive, elastic, eager to play, explore and take risks, and are ready to rumble when they arrive.” Applications are accepted from candidates anywhere, regard-

less of whether they attend public, private or home school and “experience with theater or with Shakespeare is not necessary. Commitment to working and playing with others is,” according to Soto.

The Crystal Theatre Young Program may be the only one of its kind in Texas as it is dedicated to providing “arts-in-education opportunities for young people from all backgrounds” from the year-round Shakespeare Ninja Project to the Crystal Summer Youth Workshop as well as the Young Texians Troupe, which performs original Texas history ballads about the founding of Gonzales, the “Lexington of Texas.”

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Shakespeare Ninja actors Ben DeMent and Daniel Garcia, front, interact during a scene on stage at the Crystal Theatre in Gonzales during a past performance. UT's Camp Shakespeare will be appearing in Gonzales this Friday, June 24, to perform “As You Like It.” DeMent and Garcia are both former Camp Shakespeare campers themselves.

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“The situation is (that) we wanted to get finished with the water line before TxDOT comes in, in July, and starts paving. TxDOT has from July the 4th until the end of August to come in and pave all of St. Joseph.”

— City Manager Tim Patek

ROADS

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about getting that information out via social media (Facebook) and possibly robo calls.

“A lot of the time they put this out in advance, so people get used to the adjusted pattern of driving,” Patek said, “And right now you can come down St. Joseph and you have to detour a little bit. The rest is just converted to one way driving.”

Patek continued to explain that the city is not trying to affect businesses in this renovation plan, the city hopes to get projects bid in a timely manner, taking the effects of rising prices into account, and the effect on city planning.

“We’re seeing costs go through the roof, so it affects all of that,” Patek said.

City officials will continue to work on the budget, as issues arise, and will continue to look into projects for fiscal year 2022-23.

“We have a five year CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) plan, and we go off of that, and we’re able to move things up or move things back, depending on what’s going on, what’s more pressing than others, and so forth,” Patek said.

RADIOS

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took on May 23 and June 13 regarding the radios. One action withdrawn had set an amount of \$7,000 per unit for the purchase of radios, which Davis said needed to be removed as the county had specific price amounts for mobile and handheld radios established by the accepted bids from Victoria Communications Systems and Motorola.

Davis said the amounts received by law enforcement agencies and fire departments would be based on the number of handhelds and mobiles requested and setting an amount of \$7,000 would mean extra money the county would be paying out to agencies beyond what was actually required per the bids.

Commissioners also withdraw a motion that would have required individual fire departments to give money back to Emergency Service District No. 2 within 10 years if they dissolved. Davis explained the clause was unnecessary as the money would have been used to purchase radio equipment; if the departments dissolve, it would have been the equipment that would be turned over to ESD 2.

The court had also approved the interlocal agreement to expend the funds under the wrong agenda item at their last meeting on June 13, so the interlocal was approved separately on Tuesday under its own agenda item.



Members of the community gather in the Student Center at Gonzales High School to meet the new superintendent, Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Tuesday afternoon for the superintendent reception.



Avellaneda (middle) with school board members Sue Gottwald (left) and Gloria Torres (right) for the superintendent reception at Gonzales High School Tuesday afternoon.

MEET & GREET WITH DR. A

New Gonzales ISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda met with members of the community Tuesday afternoon in the Student Center at Gonzales High School for GISD Superintendant reception. Avellaneda spoke about his goals from improving the buildings, academics and much more for the district.

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