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Abortion ruling may impact local healthcare providers

Family planning, obstetrics could see increases in clients

BY LEW K. COHN AND BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Gonzales County residents will not see much in the way of changes immediately to the provision of healthcare

locally in the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling Friday, June 24, which overturned Roe v. Wade and eliminated constitutional protection for abortion.

Currently, there are no providers within Gonzales County who provide abortion services to women seeking to

terminate a pregnancy.

Down the road, though, local healthcare providers could see a marked increase in people seeking obstetrical or family planning care because abortions

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‘ALL THE WORLD’S A STAGE...’

Le Beau (Lena Salazar of Gonzales) talks about happenings at the court of Duke Frederick while Touchstone the Fool (Samuel Nelson) watches during Camp Shakespeare’s performance of “As You Like It” at Gonzales’ Crystal Theatre on June 24. Miguel Moreno of Gonzales also performed in the show. See more photos on page 6.

LEW K. COHN

Freeman testifies about Uvalde behavioral health response

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales resident and GHS alum Chance Freeman testified last week before a Texas Senate committee investigating the aftermath of the Robb Elementary school shooting in Uvalde.

Freeman serves as director of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission’s Disaster Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) program, a position he has held the past five years.

See **FREEMAN**, page 16

Smiley council discusses unpaid city bills

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Smiley City Council met for a special called meeting Monday evening.

The council discussed several items, including financial statements and multiple unpaid bills. Mayor Lisa Benavides reported the city currently has just a little more than \$22,000 in its general fund.

“We have an outstanding bill from the Republic which is our trash. One of them is for more than \$9,440. Those are all past due accounts,” Benavides said.

The city has received several letters from collectors and officials had to call them to allow the city to make payment plans due to funds being so low, Benavides explained.

The city has been behind paying its trash bill for several months, according to Benavides; with follow-up questions being asked from a concerned citizen as to why the city was behind on paying its bills.

Benavides responded this was

See **SMILEY**, page 16



GOOD TIMES ON MAIN STREET

Alejandro Padilla and Main Street director Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla are more than spouses — they are fantastic merengue dancers who showed off some moves during Calle Swing’s performance on Latin Night at the Main Street Concert Series in Gonzales on June 25. The final Main Street concert of the year will be Monday, July 4, for Independence Day.

LEW K. COHN

Fireworks expected to light skies for July 4th weekend

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

In the words of Schoolhouse Rock, “there’s going to be fireworks on the Fourth of July” in Gonzales County in both Gonzales and in Waelder.

There will also be fireworks on the second of July as well in Nixon as residents of the Nixon and Smiley communities gather to celebrate American independence.

See **FIREWORKS**, page 7

GISD shuffles administrators into new positions

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Independent School District will see some familiar faces in new places as administrators are shuffled into new positions for the 2022-23 school year.

At the Monday, June 27 special called board meeting, trustees approved naming former Gonzales Elementary Principal Brandi Bell the district’s new director of elementary instruc-

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GEDC discusses selling of Lynn Theater

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

During a special city council meeting, Tuesday, June 21, the council approved awarding a bid

to a third party to market the sale of the Lynn Theater by the city of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, with hopes for potential future revenue being recouped.

The council approved the win-

ning bidder, awarding the contract for listing the property to Lisa Grove, with Phyllis Browning Co. Jackson Properties and Garen Shae Reese were also considered to help

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Unemployment rate increases to 2.9 percent in Gonzales County

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Unemployment in Gonzales County increased from 2.6 percent in April 2022 to 2.9 percent in May 2022, the lowest rate of all seven counties which comprise the Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, according to state Labor Market Information (LMI) figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

For the entire Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, the unemployment rate for May 2022 was 3.8 percent, equal to the the state average of 3.8 percent. This represented a total of 3,413 residents in Gonzales, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria counties seeking employment out of a total workforce of 90,491 people.

After Gonzales County, Dewitt County recorded the lowest unemployment at 3.1 percent, followed by Jackson County at 3.2 percent. Lavaca County was at 3.4 percent. Calhoun was 3.5 percent and Goliad Counties were both at 4.3 percent.

For April 2022, there were 257 individuals in Gonzales County seeking employment out of a workforce of 10,046 with 9,398 reported as employed. In March 2022,

there were 277 people seeking work in Gonzales County out of an employment force of 10,159 for a total unemployment rate of 2.7 percent.

In April 2021, Gonzales County had an unemployment rate of 4.7 percent.

The 2.6 percent unadjusted unemployment rate for April 2022 was the lowest seen in Gonzales County since it was just 2.7 percent in March 2022.

Unemployment rates since April 2020 for Gonzales County are:

- April 2020, 6.7 percent.
- May 2020, 7.8 percent.
- June 2020, 7.1 percent.
- July 2020, 6.8 percent.
- Aug. 2020, 4.8 percent.
- Sept. 2020, 5.9 percent.
- Oct. 2020, 5.3 percent.
- Nov. 2020, 5.7 percent.
- Dec. 2020, 5.2 percent.
- Jan. 2021, 5.6 percent.
- Feb. 2021, 5.7 percent.
- March 2021, 5.4 percent.
- April 2021, 4.7 percent.
- May 2021, 4.5 percent.
- June 2021, 5.1 percent.
- July 2021, 4.3 percent.
- Aug. 2021, 3.9 percent.
- Sept. 2021, 3.8 percent.
- Oct. 2021, 3.6 percent.
- Nov. 2021, 3.5 percent.
- Dec. 2021, 3.2 percent.
- Jan. 2022, 3.6 percent.
- Feb. 2022, 3.4 percent.
- March 2022, 2.7 percent.
- April 2022, 2.6 percent.
- May 2022, 2.9 percent.



Gonzales County A&M Club hosted the annual Fish Fry on Saturday, June 18 at Victoria College. Special guests were the Texas A&M Yell Leaders and senior scholarship recipients. Pictured left to right are: Nathan Drain, Zac Cross, Kate Ehrig, Jackelyn Gamez, Kipp Knecht and Trevor Yelton. Scholarship recipients not pictured are: Kinley Cernosek, Genevieve Kelley, Jacelin Hinds, and Rebecca Wagner. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and were led in several yells by the Yell Leaders.

Local birthday benefit honors Texas legend

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

On Sunday, July 17, from 2-9 p.m., the Texas Voices & Camp House Concerts will present a benefit concert to honor Country Music Hall of Fame songwriter Cindy Walker. This benefit will also raise funds for the Cindy Walker Foundation.

Walker, born in 1918 and an American country music songwriter, as well as singer and dancer, was directly responsible for many successful and beloved songs, recorded by many different artists. Her very large body of songs have been described as “direct, honest, and unpretentious.” Walker had many top 10 hits over five decades.

Walker was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1997, as well as the Texas Heritage Songwriters Hall of Fame in March 2011. Just a few of her songs include “Cherokee Maiden” (1941), “Miss Molly” (1942), and “Bubbles in my Beer” (1948) performed by Bob Wills and his band. “Blue Canadian Rockies” (1952) performed by Gene Autry, with a revival in 1968 by The Byrds. Walker’s song, “You Don’t Know Me” has been recorded by Jerry Vale, Ray Charles, and Elvis Presley. “Dream Baby” was performed by Roy Orbison in 1962, and again by Glen Campbell in 1983.

Walker died at the age of 87 and was buried near her home in Mexia, Texas, seven days after Willie Nelson released a tribute album for her.

The Cindy Walker birthday bash is scheduled to be held at The Camp House in Nixon, Texas, and the lineup includes Matthew Ryan, Jana Pochop, Chad Richard, Aaron Lacombe, Alex Coba, John Dempsy, John Arthur Martinez, Richie Allbright, Women of Western Swing, and Manzy Lowry.

This event will also include both silent and live auctions, with tickets including a BBQ brisket dinner.

General admission tickets for this event are available at \$50, with a limited number currently available by pre-sale only, with VIP & Sponsorship packages available.

For more information on this event visit camphouseconcerts.com, or Bud Box at 210-275-7558.



The local Thomas Shelton NSDAR chapter applied for a grant to assist in roof restoration of the Eggleston House. The City of Gonzales has begun repair on the walls and foundation.

Eggleston House gets grant to help jump start repairs

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) has a proud tradition of historic preservation that dates to the organization’s founding in 1890.

They have commemorated local history in thousands of locations around the world. The members of the local Thomas Shelton NSDAR chapter are working to safeguard history in the local community.

The beloved Eggleston House is in need of urgent repair to preserve its integrity as a historical landmark. The City

of Gonzales has begun repair on the walls and foundation.

In December 2021, the local NSDAR chapter applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Historic Preservation Committee of the National DAR Society. The grant was awarded to the chapter May 1, 2022, to assist in the roof restoration. This will enable visitors and residents to continue to enjoy the history of the Eggleston House for educating people today and in the future.

Partial funding for this project was made possible through the sponsorship of the Thomas Shelton Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

TxDOT to begin St. Joseph Street resurfacing on July 5

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Texas Department of Transportation will begin the resurfacing of existing roadway project on Business 183 (St. Joseph Street) from US 183 to US 90A on Tuesday, July 5. The project should last for approximately 20 days (weather permitting.)

Please watch for pilot cars leading traffic through the work zone. Police will be on site directing traffic.

Motorists should expect possible traffic delays, are urged to use

caution when driving through the work zone, and should keep the following tips in mind:

- Slow down and always follow posted work zone speed limits. Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes. Remember, traffic fines double in work zones.
- Pay attention. Workers and heavy equipment may only be a few feet from passing vehicles.
- Be patient. Delays from roadway construction can be frustrating, but it only takes a few extra minutes to slow down for a work zone.

Celebrations Birthdays

June 30th
Christy Brosch

July 1st
Joel Koricanek
Haley Roberts
Melanie Svoboda

July 2nd
Barb Escobar
Connor Caraway Richter
Bob Young

July 3rd
Mary Brown
Terry Fitzwater
Cory Molina

July 4th
Happy Birthday USA!

July 5th
Claire Harkey
Marquise Hastings
Kirby Knox
Heath Lipke
Corrien Scivally
Jose Torres

July 6th
Alice Johnson Cline
Dorothy Guterrez
Michelle McKinney
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David Staton

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Gonzales Weather

 MOSTLY SUNNY	June 30 97°/76°	Mostly sunny and very warm 29% chance of rain • RealFeel 100
 HOT	July 1 98°/78°	Variable clouds; very warm 29% chance of rain • RealFeel 103
 PARTLY SUNNY	July 2 99°/78°	Partly sunny and hot 29% chance of rain • RealFeel 99
 HOT	July 3 102°/77°	Mostly sunny and hot 5% chance of rain • RealFeel 102
 PARTLY SUNNY	July 4 99°/78°	Sunny to partly cloudy 29% chance of rain • RealFeel 99
 MOSTLY SUNNY	July 5 101°/76°	Hot with sun and clouds 29% chance of rain • RealFeel 102
 MOSTLY SUNNY	July 6 101°/77°	Mostly sunny; hot, less humid 2% chance of rain • RealFeel 101

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

June 25

Cattle 1685

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold steady to 1.00-2.00 higher in a strong and active market. 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.

Stockers Cows: \$600 to \$1,000.

Pairs: \$750 to \$1,100.

No Sale Saturday, July 2nd. Happy

4th of July!!

NIXON LIVESTOCK

June 27

Cattle – 1969

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$148-158-233

300-400 lbs - \$145-155-240

400-500 lbs - \$145-155-183

500-600 lbs - \$139-149-171

600-700 lbs - \$129-139-165

700-800 lbs - \$123-133-151

Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$137-147-185

300-400 lbs - \$132-142-179

400-500 lbs - \$134-144-177

500-600 lbs - \$129-139-173

600-700 lbs - \$120-130-144

700-800 lbs - \$112-122-144

Slaughter Cows - \$25-100

Slaughter Bulls - \$91-116

Stocker Cows - \$460-1100

Pairs: 1 PAIR - \$810

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AND FUN FOURTH OF JULY!

WE WILL BE BACK ON JULY 11, 2022!

HALLETTSVILLE LIVESTOCK

COMMISSION CO., INC.

Sale date: June 21

Cattle on hand: 2243

Packer Cows:

Canner and Cutter Cows: \$53-89

Utility & Fat Cows: \$52-88

Light Weight Canner Cows: \$42-53

Pair/Weak: \$32-42

Packer Bulls:

Heavyweight Bulls: \$104-116

Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$90-104

Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$75-90

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$900-1125

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$700-900

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: 1-1850

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$900-1150

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$150-200

200-300 lbs.: \$150-280

300-400 lbs.: \$152-207.50

400-500 lbs.: \$148-190

500-600 lbs.: \$142-175

600-700 lbs.: \$134-165

700-800 lbs.: \$125-150

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$140-185

200-300 lbs.: \$135-175

300-400 lbs.: \$138-172.50

400-500 lbs.: \$135-170

500-600 lbs.: \$135-162.50

600-700 lbs.: \$124-142.50

700-800 lbs.: \$110-136

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: None

The calf market this week was fully steady & very active. Demand continues strong for the #1 kinds.

Pastures very dry & in need of rain.

Packer cows sold \$2 to \$3 lower.

Packer bulls sold steady. Total packer supply approximately 400 head..

We will have a sale Tuesday, July 5th.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

June 22

Market steady with good demand on all classes. Packer cows and bulls steady.

Cattle – 1073

Sheep & goats – 1152

Medium & large frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb. 1.40-1.90

300-400 lb. 1.34-1.92

400-500 lb. 1.41-1.76

500-600 lb. 1.36-1.65

600-700 lb. 1.28-1.61

700-850 lb. 1.17-1.50

Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb. 1.05-1.55

300-400 lb. 1.20-1.71

400-500 lb. 1.21-1.64

500-600 lb. 1.24-1.65

600-750 lb. 1.14-1.56

Cows:

Utility & commercial – 77-95

Cutters – 52-76

Canners – 30-57

Palpated cows (young) – 600-1075

(Middle Aged) – 300-750

Cow/Calf Pairs – 700-1225

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding – 90-105

Light & Low Yielding – 52-89

Feeder Bulls – None

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies (Young) – 180-270

(Thin & Old) - 80-170

Kid Goats (Fat) - 3.00-3.50

(Small & thin) – 2.00-3.00

Wethers – 2.85-4.30

Billies – 2.40-3.40

Pairs - None

Barb. Ewes (Young) - 130-200

(Small & Old Ewes) - 50-120

Barb. Lambs (Fat) – 2.30-2.60

(Small & Thin) – 1.60-2.20

Woolled Ewes – 110-130

Woolled Bucks – 1.50-2.50

Lambs – None

Barb. Bucks – 250

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

June 24, 2022

NO SALE ON JULY 1, 2022

Number of head 2,086

There were 460 cows and 29 bulls.

This market was strong once again despite the huge run of cows hitting the market.

The top cow was at \$97/cwt while the top bull was \$115/cwt.

Quality cows and bulls are at a premium as the drought is hurting the condition of all livestock.

The calf market was once again a little weaker on the light and middle weights.

Even more so on lower quality light weight drought stressed calves. But the heavier end is solid.

Drought and economy concerns continue to weight on the market.

Packer bulls: 90.00-115.00

Packer cows:

canners & cutters 70.00-97.00

poor & weak 44.00-69.00

Palpated: 17 bred 90.00-103.00

PAIRS: N O N E

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. NONE

200-249 lbs. N O N E

250-299 lbs. 151.00-194.00

300-350 lbs. 147.00-200.00

350-400 lbs. 149.00-180.00

400-450 lbs. 145.00-184.00

450-500 lbs. 148.00-170.00

500-550 lbs. 139.00-164.00

550-600 lbs. 139.00-161.00

600-700 lbs. 132.00-154.00

700-800 lbs. 136.00-150.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs 132.00-172.50

250-300 lbs. 154.00-200.00

300-350 lbs. 143.00-184.00

350-400 lbs. 149.00-186.00

400-450 lbs. 147.00-184.00

450-500 lbs. 144.00-170.00

500-550 lbs. 140.00-162.00

550-600 lbs. 136.00-161.00

600-700 lbs. 124.00-153.00

Over 700 lbs. 109.00-135.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

under 200 lbs. 124.00-150.00

200-250 lbs. 135.00-177.50

250-300 lbs. 132.00-160.00

300-350 lbs. 134.00-178.00

350-400 lbs. 132.00-170.00

400-450 lbs. 133.00-170.00

450-500 lbs. 134.00-153.00

500-550 lbs. 131.00

-185.00=>replacement

550-600 lbs. 128.00-157.00

600-700 lbs. 122.00-153.00

Over 700 lbs. 115.00-139.00

Garden Q&A

Q. You described a test with hand watering to determine if brown spots in the lawn were caused by lack of water or insects such as chinch bugs. We have zoysia grass and the watering test does not seem to cause a green up but on the other hand we don't see any chinch bugs or grubs! Any other ideas? We do seem to have some rust on the grass blades, would that cause the browning? If so, what can we do?

A. Rust is the usual cause of browning in zoysia grass. There is not much you can do to counteract a rust infection. If the infection centers match low spots in the lawn, you may be able to reduce the size of the affection by using shallow additions of finished compost to the low spots. If you try it, keep the soil addition very shallow. Most gardeners with zoysia and rust tolerate the rust.

Q. My purple martins have left my housing area. Is everybody else having the same experience? It seems like they abandoned their effort to finish nesting and raising the young.

A. Your experience has been matched by other martin landlords but not everyone, I think the early

Rust is typical cause of browning zoysia grass

abandonment of their nests is probably related to the extreme heat we have experienced this spring, if any other ideas emerge, we will pass them on to you.

Q. Our lawn is brown, will it help to fertilize it again? We fertilized with 19-5-9 on May 1 as recommended,

A. The brown lawn indicates that there is not enough water to utilize

the nutrients from your spring application. Wait until October 1 for the regular fall application of fertilizer, Zoysia and Bermuda grass can go dormant if we are short of water and they will green-up when the rains resume. With St August-

tine grass it should receive irrigation at least every 3 weeks to survive the drought.

Q. Is it time to plant the fall tomatoes? What varieties are recommended?

A. Yes, it is time to pull the spring tomatoes and then plant the next crop. If they have spider mites discard them in the garbage, otherwise put the plants in the compost pile. Consider the same tomato selections as we recommended in the spring -Celebrity, Tycoon, Red Snapper, Red Deuce, BHN 968, Ruby Crush. and STM 2255

CALVIN FINCH

Gardening Q&A



Texas hay season looks bleak

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The 2022 Texas hay production outlook appears in doubt due to high fertilizer prices and widespread drought, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Joe Paschal, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Corpus Christi, and Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton, said dry weather, high temperatures and reduced inputs like fertilizer have inhibited warm-season grass production across much of Texas. Hay



TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE PHOTO BY LAURA MCKENZIE

Hay bales could be in short supply as much of the state has reported poor forage and hay production conditions as the season.

quantity and quality are down, while the cost to produce bales is up, and weather forecasts do not look favorable.

Pockets of the state have received decent moisture, they said, but high fertilizer prices have discouraged hay producers from making applications. As a result, hay baled was expected to be of lower quality.

Paschal said prices for supplemental feed like range cubes and hay have continued to increase. Range cubes reached \$400 per ton, while round bales were starting to fetch \$75-\$80. For weeks, AgriLife Extension agents have reported \$80-plus bales in extremely dry areas of the state.

Some cattle producers around the state have been culling their herds deeper to reduce stocking rates and “mouths to feed,” Paschal said. But many more face declining grazing, tightening hay supplies and below-average bale production this season.

Paschal said hay production and grazing conditions were spotty and mirror scattered rainfall in south Central Texas from Del Rio to Kerrville and east of Corpus Christi back to the Rio Grande River. Some pockets have reported 4-7 inches, but much of that area had not received any rainfall since last fall.

Most of East Texas is experiencing abnormally dry to moderate drought

conditions, according to the drought monitor map of Texas produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska. Areas in south Central Texas were showing mostly severe and exceptional drought conditions, which translates into major to exceptional crop and pasture loss and widespread water shortages and restrictions.

Corriher-Olson said weather outlooks suggest Texas will slip further into the drought. Weather systems during hurricane season could change that, but producers with grazing should be implementing contingency plans if they have not already.

Paschal said producers should be planning for ways to stretch available nutrition – whether that is finding alternative feed like cotton seed, purchasing failed corn crops or using supplemental feeds with a number to reduce the number of trips to feed.

Producers can reach out to AgriLife Extension agriculture agents in their county for assistance with hay testing, Paschal said. “It’s going to be tough,” he said. “There is a lot of hay cows will eat when there is nothing else, but it doesn’t mean it is good. There are ways to stretch a cow’s nutritional needs, but the bottom line is getting the right amount of protein and energy in her.”

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Still Daddy’s little girl?

Dear Violet,
I haven’t spoken to my father since I was 16, and am not sure if I ever want to, again. My issue is that he has been placed on hospice and given four months to live, and I want to be sure of my decision, as it is a big one in terms of future guilt and logic.

When I was 16 I walked in on my father cheating on my mother. He tried to pretend he wasn’t, but we both knew that he was, and since that day I have loathed this man. I was very much a Daddy’s girl until this happened, and I miss my dad, or who I thought my dad was, but can not find it in my heart to forgive him, or try to figure out his motivation.

I am now 49 years old, and I know my time with my father is limited. I just don’t want to move on simply because he is ill, and I don’t believe in those types of “passes” on bad behavior. It was my father, in fact, who taught me that our character is us, and what we do is who we are, so what does that make him, what does this make me?

Please advise, Violet, and, no rush, but his clock is ticking quickly.

Lost daughter

Dear Lost,
You have held your father accountable for his poor choice for over 30 years. From your letter, I infer, you have not properly spoken about this transgression, nor attempted any kind of reconciliation.

I believe you are letting your pride get in the way of what is best for you, as well as your father, and that would be to forgive, use the last bit of time wisely, cherish the time you have remaining to build a real relationship, and allow your father to leave this world in peace.

Since you, yourself, are nearing half a century of experience, I am positive you’ve made mistakes, including those you regret. Allow your father to speak of his mistakes, and his choices, allow your father whom you placed and then removed from a pedestal back down to earth to share your life, while you can, and he is able.

It’s time to forgive and move on, for both of you and your peace of mind. You did not mention any grandchildren/your children, but if there are some, in the picture, the relationship and time to know their maternal grandfather is also important, and should figure into your decision.

In peace and hopes for your future,

Violet

Dear Violet is a relationship advice column, covering both domestic relationships and familial relationships, as well as friendships. If you have something you want to get advice about, write in and get a third party, no ax to grind perspective. Welcome to Violet’s world. Send questions, comments or concerns attention: Ask Violet c/o Gonzales Inquirer at publisher@gonzalesinquirer.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor,
I saw on the television the Supreme Court of the United States had overruled the decision in the case of Roe v. Wade. Then, I heard on the radio that abortion clinics in Texas had closed upon receiving notice of the ruling of the Supreme Court.

I must confess when I heard the news, I broke into tears and said out loud, to no one, “No killing of babies today in Texas.”

Then, I had the strangest thought — what if one of the babies not aborted today went full term, grew up, went to college, was a science major, became a medical science researcher and discovered a cure for cancer?

You might say to me, “That’s a reach,” and I would agree. But the chances of this happening are better this week than last, reach or not.

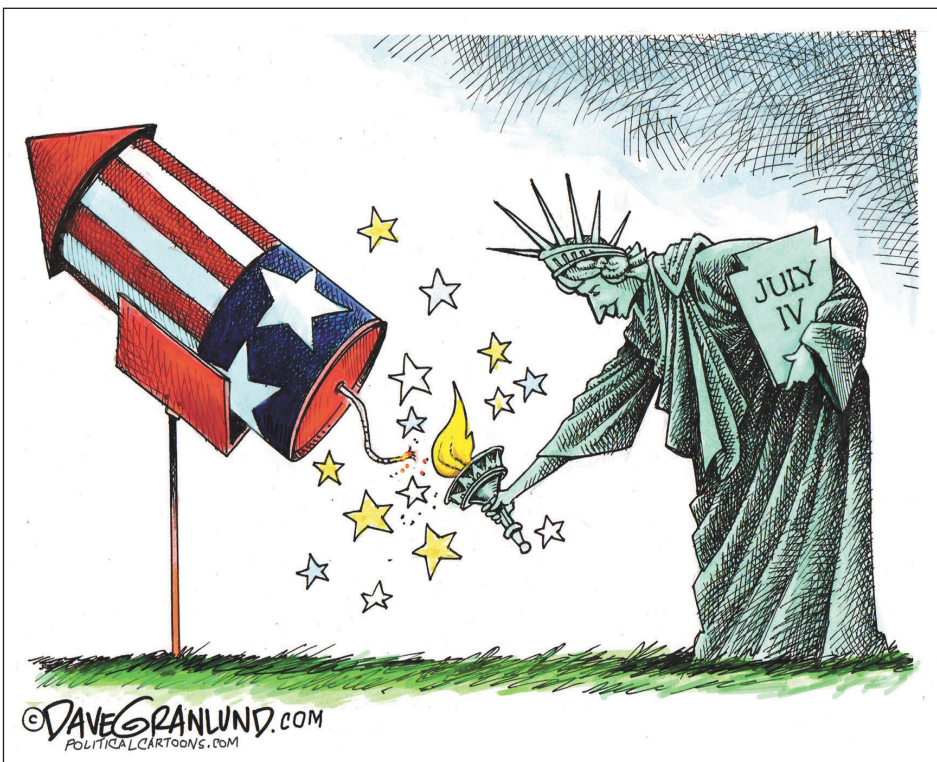
And to all the non-aborted Texas babies, I say, “Welcome. I look forward to meeting ou. We need you. Help us make a difference.”

Thank you.
Bob Burchard
Gonzales

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Opinion



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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Uncle Mort on the prowl...

My phone pulsed with excitement that could be attributed to my Uncle Mort’s recent spate of news, both good and bad.

I asked for the good news first.
“You ain’t gonna believe this, nephew, but I went into the swamp last night looking for cases of Monkey Pox, and things got really strange.” Had he been penning a letter instead of sputtering on the phone, he would have run out of exclamation points....

I pressed the phone hard against my ear, intrigued by details of yet another unlikely adventure. After all, analyses of the old guy have ranged from seriously eccentric to borderline certifiable. (One of his pessimistic neighbors said, “As long as he’s out, I don’t think they’ll lock him up, but if they ever lock him up, they aren’t likely to let him out.”) Still, I was fascinated about his search for cases of the strange new disease.

Mort said he slipped out of bed soon after midnight, pulling on his waders after strapping on a pair of overalls Maude had planned to wash in the first load at the break of day.

Mort awakened Jughead, his dog “with the best sniffer.” Off they went toward the swamp, Jughead bored stiff for a couple of hours. Soon after 2 a.m., though, Jughead barked vigorously. “His tail wagging and his nose buried, he had made a find,” Mort continued.....

“I started digging with a little shovel they had on close-out at the army surplus store,” Mort said, “My excavation didn’t reveal a single case of Monkey Pox, but Dame Fortune was with us.”

He then screamed in all CAPS. Two feet down, the shovel pinged against a metal container. Inside--hermetically sealed and ready to gulp--were four cases of baby formula.....

And that’s not all. Also inside the container were 20 books of S&H Green Stamps. In perfect condition, the stamps were carefully affixed to each page.

Mort said he carefully extracted the baby formula and trading stamps, eager to fire up his computer and place his two “finds” up for bid. It sounded like good news to me, even if “blind hog luck” seemed to be in play....

“I knew you’d want to know, nephew,” he stammered. “And be assured that I intend to work the auction ad with greatest care.”

He plans to emphasize that the baby formula is still in date, even if the S&H Green Stamps aren’t.

Mort will use the smallest ad type to hide one detail. The only redemption center he may have located is about 150 miles from Fairbanks, AK, accessible only by dogsled and open only during afternoons on the first and third Mondays of each month....

Mort knows that a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing, but doesn’t realize that knowing too much can quickly become catastrophic.

Had he stayed on the trail researching S&H Green Stamps, he would have learned that they were popular from the 1890s until the mid-1980s, but for the last 15 years of the 20th century, not so much. He might also have learned that at their peak, they were collected by 80% of American households, with more S&H Green Stamps printed than US postage stamps for several years.

Further findings might have revealed that the giant promotional firm--founded by a couple of merchants named Sperry and Hutchinson--had several new owners and name changes when public interest began to slide. To their credit, the successive owners went to great lengths to keep redemption centers open, doing so until the last one closed in October, 2020....

Leave it to Uncle Mort to find a way to market unredeemed Green Stamp books. He might bluster about them being “collectors’ items.”

It’s unlikely that he will reveal the guy’s name on social media who claims to know so much about the alleged Alaskan redemption center. Could an Internet “source” run afoul of truth?...

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

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CAMP SHAKESPEARE



Mia Miller (center, playing a lord) talks about the fortunes of Duke Senior (Evelyn Newton, right) while another lord (Lena Salazar) lends a sympathetic ear at the Crystal Theatre performance of “As You Like It” by Camp Shakespeare.



ABOVE LEFT
Orlando (left, played by George Clark) speaks to Rosalind (center, Noelle Alexander) while Le Beau (back left, Lena Salazar of Gonzales), a lord (Caroline Searls, back right) and Celia (right, Lilah O'Dair) watch the interaction of the two main characters in “As You Like It” at the Crystal Theatre on June 24.

ABOVE RIGHT
Camp Shakespeare director Robin Grace Soto, left, talks about the long relationship between the Crystal Theatre and the camp, while Crystal Theatre director Barbara Crozier, center, and Camp Shakespeare founder Dr. James “Doc” Ayres, right, listen.

LEFT
Charles (James Perales) tosses Orlando (George Clark) during a wrestling match while Touchstone (Samuel Nelson), Le Beau (Lena Salazar), Duke Frederick (Luca Sezati), Rosalind (Noelle Alexander) and Celia (Lilah O'Dair) react during “As You Like It.”

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tion. Meanwhile, North Avenue Principal Nicole “Nikki” Nerada will move back to her former position as principal at Gonzales Elementary, while Dr. Ariana Hernandez was selected the new principal at Gonzales Primary Academy.

Bell has served Gonzales ISD for the last three years as the principal of Gonzales Elementary. Over the course of her 17-year educational career, she has served as a teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, and principal. Her commitment to student engagement and success is evident in her passion for young learners as they develop the necessary foundational skills in preparation for their future.

As the new director of elementary education for the Gonzales ISD, Bell will continue to build relationships with all stakeholders in order to meet the academic, as well as, the social and emotional needs of all students during their con-



tinum of learning.

Nerada has served Gonzales ISD in the roles as teacher, assistant principal, and principal over her 20-year tenure. Her educational leadership has revolved around making positive

connections within the school community and building strong relationships.

Nerada stated, “As I rejoin the Gonzales Elementary campus as their new principal, I will be bringing high expectations for student success, as well as the love for learning and growing.”

For the last 12 years, Dr. Hernandez has served in various educational roles including bilingual teacher, instructional coach, and assistant principal. Her deep commitment to students, staff, and community members is evident by her relentless effort to ensure that every student is given an opportunity to learn, grow, and feel a sense of belonging.

Dr. Hernandez stated, “It is an honor to have been selected to lead the Gonzales Primary Academy – the campus where our youngest learners have endless opportunities to explore and learn the world around us.”

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Maclovio Perez, a renowned Spanish-language broadcaster who is also running for Congress, introduces the Alegre Band from Corpus Christi as the headliners for Latin Night of the Main Street Concert Series. Perez was a sponsor for the band's appearance in Gonzales.



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8:00pm The Time Bandits Performance

9:30pm Fireworks Display
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Monday
July 4th


EXIT 505 Band


The Time Bandits

OBITUARIES

FELISITAS “FELISA” MORENO

On June 26, 2022, Felisitas “Felisa” Moreno, 89, of Smiley, Texas passed away in Seguin, Texas. Felisa was born on January 7, 1933 in Martindale, Texas to Jesus and Christina (Dominguez) Martinez who precede her in death. Felisa is also preceded in death by her husband, Casimiro Moreno; daughter Irma Infante; and grandson, Javier Infante, Jr.

Felisa is survived by her children, Maria Bermea (Robert), Mario Moreno (Elsy), Willie Moreno, Ruben Moreno, Refugio Moreno, and Eva Garcia



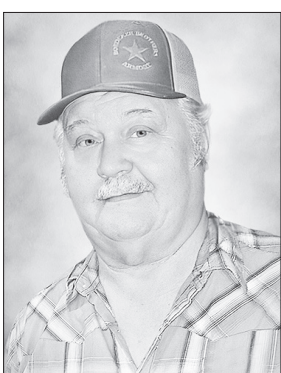
(Joe); sister, Lupe Martinez; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 30, 2022, 5:00pm-8:00pm at Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon, with the Rosary at 6:30pm.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, July 1, 2022, 11:00am, at St. Philip Catholic Church in Smiley, Texas. Interment will follow at Smiley Latin American Cemetery.

You are welcome to sign the online guestbook at www.finchfuneralchapels.com. Services are in care of Finch Funeral Chapel, LLC.

DENNIS RAY SCHACHERL



Dennis Ray Schacherl was born on July 4, 1950 and passed away on June 21, 2022 at 71 years old. Dennis was born at Strieder Hospital in Moulton, TX to Edwin and Edith (Roznovsky) Schacherl. He married Kathleen Heinrich on May 16, 1987.

Dennis graduated from Moulton High School in 1968 and then went to work for the Texas Highway De-partment in Victoria, TX. In 1974 Dennis returned to Moulton and began working at Kaspar Wire Works where he completed a 40 year career retiring in 2012.

In 1975 Dennis partnered with his cousin, Rodney Petrek, opening Alley Bar-B-Q serving barbeque on Saturday mornings. They continued to grow the business into a catering company and restaurant feeding the people of Moulton and many surrounding areas.

In his spare time, Dennis enjoyed volunteering to cook at local church picnics and other local events. He served the Vol-

unteer Fire Department of Moulton, TX starting in 1979 and remained an honorary retired volunteer up until his death. He also valued his active membership in the Dog Club since 1999. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, raising cattle, spending time with his grandchildren, and having a beer with friends.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Edith Schacherl.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Kathleen Schacherl of Moulton, TX, his children, Joy (Marcos) Trevino of College Station, TX, Lindsey (Sean)

Das of Albuquerque, NM, and Joshua Schacherl of Moulton, TX as well as his grandchildren Caleb and Emma Das of Albuquerque, NM.

Pallbearers include Bo and Bradley Petrek, Devin and Shawn Jones, Mike Ramirez, Dale Gold, Kevin Tesch, and Nathan Beyer.

A visitation for Dennis will be on Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 3:00 – 6:00 PM at Smith Funeral Home in Moulton, TX. A rosary will be recited at 9:30 AM on Monday, June 27, 2022 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Moulton followed by a funeral mass at 10:00 AM, officiated by Father Gabriel Maison. Burial will be in the St. Joseph’s Catholic Cemetery in Moulton, TX.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be shared with the family at www.smithfuneraltx.com

Smith Funeral Home – 404 W. Bobkat Dr., Moulton, Tx 77975 Phone #361-596-4631

ELENORE KOSAREK EHRIG

Elenore Ehrig, 95, of Gonzales, passed to Heaven on June 18, 2022, following an orthopedic surgery in Austin.

Elenore was born September 8, 1926, to Susie and Louis Kosarek on their small farm in Wrightsboro. The youngest of 6 children, she was the “baby” of the family and spoiled by them all, especially her daddy. She attended school in Wrightsboro, and was often transported by a Shetland pony that loved nothing more than to bite her legs. Even as a small girl, Elenore felt compassion for the pony left to stand and wait all day as she finished class. Her time on the farm instilled a lifelong love of animals, including cows, cats, and birds.

A polka-dancing, music-loving Czech girl at heart, Elenore was raised with Czech as her first language and the only language spoken at home. During her high school years, her daddy would occasionally take Elenore to polka dances, and she continued to enjoy dancing throughout her life. Following her graduation from Gonzales High School, she worked as a telephone operator and lived in Temple for a short time with her sister, Mickie. She was employed by Wiley’s Grocery in Gonzales for several years before enjoying long-term employment at Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital in Ottine before retiring.

Elenore was introduced to her handsome soldier boy, Hugo Ehrig, while walking in downtown Gonzales with her friend (and his sister), Gertrude. On June 9, 1945, she traveled alone by train to marry Hugo in Mineral Wells while he was serving in the army during World



War II. After the brief ceremony he returned to his army post and Elenore rode the train back home to Gonzales. Raised Catholic, she converted to Methodist in keeping with the Ehrig family’s faith tradition and became an active member of the Methodist Church. When the war ended, Hugo came home and together they raised two daughters, Joan and Jackie. In 1995, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the American Legion Hall in Gonzales, hosted by their daughters and joined by family and dear friends for barbecue and dancing.

Both Elenore and Hugo came from large farming families and were blessed with many nieces and nephews. Annual Kosarek and Ehrig reunions and other family gatherings were among their most treasured moments.

Elenore’s favorite times were spent with family and friends. She loved being Mimi to her grandchildren, annual summer trips to Port Aransas with Hugo, Joan and Jackie and later with their grandchildren, Hugo’s army reunions, playing cards and dominoes with friends, holidays and get-togethers with the Chessers, traveling to Hawaii in 1988 with their children and grandchildren, and bus trips with local churches and friends

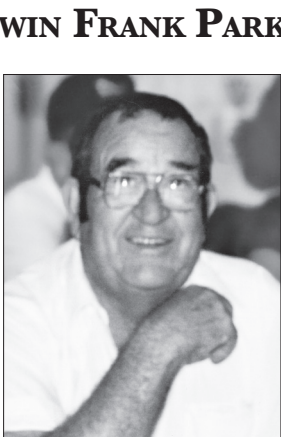
to Branson and other beautiful places. Later in life she enjoyed watching Polka Party on RFD TV on Saturday nights, and snuggling and caring for her precious cats, Nooner, Gabby, Ling and Trixie, who brought her great friendship and comfort.

Elenore was preceded in death by her husband, Hugo; her parents and siblings, Frances, Alben, Stazie, Mickie and Louis; and, her great-grandson, Ezra. She is survived by her daughters, Joan and husband, Bob Chesser of Angleton and Jackie and husband, Melvin Hodgkiss of Austin, and sister-in-law, Gertrude Iley. Also left to cherish her memory are grandchildren, Kimberley Chesser; Blaine Chesser and wife, Stacy; Devin Highsmith; Miranda and husband David Magdangal; Michael Hodgkiss and wife Cristina; and, great-grandchildren, Peyton and Cade Chesser, Mia and Ethan Hodgkiss, and Dylan and Colby Douget. Her extended family and beloved friends include Patricia and Bill Chesser and their children, Laurie Kelley, Beth New-man, and caregiver and friend, Carmen Rodriguez.

In the coming days, a private memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church or Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter.

Edwin Frank Parker, 93, of Smiley, Texas passed away at his home on June 24, 2022. Edwin was born on November 14, 1928 in Smiley to Frank Milton Parker and Della P. (Copeland) Parker. Edwin married Ruby Merle Miller on July 10, 1948. Edwin and Ruby settled in Smiley where they raised their four children. Edwin owned and operated a poultry business for many years. He was also self-employed in Real Estate and as a Building Contractor.

Edwin is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Ruby; brothers, Robert Parker, Truman Parker, and Norris Parker; and sister, Nelda Anthony. He is survived by his children, Marsha St. Clair (Charles), Larry “Bubba” Parker (Rita), John Parker (Nancy), and Ricky



Parker (Donna); grandchildren, Farrah Fossett, Lauren Beck, Amanda Ramsey, Jacque McGrath, Sami Moss, Brian Moss, Alan St. Clair, and Angela Woodward; great-grandchildren Aubrey Fossett, Parker Fossett, Davis Fossett, Dalton Ramsey, Dylan Ramsey, Jenna Beck, Owen Beck, Quinten Moss, Matthew Moss, Garrett Moss, Jacob Shoemaker, Joshua Shoe-

maker, Jordan Shoemaker; brother, Elvin Bryan Parker; numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family and friends.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, 5:00pm-8:00pm, at Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon, Texas.

Graveside Service will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 10:00am, at Bundick Cemetery in Smiley. Reverend Michael Cowey will officiate the services.

If desired, donations may be made in Edwin’s name to the Bundick Cemetery Association, c/o Phillip Streety, PO Box 56, Smiley, Texas 78159. Services entrusted to Finch Funeral Chapel, Nixon, Texas. You are welcome to sign the online guestbook at www.finchfuneralchapelas.com.



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0014252001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Waelder, P.O. Box 427, in the City of Waelder, Texas 78959, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0014252001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 300,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on December 21, 2021.

The facility is located at 605 South, Avenue H, in the City of Waelder, in Gonzales County, Texas 78959. The treated effluent is discharged to a Baldrige Creek, thence to Peach Creek thence to the Guadalupe River Below San Marcos River in Segment No. 1803 of the Guadalupe River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is minimal aquatic life use for Baldrige Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1803 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. All determinations are preliminary and subject to additional review and/or revisions. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd36of816825of&marker=-97.2925%2C29.685833&level=12>.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meet all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Waelder City Hall, 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." **If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to the relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permits and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioner's Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Waelder at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Roy Tovar, Mayor, at 830-788-7331.

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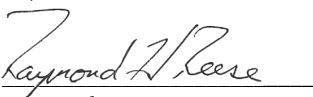
Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Maurine Cook Henry, Deceased, were issued on June 22, 2022, in Cause No. PW22-0196, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Harold G. Mahan.

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

c/o: Raymond H. Reese
Attorney at Law
108 N. Esplanade Street
P.O. box 841
Cuero, TX 77954

Dated the 22nd day of June, 2022.


Raymond H. Reese
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Nixon-Smiley CISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00pm, Monday, July 18, 2022, at Nixon-Smiley Elementary Cafeteria 500 Anglin Street, Smiley, Texas to get stakeholder input on upcoming federal grant applications for the 2022-23 school year and review the Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (RIPICS)

**Attention
Private Non-Profit Schools**

You may be eligible to participate in services through Federal Programs. Please contact your local school district regarding participation in the planning and receipt of services through Federal Programs. We would like to hear from you no later than July 18, 2022.

For more information, please contact: Jeff VanAuken, Nixon-Smiley CISD Superintendent of Schools, at 830.582.1536, extension 102.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Richard Don Bramlet, Deceased, were issued on June 14, 2022, in Cause No. PW22-0197, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Clinton Daniel Bramlet and Amanda Lorin DuBose a/k/a Amanda Bramlet DuBose.

The notice to the Independent Co-Executors may be delivered at the following address:

c/o Barnes Lipscomb & Stewart PLLC
Attorneys at Law
2500 Bee Cave Road
Bldg Two, Suite 150
Austin, Texas 78746

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

Dated the 22nd day of June, 2022.

/s/ Andréa Villarreal
Andréa Villarreal
Attorney for Independent Co-Executors

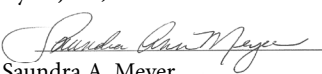
Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BYRON EMERSON JOHNSTON, Deceased, were issued on June 22, 2022, in Cause No. OTH22-0193, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Barbara Swanson.

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

c/o Sandra A. Meyer
Attorney at Law
1951 Dowdy Road
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Dated the 23rd day of June, 2022.


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SPORTS

APACHE FIELD HOSTS FOOTBALL CLINIC



Gonzales' Apache Field served as the host site for a Southwestern Assemblies of God University football clinic, led by new head coach and former Dallas Cowboy Greg Ellis and the rest of his coaching staff on Saturday, June 25. More than 100 athletes from all across the Lone Star State came out to compete and more than 30 college scholarship opportunities were handed out during the one-day clinic.

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Veterans' annual golf scramble set to tee off on July 4

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales County Veterans' Memorial Association hosts their 10th annual three-man golf tournament on

Monday, July 4, with an 8 a.m. tee time.

The event is being held at the Gonzales Independence Golf Course.

All fees include refreshments (meat, soda and water, as well as a B.Y.O.B. policy for

the tournament). Prizes will be awarded, with a \$750 first place prize, \$400 second place prize, and a \$200 third place prize, based on a full field.

There will also be "closest to the pin", and "longest drive" prizes awarded.

Participation fees for the event are \$150 per team, with a Superman Drive #10 at \$20. Checks are to be made payable to GCVMA. Pre-pay and registration is requested.

All proceeds for this event will benefit the Gonzales Coun-

ty Veterans Memorial Association with further information available by contacting Derek Grahmann at 830-857-3199, Bill Kessler at 830-203-0002 or Gonzales Independence Golf course club house at 830-672-1324.

Shooting team seeks members

Interested in joining the Gonzales Shooting Team for the 2022-2023 school year?

The team will be having an informational meeting open to Gonzales County 4H, Jr. FFA and FFA members ages 8-18. Come out to get information and hands on experience on joining our team! Shotguns will be available if needed.

Dates are July 10 at 1 p.m. in Gonzales and July 17 at 1:30 p.m. in Waelder.

For questions and to sign up, please call: BJ LaBuhn at 830-203-1505 or Ken DuBose at 830-857-5435.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The winning team from the June 15 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Chris Jeanes, Haley Rayburn, Butch Jackson, David Meredith, Charles Barron and Robert Camarillo.



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The second-place team from the June 15 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Frank Ingram, Trent Rabke, Wayne Baker, Smokey Spahn and Ryan Lee.

NEWS BRIEFS

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 Tucy at 830-263-1611.

ROAD WORK



LEW K. COHN

A crew works to replace underground wastewater lines which cross the intersection of College Street at St. Francis Street in Gonzales. The work is part of a larger City of Gonzales capital improvement project that also includes replacement of a similar line at the intersection of St. Francis Street and St. Joseph Street, where traffic was being rerouted as well this week.

OBITUARIES

KENNETH REX MCGINTY



Kenneth Rex McGinty of Gonzales, TX passed away at the young age of 77 on June 24, 2022. He was born on September 26, 1944 in Wrightsboro, TX to parents K.V. McGinty Jr. and Billie Jean Atkinson McGinty. He graduated from Gonzales High School in 1962 and attended Wharton Junior College. His many adventures and exploits early on in life eventually guided him into the US Army. In the Army he found his calling and in the Army he thrived.

He served as a Regular Army Officer from 1967 until 1989. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry in 1967. Further assignments included Airborne Ranger, 5th Special Forces Recondo, Jungle Warfare, Army Rotary Wing Aviator, and Armor Advanced Course. He was a highly decorated combat veteran having served with distinction in both ground and air combat operations. He commanded at both the Company and Field Grade levels. He was selected as one of the initial, hand-picked officers to lead the reconstituted 75th Airborne Ranger Regiment in Vietnam as a Long Range Combat Patrol leader.

He served in the Pentagon Army Staff on two occasions, his first assignment as the Director of military requirements and operational research and development for the Advanced Attack Helicopter Program - AAH-64 Apache. He was subsequently selected to command the Army's first AH-64 Apache, Calvary Squadron. During this time he was selected as the US Army's Aviator of the Year in 1986. He again served in the Pentagon as Deputy Director, Chief of Staff Army, Anti-Armor Strategic Task Force. He was selected for promotion to Colonel and Brigade Command, but chose to retire where he continued his second career in the Defense Aerospace Industry.

He was awarded 2 Legion of Merits, 2 Bronze Stars with V device for Valor and Heroism, 2 Purple Hearts, 5 Air Medals - 1 with V Device for Valor and Heroism, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and numerous other awards, campaign ribbons and citations including the Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Senior Army Aviator Wings.

Kenny was one of kind. There are not enough adjectives to really describe him: loving, giving, honorable, brave, loyal, genuine, hero, legend (in his own mind) and just plain "fun." He had heart of gold and would and did help so many people throughout his life. His smile could literally light up the room and the second he

walked into it he would be the center of attention - he would make sure of that. He loved to entertain people, whether by a good joke, good food, or a good game of dominoes. He loved a nice robusto Cuban cigar and smooth glass of Scotch - or two - or "Just one more."

Of all his many accomplishments, his greatest was the love he gave to his family and friends. He lived big, but he loved bigger.

He always dreamed of owning a ranch and fulfilled that dream when he bought his place in Ranger, Texas. He finally was able to be the cowboy he always wanted to be, raising his Red Angus cattle and riding his horses Hot Rod and Apache. Almost ten years of the most cherished family memories were made there.

After he and Dorothy were married, they sold the ranch in Ranger and made their home on Sunflower Trail between McNeil (outside of Luling) and Harwood. There he continued his Cross Sabres Ranch, living life to his fullest and happiest.

Kenny is survived by his daughter Kelly Sue McGinty and granddaughter Nolah McGinty, Aunt Sandra Atkinson, Frank Lee Atkinson and wife Laura, Matthew Atkinson and wife Cheryl and sons Ancel and Quinn, Bobby Garger and son Bobby Jr., nieces Star Brown and Brandi Teague, and nephew Brian McGinty. He is also survived by his extended family of his beloved wife Dorothy's children and grandchildren, dearest friends Jim and Cynda Richards, John and Linda Craven and family, companion Pam Knight-Tischler, and many other cousins, family and friends too numerous to name.

He was preceded in death by wife Dorothy McGinty, parents K. V. and Billie Jean McGinty, brother Larry McGinty, Uncle Bob Glover, Aunt Ann Atkinson, and his beloved Uncle Frank Atkinson.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the Wounded Warrior Project.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 28 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Matt Pennington officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow at the Hermann Sons Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www.seydlerhill-funeralhome.com

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales Police Department

06/20/2022 – 06/26/2022

Arrests:

- 06/20/2022 Angel Leonardo Gonzalez, 17 yoa, from Gonzales, Texas, , Possession of Marijuana
- 06/21/2022 Shequoy Lamar White, 28 yoa, from Gonzales, Texas, Possession of Marijuana
- 06/21/2022 Gino Giovanni Martinez, 19 yoa, from Gonzales, Texas, Possession of Marijuana
- 06/21/2022 Terrance Montolya Wallace, 45 yoa, from Gonzales, Texas, Felony

Warrant

- 06/23/2022 Paul M Villareal III, 46 yoa, Gonzales, Texas, Driving While License Invalid with Previous Convictions
- 06/24/2022 Mario Michael Arroyo Humphreys Jr, 22 yoa, Nixon, Texas, Evading Arrest or Detention with Vehicle
- 06/24/2022 Isaiah Fuentes, 19 yoa, from Gonzales, Texas, Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon
- 06/25/2022 Dominic Nathaniel Sparks, 38 yoa, from Gonzales, Texas, Possession of Marijuana
- 06/26/2022 Michael William Barry, 51 yoa, from El

Paso, Texas, Public Intoxication

267 Calls for Service

Cases:

- 4 Warrant
- 4 Possession of Marijuana
- 1 Credit Card or Debit Card Abuse
- 1 Continuous Family Violence
- 1 Criminal Mischief
- 1 Animal Bite
- 1 Illegal Dumping
- 1 Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon
- 1 Driving While Intoxicated
- 1 Public Intoxication
- 1 Burglary of Motor Vehicle

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office

06/19/22 – 06/25/22

06/23/22

Casey, Zachary Ross, 11/1989, Houston: Galveston County Warrant – Harassment of Public Servant, Requires \$20,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

06/24/22

Magee, Jennifer Denise, 11/1983, Nixon:Local Warrant – Fraud Use/Poss Ident Info #Items <5 Elderly; Released on \$25,000 Bond

Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processings:	
GCSO	02
DPS	02
GPD	09

WPD	02
NPD	01
GISD	00
SMO	00
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ACROSS

- 1 Middle East prince
- 5 TXism: “so broke I couldn’t buy hay for a night_____”
- 6 cattle _____
- 7 TXism: “pay _____ never mind”
- 8 Fossil _____ Wildlife Center
- 9 arose (2 wds.)
- 16 Oklahoma town
- 18 pre-game exercising (2 wds.)
- 21 disfavored group: _____ Klux Klan
- 22 TXism: “does a _____ office business”
- 23 groove-billed bird at Bentsen State Park
- 24 TXism: “risky _____ leak in a match factory”
- 30 in Hall County on U.S. 287
- 34 _____ Bissinger book “Friday Night Lights”
- 35 “Texas Wheelers” fictional town
- 36 Texas basic skills test (1991-2002)
- 37 this Warren starred with TX Quaid in “Tough Enough”
- 39 runway with no terminal (2 wds.)
- 43 TXism: “_____ it with kid gloves”
- 44 Texas town where no cars are made
- 45 famed TCU coach _____ “Dutch” Meyer
- 46 this TX Martin was TV’s “Peter Pan”

47 people can take _____ the Alamo

- 49 in Davy Crockett National Forest on highway 7
- 52 TX V.T. Hamlin’s comic strip “Alley _____”
- 53 Amarillo’s “_____State Fair & Rodeo”
- 54 TX Jayne Mansfield was born Vera Jane _____
- 55 Eagle Pass is the seat of this county

58 TXism: “took to it like a kitten _____”

59 this Randle was a Texas Ranger from 1972-76

- 60 explosive letters
- 61 newspaper income sources
- DOWN
- 1 TX Goetzmann won Pulitzer for “Explo-ration and _____”
- 2 this Dean starred in “Four For Texas”
- 3 nickname of former Cowboy assistant coach Ditka (2 wds.)
- 4 decorate again
- 9 dir. to Burnet from McGregor
- 10 TX gunfighter Ben Thompson wore a _____ hat”

- 11 spoken
- 12 big theatre in Fort Worth
- 13 “Did so” response
- 14 this world org. has depository library at UT (abbr.)
- 15 Tom Kite assn.
- 17 TXism: “Panhandle rain”
- 19 “_____ of” (rare)
- 20 mom’s description of messy room
- 24 Ranger & Astro leag.
- 25 “My Gal _____”
- 26 TXism: “got _____ on” (angry)
- 27 TXism: “_____ the dogs” (ruined)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- 33 reserve funds for a special purpose
- 38 the Mysterians only hit, “96 _____,” was recorded in Texas
- 40 TXism: “couldn’t find hide _____ hair of it”
- 41 the central idea
- 42 they are prepared before publication
- 48 foreign car
- 50 George W. brother
- 51 TXism: “in this _____ of the woods”
- 56 African river
- 57 improve by editing

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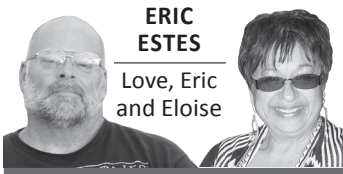
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric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

Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

Somewhere on the Spectrum

Hey y'all, how are we doing today? I hope life's treating you well with plenty of cool air, warm showers, and soft pillows. Yep, sometimes it's the small, often overlooked and taken for granted things, that can make such a huge difference in our overall comfort and happiness level. We're very fortunate, if not a little spoiled to boot, so take a moment to thank God today for the little things, as many folks around the world would love to have them. So, please excuse me as I enjoy my soft pillow a little longer...Zzzz... yep, much better!

Every time I sit down to write this article, it dawns on me that yet another week of life has passed us by and now resides in the annals of history, never to return during our short stint here, except in our often convoluted memory. I've noticed that some of my favorite memories of the "good old days" don't always portray reality. I was reminded of this after watching an 8mm film my dad had shot when I was about fourteen. Living in Illinois at that time, ice skating was a favorite pass time. The way I remember it, is that I was definitely headed for Olympic gold as a speed skater. However, after reviewing the harsh reality revealed in the video, it made me wonder if they've added a face skating event as well? That's ok, sometimes a little fantasy and denial can



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

make life more palatable, so if you don't mind, I'll just continue to bask in the roar of the crowd as I accept my medal!

I've just finished watching a Netflix docuseries entitled Love on the Spectrum. It's all about the difficulties people on the autism / asperger's spectrum have dating and trying to connect in hopes of finding love and marriage. While some are fortunate enough to be successful, many unfortunately, are not. While finding love for most people is somewhat difficult, for them there's many more challenges to try and overcome. Honestly, it's a bit heart-wrenching to watch, as you can feel their loneliness and real desire to have what every human craves. But, with every success story comes renewed hope that the others may find love in the future.

After a little research, it seems that asperger's is considered to be on the less severe side of the autism spectrum. People within this spectrum are generally as intelligent as everyone else, but have a harder time with social skills. Symptoms may in-

volve delayed cognitive and learning skills often affecting language and movement. They may also display hyperactive, impulsive, or inattentive behavior, resulting in unusual mood and emotional reactions. They also may tend to obsess on one topic or perform repetitive behaviors.

Judging by these symptoms, I would assume that most of us live on at least the softer side of this spectrum as well, as most of us have displayed many of these same tendencies at one time or another. As unfortunate and wrong as it may be, we tend to live in a society where people with special needs are often harshly judged and looked down upon. However, God commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and rest assured, he is watching. As Matthew 7:1 puts it, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged."

I don't know about you, but the day I have to stand before God and give an account for my life, is sure to be a long one. Today, I'm happy to say, Christ has changed me from the inside out, and as a result I have a real soft spot for the under dogs, and less fortunate among us. I've come to the realization that we're really not that much different than everyone else, so as the saying goes,...but for the grace of God, there go I!

Until next time, love you guys, Eric.

Summertime

BY FATHER ROBERT CERTAIN
Episcopal Church of the Messiah

"Summertime ... and the livin' is easy."

So wrote George Gershwin for the 1935 opera Porgy and Bess. This is one of those songs that has always reminded me of growing up in south Georgia along the banks of the Savannah River.

School was out and it was time to relax, explore the woods, relax by the river or at the beach, climb some mountains, and renew the inner strength that would be necessary once September rolled around again.

The words of Summertime speak to the excitement of momentous times in the lives of our fellow Christian disciples – baptisms, confirmations, weddings, graduations, new careers:

One of these mornings

You're going to rise up singing

Then you'll spread your wings

And you'll take to the sky

The Biblical reference that stands behind Gershwin's lyrics is found in Isaiah 40:31 – "They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

As our children grow to young adults, as our young adults grow to maturity, and as the rest of us continue to grow into

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City manager updates CVB on tourism position

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau met for its regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, June 22, in the Gonzales Municipal Building, with Tim Patek, the City Manager, giving the board an update regarding the tourism director position for the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce &

Agriculture. Patek told the board the city attorney is working on the wording for the visitor center agreement, and once that is done, they'll get with Chamber president Carolyn Morrow to work out the details of the agreement before bringing it back to the city council for a decision. The board approved the following agenda items:

- approved recommending to the city council the approval of an application for funding to the Come and Take It Committee for the originally budgeted amount of \$10,000 and up to \$15,000 in additional funding to be used for promotion of the arts that directly enhances tourism and the hotel and convention industry for the 2022 Come & Take It Celebration on Sept. 30

- through Oct. 2.
- approved authorizing funding to the Edwards Association in a dollar amount not to exceed \$4,573.72 to be used for a formal dinner and the rental of GG Steaks and Spirits; also entertainment costs and other miscellaneous costs associated with the reunion on July 1-3 of \$1,500.
- approved funding policies of the Gonzales Convention

and Visitor's Bureau to include but are not limited to: budgeting and approval process for budget of the CVB; review and propose any changes to the application for funding; eligible funding categories, percentages and appropriate allowable funding and allocation consideration, placing a moratorium on funding applications received after Sept. 1.

ABORTION

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will no longer be allowed within the state of Texas due to a trigger law slated to take effect 30 days after the court finalizes its ruling.

"At least for the services that we provide internally, as far as we know, there won't be any changes or any effect," said Rafael De La Paz, CEO, Community Health Centers of South Central Texas, which serves a large percentage of the underinsured and uninsured in Gonzales County. "Of course, we don't provide any abortion services as a community health center, and since we use or have received federal funding, there certainly won't be any change there.

"I think some of the discussions that we've had about possibly some of the impact on other services that we do provide, like family planning services and contraceptive management. This is going to be something that we're gonna have to kind of wait and see as to how Texas interprets the ruling and essentially, what are some of those details that will come on the back end, whether certain contraceptive methods are going to be accepted or not?"

"Technically, if you look at federal law, the morning-after pill is considered a contraceptive. It's not considered an abortive procedure," added Dr. Debra Irwin, who provides family medicine services at the Gonzales center. "So technically, that should not be affected under federal law, but none of us know what the fallout is going to be in the coming months with all this.

"So right now, the biggest impact for us would be, are we going to be seeing more people for birth control? Are we going to be seeing more people for OB care? Are we going to be seeing more kids in our pediatric nine months from now? I think that's the biggest impact."

Irwin said Texas' trigger law banning abortions is going to have a greater impact on those unable to afford to seek one in another state.

The Texas Tribune reported recently that, according to the Guttmacher Institute, an abortion advocacy research group, the average Texan would have to drive 525 miles, each way, to obtain an abortion.

"The folks with the money who want an abortion are going to go to another state, because they're going to have the money to pay to go to another state," Irwin said. "The population we take care of may not have the funding to go do that. Now, that doesn't affect us, again, from the standpoint of abortions, because we don't provide those services, but our population may be more affected, which is why we're looking at from our standpoint, are we gonna see an increase in folks coming in to try to prevent that down the road or maybe a greater number of births resulting from that."

De La Paz said 53

percent of the population served by the Community Health Center is uninsured, while another 20 to 25 percent are under-served or underinsured.

"I think it's going to be a matter of time to kind of see the effects of this ruling on our population and what we're thinking is there might be a higher need for women's health services down the road or contraceptive management, or prenatal or post care as well," De La Paz said.

With nearly 1.6 million individuals in the state of Texas already receiving healthcare through a federally qualified health center (FQHC) like the Community Health Centers of South Central Texas, a potential increase in new clientele could force such centers to look at building capacity to take on more traffic. However, their budgets are constrained, to a degree, by the funding they receive from federal and state resources.

"Hopefully, there's supplemental funding down the road to be able to increase our capacity, not only on direct services, but also education and being able to meet up to a little bit more community outreach," De La Paz said.

Gonzales Healthcare Systems' Women's Health Department does not provide elective abortion procedures. GHS does provide obstetrical services at Gonzales Memorial Hospital with four labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum suites.

"Our official comment is this (Dobbs ruling) will not impact the healthcare we provide at Gonzales Healthcare Systems," said Holly Danz, GHS director of marketing.

PROSECUTOR SPEAKS

Texas' trigger law approved during the previous legislative session bans all abortions from the moment of fertilization and will take effect within 30 days after the finalization of the Dobbs v. Jackson and makes performing abortion a felony.

The law would make an exception only to save the life of a pregnant patient or if they risk "substan-

tial impairment of major bodily function." Doctors could face life in prison and fines up to \$100,000 if they perform abortions in violation of the law.

County Attorney Paul Watkins said his department is going to follow Texas law, whatever it may be, but will not initiate a case that is not referred by law enforcement.

"The easy thing for me to say is we're going to follow the law," Watkins said. "I'm not a policymaker; I am a prosecutor, not a policymaker. The way I feel about it all is it's not my opinion that matters. It's what the Legislature says.

"I will probably deal with it the same way I deal with everything else. If you have a complaint, you need to get a law enforcement agency involved as we will not take complaints directly from the community and we don't do that in anything else."

LOCAL PASTOR REACTIONS

Josh Breslaw, pastor of First Baptist Church of Gonzales, spoke about God's command in Exodus 20:13 — "Do not kill" — which he called "concise."

"This tells us that God values all human life," Breslaw said. "As Christians, it is our duty to advocate for life, whether those lives are children inside their mother's womb, children born into poverty, mothers, migrants, refugees, or anyone in need.

"Regardless of government laws and policies, the church should always 'take care of the least of these' (Matthew 25:40) because this is what God commands."

Charlie Mills, pastor of Gonzales Church of Christ, said his church is non-denominational, so "there is not an official position across all affiliations."

"We (locally) are happy about the ruling, but the fact of the matter is abortion is not ending," Mills said. "It just gives the power overall back to the states. I think the opinion will cause a lot of controversy with churches, but also is an opportunity for open discussion and gives us an avenue for people to discuss how they feel and not just fight and argue."

Gonzales ISD approves peace officer for each campus

Avellaneda also authorized to research Guardian program

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

On Monday, June 27, the Gonzales ISD Board of Trustees voted to approve a peace officer for each campus to ensure the safety and the security of district students and staff.

Additionally, the Gonzales ISD Board of Trustees unanimously authorized Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda to research and design a Guardian program plan for future board consideration.

The Guardian program will allow Gonzales ISD to work collaboratively with local law enforcement agencies to create and design a detailed plan to improve safety and security in the district.

Gonzales ISD will begin the process of gathering input from school district staff and community stakeholders in the upcoming weeks.

The Guardian program teaches school staff members who already have a LTC (license to carry) how to have an armed defensive approach to an active shooter on campus. It was started by Jeff Sellers of Marble Falls in the wake of the 2009 Fort Hood terror attack.

More information about the Guardian program can be found at <https://schoolsontarget.com/guardian.html>.

CHURCH BRIEFS

LUTHERANS, PRESBYTERIANS JOIN FOR VBS

First Lutheran Church and The Presbyterian Church of Gonzales will be having Vacation Bible School on July 5-7, from 9 a.m. to noon. Children ages pre-K (4) through fifth grade (completed) are welcome to attend.

First Lutheran Church will be hosting this year at 1206 N. St. Joseph, Gonzales. If you have any questions, please call 830-672-2057.

Themed dress attire for the week is: Tuesday, July 5 – GREEN;

Wednesday, July 6 – BLUE; Thursday, July 7 – RED.

FBC NIXON PICNIC

First Baptist Church of Nixon will hold their church picnic on Sunday, July 3, at Oscar and Brenda Perez' home, 11771 FM 240, Westhoff.

Worship starts at 10 a.m., followed by a hamburger and hot dog luncheon. Enjoy visiting, dominoes and outdoor games.

There will be no Sunday School or worship services at the church on Sunday, July 3.

SUMMERTIME

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Christ's image, we would all do well to keep this verse from Isaiah as our mantra; and if we cannot remember the Bible verse, keep the song from Gershwin ringing in our ears.

Granted, there are times when I feel like my wings have been clipped, but prayer support restores them. Sometimes I feel lame and weak-kneed, but loving care on every side brings strength and hope.

It is a little scary for us to let our little children cross the street alone for the first time, for our teens to drive the car solo, for our high school graduates to leave home for college, and

for our young adults to walk down the aisle intending to say "I do."

But each of those actions, and a host of others, is part and parcel of

spreading their wings. May each of them walk strongly with the Lord, and may each of us be there to support them and cheer them on.



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THEATER

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sell the property after having submitted proposals.

The movie theater has been vacant since July 2020 and is currently not on the city's tax roll, according to GEDC executive director Jennifer Kolbe. The GEDC currently owns the building, allowing for no current property tax enforcement, which changes with privatized ownership.

"If somebody has a business in there, it has the potential to create jobs and generate sales tax," Kolbe stated.

GEDC received three proposals and Phyllis Browning Co. had the highest rating out of the three companies. Kolbe explained the company had a "robust marketing program" and worked with cities with many other historical buildings, like San Antonio, Fredericksburg and Boerne.

Kolbe explained GEDC didn't go with a local broker because they wanted to cast a broad net of "professional real estate companies."

Any company, either inside or outside of the city, can submit a proposal; with no



The currently vacant Lynn Theater, located at 510 Saint Paul St., is up for sale by the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation.

requirement to fill a bid if the company is or isn't from Gonzales.

"It's really common in government that you do a request for proposal or you go out for bids if it was something you were selling," Kolbe said. "And so that's the proper way to make sure that you're selecting a really qualified company to do the job."

The building had three owners prior to GEDC owning the

for anybody who buys it. We have a very robust Main Street Grant program, and they can always apply for a property improvement grant to make any improvements and those grants are up to \$52,000 each," Kolbe stated.

The list price for the building is currently \$499,000, a price suggested by Grove and not by GEDC.

"She did market research on similar buildings sizes and other markets that have sold, so she used comps and information that she had gathered from credible sources," Kollbe said.

The GEDC hopes to have a tenant that has a thriving business that brings in jobs and revenue to the city.

"The Economic Development Corporation is all about job creation, and making Gonzales better every day," Kolbe said. "So, anybody that goes in there [the Lynn Theater], we hope that, in addition to, like I said, paying their bills and following code, will be a good citizen downtown, somebody that creates an attractive environment for downtown."

“We’re trying to work with everybody and trying to get the bills divided and payments the best that we can. But they [the collectors] are wanting their money because it’s been so far back that they haven’t been paid”

—Mayor Lisa Benavides

SMILEY

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before her time as mayor, adding the city is working to get the trash bills paid so Smiley residents can still have regular trash pick ups.

"For dumpsters that are (normally available) on Saturdays, for right now, we're going to have to close them down because those are a total of \$3,000 per month," Benavides said. "Along with owing so much money at this time, we can't afford to have it every other Saturday."

Benavides apologized for the "inconvenience" and insisted the city is working with the waste disposal company to pay any overdue bills.

The council went over several other unpaid bills for asphalt, telephone, and county elections.

"Because (we only have) the \$23,000 in our [general fund] account, we do not have enough to pay all these bills that we owe," Benavides said. The June and past due bills are for a total of \$128,466.80.

The council approved 3-0 to pay any bills that the city can afford to pay at this time.

"We're trying to work with everybody and trying to get the bills divided and payments the best that we can. But they [the collectors] are wanting their money because it's been so far back that they haven't been paid," Benavides said.

In other business, the council discussed and clarified the changing of permit fees. The water/sewer taps will go up from \$1,000 to \$1,350 for both residential and commercial customers. Food permits will be \$100 per month, with water applications at \$25; garage sale permits \$10 per household; and building permits at \$100 per month.

The Council approved and discussed the following agenda items:

- approved the audit results for fiscal year 2019-20 by Goldman, Hunt and Notz, LLP
- approved the updated version of the interlocal agreement between Gonzales County and the Smiley Marshal's Office.
- approved the updated version of the interlocal agreement between the Gonzales County and the Smiley Fire Department.
- discussed the status of dogs being held and will talk to the city attorney about what the city can do with them.



COURTESY PHOTOS/TEXAS SENATE

Gonzales resident Chance Freeman, the director of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's Disaster Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) program, testified before the Senate Special Committee to Protect All Texans on Wednesday, June 22, along with Sonja Gaines, deputy executive director of IDD and behavior health services. They answered questions from the committee, including co-vice chair Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, who represents Gonzales County in the Senate.

FREEMAN

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He joined Sonja Gaines, deputy executive director of IDD and behavior health services for HHS, in giving testimony on Wednesday, June 22, to the Senate Special Committee to Protect All Texans, which was formed by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to study school safety, mental health, social media, police training and firearm safety issues in the wake of the May 24 Robb Elementary shooting.

Freeman said his testimony touched on what services he and his team provided after an 18-year-old gunman shot and killed 19 students and two teachers before being killed by law enforcement officials.

"My testimony during the Senate Special Committee to Protect All Texans hearing focused on the Health and Human Services Commissions' Disaster Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) program's role in coordinating disaster behavioral health services to first responders and the Uvalde community," Freeman told the Inquirer.

"Less than 24 hours after the tragedy, members of my team and I deployed to Uvalde to begin coordinating behavioral

health support to Uvalde. As of June 20, we have served more than 2,817 persons through community networking, intakes, phone contacts/crisis calls, and/or individual or group counseling sessions.

"We continue to work with local leaders, the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District, and community-based behavioral health providers serving Uvalde to conduct community-based behavioral health needs assessments to identify needs and the resources available for the community's long-term recovery," Freeman added.

Freeman said the DBHS is "responsible for all hazards, disaster behavioral health planning, response, and recovery efforts," which includes response to natural disasters, like Hurricane Harvey, as well as critical incidents, including the Santa Fe high school shooting in May 2018.

"During disasters and critical incidents, the program works with federal, state, and local leadership, emergency response units, and law enforcement on response and recovery efforts," Freeman explained. "DBHS staff have

responded to 15 disasters/criminal incidents since 2017, which included mass shootings, natural disasters, and public health emergencies.

"We coordinate services through a statewide network of 39 Local Mental and Behavioral Health Authorities (LM-HAs/LBHAs), who provide immediate, on-the-ground behavioral health support, 24/7 call centers for survivors, first responders, and members of the community. They also provide counseling, debriefing, referral, consultation, and relief support."

Freeman began working as director of the DBHS program in 2017 and serves as the state's disaster behavioral health coordinator, providing direction and leadership in times of crises.

"I oversee the Federal Emergency Management Agency-funded Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) grants following federally declared disasters, and provide technical assistance and training to a variety of states and federal agencies," Freeman said of his role. "I serve as a member of the Substance Abuse Mental

Health Services Administration Cadre of Consults, I chair the Texas Disaster Behavioral Health Consortium, and often serve as a field reviewer for state and federal technical assistance publications.

"In 2021, I was named as the State Behavioral Health Initiative Advisor to the Terrorism and Disaster Network Committee where I promote the behavioral health and well-being of children and families by strengthening our nation's preparedness and response to terrorism, disaster, mass violence, and public health emergencies."

Wednesday's hearing before the Senate Special Committee was not Freeman's first time to testify before the legislature.

"I did so following the tragedy in Santa Fe and have served as a resource witness while the Texas Legislature is in session," Freeman said.

Members appointed to the Special Committee include co-vice chair Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, who serves Gonzales County in the Senate. Kolkhorst also serves as chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

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