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City discusses conflicting back to school events

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

Four local groups, all working towards the same goal, experienced scheduling conflicts that were addressed at the recent city council on July 14. The events

in question involve back to school fund raising efforts scheduled to take place in August. Representatives for the Main Street Board, the Divine Restoration Apostolic Ministries, Edwards Association, and the Eastside Baptist Church attended

last Thursday's meeting to address the schedule conflict, requesting the council address a possible solution. The events, inadvertently on the same day, specifically Saturday, August 6, creating the potential conflict. Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla advised the council

that the Main Street board had begun promoting the event prior to council approval of a set date for the event and had been informed to stop. "Since I am new at this position, I

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Gonzales ISD and Waelder ISD agree on interlocal transportation agreement

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

Gonzales ISD agreed, during the last school board meeting Monday, July 11, on an Interlocal Agreement with Waelder ISD for transportation services. GISD Superintendent Elmer Avellaneda and WISD Superintendent Ron Lilie both talked about how this interlocal agreement will impact their districts. "We try to create this type of agreement so that our students of course get the resources and the help they need and way that's beneficial to both districts to students, and so forth and so on." Avellaneda said. The agreement will help students

get transportation to the Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) in Nixon-Smiley for both districts. Currently certain districts do not provide this transportation," Lilie explained. "We were looking for something that would be economical for the district but also accommodate the parents and their work schedules and things like that." Lilie said. The DAEP in Nixon suggested the interlocal agreement with GISD, according to Lilie, citing the benefit to both districts in offsetting the cost of transportation. The interlocal agreement will begin Wednesday, Aug. 17 and end Thursday, May 23, 2023, with an annual review for the next school year.



Business owner recuperating at home; assailant identified

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The owner of a Gonzales auto paint and body shop is recovering at home after he was shot by an associate Wednesday afternoon. Meanwhile, his alleged assailant, identified as Anthony Michael Benitez, 49, has been

charged with one count of aggravated assault of a date, family member or member of household with a weapon, a first-degree felony; one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony; or deadly conduct discharge

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City works to bolster public awareness of river danger

Temporary fencing now blocks access to site where drownings occurred

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

The City of Gonzales is taking additional steps to "increase the public's awareness of the

dangers of the river and the importance of water safety" when accessing the Guadalupe River after several recent drownings. A public hearing will be held during the Thursday, Aug. 11, Gonzales City Council meeting, where citizens can discuss any necessary restrictions or guidelines that would help inform the public of the dangers of going

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Fundraiser established for longtime Inquirer staffer, Apache supporter

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales High School Class of 1995 graduate Louis Decker has spent his adult life supporting his beloved Apaches, including covering their athletic exploits in the pages of the Gonzales Inquirer as sports editor and on the side recently while working as the newspaper's advertising account

executive. However, Decker, 44, is now in the fight of his life as he is currently hospitalized at Methodist Hospital Specialty and Transplant in San Antonio and will need a liver transplant soon in order to survive. Decker was admitted to the hospital on July 1, 2022, and is suffering from decom-

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Louis Decker

Float Fest comes to Gonzales County

FROM STAFF REPORTS

After several years on hiatus, Float Fest 2022 is finally here and expected to bring community fellowship and some of the biggest names in entertainment to the Gonzales County area for a weekend of fun and activities. Many artists, including Vampire Weekend, Marshmello, deadmau5, Cage the Elephant,

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County water levels in normal range despite extreme heat

BY CLAYTON KELLEY
For the Inquirer

Despite the county facing extreme temperatures, water level reports remained steady according to the Gonzales County Water Conservation District. At the GC-WCD board of directors meeting, it was

announced that water levels were checked on 189 observation wells for the June water level report. "Surprisingly, it wasn't that bad for June water level measurements," Water Consultant Greg Sengelmann said. "What sort of surprised me was over on the northeastern side up in the Delhi area, there was a foot

drawdown in January, but now it's like nine feet drawdown." Three times a year the water level report is produced in January, June and September and the water quality is checked in March.

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FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

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First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School donated SPARK bags to Norma's House. Pictured from left are Mollie Weathers-FBC, Deane Novosad- Director of Norma's House, and Natalie Tatsch-FBC.

FBS VBS donates to Norma's House

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Part of the mission of Norma's House is to restore hope and dignity back to the children of the community and they do that by providing all the necessary resources and tools to help children succeed.

However, this would not be possible without the support of local organizations. The First Baptist Church in Gonzales hosted their annual Vacation Bible School and this year created a task allowing kids to play an active role in their mission project.

Throughout the week, kids created SPARK bags by filling each bag with art supplies and donating them to children who visit Norma's House. These special bags will give every child the opportunity to be creative while also providing them the tools to aid them in their healing process.

Norma's House gave thanks to the First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, their leaders, and their participants for their donation of these awesome SPARK bags. The kids will love them and Norma's House is so grateful for all of their support.

REUNIONS & MEETINGS

2022 HARWOOD HOMECOMING HELD

Residents, former residents, and family members met for the 65th annual Harwood Homecoming Sunday, July 10. The Homecoming is an event to raise money for the upkeep of the Harwood Cemetery. Donations were accepted that day or may be sent to the Harwood Cemetery Association, PO Box 70, Harwood, TX 78632.

Approximately 100 visitors gathered at the Harwood Community Center. Former classmates and neighbors reminisced, reconnected and enjoyed a good meal together. Memories were rekindled and shared as the museum was explored. Dear friends who had passed this last year were remembered. Door prizes were presented to the youngest and oldest attendees. Aubrie Curry is 10 months old; while Walter Palmer and Dorothy Nell Gilkey are both 90 years plus. Walter and Betty Palmer were recognized as the couple married the longest. Howie and RaVanna Curry were recognized as the most recently married. Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Huff, of Virginia, travelled the farthest and were presented a fuel card.

A short meeting was led by Bubba Damon the Chairman of the Harwood Cemetery Committee. Julie Fairchild is the secretary/treasurer and committee members include Steve Anyon, Peggy Blackmon, Clint Fairchild, Johnny Don Johnson, and Christy Lacy. A report of cemetery upkeep and activities was given. A cemetery workday was announced for Saturday, October 29. Everyone is invited to come and spruce up the cemetery. This will be a good time to trim trees and shrubs, and place fresh flowers in your area.

The cemetery committee meets as needed, and the annual committee election will be held Saturday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Harwood Community Center. Please contact someone on the committee if you have any ideas, suggestions, complaints or complements.

SATURN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Saturn Cemetery Association will have a General Meeting on Sunday, August 21 at 6 p.m. at the Saturn Community Building.

SIMMONS, LEMONS, ADAMS REUNION CANCELED

The Simmons, Lemons, and Adams annual Family Reunion has been canceled because of our current conditions. We are hoping and praying to resume on Saturday, Sept. 30. Please note that our annual family reunion has been changed from August to September beginning 2023.

Additionally, we are in the process of designing a website and should be finalized by the end of August, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Margie (Nell) Simmons at (512) 565-1218 or at bertmas-on58@gmail.com.

Drowning victim was Gonzales graduate

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A 24-year-old Gonzales High School graduate has been identified as the individual who drowned in the Guadalupe River in Gonzales earlier this month.

Gustavo Angel Velazquez, who graduated in the Class of 2015, passed away Sunday, July 10, when he was last seen in the river below the Gonzales city hydroelectric dam near US 183 (Water Street).

His body was located and recovered

by Gonzales County Rescue personnel shortly after 7:34 p.m. after a search by Gonzales County Sheriff's Office, Gonzales police, Gonzales firefighters, Gonzales County EMS and Texas Parks & Wildlife game wardens.

Velasquez was remembered for his love of the Gonzales school district and participation in Special Olympics, where he won several medals. He also was loved in his birthplace of Dolores Hidalgo Guanajuato, Mexico, where he would visit family and friends often.



Gustavo Angel Velazquez

Owens joins GVTC Board of Directors

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The GVTC Board of Directors welcomed a new member at the 2022 annual meeting. Kevin Owens was voted in to serve as a director of District III, which serves the Balcones, Kenberg, and Sabina areas. Owens has been a GVTC customer for eight years and resides in the Boerne area.

Owens holds a bachelor's degree and master's degree in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering.

He has 40 years of oil and gas industry experience, 32 of which were in several international locations, including Azerbaijan,

Bolivia, Denmark, Indonesia, Nigeria, Russia (Siberia), Trinidad, and Venezuela. In 2020, he was recognized by the Society of Petroleum Engineers with a Distinguished Achievement Award for his outstanding leadership across operations, personal and process safety, reliability, maintenance, production, and financial results.

In his community, Owens serves as a director on the board for his local POA. He and his wife of 38 years, Dana, have lived in rural Boerne since 2014. Kevin re-



Kevin Owens

tired from Chevron in 2020. They have two grown daughters living in the general area.

Owens' background in mega operations, experience with numerous diverse cultures, desire to serve the community, and prior experience on other international non-profit boards allow him to be an effective and active member of the GVTC board.

"After living overseas for the majority of my life, I wanted to find an opportunity to give back to the community I am a part of now, and GVTC is the perfect fit. I am excited and humbled to be chosen to serve as a director at this incredible company," said Owens.

THECB awards \$15 million in education grants

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) has awarded \$15 million in grant funding to Texas higher education institutions, including Victoria College, through the Texas Reskilling and Upskilling through Education (TRUE) Grant Program. The program was established to support the creation, expansion, or redesign of workforce education and training programs in high-demand occupations.

"TRUE grants are an important tool to support our Texas institutions in achieving the goals of our state strategic plan for higher education, Building a Talent Strong Texas," said Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller. "These grants are specifically designed to help more Texans earn credentials aligned with current and emerging workforce needs and expand opportunities for long-term success."

These funds enable Texas public community and state technical colleges, as well as economic development organizations, to develop and provide short-term cer-

tification and workforce programs, in consultation and partnership with workforce stakeholders, that create pathways to employment.

"The TRUE program will unlock the exceptional potential of Texas' economic engine, ensuring educational opportunities, and a ready and trained workforce that will meet the needs of our rapidly growing state," said Senator Brandon Creighton, who authored Senate Bill 1102 that established the TRUE initiative.

Grantees:

- Amarillo College: \$530,000
- Austin Community College: \$530,000
- Central Texas College: \$530,000
- Cisco College: \$357,000
- Coastal Bend College: \$530,000
- College of the Mainland: \$530,000
- Collin College: \$670,200 (Consortium with Ranger College, Cisco College, Hill College)
- Dallas College: \$530,000
- Dallas College: \$1,065,000 (Consortium with Amarillo College, Navarro College)
- Del Mar College: \$530,000
- Frank Phillips College: \$530,000
- Galveston College:

- Grayson College: \$1,060,000 (Consortium with Paris Jr. College, Vernon College)
- Houston Community College: \$1,056,700 (Consortium with San Jacinto College, Brazosport College)
- Lamar State College Orange: \$530,000
- Lone Star College: \$389,200
- McLennan College: \$349,900
- Navarro College: \$530,000
- North Central Texas College: \$529,800
- Odessa College:

- Panola College: \$436,600
- Paris Jr. College: \$251,800
- Smithville Chamber of Commerce: \$50,000
- South Texas College: \$385,500
- Temple College: \$530,000
- Texarkana College: \$429,700
- Texas Southmost College: \$530,000
- Texas State Technical College: \$529,800
- Victoria College: \$515,200

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July 21st Haley Boatright Stephanie Fehner Rebeka Morgan Floyd Toliver	Annette Philippus Gene Ticken
July 22nd Amber Breitschopf Case Johnson Gloria Medellin	July 25th Ian Riker Kelly Stewart
July 23rd Sheila Hilt Natalie Horner	July 26th Jose Contreras Kristien Kotzebue Imogene Rainey Kelly Rathmann
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HOT	July 22 102°/77°	Mostly cloudy and hot 2% chance of rain • RealFeel 101
SUNNY	July 23 101°/78°	Sunshine; hot, low humidity 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 101
SUNNY	July 24 102°/77°	Sunshine; hot, low humidity 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 102
PARTLY SUNNY	July 25 99°/78°	Warm with variable clouds 29% chance of rain • RealFeel 101
PARTLY SUNNY	July 26 99°/75°	Partly sunny; hot, less humid 2% chance of rain • RealFeel 104
SHOWERS	July 27 100°/76°	A shower and thunderstorm 65% chance of rain • RealFeel 102

When life gives you the cold shoulder

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Frozen shoulder, otherwise known as adhesive capsulitis in the medical community, is a medical condition that causes severe and painful restriction of motion in the shoulder joint. The pain, along with subsequent swelling and stiffness, can make everyday activities more difficult, almost always worsening over time, affecting the ability to rest, participate in normal activities, or daily routines, as well as exercise or work related activities. Though signs and symptoms typically gradually worsen they also may resolve over time, usually within one to three years of onset.

The shoulder is made up of three bones forming a ball-and-socket joint, and along with the tissues that hold it all together, the three bones form the shoulder capsule. These bones are the humerus (upper arm), scapula (shoulder blade) and clavicle (collarbone).

When a patient develops frozen shoulder, the capsule surrounding the joint contracts. The patient's body forms bands of scar tissue called adhesions. In addition, the soft sacs which cushion the joint called bursae may also stick together causing loss of ability to move the shoulder.

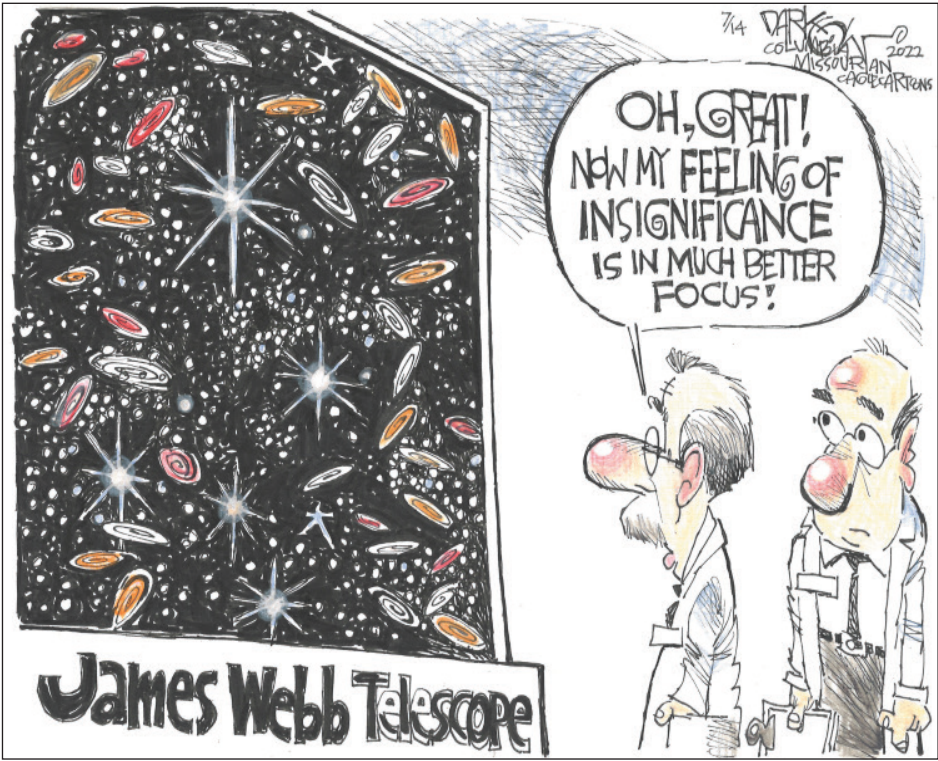
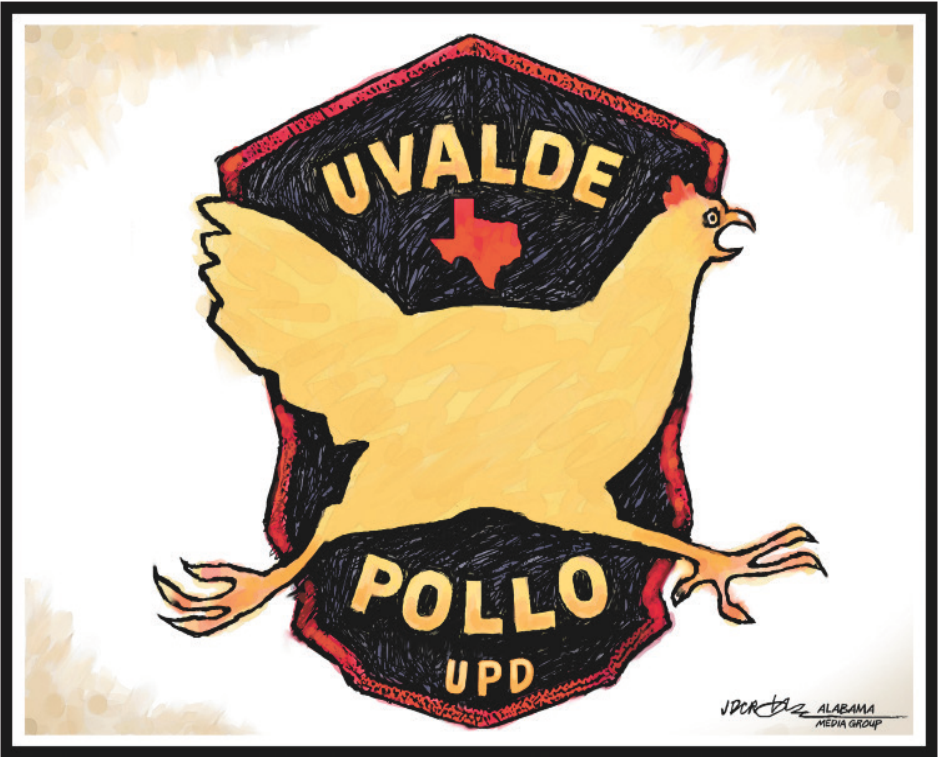
The contraction of the capsule and the formation of the adhesion cause the frozen shoulder to become stiff and cause movement to become extremely painful. This causes the shoulder from being able to freely move within the socket, causing it to seemingly be "frozen" in place, which is why it is referred to as frozen shoulder. Without proper treatment the condition may last for years.

This condition occurs twice as often in women than in men, typically among those between 40 – 60 years of age, as well as also developing after an injury to the shoulder area, shoulder surgical procedures, and even vaccinations in the shoulder muscle. Any instance where the surgery is exposed to prolonged joint immobilization the risk for developing frozen shoulder increases greatly.

Symptoms for this condition include shoulder pain (usually dull and aching), limited mobility, difficulty with daily activities, as well as occasional pain in the neck, upper shoulder, elbow or forearm, neck stiffness, headaches, and numbness in one or both hands. Toward the final stage of the condition the shoulder eventually begins to "thaw" with improved range of motion and decreased pain. This may take two to three years in 90% of cases, with 10% not improving without medical intervention.

Historically treatment for this condition include physical therapy, pain and anti-inflammatory medication, cortisone injections, shoulder alternatives, or some combination of all the a fore listed.

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



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

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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

On finishing well ...

The late Dr. Robert L. Smith and Ethelyn Hughes Smith, his bride, fell short in precious few areas of life, but when they did, it was never by intent. By a few weeks in each case, they missed a 70th wedding anniversary, he failed to attain age 90 and she was just short of her 97th birthday when she died recently.

They set new standards of service to others, however, the kind that the rest of us may only dream of.

When they reached their 60s, the thought of retirement didn't enter their minds. In fact, they would change gears to serve another three decades of Christian service upon relocation to Brownwood, TX, where he would become a distinguished professor of preaching at Howard Payne University....

Ethelyn was in lockstep with him, loving students and others as much as he did. The former pastor at First Baptist Church of Houston, he was a recognized artist as well, and when age started to take its toll, he clung doggedly to teaching an adult Sunday school class now led by another HPU retiree, Dr. Paul Butler.



Ethelyn Smith

Dr. Butler and wife Virginia marveled at his determination, even when macular degeneration robbed him of his eyesight.

As Dr. Smith completed five years as a Sunday school teacher and with vision almost gone, he depended on Ethelyn holding up big-lettered poster boards for his outline. Dr. Butler described her as "a 100-pound package of dynamite." And she was....

She was the ultimate in modesty, saying little of playing the piano at age 10, or serving as organist at both the Baptist and Presbyterian churches in Jefferson, TX, at age 12. Nor was it widely known that she also was both an artist and ceramist.

While cleaning out her closets a while back, children Judy and Robert Jr.--themselves artists--found several drawings with their mother's name on them.

Neither had ever seen these works, nor heard much of her artistic talent....

Ethelyn sustained a broken back as the result of a fall in the Smith's yard within months of her husband's death. Soon, she and Robert Jr. — long physically challenged — were residents at the Redstone Assisted-Living Community.

They were "rock stars" immediately. Robert Jr. cheered other residents as he moved around Redstone on his motorized wheelchair.

During multiple times weekly until recent months, Ethelyn made her way to the lobby to play hymns on the piano for residents....

Steady streams of visitors came to see Ethelyn and Robert Jr. Perhaps most surprising were out-of-state visitors on her 90th birthday. Three couples — all members of the young marrieds Sunday school class Ethelyn taught during the Smiths' 14-year stint at First Baptist Church in Pompano Beach, Florida —drove to Brownwood for a two-day visit with her. Their trip covered some 2,500 miles.

We've all heard of prayer warriors. Ethelyn headed the list.

She prayed with great confidence and expectation, making specific prayer petitions as requests were delivered by class members from a prayer box at First Baptist Church. Little wonder that she soon was called "the prayer lady" by Redstone staffers who visited her regularly for prayers and encouragement....

Finally, this: Determined to serve our Lord in all ways she could, she sent birthday cards--each with personal touches of scriptures and words of encouragement — to everyone at Redstone — some five dozen residents and three dozen employees. She sent about 1,000 cards.

She didn't have "the last word" at her funeral though, as she requested. (She claimed "last word status" in the obituary she wrote in her program

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OBITUARIES

FRANK “KIKO” OLMOS

Frank “Kiko” Olmos, 90, of Gonzales, passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2022. He was born June 17, 1932 in Gonzales County to Catarino Olmos and Petra Guajardo Olmos. He married Stella Proa on March 8, 1989 in Gonzales. He had been an active member of LULAC.

Frank was born on the family farm. He learned the value of a good work ethic at early age. Frank picked many a cotton field along with tending livestock. Although Frank’s level of education was limited to the 8th grade, his common sense and strong work ethic enabled him to enjoy a successful and profitable life and persevere in all his endeavors. His lack of education made it his personal mission to have his children achieve their goals in obtaining their degrees in higher education.

There was never a challenge Frank couldn’t tackle. Frank was always a hard worker. As a truck driver, he excelled, driving day or night whether it was local or long distance. His love for family always brought him home. He would help all he could in this community, ranching and civic activities. He enjoyed horse riding and playing baseball with his children. He was known by all of Gonzales residents, he was the last of the Mohicans. When Frank was not driving, he was operating his demolition business, many chicken houses came down at the hands of a man that loved life. His passion was to follow what meant most to him, living his best life with the love of his beloved



wife and all his children. Many a time was spent following grandkids at their sporting events, band concerts, weddings and any other excuse that might give him bragging rights of his children’s accomplishments. Lastly, but definitely not least, nothing or nobody (even when was threatened to have his driver’s license taken away) could stop him from his daily drive through his beloved city of Gonzales, even if it meant he was holding up traffic putting around town or parking under a shade tree for short nap. Frank will be greatly missed by all that called him dad, grandpa, Tio, or just buddy, but none more than his beloved “Mama”, his pet-name for his beautiful wife Ms. Stella.

Frank “Kiko” Olmos is survived by his adoring family; wife, Stella Olmos, daughters, Guadalupe Olmos De la Rosa, Rita Olmos San Miguel “Martin, Jr”, step-daughters, Liz Hernandez “Lorenzo, Jr” “Dorothy Rodriguez “Robert Lee”, Julie Mireles “Marty”, Linda Almaguer “Bruno”, Susie Gonzales “Phil”, Peggy Villarreal, Diane Serna “Juan”, Debbie Cantu “Sammy”, sons, Henry Olmos “Lisa”, Manuel Olmos “Anna”,

John Olmos “Irma”, stepsons, Randy Rodriguez, Dennis “Jojo” Rodriguez “Barbara”, Daniel Rodriguez “Rosalinda Rodriguez”, David Rodriguez, “Margarita Mendez”, brother Domingo Olmos “Christina”, 1st wife, Juanita Molina Olmos and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Frank Olmos, Jr, stepson, Guadalupe “Tuttie” Rodriguez, granddaughters, Amanda Marie Olmos and Catherine E Hernandez, grandson, Andrew Thompson, brothers, Moya, Jesse, Joe, David, Tony, and Steven Olmos, and a sister, Janie Olmos Salazar. The family will receive friends from, 5 to 7 pm Monday, July 18, 2022 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with a message of faith being delivered at 7 pm in the chapel by Pastor Atilano Mendoza. Funeral services will be held at 2 pm Tuesday, July 19, 2022 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with Rev. Lynn Wilson and Rev. Dr. James E. Jim Schellenberg. Interment will follow in Gonzales Memorial Park. Pallbearers: Aaron Hernandez, Buddy Rodriguez, Ryan Arellano, Chris Olmos, Gerardo “Junger” De la Rosa, Jr, and Brazos Olmos. Honorary Pallbearers, will be ALL of his grandchildren and Robert Lee Rodriguez. Memorials may be made to Missions of Faith Family or Iglesia Pentecostal Unida Hispana. Fiends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

GUSTAVO ANGEL VELAZQUEZ

Gustavo Angel Velazquez, 24, of Gonzales, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2022. He was born August 3, 1997 to Gaspar Velazquez and Patricia Vazquez. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Gustavo was born in Dolores Hidalgo Guajuato, Mexico. His parents brought him to Gonzales Tx at the age of 3 years old, which is where he attended school. He loved going to school and participating in Special Olympics, he won quite a few medals. In school he was always in the hallway or going into his big brother’s classroom just to say hi.

He graduated from Gonzales High School with the Class of 2015. After High School Gustavo attended Bluebonnet Trails for some time. He really enjoyed his bowling times with them. At home he loved playing Mario Kart with his sister and niece and pool with his big brother. One thing about Gustavo is he loved playing pool, he enjoyed going to the Running M Bar and Templin Saloon to play some pool. He enjoyed going to the soccer games every weekend as well, as soon as he got there, he would go around the soccer field to try to say hi to everyone. Always getting mad at the referee for making bad calls and at his team’s players for making a bad play. He



loved rubbing in his dad’s face that he went for the team “America” and his dad went for the rival “Las Chivas”.

Gustavo was a “momma’s boy” and was always with his mom mostly everywhere he went. He was always telling his family that he loved them, and he loved giving hugs. Gustavo was a sweet and outgoing young man, always saying hi to people even if he didn’t know them. He had his moments where he would get mad, but he wouldn’t hold grudges. He was dearly loved by a lot of people. He loved his niece and nephews so very much, and he was always asking for them and playing with them. At all the family barbecues he could make you laugh and always wanted to know what was going on and how everyone was doing. He called people constantly to check up on them. He loved visiting his birthplace in Mexico where he was also very loved by everyone. He would go visit every house

in his town as soon as he got there which would take him a couple days, but he did it anyway. He was a great human being and will be missed by all who knew him.

Gustavo is survived by his loving family; parents, Gaspar Velazquez and Patricia Vazquez, sisters, Karina Velazquez “Eriberto Hernandez”, Jennifer Velazquez, brother, Juan David Velazquez “Ani Vazquez” all of Gonzales, niece, Katy Elizabeth Gonzales, and nephews, Ayden Hernandez, Lucas Velazquez, and Ander Gaspar Hernandez and a host of friends.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 pm Sunday, July 17, 2022 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with the Holy Rosary being recited at 7 pm in the chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 pm Monday, July 18, 2022 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Jason Martini as celebrant. Pallbearers: David Velazquez, Eriberto Hernandez, Luis Vazquez, Sergio Velazquez, Jose Vazquez, and Omar Velazquez, Jose Velazquez, and Juan Velazquez. Memorials may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

Lane Jackson graduates from Abilene Christian University

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Lane Jackson of Gonzales graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from Abilene Christian University. Jackson was among more than 800

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Frank Garza Arce, lovingly known as “Mr. Frank”, passed away at home in Nixon, Texas on July 16, 2022. Frank was born on July 10, 1947 in Nixon to Inocencio and Antonia (Garza) Arce who precede him in death along with brothers, Alfredo Arce, Rene Arce, Inocencio Arce, Jr., and Oscar Arce.

Frank is survived by his sons, Frankie Arce, Jr., and Eric Rivas (Vanessa); daughters, Lydia Rivas Croft (Mark), and

FRANK GARZA ARCE



Linda Rivas; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers, Rudy Arce (Sylvia), and

Arturo Arce (Myong); and sisters, Lydia Arce Cano (John), Ofelia Anzaldúa (Fidencia), and Noelia Pantoja.

A graveside service will be held Friday, July 22, 2022, 10:00am at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Nixon, Texas. Pastor Lamar Amaya will officiate the service. You are welcome to sign the online guestbook at www.finchfuneralchapels.com. Services are in care of Finch Funeral Chapel, Nixon.

BRIEF

THOMPSONVILLE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Thompsonville Ladies Club is having a Scholarship Raffle & Ice Cream Social on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at the Thompsonville Community Center, 2774 County Road 423, Waelder. It is benefiting the Gonzales County College Bound Students. Need not be present to win. For tickets, call Betty at 830-263-0996 or LaVerne at 830-822-4450.

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Pictured are the actors from a scene in “Daddy’s Dyin’ Who’s Got the Will?” the summer production at the Shiner Gaslight Theatre. They are Craig Hughes at the door, while clockwise at the table are Brianna Sofka, Emmalee Donovan, Sarah Liberti, Steve Liberti, Mallory Volkman, Raelynn Griffith, and Clement Sofka.

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‘Daddy’s Dyin’ comes to Gaslight Theatre

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“Daddy’s Dyin’ Who’s Got the Will?” is the summer production at the Shiner Gaslight Theatre. The play is a comedy that features an insightful mix of heartache and hilarity

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Pictured from the left are First United Methodist Church of Shiner Secretary Mary Kristynik, Shiner Heritage Quilters President Janet Ferguson and Pastor Darin Zumwalt. The Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild presented a donation of \$1,000 to the church in grateful appreciation for the use of the Fellowship Hall and Activity Center for meetings and the 2022 “Spring into Quilting” show. The presentation was made at the Guild’s annual summer dinner at the church on July 12.

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1 TXism: “take a ____ at it” (try)

5 TXism: “dry ____” (bad oil well)

6 TX or IA town

7 Paris, TX FM

8 TXism: “table graze”

9 low mil. rank (abbr.)

12 TX Eric Nadel radio feature: “_ ____ from Baseball’s Past”

17 Alamo’s Travis drew ____ the dirt

19 international bldg. at Houston airport is named after this U.S. Rep. Mickey

21 this “Deke” was an original astronaut

22 TXism: “____ ‘til something better comes along”

23 TXism: “he’s ____ as greased lightning”

28 actress Patricia of TX-based “Hud”

29 they’re “upon you” in Texas

30 this Gary had last hit (a homer) in old Arlington Stadium

31 this Lovett was 1st president of TX Rice University

35 fancy word for “dry”

36 Great Storm sent ____ tidal waves over Galveston (1900)

42 sources of Lyme Disease (2 wds.)

DOWN

1 TXism: “more than you can ____”

2 in Harris County on highway 249

3 Alaskan islands

4 former First Lady, Truman

9 this Nocona was Chief Quanah Parker’s father

10 1986 drama with TX Spacek (3 wds.)

44 TX Patrick Swayze 1989 film: “Next ____”

46 before Jewel Osco ads, consumers knew Jim Meskimen as this (2 wds.)

48 chicken-fried steak, e.g.

49 Sam Houston State mascot “Bear ____”

50 luminous radiation

51 TXism: “_ ____ snake can still bite” (be cautious)

52 TXism: “out to pas-ture” (abbr.)

53 ____ Angelo

54 motorcycle

56 this Tinkle wrote Alamo book “13 Days to Glory”

57 “one” in Mexico

58 TX Ted Cruz’s work time zone (abbr.)

11 former country music net.

12 this Muhammad beat TX Foreman

13 “Easy Rider” actor (2 wds.)

14 meaning of Indian word “tejas”

15 TX Storm of TV’s “My Little Margie”

16 TXism: “tie up the loose ____”

18 TX poet Naomi Shihab

20 “let’s ____ it!”

23 Ken Paxton’s title

24 jazz instrument

25 TXism: “got two left ____” (clumsy)

26 rude yankee in a Texas honky tonk? (2 wds.)

27 TXism: “____ fork in ‘em, they’re done” (can’t win)

32 “fleur-_-lis” once flew over Texas

33 American conglomerate

34 TXism: “fits like ugly on ____ ape”

36 ____ Newton cookie

37 TX Tanya’s “____ Cowboy-Lovin’ Night”

38 leg bone

39 TXism: “many a time”

40 Texans like it fried

41 TXism: “hog ____”

43 LBJ beat this Gold-water for pres. (init.)

45 Llano to Dallas dir.

47 “United ____”

48 freedom from worry

55 TXism: “don’t get yer shorts in a ____”

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. (GCSCA) is soliciting bids for oil changes for 3 levels of maintenance. The contract is October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023. GCSCA reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids received. Bids must be received in our office (NOT postmarked) by 12:00 Noon August 16, 2022. Bid sheets with vehicle description may be picked up at 818 Seydler St.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. (GCSCA) is soliciting bids for meal preparation for the home delivered meal program. The contract is October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023. GCSCA reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. Bids must be received in our office (NOT postmarked) by 12:00 Noon August 16, 2022. Bid packages may be picked up at 818 Seydler St in Gonzales.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Glyn Holmes Kifer, Deceased, were issued on July 13, 2022, in Cause No. PW22-0205, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Bernice M. Kifer.

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: Robert W. Bland
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 119
GONZALES, TX 78629

Dated the 15th day of July, 2022.



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Pamela Lynn Gartrell, filed in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on June 21, 2022 an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION in the estate of Stephen Paul Blake, Deceased, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Stephen Paul Blake, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in said estate, and appoint Pamela Lynn Gartrell to serve as the Independent Administrator of said estate and grant Letters of Independent Administration to same.

The Court may act on said Application and any opposition at any call of the docket on or after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the **Gonzales County Courthouse, 414 St. Joseph St, Commissioner's Courtroom, Gonzales, Texas, 78629** in Gonzales County, Texas.

You are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court **by filing a written contest or answer** to said Application before the above stated time and date **should you desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any contest, objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of Gonzales County, Texas, on or before the above noted date and time.**

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Gonzales, Texas, on July 15, 2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Nixon will be accepting proposals for Portable Two-Way and Vehicle Mounted, Dual Band Mobile Radios. Proposals are to be delivered in person to Nixon City Hall. Proposals will be received until 2:00 P.M., July 28th, 2022. The deadline for questions or requests for clarification is July 21st, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. No statement tendered later than time fixed will be accepted.

Additional information may be obtained from the City Manager at 830-582-1924. The City of Nixon reserves the right to reject any or all statements submitted. The City of Nixon is an EEOC.

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Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

The City of Waelder will receive bids for Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator and Wastewater Lift Station Generator Connections, 2017 Hurricane Harvey-DR 4332 (GLO Contract No. 20-065 112-C309 until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at City Hall, 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at City Hall, 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Generator
2. Wastewater Lift Station Generator Connections
3. All associated electrical and concrete work

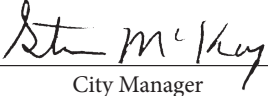
Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at BEFCO Engineering, Inc., 485 N. Jefferson, La Grange, Texas 78945, (979) 968-6474.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$100.00 with the Engineer for each set of documents obtained. The deposit will not be refunded. Electronic copies may be obtained at no charge by request at (office@befcoengineering.com).

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Waelder or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Department of Labor Texas General Land Office and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.

The City of Waelder reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by City of Waelder for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

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– PROPOSAL NOTICE –

The Owner invites competitive sealed proposals from Contractors for **CITY OF GONZALES – GONZALES MEMORIAL MUSEUM RESTORATION – UNDERGROUND CRAWLSPACE PROJECT**, Gonzales, Texas. Proposals will be received until **2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2022**, at the office of TSG Architects AIA and at that time all proposals shall be opened and read aloud. Proposals shall be addressed and delivered to the City of Gonzales c/o TSG Architects AIA, 312 Saint Francis Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, 830.672.7801. No proposal may be changed, amended or modified after the same has been submitted. A proposal may be withdrawn, however, and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. The City of Gonzales has the right to accept or reject any bid or to waive any technicality which may be in the best interest of the City of Gonzales.

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

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

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 4, 2022, at the Gonzales Memorial Museum, 414 Smith Street, Gonzales, Texas. All bidding general contractors must attend or have a qualified representative present to attend this meeting.

Included in the construction but not limited to will be:

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Availability of Plans and Specifications: Plans and Specifications are available from the architect, TSG Architects AIA, 312 Saint Francis Street, P.O. Box 1573, Gonzales, Texas 78629, 830.672.7801. A current, completed AIA A305 will be required prior to receiving plans and specs. Contractors may obtain one (1) printed set after receipt of refundable deposit of \$85.00 per set. Sub-Contractors may obtain one (1) printed set after receipt of non-refundable deposit of \$85.00 per set. Additional printed construction document plan sets may be purchased at \$85.00 per set non-refundable, plus postage and handling if applicable. A downloadable electronic file of the construction document plan set is available for a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00. **Plans must be returned to the architect within ten (10) calendar days from bid date, in good condition, for a complete refund of plan deposit.**

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John G.M. Anderson, Deceased, were issued on July 13, 2022, in Cause No. PW22-0206, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Richard D. Anderson.

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: **Robert W. Bland**
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 119
GONZALES, TX 78629

Dated the 15th day of July, 2022.

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Texas prepaid tuition newborn enrollment deadline approaches

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Texas families have through July 31 to enroll their newborns at 2021-22 prices in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund*, the state's prepaid college tuition program. Newborns are children younger than 1 year of age at the time of enrollment.

"It is never too early for Texas families to consider enrolling their newborns in this program," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "With Texans grappling with inflation and an uncertain economy, purchasing tuition units today allows families to lay the foundation for their children's future educational opportunities."

With the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, participants can purchase tuition units and lock in the costs of undergraduate resident tuition and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental institutions, based on today's prices.

For additional flexibility, the plan also can be used at Texas

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medical and dental institutions, Texas private colleges and universities, out-of-state colleges and universities, career schools and registered apprenticeship programs, where tuition is not locked in and the benefits and payouts would be based on the Transfer Value.

Enrollment at 2021-22 prices closed on Feb. 28 for children 1 year of age and older. The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2022-23 school year.

Complete plan information, including the plan description

and agreement, current sales prices, enrollment forms and more, is available at Tuition-Promise.org or by calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), option 5.

The program's outreach team also offers free webinars that provide an overview of the plan and discuss the different tuition unit types and payment options, as well as provide information about Texas Match the Promise Foundation matching scholarship opportunities.

Go to the Texas Tuition Promise Fund website for information about how to register to attend upcoming webinars.

SHOOTING

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of firearm, a third-degree felony. Benitez remains in custody at the Gonzales County Jail in lieu of bond.



Anthony Michael Benitez

Jeff Gonzales, owner of Jeff's Paint Auto & More, was transported to a San Antonio hospital after being shot at his place of business by Benitez at about 1:48 p.m. Wednesday, July 13. Benitez was apprehended a short time later by deputies responding to the call, the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office confirmed.

Allison Gonzales, Jeff's wife, said Thursday, "He is doing good. He is at home recovering. This is a true miracle from God that he is alive. He wants to tell everyone thank you for praying for him. He gives everything to God for him being here. Just continue to pray for him and the family."

The first-degree felony charge against Benitez stems from his residing on the same property as Gonzales. According to Texas law, individuals who reside within the same dwelling without regard to relationship are considered to be part of the same household, which enhances the offense and the penalties that come with it.

The Texas Rangers are continuing to investigate the incident. It is believed the shooting occurred following an earlier disagreement between Gonzales and Benitez.

NEWBURY

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obituary.)

Judy and Robert Jr. would have none of it, though. Several folks had "last words," including Dr. Butler and me. He cited a great truth: "Robert and Ethelyn Smith taught me to be excited about what to pray for, because chances are very good that it will come to pass. If it doesn't, it's because God has something better in mind..."

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

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The Good New Days

Hey there y'all. Last week's blurb was about my take on the good old days, so I'm following up with a little of my take on how to make the current times we find ourselves in, tomorrow's "Good old days."

I think most of us occasionally tend to over embellish our good old days memories, knowing full well that there were some bad times scattered throughout the mix. I believe this to be a good thing however, as we need to appreciate our lives in all their glory, and in the best light possible. After all, we only get one shot at it, and it tends to go by way too quickly. This concept can also apply to the here and now.

While life has always had its ups and downs, some we have control over and many we don't, it's better to focus on the good things, as they lead to a happier existence overall. While not always as easy to do as we'd like, scripture reminds us to "Count it all joy". I'm sure you know some folks, or may even be one yourself, that seems to thrive on the negative side of things and have

gotten comfortable and complacent in their misery. Doesn't seem like a happy / peaceful way to live to me, but to each, his or her own. However, if you find yourself leaning (unconsciously) towards the down side of things, try to catch yourself in the act, switch gears and start thinking and speaking positively. It may feel unnatural, and even

a little uncomfortable at first, but as they say, practice makes perfect. After a while you'll notice that you generally feel better about not only yourself, but life in general.

This small step can produce a myriad of positive side effects. Better health and a stronger immune system for one, as negative emotions can release too much cortisol and other hormones, wreaking havoc on our bodies. As they are responsible for regulating our reaction to stress, blood pressure, blood sugar levels, metabolism and weight gain, inflammation, and our sleep cycle, we're much better off when they're within normal levels. (Helpful tip #1) maybe it's just me, but I find sleeping on a cycle very difficult,

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but after installing training wheels, it's been considerably easier!

Being a positive thinker can also reduce bouts of anger and depression, allowing less overall stress into your life and can increase your lifespan as a result. Of course one big plus is that

you'll notice people starting to gravitate towards you instead of running away, as you're not the giant pain in the butt that you used to be...hey, it worked for me!

This all came to mind after a trip to New Braunfels yesterday. My house is cooled and heated with window units. After weeks of my main unit struggling in our gentle south Texas 134,000 degree summer, I decided to bite the bullet and buy a new one. While overall it was a pleasant excursion, I literally saw more people than I've seen in one place in several years, and not one was smiling or very cordial. Kinda made me sad. Life as of late has been a little tougher than usual, covid, government failures and threats of war has definitely taken it's toll, and is very visible on peoples faces, and in their attitudes. That's why it's so important to try to focus on the good things in life, and there is still plenty to be had. Not only the people we love and that love us, but the sheer fact that God loves us in spite of ourselves, and is in our corner if we'll allow him to be. Honestly, what else could we hope for? So, until next time, try to keep a smile on your face, it'll only hurt until you get used to it!

Love you guys, Eric.

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Aug 26	7:00 PM	vs Bastrop Cedar Creek	Apache Field	Youth League/Junior High Appreciation
Sep 2	7:00 PM	@ La Vernia	La Vernia High School	
Sep 9	7:00 PM	vs Marion	Apache Field	Homecoming
Sep 16	7:00 PM	vs Pleasanton	Apache Field	First Responders and Military Appreciation Night
Sep 23	7:30 PM	@ Yoakum	Yoakum High School	
Oct 7	7:30 PM	@ Caldwell	Caldwell High School	
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Date	Opponent	Place	Times	Teams
Mon. 8/1	Two-A-Days	Gym	7 am	ALL
Sat. 8/6	Cuero Scrimmage	Cuero	TBD	F/J/V/V
Tues. 8/9	Yorktown	Yorktown	6/7pm	J/V/V
Thur. 8/11-8/13	Yorktown Tournament	Yorktown	TBD	V
Tues. 8/16	Falls City	Nixon	5/6/7pm	F/J/V/V
Fri. 8/19-8/20	Nixon-Smiley Tournament	Nixon	TBD	V
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Fri. 8/26-8/27	Cuero Tournament	Cuero	TBD	V
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Fri. 9/2	Three Rivers	Nixon	4:30 pm	V
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Fri. 9/9	Marion	Marion	5/6/7pm	V/J/V/V
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NIXON-SMILEY FOOTBALL

VARSITY			
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Aug. 12	*Shiner St. Paul (Scrimmage)	HOME	5:00
Aug. 18	*Kenedy (scrimmage)	HOME	6:00
Aug. 26	SA Christian (Meet The Mustangs / Parent's N	AWAY	7:30
Sept. 2	Three Rivers	HOME	7:30
Sept. 9	Flatonia	HOME	7:30
Sept. 16	Wallos Brazos	AWAY	7:00
Sept. 23	**Comfort	AWAY	7:30
Sept. 30	**Karnes City (Pink Out Game)	HOME	7:30
Oct. 7	**Dilley	AWAY	7:30
Oct. 14	**Poth (Homecoming)	HOME	7:30
Oct. 21	**SA West Campus	AWAY	7:30
Oct. 28	OPEN		
Nov. 4	**Natalia (Senior Night)	HOME	7:30
JUNIOR VARSITY			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 12	*Shiner St. Paul (Scrimmage)	HOME	5:00
Aug. 18	*Kenedy (scrimmage)	HOME	6:00
Aug. 25	SA Christian	HOME	5:30
Sept. 1	Three Rivers	AWAY	5:30
Sept. 8	Flatonia	AWAY	5:30
Sept. 15	Wallos Brazos	HOME	6:00
Sept. 22	**Comfort	HOME	5:30
Sept. 29	Karnes City	AWAY	5:30
Oct. 6	Dilley	HOME	5:30
Oct. 13	**Poth	AWAY	5:30
Oct. 20	**Karnes City	HOME	5:30
Oct. 27	Open		
Nov. 3	**Natalia	AWAY	5:30
MIDDLE SCHOOL			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 8	Flatonia		5, 6:15
Sept. 15	Open	HOME	5, 6:15
Sept. 22	**Comfort	AWAY	5, 6:15
Sept. 29	**Karnes City	HOME	5, 6:15
Oct. 6	**Dilley	AWAY	5, 6:15
Oct. 13	**Poth	HOME	5, 6:15
Oct. 20	**Karnes City	AWAY	5, 6:15
Oct. 27	Navarro	AWAY	5, 6:15
Nov. 3	**Natalia	HOME	5, 6:15
* scrimmage ** district game			
Revised 4/11/22			
Meet the Mustangs and Parent's Night will take place on Wednesday the week of the first game			

TRIATHLON WINNER



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On Sunday July 17, despite grueling heat and humidity, Smiley resident Amy Collins finished first place in the Female 35-39 division at the Shadow Creek Ranch Triathlon just outside Houston. Amy was also the top female finisher at the Stockdale Jubilee Watermelon Crawl 5K on June 18.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



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The winning team from the July 13 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Trent Rabke, Mario Lee, Jake Barnick, Jackie Waldrip and Chuck Emmick.



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The second-place team from the July 13 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Dee Bairington, Bill Kessler, Josh Cahenzli, Glenda Kessler and Billy Hyman.

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Smiley votes to abandon unused road for safety

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Smiley City Council members voted unanimously Wednesday, July 13, to abandon an unused portion of East Arlington between Leon Street and Farm-to-Market Road 108. Cindy Scarborough, whose family owns what would be the entire 100 block of East Arlington, said it had been a part of their family for nearly 50 years and “has never been maintained as a road ever in all the time we’ve been there.”

“We’d never had trouble with people driving through there until the last few years, and very specifically, in the last year,” Scarborough said. “People come down through the little alley, in the middle of our block, and they cut around through that what’s basically the yard by the shop. Children play out there, animals play out there and people are driving through there.”

“There’s no way for people to drive through the 100 block of East Arlington without cutting through the yard, in the front of my sister-in-law’s property. There’s a tree growing in the middle of what should be the road. There’s a city sewer manhole that’s about this far off the ground in the middle of what should be the road.”

Scarborough asked the city to abandon the road-way so it could be closed off to through traffic, with the stipulation the city would maintain an easement to be able to access the sewer line.

“Since we own that entire block, there’s not any reason for public access through there, other than the city workers to come in to work on the sewer hole,” Scarborough said. “So our families are respectfully asking that the city formally close the 100 block of East Arlington so that people do not drive through there.”

Council members also discussed a notice of violation from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) because the city failed to adopt and submit an emergency preparedness plan on or before March 1.

City Secretary Deborah Bustamante said Texas cities were told they would have to adopt a preparedness plan after last year’s freeze, but the call for such plans was not issued by TCEQ until November 2021 with a March 1, 2022 deadline. She said she reached out to TCEQ to find out what assistance could be provided to

Smiley. “Normally, communities have been reaching out to their engineers,” Bustamante said. “With this, they’re going to send us someone at no cost to help us put this plan together, so that’s a good thing. That same person that I spoke to, they’re also going to send someone out to help our community with all of the things we need to fix on our water and sewer, so that’s at no cost to us as well.”

Mayor Lisa Benavides discussed the city’s financial situation, noting the city had been able to pay for asphalt from December 2020 in the amount of \$1,682.30 and to pay \$10,000 to the city’s waste management contractor, which had been owed since December 2021, leaving an outstanding balance of about \$20,000.

“It’s only \$20,000?” Council member Diana Moreno asked. “I thought last month you said we owed \$85,000.”

“It was the total, but Ms. Bustamante has been working with them and we got it down to \$30,000 and made an arrangement to send them \$10,000, so now we’re down to \$20,000 in arrears,” Benavides said.

Benavides also discussed outstanding utility bills owed by residents.

“We are still doing our best to collect on our water bills,” Benavides said. “We have a customer that owes us \$5,000, plus we have a total of \$14,000 that is still in past due on our water utility.”

Benavides said the utility workers are placing shutoff notices on doors when an individual fails honor any payment arrangements they have made and are seriously past due.

“A lot of these people have payment agreements with the previous administration that they broke,” Benavides said. “We went back to their agreements because we’ve been trying to work with them and honor that, but they come and tell us we’re going to pay and they don’t ever come, so we have to turn them off. They know they are in default.”

Benavides said the original amount owed past due was around \$27,000. When asked who owed that much, she replied, “probably half of Smiley.”

“We had one gentleman who had not paid his water bill and was still getting water since 2020,” she said. “He hasn’t paid one cent to the city of Smiley, but his water is still turned on. We are working with people when they come in and talk to us.”

5K benefits Ruiz, Garcia in cancer fight

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

A 5K race in downtown Nixon next month will benefit two ladies battling cancer, organizer Patsy Virgil Scherrer said.

The 2022 5K “Walk 4 Family & Friends With Cancer” will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, with all proceeds donated to Dona Ruiz and Jessica Garcia. Scherrer said the goal is to walk in faith for these two ladies with the hope of proclaiming “Victory with Every Step.”

Jessica is the hair stylist in Nixon that participates at Come and Take It and other events with her booth,” Scherrer said. “She has many friends in Gonzales that know her. She is in a battle with pancreatic cancer and Dona is in a battle with breast cancer. We need lots of support for this event.”

While pre-registration was until July 15, there is still time to register to take part by contacting Scherrer at 830-534-2256 or by emailing patsyscherrer@yahoo.com. The cost is \$25 with T-shirt, \$15 without a T-shirt, with \$10 additional for XXL sizes. No T-shirts will be available at the event unless they have already been paid for in advance. The last day to purchase a T-shirt will be Aug. 6.

Participants can walk, run, or even ride a bike to take part, Scherrer said, but “please be a part of this event as these two families will greatly appreciate it.”

Businesses are also encouraged to decorate their shops in pink and purple in support of the 5K on Aug. 6. Trophies will be handed out for first, second and third for the businesses with the most support.



Dona Ruiz and family



Jessica Garcia and family

EVENTS

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didn’t know if they could do that without the event being approved. So I asked them to please stop,” Hutchinson-Padilla said.

Main Street and Divine Restoration Apostolic Ministries discussed collaborating for the event, ultimately deciding that the goals envisioned different forms of distribution of the school supplies being donated. Main Street elected to provide all supplies gathered directly to Gonzales ISD for distribution, with Divine Ministries wanting the items to be given directly to students.

“I spoke with the other leaders with me on the collaboration,” Pastor Kimberly Miller of Divine Restoration Apostolic Ministries, said. “We all decided that was not our vision, because the supplies were not going to the children, not because what they’re doing is not great.”

Miller commended Main Street’s plan for

their back to school event, noting, however, it was not completely aligning with their vision.

Miller stated she had reached out to Main Street board members, without yet receiving a response, stating that she didn’t want Main Street to pull their event having not heard back about declining the collaboration.

Mayor Steve Sucher stated that he and the council want all parties to “hear a solution,” with Councilwoman Ronda Miller noting that the city wants to get behind all parties involved in order to unite the community for a “very successful event.”

“We want to see that collaboration. And that unity and just work was all good and positive going first kids and for the kids.

Suggestions were offered regarding moving events to different days, with all parties explaining the inability to move either locations or dates for the event. Main Street board could not change dates related to athlete volunteers having a scheduling conflict in a football scrimmage already planned, according to Hutchinson-Padilla.

Miller, on behalf of Divine Ministries, stated

she can not move the date, as it would cause issues for those that have already volunteered to assist.

“The way I have it set up I have people sponsoring to set up a photo booth, I have people that are sponsoring to take pictures, they will have to alter their schedule,” Miller added, with her emphasis being this would cause unnecessary difficulty for these providers on short notice.

Councilwoman Sherri Koepp stated the council will continue to support both events on the same day, moving forward.

“I don’t think there’s any getting away from having both on the same date. But we are going to have to come together as a city and work together for the common good of these kids,” Koepp stated.

The council approved the resolution to keep Main Street’s back to school bash on August 6th. The vote was 4-0.

Sucher ended the discussion by stating:

“(It’s a) tough situation. I’m open to suggestions on how this can be avoided in the future, not only with this kind of event, or any other kind of event. I’m available anytime anybody wants to come visit with me. And I

welcome your input.”

During the same city council meeting other business was approved from the agenda, namely

- approve to authorize the city manager to adopt via resolution civil rights requirements for the Texas Department of Agriculture to Texas CDBG Downtown Revitalization Grant.

- approved the event application for funding to Come and Take It Committee for originally budgeted amount of \$10,000 and \$15,000 in additional funding and authorizing the city manager to negotiate and execute agreement with Chamber of Commerce.

- the council approved unanimously to authorize appointment to Golf Course Advisory Board.

- the council approved to reject all proposals for JB Wells Park Arena and Expo feasibility study.

- approved the rejection of all proposals of JB Wells Arena Expo professional marketing services

- ordinance # 2022-12: approve a budget amendment for fiscal year Oct. 1, 2021 and ending Sept 30, 2022; \$757,919 in expenses and \$591,342 in revenue with an ending general fund balance decrease of \$166,577.98

- Ordinance #2022-13: approved 3-1 vote to amend the official map of zoning property parcel #11782 at 624 Saint James Street from C-1 Light Commercial District to DMU Downtown Mixed Use District

- ordinance #2022-14: approved to amend the official zoning map by zoning property parcel #11972 located at 305 Saint George Street from c-1 Light commercial District to DMU Downtown Mixed Use District.

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RIVER

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past the chain link fence at the city’s hydroelectric dam on the river (just off Water Street).

Another topic of discussion would be adequate signage or other warning devices may be needed for those who enter the river by foot or watercraft.

On Sunday, July 10, Gustavo Angel Velazquez, a 24-year-old Gonzales High School graduate, drowned in the Guadalupe River after he was last seen below the hydroelectric dam. His body was located and recovered by Gonzales County Rescue personnel later that evening.

On Sunday, May 1, 22-year-old Nixon

resident Daniel Cruz drowned near the dam after being reported missing that evening. His body wasn’t recovered by game wardens until the following day.

“In light of the recent drowning events below the City of Gonzales dam and hydroelectric plant, steps have been taken starting today (Thursday, July 14) to install a temporary fence blocking access to the former Lou’s Canoes river access trail and the river bank it leads to,” Mayor S.H. “Steve” Sucher stated in an order. “Separately, gates to the hydroelectric plant itself will be closed to the public at all times and public access to the river bank immediately south of

the plant will be blocked as a result.

“All other recreational and fishing locations south along the river and north of the hydroelectric plant will remain open to the public. Please consider wearing a life jacket at any time you choose to enter the Guadalupe River.”

A task force of “local first responders, state river management, and federal hydroelectric regulatory agencies” will be consulted to develop recommendations to improve safety at these sites. These recommendations will then be presented at the Aug. 11 council meeting and subject to public comment.

“The temporary restrictions at these

two sites will remain in place until public comment is completed and new measures, if any, are approved and implemented. Water safety at the Highway 183 bridge will be included in this discussion,” Sucher stated, noting the property in question is owned by the city.

“This is a voluntary order and no citations will be issued to individuals who manage to get past these barriers,” Sucher said. “We do ask the public’s cooperation in avoiding these two sites during this interim period. Tampering or vandalism to the barriers will be treated in accordance with existing city ordinances.”

WATER

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“We expect to see some drawdown through regular (water) use in normal years. We’re within normal range in the center to the southwest part,” said Laura Martin, General Manager at Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District. “It’s good news, but when we get to September we’ll probably see additional drawdowns unless we see significant rain between now and then.”

Because Gonzales County is in an extreme period of drought, the GCUWCD wants to continue to remind people to be mindful of the water they are using.

“Don’t water every day. Once a week is sufficient. It’s okay, the grass will recover,” Martin said. “Don’t wash your vehicle every week, don’t let the faucet run while you’re brushing your teeth, make sure all the leaky faucets are fixed. All of these water saving tips, if everyone contributed, will add up.”

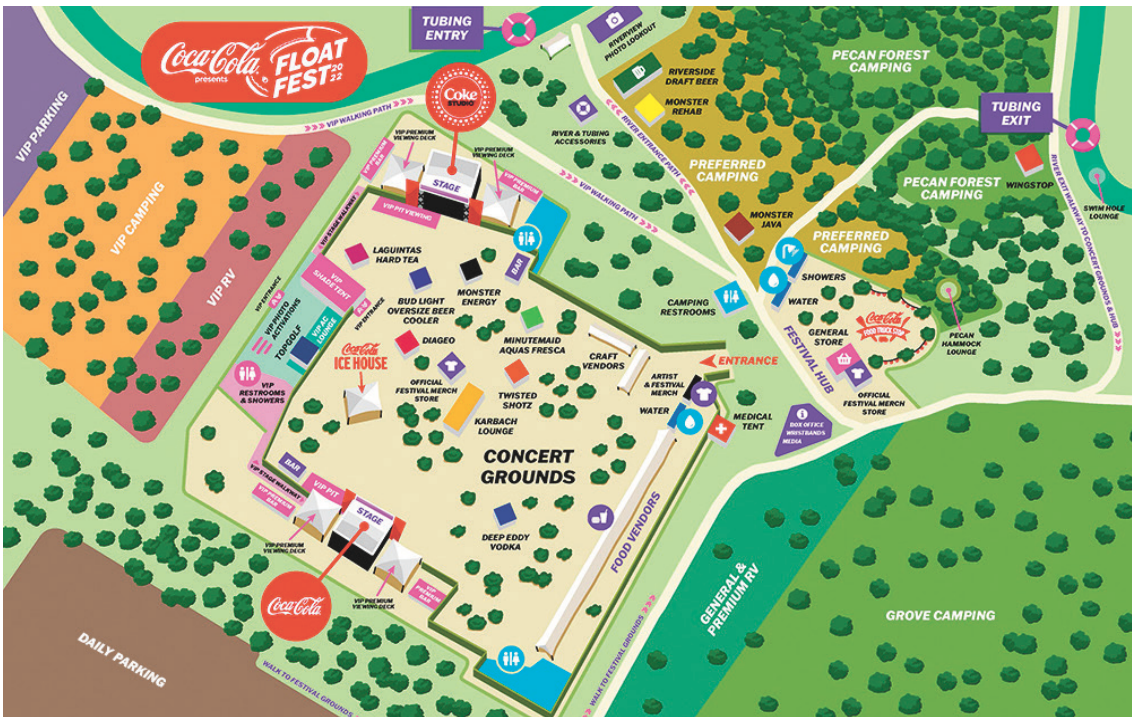
The GCUWCD is making more of an effort this year

to increase awareness. This includes advertising. New rain gauges were approved at the GCUWCD meeting as well as participation in the upcoming Come and Take It sponsorship.

“We had rain gauges we gave out to local communities and groups,” Martin said. “But we’re all out of them now, they went quickly. We will do them again.”

There have been discussions on the possibility of partnering with the Lions club to put out a rainwater harvesting system at the community garden near Thrive gym.

“There’s one out at Palmetto state park already, but it would be nice to have one in town so local schools and community members can be able to go and see how that’s used,” Martin said. “It’s something people can do at their homes as well and there’s all different capacities from small 55 gallon barrels up to thousands of gallons of barrels. Water your lawn off of free water you don’t have to pay for.”



FLOAT

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Chance the Rapper, Aly & AJ, Lord Huron, CHVRCHES, Quinn XCII, Pusha T, Tove Lo, Two Feet, Sir Woman, Madeline the Person, and Blossom Aloe, among many others, are set to perform during the festival. Those attending are able to float the water, camp and listen to music from over 25 artists on

two stages.

Float Fest will be staged July 23-24 on the Guadalupe River at a 765-acre private ranch on County Road 197, just off US 183 south of the Gonzales city limits. Major activity at the site will actually begin the day before, on Friday, July 22, in what organizers call “load-in day”

as the ranch opens up to those who will be camping on-site.

The event is considered one of the Top 50 music festivals in North America by a number of publications. As many as 15,000 individuals are expected to be on site.

For more information, go to <https://floatfest.net>.

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pensated liver failure and acute kidney failure (attributed to the stress on his system from the liver failure). Issues from diabetes are to blame for his liver trouble.

Due to his illness, Decker is no longer medically able to work for the Inquirer. As such, he must take COBRA in order to continue his insurance benefits and premiums are about \$800 per month. He said administrators at the hospital have told him he must show proof of coverage for a full year (through July 2023) before they will perform a transplant due to the cost.

Decker also must have a place to stay in San Antonio following the transplant so he can be near the hospital for treatment and will have to have a caretaker who can check in on him to make sure he doesn’t suffer any medical emergencies or setbacks like organ rejection.

If he is unable to meet these conditions, he will be released home to get his affairs in order for whatever remaining time he has left to live, based on their estimate. If funds cannot be used for his transplant, they will go towards end-of-life care and final arrangements. Any funds left after that would be left towards care of his cherished grandchildren.

A GoFundMe account has been set up to help raise money for Decker at <https://go-fund.me/5a877d8d>. All funds from the account go directly to Decker as the sole beneficiary of the account except for administrative costs GoFundMe implements prior to distribution.



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