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Beloved former Inquirer employee Louis Decker remembered

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Former Gonzales Inquirer sports editor and advertising account executive Louis E. Decker, 44, passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at The Heights of Gonzales.

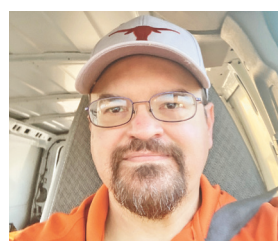
Decker, who was born Aug. 22, 1977 and was a member of the Gonzales High School Class of 1995, was the son of Marsha and the late L.D. Decker.

Decker, who suffered from childhood diabetes, had been hospitalized recently at Methodist Hospital Specialty and Trans-

plant in San Antonio for decompensated liver failure and acute kidney failure. He had been considered for a liver transplant, but because his kidney failure had advanced too far, he was no longer considered a candidate for the procedure.

He was transferred to the

Heights of Gonzales for hospice care and members of the Class of 1995 and private donors helped pay for his room and board at the nursing facility, while Hospice of South Texas donated attendant care as well as medications to



Louis Decker

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FLOAT FEST

CLOSES OUT WITH A BANG — LITERALLY

World music stage shines spotlight on Gonzales during hot July weekend

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The stars were big and bright in the heart of Gonzales this past weekend. Music, camping, and tubing took over Gonzales as the 2022 Float Fest brought in star power music headliners, music lovers and outdoor enthusiasts.

Headliners Marshmello, Cage the Elephant, Chance the Rapper, Vampire Weekend and Deadmau5 brought their music and talent to the festival attendees over the weekend, along with an assortment of talented acts that made the event memorable to attendees.

Joanne Amard, of Georgetown, Texas, said she is looking forward for Deadmau5 and Cage the Elephant, even though she didn't know the other artist, but "all the others are just a nice bonus."

Float Fest brought in more the 15,000 people to the two day event with people floating the river, camping, and listening to their favorite artists, as well as shopping festival vendors and local merchants.

One local artist from Austin got a chance to perform in their first major festival in their home state.

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Top: Marshmello

Above: Chance the Rapper

Left: Cage the Elephant

PHOTOS BY
VANDY VAN EPPS

Commissioners table action on distributing EOG royalties

Property was donated to help Nixon-Smiley schools

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners tabled action Monday, July 25, on giving a \$138,202.48 royalty check to Nixon-Smiley CISD until they can determine what needs to be done to transfer the property into the school district's name once and for all.

Gonzales County had received the royalty check from EOG Resources for a one-acre piece of property located east of Farm-to-Market Road 108 and south of U.S. 87 near Smiley and towards Westhoff.

Nixon-Smiley CISD Superintendent Jeff

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Nixon checks for housing code compliance

BY CLAYTON KELLEY
For the Inquirer

Months after the ban on mobile homes in the City of Nixon, Nixon City Council continues to check code appliance for substandard homes. Any existing mobile homes in place prior to the ban that was set in the May City

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Sales Tax Holiday set for Aug. 5-7

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced the Texas sales tax holiday for Friday through Sunday, Aug. 5-7, reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during this time frame to prepare for back to school expenditures.

State law exempts sales tax on qualified

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County jobless rate increases to 3.5 percent

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Unemployment in Gonzales County increased from 2.9 percent in May 2022 to 3.5 percent in June

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 June 2022

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Former GISD teacher promoted to administrative position at LISD

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

A former Gonzales ISD teacher is the new area superintendent for Leander ISD after she was appointed to the role during a recent LISD board meeting.

Kristen Alex most recently had been the principal at Cypress Elementary School in LISD. Superintendent Bruce Gearing, Ed.D., described her as a passionate leader who is dedicated to serving the students, staff and community of Leander ISD.



Kristen Alex

“Kristen’s unwavering focus on exceptional learning for every student and her experience as a teacher, coach, mentor and principal brings additional strength to our already impressive team,” Gearing said. “Kristen will be an invaluable asset to not only the campuses she will serve, but to the district as a whole.”

Alex began her teaching career in 1996 in Lake Travis, Somerville and Gonzales school districts, and then worked as a special education teacher and education coordinator at Texas NeuroRehab University Charter School. She entered LISD in 2011 as a special education instructional assistant at River Place Elementary. She has since served in LISD leadership roles for nearly a decade, first as the assistant principal at Grandview Hills Elementary, IB World School, and then most recently as the Cypress Elementary School principal.

“I’m incredibly excited to be given the opportunity to serve LISD in the capacity of Area Superintendent,” Alex said. “I look forward to the opportunity to support our campus principals as they lead their campuses and partner with our community in the journey of continuous improvement towards educational excellence.”

Alex attended Texas State University for her undergraduate degree, receiving a Bachelor of Science with a major in psychology and minor in biology. She completed her Master of Educational Leadership at the University of Texas Permian Basin.

Schumacher appointed interim principal in Giddings

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Former Gonzales ISD Superintendent John Schumacher was appointed interim principal of Giddings High School earlier this month.

Schumacher steps into the position that had been held by Giddings High Principal Chad Road, who went on a leave of absence on May 23 by after meeting with Giddings ISD Superintendent Roger Dees.



John Schumacher

Schumacher had announced his retirement from education, effective June 30, after serving as the chief executive officer of Gonzales ISD for three years. He has nearly 40 years in education, including 17 years experience as a teacher and coach and 22 years as an administrator. Prior to serving as superintendent in Gonzales, Schumacher had held the same position at Mason ISD.

Dr. Elmer Avellaneda succeeded Schumacher as Gonzales ISD superintendent.

Giddings High School has an enrollment of 644 students, nearly 200 students less than the 832 at Gonzales High School.



CRYSTAL THEATRE SUMMER WORKSHOP

Summer workshop participant Miguel Moreno steps through a window on the set of “You Can’t Take It With You” at the Crystal Theatre in downtown Gonzales. Meanwhile, Sydney Klein (Mrs. Anthony Kirby), Lilly Lovelace (Alice) and Gabrielle Rodriguez (Essie) are dressed up in clothing reminiscent of the 1930s, the time period in which the George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart play is set. It is the 30th anniversary of the Crystal Theatre’s summer workshop series and the participants will perform “You Can’t Take It With You” for a special 7 p.m. Friday, July 29, show. Seating is limited; call Crystal Theatre director Barbara Crozier for more information at 512-217-6565. The audience will also be treated to music from the 1930s to set the mood.

CONTRIBUTED

BRIEFS

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.

GISD STUFF THE BUS DONATION DRIVE RETURNS

Come out and the Gonzales ISD Back to School Donation Drive for school supplies on Friday, Aug. 12, from 8 a.m. to 3:30p.m. at both Wal-Mart and HEB.

This annual drive will benefit all students of Gonzales ISD as the district gets ready for a brand new school year beginning Aug. 17. Simply visit either or both stores, shop the “back to school” aisles, purchase items and a district employee located at the front will graciously receive your purchased items as you exit and place it in the bus parked outside.

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REUNION BRIEFS

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.

Celebrations

Birthdays

July 28th

Chris Garcia
Maggie Holub
Janelle Lester
Sandra McIntosh
Charlena Parr
Brandon Roach
Erica Turner-Ernst

July 29th

Joseph R. Flores
Kris Law

July 30th

Kathy Zella

August 1st

Koi Baros
Shirley Carroll
Bo Davis
Janet Mendez
Ronald Ramos
Glenna Reese
Rudy Rodriguez
William Soefje

August 2nd

Brandon Absher

Christina Ramos

Cordova
Jymmy Kay Cox
Johnny Hoffpauer
Elsie Martinez
Robin Paskie
Colbey Ramos
Chasity Rodriguez
Jennifer Tate

August 3rd

Stefanie Gonzales
Tommie Hall
Maddie Lindner
Andrew Rodriguez
Brandon Ramirez-Sirildo
Chelsey Trevors

Anniversary

July 29th

Brian & Rebecca Menking

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Smiley Shady Oak Market starts next month

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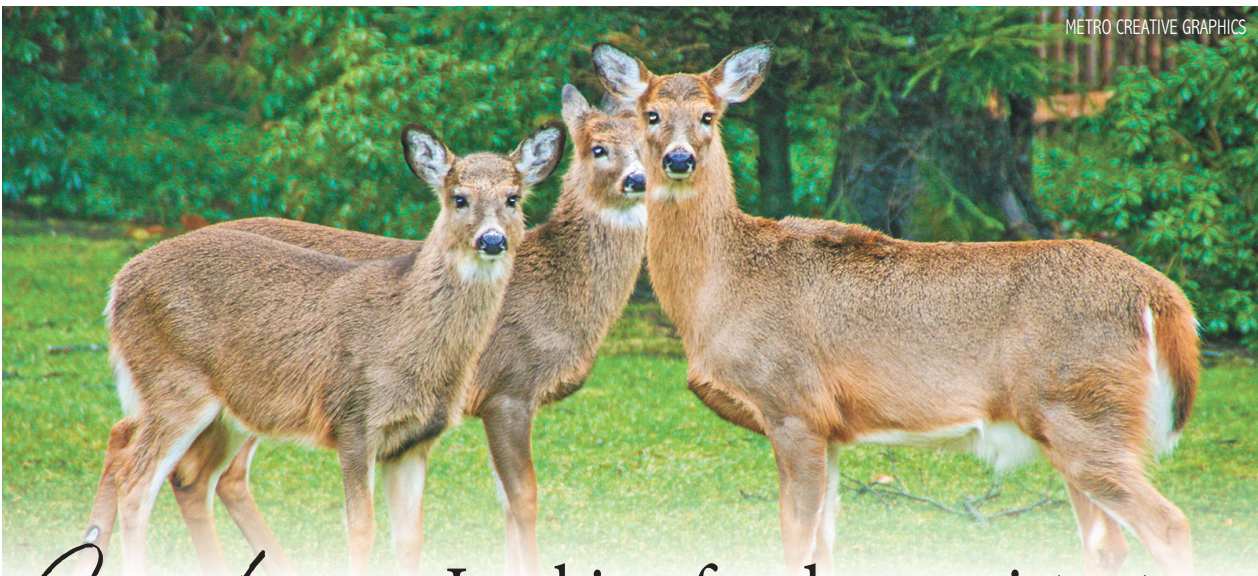
A new open air market will be held one weekend each month in Nixon, beginning next month.

The Smiley Shady Oak Market will be the first Saturday of every month and crafters, bakers, non-profits and other vendors are encouraged to take part, with the first one taking place Saturday, Aug. 6, at the future site of Nation Christian Fellowship Church, off US 87 and Carpenter Street in Smiley.

Smiley City Secretary Deborah M. Bustamente said each booth space is \$15 for the day and registration is simple. Vendors just need to fill out and submit an application that can be found on the city's Facebook page and pay the \$15 booth fee by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3, at Smiley City Hall, 207 Steele St.

Vendors can select their booth location (provided it has not already been previously chosen) and then just need to set up and be ready to sell their wares at 8 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. The market will be open until 2 p.m.

For more information about the market, call 830-582-6220 or email smileytx@gvec.net.



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

Garden Q&A

Q. You recently wrote an article about groundcovers versus lawn-grass where you said the groundcovers were better because used less water, did not require as much maintenance (especially mowing); and were not bothered by as many pests or diseases. We have deer in our area, are any of the groundcovers deer proof?

A. I mentioned that the prostrate rosemary was but Asiatic jasmine, dwarf Mexican petunia, and the liriopse are eaten by deer, New Gold and lavender lantana are good summer groundcovers for full sun and are not eaten by deer but they freeze back most winters. One listener to our Gardening South Texas radio show said that the groundcover frog eyes is not eaten by deer. Milbergers sells it as a groundcover that is a favorite nectar source for the buckeye butterfly. You could also use rock or mulch as a groundcover in deer country.

CALVIN FINCH
Gardening Q&A



Looking for deer-resistant ground cover? Options exist

Q Clover is getting lots of attention as a replacement for grass from some sources. Is it something you recommend?

A. Clover is a good groundcover in some areas but it requires acid soil to prosper. We have alkaline soil.

Q. What is happening to our moss roses in the containers on our patio? It looks like the English sparrows are not only harvesting the seeds in the pods but they are also stripping off the blooms?

A. The action

you describe is common and we should probably alert gardeners more to its potential . In my patio plants I like the idea that the birds are harvesting the moss rose seeds but I try to keep the moss rose plants vigorous enough to replace any foliage that they harvest. It does not always work even when you fertilize and water them generously. If it gets to bad you may have to try purslane. It looks like

the sparrows may be using the foliage pieces in their nests and eating some for the moisture, but I am not sure.

Q. Our Meyer lemon recovered from the February freeze and even bloomed well this spring but none of the fruit survived! Do you think it was lack of water or fertilizer? What are the prospects for the future?

A. I think the February freeze did more damage than you credited it. I think the buds were damaged to the point that no fruit was retained. If your foliage still looks good, then I think the future for the plant is bright. Keep it well watered and fertilize it every month with some soluble fertilizer like Miracid. If we don't get another severe freeze or if you can protect the tree, it should have a good crop next year.

Q. How do we control big footed bugs on our fall tomatoes?

A. I have had success with malathion, following the label instructions. Some gardeners also use handheld portable vacuum cleaners.

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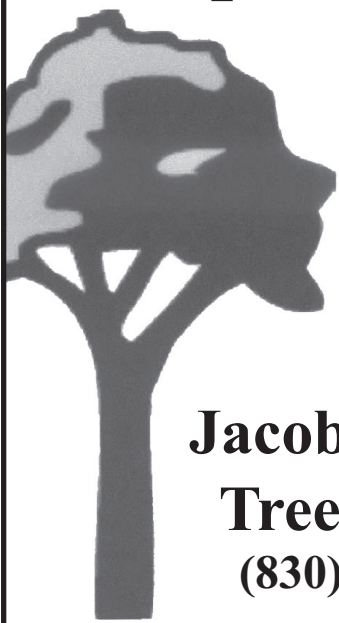
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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

July 23

Cattle 1974

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold steady to 1.00-2.00 higher. Less quality calves and yearlings sold weaker. Packer cows & bulls sold steady.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 205-215; 300-400 lbs., 195-205; 400-500 lbs., 175-189; 500-600 lbs., 168-172; 600-700 lbs., 154-160; 700-800 lbs., 142-145.

Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 95-100. Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 172-175; 300-400 lbs., 161-165; 400-500 lbs., 155-158; 500-600 lbs., 143-151; 600-700 lbs., 134-142.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 55-65; Cutters, 68-73; Canners, 34-48; High yielding fat cows, 62-66.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 92-96; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 81-89.

Stocker Cows: \$600 to \$900.

Pairs: \$750 to \$1,000.

Nixon Livestock

July 25

Cattle – 1636

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$165-175-235
300-400 lbs - \$151-161-221
400-500 lbs - \$140-150-191
500-600 lbs - \$136-146-178
600-700 lbs - \$132-142-161
700-800 lbs - \$130-140-154

Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$112-122-170
300-400 lbs - \$120-130-205
400-500 lbs - \$143-153-210
500-600 lbs - \$136-146-200
600-700 lbs - \$127-137-175
700-800 lbs - \$119-129-150
Slaughter Cows - \$20-71
Slaughter Bulls - \$68-97
Stocker Cows – \$350-900

Pairs: \$530-900

HALLETTSVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC.

Sale date: July 19

Cattle on hand: 2699

Packer Cows:

Canner and Cutter Cows: \$43-68
Utility & Fat Cows: \$42-67
Light Weight Canner Cows: \$25-42
Poor/Weak: \$15-25

Packer Bulls:

Heavyweight Bulls: \$88-96

Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$73-87

Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$60-72

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: 4900-1200
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$700-875
Good Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1300-1450
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$850-1050

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$140-190
200-300 lbs.: \$155-225
300-400 lbs.: \$150-210
400-500 lbs.: \$152-190
500-600 lbs.: \$145-177.50
600-700 lbs.: \$135-165
700-800 lbs.: \$122-150

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs: \$130-175
200-300 lbs.: \$130-175
300-400 lbs.: \$135-172.50
400-500 lbs.: \$135-170
500-600 lbs.: \$130-160
600-700 lbs.: \$128-148
700-800 lbs: \$110-140

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: \$135-185

The market was a little lower this week. #1 kinds sold steady to \$3 lower while #2 and plainer types sold \$3 to \$6 lower. Large drought related supplies in all areas burdening the market. Packer cows & bulls sold \$8 to #12 lower on a total supply of approximately 560 head. Large supplies statewide pressuring this market as well.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

July 20

Stocker cattle 3-5 steady with packer cows and bulls another \$8.00 lower this week.

Cattle – 1000

Sheep & goats – 624

Medium & large frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb. 1.25-1.85
300-400 lb. 1.35-1.94
400-500 lb. 1.28-1.78
500-600 lb. 1.09-1.61
600-700 lb. 1.04-1.59
700-850 lb. .93-1.40

Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb. 1.05-1.80
300-400 lb. 1.31-1.82
400-500 lb. 1.28-1.56
500-600 lb. 1.19-1.65
600-750 lb. 1.11-1.43

Cows:

Utility & commercial – 50-73
Cutters – 35-49
Cannors – 15-34
Palpated cows (young) – None
(Middle Aged) – 250-850
Cow/Calf Pairs – 675

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding – 75-85
Light & Low Yielding – 35-74
Feeder Bulls – None
Sheep & Goats:
Nannies (Young) – 120-275
(Thin & Old) - 60-110
Kid Goats (Fat) – 2.15-3.00

(Small & thin) – 1.50-2.10

Wethers – 1.70-2.70

Billies – 1.40-2.10

Pairs - None

Barb. Ewes (Young) - 85-135

(Small & Old Ewes) - 40-80

Barb. Lambs (Fat) – 2.00-2.40

(Small & Thin) – 1.00-1.90

Wooled Ewes – 80-110

Wooled Bucks – 1.10-1.55

Lambs – None

Barb. Bucks – 200-300

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

July 22, 2022

Number of head 1,377

There were 253 cows and 8 bulls. With the continued drought, this market continued it's downward trend. Drought combined with seasonal culling has an adverse effect on packer types. Top cows were off another \$8 while the top packer bull was \$15 lower.

The calf market was mixed with all calves below 350 pounds attaining new highs while all the rest were lower. Negative fat cattle news hurt the market optimism and buyers pulled back some of last week's gains. Demand remains strong despite continuing drought concerns.

Packer bulls: 69.00-85.00

Packer cows:

cannors & cutters 50.00-69.00

poor & weak 20.00-49.00

Palpated: 37 bred per head

\$850-\$1,250

PAIRS: 17 \$820-\$1,400

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. NONE

200-249 lbs. 180.00-210.00

250-299 lbs. 168.00-214.00

300-350 lbs. 172.00-206.00

350-400 lbs. 164.00-185.00

400-450 lbs. 148.00-174.00

450-500 lbs. 148.00-170.00

500-550 lbs. 145.00-167.00

550-600 lbs. 149.00-159.00

600-700 lbs. 148.00-161.00

700-800 lbs. NONE

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs 167.00-212.00

250-300 lbs. 162.00-222.00

300-350 lbs. 167.00-202.00

350-400 lbs. 160.00-180.00

400-450 lbs. 154.00-175.00

450-500 lbs. 146.00-165.00

500-550 lbs. 148.00-163.00

550-600 lbs. 143.00-158.00

600-700 lbs. 139.00-153.00

Over 700 lbs. 127.00-144.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

under 200 lbs. 108.00-150.00

200-250 lbs. 124.00-162.00

250-300 lbs. 150.00-172.00

300-350 lbs. 143.00-178.00

350-400 lbs. 146.00-162.00

400-450 lbs. 141.00-170.00

450-500 lbs. 143.00-172.00

500-550 lbs. 141.00-157.00

550-600 lbs. 138.00-160.00

600-700 lbs. 131.00-156.00

Over 700 lbs. 126.00-139.00

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Momma's boy

Dear Violet,
My husband is perfect, almost. When we first met I loved his compassion, sense of humor, and devotion to being a good man, especially with respect towards women. He's very intelligent, a great provider, and, to be fair, he is quite nice to look at, as well.
However, he is extremely close to his mother, and calls her at least once per week, often having lunch with her several times per month, and if there is a disagreement between her and me, she is always the victor, in his eyes. I know part of the issue is that my family has never been super close, and we do not speak that often, nor seek relationships outside of the holiday visit type scenario.
When I have brought up my discomfort with this relationship, my husband brushes it off and says I should give his mom a chance, she is fun to be around, wise, and kind. His mother, I will call her Jan, is very smart, and very kind, she is a facilitator, helping in any way she can, from babysitting and financial help, to advice. But because I want to get him away from his close relationship, the last thing I want is to build an even closer bond with her, making his even greater.
Not sure why this relationship makes me so uncomfortable, except I feel it very odd that he has this kind of bond with his mom, it seems abnormal. Does he need counseling?
Hopeful of creating distance,
Wife of momma's boy

Dear Wife,
If I understand you correctly, you wish to end the good relationship your husband has with his mother, who by your account, is very deserving of a loving, normal close bond with her son, because you do not have the same in your life or family? I am sincerely hoping that hearing that stated back to you, plainly, will make you see how misguided that truly sounds.

I suggest you get closer to his mother, perhaps even being, first, a real friend, then, eventually, the daughter she seems to wish you to be, creating a bond that is not only needed in your family, but all families. Perhaps counseling is a wonderful response, for you to seek, in helping understand why normal emotional familial bonds cause you discomfort.
Hoping for more understanding on your part,

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.

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

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

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

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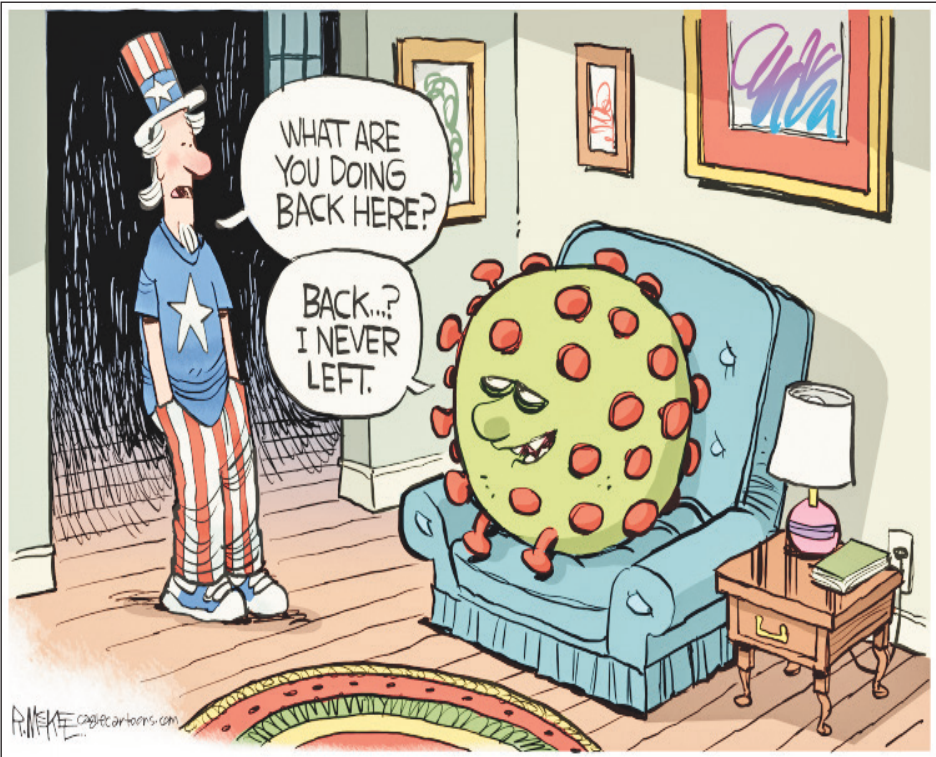
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In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Amendment VII
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Amendment VIII
Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX
The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X
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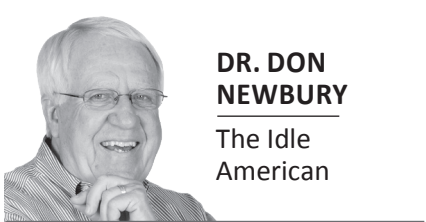
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A milestone? Not likely...

They say that age is just a number, so I suppose churning out my thousandth column with this writing might be comparable to a yawn, wry smile or the lame joke about the needle's question to the thread in a nudist colony — "Sew what?"
To persons cracking wise, please remember that puppy love is real to the puppy. So are my genuine efforts to wring a bit of humor, inspiration and/or analysis of life. Admittedly, I've taken side roads, far from life's freeways that gush of doom, crime, pestilence, world hunger, wars, COVID and its derivatives, inflation and other unending chunks of bad news. In general, in 2022 and years leading thereto, man's inhumanity to man may well be an understatement....

A few sharp-eyed editors — and you know who you are — took note that I've written weekly for almost 20 years, so maybe I should write something special. I reminded this small cadre that writing about trivialities has been immensely appealing to me. I tried recently to take on an important topic, lamenting the many bungled pronunciations "talking heads" of television (as well as radio) referencing "Uvalde." It was — and remains — my contention that the way residents pronounce the name of their very own town should carry the most weight. I got several emails challenging what I suppose was a lackadaisical, unstudied and perhaps hurried observation, and each maintained an arsenal of reasons why their opinions were correct. Whatever....

Retiring in 2000 from 40 years in higher education, including presidencies at Howard Payne University and at Western Texas College accounting for almost two decades, I descended from my "ivory tower." (Okay, I fell, or maybe I was tripped.) In 2003, I embarked on weekly column ramblings, initially intending to provide helpful tidbits, even simple kitchen recipes that I thought might be popular. Indeed, I have provided a paucity of recipes, but only one in recent years. Early on, a recipe called for a "capful" of vanilla extract (about a teaspoon). Sadly, it was sullied by a misprint, appearing as "cupful." Some "kitchen novices" believed me. Several emails with content inappropriate for a family newspaper suggested the error triggered swearing, gagging and various digestive disorders. I don't anticipate sharing too many more recipes....

One reader suggested that I write about how different the world is now than it was 20 years ago. Two thoughts came quickly to mind: In 2003, almost no funeral homes had "and cremations" on their signs, and few preachers knew that in upcoming years, their prayers to "remember the Sabbath and keep it holy" would face stiff competition from sports and other activities dominating many weekends. Many youngsters flock to sports programs, so the best clergy can hope for these days is rainouts. (Passes are given to participants who worship at other times of the week.) To better illustrate "then and now" differences, I reference a 1907 item in the Abilene Daily Reporter. It was included in Abilene historian Jay Moore's latest book, Abilene Daily Reporter: Snapshots of Home. (Details for purchase are available at texasstartrading.com.) I saw it in Loretta Fulton's online edition of Spirit of Abilene....


The headline blared: SUNDAY BALL BANNED. Word on the street was that, due to an earlier rainout, a makeup baseball game was set for the upcoming Sunday afternoon. In an emergency session, the Abilene city council leapt into action, unanimously passing an ordinance banning any Sabbath-day ball games, effective immediately. Specifically, the ban was imposed on "taking an active part in such a contest within the corporate city limits of Abilene, to include playing, umpiring or managing a team." Because time was of the essence —





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SHARKS!



Which scares you more?
A shark or a bee?

Most people are more afraid of sharks than bees. Yet bee stings have killed more people than sharks! Out of around 500 different kinds of sharks, most are not dangerous. The Great White shark is the most dangerous of all, but hardly anyone sees it. It likes to stay in deep ocean water where most people don't swim.

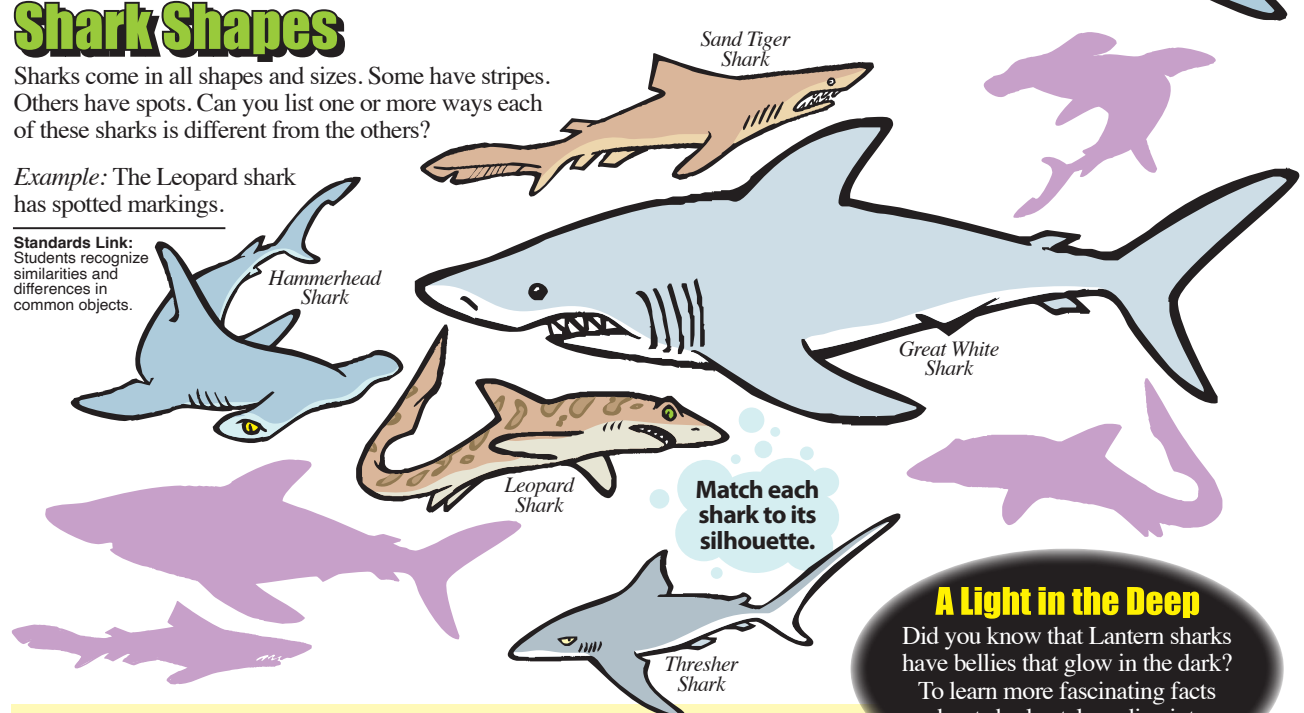
Standards Link: Life Science: Students understand that animals have different external features that help them survive in different habitats.

Shark Shapes

Sharks come in all shapes and sizes. Some have stripes. Others have spots. Can you list one or more ways each of these sharks is different from the others?

Example: The Leopard shark has spotted markings.

Standards Link: Students recognize similarities and differences in common objects.



Match each shark to its silhouette.

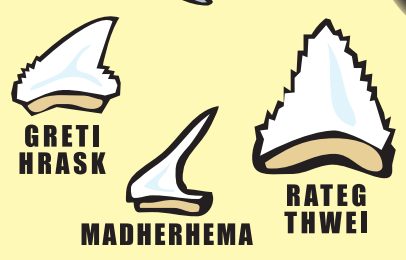
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Did you know that Lantern sharks have bellies that glow in the dark? To learn more fascinating facts about sharks, take a dive into your local library!

Nothing but the Tooth

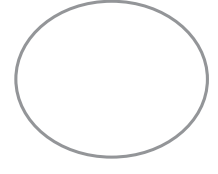
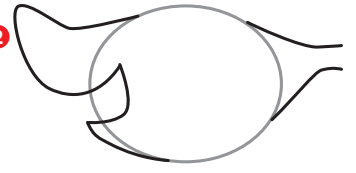





No two kinds of sharks have the same kind of teeth. Scientists can tell what kind of shark a tooth came from just by the way it looks.

To find out what type of shark each tooth came from, unscramble the words.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have features that help them survive in different environments.




HOW TO DRAW A SHARK



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Extra! Extra!
Dive into the newspaper to find:

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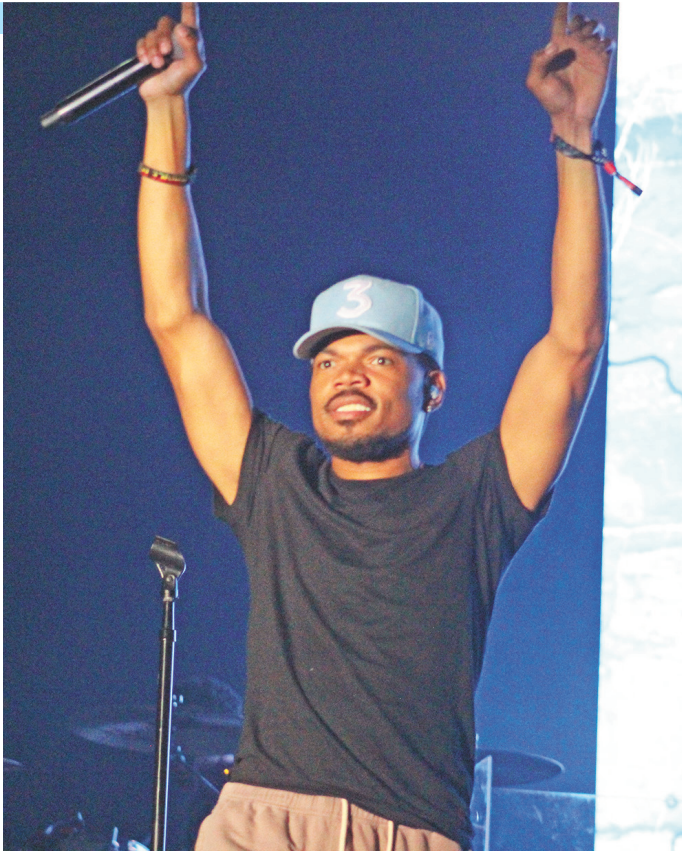


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Guitarist Ian “McLiquorman” Green and Adam Walker of Me Nd Adam perform on stage in the Austin-based band’s first big festival appearance.



Chance the Rapper getting the crowd pumped as he sings his hit songs like “Hot Shower” and “The Highs & The Lows” to close out the final hours of Float Fest Saturday night.



Vincent Winnick, of Me Nd Adam, gets the crowd at Float Fest pumped up on stage.



Vampire Weekend’s Ezra Koenig on his guitar as he gets into the music groove in the final hours of Float Fest.



Ezra Koenig (Guitar), Chris Tomson (Drums) and Chris Baio (Bass), of Vampire Weekend, performs classic songs like “A-Punk”, “Campus”, “This Life” and more to attendees at Float Fest.



The crowd getting into pre-music as they sing songs like Journey and Baby Shark before Chance the Rapper took the stage.



Laura Les on stage as she performs with her band 100 Gees last Saturday evening for the 2022 Float Fest.



Lord Huron performs their hit songs “Meet Me in the Woods”, “The Night We Met”, “Ends of the Earth” and more.



CHVRCHES lead singer Lauren Mayberry sings one of the bands classic songs “Forever” to the crowd of Float Fest last Sunday.



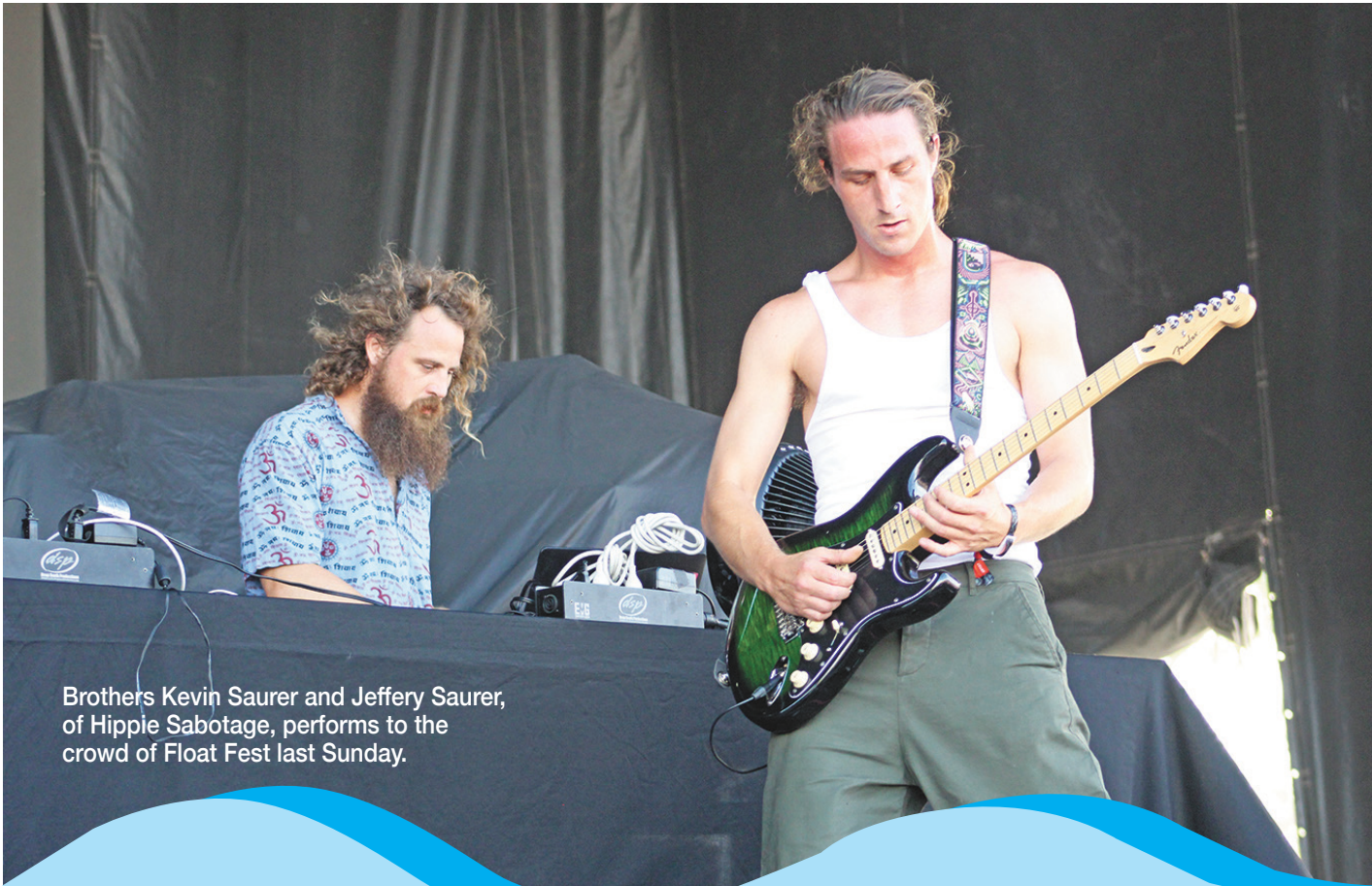
A Marshmello fan wears the artist signature head piece for the final show of Float Fest.



Cage The Elephant guitarist Brad Shultz gets the crowd going with his guitar skills at Float Fest Sunday night.



Lead singer Matt Shultz jumps in the air as he performs his band Cage The Elephant last Sunday at Float Fest.



Brothers Kevin Saurer and Jeffery Saurer, of Hippie Sabotage, performs to the crowd of Float Fest last Sunday.



Marshmello at his DJ set as he closes off the final hours of Float Fest last Sunday night.



Tove Lo performs on stage at Float Fest last Sunday afternoon on the final day of the festival.



Rap and hip hop artist Pusha T performs to the crowd at Float Fest last Sunday.

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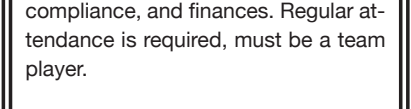
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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

In Accordance with V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, §152.905, a PUBLIC HEARING concerning the annual compensation of the Gonzales County Auditor, the Assistant County Auditors, the Court Reporters for the 25th and 2nd 25th Judicial Districts shall be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

This will be a virtual Public Hearing broadcast live on Zoom for those individuals who wish to watch or listen remotely.

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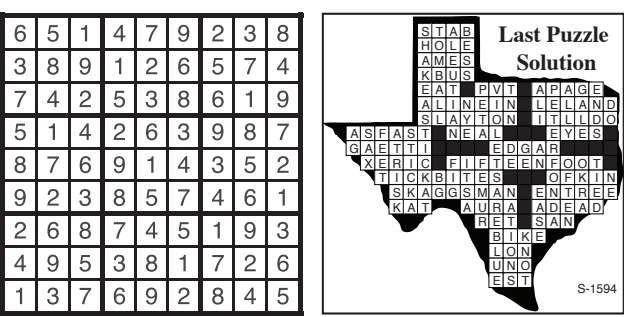
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Each bid proposal must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check, or an approved bidder's bond in an amount not less than 5% of the maximum total bid, payable to the City of Gonzales, Texas without recourse, as a guarantee that the Bidder will 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 OF PERMIT APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC SUPPLY WELLS

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Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority

Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) has submitted a Drilling and Production permit application to the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (GCUWCD) for three (3) public supply wells and pump upgrades to seven (7) existing wells. The expanded project is located approximately five miles northwest of the City of Waelder, off CR 444 between FM 1296 and Hwy 304 in Gonzales County. Currently, GBRA is limited to 15,000 acre-feet of groundwater per year (ac-ft/yr) from the seven (7) existing wells. GBRA proposes to produce an additional 9,000 ac-ft/yr of groundwater from the expanded project, bringing total production to 24,000 ac-ft/yr. The average rate of production is proposed to be 2,000 gallons per minute. All GBRA wells are completed in the Carrizo Aquifer.

The GCUWCD Rules in effect at the time of this permit application submittal are the April 14, 2020 Rules. Permit notice and hearing procedures are included in Rule 24. Copies of the GCUWCD's April 14, 2020 rules are available at the GCUWCD office located at 522 Saint Matthew Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629 or online at the GCUWCD website www.gcuwcd.org. The GCUWCD phone number is 830-672-1047.

Interested persons may provide written comments to the GCUWCD on the proposed public supply well permit application. Written comments must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this notice and in accordance with Rule 24 of the rules of the GCUWCD. Comments should be submitted to the GCUWCD's General Manager at 522 Saint Matthew, P.O. Box 1919, Gonzales, Texas 78629.

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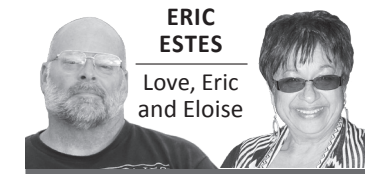
Time to chill

“Git along little dogies” is exactly what we oughta be doin. Howdy folks. Wouldn’t life be great if we all got along, looked out for each other and just had as much fun as is humanly possible? We seem to be able to do it at least some of the time, so why not do it all of the time? If we could manage to make this actually happen, we’d all be a lot happier, healthier, prosperous and mentally stable. But, being a fairly selfish bunch (mentally unstable), it may be a little too much to hope for, but with more effort we could surely do better. The one thing that I’ve personally always noticed about having fun, is that it’s, well... fun!

While I seem to be in my overstating the obvious mode, there’s something that I’m slightly perplexed, but highly entertained by. While shopping at Walmart in Gonzales after their recent makeover, I couldn’t help noticing the “Come and Take it” sign between the mens and womens restrooms. Something about it just seems wrong. I mean, shouldn’t we “Come and Leave it”? Besides, having a picture of a cannon between restrooms conjures up a whole nother mental image. Another thing I’m stumped by is that, after a multitude of visits, I’ve yet to come out more rested. Maybe

they need a new title? They’re also called bathrooms, but I’ve never taken a bath at Walmart. Huh, maybe I should try, but how am I going to fit into those small sinks? Yep, sometimes with thoughts like these, it’s hard to be me!

While life unfortunately, isn’t all fun and games; making a living, raising families, school, work etc, we should try and derive as much enjoyment as we can from all that we do, as a whole lot of time and effort is apparently spent doing them. I’m often encouraged by what King Solomon says in Ecclesiastes 3:12-13, his conclusion is that there’s nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as long as we can, so eat, drink and enjoy the fruits of your labor, as these are gifts from God. Unless you’re a negative / pessimistic type of individual, I’m sure you’ve had many laughs, fun and good times along the way, whether at work, school or any of the other necessities required to live a productive life. Through much trial and error, I’ve come to realize that how we interpret the situations in our lives, has a major impact on our contentment and overall well being. Science has established that it actually takes 43 muscles to frown, but only 17 to smile, so save your face a lot of work, show them



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

teeth, and watch what happens!

After speaking with many older folks along the way, I’ve noticed a common observation by most of them. As we look back on our lives and the things we’ve vigorously pursued along the way, with hindsight being 20/20 and all, sometimes we have to wonder what the heck we were thinking about? I judge my past follies now by...was the effort worth the reward? And there my friends, is the inherent problem with learning curves, you can only assess the outcome at the end of the curve...seems unnecessarily backwards to me. Guess we should’ve of listened to the people with years of experience trying to save us from making the same mistakes they did, but yeah, we’re way too smart for that. After all, we’re special and they just don’t understand!

Solomon also noted, that since we’re here today and gone tomorrow, most of the things we do are like chasing the wind. So, when feeling down, just think of yourself actually running around the yard chasing the wind. It’s sure to put a smile on your face while standing in line for the short bus!

Have a great week, love you guys, Eric.

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Headlining this year’s Schulenburg Festival is “Dos Borrachos,” featuring Kevin Fowler and Roger Creager. These two performers got the idea for this partnership while on a songwriting trip in Mexico. They have recorded several songs together and will entertain the crowd with those tunes, along with each singer performing his own songs.

“Each of these entertainers on their own would be, and have been, bona fide headliners for our festival. Having them here together, at the same time, will be a show like no other,” according to Nicole Michalke, Advertising Director.

Fowler has performed at the Schulenburg Festival four times, most recently in 2012, while Creager was an annual performer from 2000 through 2005, and his most recent appearance was in 2015.

“We are so looking forward to having them both back here again, so the crowd can sing along with all their favorites from these two. Their show will provide the party atmosphere we strive for,” says Micahlke.

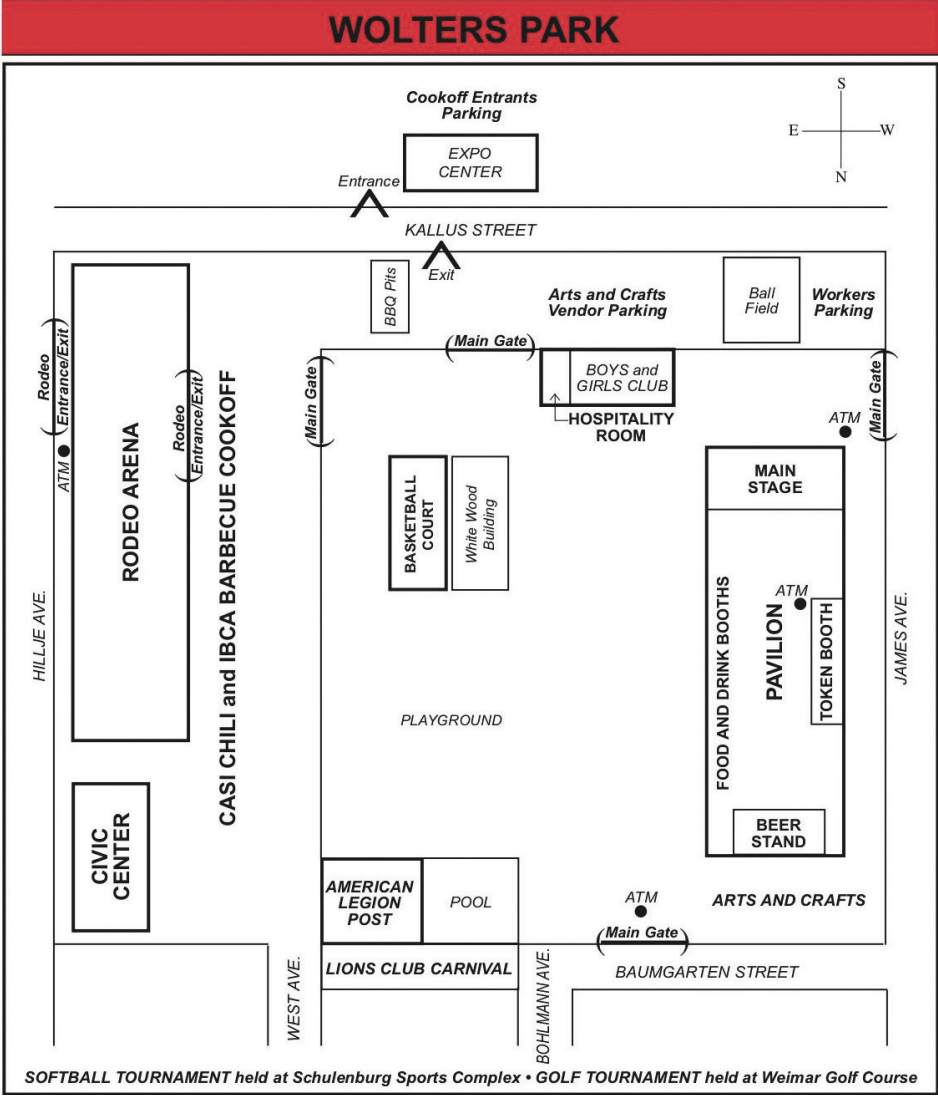
Listening to all of the hits from Fowler and Creager would take hours, but some of the most popular songs from Kevin Fowler include “Long Line of Losers,” “Hard Man to Love,” “100% Texan,” “Ain’t Drinkin Anymore,” “Don’t Touch My Willie,” and crowd favorite “Beer, Bait and Ammo.”

Roger Creager’s top hits include “Love,” “The Everclear Song,” “Things Look Good Around Here,” “L.A. Freeway,” “Long Way to Mexico,” “River Song,” and of course, “Fun All Wrong.”

The 2019 Dos Borrachos album included the pair’s take on country classics such as Tom T. Hall’s “I Like Beer” and Merle Haggard’s “Barroom Buddies,” along with original songs such as “Salt” and “Drunk Again.”

Fowler and Creager will take the stage on Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Warming up the crowd for the show, and then continuing the party again afterwards, will be Texas Unlimited Band (TUB).

“It’s hard for us to put into words what TUB means to the Festival,” said President Michael Zweschper. “They are second to none in how they can energize a crowd, and keep them dancing and singing. They have helped put the ‘Party’ in the National Party of Texas. It’s one of those things you just need to



experience in person.”

Friday night of festival weekend will be a party in and of itself as well. Musical entertainment kicks off with The Triumphs, making their return to the Festival stage. The band endured an 18-month hibernation due to COVID, but they are ready to ‘Bring Back the Times’ once again. The Triumphs’ mainstay is still tunes from the 1960s, but they also include some 1970s and 1980s music, and a few from way back as well. All music lovers are sure to know at least every other song they play, if not more.

The second half of Friday’s show brings some fairly new music, from a young Texas Country star, Carson Jeffrey, making his Festival debut. Jeffrey hails from nearby Cat Spring, and grew up listening to a variety of Texas music.

A bona fide cowboy, with years of roping under his belt, he started writing some songs in high school. After playing some acoustic shows in college, he realized he had a following. His music is full of raw, honest emotion, and his lyrics are relatable to just about anyone.

Sunday is full of live music as well. Texas Dream plays from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m, and Texas Unlimited Band will close out Sunday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

“Sunday is always a great day for families to enjoy the Festival. Watch the

parade, then head to the park for lunch and some great music that everyone can dance to. The carnival will be open for the kids, the arts & crafts vendors are set up for some shopping, and the fans under the Pavilion keep things relatively cool for August,” says Michalke.

Thursday evening is another option for live entertainment and a family night.

“Several years ago, we realized that more and more people were coming to the park on Thursday evening, the night before things really got started. Many of our locals volunteer in several Festival booths, and Thursday was a good night to relax with their families, before the busy weekend. So we started adding various musical acts, and we have enjoyed having Southbound 955 here for the past few years. These talented area young folks are a perfect fit for our Thursday stage,” says Zweschper.

On Thursday night, along with the music, the carnival (sponsored by the Schulenburg Lions Club) will be open, as well as various food and drink booths. The rodeo will have their slack contestants performing, and you can watch that action for free that evening.

The Schulenburg Festival is much more than just live music. The rodeo, cookoffs, and parade are also big draws. Rodeo fans can look forward to two

nights of full CPRA/UPRA rodeo action, with eight events (bareback riding, bull riding, saddle bronc riding, breakaway, steer wrestling, barrel racing, team roping, and tie down), at the arena in Wolters Park. The rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evening.

Cooks can test their skills in the chili, BBQ, beans, and bloody Mary contests. The Festival includes both CASI and IBCA-sanctioned chili and BBQ competitions, for cooks wishing to earn points in those areas, and also local contests open to everyone.

The Sunday morning parade, from downtown Schulenburg to Wolters Park, features beautiful floats from area towns, comical entries, class reunion floats, patriotic and musical entries, fire trucks, and the ever-popular Shriners parade unit.

Other attractions include the annual Young Farmers Cow Chip & Egg Toss contests, the cheerleader dunking board, and the arts and crafts show, featuring dozens of vendors with various items for sale.

Young Festival attendees can enter the ever-popular kiddie parade and the tricycle races, and can visit the carnival for rides and other activities.

Rounding out the Festival are 4 different sports contests (golf, softball, basketball, and a fun run), along with class reunions for graduates from Schulenburg and Bishop Forest high schools.

Gate admission for all activities is \$20 for Friday night, and \$25 on Saturday evening after 5 pm. Admission on Sunday is free, and there is no charge to enter the park before 5 pm on Saturday. There are no presale tickets this year. Also, there is no admission charge for children 12 and under at any time.

Detailed information, including entry forms, can be found on the Festival website: www.schulenburgfestival.org. The Festival also has active social media to keep everyone up to date.

The festival directors invite everyone to come enjoy themselves all weekend. “Last year, we were so glad to have a Festival again, after skipping 2020 due to COVID, but an uptick in cases last year in July kept a lot of people away. We are hoping for a large crowd this year, as we have been preparing for this since last August,” according to Michalke. The Festival wishes to thank all of their generous sponsors, who help support the event, which aims to raise funds for various community activities and needs.

Whether you want to get “Loose, Loud & Crazy” with Kevin Fowler, “Turn It Up” with Roger Creager, get “Hooked On a Feeling” with The Triumphs, dance with your “Ranch Girl Dream” to Carson Jeffrey, or just belt out “Sweet Caroline” with TUB and a couple thousand friends, the Schulenburg Festival has got you covered. It’s the National Party of Texas, and you are invited!

Gonzales Memorial Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary installs new officers

BY ELIZABETH BRELSFORD BENNETT
Special to the Inquirer

The Gonzales Memo-

rial Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary met Tuesday, June 28, 2022 in the Create Room at the Thrive Building. Twenty-two members in uniform at-

tended. Guest was Nancy Logan of the Pilot Club as she honored us by installing the officers for 2022-2023.

The lunch was a real treat being prepared by the head of Gonzales Memorial Hospital Food Services, Toni Perales, and her great crew. Their wonderful turkey with dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, creamed potatoes, corn, yeast rolls, chocolate and yellow cake with lovely frosting. Really cold water was served in single bottles, to be a safe and enjoyable drink. We

were served by outgoing, temporary CEO Gerald Parton and two helpers.

Nancy Logan, member of the Pilot Club, proceeded with the installation. The new year brings us President Betty Neubauer; 1st Vice President Sylvia Mercer; 2nd Vice President Irene Oakes; Treasurer Dyna DuBose; Reporter Elizabeth Brelsford Bennett; Secretary Jo Ann Hajovsky and Parliamentarian Barbara Koricanek.

Everyone on the officer slate is looking forward to a great year. Our gift shop

team of workers is ready to meet and greet all who come in to see the nice items found there after the COVID delay. We are all ready to serve the community and others as we have great expectations for the future.

For the installation Mrs. Logan presented each officer with a gift of a lovely hand fan of a different color depicting the person and action of each office. We all wish to thank Mrs. Logan for her time and talent.

The Auxiliary will meet July 28 at 2 p.m. at the

Thrive. We would love to see new faces who might be interested in joining the organization three hours a week. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. shifts are our hours. You would be having a great opportunity to serve your community in a fun and loving association. Our dues are still \$2 a year. Please take a look at your week, see if there is a time you would like. We still have space for you, I’m sure.

This Auxiliary began in 1975 and our desire is Keep Going.



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OBITUARIES

CHARLES ELSTON RASMUSSEN

On July 23, 2022, Charles Elston Rasmusen, was called upon by his Lord and Savior at the age of 96 in Gonzales, Texas. Charles was born on September 27, 1925 to Charles Hans, and Etolia Shumate Rasmussen in Valley Wells, Texas. He is a 1942 graduate of Big Wells High School, and after working on the family farm in Valley Wells throughout his youth, he attended Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He married his wife and self-described ‘perfect match’ Delorese Rauch, on April 1, 1955 in Springfield, Missouri. Rasmussen began working with the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service of the USDA in 1955 in Beeville, TX and began working in Gonzales a year later in 1956 where he served Gonzales County for 35 years before retiring in 1991.

Throughout the years, Charles enjoyed a number of hobbies and interests including traveling, gardening, dinner parties with great friends, spending time with his family, and in the fellowship of the churches he has attended. He was also known for telling a good story – if you were at the table with Chas, you were probably going to leave with a smile, a tidbit of wisdom, or both.

The unconditional love of his family and joy of their company truly showed through his actions in most aspects of everyday life and created



many lasting memories of great family parties for birthdays, and holidays – especially Christmas. Above all, his devotion to his family and God guided his life. We remember Charles sharing the story of the origin of his faith in one of the many memoirs he had written in his life: “When I was about 12 years old in the back room of the house in Big Wells, I gave my life to the Lord. I came under conviction and with my mother I met the Lord. I went to church that night and before service the pastor came out to the car where we sat in the back seat and talked and prayed before we went in.” From this point on, Charles led his life in the eyes of the Lord, entrusting him with guidance through all of life’s trials and tribulations. He devoted his life to service in the Lord and was a true disciple of the gospel.

Charles is survived by his two children, daughter Robin Lynnette Rasmusen of Seguin, son and daughter-in-law, Chris Allen and Karen Rebecca Rasmussen of Gonzales,

grandchildren, Kyle Rasmussen of Round Rock, Eric Allen Rasmussen and wife Jenna of Buda, great-grandchildren, Bennett Allen Rasmussen, and Allie Kaye Rasmussen of Buda. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Delorese Rasmussen, a sister, Vera Rasmussen and his parents.

The family will receive friends from 10 am to 11 am Tuesday, July 26, 2022 in the First Baptist Church. Funeral services will follow at 11 am in the church with Rev. Hollas Hoffman and Rev. Steve Faulkner officiating. The family will hold a graveside interment service at 11 am Friday, July 29, 2022 in Big Wells Cemetery. Pallbearers: Kyle and Eric Rasmussen, Blake Mikes, Adam Staton, Russ Dreyer, Josh Daniel, and Roy Staton. Honorary Pallbearers: Joe Kelley, Buddy Lester, Paul Coffin, Lynn Cochran, Jim De-Cola, Dr. Terry Eska, Bill Quinney, Sam Turk, Bob Young and Sonny Weathers. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Gonzales or to the charity of one’s choice. Friends may leave their condolences by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

*Family would like to thank Dr. Terry Eska, the staff of Texan Nursing & Rehab, & Kelsey Smith and the staff of Care Team Hospice, and Henry Padgett.

ROBERT LEE DRAKE JR.



The family of Robert Lee Drake Jr., known to us as Bob, Dad, and Daddy Bob, are saddened to announce his passing on July 17, 2022, after a rapid but valiant battle with cancer. Bob left us while in the arms of his loving wife Linda, and surrounded by his son Roderick Drake and daughters, Lisa Osborn and Karla Morgan. Bob passed from his physical self to his eternal home with dignity, grace, and bravery, just as he had lived his life of 84 years. Bob was a ‘people person’ in the truest sense of the notion and was masterful at engaging any acquaintance, in any environment, and forging an enduring impression. Right up to the end of his long and well-lived life Bob was praising doctors, charming nurses, and finding the silver lining in every situation. Bob’s glass was not merely ‘half full’ ... his glass ‘runneth over’.

Robert Lee Drake Jr., born March 29th, 1938, in Houston, Texas was the beloved only child of Robert L. Drake Sr. and Juanita Benton Drake. He grew up in the Rosenberg / Richmond area and attended Lamar Consolidated High School in Rosenberg. After graduation Bob attended Texas A&M University in College Station and was always eager to share stories of his experience in the Aggie Corp. He soon met and married Sandra Jo Steen from Yoakum, a student at Baylor University. Bob and Sandra had two children, Roderick Ashley and Lisa Kay. Sandra preceded Bob in death in December of 1981. Rod and his wife Carrie are the parents of Daddy Bob’s granddaughter Audrey Jo (13). Lisa Osborn and her husband Bill have four of Daddy Bob’s grandchildren, Maddi, Afton, Alexandra, and Drake. Daddy Bob has 5 great grandchildren and ‘one on the way’. Maddi and her husband Aaron Holloway have a daughter Ruby (3) and a son Parks (22 months). Afton and her husband Lance Hlavaty have a daughter Leah (2) and are awaiting the arrival of their son Pierce. Drake and his wife Alayna have two sons, Judah (3) and Gideon (2 months). At present, Alexandra, an RN, is serving on the mission field abroad in Greece.

After settling in Yoakum, TX and building a career in the furniture industry Bob met Linda Wood in August of 1982 at a birthday party. In October of 1983 they were married, began their 39-year journey together, raised their daughter Karla Marie, and remained smitten until his final moments. Karla and her husband Daniel Morgan have two of Daddy Bob’s grandsons, Cade (13) and Carver (10). Ultimately the furniture industry directed Bob and Linda to Columbus, MS and eventually to the small community of West Point, MS where they have resided until now. Bob and Linda are members of the First United Methodist Church of

West Point where Linda sings in the Chancel Choir and Bob would man his pew in the congregation and gush at Linda.

Bob was a doer, an Energizer Bunny in modern vernacular. He enjoyed bird hunting, was an avid fisherman, and was always, without fail, the last man standing on the dance floor, with Linda in his arms. He enjoyed golf, football and poker

on the TV and loved a good party. He was a faithful Aggie, a Bear, and a Bulldog (sorry Linda, never a Horn) ... but, without doubt, his most avid activity was a passionate consumer of great food! It is quite possible Robert Lee Drake Jr. holds the world record for ‘That’s the best meal I’ve ever had’.

Bob was talented and artistic. He was the epitome of a ‘form over function’ personality. He was challenged with a screwdriver, but adept with a paint brush. His love of art and his artistic talent spoke to many aspects of his life. Not only could he paint beautifully, but his furniture career was heavily influenced by his artistic passion. He loved architecture, appreciated accomplished interior design, and always appeared well, with a great sense of style.

A list of Bob’s life adventures and accomplishments could ramble on for paragraphs, but his most profound contributions can be listed in simple words. Husband, Father, Daddy Bob, and Friend. He left his wife Linda with a heart abundantly full of cherished memories, his children and grandchildren with values and direction, and his friends and associates with lasting memories of a gracious, respectful, and caring gentleman. Bob will be missed greatly and remembered well.

A visitation was held on Saturday, July 23, 2022, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, in the First Baptist Church of Gonzales. A memorial service followed beginning at 11:00 AM and was livestreamed. The family hosted a reception at Kloesel’s Steakhouse in Moulton from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. Interment concluded at the Yoakum Restland Cemetery at 4:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, Bob has requested memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of West Point Mississippi. Friends may sign the guestbook by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, Gonzales.

Click LIVE SERVICE to attend the service remotely, or to watch to the service at a later time.

JUDY CAROLYN WRIGHT

Judy Carolyn Wright of Spring, Texas passed away peacefully early Monday morning, July 25, 2022 at her residence in Spring, Texas. She was a wonderful mother who was always there when her family needed her. She also had many friends and was a well-loved member of the community while residing in Victoria and Gonzales, Texas. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church of Gonzales.

Judy’s interests included her passion for sewing, quilting, and making her children’s clothes. Judy had made a quilt for each of her grandchildren. She took in ironing for those who couldn’t afford the dry cleaners. Early on she was the executive assistant to the CEO of Gonzales Memorial Hospital. A position she cherished



as a woman with a loving and caring heart. She loved to dance to country music and was delighted to know her children loved dancing as well.

Judy was born November 27, 1939, and married Jack A. Starr in April 1960 and Orval L. Wright in November 1976. She is survived by her husband, Orval Wright, Laneville, Texas; brother, Larry Bruchmiller, Victoria,

Texas; sons, Jack Starr and wife Justine of Spring, TX, Scott Starr and wife Michelle, of Spring, TX, daughter, Teresa Wright of Laneville, TX, son, Alan Wright of Fort Pierce, FL., 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held in Judy’s honor on Thursday, July 28 at 10 AM in Gonzales Memorial Cemetery located 1 mile east of Gonzales on U.S. 90A with Rev. Hollas Hoffman officiating. Pallbearers: William, Christopher, Thomas, Michael, Nicholas, and Johnathan Starr. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

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The source documents of the USA and its notable achievements, while written or accomplished by people who had both noble and dark sides, have called this nation to live this vow, no matter their religion or affiliation. The Declaration

of Independence, the Constitution, Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address, Kennedy’s inaugural address, King’s “I have a dream” speech, Bush’s “thousand points of light,” all call us to seek a “more perfect” society. The Church – its lead-

ers, its clergy, its members – can be a source of healing during this time of pandemic of the viruses of political extremism, racial discord, international enmity, and inflammatory rhetoric. In order to be a shining example for the world around us, we must first work for reconciliation within our own numbers, seek and serve the light of Christ in each of us, extend respect to one another, and recognize that our differences are the very things that make us whole. As we honor all people and respect every person, we can show the world how to behave.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN WINSTON RAWLS, SR.

John Winston Rawls, Sr., 89, of Nixon, passed away Tuesday, July 19, 2022. He was born December 26, 1932 in Pelly, Texas the son of John Weldon Rawls and Nana Mae Olive. He worked for 36 years with H,L & P as an electrician and later as the maintenance planner. After retirement he worked helping on his sons ranch. He enjoyed deer hunting in west Texas, going to the Colorado mountains and fishing.

He is survived by his daughters Marilyn Sparks and husband Ronnie of Adkins, TX and Clara R. Lester of Gonzales; son John Winston Rawls, Jr. and wife Esther of Nixon; grandchildren Heather Spengler, who was raised as a daughter, and her husband Lance, Vanna Lester, Ross Lester, Ashley Rawls, Katheren Rawls and John Rawls; great-grandchildren John Anthony Rawls, Mitch



Spengler and Cole Spengler; sister Regina M. Hardin and husband Douglas of Conroe; sisters-in-law Geraldine Rawls of Gonzales and Carol Smith of Amarillo.

He was preceded by his parents, wife Marie, daughter Jacqueline Rawls, brothers Wayne and Charles Rawls and grandchildren Jaqueline Oliphant and Eddie Oliphant.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Friday, July 29, 2022 at the Pilgrim Church with Russell Riggs officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time at the church. Interment will follow at the Pilgrim cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

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

DEBORAH KAY BRZOWSKI

Deborah Kay Brzowski, 62, of Gonzales, passed away Friday, July 22, 2022. Deborah was born January 22, 1960 in Shiner to Vernon and Mary Ann Sofka Brzowski. Deborah was a member of St. James Catholic Church.

Debbie attended school is Gonzales. She played the baritone in band and was voted “Class Favorite” before graduating and going to work for Holiday Finance. She worked with this company for 41 years before retiring in 2019 as vice-president. All the while Debbie bred and raised horses with the help of her husband, Lee Jay Muenchow.

Debbie had enjoyed bowling in the Luling Bowling League and especially trail rides with an abundance of friends. She was a loving person with a warm and charismatic personality. She dearly loved her friends and held them close to her heart. Debbie was an amazing cook, and her enchiladas were celebrated by all who were blessed to have had a plate before them.

Debbie is survived by her loving family, husband, Lee



Jay Muenchow, mother, Mary Ann Brzowski, both of Gonzales, brothers, Vernon Brzowski, Jr “Dixie” of Wallace, Michael Brzowski of Gonzales, daughter, Candice Molnoskey (Eddie Vasquez) of Odessa, and son, Gregory Molnoskey, and girlfriend “Nora” of San Marcos. She was preceded in death by her father.

The family will receive friends from 1 pm to 1:30 pm Wednesday, July 27, 2022 in St. James Catholic Church with a Holy Rosary being recited at 1:30 pm in the church. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 pm following the rosary with Fr. Jason Martini as celebrant. Interment will follow in the Gonzales Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers: Matt Muenchow, Ben Knesek, Richard Malatek, Michael Brzowski, Steven Malatek, and James Molnoskey. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. 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.

‘988’ crisis line rolls out for mental health support

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Individuals in need of support across Texas, and the United States, can now call or text a three-digit number, 988, for mental health support.

This new initiative connects Texans directly to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which is normally accessible at 800-273-8255. The original number will remain active, with the new 988 giving users an easier to remember, more direct route, to mental health crisis assistance.

According to the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), this will allow those in emotional crisis

or mental health emergencies more accessibility.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a network of more than 200 state and local call centers supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through SAMHSA.

“Recent investments made in the Lifeline have already resulted in more calls, chats, and texts answered even as volume has increased, but we know that too many people are still experiencing suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress without the support they need,” said Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D., the HHS assistant secretary for mental health and substance use and leader of SAMHSA.

“Over time, the vision for 988 is to have additional crisis services available in communities across the country, much the way emergency medical services work. The success of 988 depends on our continued partnership with states, as the federal government cannot do this alone. We urge states and territories to join us and invest further in answering the call to transform our crisis care response nationwide.”

The new crisis line, 988, was launched nationwide July 16.

Texas Health and Human Services announced in February 2021 that it would receive over \$180,000 in funding to further support and expand Lifeline call centers in Texas from SAMHSA.

Brightwell to present trunk show for Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Kristi Asbill Brightwell, an award-winning quilter from La Grange, will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday, Aug. 2 meeting of the Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild.

She will present a trunk show of her favorite quilts, many of

which are string quilts. String quilts are named for the strips of fabric (the strings) that are used to make a quilt. The “strings” are sewn to a permanent foundation, such as muslin. Budget-conscious quilters find this method to be a satisfying way to use leftover fabric scraps to make the “strings”

The Guild meets at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Shiner. Members gather around 6 p.m. for socializing and begin the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Members come from Shiner and the surrounding towns and are always eager to welcome visitors and new members.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office
07/17/22 – 07/23/22

07/18/22

- Ellis, James Ray, II, 05/1994, Victoria: Local Warrant – Theft Property >\$100 <4750, Requires \$15,000 Bond; Remains in Custody
- Beene, Trincia Mae, 07/1970, Gonzales: Austin Parole Division Warrant – Parole Violation; Remains in Custody
- Rice, Ray, 07/1964, Luling: Assault causes Bodily Injury Family Member, Released on \$7,000 Bond; Resist Arrest

Search or Transport, Released on \$7,000 Bond

07/22/22

- Garcia, Steve, II, 01/1974, Wharton: Local Warrant – Fail to Comply Sex Offender Duty to Register Life/Annual, Requires \$200,000 Bond, Remains in Custody
- Amaya, Jose Carlos, 10/1987, Lockhart: Local Warrant – Driving while Intoxicated, Requires \$1,500 Bond, Remains in Custody

Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency

arrest and processings:	
GCSO	05
DPS	13
GPD	04
WPD	00
NPD	01
GISD	00
SMO	00
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ACROSS

1 ace of spades, e.g.

5 “Kick ____ Traditional Tribe of Texas”

6 “night,” informally

7 Cowboys Jason Garrett was 2016 Coach of the ____

8 state fair mo.

9 Amtrak train that runs across Texas: “Sunset ____”

16 a brother of George W. and Jeb Bush

18 TXism: “light ____ egg shell”

21 UT opponent in the “Red River Shootout” in Fort Worth: “____ Carter Museum of American Art”

23 shoemaker in the Alamo City

24 Corpus Christi mayor Joe (2017-21)

30 Texas armadillos generally have ____ of armor

34 TX Sissy Spacek played this Loretta in a 1960 film (init.)

35 crying sound

36 old wise person

37 ____ Pass, TX

39 TXism: “weak ____ - ____ kitten”

43 TXism: “____ by a lawyer” (finalize)

44 TXism: “don’t cross the river ‘ ____ come to it”

45 Joan Crawford was born in Texas as Lucille Fay ____Sueur

46 British goodbye (hyph.)

47 fishermen with rods?

49 TXism: “hard ____ enamel”

52 365 days (abbr.)

53 cowboy song: “whoopie ti-yi-____, get along little doggies . . .”

54 “Lake O’ The ____”

55 a motorcycle is a two-____ vehicle

58 ____ Dame University

59 old ice hockey leag. of the former Houston Aeros

60 father

61 Yoko ____

DOWN

1 seat of Randall County

2 TXism: “just down the road ____”

3 this consists of Astro and Ranger starting pitchers

4 someone who acts rather than merely talking or thinking

9 TXism: “hasta ____ vista” (see ya)

10 “Queen ____ Causeway” to South Padre Island

11 TX Dexter’s “Pistol Packin’ ____”

12 “he’s ____ it” (involved)

13 “____ Mercies” film was written by TX Horton Foote

14 “Gig ‘ ____ Aggies!”

15 law enforcement agcy. in Texas

17 first governor of Galveston (2 wds.)

19 Jewish prayer shawl

20 “____ Mission” in El Paso

24 board game manufacturer (abbr.)

25 appellate court in Texas (abbr.)

26 TXism: “____ an arm and a leg”

27 Texas atheist, Madalyn Murray

28 Matador is the seat of this county

29 one who rolls a ball at ten pins

31 negative vote

32 TXism: “he could strut sitting down” (big ____)

33 fried quickly in a little hot fat

38 flying annoyances

40 TX Duvall was Olive ____ in “Popeye”

41 female deer

42 TX Don Henley sang this hit

48 the seed has been ____

50 kitchen floor surface

51 dir. from Coleman to Comanche

56 TXism: “a fine ____ you do”

57 TX-born actor Hawke

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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SUDOKU

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

NEW APACHE ATHLETICS TRAILER UNVEILED



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Sage Capital Bank, represented by Ross Hendershot; GVEC, represented by Bubba Schmidt; and JGI Outdoor Advertisement, represented by Jason Haile; sponsored the new Apache Athletics trailer, which was unveiled on Friday, July 22.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



The winning team from the July 20 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Frank Ingram, Mike Higginbotham, Brent Wernli, John Bravenec and Kameron Craft.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The second-place team from the July 20 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Bill Kessler, Glenda Kessler, Ellis Baker and Wayne Baker (Manny Gonzales and Brad Broussard not shown).

Peterson named Player of the Year in Class 2A baseball

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Shiner's Ryan Peterson is the player of the year honors on the Blue Bell/ Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 2A all-state baseball team. Peterson was 14-0 with a 0.53 earned run average with 151 strikeouts in 79 innings. The junior also batted .541 with 38 runs batted in, he scored 65 runs and stole 38 bases for the state runner-up.

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers – Cooper Ewing, Valley Mills, sr.; Thomas Perez, Valley Mills, soph.; Ryan Peterson, Shiner, jr.
Reliever – Ryland Gentry, Coleman, jr.
Catcher – Bryce Nerada, Shiner, jr.
First baseman – (tie) Brody Emert, New Home, jr.; Zane Waggoner, Albany, soph.
Second baseman – Jordan Kelley, Refugio, sr.
Shortstop – Drew Wenske, Shiner, jr.
Third baseman – Logan Addison, New Home, soph.
Outfielders – Harley Patterson, New Deal, sr.; Kaleb Kuligowski, Valley Mills, sr.; (tie) Ashton Lucio, New Home, soph.; Jackson Duplichain, Alto, jr.
Designated hitter – Cody Hill, Muenster, sr.
Player of the year – Ryan Peterson, Shiner
Coach of the year – Doug Shanafelt, Valley Mills

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers – Logan Jenkins, Collinsville, soph.; Alex Slowikowski, Garrison, sr.; John Youens, Bosqueville, jr.
Reliever – Ayden Gates, Falls City, jr.
Catcher – (tie) Carter Smith, Union Grove, sr.; Noah Pena, Bosqueville, sr.
First baseman – Daniel Pena, Kenedy, fr.
Second baseman – (tie) Eli McNair, Valley Mills, sr.; Jonathan Falcon, Mumford, sr.
Shortstop – Weston Oliver, San Saba, sr.
Third baseman – Quade West, Petrolia, sr.
Outfielders – Nathan Cenicerros, Lockney, sr. Braydon Davidson, Garrison, soph.; (tie) Jackson LeCluyse, Tolar, jr.; Riley Phippen, Anson, sr.;
Designated hitter – Alejandro Gomez, Alto, jr.

THIRD TEAM

Pitchers – Zach Blizel, New Home, sr.; Chase Weaver, Hamilton, jr.; (tie) Chris Castilleja, Mumford, jr.; Nick Miller, Anson, sr.
Reliever – Kaden Gonzalez, El Dorado, sr.
Catcher – Ty Bates, Archer City, sr.
First baseman – (tie) Jagger Fischbeck, Weimar, sr.; A.J. Patek, Shiner, sr.
Second baseman – Easton Hill, Bosqueville, soph.
Shortstop – (tie) Cade Boyer, Johnson City, sr.; Hunter Henexson, Bosqueville, jr.
Third baseman – (tie) Hudson Williams, Archer City, sr.; Sully Hill, Centerville, sr.
Outfielders – Austin Alexander, Martins Mill, sr.; Kaston Vega, Stamford, fr.; (tie) Hunter Watkins, New Home, sr.; Trevor Miller, Anson, sr.
Designated hitter – (tie) Gage Lindley, Windthorst, sr.; Donnie Cantwell, Granger, sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Pitchers — Hunter Cannon, Union Grove, sr.; Dayton Cliffe, Flatonia, jr.; Logan Davis, Thorndale, sr.; Damian Castorena, Mumford, soph.; Sully Hill, Centerville, sr.; McCray Jacobs, Johnson City, soph.; Blake Lewis, Mason, sr.; Clayton Merritt, Frankston, sr.; Rylan Newman, Collinsville, soph.; Cooper Watson, Petrolia, sr.; Daelyn Weaver, Hamilton, jr.; Cooper Wolf, Windthorst, sr.
Catchers — Zeke Mayo, Windthorst, jr.; Kaden Morgan, Rio Vista, jr.; Slade Murray, Lovelady, sr.; Jesse Owen, Tolar, soph.; Trey Powell, Mart, sr.; Clay Pursche, Holland, sr.; Noah Rodriguez, New Deal, sr.; Broedie Salas, Thorndale, sr.; Fernando Vargas, Kenedy, sr.
First basemen — Bryson Beran, Thorndale, sr.; Mason Hagler, Anson, sr.; Robert Walker, Frankston, jr.
Second basemen — Eli Compton, Garrison, jr.; Austin Curtis, Martins Mill, jr.; Zane Hackley, Windthorst, sr.
Shortstops — Kaden Bryan, Ropes, sr.; Brady Henke, Weimar, jr.; Cason Johnson, Valley Mills, soph.; Tryton Kruse, Garrison, jr.; Blake Lewis, Mason, sr.; Karmeron Miller, Kenedy, sr.; Taylor Pritchett, Rio Vista, jr.; Logan Rogers, Alto, sr.; Brody Tyler, Muenster, soph.; Cooper Weatherly, Era, soph.
Third basemen — Cody Arrisola, Falls City, sr.; Logan Davis, Thorndale, sr.; Hudson Ervin, Weimar, jr.; Joseph Flores, Mumford, soph.; Walker London, Frankston, jr.; Ryland Reyna, Kenedy, jr.
Outfielders — Jordan Aubrey, New Deal, sr.; Colin Barnes, Collinsville, soph.; Austin Carr, Frankston, jr.; Keyshaun Green, Flatonia, jr.; Cooper Fairchild, Albany, sr.; Breon Lewis, Rosebud-Lott, jr.; Landon McLemore, Windthorst, jr.; Cameron Pate, Centerville, jr.; Jackson Raines, New Home, jr.; John Ryder, Granger, sr.; Regan Todd, Garrison, sr.; Titan Targac, Flatonia, fr.; Alex Tyner, Martins Mill, jr.



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CLAYTON KELLEY

This house, located on the 200 block of West 6th Street, was confirmed by the Nixon code enforcement officer to be abandoned, dilapidated and on the verge of collapsing, as well as having faulty wiring.

HOUSING

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Council meeting are allowed, so long as the home is up to code compliance.

One house, that was not a mobile home, was brought into examination for the abatement of the home at the July 18 City Council meeting. The house, located on the 200 block of West 6th Street, was confirmed by the code enforcement officer in Nixon at the meeting to be abandoned, dilapidated and on the verge of collapsing, as well as having faulty wiring.

Code Enforcement Officer Jason Criollo declined to comment on his process outside of the meeting, directing comments to the City Manager, who then directed further comments to City Attorney Eddie Escobar.

“The City of Nixon wants to ensure that the health and safety of its citizens is addressed,” Escobar said. “One of the ways to do this is by assessing current housing structures and abating abandoned and dilapidated structures. The City is striving to make things better and safer.”

City officials will notify individuals who are not in code compliance, allowing them 30

days to abate the situation. The home in question at the council meeting has been abandoned for decades, according to the city. However, the last known homeowners were confirmed to have been given notification of the abatement of the property.

“We informed the property owner and property taxpayer that they would be scheduled for a hearing based on the evidence and everything that I found for this property being a threat and danger to the City of Nixon and safety of nearby citizens,” Criollo said specifically at the Council meeting. “We received a confirmation that they received the certified letter.”

The City of Nixon confirmed that these types of home structures can be a harbor for criminal activity.

“These types of homes are commonly broken into by criminals for the use or distribution of drugs and other criminal activity,” Escobar said. “In addition, they serve as an attractive nuisance to children who often want to explore. Due to these structures not being structurally sound, it can be extremely dan-

gerous to children entering these structures. The City of Nixon wants to avoid even the possibility of a child being harmed.”

The May ban on mobile homes was put in place to increase the city of Nixon’s property values, according to officials at the time of the ban. The city wants people to be aware that any home not up to code is up for examination, after the May ban on mobile homes.

“Just because a home is a mobile home, does not mean that the structure is not up to code as adapted by the City of Nixon. Any noncompliant home, mobile or otherwise, will be reviewed for non-compliance,” Escobar said. “This is not a mobile home issue, it’s a health and safety issue.”

City Council officially changed their meeting times to 5 p.m. for any future meetings. Citizens can make comments on this, or any issue in the City of Nixon, at council meetings.

Readers with any concerns about substandard homes in the City of Nixon can email the Gonzales Inquirer at publisher@gonzalesinquirer.com to share their comments.

LOUIS

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make him comfortable in his final hours.

Decker loved his Gonzales Apaches, especially covering their athletic exploits in the pages of the Gonzales Inquirer. During high school, he served as manager and statistician for the Apache athletic teams and was well-loved by his classmates and teammates.

A GoFundMe ac-

count was set up to help raise money for Decker at <https://gofund.me/5a877d8d>.

Funds contributed will be used to pay for Decker’s final expenses and to set up a trust fund for his beloved grandchildren as per his final wishes.

Final arrangements are pending with Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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was 4.3 percent, slightly lower to the state average of 4.4 percent. This represented a total of 3,927 residents in Gonzales, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria counties seeking employment out of a total workforce of 90,370 people.

After Gonzales County, Dewitt County recorded the lowest unemployment at 3.6 percent, followed by Lavaca County at 3.7 percent. Jackson County was at 3.8 percent. Calhoun was 4.3 percent, Victoria was at 4.9 percent and Goliad County at 5.1 percent.

For May 2022, there were 279 individuals in Gonzales County seeking employment out of a workforce of 9,678 with 9,399 reported as employed. In April 2022, there were 257 people seeking work in Gonzales County out of an employment force of 10,046 for a total unemployment rate of 2.6 percent.

In June 2021, Gonzales County had an unemployment rate of 4.9 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.
- June 2022, 3.5 percent.



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