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Gonzales County property values soar

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Certified taxable property values for Gonzales County are up by nearly a third over last year, according to the

certified appraised value rolls from the Gonzales Central Appraisal District. The certified appraisal rolls were made public on July 25 and are what local governing bodies use to determine and set their tax rate for the next fiscal year.

GONZALES COUNTY
Gonzales County shows a total market value of more than \$8.4 billion, which includes land value of more than \$3.8 billion, improvement value of nearly \$1.38 billion, personal property value of

more than \$121.1 million and mineral market value of more than \$3.1 billion. With a productivity loss of more than \$3.3 billion, that drops the total market

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GISD addresses truancy, adult meal costs

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales ISD school board met for its regularly scheduled meeting Monday,

Aug. 8, to discuss several line items on the agenda. One of the big items that was discussed the FY23 Truancy Prevention and Intervention Program. Director of PEIMS

Sarah Gottwald went over the reasoning for the board to approve the grant. Gottwald explained if awarded, the

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WANDY VAN EPPS
Erin Gruwell hugs Nicole Johnson-Davis at the GISD Back to School Convocation.

Freedom Writers author speaks to GISD teachers, staff

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

Erin Gruwell, educator, guest lecturer, and lauded author of “Freedom Writers,” as well as the founder of Freedom Writers Foundation, was a special guest speaker for Gonzales ISD’s Back-To-School convocation Thursday, Aug. 4, at the J.B. Wells Expo Center.

Listening to student voices was the message presented by the famous author/teacher to the teaching faculty and staff members of Gonzales ISD. Gruwell detailed her story about the “Freedom Writers,” her novel, which was turned into a 2007 Hilary Swank movie of the same

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Above: The Apache Flames perform a dance routine in Independence Square as part of Apache Night during the Back to School Blast. The Apache cheerleaders from both the middle and high school also performed. Left: Gonzales Apache football players were ready to throw T-shirts to the crowd during the Back to School Blast on Saturday, Aug. 6. The team will play their first regular season game in the Joey Rivera era at home against Cedar Creek on Friday, Aug. 26. For more photos, see page 7.

PHOTOS BY LEW K. COHN

County signs pacts for juvenile detention beds

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A shortage of juvenile detention beds throughout the state of Texas has Gonzales County

in the same predicament as other counties — having to secure services with the few counties that have bed space available. On Monday, Aug. 8, the

Gonzales County Commissioners Court approved short-term detention contracts for juvenile offenders with six counties —

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Commissioner voices concern about water supply for large rural subdivisions

BY LEW K. COHN
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Gonzales County Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski told his fellow commissioners he has concerns about contractors wanting to build large subdivisions out in rural county areas without knowing if there will be enough water to support these develop-

ments. During a recent Gonzales County Commissioners Court meeting, Brzozowski said he was recently contacted by one company “about wanting to do a subdivision that would be on 420 acres and they want to do 42 homesites” near the Waelder area. “It’s not even a mile from

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Gonzales County commissioners propose decrease in property tax rate

BY LEW K. COHN
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Gonzales County commissioners on Monday, Aug. 8, proposed a 2022 tax rate of \$0.3071 per \$100 valuation — a

decrease of 13.2 cents from last year’s adopted tax rate of \$0.4391. That rate is equal to what is called the “no-new-revenue rate,” which essentially a tax rate that would produce the same amount of taxes if applied to the

same properties taxed in the current and prior fiscal year, without taking any new improvements into consideration. The marked decrease in the tax rate is due to appraisals in Gonzales County increasing by nearly a third overall. If

adopted, the new tax rate would generate a total of \$13,544,875 in tax revenue for the budget. Commissioners had the ability to

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Commissioners learn about flood tracking, new museum

BY LEW K. COHN
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Gonzales County Emergency Management will be taking part in a new program through the University of Texas at Austin and the Texas Department of Emergency Management that will help track flooding data on the Guadalupe and San Marcos river and their tributaries.

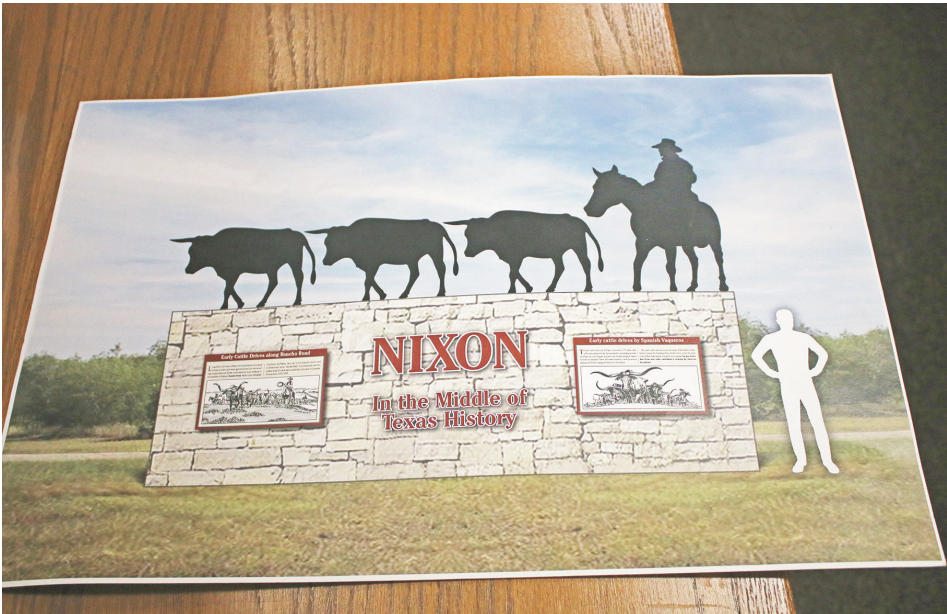
GCEM director Jimmy Harless spoke about the program during a Monday, Aug. 8, meeting of the Gonzales County Commissioners Court. Harless said Gonzales County was asked to take part in testing the application.

“Our first responders will receive an app they will log into and they will take this and go out to sites where they can remember where the water’s edge was in the past during a flood,” Harless said. “They will go out and drop a pin where the water’s edge was at that time, or at least, where they remember it to have been.

“We can come back to my office and, about an hour later, the pin populates information into software I have on my computer that will show us where the water level was in the past. We can then use that to determine what residences, if any, would be located within the flood plain and would be impacted.”

Harless said the county will be testing the application on Thursday, Aug. 11, with help from first responders, including volunteer firefighters, sheriff’s deputies and even DPS troopers.

“Let’s say, for example, we have a flood event in the next couple of years,” Harless said. “Our first responders who are out there are law enforcement or EMS or whomever go out, find that high water mark, drop that pin in and I’m able to see real live flooding coverage at the Emergency Management Office as



to where the water is. It’s also tied into the National Weather Service.

“The program tells me what that water level is as it’s coming at us along both the San Marcos and the Guadalupe or their tributaries, and then it also highlights the residences that could be affected by that. So in my opinion, it’s an extremely beneficial product that we could have for Gonzales County.”

The program is being made available to counties free of charge, Harless said.

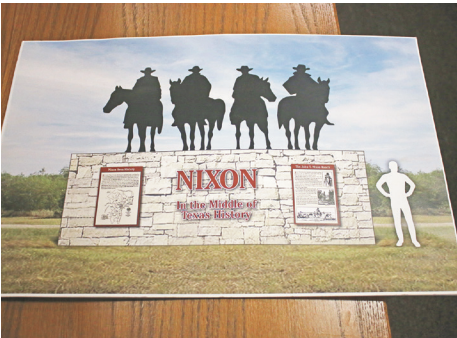
Commissioners also heard from Donald Hoffman of the Rancho Nixon Historical Association regarding projects that organization has been working on to promote history in the Nixon area.

“That area was the origin point of the American quarter horse, which we can document, and it was the probable origin of the American cowboy in between the Guadalupe and Atascosita rivers,” Hoffman said. “In the area was the largest ranch in colonial Texas with more than 2 million acres — even bigger than

the King Ranch. A lot of these things people don’t know, so our historical association has dedicated itself to spreading the news and we hope that you will help us by understanding that it takes money to do these things.”

Hoffman said Rancho Nixon Historical Association has spent nearly \$200,000 in private donations that has been used to develop a Rancho Nixon Historical Park, to which he said Precinct 4 Commissioner Collie Boatright Jr. has lent his assistance. Also, there have been some 156 Texas historical markers erected in the area, including 31 which are about famed gunslinger John Wesley Hardin, who practiced law in the Gonzales and Nixon area in the 1890s after he was released from jail.

“What I’m asking you to do is please consider investing in our association, to tell the story that we have to tell,” Hoffman said. “And I think it will be a tremendous economic impact. It’ll bring tourists, possibly another motel



LEW K. COHN

Artist renderings show two possible entrance monuments that would be erected outside a potential Rancho Nixon Historical Association museum to honor the cowboy and ranching heritage of the Nixon area.

to the area. The Witte Museum has said they would make us a satellite if we could have a proper facility to display our things, and the John Wesley Hardin family are all behind us, using their records and their research, to do a John Wesley Hardin tour. So, with your help, and your consideration of an investment in our Rancho Nixon Historical Association, we’d like to go forward with a museum that would be a satellite of the Witte Museum.”

Hoffman said there are plans to do “two large entrance monuments, along with other things that we want to do, to track tourism and to tell the history of Gonzales.” He showed members of the court renderings of what the monuments would look like.

“We’re all part of this thing together,” Hoffman said. “I know that you handle millions of dollars in this commissioner’s court. I would think that you could hopefully find some money to invest in a project that would be of great economic importance to our area and would have an impact on the whole county.”

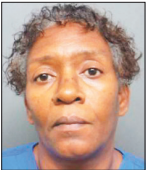
Police identify victims from Aug. 2 shooting

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The victims of two Gonzales shootings from last week have been identified by Gonzales police.

Jesse Russell Jr., 53, of Gonzales, was shot and killed at a residence at 410 Village Drive on Tuesday, Aug. 2, while Jacqueline Marlene Mathis, 58, of Gonzales, was shot and injured at a residence in the 1100 block of Hastings Street that same evening.

Carol Hunt Russell, 55, of Gonzales, surrendered to police in response to both incidents, Lt. Jason



Carol Hunt Russell



Jesse Russell

Montoya of the Gonzales Police Department said. She remains in the Gonzales County Jail, charged with murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Bond was set by Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Darryl Becker at

\$600,000 on the murder charge and \$150,000 on the aggravated assault charge.

Jesse Russell Jr. is the ex-husband of Carol Hunt Russell, while it was not immediately clear what relationship, if any, Mathis had to her alleged assailant or the other victim. Mathis was last reported to be in stable condition at an Austin hospital.

The Gonzales Police Department, The Gonzales Sheriff’s Office and the Department of Public Safety Texas Rangers are working jointly on the investigation, which is still ongoing.

Gonzales ISD will provide free meals to all students

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales ISD announced that for the upcoming 2022-23 school year, all GISD schools will operate under the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) and provide free breakfast and lunch to all children attending school.

CEP eliminates the need to collect meal

applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This approach also reduces the financial burden for families and administrative burden for school administrators.

For more information, please contact GISD Food Service Director Edward Wayner at 535 Fair Street, Gonzales, TX 78629 or email edward.wayner@gonzalesisd.net or call 830-672-7508.

Groups partner up to host pet meet and greet

BY CLAYTON KELLEY For the Inquirer

In an effort to get the word out about dog adoptions, Gonzales Dog Adoptions is partnering with Come and Take It Dance Studio and hosting “Dog Days of Summer Meet and Greet.” The event will be on Sunday, Aug. 14 and will be indoors at Come and Take It Dance Studio.

“We do want to give back in to the community,” said Gonzales Dog Adoption correspondent Victoria Sourbeck. “I hope it raises the awareness that we’re here and bring awareness to the stray dogs that are in Gonzales. Let’s get some pups adopted!”

In 2021, Gonzales Dog Adoption had nearly 500 dogs come through their doors, according to their data. Of those intakes, 36 were adopted and 48 were reunited. The need for dog adoptions is quite strong as 2021 was one

of the worst years for Gonzales Dog Adoptions, and the aftermath of the pandemic may have affected this.

“2021 was the worst,” said Gonzales Dog Adoption owner Keiko McCormick. “The pandemic in 2020, we ended up emptying out. Everybody wanted to adopt, then summer 2021 happened and people had to go back to work and they dropped their dogs here.”

Seven dogs had to be euthanized in 2021.

“Very rarely do we euthanize a dog that’s too aggressive for us to handle. But, unfortunately, it does happen,” Sourbeck said.

So far, there are a list of eight dogs that will be in attendance. However, with the help of Gonzales Dog Adoption, there may be more in attendance.

“Hopefully we do more than that (8), but it all depends on the dog and their compatibility,” Victoria said. “We’ll have all

the dogs listed and their names.”

Meeting potential furry friends for the household isn’t the only thing that will be available at this event.

“This upcoming event, we’ve invited some local vendors around the community to set up shop,” Sourbeck said. “People can shop and check out some dogs as well.”

Gonzales County is currently under extreme heat warnings. As a result, this is the first time the dance studio is hosting this event in an indoor venue.

“When it’s outdoors and it’s hot, people will want to walk through quickly and they might miss the dog of their dreams,” said Gary Franco, ballet teacher.

Gonzales Dog Adoption does plan on setting up a Christmas event entitled Santa Paws, which will take place on Dec. 11.

“What we do is we bring in Santa, and you can bring pets, children, and yourself,” Sourbeck said. “We once had someone bring a baby wallaby so any pets are welcome, not just dogs.”

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August 11th

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Agnes Gast
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Miguel Maldonado
Zamian Martinez

August 12th

Jennifer Casares
Lisa Green
John Henderson
Tyler Howell
Gavin Ivey
Donna Kuchynka
Bailey Petras
Crystal Sepeda

August 13th

Scott Barfield
Sue Behlen
Slayden Boehm
Florene Braune

August 14th

Peggy Barnett
Wendy Barthels
Kyle Day
Cheryl DuBose
James Hamilton
Joshua David Haynes
Debbie Schmidt
Tony Vega Sr

August 15th

Bill Davis
Halea Heiman
Krista Keefe

August 16th

Jill Barnett
Jennifer Benes
Gwen Lamprecht
Craig Holly Danz
Roger Gonzales
Audrey Irlé
Erika James
Reese Lester
Bradley Stampert
Virgie Vega

August 17th

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THUNDERSTORM

August 11

97°/75°

A t-storm around in the p.m.
40% chance of rain • RealFeel 104




THUNDERSTORM

August 12

93°/75°

Warm; a stray p.m. t-storm
49% chance of rain • RealFeel 99




SUNNY

August 13

98°/77°

Sunny, warm and less humid
4% chance of rain • RealFeel 101




MOSTLY SUNNY

August 14

98°/77°

Mostly sunny and very warm
5% chance of rain • RealFeel 103




PARTLY SUNNY

August 15

97°/77°

Very warm with sun and clouds
29% chance of rain • RealFeel 98




PARTLY SUNNY

August 16

99°/77°

Partly sunny and very warm
29% chance of rain • RealFeel 100



CLOUDY

August 17

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

August 6
Cattle 2176
Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold very active. Less quality calves and yearlings sold weaker. Packer cows & bulls sold steady.
Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 215-220; 300-400 lbs., 205-210; 400-500 lbs., 180-189; 500-600 lbs., 163-172; 600-700 lbs, 154-160; 700-800 lbs, 145-150.
Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 95-100.
Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 175-185; 300-400 lbs., 165-170; 400-500 lbs., 162-158; 500-600 lbs., 151-155; 600-700 lbs., 134-145.
Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 57-67; Cutters, 71-81; Canners, 34-51; High yielding fat cows, 71-83.
Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 94-106; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 84-92.
Stocker Cows: \$600 to \$900. Pairs: \$750 to \$1,000.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

August 8
Cattle – 1832
Steers:
200-300 lbs - \$165-235
300-400 lbs - \$164-215
400-500 lbs - \$152-206
500-600 lbs - \$141-186
600-700 lbs - \$138-169
700-800 lbs - \$135-152
Heifers:
200-300 lbs - \$144-210
300-400 lbs - \$147-195
400-500 lbs - \$148-225
500-600 lbs - \$141-215
600-700 lbs - \$129-185
700-800 lbs - \$131-137
Slaughter Cows - \$25-88
Slaughter Bulls - \$86-106
Stocker Cows - \$450-1000
Pairs: \$650-1075

HALLETTSVILLE LIVESTOCK

COMMISSION CO., INC.
Sale date: August 2
Cattle on hand: 2830
Packer Cows:
Canner and Cutter Cows: \$51-81
Utility & Fat Cows: \$50-80
Light Weight Canner Cows: \$34-50
Poor/Weak: \$18-35
Packer Bulls:
Heavyweight Bulls: \$92-106
Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$81-94
Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$70-82
Stocker Cows:
Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: NONE
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$700-1050
Good Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1025-1350
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:
Number 1 steer & bull calves:
Under 200 lbs.: \$145-225
200-300 lbs.: \$155-225
300-400 lbs.: \$155-215
400-500 lbs.: \$152-195
500-600 lbs.: \$148-185
600-700 lbs.: \$142-171
700-800 lbs.: \$128-165
Number 1 heifer calves:
Under 200 lbs: \$135-210
200-300 lbs.: \$132-186
300-400 lbs.: \$142-180
400-500 lbs.: \$140-175
500-600 lbs.: \$138-162.50
600-700 lbs.: \$128-147.50
700-800 lbs.: \$112-142.50
Replacement Heifers:
350-700 lbs.: \$145-255
The market this week continued stronger once again. #1 kinds in all weight brackets sold \$2 to \$5 higher. Demand very strong on large supply. Packer cows sold \$8 to \$10 higher. Packer bulls sold \$6 to \$8 higher on a total supply of 540 head.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

August 3
Quality over all very good. Stocker cattle a full 5-7 better with packer

cows & bulls 4-5 better.

Cattle – 996
Sheep & goats – 651
Medium & large frame #1 Steers:
200-300 lb. 1.30-2.02
300-400 lb. 1.38-2.08
400-500 lb. 1.36-2.00
500-600 lb. 1.37-1.76
600-700 lb. 1.39-1.68
700-850 lb. 1.21-1.50
Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:
200-300 lb. 1.16-1.64
300-400 lb. 1.27-1.78
400-500 lb. 1.34-1.76
500-600 lb. 1.33-1.58
600-750 lb. 1.13-1.51
Cows:
Utility & commercial – 60-80
Cutters – 45-59
Canners – 27-44
Palpated cows (young) – None
(Middle Aged) – None
Cow/Calf Pairs – 575-1000
Bulls:
Heavy High Yielding – 94-108
Light & Low Yielding – 34-93
Feeder Bulls – None
Sheep & Goats:
Nannies (Young) – 120-280
(Thin & Old) - 70-110
Kid Goats (Fat) – 2.40-2.90
(Small & thin) – 2.70-2.30
Wethers – 1.20-2.70
Billies – 1.80-2.15
Pairs - None
Barb. Ewes (Young) - 110-205
(Small & Old Ewes) - 30-105
Barb. Lambs (Fat) – 2.20-2.80
(Small & Thin) – 1.60-2.10
Woolled Ewes – 80-90
Woolled Bucks – 1.40-1.80
Lambs – None
Barb. Bucks – None

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

August 5, 2022
Number of head 2,192
Next week, August 12, there will be 40 cross bred cows. All will be palpated. Some have calves at side.
There were 316 cows and 21 bulls. Despite the large number on hand, the packer market continued to climb higher. Top packer cows were up \$6/cwt while bulls topped out \$7/cwt higher at \$106/cwt.
The calf market was very active with new highs on all the lighter weight calves and fully steady on the mid and heavy weights. Overall the calves were worth almost \$9/head on 7 more pounds of weight compared to last week's strong up market. It was another good day to be selling.
Packer bulls: 80.00-106.00
Packer cows:
canners & cutters 55.00-84.00
poor & weak 20.00-53.00
Palpated: NONE
PAIRS: NONE
Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 200 lbs. NONE
200-249 lbs. 184.00-217.50
250-299 lbs. 173.00-220.00
300-350 lbs. 167.00-214.00
350-400 lbs. 157.00-194.00
400-450 lbs. 160.00-184.00
450-500 lbs 161.00-183.00
500-550 lbs. 154.00-175.00
550-600 lbs. 150.00-165.00
600-700 lbs. 141.00-159.00
700-800 lbs. 140.00-147.00
Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 250lbs 164.00-225.00
250-300 lbs. 180.00-222.00
300-350 lbs. 164.00-220.00
350-400 lbs. 152.00-200.00
400-450 lbs. 159.00-198.00
450-500 lbs. 156.00-178.00
500-550 lbs. 150.00-170.00
550-600 lbs. 146.00-161.00
600-700 lbs 141.00-155.00
Over 700 lbs. 141.00-153.00
Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
under 200 lbs. 126.00-180.00
200-250 lbs. 151.00-220.00
250-300 lbs 159.00-202.00
300-350 lbs. 152.00-188.00
350-400 lbs. 151.00-180.00
400-450 lbs. 146.00-187.00
450-500 lbs. 148.00-177.00
500-550 lbs 145.00-171.00
550-600 lbs. 141.00-154.00
600-700 lbs. 128.00-156.00
Over 700 lbs 121.00-149.00

Garden Q&A

Plant fall tomatoes as soon as possible

Q. Is it to late to plant tomatoes for the fall? How do we deal with Nematodes? Our soil has them and we can't find any chemical treatment.

A. If you are going have a chance to raise a tomato crop before the cold weather arrives you need to plant them as quickly as possible. Look for the nematode resistant selections such as Tycoon, BHN 968, Celebrity, or Valley Cat. They are all also semi determinate so grow to a full-size plant quickly. There are no longer any chemical treatments for nematodes available.

Q. I want you to know that the La Feliciano peach variety that you recommended yielded a great crop of peaches at the end of July and first of August. It out produced the Florida King tree and the peaches were even better tasting. Can I expect another crop next spring?

A. That is good news, You should expect the La Feliciano to out produce and be tastier than the Florida King because it matures nearly 2 months later and is a free stone peach. Yes, if you can spray the trees for insects each week after they set fruit, and have water to irrigate, they should continue to produce for you. Visit plantanswers.com for information on pruning and other management information.

Q. The Queen and Swallowtail butterflies are in our yard getting nectar from the lantanas, salvias, zinnias, and mist flower. When will

the Monarchs return for the fall? Do you recommend any other nectar sources for them?

A. The Monarchs should pass through South Texas in September and October on their way to their wintering grounds in Central Mexico. See if you can find some Porter Weed. It is attractive and the potent nectar provided by the flowers not only attract Monarchs but also other butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees.

Q. Our lawn is ruined from the drought. We had St Augustine grass. Should we switch to zoysia? Does it have more shade tolerance?

A. No, zoysia has less shade tolerance than St Augustine. It has more traffic tolerance and can tolerate a longer spell of dry weather than St Augustine. To keep zoysia green however requires just as much water as St Augustine. Do you have 6 inches of soil? Adequate soil and water are the key ingredients for a successful lawn in our area.

Q. We are finally ready to plant some flowers in containers on our patio. It has both sunny and shady parts. What are some flowers that we can use for the rest of the summer and this fall?

A. In the sun consider Dreamland Zinnia, Angelonia, and Cora Vinca transplants. Moss Roses also work well in the sun. For the shade check out Begonias, Pentas, Caladium, and Coleus.

CALVIN FINCH

Gardening Q&A



SBA making economic injury disaster loans available

The deadline to apply for a loan is March 27, 2023

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Small nonfarm businesses in the following counties are now eligible to apply for low interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by Drought that occurred in the following primary counties in Texas, announced Director Tanya N. Garfield of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West. Declaration Number

17552 primarily covers Burleson, Fayette, Liberty and Washington counties, but also the neighboring counties of Austin, Bastrop, Brazos, Caldwell, Chambers, Colorado, Gonzales, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Jefferson, Lavaca, Lee, Milam, Montgomery, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto and Waller. It deals with drought conditions which began July 19, 2022. The deadline to apply is March 27, 2023.

"SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disasters and businesses directly impacted by the disasters," Garfield said.

Small nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disasters not occurred. "Eligibility for these loans is based on the financial impact of the disasters only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate as low as 2.935 percent for businesses and 1.875 percent for private nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years, and are available to small businesses and most private nonprofits

without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Garfield said.

By law, SBA makes economic injury available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. The Secretary declared declaration 17552 on July 25, 2022; and declaration 17560 on Aug. 1, 2022.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about the U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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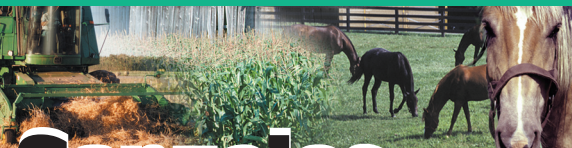
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Boys will be boys

Dear Violet,
My husband and I have one child, a boy, who just turned four years old. Our son loves to play with dolls, and play dress up, as well as toy cars and “good guys/bad guys.”
My husband has a problem with some of these type games. He believes that we have to take any toys away that are “for girls,” punish our child, and redirect him “appropriately.”
The problem, Violet, is that I do not agree. I believe children use their imagination and will make toys out of anything, without assigning any “male” or “female” dynamics to them, only utilizing these things as toys.

Why should we limit our child’s imagination because my husband believes his own friends will think his son is a “sissy?” I thought this type of thinking had died out long ago, but here it is in my own home. Should I “direct my child” differently with his toys, or let play things be play things?
Please settle this argument for us, Violet,

Boy Momma

Dear Boy Momma,
I think it has been long proven that the particular toys children engage with do not make them any more or less masculine or feminine; however, I do not live in your home.
My belief is that there should not be an argument, but since there is a difference of opinion, when it comes to your son’s play things, it should be treated like every other marital disagreement, with respect, compromise, and open discussion.
Discuss with your husband what it is about the toys being “for girls” that potentially bothers him, and why he believes toys are gender

See **ADVICE**, page 17

GONZALES CO. HISTORY

1887— August 13, this City Council declared that no business could be conducted and no public entertainment could be held on Sunday. The fine would be no less than twenty and no more than fifty dollars. Some necessary businesses like burial suppliers, ice cream parlors, newspapers, milk deliveries, telephone and telegraph businesses etc. would be exempted.

1899 — August 17, David S.H. Darst is reported to possibly be the oldest Mason living in Texas. He was made a Mason in 1846 and is now seventy-eight years old. His mother, Margaret, who was an Alamo widow, is still living in Gonzales.

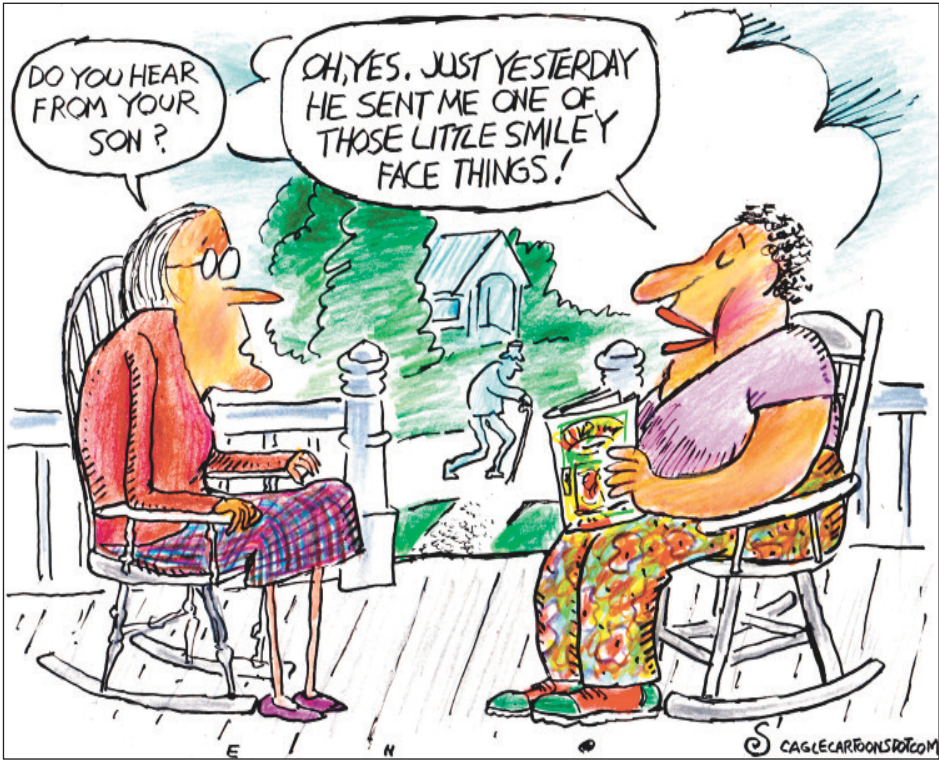
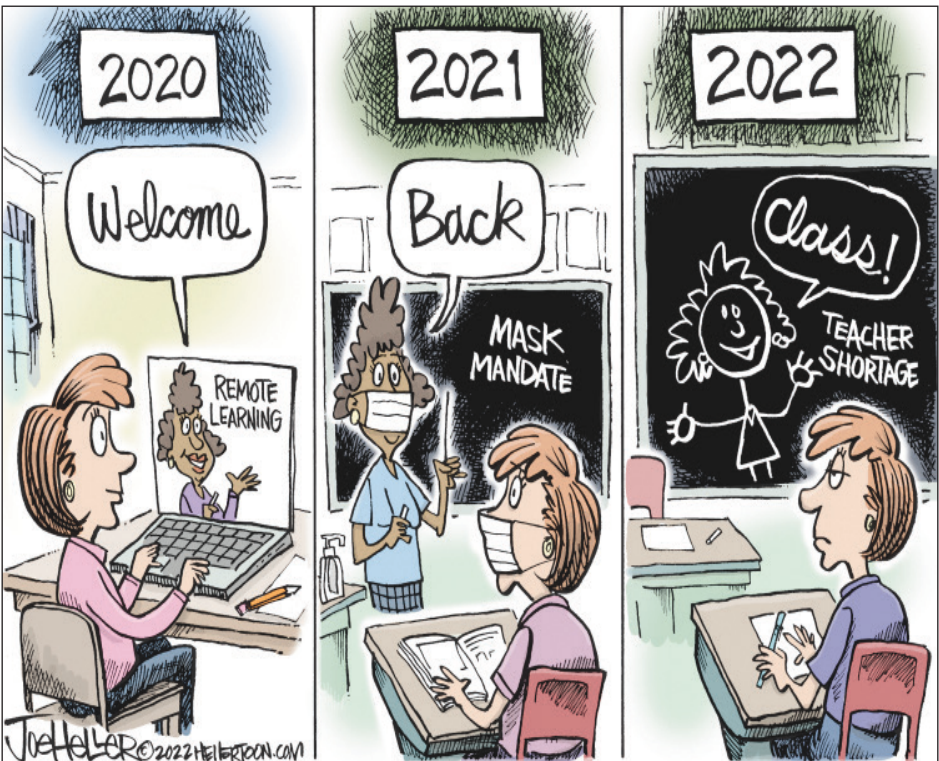
1910 — August 22, Mr. C.E. Dilworth has let the contract for the building of a fine two-story brick home to be built on the site of his present home at 222 Saint Peter Street. His current residence (the G.W. Littlefield House, built in 1885) has been purchased by T.F. Harwood and will be moved to the vacant lot at 510 Saint Matthew Street.

1911 — August 7, Judge Ben W. Fly receives 100 piece silver table service (Gorham) from Anti-abolitionists of Victoria County. Name “Fly” engraved on each piece.

1915 — August 12, Broers family burial ground on East Avenue belonging to Fred Boothe and Mrs. Jahnke is being cleared. The graves will go to either the Masonic Cemetery or the IOOF Cemetery. The first grave was in 1849 when the family first came to Gonzales. This particularly referenced 1849 stone will go to the IOOF Cemetery. (This block is bordered on the north by St.Andrew Street, on the east by Fair Street and on the south by St. Lawrence Street; it is a parcel of land about fifteen yards square, situated nearly in the center of the block where Broers and others were buried. This is the block where the old Cotton Mill stood.)

1924 — August, 250 delegates of the African-American Baptists met for 52nd annual session of the Mount Zion Association at the Gonzales County Fair grounds

1928 — August 16, T41 weathervane moved to top of fire station which also housed “City Hall” (Block 24). It had originally been on the top of the R.A. Houston House, placed there in the 1880’s when the house was completed. Houston died and the house became the Arlington Hotel before 1924. When it was razed circa 1926, the weathervane was placed on top of the Randle-Rather Building. W.B. Houston then gave it to family friend, John DuBose and he presented it to the City.



Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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

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

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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

On trying to keep pace...

The ditty written long ago is more accurate today than when pen met parchment. The exact wording may not be 100% accurate, but here’s how I remember its four lines: “How much I have seen and how much I have read, of the struggles of man to get ahead. But me, I’m busy — both body and mind — in the struggle to keep from getting behind.”

The ever-so-tight shoe fits. We are heirs to a world in which we slog forward at an ever-slowng pace, sometimes feeling as though we’re the last struggling mortal in life’s parade.

Read newspapers, watch TV news and scour social media as much as you choose. You’re certain to be drawn into pools of pessimism on dozens of current topics. Whatever dreary news is being reported, we feel as if we’re sinking in quicksand that has no floor, inevitably sinking lower and lower....

I’ve shared a story for years about the 10-year-old who’d had enough. Struggling with his first homework problem in arithmetic, he is overwhelmed, dreading to face his classmates and teacher the next day. Finally, he tosses pad and pencil aside, whimpering his dreary “druthers” thusly: “I wish I had this homework done, was married and dead.”

Such a view wraps life in a rather small package, does it not?
Many folks today feel the same way about life in general....

Recalled is renowned Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist George Dolan, whose daily front page column delighted readers for some 30 years. He wrote one day of puzzling a neighbor when he ascended his roof.

“Why are you crawling on the roof, George?” the neighbor asked.
“I’m leaving my check for the paperboy,” Dolan responded. “If this is where he’s going to throw the paper, it is also where he can get his check....”

Today, delivery of metropolitan newspapers is worse. A likely guess is that carriers are hard to find. Perhaps they have longer routes and/or maybe work two or even three jobs.

We’d likely be better served by youngsters, but our culture has essentially eliminated them.

Not so long ago, our delivery man left both the Dallas Morning News and the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on time and near the same spot in our driveway. For a decade or so, I almost never had a delivery problem.

Now, complaint calls are commonplace. Last week, newspapers weren’t delivered on successive days, and once — had it been a few minutes later — it would have been the Dallas Afternoon News.

I’m not sure much is gained by reporting delivery problems....

However, I do so regularly, realizing each time that I’m talking to a computer. I’m assured that they’re plumb sorry about the problem, will try to do better, make delivery later, etc.

Once recently, I was able to talk to a “live” newspaper representative, who indicated that she’d be happy to provide instructions for accessing the DMN online.

I declined, explaining that I read a book called Computers for Dummies years ago, learning little more than how to use the on/off switch....

I realize that metropolitan newspaper publishers want us to give up printed editions. One day, they’ll prevail. But, not yet.

I’ll read print editions as long as possible. I’ll try to remember that humor is found even in reporting delivery problems. During two calls recently, I was asked if I’d be willing to take a three-question survey at the end of the calls. I agreed. In each case, there were spans of “dead air,” followed by busy signals. But, no surveys.

All this said, I am still thankful for newspapers. Let’s extend thanks to hard-working editors, reporters and delivery personnel. But remember, NO HUGS. With COVID and other stuff continuing to abound, fist bumps must suffice....

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

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Jacques Cousteau

Jacques Cousteau introduced people to the beauty of the undersea world.

When he was four years old, Jacques Cousteau learned to swim. Little did his family know that swimming would lead him to a life of adventure, discovery and joy.

One day, while swimming at a beach, a friend gave Jacques a pair of goggles with rubber rims to keep out water. With these, Jacques was able to see fish, shells, plants—a whole new world under the sea.

Find a cup, pencil, glove and hat hidden here!

Movie Kid

Jacques loved movies. But not just to watch them. He wanted to make them. At 13 years old, Jacques saved his allowance, penny by penny, until he could buy a small home-movie camera.

Then he made as many movies as he could. He liked to dress up as a villain with a painted-on mustache.

Find the two identical mustaches.

How many fish can you count on this page while holding your breath? Have a friend try. Who held their breath the longest?

Explorer, Moviemaker, Environmentalist

As Jacques Cousteau spent longer periods of time underwater, he could make longer, more informative movies. Soon, his movies were getting attention and awards around the world. People wanted more.

He needed a boat to travel and explore bodies of water around the world. He found a used naval ship and turned it into an explorer's ship.

For the rest of his life, Jacques traveled the world, explored, studied and made films about the wonders of the underwater world.

Sadly, as time went on, Jacques saw underwater plants and animals dying. He saw that when people dumped garbage and chemicals into the ocean, it poisoned the animals and plants he loved so much.

He started to make movies to warn people of the dangers of pollution. His movies have raised money and helped people understand the importance of saving our oceans.

In the Navy

Replace the missing words.

EXPLORE TIME JOINED
CATCHING JAR HOLDING UNDERWATER

After high school, Jacques _____ the Navy. With his movie camera, he filmed pearl divers and men _____ fish with their bare hands. Soon he put his movie camera inside a waterproof _____ and filmed movies of the wonders under the sea.

The more time Jacques spent _____, the longer he wanted to stay. He and his friends practiced _____ their breath for longer and longer times.

But Jacques wanted more _____ underwater. To be able to do that, he invented something that would let him _____ underwater. He called it the Aqua-Lung. Aqua means water, and our lungs are the part of our body that breathes. The Aqua-Lung let Jacques breathe beneath the water so he could _____ for longer periods of time.

Explore the News

Look through your newspaper to find:

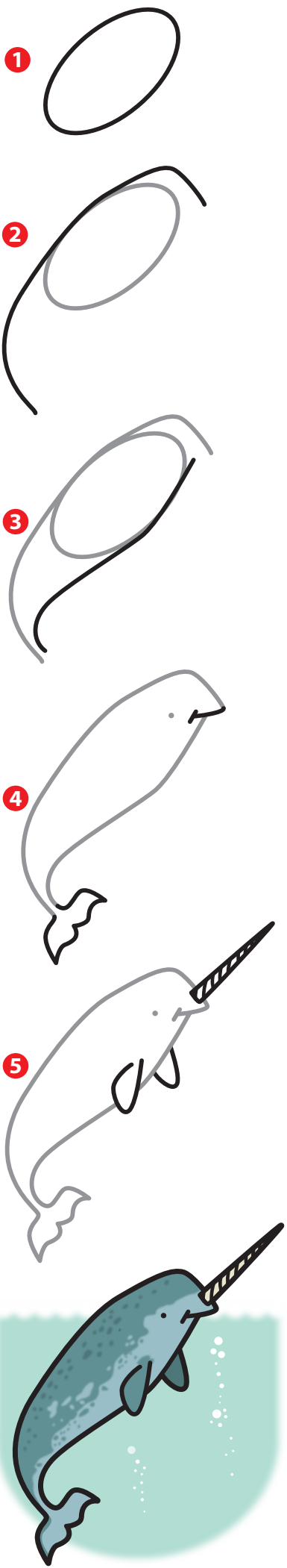
- ☐ Something that needs water.
- ☐ A place you'd like to visit someday.
- ☐ Five numbers that add up to 100.
- ☐ A picture of an animal.
- ☐ A headline that is three inches wide.

Standards Link: Read biographical text.

Standards Link: Use a variety of media including newspapers.

How to Draw a Narwhal

Cousteau and his crew saw many unusual creatures on their voyages around the world. Follow the steps to draw a narwhal.



Kid Scoop Puzzler

Jacques Cousteau's invention of the Aqua-Lung allowed more and more people to explore and enjoy the wonders of the underwater world. The Aqua-Lung would eventually be called SCUBA gear. Today, millions of people worldwide enjoy SCUBA diving.

CROSS OUT THE LETTERS Z AND Y TO REVEAL WHAT SCUBA MEANS:

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Double Double Word Search

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

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G	O	G	G	L	E			
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Divine Ministries distributes needed school supplies to local students

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

More than 90 students from grade school to college showed up to Edwards High School as they received school supplies before the start of the new school year.

Divine Purpose Outreach Ministries gave out needed school supplies for those who can't afford to purchase supplies for their children for school. Pastor Kimberly Miller and Pastor Jernard Conaway, of Divine Ministries, stuffed 43 backpacks with school supplies to be distributed to students in elementary school and the junior high and high school were given gallon zip-lock bags full of supplies. There are extra school supplies available that Divine Ministries didn't pack and ready if need to pass out, Miller said.

"If somebody comes that need something, we're out over here [to pass out school supplies], we have this over here to give or if we have somebody that's going to college," Miller stated.

Children and teenagers from the Gonzales area lined up in the old classroom of Edwards High School, and Miller stated given out supplies to the children is a passion.

"It's a passion that we have to give out to the youth (addressing the school supplies donation)...We have people that actually gave in order to make this happen for the youth in the community," Miller said.

This was first annual school supply giveaway for Divine Ministries and Miller stated it makes her "heart happy" and her team, the Edwards Association, Miracle and Deliverance, Mt. Pilgrim Missionary and Episcopal Church of the Messiah all came together to make the event possible.

"We made it happen collectively in the community and community is everything for me. And being



Royalty Miller, above, receives a pink backpack with school supplies from Pastor Jernard Conaway. Left: Backpacks and bags full of school supplies ready to be passed out to students. Below, Children in line with their school supplies as they wait to grab a snow cones and celebrate the back to school festivities.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



able to give back to the community is always been a passion of mine," Miller said.

When asked about expectations for year two of the event, and she stated it'll be bigger and better.



CONTRIBUTED

Seated from the left are students Sally Machacek (Shiner), McKenzie Kesler (Flatonia), Tara Raskob (Shiner), Markie Egan (Shiner), Clara Kinney (Flatonia), and Penny Rouse (Windcrest). Standing from the left are guild members: Janet Zabransky, Mary Shafer, Kathy Riske, Irene Cerny and Janet Ferguson. Guild Members not pictured who assisted are Gladys Muehlstein, Rose Mary Havlik, Beni Gerdes, Carolyn Janak, Bernadette Kresta, and Debbie Novasad.

Shiner Heritage Quilters host beginner Youth Quilt Class


SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Six students attended the annual beginner Youth Quilt Class sponsored by the Shiner Heritage Quilters held on July 25-28, 2022.

Throughout the process of completing their quilted wall hangings, students learned to sew a precise quarter-inch seam, match seams, use a rotary cutter, press fabric, and quilt using either straight or decorative machine stitches.

The Guild recognizes Leo9 Textiles for providing the fabric, South Star Bank of Shiner for donating bags that the members decorated with quilt blocks and Shiner First United Methodist Church for providing the Fellowship Hall for the classes.

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VC Board proposes a lower property tax rate

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Based on the Victoria County Appraisal District's certified property tax values of 2022, a homeowner who lives within Victoria College's taxing district would pay \$195.90 for a home valued at \$100,000, before exemption, compared to \$207.60 last year.

If the lower rate is adopted, VC estimates a three percent increase in property tax revenue due to new property added to the tax roll this year.

The board will host a public hearing on the proposed tax rate during a special meeting on Monday, Aug. 15 in Room 101 of the Academic Building at VC's Main Campus, located at 2200 E. Red River Street. After the public hearing, the board will vote to adopt a 2022-23 tax rate and operating budget.

The agenda for the special meeting will be posted on Thursday, Aug. 11 at VictoriaCollege.edu/BoardofTrustees.



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BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST



The Mighty Apache Band, above, plays the school fight song during Apache Night. At left: Senior mascot Haley Bairrington is all smiles before cheering on the Gonzales Apaches at the Back to School Blast.



GUSD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda addresses those in attendance at the Back to School Blast, thanking everyone for making it a successful event.



The 2022-23 Gonzales High School senior class poses for a photo after Apache Night festivities at the Back to School Blast.



The Apache varsity cheerleaders get the crowd up on their feet and in the right spirit for Apache Night on the square Saturday, Aug. 6.



Members of the Lady Apaches' cross country and volleyball teams walk through the inflatable arch into Independence Square as the Mighty Apache Band plays.

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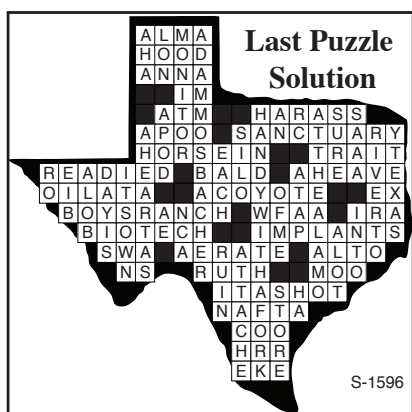


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Gonzales resident Judy Gentry always awaits the convention with excitement. “I find them truly refreshing and upbuilding,” said Gentry, who will attend each session throughout the summer together with her husband. “With pressures increasing, it can be a challenge to enjoy inner peace and peace with others, so I’m looking forward to seeing how I can personally apply the scriptures and strengthen my relationship with my God.”

Jehovah’s Witnesses have been holding global conventions for more than 100 years — the last three years featuring virtual events accessed through the free JW Library app or at jw.org. The program’s first segment is available for streaming or download beginning June 27, 2022. All are invited to attend the program at no charge.

“This convention is an object lesson in how peace is being achieved by a global community right now as it unites millions of people even in areas of conflict like Ukraine and Russia,” said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for Jehovah’s Witnesses. “The power of the principles being discussed transcends national borders, ethnic differences, and language barriers. Both individuals and families will benefit from attending the program.”

Prior to 2020, Jehovah’s Witnesses held their annual convention at various locations, including the Freeman Coliseum in San Antonio and the NRG Stadium in Houston. While they hope to host in-person large gatherings again in the future, the decision was made late last year to again hold the 2022 convention virtually. On April 1 congregations of Jehovah’s Witnesses began meeting in person for the first time in two years locally and around the world.

The three-day convention will be available in six parts, each corresponding to a half-day of content. Topics to be explored are:

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Howdy folks. Well, here we are in August already, and the kiddos are headed back to school. As a kid (many moons ago), I personally never wanted summer vacation to end. Whether swimming in the canals of Florida, camping in the back yard in Georgia, churning butter with Granny in Kentucky, catching horned toads in Texas, skateboarding in California, surfing in Hawaii, or thirty mile bike trips on our 10 speeds in Illinois, summers were way too much fun to stop and learn something!

Outside of basic reading and math, like the saying goes, all I really needed to know, I learned in kindergarten. Things like there's no free lunch, be nice to people who hit harder than you, girls like to laugh, and you can't take a nap on demand. In a nutshell, that pretty much sums up my philosophy on life and has served me well for over six decades. Seems we tend to make life more complicated than it needs to be. While I'm sure I'm not the sharpest tack in the box, I've made peace with it, and so should you... just sayin.

Certain other things I've learned throughout adulthood have also come in handy. Things like; don't leave your clothes where someone can run off with them while you're skinny dipping, cause you'll never hear the end of it. Don't run barefoot across a lawn filled with sand burrs, if you do, realize it before you're half way across. Garbage bags make terrible parachutes when jumping from pine trees. Girls still like to laugh!

While it's often necessary to learn from books, it's also true that experience is the best teacher. I'm just glad there aren't any shade tree brain surgeons, otherwise I might not have fully recovered from my drain damage. While credentials are always important, it's worth keeping in mind that any top tier medical schools will still have many skeletons in their closets (anatomy anyone?) Yep, even though I was vaccinated at an early age against stupidity, as with covid, the results were less than optimal. Do what we can and press on, I say. It seems that life is a perpetual learning curve, and sometimes learning is much slower than we'd like. I sit here with a purple thumb nail, as I smacked it yet again with my hammer during my last project. Note to self; Stop Doing That!!!

Life's a funny thing. We start off as babies, barely able to make a sound, food dripping down our chins, crying when we don't get what we want, and peeing in our pants. Many of us end up in old age barely able to make a sound, food dripping down our chins, crying when we don't get what we want, and again, peeing in our pants. What's up with that? I liked the middle part better where I was strong and agile, and had fooled myself into thinking that I knew what I was talking about, even fooling a few others along the way. Yep, the glory days of youth...where did they go?

I remember a time when I had hair, muscles, all my teeth and could see without glasses. Now it seems as though my hair, muscles, a few teeth and perfect eyesight have all gone walk-about, never to return. And this folks, is where we get to exercise our sense of humor, cause without it, it's going to be a long hard journey. As scripture (Proverbs 20:29) reminds us that “The glory of the young is their strength, and the gray hair of experience is the splendor of the old.” Also (2 Corinthians 4:16) “Therefore, do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day.” Being renewed inwardly is pretty cool, but this wasting away outwardly I could totally do without. Until next time, keep on laughing.

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OBITUARIES

DOMINGO OLMOS SR.



Hernandez, her spouse Arturo Hernandez, Florentino Olmos, his spouse Jackie, Margie Benitez, her spouse Armando Benitez, Diana Olmos, Domingo Olmos Jr., Christopher Olmos, Crystal Olmos. His Grandchildren, Catrina Hernandez, Monique Muras, Valentino Hernandez, Alexandria Benitez, Katie Benitez, James Olmos, and Charlie Manzano and 12 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Frank (Kiko), Moya, Jesse, Joe, David, Tony, and Steve Olmos, his sister Jaine Olmos Salazar, his

grandson Mario Hernandez and first wife Toribia “Toby” Olmos. The family will receive friends at Waelder St. Patrick Catholic Church on Tuesday August the 9th, viewing from 5-7 p.m., rosary to begin at 7:00p.m. Funeral Services to be held Wednesday August the 10th at 10a.m. At Waelder St. Patrick’s Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Waelder Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers: Valentino Hernandez, Mauricio Contreras, James Olmos, Christopher Olmos, Alfredo Manzano Jr., Miguel Loreda. Honorary Pallbearers: Rocky Quintero Sr., Poncho Martinez Sr., Felix Ramirez, Danny Rincon, Max Childers, Joe Rincon, Paul Quintero, Roy Tovar, Jackie Eaton, Bobby Eaton, Ralph Eureste, Ray Eureste, Aldofo Long Jr. Valentine Barrientes. Services Entrusted to the Professional Care of Harris Funeral Home 127 Highway 90A, Gonzales, Texas

PEGGY LEA MCGLOTHING DESCHNER

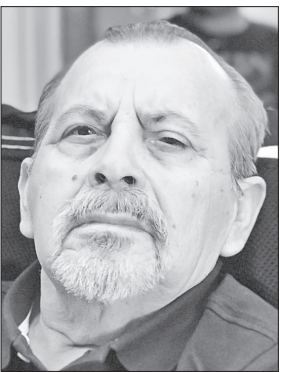


Peggy Lea McGlothing Deschner, 91, of Conroe, TX went home to our loving heavenly father on, Saturday, August 6, 2022. She is survived by her two sons and daughters-in-law, David Jonathan and Karen Deschner of Cut And Shoot, TX, Michael William and Brenda Lee Deschner of Houston, seven grand-children, James Thomas Bradberry, Tonya Guy, Adam Lea Deschner, Chad Michael Deschner, and Chelsea Lea “The Bug” Deschner and nine great-grandchildren. She was born February 19, 1931 in Gonzales, TX to Adolph McGlothing and Bess Lea and grew up in Gonzales. Raised in a home full of love by her mother, aunt, and grandmother, they instilled in her heart and soul the Love of God and gave her a lifetime of cherished memories. It was in the third grade where she was to meet the love of her life and future husband. She frequently recalls that moment when Arlye William Deschner

walked into the classroom and took one look at her and said, “That’s going to be my wife”. And sure, enough Arlye and Peggy were married on December 2, 1951 in Gonzales at the First United Methodist Church. Peggy graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1955 with a degree in Teaching and went on to teach the 4th and 5th grade for 20 years. After collage, Arlye and Peggy moved to Conroe where they became members of Saint Paul’s United Methodist Church. Because God gave Peggy the gift of music at an early

age, she became quite an accomplished musician in her youth. The pastor of the church asked her to play the piano for the church and so she did for twenty-five years. Peggy loved to serve God with all her heart, mind, sole and strength. And she did it with a joyful heart. Peggy has joined Arlye now in heaven where she plays the most beautiful piano and organ music imaginable for God while a choir of Angles sing praise. I can only envision in my mind the indescribable joy, beauty, and peace. Well done mom, well done. Your Loving sons, Mike, and David. Graveside services will be held at 10 am, Friday, August 12, 2022 in the Gonzales Masonic Cemetery with Dr. Matt Pennington officiating. 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.

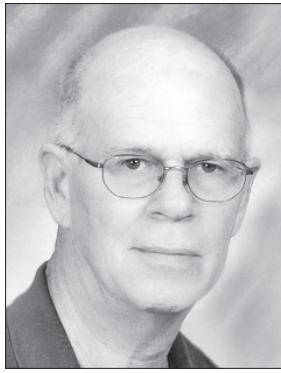
MANUEL G. SEPULVEDA



daughters Janet Mendez, Melissa Martinez and husband Mark and Shannon Sepulveda all of Gonzales; son Frank Mendez and wife Natalie of Gonzales; sister Patsy Garcia and husband Ruben of Gonzales; brothers Henry Sepulveda and wife Delia of Victoria and Ruben Sepulveda of Gonzales. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Joe Sepulveda, Jr. and John Sepulveda and sister Gloria Gonzales.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 10 with a Rosary beginning at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 10 a.m. Thursday, August 11, 2022 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Reverend Jason Martini officiating. Interment will follow at St. James Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers include Anastacio Carrizales IV, Isaac Longoria, Dwight Malatek, Kyle Rivera, Ino Sepulveda and Roddy Gonzales. Honorary pallbearers are his grandchildren Baby Mark, Miranda, Heavenly, Meridian, Madison, Macy, Gracie, Anastasia and Anessa. Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, Gonzales.

ROBERT (BOB) HARRISON CAMPBELL



Robert (Bob) Harrison Campbell, 79, of Dallas, TX, passed away July 30, 2022. Robert was born February 20, 1943, in Dallas, TX, to Worley and Elizabeth Campbell. He spent his childhood growing up in San Antonio and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1961. Bob went on to serve in the U.S. Navy as an electrician. He spent his working life in various sales professions before ending his career operating as a successful self-employed tool salesman. Throughout his life he enjoyed playing golf, refurbishing old cars, and was always an avid fisher-

man and hunter. Bob was a loving husband, father and grandfather to his family. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Harriet Fillmore. Bob is survived by his

wife of 48 years, Judy Preston Campbell; son, Russell Cain and wife Megan Cain; son, Bryan Campbell and wife Lisa Fauchaux; son, Bruce Campbell and wife Laura Campbell, and ten grandchildren. Visitation will be held at 9:30 a.m. on August 6, 2022, with services to follow at 10:00 a.m. at the Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon, TX. Burial will follow at Nixon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Robert H. Campbell to The National Autism Association. www.nationalautismassociation.org.

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OBITUARIES

JACOB RAMOS



Jacob Ramos, 50, of Gonzales, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, August 5, 2022. Jacob was born September 14, 1971 in Gonzales to Jake Jalufka and Marcella Ramos. Jacob was raised by Manuel and Trina Magallanes, whom he called Mom and Dad. Jacob was a wonderful companion to Cindy and dearly loved his family and friends.

Jacob had a huge heart and an abundance of love for all. He had so very many treasured friends that loved him as much as he loved them. He was a conscientious man, always putting other's needs before his own. Jacob enjoyed country music, hunting, fishing especially playing the lottery scratch off tickets, loteria bingo games and dominoes. Jacob enjoyed BBQing and having family and friends over to eat his marvelous bbq.

Jacob is survived by his beloved companion of 28 years, Cindy Carrizales of Gonzales, father, Jake Jalufka of Gonzales, his mother and father that raised him, Trina and Manuel Magallanes of Cost, sons, Dustin Robinson of Post, Jacob Pape of Gonzales, brother, Frank

Jalufka of Gonzales, aunts, Annie Tieken, Yolanda Crabtree (Jeff), Mary Schwausch, Frances Anderson, Teresa Magallanes (Daniel), uncle, Pomposo Ramos, Jr, many cousins and a host of friends. He is preceded in death by his mother, Marcella Ramos.

The family will receive friends from 9 am to 11 am Wednesday, August 10, 2022 in the Abiding Word Lutheran Church. Funeral services will follow in the church at 11 am with Rev. David Schautteet officiating. Interment will follow in the Gonzales Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers: Justin Schwausch, Jered Carrizalles, Joe Ryan Carrizalles, Wayland Pellitier, Charles Cheatham, Brandon Carrizales, Jacob Leal, and Michael Contreras. Honorary pallbearers: Dustin Robinson, Manuel Magallanes, and Daniel Magallanes. Memorials may be made to the Gonzales Catholic Cemetery Assn. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneral-home.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

JESSE RUSSELL JR.



Jesse Russell Jr. was born in Gonzales, Tx on November 06, 1968, to the late Jesse Russell Sr. and Cecilia Villareal Russell. Jesse went home to be with the lord on Wednesday, August 3, 2022. He was 54 years young. Jesse attended Gonzales High School where he participated in football and a love for track and field. Jesse received Christ at an early age and attended Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church of Gonzales, Tx, under the leadership of Rev. Charles Roaches.

Jesse was a jack-of-all trades and loved carpentry by profession. Jesse had a kind heart and quick wit. He was always willing to lend a helping hand around the community. You could catch Jesse with a big smile on his face around town, a fishing pole in one hand and a cold-one in the other. He enjoyed passing time playing cards, and dominoes and holds the title of "The King of Smack Talking".

Jesse was a devoted family man, who loved his ex-wife Carol D. Hunt-Russell (Buffie) with an undying devotion to his son, siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends and his second family The

Tealer's. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, co-workers and all who knew him.

Jesse was blessed with a large loving family and leaves to cherish his memories, his son Lance Camacho (of San Antonio, TX), 7 sisters, Joann Howard (of San Antonio, TX), Linda Villareal (of Spring, Tx) Debbria Yevett Russell (of Houston, TX), Patricia Russell (of Mesa, Arizona), Nacole Russell-Cole (Odessa, Tx), Peggy Russell-Taylor (of Houston, TX), Ruth Russell-Carrizales (of Gonzales, TX). Five brothers, Frank Villareal, Donald Clark Jr. (of Houston, TX) Jesse Lee (of San Antonio, TX), Paul Russell Sr., (of Kansas City, Kansas), and John David Russell (of Gonzales, TX).

Sunrise: November 6, 1968
Sunset: August 3, 2022
Saturday, August 13, 2022
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Caution warranted as hot, dry conditions persist across Texas

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — As hot and dry conditions persist, extremely dry vegetation will continue to support wildfire activity across much of the state, even as surface moisture increases in some areas.

Through Sunday, scattered showers and thunderstorms are forecast for the upper Texas Panhandle and near the Red River, while sea breeze activity and thunderstorms are possible for the upper Gulf Coast and East Texas. This moisture will provide short term improvement in vegetation dryness for these areas. While rainfall is forecast for some portions of the state, many areas will remain dry.

There is potential for larger wildfires to occur in the Eastern/Western Hill Country, Cross Timbers and eastern Rolling Plains into early next week.

The upper-level ridge of high pressure that is responsible for the hot and dry conditions impacting much of Texas over the past several weeks is forecast to move back over the state Sunday through Wednesday. Widespread triple-digit temperatures will once again become commonplace across the state. With slightly higher wind speeds, the fire environment will support wildfire ignitions.

Persistent temperatures above 100 degrees will continue to draw moisture from

live vegetation.

Texas A&M Forest Service monitors live fuel moistures across the state. The data collected from these sample sites is used to determine the condition of vegetation and assists fire managers in deciding where to position resources.

"As conditions continue to deteriorate for much of the state, we remain proactive in ensuring the state has the necessary resources to respond to any wildfire," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "Wildfire activity is occurring across the state, from border to border, and requires a lot of support. Texas A&M Forest Service continues to mobilize additional firefighters, equipment and aircraft, positioning them across the state for a quick response."

In addition to the 300 Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters, there are 1,080 firefighters from agencies across the nation as well as via the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System mobilized by the agency to assist with wildfire response.

Texas A&M Forest Service has also positioned 40 aircraft at 17 airports across the state to respond to wildfire incidents.

"We need Texans to prevent wildfires from occurring under these conditions," said Emily Wall, Texas A&M Forest Service Chief Operating Officer of Forest Resource Protection. "It is imperative that everyone remains

diligent with any activity that may cause a spark and check with local officials for burn bans or other restrictions."

There are currently 224 counties under a burn ban — the most the state has seen since Oct 24, 2011.

As hot temperatures and dry conditions continue, please consider the following:

- Always obey local burn bans and outdoor burning restrictions. Wait to conduct any outdoor burning or light campfires until the burn ban has been lifted and weather conditions are not extremely hot, dry or windy.
- Nine out of ten wildfires are human caused. When your county is under a burn ban, residents should avoid outdoor activities that may cause a spark, this includes welding, grinding, and using heavy machinery.
- Many areas of Texas are experiencing high temperatures and dry weather. Residents should stay up to date on weather conditions and always use extreme caution when performing outdoor activities even if not under a burn ban.
- Some areas of Texas have recently received rainfall. While rain can reduce wildfire danger temporarily, areas with limited rainfall will become dry again. Continue to obey burning restrictions until they have been lifted by your local officials.

Visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/TexasBurnBans/> for current information on burn bans in Texas.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office
07/31/22 – 08/06/22

08/01/22
• Broadhead, Adam Dale, 11/1989, Gonzales: Driving while License Invalid w/Previous Conviction/Suspension w/o Financial Responsibility, Requires \$2,000 Bond; Theft Property >\$2,500 <\$30K, Requires \$10,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

08/03/22
• Guerra Jr., Carlos T, 11/1983, San Antonio: Commitment/Sentence – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G, Remains in Custody

08/05/22
• Muir, Marcus Lee, 12/1975, Lovelady: Local Warrant – Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, Requires \$50,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processing's:	
GCSO	03
DPS	01
GPD	06
WPD	00
NPD	03
GISD	00
SMO	00
Constable 1	00
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ACROSS

1 TXism: "wearing nothing ____ smile" (naked)

5 TXism: "happy as ____ in a candy store"

6 Big ____ National Park

7 "do it or ____!"

8 LLano is the "____ Texas"

18 TXism: "____ rattle your teeth!" (threat)

19 an area in Texas (2 wds.)

21 ____ Leon, TX

22 TXism: "the ____ is wagging the dog"

23 former A&M basketball coach, Tony (1991-98)

24 TXism: "____ calf rope" (quit)

29 saddle ____

30 ____ Pictures made "Walker, TX Ranger"

31 Cowboy Dave who was head Bear (init.)

32 TXism: "couldn't drive ____ snow bank" (incompetent)

34 TXism: "____ a fancy to" (attracted)

35 this Ames played "Mingo" (init.)

36 Austin politicians

37 TXism: "chew the fat"

38 this Keenan was Digger on "Dallas"

40 hit with a gun (hyph.)

42 the "Wink Sink," "Kermitt Crater," or "Guacamole ____"

43 Oklahoma town

44 he killed a rare albino buffalo near Snyder

45 hunt for food

46 TX town or Bible garden

47 TXism: "not ____ nickle" (no value)

49 tiered

50 news net. on cable

51 "shop '____ you drop"

52 dir. to Eden from Ozona

53 Lake El Sal de ____ ("The King's Salt")

DOWN

1 TX female athlete

2 Zaharias (2 wds.)

3 instrument played by TX Ginger Rogers

3 Christmas tree decoration

4 viper

9 this Driscoll was the "Savior of the Alamo"

10 Washington wasn't a Texan cause he couldn't "tell ____"

11 TXism: "compadre"

12 "____ for a penny . . ."

13 TXism for "also" (2 wds.)

14 TXism: "scarce as a wildcatter with ____ balance"

15 TX pro football Hall-of-Famer Yale

16 "bear in Spanish"

17 TXism: "couldn't ____ under a sitting hen" (dumb)

20 ____ Braunfels, TX

22 driving 50 mph on a 75 mph road (2 wds.)

24 TX country singer Ketchum

25 TXism: "fits like scales ____ fish"

26 TX Dan Morales is a Harvard ____

27 Emmitt Smith often ____ off the field

28 Steinbeck's wife from Texas

29 longtime South Carolina senator, Thurman

30 "Dallas" was prime time ____ opera

33 take home pay

34 age of Sam Houston when he settled in Texas (hyph.)

35 once a town south of Texarkana

37 Crystal City has a statue of cartoon ____ Popeye

38 in San Antonio: Sea ____

39 TX poet Naomi Shihab

41 TXism: "pulled the ____ over his eyes"

42 "____ for the best"

43 TXism: "cut ____ some slack"

45 TXism: "a ____ piece"

48 "Eagles" drummer from Texas, Don

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

Why super teams kill the fun in sports

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

I've been a sports fan for many years, but the one thing that bothers the heck out of me when it comes to professional sports is "super teams."

The definition of a "super team": A team of All-Stars that was put together through free agency. Normally contains at least three All-Stars.

The most common practice of forming super teams is in the NBA, and living near San Antonio in Spurs country, I understand the dislike for super teams among sports fans.

Sports fans will point to the LeBron James/Chris Bosch/Dwayne Wade Miami Heat super team as having started the trend. Sure they were the most famous, but not the first.

The 2007-08 Boston Celtics formed the very first super team with Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen, but only managed to get one championship.

Super teams have killed the fun of the sports in my opinion; there is no team building from the draft anymore. No player wants to commit to one team, but instead wants to get a chance at a ring with super teams.

This is why I have a lot of respect for the Spurs and the Golden State Warriors (pre-Kevin Durant and post-KD). They at least drafted their All-Stars, instead trading away future draft picks to bring in superstars from other teams.

If you take a look back in the past sports dynasties, they all drafted their players and drafted key players to win.

One of the biggest examples I can think of is the infamous Herschel Walker trade that kicked off the Dallas Cowboys dynasty in the early 1990s.

The Minnesota Vikings traded away four players, three picks in the 1990 draft, two picks in the 1991 draft, and three picks from the 1992 draft just to get Walker.

The Cowboys would build a championship team around Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin, and with their 17th pick from 1990, they drafted all-time rushing leader and Hall of Fame running back Emmitt Smith, and the rest was history.

In 1992, the Cowboys would draft All-Pro cornerback Darren Woodson with the 37th pick; he played with Dallas for 12 seasons and retired in 2004.

With the many picks they got from the trade, they built a dynasty and won three Super Bowls (1993, 1994 and 1996), but could have had more if Jimmy Johnson didn't leave after the 1992 season.

There are no easy ways to get a championship; it takes time, the right draft picks, signings and patience for teams to get to a title, not an All-Star recruiting more All-Stars to get an easy ring.



The Gonzales Lady Apaches volleyball are back in action to kick off their 2022 season under new head coach Erin Miller.

LADY APACHE VOLLEYBALL BACK IN ACTION



The Lady Apaches at practice as they work on volleyball drills in preparation for the 2022 season, above. Gonzales will compete in two volleyball tournaments this season in Shiner and Schulenburg. Left: The 2022 Gonzales Lady Apaches at practice last Thursday in prep for Flatonia game. The Apaches will travel to Shiner tomorrow for the first tournament of the season.



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales volleyball head coach and former Flatonia volleyball standout Erin Miller gets the Lady Apaches prep for the 2022 season. The Apaches began their season against Flatonia last week and they kick off district against Cuero Friday, Aug. 26.

LADY APACHE ALUMNI SCRIMMAGE



Dave Campbell's Texas Football predicts locals teams' seasons

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine released its 2022 edition this week for coaches, players, sports journalists and Texas high school football fans. The magazine covers every high school, college and professional (Cowboys and Texans) football team in Texas.

GONZALES
Dave Campbell's Texas Football projects the Gonzales Apaches to finish fifth in the District 12-4A, Division II district standings. Cuero is expected to win the district, with La Grange taking runner-up and Smithville (third) and Giddings (fourth) rounding out the four playoff teams. Caldwell is expected to finish last in the district behind Gonzales.

State ranked teams within district are No. 6 Cuero and No. 24 La Grange.

NIXON-SMILEY
The Nixon Smiley Mustangs

are projected to finish sixth in a seven-team District 15-3A, Division II. Poth is expected to take the district title, followed by runner-up Natalia. Karnes City is expected to finish third while Comfort is expected to finish fourth. Dilley is projected to finish fifth, just ahead of Nixon-Smiley while South San Antonio West is expected to come in last in the district standings. The only state-ranked team in the district is No. 7 Poth.

SHINER
Back-to-back state champions the Shiner Comanches are projected to win District 15-2A, Division I, but it is not expected to be easy. Shiner's toughest test will be from the team projected to finish in second place, Refugio. Ganado is predicted to take third, while Three Rivers is expected to finish fourth. Kenedy (fifth), Skidmore-Tynan (sixth) and Bloomington (last) round out the remainder of the seven-team district. The Shiner Comanches

are ranked No. 1 in the state in Class 2A, while Refugio is ranked No. 3.

SHINER ST. PAUL
Defending state champion Shiner St. Paul Cardinals, which is a four-team district. Perennial rival Hallettsville Sacred Heart is expected to be the runner-up, while Temple Central Texas Christian is picked third and New Braunfels Christian is picked last. Shiner St. Paul is ranked No. 15 in the state overall.



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AgriLife Agent Gayle Bludau teaches the Gonzales Apaches how to have Winning Health off the field as well.

AgriLife agent presents Winning Health Program to Apaches

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Apaches football program were arriving for workouts before the sun rose on Friday, Aug. 5, and they had a special visit from Gayle Bludau, the Family and Community Health Agent from Gonzales County. Bludau presented a Winning Health Program which focused on the following:

- Proper Hydration: Water is the No. 1 nutrient;
- Eat Healthy: Review My-

Plate to eat balance meals;

- Sleep eight hours per day;
- Need Consistent sleep patterns; and
- Surround Yourself with Positivity: Vital for good mental health.

Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Joey Rivera reiterated each point, because he knows the importance of healthy, student athletes. If you have question about health programs, please call Gayle Bludau with Texas A&M AgriLife at 830-672-8531.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS
The winning team from the Aug. 3 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Gary Schroeder, Bill Kessler, Dee Bairington, David Hernandez and Cody Hollenbach.



The second-place team from the Aug. 3 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Ronnie Dubose, Brent Tieken, Chuck Emmick, Hector Sanchez and Jackie Waldrip.

MUSTANG FOOTBALL HITS THE FIELD



Come and Take It parade deadlines set

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The deadline for those wishing to take part in the Come and Take It Parade for free will be at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, the Come and Take It Parade Committee announced.

Gonzales will again celebrate the firing of the first shot for Texas freedom with the annual Come and Take It Celebration, scheduled for

Friday, Sept. 30 through Sunday, Oct. 2.

The Come and Take It Parade will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. Judging will begin at 9 a.m. and awards will be presented to winners when they pass the starting point of the parade.

Entries should be returned to the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. After Aug. 12, entries will be \$10 each

between Aug. 13-26; \$30 each between Aug. 27 through Sept. 12 and \$50 from Sept. 13-23. After Sept. 23, no new entries will be accepted.

There is a limit on parade entries and it is first-come, first-served.

All parade entrants exhibiting functional firearms will be asked to unload their weapons and to sign a form attesting to this.

NORMA’S HOUSE QUILT DONATION



Pictured from left are Emily Cook, Erika Anderson and Barbara Stevenson, all staff members of the Gonzales Regional Children’s Advocacy Center, also known as Norma’s House. They are holding three of the 10 quilts that were made and donated to Norma’s House by the Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild.

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taxable value to more than \$5.08 billion.

The county had more than \$123.5 million in value under protest and with homestead exemptions and losses at \$418.5 million, that drops the total appraised value to \$4.66 billion. Subtract some \$13.6 million in disabled veteran exemptions, and the net taxable value for the county is just under \$4.65 billion.

When protested value and tax ceilings (taxes frozen for those 65 and older) are taken into account, that drops the total adjusted taxable value to \$4.41 billion. That is an increase of \$1.09 billion, or nearly 33 percent, above last year’s net taxable value of just under \$3.32 billion.

Gonzales County added just under \$32.1 million in new improvement taxable value for 2022.

CITY OF GONZALES

The City of Gonzales shows a total market value of nearly \$802 million, which includes land value of more than \$87.8 million, improvement value of more than \$481.3 million, personal property value of just under \$35 million and mineral market value of more than \$197.8 million. With a productivity loss of nearly \$8.66 million, that drops the total market taxable value to more than \$793.1 million.

The city had more than \$12.9 million in value under protest and with homestead exemptions and losses at just under \$160.4 million, that drops the total appraised value to \$632.8 million. Subtract some \$2.8 million in disabled veteran exemptions, and the net taxable value for the city is just under \$630 million.

When protested value and tax ceilings (taxes

frozen for those 65 and older) are taken into account, that drops the total adjusted taxable value to just under \$566.7 million. That is an increase of nearly \$37.5 million, or nearly 7.1 percent, above last year’s net taxable value of more than \$529.2 million.

The city added more than \$3.8 million in new improvement taxable value for 2022.

GONZALES ISD

Gonzales ISD shows a total market value of property in Gonzales County of more than \$4.25 billion, which includes land value of more than \$1.89 billion, improvement value of more than \$971 million, personal property value of over \$78.6 million and mineral market value of more than \$1.31 billion. With a productivity loss of nearly \$1.61 billion, that drops the total market taxable value to more than \$2.64 billion.

The district had nearly \$86 million in value under protest and with homestead exemptions and losses at just under \$305 million, that drops the total appraised value to \$2.34 billion. Subtract some \$107 million in disabled veteran exemptions, and the net taxable value for the district is over \$2.23 billion. Property inside the district’s boundaries that is within Caldwell County has total market value of \$62.7 million, with net taxable value of nearly \$52.1 million, bringing the total taxable value of all property to almost \$2.29 billion.

That is an increase of nearly \$507.9 million, or nearly 28.6 percent, above last year’s net taxable value of nearly \$1.78 billion.

The district added nearly \$20.6 million in

new improvement taxable value for 2022.

CITY OF NIXON

The City of Nixon shows a total market value of nearly \$110.4 million, which includes land value of more than \$14.4 million, improvement value of nearly \$58.5 million, personal property value of just under \$10.2 million and mineral market value of more than \$27.3 million. With a productivity loss of nearly \$940,000, that drops the total market taxable value to nearly \$109.5 million.

The city had more than \$1.6 million in value under protest and with homestead exemptions and losses at just under \$15.3 million, that drops the total appraised value to \$94.2 million. Subtract some \$328,370 in disabled veteran exemptions, and the net taxable value for the city is just over \$93.8 million.

Property inside the city’s boundaries that is within Wilson County has total market value of \$24.9 million, bringing the total taxable value of all property to more than \$120.1 million. That is an increase of nearly \$19.7 million, or nearly 19.6 percent, above last year’s net taxable value of more than \$100.4 million.

The city added \$545,850 in new improvement taxable value for 2022.

NIXON ISD

Nixon ISD shows a total

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San Patricio, Fort Bend, Hays, Guadalupe, Victoria and Grayson.

Gonzales County Judge Pat Davis said the costs are higher for housing juvenile inmates than adult offenders due to specific state requirements that must be met when taking care of younger offenders. Also, he said there are fewer counties in the state who accept and house other counties’ juvenile offenders.

“We’re having problems being able to facilitate the confinement of these individuals,” Davis said. “It’s going up in cost from \$100 to \$120 per day in some instances and we’ve had some pretty serious offenses from these juvenile offenders who basically need to be in placement and be off the streets.”

The cost to house an adult offender in another county can range from between \$50 per day to \$75 per day, based on contract rates. However, the cost to house a juvenile inmate can run between \$100 per day to as much as \$250 per day. It especially costs more to house juveniles who have already been tried and convicted of an offense as there are certain services that must be provided to those who have already been prosecuted.

Maggie Gaytan of the Gonzales County Juvenile Probation Department said the scramble to find available bed space has the county “trying to broaden our resources.”

“We’ve had contracts in the past

with Guadalupe, with Fort Bend and Colorado County and with Victoria and Atascosa as well,” Gaytan said. “Some of these counties are no longer allowing out-of-county kiddos to be held in their facilities, so it’s getting really sparse for us to find detention space.”

“We have to be picky and choosy as to who we send to detention about the severity of the offense, making sure that if it’s an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon or those type of things, we really try to find space for those kiddos. We’re turning more to trying to use our electronic monitoring on those offenses that are not as severe.”

Gaytan said she has been told by Guadalupe County they are raising their rate when the new fiscal year starts Sept. 1 to \$250 per juvenile inmate per day. She noted that transportation can be hard on the county as well if they have to send an inmate somewhere else. For example, it is a two-hour drive one-way to Fort Bend County and a five to six hour drive one-way to Grayson County.

She said she tries to find out where beds are available before she goes on call.

“When I’m on call, I try to call all the counties on Friday to see if there are any beds available, so I know if I get a call at 2:30 in the morning on Saturday, I already know if there is a bed and I don’t have to waste that officer’s time,” Gaytan said.

the total market taxable value to nearly \$60 million.

The city had more than \$490,000 in value under protest and with homestead exemptions and losses at just under \$10.8 million, that drops the total appraised value to \$48.9 million. Subtract some \$193,460 in disabled veteran exemptions, and the net taxable value for the city is just over \$48.6 million.

That is an increase of nearly \$6 million, or nearly 13.9 percent, above last year’s net taxable value of more than \$42.7 million.

The city added \$974,000 in new improvement taxable value for 2022.

WAEOLDER ISD

Waelder ISD shows a total market value of property of more than \$754 million, which includes land value of more than \$507.8 million, improvement value of more than \$121 million, personal property value of over \$11.8 million and mineral market value of more than \$113 million. With a productivity loss of nearly \$450 million, that drops the total market taxable value to almost \$304.7 million.

The district had nearly \$17 million in value under protest and with homestead exemptions and losses at just under \$32.6 million, that drops the total appraised value to \$272 million. Subtract

some \$13 million in disabled veteran exemptions, and the net taxable value for the district is over \$259.1 million.

The district added nearly \$7.95 million in new improvement taxable value for 2022.

CITY OF SMILEY

The City of Smiley shows a total market value of more than \$23.7 million, which includes land value of more than \$4.38 million, improvement value of nearly \$16.8 million, personal property value of just under \$1.9 million and mineral market value of more than \$652,000. With a productivity loss of nearly \$634,000, that drops the total market taxable value to nearly \$23.1 million.

The city had more than \$198,000 in value under protest and with homestead exemptions and losses at just under \$4.9 million, that drops the total appraised value to \$18.2 million. Subtract some \$1 million in disabled veteran exemptions, and the net taxable value for the city is nearly \$17.2 million.

When protested value and tax ceilings (taxes frozen for those 65 and older) are taken into account, that drops the total adjusted taxable value to just under \$13.6 million. That is an increase of nearly \$2.22 million, or nearly 19.6 percent, above last year’s net taxable value of more than \$11.3 million.

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GISD

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district can hire a full-time truancy officer, but added if the grant is not fully funded, they'll consider a part-time position or decline the original proposal and reapply for the 2024 school year.

Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avelaneda stated the grant was a top priority for the board and him to help students get the resources they need to come to school, hoping to assist each student as much as possible.

"This is another measure that we're looking at — to find a full-time truancy officer. I know we have one. But, being such a high priority, we're seeking a second individual with this grant," Avellaneda stated.

The board approved the FY23 Truancy Prevention and Intervention Program Grant by a 6-0 vote. Board Secretary Sue Gottwald was not present for Monday night's meeting.

In other business, the board discussed the upcoming price increase for adult meals served at GISD. All enrolled students will continue to receive free breakfast and lunch meals.

Ed Wayner, director of food services, spoke to the board about the anticipated price increase; breakfast will increase from \$2.75 to \$2.95 and lunch from \$4.25 to \$4.40, due to inflation.

"We do offer other options for the

teachers as well, including some salad programs around \$3 to \$4. They also have an option because we're very sensitive about the pricing that we charge the adults." Wayner explained.

The board also voted 6-0 to increase the adult meal prices.

The board approved the following line items:

- approved the resolution for COVID-19 retention and incentive.
- approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Texas International Education Consortium.
- approved the TASB Board Policy Update 119, affecting GISD local Policies.
- approved the list of teacher appraisers for the 2022-23 school year.
- approved to adopt the updates to the Gonzales GISD student code of conduct for 2022-2023.
- approved the GISD Emergency Operation Plan.

The board tabled the following two line items:

- an interlocal cooperation agreement with the city of Gonzales for public safety staffing and support related to law enforcement.
- notice of public meeting to discuss budget and propose tax rate was tabled to next Monday, Aug. 15, for a district budget workshop meeting.

ADVICE

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specific. Discuss how negotiable your husband is to the idea of equal playtime for all toys, allowing your child to pick their favorites and develop their own personality and imagination.

All of these things should be talked about, as co-parents, and agreed upon outside the hearing of your child, to prevent any kind of issues for the child as they select toys, moving forward. (In other words they will not think "daddy doesn't like this toy" or "this is supposed to be for girls".)

Avoid any thinking that could lead to shame or association of doing wrong by selecting a toy.

It's a small world, after all, and we should all practice great love within it,

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.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.3071 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of COUNTY OF GONZALES.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.3071 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.3071 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.3690 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2022 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for COUNTY OF GONZALES from the same properties in both the 2021 tax year and the 2022 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that COUNTY OF GONZALES may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that COUNTY OF GONZALES is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 6, 2022 AT 9:00 AM AT Gonzales County Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom, 414 Saint Joseph St.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, COUNTY OF GONZALES is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Commissioner's Court of COUNTY OF GONZALES at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

	Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100	
FOR the proposal:	Kevin T. LaFleur Donnie R. Brzozowski	Kenneth O. "Dell" Whiddon Collie Boatright, Jr.

AGAINST the proposal:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by COUNTY OF GONZALES last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by COUNTY OF GONZALES this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.4391	\$0.3071	decrease of -0.1320, or -30.06%
Average homestead taxable value	\$120,123	\$132,149	increase of 12,026, or 10.01%
Tax on average homestead	\$527.46	\$405.83	decrease of -121.63, or 23.06%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$13,464,287	\$13,544,875	increase of 80,588, or 0.60%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

Indigent Defense Compensation Expenditures

The COUNTY OF GONZALES spent \$228,318 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 to provide appointed counsel for indigent individuals in criminal or civil proceedings in accordance with the schedule of fees adopted under Article 26.05, Code of Criminal Procedure and to fund the operations of a public defender's office under Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, less the amount of any state grants received. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's indigent defense compensation expenditures is \$100,651. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.0001/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for COUNTY OF GONZALES at 830-672-2841 or , or visit www.co.gonzales.tx.us for more information.

WATER

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where GBRA (Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority) are drilling their new wells, so I was concerned that there would be 42 more water wells there because there's no real water there," Brzozowski said. "GBRA hasn't even gone online yet with their water wells, where they want to send water to Hays County, Lockhart, San Marcos and the Austin area, and I learned they are already asking to double the amount of water they are going to take. They haven't even started yet.

"I think we need to be concerned about these bigger subdivisions. When you have 42 new wells coming into a place, what's that going to do to our water table, especially when GBRA starts pulling water if they are going to pull double if they get approved for it?"

GBRA has submitted a drilling and production permit application to the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (GCUWCD) that would allow them to drill three new public supply wells in the Carizo Aquifer while performing pump upgrades to seven existing wells they have approximately five miles northwest of Waelder off County Road 444, between Farm-to-Market Road 1296 and FM 304 in Gonzales County.

At this time, GBRA can draw a maximum of 15,000 acre-feet of groundwater per year from their seven existing wells, but this new permit would allow them to produce an additional 9,000 acre-feet of water per year, bringing their total production to 24,000 acre-feet with a proposed average rate of production of 2,000 gallons per minute.

"I don't think they should be approved (for the increased production)," Brzozowski said. "I think they should pull what they are approved for already and let's see what that does to the water table."

Brzozowski said he heard from a real estate agent who spoke about a North Texas subdivision where county officials had approved a subdivision order without any knowledge of whether there was enough water to support the development.

"They (the developers) go out and set it off, they get ready to go out to

drill wells and they don't have any decent water," Brzozowski said. "How's that going to come back and affect the county? Are they going to try to come back to sue us because they couldn't get any water?"

"I'd like to see (the court) meet with Gonzales County Underground Water District about making some changes where perhaps (developers) need to dig a test well and prove there's going to be enough water. We don't want to approve a subdivision and have people get out there and they don't have enough water.

"Water is an important thing," Brzozowski said. "They can't wash their dishes, flush their toilets, drink water or water their livestock without it and what's it going to do to the people who are already there?"

County Judge Pat Davis agreed with Brzozowski and suggested the county may need to "reach out to some kind of attorney who can research this and see what kind of authority we have to do something."

One Hill Country county has already taken steps to address this very issue — Burnet County.

According to Burnet County Development Services Director Herb Darling, any developer wanting to put in a new subdivision must "prove water" by digging test wells and satisfying both the Burnet County Commissioners Court and the Central Texas Water Conservation District there will be enough water available on-site to support new development.

Burnet County's subdivision regulations include Appendix G, adopted by commissioners in March 2019, which states if a subdivision intends to use groundwater for their water supply, they have to include with the plat application a statement prepared by an engineer or geoscientist attesting that adequate groundwater is available for the subdivision and this information has to have been presented to the Texas Water Development Board and Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District as well.

The certification indicates the number of acre-feet of water to be drawn out over a 10-year and a 30-year period as well as a statement of sufficiency.

“Water is an important thing. They can’t wash their dishes, flush their toilets, drink water or water their livestock without it, and what’s it going to do to the people who are already there?”

— Gonzales County Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski

TAXES

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adopt up to a voter-approval tax rate of \$36.90 per \$100 valuation without needing taxpayers' affirmation. That rate would have generated an additional \$2,730,146 in tax collection. However, commissioners opted to go with the lower rate after discussing using funds received under the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) to pay for some necessary expenses.

The adjusted taxable value for Gonzales County was nearly \$3.32 billion in 2021, but skyrocketed to more than \$4.41 billion in 2022. The county saw more than \$32 million in new improvements to taxable property.

Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 6, on the budget for fiscal year 2022-23. County


The county will publish notice of the budget hearing in the Aug. 18 edition of the Gonzales Inquirer.

Judge Pat Davis is expected to file the proposed county budget on Monday, Aug. 15, in accordance with Section 111.006 of the Texas Local Government Code.

The county will publish notice of the budget hearing in the Aug. 18 edition of the Gonzales Inquirer.



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name, with a goal to bring the story to the audience in attendance at the expo center.

GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda was moved by Gruwell's speech and said there was not a dry eye in the audience.

"It was just the best speech I've ever heard in regards to teaching and directed toward the impact of teachers," Avellaneda said.

The Freedom Writers Foundation has written several books about self-transformation for teachers and students. Gruwell explained they always look at how people "metamorphosize" and how teachers use education differently inside the classroom and at school.

"For most educators, it's about stories and it's about the arc of where they were and how they changed. So just starting the year off in a really positive place and really trying to focus on hope," Gruwell said.

Avellaneda hopes Gruwell's speech can impact the teachers and the staff in the district.

"The most impactful individual in any school district is a teacher," Avellaneda stated. "So her speech will keep the main focus for us, which is students, student success and student academic achievement."

"I'm hoping the take-away from today was that every single one of our teachers has the ability and capability to be the best they can be for our students even when reaching just one of our students," Avellaneda said.

Writing and hearing the stories of students with different backgrounds was the main theme of the speech and Gruwell knows the importance of not letting them be invisible, but instead helping them be visible and using writing "to be an up-stander and not a bystander."

"I think a lot of kids feel invisible. And I think a lot of kids feel like 'no one sees me. No one hears me.' And I think, for us, writing allowed them to leave a legacy," Gruwell said.

"So it's that idea of write yourself into existence. Write yourself out from the shadows," Gruwell continued.

Avellaneda agreed with the Gruwell's message about listening to the voices of both students and staff members.

"It's important for everybody to hear everybody's stories because, in the end, what we have found out is that we are more similar than we are different. It brings unity to our staff. It brings unity to our community. And it brings unity amongst everyone," Avellaneda stated.

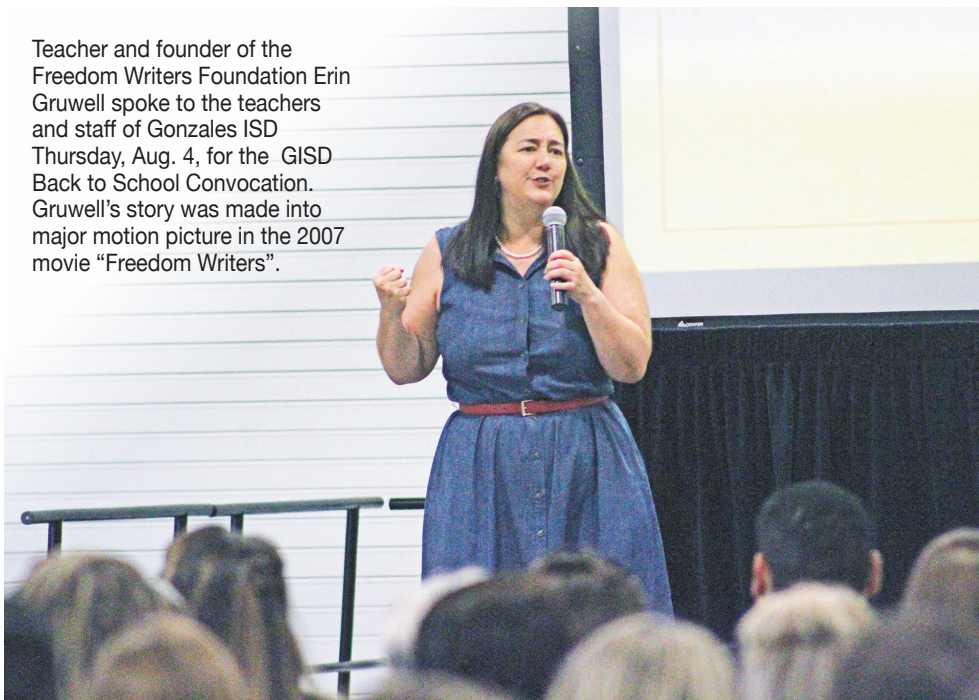
Gruwell's final message to teachers and staff is to give students "hope and home" and make the classrooms and schools a home-like environment for them, especially those students who don't have good home environments or are homeless.

"That allows them to have an escape, which allows them to feel nurtured and fostered," Gruwell stated.

"I still teach, but I also teach teachers in addition to kids. We've realized if we can help do a cultural shift in a classroom and a cultural shift in the school, that it really can affect the community," Gruwell said.

For more information about the Freedom Writers Foundation, please go to <http://www.freedomwritersfoundation.org/> or find them on Facebook and Instagram: @freedomwritersfoundation and Twitter: @freedomwriters.

Teacher and founder of the Freedom Writers Foundation Erin Gruwell spoke to the teachers and staff of Gonzales ISD Thursday, Aug. 4, for the GISD Back to School Convocation. Gruwell's story was made into major motion picture in the 2007 movie "Freedom Writers".



Erin Gruwell signs GHS Bilingual Instructor Noelia Maxey's copy of Freedom Writers. Teachers, staff and administrators gather around Gruwell as they talk to her about her experience as teacher and being part of the Freedom Writers.



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Former Gonzales student and campus technician Carlos Blanco talks to his former English teacher, now GISD Director of Federal Programs, Amanda Fullilove with Erin Gruwell. Blanco talks about working as peers with his former English teacher since graduating from GHS in 2016.



Erin Gruwell with GISD teacher, staff and administrators after the conclusion of Gruwell's speech.



Erin Gruwell hugs GISD Superintendent Elmer Avellaneda after her speech. Gruwell spoke to the GISD teachers and staff the importance of hearing the stories of students.

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