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# **Water Conservation District assures** water is plentiful in certain regions

BY CLAYTON KELLEY

For the Inquirer

GBRA (Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority) Drilling requested three additional wells in the Carrizo Aquifer, pumping water to Hays County and the I-35 corridor. Gonzales **Underground Water Conser**vation District aims to assure landowner wells in that area that GUWCD is a part of a groundwater management area comprised of several other districts and counties and meticulous planning goes into water management.

GUWCD is a part of a groundwater management area that is comprised of several other districts and counties and, together, extensive

planning goes into each one of the aquifers, according to GUWCD.

"That model is created every five years and is updated and plans for 50 years into the future," said Laura Martin, General Manager at GUWCD.

"We have another planning area, the South Central Planning Region Group that is comprised of needs, population needs and utilities. In order for a large project to occur, it has

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## Council tackles drowning prevention

BY VANDY VAN EPPS Gonzales Inquirer

**Gonzales City Council** tackled the topic of river drownings as the main talking point at the Thursday, Aug. 12 meeting.

Gonzales residents and local experts spoke to the council about the need for solutions to prevent drownings in the Guadalupe River near Independence Park, a known danger area along

Residents Bill Shepard and Thomas Enriquez, along with members of Texas Parks and Wildlife, were some of the individu-

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## County sales tax allocations up nearly 24 percent

BY LEW K. COHN Inquirer Publisher

The city of Gonzales collected its highest sales tax allocation in nearly eight years, a good sign of a healthy, growing economy

within Gonzales County. Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$1.2 billion in local sales tax allocations for August, 10.8 percent

more than in August 2021. These allocations are based on sales made in June

See TAX, page 7

## CELEBRATING BACK TO SCHOOL



**School** 

district

tax rate

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS** 

Budgetary planning is

in full swing for Gonzales

County taxing entities,

and that includes the

Gonzales ISD school

board, who discussed

In their previous

Aug. 15.

budget.

the issue during a special

called meeting Monday,

scheduled meeting, the

school board had tabled

two items for discussion.

One big issue of con-

cern was the tax rate and

GISD chief financial

officer, Amanda Smith,

projects a "historical"

setting public hearings

for the 2022-23 GISD

Gonzales Inquirer

discusses

The Smith/Amaya family have a fun tradition when it comes to Back to School photos. When the kids (Deanna Amaya, Cali Smith and Beau Smith) get out of school for the summer in May, they take a photo showing them jumping into the pool, having a great time, while their parents Shannon and Becky Smith are "sad." However, the tables turn when it's August as the kids are the "sad" ones because they have to go back to school, while their parents jump in the pool. While Shannon couldn't join Becky for this year's photo, she did manage to include his work uniform. See more Back to School reader submission photos on page 19, with more to run on Aug. 25 and Sept. 1.



VANDY VAN FPPS

Brian Jurek holds one of his cantaloupes that he plucked from his garden.

## Gonzales man takes pride in massive garden

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS** 

Gonzales Inquirer

Local Gonzales man Brian Jurek showed off the true beauty and exponential growth of his massive garden; a true utopia ranging from pumpkins, squash, cantaloupe and many other delicious fruits and vegetables.

Gardening began as a hobby, but became much more after Jurek became medically disabled after an incident at work.

"I got everything over here. I mean, whether it's in the soil or what, not sure, but I have got great soil. A lot of people have

See GARDEN, page 20

# absolute gentleman"

"He was an

Jackie Mills, Sage Capital Bank's first president, remembered

BY LEW K. COHN Inquirer Publisher

Jackie Lynn "Jack" Mills, who served as the first president and CEO of what would become Sage Capital Bank, died Saturday, Aug.

13, at the age of 83. Mills was remembered fondly by Sage Capital vice president Bobbie Polasek, who came to work for Mills as the bank's lead teller in 1984 when what was American National Bank first opened its doors.

"He was an absolute gentleman," Polasek said. "He was one of the best people I ever could have worked for and I really admired him being our president. He was a family man and he was devoted to making this a place for family banking. Working with him was a delight.

Mills, a native of Coleman, first came to Gonzales in 1969 when he was offered a position as vice president

See MILLS, page 6

## **Nixon-Smiley CISD** proposes same tax rate

BY LEW K. COHN

Inquirer Publisher

Nixon-Smiley CISD is considering adopting a 2022 tax rate of \$1.15 — the same as last year — following an Aug. 29 public hearing on the school district's proposed budget.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and take part in discussion at 6 p.m. Aug. 29 in the Nixon-Smiley High School Library, 800 N. Rancho Road, Nixon.

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# Come and listen to some great music at Come & Take It

#### BY BETTY COHN

Gonzales Inquirer

Each fall, on the first weekend of October, the citizens of Gonzales, along with people from all over the country (and sometimes the world) gather to celebrate the first shots of Texas Independence during a three-day festival called "Come and Take It."

The event this year will begin Friday, Sept. 30, and continue through Sunday, Oct. 2, and is hosted by the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, along with the Come and Take It celebration commit-

The festival includes a carnival for the kids, car show, chicken flying, arts and crafts, golf tournament, a battle reenactment, egg toss, celebratory parade, and vendor booths, along with the much anticipated musical line up. This year's

line up includes many wonderful acts and will bring a lot of fun and entertainment to the crowd.

The entertainment chair for the committee, Britney Jones-Caka, shared the following acts expected to attend in this year's Come and Take It event. Other information for the event is courtesy of the committee chairman, Daisy Scheske Freeman, and will continue to be forthcoming as events are definitively scheduled.

The musical acts that will take the stage to celebrate this year's Come & Take It celebration are:

• Friday, September 30: 6-7:30 p.m. South Paw Band; 8-9:30 p.m. Standing Peppers; 10-11:30 p.m. Bart Crow

• Saturday, October 1: 2-4 p.m. Los Gavilanes (located under the beer tent); 4:30-6 p.m. Mid Life Crisis Band; 7-8:30 p.m. Waves; 9-10:30 p.m. Neal McCoy; and 11 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Ricky Naranjo

y Los Gamblers. There will be a break from 6-7 p.m. during which Miss Gonzales County will be announced,

• Sunday: Shiner Hobo Band

The annual event takes place to commemorate the firing of the first shot of the Texas Revolution on Oct. 2, 1835, which happened very near to the city of Gonzales. Gonzales was established by empresario Green DeWitt in 1825, two and a half miles east of the convergence of the San Marcos and Guadalupe Rivers. It was, at the time, the westernmost Anglo settlement in the area, and, remained so through the end of the Texas revolution.

The town is named in honor of Don Rafael Gonzales, the provisional governor of Coahuila, Mexico and Texas. Gonzales flourished and was a thriving capital of the DeWitt colony by 1833. In September of 1835 Mexican officials at San Antonio de Bexar demanded

a return of a cannon that had been previously loaned to the citizenry in 1831 to protect against indigenous attacks. The citizenry responded with the pronouncement that if they wanted it, come and take it.

Gonzales became known as "The Lexington of Texas", where the first shot was fired, and where the first Texas Army of Volunteers gathered. A few months after the first shot, men and boys from the region would gather in Gonzales, sending the only reinforcements ever received at the Alamo.

Each October, on the first full weekend of October, the citizens of Gonzales, along with thousands of visitors, gather to celebrate their Texas heritage in a three-day festival called "Come & Take

For more information regarding the celebration please refer to the Gonzales Chamber website at gonzalestexas.com.

## Rum Run supports Gonzales Main Street

## BY BETTY COHN

Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Main Street Program is sponsoring the first annual Rum Run on Saturday, Sept. 10, with check-in from 9-11 a.m.

The slogan is "why run when you can rum" and the event is organized to revitalize and support Main Street Gonzales.

Receive t-shirts and rum cups at check in. The "run" will begin at 10 a.m., with participants encouraged to brunch at one of our downtown restaurants first. The most important meal is the one you eat before drinking, organizers noted.

Beginning at 10 a.m. participants may begin visiting Main Street merchants and start the "run." No set time limit, travel downtown at your own pace and enjoy all that Gonzales has to offer!

While the official "run" ends at 2 p.m. you may continue to enjoy specials that many downtown merchants have to offer with many restaurants and hot spots continuing the "run" the rest of the day Saturday.

Sponsors for this fun inaugural event include Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, GVEC, HEB, the City of Gonzales, Purple Cactus Potteri, Shear Designs, Peach Creek Antiques, Vintique Bandita, Come & Crepe It, Studio E, Chill Zone, Alpha 1 Construction, Robert W. Bland (Attorney at Law), Lockhart Bistro, Angels & Outlaws, KB's Auto Station, Sudz Car Wash, 321 Pop Up, Junkyard Hippie, Logan Insurance, Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio Distillery, Tattertorn Treasures, and BYK.

Anyone over 21 years of age may participate in the event, with the monies raised going directly to help the Main Street Program with continued growth and to promote downtown Gonzales. All donations to this event are tax-deductible, and for any further questions, concerns or comments please contact britneycaka@gmail.com.

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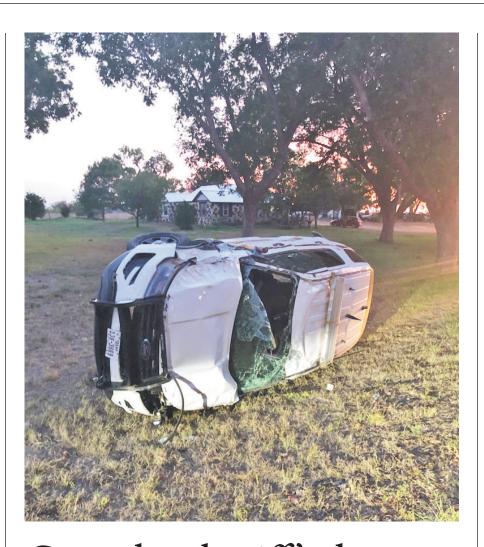
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## Gonzales sheriff's deputy injured in rollover crash

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Gonzales County sheriff's deputy avoided serious injury after a rollover accident took place at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14.

According to the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office, the deputy was responding to a disturbance when the patrol vehicle had a tire blowout

in the area of Texas 97 and Farm-to-Market Road 466, which caused the vehicle to roll several times.

The deputy was transported by ambulance to Gonzales Memorial Hospital and later released with minor injuries.

The crash is under investigation by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

## budget and property tax rate valued at \$100,000, com-**SPECIAL TO THE** The \$34.3 million bud-

VC Board adopts

## **INQUIRER** Following a public

hearing on Monday, Aug. 15, Victoria College's Board of Trustees unanimously voted to adopt the college's operating budget and set the property tax rate for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The property tax rate was set at 19.59 cents per \$100 of taxable value, a decrease of nearly six percent from the current tax rate. The lower rate will increase VC's revenue from property taxes an estimated three percent due to new property added to the tax roll this year.

Based on the Victoria County Appraisal District's certified property tax values for 2022, a homeowner who lives within Victoria College's taxing district will pay \$195.90 for a home

pared to \$207.60 last year.

get includes a \$320,000 reduction in health insurance costs and a \$206,000 increase in personnel costs after factoring in salary adjustments and personnel changes. Eligible employees will receive a 2 percent costof-living salary adjustment and a 1.5 percent step increase in accordance with VC's compensation plan, for a total 3.5 percent increase.

VC's operating budget is funded through three primary sources: tuition and fees, property taxes and state appropriations. State funding accounts for only 16.2 percent of the budget, compared to 24.1 percent 10 years ago.

The next regular meeting of VC's Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 19 at 4

## Come & run (or walk) it at Oct. 1 5K

## **BY BETTY COHN**

Gonzales Inquirer

The Come & Take it 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, Oct. 1, at 8 a.m. in Gonzales Independence Park, located off Water Street (US 183 South). Register for this event online on the Come & Take It 5K Run/Walk/Athlete Guild web page.

This year marks the 187-year anniversary of the first shot of Texas independence, so come get your exercise. Registration and packet pickup will be on race day, at 7 a.m., with the 5k walk and 5k run both beginning at 8 a.m.

Fees to join the event are \$25 per runner/ walker and registra-

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tion, along with entry fees, will be open until

7:45 a.m. on race day. Only participants registered on or before Sept. 27 will receive a race t-shirt.

Awards will be given in the categories of 5k run: overall male/female; top 3 male/female in age groups 1-12, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-99 years of age. The categories for 5k walk are: top male/female in age groups: 1-99

years of age. For information or questions please contact Janie Massey, jmassey@ sagecapitalbank.com.

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August 19th Travis Burleson Gary Clack W.C. "Bill" Crandall Eunice Hanke Daniel Maldonado

Minnie O'Neal

Stacy Scott

August 20th Candace Ball Condel Tim Decker Jr Laurie Johnson Ruth Johnson W.L., Johnson Myrtle Nichols

James Taylor Erlene Zavadil August 21st

Aurora Bastien Mike Cosper Stacey Dawson Scott Dierlam Stewart Frazier III Tyler Mason Hendershot Rebecca Hindman Natalie Tenberg

August 22nd Missy Collura Marvin Heinemeyer August 24th Larry Hudson Pamela Malatek

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Humid; a morning thunderstorm 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 99



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96°/73°

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August 22

A stray afternoon t-storm 41% chance of rain ● RealFeel 102



A thunderstorm in spots 43% chance of rain • RealFeel 103



August 23 93°/74°

Mostly cloudy with a t-storm 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 93



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## LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

#### **GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET** August 13 Cattle 1524

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold steady. 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, 160-162; 700-800 lbs, 145-155.

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. Stockers Cows: \$600 to \$900. Pairs: \$750 to \$1,000.

#### NIXON LIVESTOCK August 15 Cattle - 1450

Steers: 200-300 lbs - \$165-175-230 300-400 lbs - \$168-178-225 400-500 lbs - \$161-171-210 500-600 lbs - \$150-160-188 600-700 lbs - \$146-156-168 700-800 lbs - \$140-150-155

Heifers: 200-300 lbs - \$145-155-200 300-400 lbs - \$149-159-210 400-500 lbs - \$144-154-173 500-600 lbs - \$137-147-170 600-700 lbs - \$131-141-175 700-800 lbs - \$131-141-153

Slaughter Cows - \$20-83 Slaughter Bulls - \$83-108 Stocker Cows - \$430-1000 Pairs: None

HALLETTSVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC. Sale date: August 9 Cattle on hand: 3258 Packer Cows:

Canner and Cutter Cows: \$53-85 Utility & Fat Cows: \$52-83 Light Weight Canner Cows: \$36-51 Poor/Weak: \$15-35

Packer Bulls: Heavyweight Bulls: \$93-106 Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$81-95 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: \$900-1050

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings: Number 1 steer & bull calves: Under 200 lbs.: \$145-215 200-300 lbs.: \$155-218 300-400 lbs.: \$155-215 400-500 lbs.: \$152-195

500-600 lbs.: \$148-182.50 600-700 lbs.: \$142-165 700-800 lbs.: \$128-155 Number 1 heifer calves: Under 200 lbs: \$135-205 200-300 lbs.: \$132-184 300-400 lbs.: \$145-182

400-500 lbs.: \$142-178 500-600 lbs.: \$140-165 600-700 lbs.: \$128-150 700-800 lbs: \$115-147.50 Replacement Heifers: 350-700 lbs.: \$135-185

The market was fully steady and strong on the No. 1 quality classes. No. 2 and plainer kinds sold \$2 to \$3 lower. Overall a good active sale for a large supply

Packer cows and bulls sold \$2 to \$3 higher on a total supply of approximately 730 hd.

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300-400 lb. 1.39-2.16 400-500 lb. 1.27-2.11 500-600 lb. 1.33-1.76

700-850 lb. 1.27-1.45 Medium & large frame #1 Heifers: 200-300 lb. 1.15-1.92

600-700 lb. 1.17-1.60

300-400 lb. 1.31-1.90 400-500 lb. 1.34-1.84 500-600 lb. 1.22-1.77 600-750 lb. 1.21-1.75

Cows: Utility & commercial – 65-86 Cutters - 36-64 Canners - 15-35

Palpated cows (young) - None (Middle Aged) - None Cow/Calf Pairs - 425-1100 Heavy High Yielding - 95-111

Light & Low Yielding - 46-94 Feeder Bulls - None Sheep & Goats: Nannies (Young) - 140-240 (Thin & Old) - 80-135 Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.60-3.25 (Small & thin) - 1.80-2.50

Wethers - 2.35-3.30 Billies - 1 40-2 20 Pairs - None Barb. Ewes (Young) - 100-170 (Small & Old Ewes) - 50-95 Barb. Lambs (Fat) - 2.00-2.40 (Small & Thin) - 1.50-1.95 Wooled Ewes - 90-110 Wooled Bucks - 1.10-1.80 Lambs - 1.80-2.00

#### CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

Barb. Bucks - None

August 12, 2022 Number of head 2,069

There were 394 cows and 28 bulls. Despite the large number on hand. the packer market continued to climb higher once again. This is the third straight week of higher packer prices. Both packer cows and bulls were \$2 higher on the top end.

The calf market was steady with last weeks levels. There were quite a few new highs throuhout all classes. Strong demand across the board made for another good day to be selling. Averages were basically unchanged.

Packer bulls: 80.00-108.00

Packer cows: 55.00-86.00 canners & cutters 20.00-53.00 noor & weak Palpated: 29 PAIRS: 10 Steer Calves: Under 200 lbs 200-249 lbs. 250-299 lbs. 300-350 lbs. 350-400 lbs. 400-450 550-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs. 700-800 lbs. **Bull Calves:** Under 250lbs 250-300 lbs. 300-350 lbs. 350-400 lbs. 400-450 lbs. 450-500 lbs. 153.00-181.00 500-550 lbs. 147.00-168.00 151.00-161.00 550-600 lbs. 600-700 lbs 136.00-164.00 Over 700 lbs. 126.00-157.50 (AVG-HIGH) Heifer Calves: under 200 lbs. 117.00-165.00 200-250 lbs. 152.00-218.00

100.00-114.00 \$1,250-\$1,425 (AVG-HIGH) 113.00-200.00 136.00-210.00 165.00-230.00 169.00-215.00 169.00-200.00 160.00-200.00 155.00-182.00 149.00-176.00 150.00-171.00 151.00-166.00 130.00-159.00 (AVG-HIGH) 175.00-232.00 163.00-226.00 169.00-222.00 155.00-198.00 157.00-196.00

145.00-216.00 250-300 lbs 300-350 lbs. 146.00-178.00 350-400 lbs. 148.00-189.00 400-450 lbs. 147.00-184.00 450-500 lbs. 145.00-205.00=>replacement 500-550 lbs 145.00-167.00 550-600 lbs. 142.00-164.00 600-700 lbs. 134.00-159.00

113.00-148.00

Over 700 lbs

Q. Why are some gardeners not recommending mulch anymore? Surely it is still effective to conserve

A. When the soil is dry like it has been all summer this year the mulch can prevent the moisture from light rains from penetrating. Once the rains or irrigation is substantial enough to saturate the mulch it **CALVIN** then reaches the soil. **FINCH** In the short term the Gardening mulch can prevent light rains from reaching the Q&A soil but in the long term, you are right it is an im-

portant water conserva-

tion tool.

Q. What is the deal with the golden fronted woodpeckers taking sugar water from the hummingbird feeders? Is it bad for them? Is there anyway to prevent it?

A. In many neighborhoods the woodpeckers have gotten use to using the sugar water as a moisture and a nutrient source. The parent birds even bring their young of every hatch to learn where the water is and how to consume it. Sometimes they seem to consume excessive amounts, but I have not seen or heard of any negative results. Enjoy their visits.

Q. What peach varieties do you recommend and why do you recommend them?

A. Peaches do not require pollinator species but a key to successful

## Mulch can keep light rains from soaking in

backyard peach production is to plant varieties that receive enough winter cold (chill hours) to meet their needs in terms of reorganizing the chemistry every year. The three selections I like the best are Florida King, Junegold, and La Feliciana.

Q. What are those big grubs that we find at the edge of compost pile? Are they destructive or a threat to humans and our

> garden plants? A. They are Rhinoceros beetle grubs. The adult beetles eat other insect

pests so are described as a beneficial insect. The grubs develop by consuming decomposing organic material on the edge of the compost pile. The grubs are not attractive, but they are no threat to humans or our plants. the grubs and beetles are beneficial so should be protected.

Q. The Fanick's phlox that we received as a gift from a neighbor when we moved into our new house were marvelous this summer, attractive and fragrant blooms. They are declining now; can we do anything to keep them blooming?

A. Let them decline for the season. They will regrow next spring, In the future every 3 years thin them out by dividing the clumps and replanting them. Fertilize them in February. Yes, they are wonderful plants.

## Luling Foundation, AgriLife Extension sponsoring Youth Burger Grill-Off

#### **SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER**

The Youth Grill-Off is a statewide team BBQ burger cook-off contest organized by cooperative efforts of the Luling Foundation and tri-county Texas A&M AgriLife Extension offices of Caldwell, Gonzales & Guadalupe County.

The Youth Grill-Off will take place on Saturday, Sept. 10, at the Luling Foundation Farm's (LFF) Demonstration Barn, 523 S. Mulberry, Luling. Prizes will be given for grand

champion and reserve grand champion in each division. Each registered team member is granted a raffle entry for a mega-prize drawing of a Blackstone Griddle, sponsored by Texas Gas Service.

This contest is for youth in the third through 12th grade with 2-3 youth per team of the same age category. Contestant age group categories are as follows: Jr. Division: third - seventh grade; Sr. Division: eighth - 12th grade. Entry fee will be \$20 per team (non-refundable) and will be open to the

Entry deadline is Aug. 29; entries received after places have been filled will be put on a waiting

Teams will be provided with Luling Foundation ground Angus beef, an Old Smokey BBQ grill and charcoal. Official rules, entry form and an itemized list of what to bring and what will be provided is located at

lulingfoundation.org. Each grill-off team be allowed to take the Old Smokey BBQ cooker home. For more information, call the Luling Foundation office at 830-875-2438.



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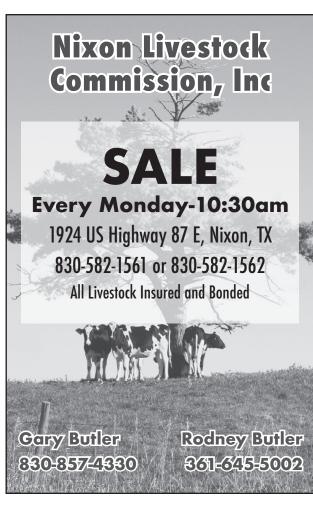
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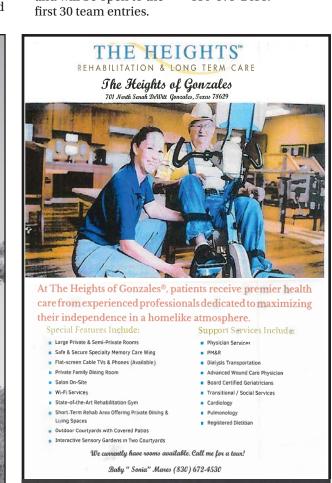
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# **OPINION**

## ... And that was then

Sending young soldiers to war has long been Gonzales' legacy

#### **BY BOB BURCHARD**

Special to the Inquirer

He stood there on the sidewalk outside Michelson's Café in Gonzales. The letter from the Army Draft Board said the bus would pick him up at 10 o'clock this morning.

He glanced at the courthouse clock across the street — 9:15 a.m. He had been standing here almost an hour. It was better to wait here though than at the house. His mother was very upset. She had been crying off and on for several days. So, he had said goodbye, and came on to the bus stop at Michel-

His dad had brought him in the pickup, and now his dad and other dads, and a few moms, were visiting there on the sidewalk a few feet away. It was difficult saying goodbye to his mother his morning. She was crying so hard that it made Little Sister start crying. Little Sister was just two years old; she did not know what was happening. Bubba was five, would be six next month. I will have to remember to send him something, he thought.

He was standing there on the sidewalk awkwardly holding a paper sack. His mother had baked an apple pie this morning, and had sent him off with at least half of it. She had wrapped it with wax paper, and placed it in a brown paper sack. It was too big to put in his coat pocket, and he did not feel like eating right now, so he stood there balancing the sack on his arm so the pie would not be squashed.

The coat was not really his. His uncle had given it to him and told him to be sure and bring it back. His mother said he looked real handsome in it. She was proud of him,

Other young men were starting to gather now at the bus stop. Some with dads, brothers — some came by themselves. The mood was somber. Someone would try to tell a joke – the laughter was hollow — did

not last long. An old man came to where he was standing. He had a moistness but hardness in his eyes. He said, "If y have a chance, give that Hitler a kick in the seat of his pants for me."

'Yes sir, I sure will! Yes sir, I will sure do it!'

The courthouse clock was striking 10 a.m. as the bus drove up. Someone tried to make a joke by saying it was the first time the military had

been on time for anything. As his name was called and he moved toward the door of the bus, his dad touched his shoulder and grabbed his hand. "Good Luck," he said as his voice started to crack. "Be

The bus pulled away from the curb, and turned left at the corner passing in front of the fire station; then another left, and another, going all the way around Confederate Square, and then on the highway, away from Gonzales.

sure to write your momma."

He wondered if he would ever see that square again. He though once more of telling his mother goodbye this morning. As he and his dad had driven out of the yard, he had looked back and waved. His mother was crying, Little Sister, too, and Bubba was waving, Bubba was waving goodbye.

We do not know how many mothers, Bubbas and Little Sisters were waving goodbye on that February day in 1836 when the 32 men left the square in Gonzales to go to the Alamo to die. We do not know how many pieces of cornbread and beef jerky were wrapped in cloth and placed in saddle bags, or how many coats were given to the riders.

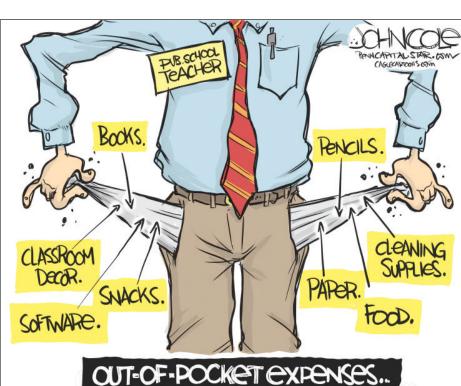
But we do know this: we know that Gonzales has been sending its men off to war to fight dictators for a long

We know that Gonzales understands the cost of freedom, and the price of sacrifice. We know that Gonzales has sent its men off to war, and many did not come home. For, you see, that is our heritage. That is

what we do. Gonzales was the only town in Texas to send men to the Alamo in response to Colonel Travis' letter asking for help. No other community in the State of Texas may make that statement. It is our heritage. It is

our history; It is our story, because it happened to our people.





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DR. DON **NEWBURY** The Idle American

## When odds overwhelm...

s chapters of life unfold, unlikely coincidences occur that are so rare that surely providence is behind the steering wheel. No doubt whoever won that \$1.3 billion lottery will spend much of his/her remaining time on earth pondering the "what if's" of choosing such a long string of numbers in perfect order to hold the WINNING TICKET among the megamillions that weren't. Oh, I know a few lesser winners cashed in, too, but most lottery participants held worthless pieces of cardboard, not unlike those who pick poorly at horse

Recently, a paper cut led me to a discovery that matters little now, since most of my check-writing days are passed and not too many folks use checks now. (Technology is galloping ahead of the masses at breathtaking speed.)

Then I learn that another man in an adjacent county made the same discovery, maybe on the same day. Had such occurred a few decades ago, we could have yelled it from the rooftops that we left-handers can do some things right! Millions of "lefties" could have abandoned sinking feelings of being lousy check-removers. (I confess to being among the 10% of American men who are — as jokers say — "wrong-handed.") An even smaller percentage of women are "lefties." Alas, we have long felt swept to the side, "left in the lurch." Have you ever heard of anyone "right in the lurch?" I didn't think so...

Again, I digress, and it will happen again. How ere it was, because of the slight paper cut on my left hand, I held the checkbook with it, thinking it would be simpler for my right hand to remove the check. Really, how could I lose? For more than 60 years, checks taken from checkbooks have the ragtag look of the losing pooch in a dog fight or appear to have been separated from the book by a rip saw.

The ease with which check removal with my right hand was magical. I could almost hear strumming violins, and I was cheered by thoughts that much was right with the world. It was so refreshing, in fact, I tore out another check, just to make sure.

I bragged to my wife about the new discovery. She hemmed and hawed as if it was a total fluke. Such "hemmings and hawings" are nothing new after 56 years of marriage; I changed the subject, trying to remember if there were other checks I could write....

Later in the day, I visited my bank, sharing my experience. The bank lady — mistakenly thinking she had "heard it all" - shrieked with excitement. "You are not going to believe this," she exclaimed. "But my husband, also left-handed, had the exact

same experience the other day."

I was gleeful. The odds of two guys sustaining paper cuts and using their "other hand" to tear out checks has to be comparable to a couple of fishing bobbers washing up on an island by the same wave after having been tossed overboard months earlier by two youngsters on a cruise ship, perhaps "ticked off" that pole fishing isn't permitted off the pool deck....

Okay, maybe that's a little extreme. To make such a discovery, though, sparkles — however faint the sparks may be. We "lefties" are so accustomed to "take it or leave it" status, even small victories such as this warrant parades at left-handers' conventions.

I tried to call some printing companies to see if there are logical reasons why "righties" find check-removal to be "easy-peasy." My calls weren't returned. Oh, well.

We "lefties" have learned to sit in desks designed for right-handed people, perhaps with compromised seating postures to blame for handwriting so contorted that some teachers have either recommended counseling or seen one. The list of other inconveniences we have endured is endless, but space runs short. For a brief and shining moment, though, it was exhilarating to tear checks as efficiently as "righties" do....

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## That Sounds Fishy

How do fish hear?

by this iner ear.

Fish do not have ears on the owtside of their bodies, yet they can still here sonds.

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the story below and circle the six errors you find. Then rewrite the story correctly.

In fact in murky watter, hearing can be more important than sight.

Fish ears are in their skulls, one on either side of the head. Sound waves pass through there bodies and are picked up

## Join fish expert Professor Pescados as *Kid Scoop* explores schools of fish.

Underwater schools are different from the school you go to. A school in the ocean is actually a group of fish that swim together. About 4,000 kinds of fish swim in groups called schools.

Schools of fish are always made up of one

kind of fish swimming together. Sardines swim with sardines, and minnows swim with minnows. In a school, the fish are able to swim together, moving in the same direction or

bumping into each other. This can make a school of thousands of fish look like one big fish. Standards Link: Life Science: Living organisms depend on one

even changing directions in an instant without











Some fish travel in schools to confuse enemies that want to eat them. Traveling together also helps in the search for food. Having thousands of eyes and noses on the lookout for food gives the school a better chance of finding dinner.

Standards Link: Life Science:

## Do all High schools

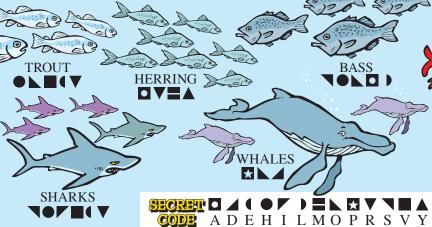
Not all fish school. For the most part, predator fish do not school. One exception is this fish. These fish are born into and live in large schools.

Circle every other letter to find the name of this fish.



## All Groups Are 1701. Schools

Some groups of underwater animals are not called schools. Use the code to find out what each group of animals below is called.



#### Common Nouns and Proper Nouns Look through the newspaper and find five common nouns and

Extra! Extra!

five proper nouns. Cut them out and glue them to Professor Pescados' chart in the correct column.

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Standards Link: Grammar: Identify nouns

## Standards Link: Life Science: Students know examples of diverse life forms in the ocean. **Puzzier** •

## Traffic Control

How do fish swim so close without colliding? Fish use a combination of their senses to create smooth schooling movements.

can look forward with one eye while the other is looking backward.

Eves: Each fish



Lateral Line: Along each side of a fish's body there is a line of tiny holes or pores. Tiny hairs inside the pores feel the slightest ripple or movement in the water. This lets fish know when another fish is nearby. If one fish moves in a different direction, all the others sense it and move accordingly.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in survival.

#### Double **Word Search**

**UNDERWATER** SCHOOLS **MINNOWS** RIPPLE

**SWIM** LATERAL HAIRS **CLOSE** 

**CHART** 

WHY

**SARDINES PREDATOR NAME BACKWARD PORES** 

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

RETAWREDNU DSRIAHESLR REMANLSSAO ANCHPELWTT WIOPROYOEA K D I O O S H N R D CRPHOLWNAE AACLOSEILR BSTRAHCMMP

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

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## MILLS

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of Gonzales Bank after 10 years of rising through the ranks at Coleman County State Bank. Mills became Gonzales Bank's lending officer, security officer, trust officer and served as secretary to the board of directors for the bank.

In 1978, he left to become president of Buchel Bank and Trust in Cuero, but would come back to Gonzales just five years later when he was approached by the board of directors of the newly-organized American National Bank with an offer he could not refuse — help them complete their application process and become the bank's first president and CEO.

Mills took over selling and issuing all necessary stock in the bank and oversaw buying all necessary machinery and equipment and hiring the personnel for the bank.

"When he started, we had nothing," Polasek said. "We had no customers at all. Today, we have built up to seven branches, but it all started with Jack Mills."

A groundbreaking was held Feb. 2, 1984, for a new 13,000-square-foot building at the corner of Texas 97 and Sarah



The board of directors of American National Bank breaks ground on their building on Feb. 2, 1984. Pictured from left are Zane Briscoe, Norman Burns, Lavo Briscoe, Bill Christian, Joan Floyd, Doyle Colwell, Jack Mills, John Paul Jones, Mayor Carroll Wiley and Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Director Wayne Ellison.

DeWitt Drive (US 90-A) adjacent to the Country Villages Plaza shopping center, with Mayor Carroll Wiley and Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture director Wayne Ellison taking part, along with the American National Bank board of directors — John Paul Jones, Zane Briscoe, Norman Burns, Lavo Briscoe, Bill Christian, Joan Floyd and Doyle Colwell.

The building was designed not just to house the bank, but also the law offices of Burns and his law partner, Houston Munson. Construction was completed five

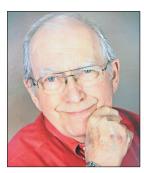
months later and Gonzales' third bank officially opened for business on July 12, 1984.

Mills served as president and CEO of the bank until December 1991, when he stepped down to become an independent insurance agent, specializing in life and health insurance. Jack Mills Insurance Agency operated for nearly 27 years until he retired in September 2018. For 15 years, he had a business association with fellow agent and close friend Mike Davis.

"Jack was a hard worker and what he told you was honest-to-God truth, whenever he told you something," Davis said.
"He was probably the most honest, loyal, independent person I knew. He was well respected in the community and well liked. He was a family man and a religious man, and obviously, you know, he was a true friend to me. He was a good man and I'm really going to miss him."

Davis said his business association with Mills started after the latter had tired of spending long days on the road enrolling school districts and other large employers in insurance plans.

"There's no telling how many miles he put on



Mills

his car doing that," Davis said. "He'd go from El Paso to Brownsville to Dallas and wherever it took him, he went. And he just got burned out so he came to me and said, 'Can I help you with your groups? I've gotta get off the road.' I said, 'You better believe it. I can definitely use you!' Whenever we did our groups together, we would split everything 50-50.

"I couldn't have made it without him, to tell you the truth. I mean, he helped me tremendously. He was one of those people that, until the job was done, he didn't leave. And he would help anybody, you know? He was just a good all-around person. He was loyal, honest and dependable and I wouldn't have had anybody else help me in this business. Even after he retired, our clients

were always asking about him."

Banking and insurance were not the only areas, however, in which Mills contributed to the quality of life in Gonzales. He served as a volunteer firefighter and was one of the first members of the Gonzales Volunteer Ambulance Corps, which was established under the leadership of Dr. Robert Williamson in March 1974. This organization would later become known as Gonzales County Area EMS and would lead to the creation of Gonzales County **Emergency Services** District No. 1.

Mills also was an election judge, a chairman of the United Fund and volunteered for Easter Seals and the March of Dimes. He was an officer and director in the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and also was president and player agent in the Little League. He also was a 35-year member of Lions International and was a former local Lions Club president.

He also served as treasurer of First Baptist Church and chaired the Men's Fellowship group while also serving as a Sunday School teacher.

## **NIXON-SMILEY**

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## PROPOSED TAX RATE

The school district is proposing a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.8646 per \$100 valuation, down nearly 11 cents from last year's rate of \$0.9734; however, the interest and sinking, or debt service, tax rate has been proposed at \$0.2854 per \$100 valuation, up from last year's rate of

According to calculations by Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector Crystal Cedillo, the district has a voterapproval tax rate of \$1.1529 per \$100 valuation. This represents the highest tax rate the district could adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval

approval.

This rate is calculated by determining three things: the district's maximum compressed rate (MCR), the enrichment tax rate and the debt rate. The MCR is the tax rate for the current year at which the district much levy its maintenance and operations to receive the full amount of their Tier One funds from the state. The MCR for Nixon-Smiley CISD is \$0.8046 per \$100

valuation.

The enrichment rate is what the state allows the district to raise in addition to the MCR up to a total of \$0.17 per \$100 valuation. The first eight pennies are considered "golden," and not subject to being compressed by the state, while the final nine pennies are "copper" and be compressed if the guaranteed yield to the district increases. The enrichment rate for Nixon-Smiley CISD is \$0.06, bringing the total M&O rate to the proposed maximum of \$0.8646 per \$100 valuation.

The debt rate is the rate necessary to pay the school district's debt payment for the coming year and accounts for principal and interest on bonds or any other debt secured by property tax revenue.

Nixon-Smiley is obligated to meet a debt payment of \$3,830,055 for fiscal year 2023, which creates a maximum

debt rate of \$0.2883 per \$100 valuation. However, the district decided to use some of its outstanding interest and sinking fund balance to pay for its debt, so they dropped the proposed debt rate to \$0.2854 to make a total proposed tax rate of \$1.15.

Total expenditures for Nixon-Smiley are expected to increase by about 9.42 percent, of which most of that falls under debt service spending, which will be up overall by 138.82 percent. Meanwhile, maintenance and operations spending, which includes the general fund and food service, is expected to decrease by about 4.61 percent.

## PROPERTY VALUES INCREASE

While the majority of Nixon-Smiley CISD property lies in Gonzales County, the district also covers parts of Guadalupe, Karnes and Wilson counties as well. The total market value for N-SCISD is more than \$2.55 billion, of which more than \$2.37 billion is in Gonzales County, with nearly \$119.9 million in Wilson County, \$48 million in Guadalupe County and \$8.6 million in Karnes County. Last year, the appraised market value of all property in N-SCISD was just under \$1.94 billion, marking an increase of nearly \$61.6 million.

The net taxable value for all property is just under \$1.35 billion, with nearly \$1.29 billion of that in Gonzales County, \$51.4 million in Wilson County, \$8.3 million in Guadalupe County and \$1.5 million in Karnes County. Last year, the total taxable value was just \$843.7 million for an increase in net taxable value of more than \$503.7 million.

The average market value of a residence in Nixon-Smiley rose from \$95,737 to \$110,708, but the average taxable value fell by \$7,434 from \$48,734 to \$41,300. This means the taxes due on the average residence will decrease by about \$85.49 from \$560.44 last year to \$474.95 this year if the same tax rate of \$1.15 per \$100 valuation is approved.

## GISD

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low tax rate of \$0.9883 per \$100 valuation; 19.17 pennies down from last years tax rate of \$1.0991.

GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda stated this kind of tax rate decrease is "abnormal" for any district across the state or the nation, and it has put the district in a great position taxwise. Avellaneda added that proposed levies are historically low as well.

The board unanimously approved the public hearing on the proposed rate be scheduled for Monday, Aug. 29, at 5 p.m.

In other business, the board approved a three-year agreement with PCAP insurance with a wind and hail deductible buydown included within the agreement.



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## **WATER**

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to be in the regional (Region L) plan before any type of movement going forward. There's a lot more planning involved than the company water wanting to come in and take all of their water, that doesn't happen."

Proper swift funding goes into this planning. Concerns such as environmental concerns, cultural considerations, cost considerations, points of delivery, and even historical sites go into Region L.

"It's not just somebody wanting to come and dig some holes, it's very well thought out and very well planned," Martin said.

At a recent Commissioners

Court meeting, concerns were raised about the availability of water after word got out that a subdivision would be on 420 acres of homesite near the Waelder area requiring 42 homesites. Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozwski, at the meeting, believed this would require an additional 42 water wells.

"It matters where the subdivisions are being built, because most likely if there are 42 domestic wells that need to be drilled, they're probably going to be in the Queens City Aquifer from that zero to 450 range." Martin said. "Not in that

Carrizo Aquifer, where the large production facility is being drilled. It's completely different zones and there's a layer of confinement between the two."

Martin said there may be some drawdown with 42 different wells if everyone is pumping all at once and she believes a public utility would be prudent. According to the plan, there should be enough water for everyone.

There are caps on the amounts of water that people are allowed to have. For domestic household use, it's 25,000 gallons a day. People may also request a permit based on their

acreage they have.

"We don't want to limit anyone's use of water, because people own their water under the ground. We don't own our surface water, but we do own the water that's under our land, it's very important to protect those rights for the landowners," Martin said. "But also make sure there's enough for everybody by setting those limits, yes you do own the water, but if you want to exceed the exempt amount, then there's a permitting process and a request that needs to be made."

Unfortunately, there's areas of Texas that don't have much

representation for their water and landowners, according to Martin. She said, therefore local representation is important.

"It's important to have representation and coverage, because at the state level, there's not much. So that local representation is important," said Martin. "There's areas (of Texas) that's different. The Panhandle is different than the coast, this area is pretty plentiful in water, (Gonzales County) is very blessed."

Water level reports will be gathered in September, and the report will be in October at the GUWCD meeting.

City	Rate \$	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change <sup>‡</sup>	Payment YTD <sup>‡</sup>	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change <sup>‡</sup>
Gonzales	1.500%	\$291,879.05	\$224,883.43	29.79%	\$2,101,526.08	\$1,671,277.09	25.74%
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Smiley	1.000%	\$6,621.00	\$2,831.08	133.86%	\$23,596.20	\$23,586.66	0.04%
Waelder	1.000%	\$5,936.17	\$8,867.34	-33.05%	\$51,181.57	\$52,423.62	-2.36%
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by businesses that report tax monthly and on sales made in April, May and Inne by quarterly filers

June by quarterly filers.
For the month of
August 2022, Gonzales
County municipalities
received a combined
\$3339,623.95 in sales tax
allocations, up \$73,178.13
or nearly 27.5 percent
from the \$266,445.82
received during August
2021 and up \$31,397.32
or nearly 10.2 percent
from the \$308,226.63
received last month.

For the year, Gonzales County cities have received a combined \$2,415,861.05, up \$442,949.94 or 22.5 percent from the \$1,972,911.11 received through this point in time last year.

Sales tax allocations for Gonzales, the largest city in the county which generates the lion's share of sales tax revenue, were \$291,879.05 — up \$566,995.62 or 29.79 percent above the \$224,883.43 received last August and \$21,826.66 above the \$270,052.39 received in July.

Gonzales' best month ever in sales tax collec-

tion was December 2014, when the city received \$296,859.70 in sales tax allocations, just \$4,980.65 more than the city received in August 2022, which is the second-best ever total for the county

"The funds the Comptroller sends to the City and Gonzales EDC during the month of July were collected at the point of sale during May," said Jennifer Kolbe, executive director of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation. "We had a couple of well

attended events during the month, including the Main Street Cinco De Mayo event and the Texas Junior High Rodeo State Finals at the JB Wells Arena."

Other contributing factors include the "several major capital improvement projects going on in the community" which have brought out-oftown utility contractors to Gonzales, Kolbe said. Among these utility projects are water and sewer line replacements by the city of Gonzales in addition to a Lower Colorado

River Authority (LCRA) electric transmission line, which is being replaced.

Kolbe also noted there are "several commercial and home renovation projects under way throughout town, which contribute to an increase in sales tax from our home improvement stores."

"Increased sales tax revenue is always welcomed news as it means we have revenue to invest back into the community through our grant programs or by spending the funds on public projects that benefit the entire

community," Kolbe said.
For the year, Gonzales has received
\$2,101,526.08, an increase of \$430,248.99, or
25.74 percent, above the
\$1,671,277.09 the city received through this point last year.

Sales tax receipts for Nixon were \$35,187.73 for August 2022, up \$5,323.76, or 17.82 percent, from the \$29,863.97 allocated in August 2021 and \$5,719.04 above the \$29,468.69 allocated for July 2022. For the year, sales tax allocations are up \$13,933.46 or 6.17 percent with Nixon receiving \$239,557.20 through eight months of 2022, compared to \$225,623.74 for

the same period last year.
Waelder saw sales tax
receipts of \$5,936.17 this
month, a decrease of
\$2,931.17 or 33.05 percent below last August's
allocation of \$8,867.34.
For the year, the sales
tax allocation are down
2.36 percent or \$1,242.05,
from \$52,423.62 received
through the first eight
months of 2021 to the
\$51,181.57 received
through the same period

this year.
Finally, Smiley's sales tax receipts were \$6,621 this month, an increase of \$3,789.92 or 133.86 percent above last August's allocation of \$2,831.08, and also \$4,038.51 above the \$2,582.49 received in July. For the year, sales tax allocations are up \$9.54, or 0.04 percent from \$23,586.66 at this point last year to \$23,596.20 this year.

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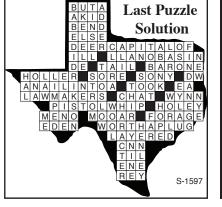
## **Gonzales County Commissioners' Court Proposed Salary Increases for Elected Officials** For Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code, Section 152.013, notice is hereby given that the Gonzales County Commissioners Court will meet at the Courthouse on Tuesday, the 6th of September, at 9:00 a.m.

The Commissioners Court shall consider a proposal to raise the annual salaries of the Gonzales County elected officials, to become effective on October 1, 2022,

	FY 21-22 Adopted			FY 22-23 Proposed		
Elected Official	Salary	Longevity	Auto Allowance	Salary	Longevity	Auto Allowance
County Judge	\$70,110.77	\$0		\$72,190.77	\$0	
Juvenile Board	\$4,800.00			\$4,800.00		
State Salary Supplement	\$25,200.00			\$25,200.00		
County Clerk	\$64,737.56	\$5,380		\$66,817.56	\$5,620	
**County Treasurer	\$62,337.56	\$4,580	Moved into Salary	\$64,417.56	\$4,820	
RLF / ORCA Grant	\$2,400.00			\$2,400.00		
County Tax Assessor-Collector	\$64,737.56	\$5,200		\$66,817.56	\$5,440	
District Clerk	\$64,737.56	\$1,460		\$66,817.56	\$1,700	
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1	\$61,173.12	\$2,380		\$63,253.12	\$2,620	
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3	\$61,173.12	\$2,380		\$63,253.12	\$2,620	
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4	\$61,173.12	\$1,840		\$63,253.12	\$2,080	
Constable, Precinct 1	\$48,672.46	\$0		\$50,752.46	\$0	
Rabies / Wild Animal Officer	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		
Constable, Precinct 3	\$48,672.46	\$1,780		\$50,752.46	\$2,020	
Environmental Officer	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		
Constable, Precinct 4	\$48,672.46	\$5,740		\$50,752.46	\$5,980	
Environmental Officer/Vehicle Theft	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00		
County Sheriff	\$75,615.39	\$0		\$77,695.39	\$0	
Commissioner, Precinct 1	\$70,119.19	\$5,300		\$72,199.19	\$5,540	
Commissioner, Precinct 2	\$70,119.19	\$3,340		\$72,199.19	\$3,580	
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#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF GONZALES CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Gonzales, by this instrument, notifies the public of a PUBLIC HEARING, on the Proposed BUDGET that has been presented to the City Council for their

PUBLIC HEARING for citizen input regarding the use of City Funds for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$42,034 or 2.44% and of that amount \$11,873 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on September 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 N. Saint Joseph, Gonzales, Texas 78629, to allow for public comment for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023.

The City Council encourages citizens to participate in the public comment and public hearing stages of all City Council projects. Citizens unable to attend meetings may submit their views to Kristina Vega, City Secretary for the City of Gonzales, by mailing them to P.O. Drawer 547, Gonzales, TX 78629. For additional information, contact the City Secretary office at (830) 672-2815.

I certify that a copy of the September 1, 2022, Notice of Public Hearing was posted on the City Municipal Building bulletin board on the 16th day of August 2022, at 5:00 p.m. and remained posted continuously for at least 14 days prior to the scheduled time of the meeting.



## **Career and Technical Education Annual Public Notification of Nondiscrimination**

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#### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS **ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

NOTICE TO VENDERS

Request for Qualifications addressed to the County of Gonzales, 427 St. George St., STE 300, Gonzales Texas 78629 will be received until 2:00 PM, 08/22/2022.

In accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2254, The County of Gonzales is seeking the professional services of a qualified firm to provide architectural services for the design and construction of new building for Building Maintenance and is approximately 3441 square feet and Commissioner Precinct #1 Office which is approximately 384 square feet. This structure will be located and constructed at 130 west Cone, Gonzales, Texas 78629 and will be approximately 3825 square feet total.

The respondent shall have the following minimum experience: (firms which fail to provide written detailed project experience as required shall be considered nonresponsive)

- 1. The Proposing Firm must be registered by the State of Texas to provide any services which are required to complete this project, and the Firm must have all professional licensure required by the State to provide services required to complete this project while following all procurement statutes. Proof of this registration must be included as part of the submittal.
- A minimum of three (3) manager at risk projects successfully completed that exceeded \$100,000.00 in overall project value.

RFQs will be received at the Gonzales County Randle-Randle Building 427 ST. George St., STE 300, Gonzales, Texas 78629 until 2:00 P.M., 08/22/2022. There will be no formal bid opening. Negotiations may be held with the highest ranked offeror(s). The submitted response shall not be altered, withdrawn, or resubmitted within sixty (60) days from and after the date of the opening. Responses received later than the specified time (2:00 P.M.) and dates will be returned to the offeror unopened.

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In compliance with V.T.C.A., Texas Local Government \$111.007 and \$111.0075, Gonzales County Commissioners Court will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed Budget - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 9:00 the County Courthouse, a.m., Commissioners Courtroom, 414 Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas.

The County Judge's Proposed Budget was filed with the Gonzales County Clerk on August 11, 2022.

At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Commissioners Court shall take action on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed Budget.

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$80,588 or .60%, and of that amount \$98,576 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF GONZALES CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Gonzales, by this instrument, notifies the public of a PUBLIC HEARING, on the Proposed Rate Fee Schedule that has been presented to the City Council for their consideration:

PUBLIC HEARING for citizen input regarding the proposed Master Rate and Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023.

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on September 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 N. Saint Joseph, Gonzales, Texas 78629, to allow for public comment on the proposed rate Master Rate and Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023.

comment and public hearing stages of all City Council projects. Citizens unable to attend meetings may submit their views to Kristina Vega, City Secretary for the City of Gonzales, by mailing them to P.O. Drawer 547, Gonzales, TX 78629. For additional information, contact the City Secretary office at (830) 672-2815.

The City Council encourages citizens to participate in the public

I certify that a copy of the September 1, 2022, Notice of Public Hearing was posted on the City Municipal Building bulletin board on the 16th day of August 2022, at 5:00 p.m. and remained posted continuously for at least 14 days prior to the scheduled time of the meeting.



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Benjamin Matthew Wyant, filed in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on July 18, 2022 an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION in the estate of Lea Ann Wyant, Deceased, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of Lea Ann Wyant, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in said estate, and appoint Benjamin Matthew Wyant to serve as the Independent Administrator of said estate and grant Letters of Independent Administration to same.

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

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

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

Lona Ackman, COUNTY CLERK Gonzales County, Texas 427 Saint George St., STE 200 Gonzales, Texas 78629

By: Margie Upda Margie Zapata, Deputy

Plaintiff(s) Attorney: Kristen Quinney Porter

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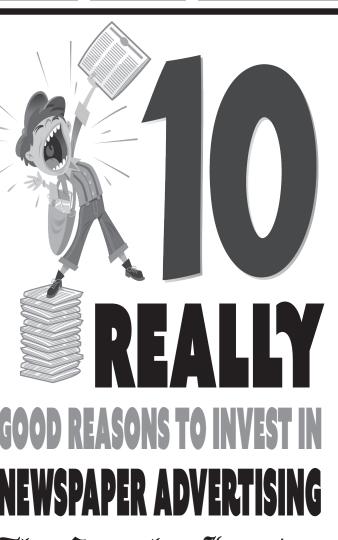
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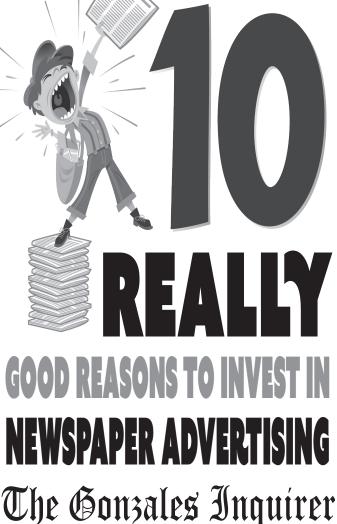
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## BY BETTY COHN

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Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) occurs when stomach acid repeatedly flows back into the esophageal tube (the tube connecting your mouth and stomach, or the esophagus). This backwash of stomach acids (acid reflux) can cause irritation, mild all the way up to eroding the lining of the esophagus.

A large group of individuals experience acid reflux from time to time that does not cause any serious issues in their daily life, or health. However, when acid reflux happens repeatedly over time, it can cause lead to GERD.

While most people are comfortable managing the discomfort of GERD with lifestyle changes and over the counter or prescription medications, some, though uncommon, may need surgical intervention to ease symptoms.

Common signs and symptoms associated with GERD include a burning sensation in your chest (referred to as heartburn); usually after eating, which might be worse at night or while lying down; backwash or regurgitation of food or perceptively sour liquids; upper abdominal or chest pain; trouble swallowing, also called dysphagia. Symptoms that are associated with nighttime acid reflux, such as an ongoing cough, inflammation of the vocal cords (laryngitis), as well as new or worsening asthma.

GERD is caused by frequent acid reflux or reflux of content, other than acids, from the stomach. When you swallow, a circular band of muscle that surrounds the bottom of the esophagus (the lower esophageal sphincter)

relaxes, allowing food and liquids to flow into the stomach organ. Once food successfully passes, the sphincter, when functioning normally, closes back to the original position of the muscle.

If the sphincter muscle does not relax as it should, or has weakened due to erosion, disease or other medical issues, stomach acids can flow back up into your esophagus. The constant backwash of these stomach acids causes irritation along the lining of the esophagus, causing inflammation.

Risk factors that may lead to GERD include several conditions, such as obesity, a hiatal hernia (creating a bulging area above the top of the stomach above the diaphragm), pregnancy, connective

tissue disorders (such as scleroderma), and any issue causing a delay of the emptying of stomach contents along the gastrointestinal tract. Other factors that may worsen acid reflux are smoking, eating large or late night meals, fried and fatty foods, excessive intake of certain beverages like alcohol or coffee, and certain medications (such as aspirin) that cause erosion type effects along the lining of the gastrointestinal

Complications may arise, over time, from chronic and ongoing inflammation in the esophagus, which may cause conditions such as esophagitis (inflammation of the tissue in the esophagus) occurring when stomach acids break

down the tissue of the esophagus, which leads to inflammation, bleeding, and sometimes an open sore called an ulcer.

Esophagitis can cause a lot of pain and make swallowing very difficult. Narrowing of the esophagus may also occur, called esophageal stricture, which is damage of the lower esophagus from stomach acids that have been caused from scar tissue which then narrows the food pathway, leading to problems with subsequent swallowing issues.

The most serious complication can be Barrett esophagus, or precancerous changes to the esophagus. This is direct damage from acid which causes changes in the tissue lining the lower portion of the esophagus. These changes are associated with an increased risk of esophageal cancer.

There are diagnosis and disease management treatment options available through medical intervention with a primary care or gastrointestinal specialist. You should seek immediate medical care when experiencing chest pain, especially when this pain is accompanied by shortness of breath, arm, jaw or neck pain. These could actually be symptoms of a heart attack and need to be addressed urgently when occurring. Other symptoms may be managed with over-the-counter medications for heartburn but if you require this medication more than twice a week, or experience frequent and severe GERD symptoms an appointment needs to be made for follow up with a medical professional.

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

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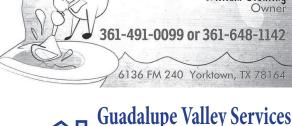
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## Big Ole Fat Rain

Hey there folks, I hope all is well. I realize that as a Christian I have to be careful about what I allow into my life, but even so, I've recently tried my hand at palm reading. While passing a palm tree the other day I looked down and noticed a message on a leaf that read "I'M THIRSTY!" After almost four months of drought and extreme heat, I completely understand. As of late I've been diligently praying for rain, sans the lightning, as I've lost several electronics due to close strikes the last couple of years. Then all of a sudden, the strangest thing happened...something wet began to fall from the sky?

The look on my face probably resembled Noah's when the rain started falling, after being mocked for years as he built the Ark in the middle of the desert. I literally started dancing and singing in the rain (Gene Kelly 1952), as I know how bad the cows and horses need to eat. Lately many ranchers have had to limit their livestock numbers due to lack of food. I recently helped a friend load some calves and take them to auction, then came several days of moaning as the mothers searched for their babies. Can't tell me animals don't grieve, it happens every time, and is painful to watch. But I thank God

for the rain, as now the grass can start growing again. As Hebrews 6:7 puts it "When the ground soaks up the falling rain and bears a good crop for the farmer, it has God's blessing."

Playing in the rain the other day made me think of some of my favorite times in the water growing up. As a small boy on Miami beach with my mom, when she would say it's time to go, I'd swim into deeper water, as I knew she wouldn't follow and I could swim a little longer. At another swimming hole we frequented, we'd sometimes find ourselves swimming next to small gators, pretty exciting. I always enjoyed the feeling of the weeds growing up from the bottom of the canal we lived on, tickling my feet as I swam, and on occasion, fortunate enough to spy a manatee (awesome animals). One of my favorite memories was bodysurfing eight foot waves as they broke in four feet of water in Hawaii, at a beach listed as dangerous in tourist guides, leaving sand for days in places I didn't even know I had!

I also thoroughly had a blast learning to water ski in Disney World, or more honestly, being drug around a lake by the six foot tall, tanned, blonde goddess driving the boat...oh yeah! Trying to



survive a flooded and rapidly moving Guadalupe river without drowning sure got the old heart to pumpin. Having a shark take five seconds to drag the back of my legs in south padre island, and not biting, was both exhilarating and terrifying at the same time. I discovered afterwards that there was some sort of shark migration going on, and fortunately, no one was injured in the process. Barely missing a large boulder in the water while cliff diving at canyon lake was surely an attention getter, making me feel both stupid and blessed at the same time...thank you Lord!

It seems that in Texas we either get way too much rain, or nothing at all. Maybe someone should install a dimmer switch? However, plenty of rain after a long drought is always welcome. I think Forest Gump said it best...there was stinging rain, big ole fat rain, rain that flew in sideways, and even rain that seemed to come up from underneath. After three decades of living in Texas I gotta say, I really love it here. But let's try to keep the secret just between us, shall we.

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## **OBITUARIES**

## NORMA JEAN MOSS

Norma Jean Moss was born in Gonzales, TX on October 1, 1948 to Joseph Eli Green, Sr. and Delores Hendershot Green and passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 10, 2022. She had been a member of the First Baptist Church, the LVN Association of Texas and the Elks Lodge.

Norma Jean spent her younger years going to school, riding horses, and participating in 4-H Horse Shows. She, her parents, and her brother spent most of their weekends in the summer on Lakewood where Norma Jean loved to waterski, a passion she passed on to her daughter. It was there at Lakewood that she met the love of her life, Jon Moss, whom she married on June 8,

Norma graduated High School in 1967 and went into the workforce for about 10 years before deciding to go to the police academy with her dear friend Rachel Trevino. She and Rachel graduated police academy in 1976 and she was the first female officer sworn into the Gonzales Police Department at a whopping 4'9" and 98 lbs. Her children often teased her about how small she was and if anyone was ever really intimidated by her, but in truth, her children were much more afraid of their mom than they ever were their dad. Norma Jean left GPD a couple of years later and entered into the medical field. She spent years as a Respiratory Therapist at Gonzales Memorial Hospital and later decided to go back to school to become an LVN. Once she graduated, she spent several years as an LVN for Cartwheel Nursing Home and eventually ended up as a Home Health Nurse for Memorial Hospital which was



her passion. She loved the team of nurses she worked with and made some of her very best friends there. She also fiercely loved her patients. When the government started having cutbacks on the number of visits that her patients could have every week, Norma Jean went and purchased medical supplies with her own money and saw many of them on her own time, regardless of if she was supposed to or not. Her only concern was that they had the best care that she could give them. Her children often described her as the most caring and compassionate woman that they have ever known. She loved everyone that she met with her whole heart and would do anything to help

In 2006, Norma Jean left nursing when she found out that her first grandchild was on the way. In February 2007, she was present her precious KK entered the world. That day her whole world evolved into something more wonderful than her wildest dream could imagine. She absolutely loved being a Grammy and spent countless hours with her babies and always talked about how much she loved being world and she loved them more than anything.

Norma Jean is survived by her son, Joey Moss and wife, Danie, daughter, Andra Fridrich and husband Ryan and niece who she helped to raise, Michelle Fernandez and husband Trent, grandchildren, Kayleigh Jo Fridrich, Jon David Moss, Samuel Eli Moss, Aribella Priscilla Moss and Annabelle Penelope Moss, nephews Jeffrey Pekar, Jaxton Pekar and nieces Ashley Pekar and Ainsley Pekar. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, Joseph Eli Green, Jr. and niece Makayla Pekar.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10 am Tuesday, August 16, 2022 in the **Gonzales First Baptist** Church with Rev. Joshua Breslaw and Rev. Gary Thibodaux officiating. Interment will be held at a later date in Saturn Cemetery. Honorary Pallbearers are Ryan Fridrich, Trent Fernandez, Jeffrey Pekar, Haskell Hendershot, James Hendershot, Brett Kuntschik, Kim Stewart, Dr. Terry Eska and Dr. William Craig.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Texan Nursing and Rehab, Dr. Terry Eska and Dr. William Craig for all the years of care that they provide for Norma Jean and to the Gonzales community, their friends, family and co-workers for their love and support over the last few weeks. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First Baptist Church, Norma's House and the Texan Nursing and Rehab Activities Department. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerand direction of Seydler-

Hill Funeral Home.

## DANIEL RAY EASLEY

Daniel (Danny) Ray Easley, passed away on Friday, August 12th, 2022, at age 60. He was born on October 11, 1961, in Houston to Carl Ray Easley and Gail (Smith) Easley. Danny grew up in the Rosanky and Nixon area and remained a well-loved member of the community. He was a horse trader all over Texas and Oklahoma and could be found at an auction almost any day of the week. He never met a stranger and was a friend to all. Danny spent the last four years together with Lisa



White in Harwood. Danny will be missed by all.

Danny is survived by his son, Matt Easley of Gonzales, mother, Gail Pospisil of San Antonio, sisters, Dana Webber and Loren Pospisil, both of Austin, Kari Thresher of Dallas, and Shay Voigt of Smithville.

You are invited to attend a Memorial Service for Danny, held at the Harwood Community Center on Sunday, August 21, 2022, at 2:00 PM. Please come and share your favorite story of Danny with his family. If you are unable to attend the service, feel free to send your memories to DREasley60@yahoo.com, to be read for you.

## JUDY KAY "JUJU" WHITLOW

Judy Kay "JuJu" Whitlow, of Gonzales, TX, passed away peacefully in her home on August 6, 2022 at the age of 66. She was born on August 31, 1955 to Elton Leon Windwehen & Mary Frances Warren. She married the love of her life, Randall Lee Whitlow Sr. on October 16,1982. They have been married for almost 40 years but will always remain connected beyond earthly comprehension.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elton Leon Windwehen & Mary Frances Warren, and her stepparents, Ima Jean Windwehen & Jack

She is survived by her loving husband, Randall Lee Whitlow Sr. and her three children, Charles Leon Carlock, Wendy Kay Klein & Randall Lee



Whitlow Jr. as well as her sister, Frances "Missy" Grantham and her brothers James & Jack Randall Snow. She also leaves behind her three grandchildren, Tristan Riley & Sydney Vaughn Klein, and Maynard Huxley Whitlow.

Judy was a babysitter by trade but was a lifelong caretaker of many. She provided child-rearing services when asked to do

MARTIN JESSE RAMIREZ

so but always cared for us well beyond that responsibility.

The love Judy had for her family and friends was unmatched, spending her days seeking out and providing what they needed, without request. The love Judy had for those close to her was immense. There was nothing she would not have done for them and, in-turn, nothing they would not have done for

The family would like to thank Leesville Baptist Church for hosting a memorial service on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 11am. A visitation with the family will follow on site immediately after the service. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www. seydlerhillfuneralhome. com.

#### a grandma. Her grandhillfuneralhome.com. Ser-68, of Gonzales, passed vices are under the care children were her whole away Monday, August 15,

Martin Jesse Ramirez, 2022. He was born January 21, 1954 in Greeley, Colorado the son of Jesse Garcia and Eulalia Cantu. He was a retired CDL driver and worked for several companies throughout the years. He was a very dedicated member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and helped with numerous church activities. He loved kids and was a bus monitor with G.I.S.D. He enjoyed Gonzales Apache

sports and his favorite



Dallas Cowboys; dancing, cooking and especially barbequing.

He is survived by his sons Fabian Ramirez and Adrian Ramirez both of Gonzales and Dillion Alva of Conroe; daughters Angela Lopez of Round Rock and Michelle Ramirez of Gonzales; brothers David "DiDi' Ramos, Jr. and Ricky Ramos both of Phoenix, Arizona. Also surviving are 5 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Edward and Eli and sisters Angela, Janie

and Rosalinda.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 19 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rosary being recited at 10:30 a.m. The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a m. with Reverend Iason Martini officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow at St. James Catholic Cemetery.

Pallbearers include: Ricky Ramos, David "DiDi" Ramos, Gabriel Pena, Clint Garcia, Hector Rodriguez and David Ramirez. Honorary pallbearers are Ray Lopez, Fabian Ramirez, Adrian Ramirez, Fabian Ramirez, Jr., Camren Ramirez, Sebastian Ramirez and

Noah Ramirez. Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www. seydlerhillfuneralhome. com

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# **SPORTS**

# **Apaches start strong in first scrimmage**

#### **BY VANDY VAN EPPS**

Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches took the field in their first scrimmage of the season under new head coach Joey Rivera in Beeville on Friday, Aug.

Rivera got his first chance to see his team as whole since becoming the new head coach for Gonzales and he saw nothing but positives.

The Apaches scored two touchdowns from Jarren Johnson to Davante Smith in the scrimmage and the defense held the Beeville Trojans to one touchdown and caught two interceptions.

The one thing that stood out to Rivera was "effort" by his team and that's something he has been telling his players since the start of the season.

"I thought our guys composed themselves well on the field, even when some things didn't go right. There were no complaints amongst each other. They just got the job done and that's a good performance," Rivera

Rivera was impressed by both sides of the ball, including Johnson and Smith getting the scrimmage going with two scores.

"Seeing Davante out there running, that's very good. He's a talented kid and we got a lot of weapons [this season] between Davante and Bug [Johnson]. He can spread the ball around to him and also to some guys that weren't able to touch the ball (Friday)," Rivera

Rivera was pleased with the weapons on offense, but his team has a lot of progress to

The defense shined against the Trojans, and Rivera was glad that his defense went against slot-T offense early to help them learn.

"It helps teach our defense and helps get our responsibilities down. Our defenses is very gap sound and responsible and going against the slot team earlier allows us to really teach that defense," Rivera said.

Even though there were positives in the first scrimmage, Rivera will continue to work on consistency more heading into the Poteet

"It's being consistent in practice, in our effort in practice, our practice habits and our tempo — all of that needs to be consistent and improve and we must stay healthy," Rivera said.

The Apaches will travel to Poteet Friday, Aug. 19, for the last scrimmage of the season at 7 p.m. Gonzales kicks off the regular season at home against the Bastrop Cedar Creek Eagles at 7 p.m. Aug. 26 at Apache Stadium.





Apaches senior quarterback Jarren Johnson at center in the first offensive snaps against the Beeville Trojans in first scrimmage of the 2022 football season. Gonzales head coach Joey Rivera prays with his team after a good scrimmage against Beeville last Friday night.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN



Gonzales Kristyn Baker spikes the ball in the air against the Smithville Tigers Tuesday, Aug. 16, at home. The Lady Apaches took control of sets two, three and four over Smithville.

## Lady Apaches beat Smithville in four sets in home opener

## **BY VANDY VAN EPPS**

Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches Volleyball team kicked off their home opener Tuesday, Aug. 16. with a win over the Smithville Tigers. The Lady Apaches started the match slow, losing

a close first set, 22-25, but immediately rebounded in the next three sets. Maddy York, McKenzie Hodges and Kristyn

Baker made huge key plays during the three sets; including earning multiple aces to seal the win.

"I was aiming at one girl specifically and they had to pull her out. So I just kept aiming at her, aiming at her. I switched it up a couple of times, but then I just kept aiming at her," Hodges said.

York talked about how the team kept their cool

after the set one loss.

"We didn't play our top momentum [in set one] but I feel like these last few wins [sets two, three and four] shows everyone that we're capable of winning," York said.

First year head volleyball coach Erin Miller was impressed by her team's bounce back from the first set, and she took her players on the side of the



GHS senior setter Maddy York at serve for the Lady Apaches in her match against Smithville Tuesday, Aug. 16.

York contributed several aces in the win

## Lady Apaches begin season with dual match

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches played a dual match against Yoakum and Shiner to start the season on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

The Lady Apaches lost in four games to Shiner, 18-25, 16-25, 26-24 and 20-25, and in three games to Yoakum, 15-25, 14-25 and 13-25.

In the Shiner match, Kristyn Baker led the team with eight kills while tallying four blocks, four aces and two assists. Mckenzie Hodges had five kills, a team-high eight blocks and three aces. Macy Sample had four kills, two blocks, one assist and three aces as well. Carlee Ramos had four kills, three digs and an assist and Kelly Breitschopf had four kills and two aces.

Maddy York had a kill, two aces and three assists. Tara Lester had three kills and Sydney McCray had three kills, a block and an assist. Hannah Avant had three digs and three assists, while Dakota Schmidt had two digs and an ace.

Against Yoakum, Baker had five kills, one dig and one ace, while



CONTRIBUTED/ERIN SAMPLE MCCRAY

Kristyn Baker (9) sets a ball while Sydney McCray (5) and Kelly Breitschopf (6) prepare for a possible attack during a dual match against Yoakum on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Hodges had three kills, one dig, three blocks and an assist. Sample had seven assists and a block, while Lester had two kills and Mc-Cray had two kills and an assist.

York had seven assists, a kill and an ace, while Ramos had one kill and two digs. Breitschopf had one kills and Avant had two digs.

Gonzales hosted Smithville for a match on Tuesday, Aug. 16.



CONTRIBUTED/ERIN SAMPLE MCCRAY

Macy Sample (12) goes up to block a Yoakum volley while Mckenzie Hodges (4), Kristyn Baker (9) and Carlee Ramos (20) watch to make sure the ball doesn't get returned in a dual match on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

See **OPENER**, page 15

## MUSTANGS HIT THE FIELD FOR SCRIMMAGE





The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs scrimmaged against the Shiner St. Paul Cardinals at home on Thursday, Aug. 11. While St. Paul may be a private school, they won the state championship in their division last season so it provided a good litmus test for the Mustangs to see where they are this early in the season. The Mustangs face the Kenedy Lions on Thursday, Aug. 18, in their final scrimmage.

# Mustangs, Lions scrimmage to benefit benevolence fund

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs and the Kenedy Lions will be participating in a football scrimmage at Mustang Stadium on Thursday, Aug. 18, with all proceeds being donated to the Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation (THSCEF) Benevolence Fund.

This day has become known

across the state of Texas as "Our Day to Shine" as thousands of student-athletes will take part in similar scrimmages.

The THSCEF Benevolence Fund was established by the Texas High School Coaches **Association Board of Directors** to assist athletes and coaches experiencing hardships. To date more than 1,165 schools have participated in "Our Day

to Shine" and have raised more than \$721,000. The THSCEF has paid out more than \$641,000 to athletes and coaches in need.

Scrimmage time will be at 6 p.m. for junior varsity and 7 p.m. for the varsity.

The public is invited to attend and to donate via Venmo @THSCAcoaches

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# **Lady Mustangs** prevail in five sets against Falls City

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Despite being down two sets to one in their match against the visiting Falls City Beaverettes on Tuesday, Aug. 16, the Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs did not cave to pressure. Instead, they rose to the occasion and surged to a five-set victory, 20-25, 25-16, 25-27, 25-11 and 15-13.

Next up for the Lady Mustangs is hosting their own varsity tournament this Friday, Aug. 19, and Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Nixon-Smiley High School gym. Match times to be determined.

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, Nixon-Smiley travels west to Stockdale to take on their former district foes, who are now in Class 2A. Match times are at 5 p.m. for freshmen, 6 p.m. for JV and 7 p.m. for varsity.

Then, on Aug. 26-27, the varsity plays at the Cuero tournament with match times to be determined.



The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs varsity volleyball teams medal in third place in the Yorktown High School Volleyball Tournament.

# Lady Mustangs finish strong in Yorktown Volleyball Tournament

## STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs took home third place in the Yorktown Volleyball Tournament over the weekend.

Thursday results: The Mustangs beat Yorktown (25-21, 25-16), Falls City (25-14, 25-11), and Kenedy (25-15, 25-7); and lost to Louise (21-25, 25-13, 14-16). Record: 3-1

Saturday results: The Mustangs loss to Weimar (25-19, 18-25, 12-15) and St. Joseph (11-25, 23-25), and beat Faith Family (25-13, 25-12). Record 1-2. Overall tournament: 4-3

Madisyne Rice and Natalee Mendez were selected to the Yorktown all-tournament team.



Nixon-Smiley's Madisyne Rice and Natalee Mendez were name all-tournament in the Yorktown Volleyball Tournament on Saturday.

## Nixon-Smiley CISD makes All-Sports passes available

## **SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER**

Nixon-Smiley CISD is offering an All-Sports pass for \$60 each, payable by cash, check or credit card.

The 2022-23 Nixon-Smiley CISD All-Sports pass provides general admission entry to one person to all regular Nixon-Smiley Middle School and High School home games, but is not valid

for any playoff games. The pass is good for the cardholder only and there will be no refund or replacement for lost passes as a new one must be purchased.

Sports passes are available through the Central Office and cannot be purchased at the gate.

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court and told them to wash off the loss and play their game.

"We've got to play our game, find our tempo, and take care of business and actually run the court. We were fortunate enough to do that for the next three sets," Miller said.

Hodges recorded five aces in a row in the win over the Tigers and several Lady Apaches contributed aces, and Miller felt her team's strong point is taking advantage of the other

team's weaknesses. "Serving is one of the spots that, whenever we play teams like this, we have to really make sure that we're getting those points out of serve to catch them off their heels," Miller said.

The Lady Apaches will travel to Schulenberg this weekend for a tournament and Miller and York hope the win can motivate them heading into tournament season.

"We've got a lot of competition in Schulenberg; there's a lot of good teams. Schulenburg

puts on a great tournament with lots of competition," Miller said. York knows that if her team plays down against their opponent, they won't get any-

where, but she hopes the momentum of the win over Tigers is carried into the tournament and they can "knock everyone down." The Lady Apaches will face tough competi-

tion like Schulenburg, Columbus, Rice, Hal-

lettsville and more.

"I'm excited to get my girls out there and play another level of volleyball that sets another tempo for us. And hopefully we're able to find our groove, find our tempo so we can take that into the rest of the season," Miller continued.

The final score in Tuesday night's match was Gonzales over Smithville, three sets to one (22-

25, 25-11, 25-11, 25-10). The Lady Apaches improve to 2-3 this season.

Gonzales will travel today to Schulenburg for their second tournament of the season. Next weeks volleyball schedule: Tuesday, Aug.

23: Home tri-match against Lehman and Luling;

and Friday, Aug. 26: Cuero Tournament.

and M. Hodges (five) BLOCKS: S. McCray (six) K. Baker (four), and M. Hodges, Tara Lester, and Macy Sample (one) ASSISTS: M. Sample

(20), M. York (17) and

**FINAL STATS** 

KILLS: M. Hodges

(12), K. Baker (nine), and

Sydney McCray (six) ACES: M. York:

(eight), K. Baker (six)

Hannah Avant (5) DIGS: H. Avant (six), Carlee Ramos (four), and Dakota Schmidt (two)

# Texas hunting and fishing licenses now on sale

#### **SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER**

The beginning of a new hunting season is quickly approaching and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) reminds hunters and anglers to purchase their new licenses for 2022-23. Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except the Year-from-Purchase All-Water Fishing Package) for the current year expire at the end of August. The new licenses for the 2022-23 season went on sale Aug. 15.

Annually, Texans purchase more than 2.7 million hunting and fishing licenses and directly fund a multitude of conservation efforts and recreational opportunities, helping make Texas one of the best places in the country to hunt and fish. Some of the many projects made possible by license sales include fish stocking, wildlife management, habitat restoration, public hunting leases, river fishing access and Texas Game Wardens.

Outdoorsmen and women

can purchase a variety of licenses online through the official TPWD website, by phone at 1-800-895-4248 during regular business hours or in person at more than 1,800 retailers across the state. Anyone planning to buy their license from TPWD's Austin Headquarters is reminded to make an advance appointment. Appointments may be scheduled up to one week in advance. Call 1-800-262-8755 or 512-389-4828 to schedule.

Brand new for this year, Texas residents can purchase a digital Super Combo license (Items 111, 117 and 990) that will authorize digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey and oversized red drum. The digital license option is available through online purchase only when licenses go on sale Aug. 15. A digital license holder will not receive a printed license or tags but must keep their digital license available while in the field. The license can be viewed through the TPWD Outdoor Annual and My Texas Hunt

Harvest(MTHH) mobile apps.

TPWD encourages repeat license buyers to use the expedited checkout process, which speeds up re-purchasing the same license bought in recent

Customers can access their past and current licenses in several ways: (1) an electronic photo of your license, (2) an emailed receipt of your purchase; (3) your account in the online license sales system; (4) via License Lookup in the Outdoor Annual app or in the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the 2022-23 season are available online at outdoorannual.com, on the Outdoor Annual mobile app. The mobile app is free, and once downloaded, it works without internet connectivity which makes it easy for hunters and anglers to view regulations in even the most remote locations.

Other features include license lookup, location-based functionality such as "Hunting Seasons and Regulations

by Location," "Where to Fish," and more. Thanks to partners at Chevrolet, a limited supply of printed booklets will be available at select TPWD offices. Hunters and anglers are encouraged to call their local offices to check availability.

The My Texas Hunt Harvest app enables electronic submission of mandatory harvest reports, including alligator gar harvest reporting, and new this year, supports digital tagging of harvested deer, turkey, and oversized red drum for certain license holders. The app also allows hunters to complete their on-site registration for many TPWD public hunting lands. Hunters can hunt on more than one million acres of public land with the purchase of an Annual Public Hunting Permit.

When buying their license, resident hunters and anglers may wish to purchase an entry in the Lifetime License Drawing. Three lucky winners will each win a Lifetime Super Combo License and never need to buy a Texas hunting or fishing license again. Entries are \$5 each and can be purchased online, by phone or at any license retailer. The first entry deadline is Sept. 30.

When making their purchase, license buyers can also add a donation of \$1, \$5, \$10 or \$20 to help support the Hunters for the Hungry program or the Fund for Veterans Assistance. Donations to the Hunters for the Hungry program provide hunters with a way to donate legally harvested deer to participating processors. The processed meat goes to local food banks to feed Texas families in need. Donations to the **Fund for Veterans Assistance** program provide grants to veteran service organizations and nonprofit charitable institutions, assisting veterans and their families at the community level throughout Texas.

For frequently asked questions about Texas hunting and fishing licenses, visit the TPWD website.

## GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



The winning team from the Aug. 10 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Patric Hollenbach, David Kanak, Cody Hollenbach, Manny Gonzales and Brad Broussard.



The second-place team from the Aug. 10 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, David Hernandez, Gary Schroeder, Brent Tieken, Mclane Kolacny and Chris Vinklarek.



CONTRIBUTED Roy Staton shot a hole in one on the fourth hole at the course on Wednesday, Aug.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS **BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The NIXON-SMILEY CISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 29, 2022 in Nixon High School Library, 800 North Rancho Rd, Nixon, TX 78140. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Maintenance Tax** 

\$0.8646/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

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## Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

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**Preceding Tax Year** Current Tax Year\* Total appraised value\* of all property \$1,935,457,703 \$2,551,265,620 Total appraised value\* of new property\*\* \$8,383,778 \$4,864,280 Total taxable value\*\*\* of all property \$1.347.402.125 \$843,685,745 Total taxable value\*\*\* of new property\*\* \$2,669,102 \$4,563,381

\*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New property" is defined by Sertica 36 010(17). " ... G. New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code. \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

**Bonded Indebtedness** 

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$9,623,262 \*Outstanding principal.

#### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates Interest & Local Revenue State Revenue **Total** Per Student Per Student & Operations Sinking Fund\* \$0.9734 \$1.1500 \$10,436 \$0.1766 Last Year's Rate Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue &

\$0.1257

\$0.2854 \$1.1500 Proposed Rate \* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district

\$1.0259

#### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence Last Year This Year Average Market Value of Residences \$95,737 \$110,708 \$48,734 \$41,300 Average Taxable Value of Residences \$1.1500 Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value \$1.1500 Taxes Due on Average Residence \$560.44 \$474.95

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.1529. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.1529. **Fund Balances** 

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by

a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment. Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)

Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$2,141,155

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

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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

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **ON TAX INCREASE**

A tax rate of \$0.3117 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.3117 per \$100 NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.3048 per \$100 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.3117 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 CITY 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 CITY OF GONZALES may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF GONZALES is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 1, 2022 AT 5:00 PM AT City Hall, 820 N Saint Joseph Street, Gonzales, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF GONZALES is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of CITY OF GONZALES at their offices or by attending the public hearing 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: Steve Sucher Sherri Koepp Bobby O'Neal Ronda Miller

AGAINST the proposal:

\$4,052

\$253

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT: Joseph Kridler

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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 CITY OF GONZALES last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF GONZALES this year.

	2021	2022	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.3252	\$0.3117	decrease of \$-0.0135, or -4.15%
Average homestead taxable value	\$127,106	\$139,900	increase of 12,794, or 10.07%
Tax on average homestead	\$413.35	\$436.07	increase of 22.72, or 5.50%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$1,724,334	\$1,766,368	increase of 42,034, or 2.44%

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

#### **OBITUARIES**

## JACKIE LYNN MILLS

Jackie Lynn Mills, age 83, passed into the arms of Jesus on Saturday, August 13 at 3:50 AM surrounded by his family who loved and adored him. Jackie was born on September 24, 1939 to John Rankin Mills and Luna Marie Barnes Mills in Coleman, Texas. He was married to his childhood sweetheart from the 7th grade, Sherry Lynn Ray Mills on July 27, 1957. They just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last month.

These words describe him like no other, as stated by his grandson, Corey Mills. "I want to thank everyone who prayed for my grandfather. You have no idea how much that means to me, and for my family. We love y'all so much . . . I kept thinking that he would live forever, because in my mind he was untouchable. This man was our soul provider . . . our protector . . . and our dad. He did everything he could do to take care of all of us, not one of us was forgotten. There were times his love was hard, and times his love was gentle. He only wanted all of us to live our life the way he did. He had a beautiful life, most men would want, he had a beautiful wife, most men couldn't have, and he had a beautiful heart no man could take. But we knew his love . . . I love you Papaw. You taught me to be a man, to shake a man's hand as hard as you could trust him, you taught me to work hard, and be stern against anyone that could get in the way. Papaw!! You were a fighter, that's all I ever saw in you was a fighter!!!! I love you so much Papaw, and I'll never forget

the times we had." Jackie was a man of honor who loved his family fiercely. He loved spending time with his loved ones around the pool and traveling Texas to be with them. Sherry's siblings considered him a brother, because he was in their lives since they were kids. His family never questioned his love for them. He made it very well known. He was always there for them for any life decisions that needed to be made, leading them in the right direction. He was also a wonderful boss to those who worked for him. and a great friend to those who met him and knew him. He always provided for his family with his impeccable work ethic.

Mr. Mills attended Texas Technological University in Lubbock, Texas and graduated from Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

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thirty years having begun his banking career as a check filer with Coleman County State Bank, Coleman, Texas in 1959. He rose to Assistant Vice-President, and in 1969, he was offered a position as Vice-President of Gonzales Bank. In addition to his duties as a lending officer, he served as the bank's Security Officer, Trust Officer and Secretary to the Board of Directors.

In 1978, Mr. Mills became President of Buchel Bank and Trust Co. in Cuero, Texas, a position he held until 1983.

In 1983, Mr. Mills was approached by the Board of Directors of American National Bank (in organization) to complete the application process for American National Bank and become its President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Mills agreed and immediately began the process of completing the application process and opening a new bank. He was responsible for selling and issuing the stock, the construction of the building, buying all the necessary machinery and equipment, hiring the personnel, and opening the bank. On July 12, 1984, American National Bank officially opened for business. He left the bank in December 1991 and was an independent insurance agent specializing in life and health insurance until September of 2018. He spent 15 of those years in insurance working with close friend and business partner,

Mike Davis. Jack was active in all the communities in which he lived. He has served as an Election Judge, a Volunteer Fireman, Chairman of the United Fund, Easter Seals, and the March of Dimes. He was one of the original members of the Gonzales Volunteer Ambulance Corp, now known as the Gonzales County Emergency Service. He has served as an officer and director in the Chamber of Commerce in all the communities he lived. He was active in Little League serving in various capacities including President and Player Agent. He was a member of Lions International for thirtyfive years, serving at most local officer levels including President. He has served on various industrial foundations. councils, and committees.

Mr. Mills accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior when he was a teenager. As an adult, he was a member of the First Baptist Church where he served the Church as a junior boys Sunday School teacher, chairman of the Men's Fellowship, Assistant Church Treasurer, Church Treasurer, and served on various committees.

Jackie is survived by his wife, Sherry Lynn Ray Mills; sons Jeffrey Ray Mills (Cheryl) of Corpus Christi and Russell Corey Mills (Tammy) of Marion; daughter Leigh Michele Mills Dolezal (Mike) of Gonzales; brother Gary R. Mills (Sue) of Abilene; sistersin-law Terry Bolton of Coleman; Kay DiBenedetto (Gerard) of Mansfield; Deborah Jahn of Anna; brother-in-law Mike Ray (Jamie) of Coleman and grandchildren Jeffrey Ray Mills, Jr. (Jocelyn) of Pearland; Russell Corey Mills, II of Lockhart; Amber Nicole Mills of Schaumberg, Illinois: Nissa Renea Mills Girouard (Mark) of Jarrell; Joycelyn Alexandra "Lexie" Dolezal Kridler (Trey) of New Braunfels; William Hunter Mills of Marion; Jacquelyn Abbigail "Abbie" Dolezal of Kerrville; Reagan Ford Mills (Jacky) of Seguin; Jamileigh Anabelle "Jamie" Dolezal of Gonzales; 12 great grandchildren and many

nieces and nephews. The celebration of life will be on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at First Baptist Church, 422 St. Paul in Gonzales. Texas. Visitation will begin at 1:00 PM with the service following at 2:00 PM. Reverend Steve Faulkner, Reverend Josh Breslaw and Trey Kridler will officiate the service. Pallbearers will be Jeffrey Mills II, Corey Mills, Hunter Mills, Mark Girouard, Matthew DiBenedetto, Tim Owner, and Greg Mills. Honorary Pallbearers are brother Gary Mills, brothersin-law Gerard DiBenedetto and Mike Ray, and business partner Mike Davis.

If friends and family would like to write a special anecdote or notable memory of Jack, we will have a basket to receive it at the visitation. This would be such a huge blessing to the family. Friends may also leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Gonzales property fund. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

## Virginia Sue Gerlich Nelson

Virginia Sue "Jeanne Sue" Gerlich Nelson, 79, of Gonzales, was swept up into the arms of her Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, August 14, 2022. Jeanne Sue was born January 3, 1943 in Hallettsville to Oscar and Bessie Filla Gerlich. She was a member of

St. James Catholic Church. Jeanne Sue grew up with her "Czech" speaking grandfather and the Sisters of Sacred Heart Catholic School had to teach her to speak English. At an early age she moved to Gonzales with her mother. She graduated from GHS in 1961 where she sang in the choir and made All-State honors. She attended Durham Business School studying accounting, and business law before transferring to the University of Texas to study accounting. She married Ralph McCawley and moved to Florida where she again continued her studies in accounting at the University of Florida. Jeanne Sue worked as a bookkeeper in Houston, TX and Ridgetop, TN where she worked as an accountant for Ford Motor Company for 15 years and finally moving back to Gonzales where she worked for Jen Ripley, CPA. She founded Longhorn Enterprises, an accounting firm. She went to work for Tandy Brands in Yoakum as a customer service representative and accountant and finally went to work for Holiday Finance as an

Jeanne Sue had a passion for music. She played keyboard and sang country western music with memorable bands like Texas Better Together and Texas Spirit. Her other passions were picking blackberries and dewberries and taking them to market. She loved the Lord and instilled the values she learned in her Christian upbringing with her

accountant before retiring.

children. Jeanne Sue loved her family and treasured her friends. She channeled all her love through her children as if loving them was her single purpose in life. She always tried to do God's will and with all her heart and soul she believed in John 3:16, "For

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." In her later years she had a hunger for reading her bible and sharing the love of Jesus with everyone

Virginia Sue Gerlich Nelson is survived by her adoring family, daughter, DeNessa Baker (Sherman) of Gonzales, son, Kerry McCawley (Viola) of Gonzales, sister, Sandra Webb Sweeney of Smithville, grandchildren, Jessica Wright (Alex), Rebekah Baker, Breanna Baker, Samantha Baker, Karissa Baker, Kerry DeNessa Green, Edward Mendez, Ernest Mendez and special great-grandchild, Aubrey Gonzales. She was preceded in death by her son, Landis Bryant Hallman, granddaughter, Jessica Redfern, sisters, Gayle Morgan, Tommie Reynolds and nephew, Dwayne English.

The family will receive friends from 9 am to 10 am Saturday, August 20, 2022 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11 am in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Hallettsville with Fr. James Dvorak officiating. Pallbearers: Kerry McCawley, Ernest Mendez, Edward Mendez and Joseph Solansky. Memorials may be made to St. James Catholic Church.

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

## FOR ADDITIONAL OBITUARIES, PLEASE SEE PAGE 13

## LEGACY

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The bus was picking up speed now; heading across the San Marcos River Bridge, heading west. Once again, Gonzales men were going off to battle. Once again, our men were leaving from the square to go fight for freedom.

No one on the bus was talking. The only sound was the

roar of the bus motor. And that is part of our history. The history of Gonzales. Gonzales, Texas — the birthplace of your Texas freedom.

... And, that was then.

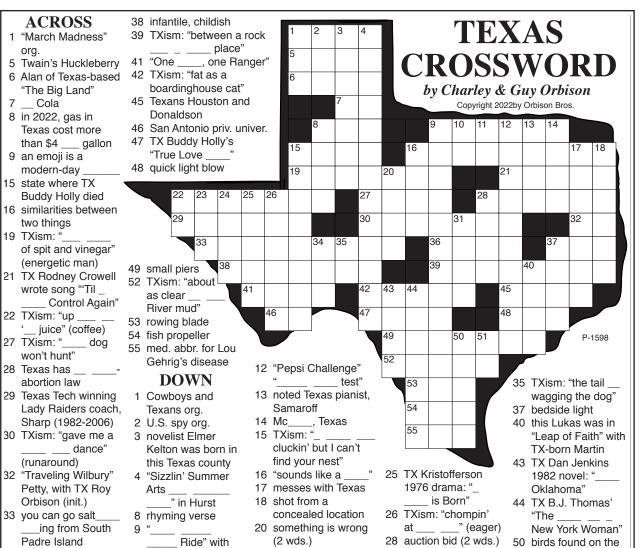


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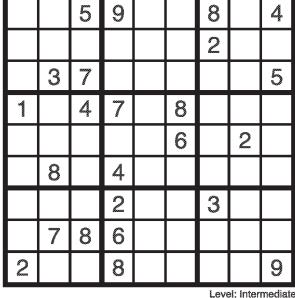
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#### **Fun By The Numbers** Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending

puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.

## Here's How It Works:

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

Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

## Police investigate shooting at Westwood Inn

## **BY VANDY VAN EPPS**

Gonzales Inquirer

Gonzales Police Department and the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office were called to a report of a possible shooting at the Westwood Inn Thursday, Aug. 11.

**Gonzales Police Chief** Tim Crow reported his department wasn't able to locate anyone who had been shooting in the area.

"We received information that somebody had recently checked out before the shooting started and it appears there's a field behind Westwood and that they had shot some beer cans that were back behind the Westwood Inn," Crow stated.

GPD had not located the individual, but is currently investigating. No reported injuries when the shooting happened.



VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales Police Department and Gonzales Sheriff's Office at the Westwood Inn after calls of shots were reported.

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als addressing regarding solutions for

increased river safety. "It is my suggestion that a temporary committee be formed to draw all of these opinions into something that's reasonable for everybody,"

Shepard said. John Botros, river access coordinator of Texas Parks and Wildlife. discussed the recommended paths regarding river access to the Guadalupe River.

"I understand there are safety issues since the [hydro] plant got re-licensed. I think a lot of the safety around the plant has been of concern," Botros said.

From the podium, Enriquez further suggested from the podium possible river clean up efforts. The council was provided pictures of Float Fest concert debris and re-bar sticking up from the river bed.

Enriquez continued by stating that local residents relayed to him debris har been dumped in that location roughly a decade ago when people performed work on the dam.

"I know people may want to cut off access to the river and location. But in my opinion, I believe we should find a way to clean it up and make it safe," Enriquez said.

Enriquez spoke to the executive manager of operations for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, David Harris, who told him GBRA has no authority over the river, suggesting to Enriquez assembling a group of volunteers to clean that part

"I think we should take precautions and put up signs that say risk of drowning. I also think it would be beneficial to rezone that area as an exclusive fishing, canoeing and kayaking zone, in order to prevent future drownings to keep access to that portion of the river open," Enriquez said.

Dale Schellenberg mentioned concerns about liberties being "taken away from the public in the name of

"Understand that safety is a number one concern. Common sense by the public, or the lack thereof, sometimes controls safety issues, so there's not a person in this room that does not know that the river is dangerous," Schellenberg said.

The Texas Water Safari was also mentioned by Schellenberg, who noted paddlers practice all year long on the river, but current inaccessibility has prevented navigating the Guadalupe.

Schellenberg mentioned the Texas Water Code, which states that "No person may obstruct the navigation of any stream which can be navigated by steamboats, keel boats, or flatboats by cutting and felling trees or by building on or across the stream any dike, milldam, bridge, or other obstruction."

As of right now, river access near the dam is blocked off and the only access to the Guadalupe River is under the US 183 (Water Street) bridge.

"We're blessed with things that not everyone are. I'm gonna recommend that you open that gate back up  $\dots$  I think that people really need some recreation, and that river is really a treasure for Gonzales," Schellenberg

Gonzales residents Enriquez and Schellenberg agreed with Eddie Halamicek, stating the river is all the city has for fishing and recreational use.

"A lot of people don't have private properties or long pond fishing areas. They don't have a vehicle. Access is relatively restricted as is. I don't feel closing this access would be adequate for all the citizens and taxpayers," Halamicek said.

In other business, the council approved the following line items:

 approved setting a Thursday, Sept. 1, public hearing regarding the 2022-2023 tax rate; which is projected to be lower than last year's tax

· approved tabling the appoint-

ment of the Planning and Zoning

- Commission until the full council is present at the next city council meet-approved amending the bylaws of
- GEDC, a Type B economic development corporation.
- approved authorizing the city manager to execute a publicity and tourism agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the hosting and operations of Gonzales Chamber of Commerce.

The resurrection was opposed by Satan and his cohorts. However his forces were confused and defeated by our Lord Jesus Christ, who arose, ascended, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father, far

Remember Colossians 2:15 "and having spoiled principalities and powers, He (Christ Jesus) made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it (His death, burial and resurrection)." These are the same demonic powers we have to deal with, but thank God, Jesus defeated them all. Other translations say He put them to naught or paralyze them.

In ancient times, victorious kings bringing back captives would have a parade, making a show of them openly. Jesus did this with the devil putting him on display before three worlds - heaven, hell and earth - after He defeated him. God gave us this account in the Scriptures so we in this world would know what had happened. God wants us to know what happened in the death, the burial and the resurrection, and seating of Jesus Christ. He wants us to know that He has set Jesus Christ far above all principalities and power and might and dominion and every name that is named. (Ephesians 1:21) The source of our authority is found in this resurrection and exalting of Christ by God. Notice in Ephesians 1:18 that the Holy Spirit through Paul prays that the eyes of the Ephesians understanding (their spirits) might be open to these truths. He wanted all churches, all believers, to be enlightened. The truth of the authority of the believer, however is overlooked by many Christians. In fact most churches don't even know the believer has any authority. We never will understand the authority of the believer only with our intellect; we must get the spiritual revelation of it. We must believe it by faith.

In Ephesians 2:1 "and you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; and Ephesians 2:6 and has raised us up to gather and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." This passage of Scripture deals with conferring of this authority. Notice the Head and the body were raised together. The Head (which is Christ) and the body (which is the Church) were raised together. When you think of a person you think of his head and body as one. If the Church ever gets this revelation that we are the Body of Christ, we will rise up and do the works of Christ Jesus. Until now, we have been doing them only limitedly. When we realize that the authority that belongs to Christ also belongs to individual members of the Body of Christ and is available to us, our lives will be revolutionized!

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.0938 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.0938 per \$100 NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.0710 per \$100 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.0938 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 GONZALES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 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 GONZALES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that GONZALES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 25, 2022 AT 1:00 PM AT the District Administrative Office, 1724 Hickston St., Gonzales, TX.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, GONZALES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Commissioners of GONZALES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 at their offices or by attending the public hearing 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: Rene De la Garza Commie Hisey Linda Carter Christina Jahns Tony Stone

AGAINST: PRESENT AND NOT VOTING: ABSENT:

www.co.gonzales.tx.us for more information.

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The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by GONZALES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by GONZALES COUNTY EMERGENCY

SERVICES DISTRICT #1 this year.							
	2021	2022	Change				
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0998	\$0.0938	decrease of -0.0060, or -6.01%				
Average homestead taxable value	\$120,123	\$132,149	increase of 12,026, or 10.01%				
Tax on average homestead	\$119.88	\$123.96	increase of 4.08, or 3.40%				

Total tax levy on all properties \$3,307,512 \$4,392,251 increase of 1,084,739, or 32.80% For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for GONZALES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 at 830-672-2841 or tac@co.gonzales.tx.us, or visit

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **ON TAX INCREASE**

A tax rate of \$0.3200 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of

PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.3200 per \$100 NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE \$0.2938 per \$100 VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE \$0.3227 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 GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS 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 GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2022 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON August 25, 2022 AT 5:15 PM AT the THRIVE Healthplex, 1300 Captain Albert Martin Trail, Gonzales, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Directors of GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS at their offices or by attending the public hearing 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: Kenneth Gottwald Greg Tieken Stephanie Kodack Gene Reed Lisa Gindler Tim Markham Sascha Kardosz

**AGAINST** the proposal: **PRESENT** and not voting:

ABSENT:

Kerry Morgan Wayne South

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

	2021	2022	Change		
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.4200	\$0.3200	decrease of -0.1000, or -23.81%		
Average homestead taxable value	\$126,254	\$139,153	increase of 12,899, or 10.22%		
Tax on average homestead	\$530.27	\$445.29	decrease of -84.98, or -16.03%		
Total tax levy on all properties	\$11,489,082	\$12,592,553	increase of 1,103,471, or 9.60%		
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No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

## **Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures**

The GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS spent \$1,725,171 from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 on indigent health care compensation expenditures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$90,294. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.0023/\$100.

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



## First day of school









## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GONZALES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 5:00 PM, August 29, 2022 in East Avenue Admin Building, 1615 Saint Louis, Gonzales, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

**Maintenance Tax** 

\$0.9185/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

**School Debt Service Tax** 

\$0.0698/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Approved by Local Voters

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

> Maintenance and operations Debt service

Total expenditures -3.89 % decrease

#### **Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value** (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

**Preceding Tax Year** Current Tax Year \$3,566,787,657 \$4,399,565,031 Total appraised value\* of all property Total appraised value\* of new property\*\* \$13,531,500 \$21,214,110 \$2,285,332,137 Total taxable value\*\*\* of all property \$1,777,438,711 Total taxable value\*\*\* of new property\*\* \$13,392,680 \$20,593,339 \*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

## **Bonded Indebtedness**

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$18,770,000 \*Outstanding principal

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates							
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenu Per Student		
Last Year's Rate	\$1.0092	\$0.0835	\$1.0927	\$7,902	\$3,416		
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.8964	\$0.0680	\$0.9644	\$9,333	\$2,044		
Proposed Rate	\$0.9185	\$0.0698	\$0.9883	\$9,393	\$2,044		
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#### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence Last Year This Year Average Market Value of Residences \$157,614 \$137,589 Average Taxable Value of Residences \$109,247 \$107,811 \$0.9883

Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value \$1.0927 \$1,193.74 \$1,065.50 Taxes Due on Average Residence Increase (Decrease) in Taxes \$-128.24 Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age

or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value. Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.9883. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the

## **Fund Balances**

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first

> Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$14,038,093 Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$0

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance

and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

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

## **GMH Auxiliary volunteers** hold monthly meeting

## BY ELIZABETH BRELSFORD BENNETT

Special to the Inquirer

The Gonzales Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers met Tuesday, July 28, in the CREATE Room at the Thrive Building. There were 12 members attending.

President Neubauer called the meeting to order. First Vice President Mercer gave her report, 2nd Vice Pres., Dyna DuBose gave the Financial Report, Secretary Hajovsky read the minutes accepted as approved. Elizabeth Brelsford Bennett, Reporter, gave account of eight cards sent to various organizations and persons.

Cynthia Garcia was presented her beautiful president's pin as she retired her position. She has done a wonderful job getting the organization through the difficult year of COVID. We are all hoping to never experience such a horrendous era as that. Our hearts go out to all the auxiliaries in the State of Texas as well as elsewhere.

Second Vice President Irene Oakes awarded updated hour bars to the following members. TOTALS: Zelpha Dolezal, 201; Dyna DuBose, 1,201; Cynthia Garcia, 1,460; Jo Ann Hajovsky, 1,540; Kay Konecky, 380, Linda McGill, 303; Sylvia Mercer, 1, 100; Betty Neubauer,

1,616; Irene Oakes, 2,210, Great job! There are many new items and ideas in the Gift Shop. Make it a point to stop in, make a purchase and enjoy the shop - of course, no purchase necessary to just look! We enjoy our customers and hope they feel welcome. Every sale means more dollars go back to the hospital, which in turn shows up in ways to help all who come in to feel better.

Look at your calendar, there might be a three hour a week place you would enjoy being a "Blue Angel." We try to "do our best to do the best" for the Hospital and community. Bet you look good in blue!

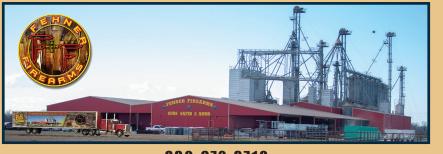
The next meeting will be Aug. 30 at the Thrive at 2 p.m.

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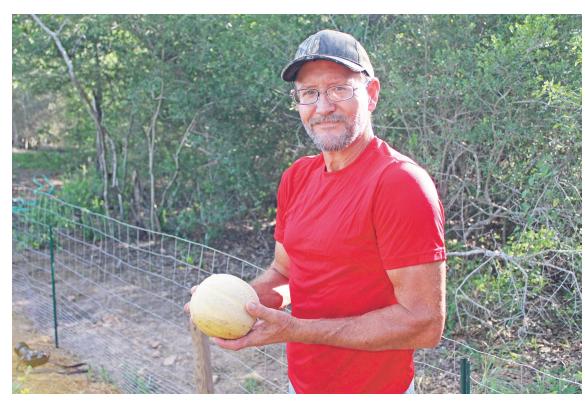


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Brian Jurek, above left, holds one of his cantaloupes that he plucked from his garden. A bumblebee sits on one of the flowers that grew in Jurek's garden. Top right, bumblebees hovered over Jurek's garden due to him constantly watering and it being surrounded by shade. Above: Brian Jurek's pumpkin patch. Jurek has three gardens full of fruits and vegetables from dewberries, cantaloupe, cucumbers, pumpkins and more.

gardening project at school. If we're working with children, the project really needs to be successful." Bludau said. "If it's not successful, we have to make

children understand that as much as you want a project to be successful sometimes, you have to deal with Mother Nature or wildlife, meaning deer."

## GARDEN

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said this growth and resulting produce is incredible," Jurek

In an area dealing with drought, Jurek's gardens are surrounded by trees and shade and he has been constantly watering his garden enough to attract local bumblebees. He attributes these factors to his success. Jurek describes seeing the bees hovering over his gardens as a utopia and the most beautiful thing to see.

"I love it. I mean, my mother was like this. She loved beauty [of nature] and stuff. And that's me. I mean, I love seeing all this stuff," Jurek said.

Jurek brought in Gayle Bludau, family community agent for Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, and she was surprised by the nature of Jurek's garden and the number of bees flying in and out.

"There were so many bees in the cantaloupe patch. It was amazing. It was actually unbelievable, because we talk about there being shortages of bees, but not in Brian's garden," Bludau said.

Usually during the summer months, Bludau would see many gardens sustain heat damage, but she was surprised to see summer vegetation blooming in this garden.

"It looks like his cantaloupes are just about to take off and his pumpkin patch looks like it increased 10 feet since I saw it 10 days ago," Bludau said.

Jurek's tip to other gardeners in Gonzales is not to use chemicals, but use Miracle Gro, Epsom Salt, and ammonia and water.

"If you have bugs, you take Epsom salt, because regular salt will not produce the same effects, and put in a little spray bottle with water, and spray it on there and bugs don't like that," Jurek said. "It's a natural chemical to put Epsom salt around there, ammonia and Mastiff, and then, boom, it sprouts up."

Bludau and Jurek are planning future work to help make community gardens for students.

"He understands how important it is to have a successful

## Register by Oct. 11 to vote in election

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Texas Secretary of State John Scott encouraged all eligible Texas voters to make sure they are registered to vote by Oct. 11 to participate in the upcoming Nov. 8 general election.

Texas law requires eligible voters to be registered 30 days before Election Day, and since the 30th day before Nov. 8 falls on the Sunday before Columbus Day, eligible Texas voters effectively have two extra days to register this year (Texas Election Code Sec. 13.143(e)). Scott urged Texas voters to visit the state's official voting web site — VoteTexas.gov for accurate and comprehensive information on voting in Texas.

"Even though we're still two months away from the voter registration deadline, it's never too early to make sure you're registered, update your registration information if you need to, and prepare yourself to vote in the upcoming election," Scott said.

"If you're renewing your Texas Driver License or personal ID card online, please take the extra second to check the box to register to vote if you're eligible to do so. If you're registering to vote for the first time, make sure your signed voter registration application is postmarked to your county voter registrar by Oct. 11. If you simply need to update your voter registration information, such as your name, address or ID numbers, you can do so

For more information on registering to vote and voting in Texas, visit www.votetexas.gov or www.votetexas.gov/es for voting information in Spanish.

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