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## CTI committee ready for great celebration

**BY LEW K. COHN**  
Inquirer Publisher

The Come and Take It Celebration Committee have been hard at work getting ready to put on another Come and Take It Celebration next weekend, Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, in downtown Gonzales.

From newcomers to veterans, all are excited to take part in helping celebrate Gonzales' place in history as the Lexington of the Texas Revolution.

Below are questions the Inquirer asked about this year's Come and Take It Celebration that will help anyone enjoy the fun, whether this is their first CTI or their 31st:

**How big will this year's festival be compared to prior years and what changes, if any, have been made in preparations or planning to make it possible?**

Chair Daisy Scheske Freeman: We are expecting a large crowd! A lot of people were still hesitant to gather in 2021, but we are confident by the social media

traffic and inquiries that 2022 will bring out, if not more, the pre-pandemic crowd.

Every year the CTI Committee brainstorms on how to continue making improvements, both small and large, to the event. For 2022 the CTI Comm will

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## Mullet over at Come and Take It!

**BY BETTY COHN**  
Gonzales Inquirer

Come and Take It 2022 is introducing the Mullet Contest, with three age divisions, which will be held at the Come and Take It Celebration event. Age divisions are under 1-10 years old; 11-18; and 19 and older.

It is not mandatory to pre-register for the contest entry, however for those who wish to compete for the People's Choice portion of this competition pre-registration is required. Competition includes a \$20 entry fee, per mullet. Entries for the contest (pre-registration) must be completed between September 19-27, at the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce.

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## Main Street board discusses veteran banners

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Main Street Board met for their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, Sept. 15, at Gonzales City Hall.

One of the main items discussed during the meeting was the veteran memorial banners. Main Street director Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla gave some background about the memorial banner, saying the "Veterans Honor Banner Project was founded in 2020" by the Main Street board. The project included personalized banners that would commemorate the veterans in Gonzales. "The banners were to be displayed on 36 light poles throughout downtown historic Gonzales during the month of November leading up to Veterans Day, as well as in the month of May," Padilla said. "The banners featured a photo of the veteran along with information such as their service branch, date of service, and battles they fought in."

Padilla told the board that Main Street would like to reignite the veteran memorial banner program and would reach out to those who

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## ST. PAUL HOMECOMING ROYALTY



PHOTO COURTESY LORI RAABE

Cortney Tuch was named the 2022 St. Paul High School Homecoming Queen and Joshua Bonorden was named the Homecoming King at the Friday, Sept. 16, game versus the Legacy Prep Lions. The Cardinals went on to win the game to round out the night. Cortney is the daughter of Michael and Kara Tuch and Joshua is the son of Charles and Heather Bonorden.

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## GISD speaks about Apache All STAAR initiative

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales ISD school board approved the provided extra instructional time in their Monday, Sept. 12, school board meeting.

The Apache Academy All-STAAR initiative was implemented for the 2022-23 school year for GISD; the purpose behind it is to help students extra instructional time for eight Saturdays for each semester.

GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda has had prior experience with this program as a principal and district leader.

"I saw positive results I saw students improving their academics in both reading and math, which reflected on the state standardized assessments as well," Avellaneda said.

## Commissioners approve sheriff and constable fee changes

**BY LEW K. COHN**  
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners agreed unanimously to changes in some of the fees charged by the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office and the Gonzales County constables during their Monday, Sept. 12 regular meeting.

Sheriff Keith Schmidt told the court he had spoken with Constables Johnnie Hall and John Moreno about the need to charge a \$50 fee if a constable has to stay on site at a forcible detainer (eviction) for a long time. He said while most people do get their property moved out in a timely fashion, there could be a situation where a deputy constable may have to be on scene for half a day or longer.

"There's an issue where a constable could go out and may have to stay on location for more than

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## DAR PROCLAMATION



CONTRIBUTED

A proclamation was issued by Gonzales Mayor Steve Sucher to the Thomas Shelton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in celebration of the 235th anniversary of the framing of the Constitution for Constitution Day. Those in attendance, from left, were Glenna Winegert, Lynda McKee, Nikki Bakken, Kay Bakken, Mayor Steve Sucher, Melanie Petru, and Cindy Rodriguez. A luncheon was held by the DAR on Saturday, Sept. 17. GeorgiAnne Brochstein, Texas Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution state chaplain, was the keynote speaker.



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# GHS Foundation holds 5F Gala

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation finally held its “2020” 5F Gala at JB Wells Expo Center on Saturday, Sept. 17, some two and a half years after it was initially postponed due to the COVID pandemic.

The theme of the evening was “Sea the Difference” and featured two-person cooking teams, or duos, making specialty foods in competition with each other for those in attendance to taste. The turnout was fantastic, hospital officials said.

“After two and a half years of postponing due to the COVID pandemic, we were finally able to gather together, to raise money for our foundation and to enjoy each other’s company,” said Holly Danz, marketing director for Gonzales Healthcare Systems. “It was truly a wonderful evening with great food prepared by our duos, plenty of laughter and camaraderie, and some Boozy Boardwalk wins!”

The team of Gene Kridler and Darren Schauer won first place overall with their jalapeno crawfish chowder, while Best of Show went to the “Kennedy’s Kissers” duo of Marilyn Monroe and Jackie Kennedy, better known as Daisy Scheske Freeman and Britney Jones Caka.

Storey Jewelers and Guadalupe Valley Electric Coopera-



GHS Foundation president Carolyn Orts, left, presents the first place trophy to the duo of Gene Kridler and Darren Schauer during the 5F Gala at JB Wells Expo Center on Saturday, Sept. 18.

tive (GVEC) provided donations for prize drawings, with Cindy Powers winning a Vahan bracelet and Sandra Martinez taking home a new Kawasaki Mule. Other winners included Kathleen Ramirez with an 18-inch strand of pearls, Tony Powers with a Jobe kneeboard and Brianna Kay with a Razor EcoSmart Scooter.

“We thank you all for your continued support of the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation! We look forward to seeing you at our next event!” Danz said.



GHS chief executive officer Michael La Coste, right, presents a Jobe kneeboard to Tony Powers during the 5F Gala at JB Wells Expo Center on Saturday, Sept. 17.



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Marilyn Monroe (Daisy Scheske Freeman), left, and Jackie Kennedy (Britney Jones Caka), better known as “Kennedy’s Kissers,” win the Best of Show during the 5F Gala at JB Wells Expo Center.



GHS marketing director Holly Danz, left, and GHS Foundation president Carolyn Orts, right, present a gift certificate from GVEC for the purchase of a Kawasaki Mule to Sandra Martinez during the 5F Gala at JB Wells Expo Center on Saturday, Sept. 17.



PHOTO COURTESY CAITLYN HOGUE  
Waelder ISD fourth graders enjoyed listening to David Barrera play the accordion during class recently.

## Waelder fourth graders treated to classmate’s accordion performance

BY ANAHI SERAFIN AND CAROL GUTIERREZ

Waelder ISD | Special to the Inquirer

On Friday Sept. 2, Mrs. Hogue’s fourth grade class at Waelder ISD celebrated August birthdays with a day of music, highlighted by an accordion performance by fellow classmate David Barrera.

Mrs. Hogue, with help of Nurse Miksch, showed students how to read sheet music and explained the basics of different musical instruments.

David Barrera has been fascinated by the accordion since he was two years

old, pretending to play his pillow. At four, his parents bought him a toy accordion and when he turned five, they bought him a real instrument.

David became interested in accordion music because of his parents and neighbors. With help from neighbors, accordion lessons and Youtube videos, David has learned to listen to songs and pick out the notes by ear.

Mrs. Hogue has been in choir for 15 years, so music holds a special place in her heart. The students danced, sang songs and learned the difference between cumbia and polka. The fourth-graders can’t wait for the next celebration.

## Underground Water Conservation District extends permit hearing

BY CLAYTON KELLEY  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District has extended a hearing for a permit amendment requested by Guadalupe Blanco River Authority on the addition of three new wells located on the Caldwell County and Gonzales County borders, on the south side of County Road 444 northwest of Waelder in the Carrizo Aquifer.

At the Sept. 13 GCUWCD board meeting, many citizens voiced their concerns about drawdowns and cost.

The hearing will be held Oct. 11 at the Gonzales County Courthouse to hold enough room for any concerned

citizens. This is an ongoing story and updates and comments from GBRA and citizens are to come.

GCUWCD has a mitigation fund to offset the effects of pumping in the district. This fund can preemptively lower the pumps in wells that will help offset the effects of drawdown in the Carrizo Aquifer. Landowners can contact GCUWCD with their contact information and the location of the well for inspection.

GCUWCD approved a tax rate at \$.003735 per \$100 of taxable value for fiscal year 2022-23 raising more taxes for maintenance and operation.

Water levels are taken three times a year and September’s report will be at the next meeting.

## Rotary hosts blood drive

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales Rotary Club is inviting people to “get in the game” and donate blood to score a free gift this Monday, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

South Texas Blood & Tissue will be in the parking lot of Victoria College-Gonzales. Donors can choose from one of the new T-shirts or from hundreds of eGift cards.

For more information, contact Vince Ortiz at Victoria College at Gonzales.

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## RWOYA sponsors Constitution essay contest, scholarships

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A Constitution Essay Contest is held each year by the Republican Women of Yoakum Area (RWOYA) in celebration of Constitution Day, which is Sept. 17.

High school seniors from Lavaca and DeWitt County Schools, as well as Gonzales High School and Christian School, and all 12th grade home-schooled students from these areas, are eligible to participate in this Constitution Essay Contest for a scholarship.

Checks to be awarded to the essay winners are \$1,200, \$700, \$500 and \$300. Four winners will be selected from all entries. RWOYA is again including a prize of \$300 for the teacher with the most students remaining in the semifinal round of judging.

The scholarship certificates and checks will be presented to the winners at an awards ceremony and luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Yoakum Community Center, 105 Huck St., Yoakum.

The grand prize winner must attend and will be asked to read his/her essay at the ceremony.

## Celebrations Birthdays

<b>September 22nd</b> Jordan Hermann Amy Saliger	<b>September 24th</b> George Ara Jr. Anton Lesak - 90	<b>September 27th</b> Trish Berger Monica De La Cruz Cherie Lane Garino Justice Musick Rachel Schramm Dennis Sonsel
<b>September 23rd</b> Kelly Barnett Kelly DuBose Brandon Finch Ross Hendershot III John Holden Trey King Gary Muelker Janelle Trammell Becky Villa Jaykob Yingling	<b>September 25th</b> Kenneth Brown Aaron Burek Cindy Cinadr Patsy Fitzsimmons Opra Knox Kyle Krum Mildred Reeves Carolyn Rihn	<b>September 28th</b> Shelia Johnson Jessica Smith Kathy Stanley John Stefinsky
<b>September 26th</b> Nell Correu		

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## Gonzales Weather

	<b>September 22</b> 100°/73°	Mostly sunny and hot 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 102
	<b>September 23</b> 100°/71°	Hot with more sun than clouds 8% chance of rain • RealFeel 102
	<b>September 24</b> 97°/70°	Partly sunny and hot 13% chance of rain • RealFeel 99
	<b>September 25</b> 95°/70°	Very warm with sun and clouds 24% chance of rain • RealFeel 100
	<b>September 26</b> 94°/67°	Sunshine and very warm 6% chance of rain • RealFeel 92
	<b>September 27</b> 92°/64°	Sunny and very warm 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 93
	<b>September 28</b> 93°/66°	Sunny and very warm 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 94



# Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

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## 4-H is for everyone, club organizers say

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

It is time to enroll your kids in the best positive youth development program in Texas! The new 4-H year began Sept. 1 in all 254 counties in Texas.

As part of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program provides inclusive opportunities to youth ages 8-18 in grades 3-12 for personal growth, community service, and fun. Texas 4-H reaches more than 500,000 youth per year.

Youth have the opportunity to participate in one or many projects, with 43 diverse options to choose from in Agriculture and Livestock, Family and Community Health, Leadership and Citizenship, Natural Resources, and STEM. Youth gain life skills while giving back to the community and making new friends.

Research shows Texas 4-H members excel in comparison to other Texas students. Youth who are involved in 4-H programs are four times more likely to give back to

their communities, two times more likely to make healthier lifestyle choices and two times more likely to participate in STEM activities.

"Because there is such a variety of project options, every young person can find something in which they are interested," Texas 4-H Youth Development Program Director Dr. Montza Williams said.

To join 4-H, youth pay a \$25 fee, which increases to \$30 on Nov. 1. Registration takes place online and that information or link can be provided by your local county extension agent or found on [texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu).

In addition to the youth and AgriLife Extension personnel in the program, adult volunteers assist agents with 4-H programming in the county, by providing leadership and education in the various project areas. Adult volunteers also register online and pay \$10 to be considered a registered 4-H volunteer.

To learn more about 4-H, contact Gonzales County Extension Office at 830-672-8531.

## Garden Q&A

### Q. Are there organic products or techniques to control slugs and snails?

A. There are several baits that use organic insecticides as their active ingredient, visit your garden retailer and review the slug and snail baits offered. The label will tell you if it uses an organic or manufactured bait or insecticide.

One option is to use a beer trap. Bury plastic or paper cups so their opening is at ground level and then fill them half full of beer. The slugs and snails will enter the cup to get access to the beer and drown. Spread the buried cups around the plants you are trying to protect.

Q. When will the migrating Monarchs arrive in Central Texas. Will they lay eggs on the milkweed before the head on to the Mexican wintering grounds?

A. That is not a simple question. If the migrating individuals

## Beer trap can help get rid of problem slugs

lay eggs on their migration visit, they die with the expectation that the newly hatched caterpillars will mature and continue the trip to the wintering grounds. In terms of maintaining the Monarch population it is a reasonable argument to present that it is better that the

adult Monarchs that reach Central Texas migrate on to the wintering grounds instead of gambling on the ability for the young to mature in time to fly through the winter

weather. That is the reason why some gardeners prune back the tropical milkweed. The native milkweed has already died back.

Q. Our lawn looked dead but now with the rain in September it is beginning to grow again. What type of fertilizer should we use, slow-release lawn fertilizer or "winterizer"?

A. For the lawn to take advantage of the fast release nutrients in "winterizer" it has

to have a well-developed root system so if your lawn is just starting to recover, I think it would make better use of the slow-release lawn fertilizer. A lawn that was green and relatively lush would be able to effectively use the fast-release "winterizer" to enhance its cold tolerance and spring green-up.

Q. I always have trouble getting lettuce seed to germinate. Is there a trick to successfully growing it?

A. The main issue seems to be that you cannot cover the lettuce seed with soil. To germinate it must be on the surface of the soil.

Q. What is the best way to control squash vine borers on summer squash? We used to use thiodan applied to the growth point every week but now it is no longer available. Can we use I-----?

A. I think the best solution to the squash vine borer problem is to replace summer squash seed with tatuma seed. The borers do not penetrate the tatuma stems and it can be used for all of the same recipes as summer squash.

## LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

### GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET September 17 Cattle 1083

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows & bulls sold steady.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 240-245; 300-400 lbs., 217-235; 400-500 lbs., 193-200; 500-600 lbs., 185-188; 600-700 lbs., 165-181; 700-800 lbs., 148-160. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 95-100.

Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 195-198; 300-400 lbs., 175-185; 400-500 lbs., 167-169; 500-600 lbs., 163-166; 600-700 lbs., 136-158.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 58-72; Cutters, 80-88; Canners, 32-54; High yielding fat cows, 75-81.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 98-112; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 86-95.

Stocker Cows: \$600 to \$1,100. Pairs: \$850 to \$1,300.

### NIXON LIVESTOCK September 19, 2022 Cattle - 955

Steers: 200-300 lbs - \$156-245  
300-400 lbs - \$163-230  
400-500 lbs - \$153-217  
500-600 lbs - \$149-188  
600-700 lbs - \$142-178  
700-800 lbs - \$131-161

Heifers: 200-300 lbs - \$129-165  
300-400 lbs - \$138-179  
400-500 lbs - \$140-215  
500-600 lbs - \$136-161  
600-700 lbs - \$134-160  
700-800 lbs - \$127-148  
Slaughter Cows - \$25-86  
Slaughter Bulls - \$89-105

Stocker Cows - \$400-1000  
Pairs: \$385-1210

### HALLETTSVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC. Sale date: September 13

Cattle on hand: 1773

Packer Cows: Canner and Cutter Cows: \$53-89  
Utility & Fat Cows: \$52-86  
Light Weight Canner Cows: \$35-52  
Poor/Weak: \$25-37

Packer Bulls: Heavyweight Bulls: \$100-108  
Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$86-100  
Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$72-86

Stocker Cows: Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$950-1225  
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$750-950  
Good Cow & Calf Pairs: 1 - 1 - \$1400

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE  
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings: Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$175-220  
200-300 lbs.: \$175-235  
300-400 lbs.: \$178-240  
400-500 lbs.: \$170-225  
500-600 lbs.: \$166-200  
600-700 lbs.: \$152-177.50  
700-800 lbs.: \$142-162.50

Number 1 heifer calves: Under 200 lbs.: \$160-210  
200-300 lbs.: \$162-190  
300-400 lbs.: \$155-188  
400-500 lbs.: \$150-182.50  
500-600 lbs.: \$145-172.50  
600-700 lbs.: \$142-165  
700-800 lbs.: \$120-155  
Replacement Heifers: 350-700 lbs.: \$140-240

The calf market keeps rolling right along. No. 1 kinds in all weight. Brackets sold fully steady and strong. No. 2 and plainer kinds were a little softer. Overall a good active market. Packer cows and bulls sold \$3 to \$4 lower on a total supply of 275

head.

### SEGUIN CATTLE CO. September 14

Stocker cattle steady with packer cows & bulls steady.

Cattle - 936

Sheep & goats - 708

Medium & large frame #1 Steers: 200-300 lb. 1.50-2.80  
300-400 lb. 1.70-2.20  
400-500 lb. 1.50-2.08  
500-600 lb. 1.48-1.95

600-700 lb. 1.40-1.72  
700-850 lb. 1.10-1.60  
Medium & large frame #1 Heifers: 200-300 lb. 1.30-1.85  
300-400 lb. 1.50-1.85  
400-500 lb. 1.47-1.94  
500-600 lb. 1.47-1.86  
600-750 lb. 1.35-1.63

Cows: Utility & commercial - 76-91  
Cutters - 56-75  
Canners - 40-55  
Palpated cows (young) - None  
(Middle Aged) - 725-950  
Cow/Calf Pairs - 600-925

Bulls: Heavy High Yielding - 98-114  
Light & Low Yielding - 82-97  
Feeder Bulls - None  
Sheep & Goats: Nannies (Young) - 172-340  
(Thin & Old) - 80-170  
Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.95-3.15  
(Small & thin) - 2.00-2.35  
Wethers - 1.20-3.20  
Billies - 1.90-2.55

Pairs - None  
Barb. Ewes (Young) - 130-170  
(Small & Old Ewes) - 70-125  
Barb. Lambs (Fat) - 2.20-2.50  
(Small & Thin) - 1.80-2.15

Woolled Ewes - 90-120  
Woolled Bucks - 1.30-1.80  
Lambs - 160-180  
Barb. Bucks - 350

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET  
September 16, 2022  
Number of head 1629

There were 228 cows and 24 bulls. The packer market was \$2-\$3 cheaper. Overall, it was an active market, just at a lower level.

The calf market showed to be \$2 off today. Even with the average drop in prices, there was still an increase of over \$42 per head on 76 pounds more weight. Still a solid market, with strong demand across the board.

Packer bulls: 72.00-119.00

Packer cows: 65.00-86.00

canners & cutters 37.00-60.00

poor & weak 75.00-119.00

Palpated: 8 bred 75.00-119.00

PAIRS: 2 \$600.00 & 1200.00

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. 150.00&200.00

200-249 lbs. 212.00-226.00

250-299 lbs. 188.00-236.00

300-350 lbs. 179.00-214.00

350-400 lbs. 169.00-226.00

400-450 lbs. 165.00-200.00

450-500 lbs. 166.00-200.00

500-550 lbs. 170.00-196.00

550-600 lbs. 162.00-178.00

600-700 lbs. 155.00-176.00

700-800 lbs. 152.00-166.00

Bull Calves: (A V G - H I G H )

Under 250lbs 170.00-238.00

250-300 lbs. 199.00-237.50

300-350 lbs. 184.00-220.00

350-400 lbs. 179.00-224.00

400-450 lbs. 169.00-226.00

450-500 lbs. 163.00-191.00

500-550 lbs. 165.00-194.00

550-600 lbs. 159.00-177.00

600-700 lbs. 154.00-170.00

Over 700 lbs. 148.00-163.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

under 200 lbs. one-174.00

200-250 lbs. 160.00-196.00

250-300 lbs. 171.00-236.00

300-350 lbs. 167.00-210.00

350-400 lbs. 158.00-180.00

400-450 lbs. 160.00-190.00

450-500 lbs. 152.00-166.00

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550-600 lbs. 154.00-176.00

600-700 lbs. 150.00-166.00

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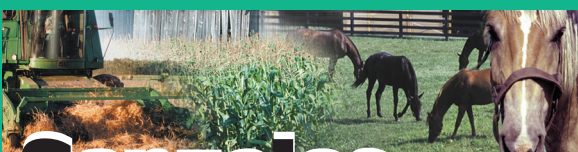
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# Leave it to Violet

**Dear Violet,**  
I am a stay at home mom, but not because I want to be. My husband believes that a woman should be at home, as a mother and housekeeper, the home care taker, while the husband earns the money. In other words, raise the kids, listen to the husband, and look good.  
Violet, I have a college degree, have been working my entire life, since I was 14, and I am 28 now. I want children, but do not have any desire to be a stay at home mom. I am pregnant, now, with our second child, and our oldest is two.  
We argue about my going back to work, but it goes nowhere as my husband is not open to my working, even part time. I might be able to agree to being a stay at home mom, but my spouse, I will call him Henry, is very controlling with money and makes me practically beg for our financial needs.  
I am very unhappy, and am considering divorce. I am afraid to be a single mom, searching the job market after being out of the workplace for three years, and doing the wrong thing for my children's future. I do love my husband, but every day that passes I see that he is more interested in his ideal scenario, more than he is in love with me, and I resent him much more than I love him, if I am being honest.  
Confused and afraid to make the wrong move,  
**Barefoot and pregnant**

**Dear Barefoot,**  
Rather than give my opinion, directly, I wish to restate to you what you have just written to me. You are unhappy, resentful, and feel trapped, while also believing that "Henry" is wanting to control and manipulate you into being his personal fantasy wife.  
I hope that you read what I did, and understand that, at the least, you need to both be in marriage therapy, at most you need to be in a relationship with you and your children, moving forward as an entire, whole human being, as opposed to someone's shadow figure of a fantasy.  
I wish you the best as you make your decision, but I believe you have got this, you appear to be intelligent and know what direction you want. Just know you never get to a destination if you never move forward.  
Best of luck,  
**Violet**  
  
**Dear Violet** is a relationship advice column, covering both domestic relationships and familial relationships, as well as friendships. If you have something you want to get advice about, write in and get a third party, no ax to grind perspective. Welcome to Violet's world. Send questions, comments or concerns attention: Ask Violet c/o Gonzales Inquirer at publisher@gonzalesinquirer.com.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Dear Editor,**  
The article on page two of the Sept. 15 issue of the Gonzales Inquirer incorrectly credited the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for a grant for the Eggleston House renovation project and for operating the house as a museum.  
Both the Gonzales Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Thomas Shelton Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution advocated for the restoration of the Eggleston House, but it was the DAR that applied for and received the \$10,000 grant.  
The Eggleston House is open for self-guided tours under the care of the Gonzales Memorial Museum staff. No staff member is present at the house. There is a recording detailing the history of the house and its occupants.  
DRT and DAR are two completely separate organizations. They are both dedicated to promoting historic preservation and education, and the local chapters often work together on projects.  
**Marjorie Kacir, President  
Gonzales Chapter DRT  
Kay Bakken, Regent  
Thomas Shelton Chapter  
NSDAR**

*Editor's Note: Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We apologize for and regret the error.*

# Opinion



## Letters to the Editor Policy

It is the policy of The Inquirer to encourage reader participation on its Opinion page. Diverse and varied opinions are welcomed. Because of space limitations, we must limit all contributors to one letter per person per month. Letters of 400 words or less will be published unless they contain language or content that the editors feel is inappropriate. Letters must either be about Gonzales County, from a resident of Gonzales County, or in response to a story that appears in print or online in The Inquirer. Examples of content that will cause letters to be rejected include the following:

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- Personal attacks.
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During periods ahead of an election, The Inquirer does not accept letters to the editor urging voters to vote for or against candidates in local elections. Endorsements should be displayed in political advertising. In light of this policy, we reserve the right to reject or edit letters for references to candidates and whether or not they should be elected. The Inquirer will accept letters expressing views on bond measures, constitutional amendments and other such issues. Letters will not be accepted once early voting has begun. The Inquirer will not knowingly publish factually incorrect information. Only letters written exclusively to the newspaper will be published. Letters to a third party or those written to more than one newspaper are not accepted. "Wallpaper" – submissions that are in large part copied-and-pasted from another author or organization – will not be published. Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand. Discourse should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner. Letters referring to news stories should also mention the headline and date of publication. All letters must be signed and include the writer's street address or route address telephone number, which will be used for verification purposes only.

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Further questions may be directed to Publisher Lew Cohn, 830-672-2861.



**DR. DON NEWBURY**  
The Idle American

## The road taken...

I, as well as most others who string words together, will never be confused with Robert Frost, the poetry genius from whose pen flowed marvelous words about his beloved New England. One of his best--published in the Atlantic Monthly in 1915--was "The Road Not Taken." Actually, it was intended as a joke to a writer friend. Joke or not, it warmed a nation's soul, causing millions of readers to re-think their paths. Analysts say that wasn't Frost's intent at all. After all, in one of the poem's 20 lines, Frost admitted that grass on both paths was worn about the same, so it is unlikely that the one "less traveled by" would have been easily identified. Had it been more jocular than pensive, it may have been scuffed into "file 13," there abandoned, never to be seen again....  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Here I go on a road taken too often. I'm digressing to the max, which likely isn't even possible when claimed in the opening sentence. I sigh, realizing there's no initial thought to break away from. Oh, well. I'll stop short of suggesting that if I'd had the chance to hear New England's babbling brooks and gaze timelessly into emblazoned foliage where paths are many, perhaps I, too, may have been a poet. Winters there, however, would have been my undoing. I can't imagine turning out memorable poetry as teeth chatter and hands shake too much to coax beautiful words from a quill....  
\*\*\*\*\*  
That said, our recent 3,500-mile trip to Charlotte, NC, Washington, DC and Cincinnati, OH was on roads purposely taken. There were enticements to veer off our planned route. Even in retirement years, we purposed to reach planned destinations well ahead of schedule. It felt strange to rely more on an automobile than a jet plane to arrive on time. We weren't on "yellow wood paths," though much topography along the way soon would take on colorful autumn tweeds. Ours was to visit the Dr. Billy Graham Library, make a 100th anniversary talk for Lions International members in DC, Delaware and Maryland, tour the Museum of the Bible in Washington, and both the Creation Museum/Ark Encounter attractions in Kentucky. (Our only "water haul" was in Charlotte, where the Graham Library is being renovated, with re-opening sometime next spring. We knew of the renovation, but figured there'd be a "wangling way" to at least visit the grounds. No such luck; the security guy at the iron gate was cordial, but firm.)....  
\*\*\*\*\*  
There was much along the way to pique interest. Welcome centers on roads entering most states were exactly that: welcoming. In Virginia, heart cocks were stirred by the naming of bridges along the way to honor troopers whose records of service were notable. This impressed. After telling Lions more than I knew, we visited DC's Museum of the Bible. It is said to be the most technologically advanced museum in the world. Opened in 2017, the eight-story, billion-dollar museum already is one of DC's ten most popular tourist destinations. Just three blocks from the National Mall, it dazzles. Even Robert Frost might have been challenged to describe this masterpiece....  
\*\*\*\*\*  
With 1,150 permanent exhibits and some 2,000 more on loan, the museum has zoomed to the top of many Christians' bucket lists. Marble and glass abound, with the 430,000 square feet bathed in light. It simply is a "must see" for Holy Bible devotees. The Internet is awash in details; interested persons are urged to seek more information about the museum. Let us be thankful that David Green and his family (founders of Hobby Lobby) and many hundreds of others whose dream for such a museum in our nation's capital is now a reality. One day in the museum was not nearly enough. But, we hastened on to Cincinnati, lodging near the Creation Museum and but 40 miles from the replica of Noah's nautical handiwork that gave the world a new start....  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to write weekly and speak regularly throughout Texas and beyond. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Facebook: Don Newbury

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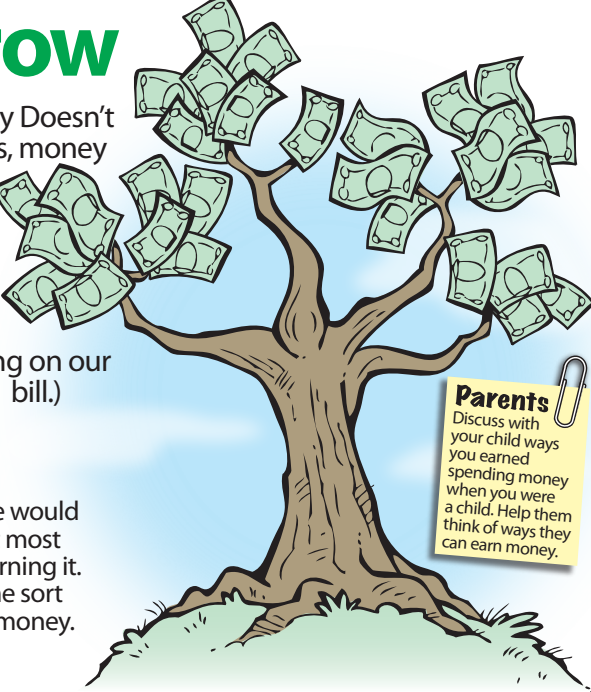
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## Making Money Grow



Have you heard the phrase, “Money Doesn’t Grow on Trees”? The sad truth is, money does not grow on trees. We have searched the world over and can’t find one anywhere.


But what if we did? It might look something like this. How much money can you find growing on our silly money tree? (Each “leaf” is a \$1 bill.)



**Parents**  
Discuss with your child ways you earned spending money when you were a child. Help them think of ways they can earn money.

### The Big Question

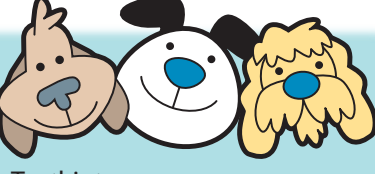
Do you plan how to use your money wisely — for spending, saving, investing and donating? But how do you get money to put in the bank?



**Earn it!**


It might be nice if people would just give you money. But most people get money by earning it. That means they do some sort of work in exchange for money. This is called **income**.

### Complete each of these rhymes to discover ideas about ways kids can earn money.




Try this to earn some money:  
Ask the neighbors on your block  
If you can take their pooches  
For a nice long  
\_\_\_\_\_

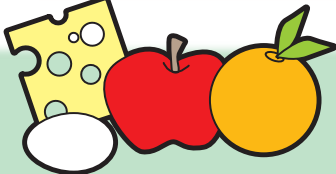
Can you think of three more ways you could earn some money?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_




With a box for a counter,  
There’s money to be made  
From lemons, water, sugar  
By selling  
\_\_\_\_\_



Earning money around the house  
Really isn’t *super* hard.  
Just ask a parent if you can help  
By weeding in the  
\_\_\_\_\_

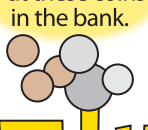


Maybe someone that you know,  
Maybe even right next door,  
Would pay you a buck or two  
To pick up something from the  
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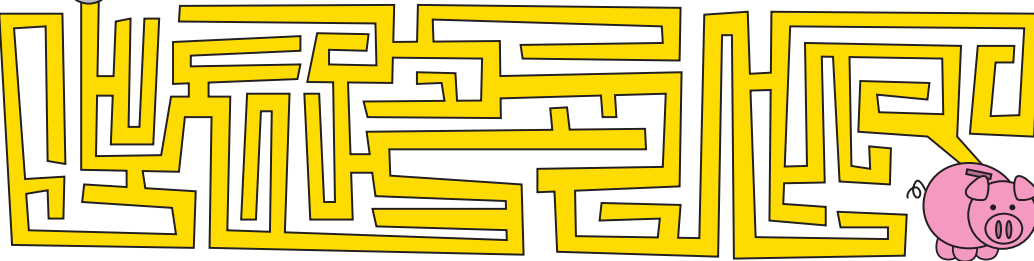


If you have some old toys  
Here’s an idea that will not fail:  
You can make yourself money  
By having a garage  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Extra! Extra!**  
**Rhyming Words**  
Look through the newspaper for pairs of words that rhyme. Can you find five or more pairs in a short time?  
Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

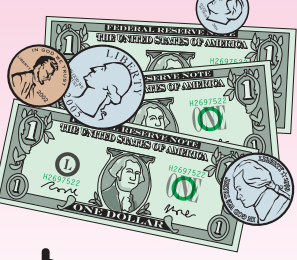


Put these coins in the bank.

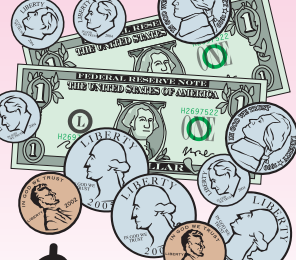


### Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Olivia and Logan each set up a lemonade stand. Count how much money they each made. Who made the most?

**Olivia**  


\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Logan**  


\$ \_\_\_\_\_


### Double Double Word Search

INVESTING  
DONATING  
INCOME  
LEMONS  
RHYMES  
GARAGE  
MONEY  
TREES  
TRUTH  
BLOCK  
GROW  
EARN  
BANK  
WORK  
KIDS

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

R	M	G	N	I	T	A	N	O	D
H	A	K	R	N	B	L	O	C	K
Y	I	N	A	C	G	M	Y	O	H
M	N	E	E	O	S	E	E	R	T
E	Y	G	R	M	O	W	N	W	U
S	N	O	M	E	L	W	O	O	R
E	G	A	R	A	G	R	M	R	T
N	B	A	N	K	G	S	D	I	K
I	N	V	E	S	T	I	N	G	T

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



**Kid Scoop Together:**  
**Lemonade Stand**

Follow this “recipe” and start a lemonade stand of your own!




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**STEP 1:**  
**The Business Plan**

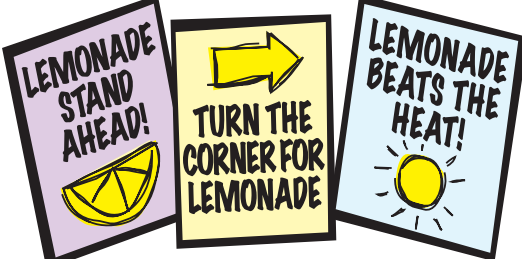
You will need to invest a little cash to get started. Visit or call a local store to find out the cost of the items you need. Add up your costs to determine your price and profit. Here is what the math looks like:

EXPENSES :	
12 lemons cost .....	\$1.20
1 3/4 cups of sugar cost .....	.20
10 paper cups cost .....	.60
Total cost for 10 cups of lemonade: \$2.00	
INCOME :	
10 cups of lemonade at 50¢ each ...	\$5.00
PROFIT :	
(The money you make after covering your expenses) .....	\$3.00

On a hot day, you might sell 100 cups of lemonade! How much money would you earn?


**STEP 2:**  
**Make Big Signs**


Make a big sign to attract people to your stand. If it is OK with your neighbors, put up several signs to direct people to your stand.




**STEP 3:**  
**Open Up!**

A lemonade stand can be just a box or a portable table. Remember to smile and say “Thank you!” to every customer.





**Write On!**




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How do you earn money? Do you do chores? What kind of jobs do you do?


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# Lockhart Library’s Songwriter Series continues

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Local songwriter Stoney Gabel will be the featured guest on Tuesday, September 27, 7:00pm for Evenings with the Songwriter, the acclaimed series from historic Dr. Eugene Clark Library. Presented monthly and free to the public, the series is hosted and produced by Lockhart songwriter Fletcher Clark.

Originally from Kansas, Stoney Gabel has been playing around the Austin area since 2005, now living in small town Lytton Springs. He got his start performing and writing songs in college at Kansas State University. Working as a bartender, he got tired of hearing bands play the same old cover tunes every night, so he wrote songs to make his friends laugh – and score free drinks at the open mic nights! Stoney was a founding member of a weekly group of songwriters that met in South Austin every Tuesday to tell lies, play music, and hide from their wives. They challenged each other to write something new every week based on a specific word or theme (often made up on the spot). In 2012, he lucked his way into a job hosting a radio show on KDRP (which would become Sun Radio). Called ‘Behind The Lines,’ the show ran for 5 years and explored all of the myths and stories behind some of



your favorite songwriters. There he discovered a whole genre of musicians and fans who call themselves “Tropical Rockers” - sometimes called Gulf & Western or Coastal Americana. Stoney writes songs ranging from ballads about the Waffle House to bluegrass tunes about Elvis sightings to humorous romps through the dessert bar at Golden Corral.

“I met Stoney at one of Talia’s song circles at her home,” recalled Fletcher. (Talia Bryce, now Executive Director of Caldwell County’s Old Settlers Music Festival, was Fletcher’s guest for last month’s Evenings with the Songwriter.) “Stoney’s songs seemed fresh and upbeat, two words which also describe him as a performer. With a new CD having just

been mastered, there will be plenty of songs to hear and lots to talk about!”

Evenings with the Songwriter was begun in 2010 by veteran Texas musician and songwriter Fletcher Clark not long after his move to Lockhart from Austin. “I wanted to host an ongoing series to ‘explore the art and craft of songwriting,” said Clark, “modeled after James Lipton’s

Emmy-award winning series ‘Inside the Actors Studio.” Guests present and discuss their songs and careers, guided by this insightful host, who may also chime in with a tune of his own or provide spontaneous back-up. Past celebrated guests have included Tish Hinojosa, Shake Russell, Don Sanders (RIP), Vince Bell, Susan Gibson, Butch Hancock, Christine Albert, Eric Taylor (RIP), Talia Bryce, Dana Cooper, Ken Gaines, Shelley King, Rex Foster, Walt Wilkins, Bianca DeLeon, Michael Hearne, and scores more. This short 2022 season continues with Lisa Fancher on October 25 and Brian Kalinec on November 29. The line-up for the 2023 will be finalized soon.

The Lyceum of the Dr. Eugene Clark Library is the oldest continually operating library building in Texas, with acoustics and ambiance that offer a particular warmth for audiences and guests alike. The dedicated staff of Library Director Bertha Martinez makes possible this free monthly series on the last Tuesdays of the month except December. Local support comes from Old Settlers Music Festival and Lockhart’s Friends of the Song (Todd Blomerth & Patti Payne, Donaly & Clare Brice, and Robert & Esther Wilson).

Additional information available at EveningsWithSongwriter.com and on Facebook.

# VC one of 5 colleges selected to participate in ‘Caring Campus’

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College is one of five community colleges in Texas selected to work with the nonprofit Institute for Evidence-Based Change (IEBC) to incorporate “Caring Campus” into its student success efforts during the Fall 2022 semester.

“We hear from our students consistently that they feel loved and cared for at Victoria College, and that is a point of pride for all of us – superior customer service,” said VC’s Executive Director of Human Resources Terri Kurtz.

“VC is known far and wide for our commitment to our students and the lives we change. It is because of our reputation statewide that VC was selected as one of the first five institutions in Texas to participate in Caring Campus.”

With the support of IEBC coaching and guidance, VC teams will be brought together to develop behavioral commitments to help faculty and staff better connect with students and support their educational goals.

“The benefit of this work is making a connection and becoming even more deeply engaged with our students, ultimately helping them succeed,” said Kurtz.

IEBC was awarded a \$597,754 grant by the Greater Texas Foundation to implement the Caring Campus program in Texas in two rounds of implementation starting in Fall 2022.

Victoria College is one of nearly 90 institutions across the country that have begun implementing Caring Campus. The other Texas colleges selected to participate in the first round include Grayson College, Paris Junior College, Temple College and Tyler Junior College.

“The goal is to increase students’ connectedness, sense of belonging and overall success by implementing specific behaviors leading to cultural shifts on campus,” said IEBC President/CEO Brad Phillips. “It is particularly important for students from historically underserved populations and students less familiar with college to feel welcome and that they belong in college.”

Victoria College staff who were selected to participate in Caring Campus held their first coaching session on Sept. 15.



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## SHINER HOSTING ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL



CONTRIBUTED  
The Shiner Catholic School PTC will host the annual Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 25 at the Shiner KC Hall. There will be a BBQ chicken meal, \$12 per plate, which can be drive-thru or dine-in. The meal tickets are pre-sale only. You can purchase tickets at the school office or at Patek’s Grocery. The live auction begins at 12:30 p.m. and there will be carnival games going on under the pavilion from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please join us and help support Shiner Catholic School. Pictured with some of the auction items are, left to right Sofie K., Brynn P., Delane A., Adaline K. (standing), Case M., and Haydee G.

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OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH HORTENSE “POLLY” HOUSTON FINK

Elizabeth Hortense “Polly” Houston Fink, 94 years 10 months, passed away Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at Dornburg Center of Compassion of Hospice of South Texas.

Polly was born November 14, 1927 in Gonzales to Howard Hayes and Lena Robinson Houston. She married Marvin Albert Fink October 18, 1946 and is survived by her four children and their spouses: Sandra Mauldin, Brenda (Harold) Grauke, Kenneth (Doreen) Fink, and Caroline Elizabeth “Carobeth” (Denver) Cloer. Also surviving her are six Grandchildren: Andrea (Jason) Sieben; Erica (Scott) Friedrich; Christi (Martin) Yackel; Shelly (Kevin) Hemann; Travis Fink; Crystal Moore; and 13 Great Grandchildren.



Davis, for burying the Come and Take It cannon in his Peach Orchard and for all his accomplishments in Green DeWitt’s Colony.

Polly was a 29-year member of the Gonzales Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas always fulfilling their goal of teaching the history of The Republic of Texas era. She was active in preservation and the promotion of tourism in Gonzales planning and hosting Historic Homes Tours, a Soiree under the Stars, and recreating the Runaway Scrape to name a few. She worked with the Kennard and Johnson families to pursue grants for the McClure-Braches House and Sam Houston Oak. From 1992 she donated hours/months of work at the J. B. Wells House. She was an organizing member of the first Tourism Committee of the Gonzales Chamber and was actively involved in the promotion and growth of tourism in Gonzales. She was a recipient of numerous awards including the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce Community Service award in 2014. At 94 she was still coming up with new thoughts and

ideas of how to promote Gonzales.

The Family will welcome everyone at the Monthalia United Methodist Fellowship Hall for lunch to be served at 12:30pm with Graveside Services to be held at 2pm conducted by the Reverend Jo Ann Leifeste Ret.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Gonzales Chapter DRT Wells House Preservation fund, 1706 Saint Louis Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629 to fulfill her dreams for the Wells House and property. The family extends thanks to Dr. Tyson Meyer, M.D. Executive Director and the loving staff of Hospice Center of South Texas for their excellent care.

Her life was honored with a Rose Ceremony of Remembrance and the following poem:

“The Rose”  
*written by member Larry Grimes.*

A ROSE WAS TAKEN  
HOME TODAY  
BY THE FATHER UP  
ABOVE,  
TO PLACE IT IN HIS  
CRYSTAL VASE  
OF MERCY, GRACE,  
AND LOVE.  
AS THE ROSE IS  
LIFTED UP,  
WHAT PERFUME IT  
LEAVES BEHIND;  
THAT OF PRECIOUS  
MEMORIES,  
AND THAT OF  
PRECIOUS TIMES!  
SO, IF YOUR HEART IS  
CRYING,  
TAKE A PETAL TO SAY,  
THE FRAGRANCE OF  
OUR LOVE  
WILL NEVER FADE  
AWAY.

GLEN GEORGE SOEFJE

Glen George Soefje, age 88, of Leesville, passed away Wednesday, September 14, 2022. He was born June 8, 1934 in New Braunfels the son of Gilbert Gus and Annie Mae Wagner Soefje.

He married Kathryn Cotton on January 17, 1953 in Gonzales. He was an electrician and worked with the City of Seguin from 1955 to 1994 and retired after 39 years as the Department Superintendent. He was a Captain with the

Guadalupe County Sheriffs Office Reserve and served with the Texas National Guard.

Glen enjoyed fishing, hunting and citizens band and short wave radios. He played guitar and most of all he enjoyed dancing with his wife Kathryn.

He is survived by his sons Garry Soefje and wife Jeanette and Jesse Soefje and wife Debbie all of Leesville; Thomas Soefje of McQueeney; daughter Linda Bradley of Chester,

TX. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his parents, wife and sister Sandra Kay Gandre.

Private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com)

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

PHYLIS ANN BROWNE



After 75 years of giving her heart and soul to her family and church, Phylis Ann Browne was called home on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022. Phylis was born on Feb. 21, 1947 in Lonoke, AR, to Alford McCuin and Frieda McDonald McCuin. Her early childhood years were spent living on the family farm where she developed her values of hard work and devotion to her family and God.

While living on the farm she worked hard picking cotton, shelling corn, and feeding the animals. Her favorite chores were working in the garden and learning to cook which continued to be lifelong passions. During her elementary years she moved to North Little Rock where her family owned a restaurant and doughnut shop. She contributed by selling doughnuts on her way to school, working in the doughnut shop after school, and babysitting her younger sister.

At the age of 17 she met Larry, the love of her life, on a blind date and they would have been married 55 years this November. After high school she completed business school and worked for the state as an administrative assistant. With Larry’s encouragement she graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. During this time she and Larry were married in Stilwell, Oklahoma, on Nov. 24, 1967 which was the first year Larry was in medical school. She worked briefly as an RN at the Little Rock VA hospital before having her first child, Heather. Shortly after, Larry and Phylis moved to Dayton, Ohio, for his internship.

After he completed his yearlong internship they moved to San Antonio, Texas, where he completed his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. While living in San Antonio she gave birth to Holly and Larry Jr. and was blessed to stay-at-home to raise her children. They moved to Ottine in 1975 so Larry could work at Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital. Ottine would become their forever home. A few years after moving to Ottine they welcomed their youngest child, Haley, who completed their family.

Phylis worked hard raising her four children. She wanted them to be well-rounded and to achieve this she would go to great lengths to ensure they had every opportunity available to them. To her, “if something is worth doing, it is worth doing well.” Her children were in a variety of extracurricular activities which for many years would include multiple trips to Austin for lessons. She was an extremely involved parent and spent countless hours assisting with school activities, 4-H projects, booster club, cooking for events, sewing costumes, and organizing family and community functions.

Collecting cookbooks fostered her culinary skills. Her cookbook collection was one of her most prized possessions. The hospital staff eagerly awaited her annual Christmas cookies and fudge and she was frequently called upon to cook for special occasions. She hosted many medical meetings in her home over the years. In 1998 Warm Springs Hospital was partially flooded leaving the kitchen under water

and Ottine inaccessible. Phylis, being the devoted wife that she was, gathered a group of Ottine women and cooked for all the patients and staff that were stranded. On another occasion she volunteered to cook for the crew that was filming Chris Eska’s movie, The Retrieval.

Phylis was devoted to her family and faith. She not only raised four children but also played a vital part in her grandchildren’s lives. Her son and her youngest daughter were fortunate to live close to her for many years allowing her to see her grandchildren daily. She was a member of the Gonzales Presbyterian Church and taught Sunday school for many years. It was important that her children had a relationship with God.

After Larry retired, they made frequent trips to their hometown of North Little Rock to visit her sister and family. They spent hours cooking in the kitchen, trying new recipes, perfecting family favorites, and playing cards late into the night. When they were not traveling, Phylis could be found either reading a book, watching a movie or the Razorbacks play, working in her garden, or continually experimenting with her recipes.

Phylis is survived by her loving husband, Larry Eugene Browne, M.D., and their children Heather Ann McKenzie, M.D. and her husband, John, of San Antonio, Holly Browne Mollgaard, D.P.M. and her husband, Dennis, of San Antonio, Larry Eugene Browne, Jr. of Gonzales, and Haley Lynn Pirkle and her husband, Kevin, of Gonzales; and their grandchildren, Matthew McKenzie, Sophie Mollgaard, Sam Mollgaard, Cooper Browne, Brody Browne, and Addison Pirkle; and her sister, Brenda Dare, and her husband, Dennis, of Little Rock, AR. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Phylis loved her family and devoted her life to nurturing her children, grandchildren, and husband. She will be missed! A private family service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Texas Elks Children’s Services, Inc., 1963 FM 1586; Gonzales, TX 78629.

Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com)

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

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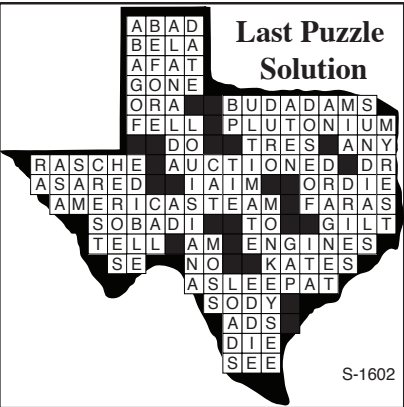
  
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**Advertisement for Bids  
City of Gonzales  
Gonzales, Texas  
2021 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PLANS**  
  
Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Gonzales (OWNER) clearly labeled “ATTENTION: CITY SECRETARY, 2021 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PLANS” will be received at Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, until 2:00 o'clock p.m. on **Thursday, September 29, 2022**, and then publicly opened and read aloud immediately.  
  
This project entails the demolition and reconstruction of approximately 360 LF of street and sidewalk along the 400 block of St. James Street and Texas Heroes Square. The new construction includes approximately 9,400 SF of Sidewalk, 585 LF of Curb & Gutter and 4,850 SY of HMA Paving. It also includes the installation of approximately 300 LF of 36” RCP and 203 LF of 24” RCP storm sewer, erosion controls, traffic controls, and removal and disposal of demolished and excess materials.  
  
This project is being supported with Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) funds. The Texas Department of Agriculture has been designated as the state agency to administer, and the United States Government has awarded the Department funds for the TXCDBG program under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Therefore, certain restrictions and other federal requirements attach to this opportunity.  
  
The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Agreement, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Technical Specifications and Plans, together with any Addenda are available at Doucet & Associates, Inc., 829 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, (512)583-2672 and online at <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/government/bidrfp>. Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be examined and purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00, or electronic versions can be obtained upon request free of charge. Please send requests to [kschauer@doucetengineers.com](mailto:kschauer@doucetengineers.com).  
  
Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check upon a national or state bank in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total actual bid price payable without recourse to the City of Gonzales, or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute required performance and payment bonds.  
  
The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; however, the right is reserved, as the interests of the OWNER may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality or minor defects in bids received. Bids may be held by the City of Gonzales for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the opening for Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.  
  
There will not be a pre-bid conference; however, contractors shall make their own individual site inspections and/or investigations to make themselves aware of existing conditions/issues. Failure to make adequate observations and/or ask questions shall not be grounds for requesting additional work or services. Questions shall be forwarded to J. Keith Schauer, P.E., 829 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, (512) 583-2672, [kschauer@doucetengineers.com](mailto:kschauer@doucetengineers.com), by 5:00 o'clock p.m. **Monday, September 26, 2022**.  
  
Attention is particularly called to the requirement of paying not less than the prevailing Davis-Bacon and Related Acts wage rate specified in the contract documents. These rates are minimums to be paid during the life of the contract. It is therefore the responsibility of the Bidder to inform themselves as to the local labor conditions.  
  
In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, age or national origin, and other civil rights requirements.  
  
The City of Gonzales is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City strives to attain goals for compliance with Federal Section 3 regulations by increasing opportunities for employment and contracting with Section 3 residents and businesses where feasible.  
  
Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall provide the required certification that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 USC 1352.  
  
Conflicts Disclosure Statement. (Sec. 176.003 in Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code)

- A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
  - The vendor enters into a contract with the local governmental entity or the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; and
  - the vendor:
    - has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and the vendor has been executed; or (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;
    - has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that: (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and the vendor has been executed; or (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; or has a family relationship with the local government officer.

(a-1) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement if relation to a gift accepted by the officer or a family member of the officer if the gift is: (1) a political contribution as defined by Title 15, Election Code; or (2) food accepted as a guest.  
  
(a-2) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement under Subsection (a) if the local governmental entity or vendor described by that subsection is an administrative agency created under Section 791.013, Government Code.

- A local government officer shall file the conflicts disclosure statement with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh business day after the date on which the officer becomes aware of the facts that require the filing of the statement under Subsection (a).

City of Gonzales, Keith Schauer, Contracting Officer Representative and Project Engineer, September 8, 2022.

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### CITATION BY PUBLICATION – TRC 109 & 114

THE STATE OF TEXAS Cause No. 28,332

IN RE: IN THE DISTRICT COURT

3.5 acre-tract, Gonzales County, Texas 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

For Removal of Cemetery Dedication GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: All Whom this May Concern


GREETING: “You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you.”

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff’s Petition at or before 10:00 o’clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday, 17th day of October, 2022, before the Honorable 25th District Court of Gonzales County, at the Courthouse in said County in Gonzales, Texas. Said Plaintiff’s Petition was filed in said court on the 22nd day of August, 2022 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Petition to Remove Cemetery Dedication Pursuant to Chapter 711, Texas Health and Safety Code, Levy Loza requests an the Court enter an Order Removing the Declaration of Dedication of Property for Use as a Cemetery with respect to the Property made in the Petition as is more fully shown by Plaintiff’s Petition on file in this suit namely that there is no burials in property to constitute or serve as a cemetery at dedication name.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gonzales Texas this 2nd day of September, 2022.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:  
Christie Ortman Fullilove  
403 St. George  
Gonzales, TX 78629  
830-672-8651



Clerk of the Court  
Janice Sutton  
414 St. Joseph St., Ste. 300  
Gonzales County, Texas

By K. Alarcon Deputy

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The governing board of Austin County Farmer’s Mutual Fire Insurance Association, Inc. pursuant to the bylaws, calls an annual meeting of the membership of the Association to be held Saturday, October 8, 2022 beginning at 8:00 A.M. at the home office of the association located at 16836 Fordtran Blvd., Industry, Tx. The membership meeting is called for the purpose of electing commissioners for the auxiliaries whose terms have or will expire within one year from the date of the annual meeting.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) is seeking input on the method of distribution for **\$80,317,000 in Community Development Block Grant Regional Mitigation Program Funds (CDBG-MIT)**.

Written and oral comments regarding the Method of Distribution will be taken at public hearings scheduled for the following dates, times, and locations:

**Monday, September 19, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bauer Community Center located at 2300 TX-35, Port Lavaca, TX 77979

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Jackson County Courthouse located at 115 W. Main St., Edna, TX 77957

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m., at Victoria Towers, 6th floor board room, 1908 N. Laurent St. Ste. 600, Victoria, TX 77901

**Thursday, September 22, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m., at Hallettsville City Hall located at 101 N. Main St., Hallettsville, TX 77964

**Monday, September 26, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Gonzales County Courthouse located at 414 N. St. Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Goliad County Courthouse located at 127 N. Courthouse Square, Goliad, TX 77963

**Wednesday, September 28, 2022**, at 6:00 p.m., at Cuero City Hall located at 212 E. Main St., Cuero, TX 77954

Written comments will be received from Wednesday, August 31, 2022, through Friday, October 14, 2022. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., on Friday, October 14, 2022. You may submit comments via email to [hannahc@gcrpc.org](mailto:hannahc@gcrpc.org) or via mail, Attn: Hannah Crone, Regional Services Manager, 1908 N. Laurent, Suite 600, Victoria, Texas, 77901.

GCRPC will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons amending the GCRPC public hearings. Public hearings will be conducted in English. Requests from persons needing special accommodations, requests for language interpreters, or requests for other special communication needs should be made at least 72 hours prior to each hearing. For accommodation requests or additional information about this posting, please call (361) 578-1587, x206.

### NOTICIA PÚBLICA

Por la presente se notifica que la Comisión de Plainificación Regional de Golden Crescent (GCRPC) está buscando aportes sobre el método de distribución por **\$80,317,000 en Fondos del Programa de Mitigación Regional de Subvenciones en bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CBBG-MIT)**.

Los comentatios escritos y orales con respect al Método de Distribución se tomarán en audiencias públicas programadas para las siguientes fechas, horas y lugares.

**Lunes 19 de septiembre de 2022**, a las 6:00 p.m., en el Centro Comunitario Baer ubicado en 2300 TX-35, Port Lavaca, TX 77979

**Martes, 20 de septiembre de 2022**, a las 6:00 p.m. en el Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Jackson ubicado en 115 W. Main St., Edna, TX 77957

**Miércoles, 21 de septiembre de 2022**, a las 6:00 p.m., en Victoria Towers, sala de juntas del 6to piso, 1908 N. Laurent St. Ste. 600, Victoria, TX 77901

**Jueves, 22 de septiembre de 2022**, a las 6:00 p.m. en el Ayuntamiento de Hallettsville ubicado en 101 N. Main St., Hallettsville, TX 77964

**Lunes, 26 de septiembre de 2022**, a las 6:00 p.m., en el Placio de Justicia del Condado de Gonzales ubicado en 414 N. St. Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629

**Martes, 27 de septiembre de 2022**, a las 6:00 p.m., en el Palacio de Justicia del Condado de Goliad ubicado en 127 N. Courthouse Square, Goliad, TX 77963

**Miércoles, 28 de septiembre de 2022**, a las 6:00 p.m., en el Ayuntamiento de Cuero ubicado en 212 E. Main St., Cuero, TX 77954

Los comentarios por escrito se recibirán desde el miércoles 31 de Agosto de 2022 hasta el Viernes 14 de octubre de 2022. Los comentarios por escrito deben recibirse a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m., el Viernes 14 de octubre de 2022. Puece enviar comentarios por correo electrónico a [hannahc@gcrpc.org](mailto:hannahc@gcrpc.org) o por correo, Attn: Hannah Crone, Regional Services Manager, 1908 N. Laurent, Suite 600, Victoria, Texas, 77901.

GCRPC proporcionará adaptaciones razonables para las personas que asistan a las audiencias públicas de GCRPC. Las audiencias públicas se llevarán a cabo on inglés. Las solicitudes de personas que necesitan adaptaciones especiales, solicitudes de intérpretes de idiomas o solicitudes de otras necesidades especiales de comunicación deben hacerse al menos 72 horas antes de cada audiencia. Para solicitudes de adaptación o información adicional sobre esta publicación, llame al (361) 578-1587, x206.

### Advertisement for Bids City of Gonzales Gonzales, Texas 2022 STREET IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Gonzales (OWNER) clearly labeled “ATTENTION: CITY SECRETARY, 2022 STREET IMPROVEMENT PLANS” will be received at Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, until **2:00 o’clock p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2022**, and then publicly opened and read aloud immediately.

This project includes approximately 10,750 SY of pavement milling, installation of approximately 28,200 SY PetroMat and the installation of approximately 28,200 SY of 2” HMAc over entire length and width of project streets (St. Lawrence Street, Church Street and Francis Street) and replacement of approximately 8,200 LF of curb & gutter and 650 LF of valley gutter and driveway approaches, sidewalks and curb ramps along these streets. This project also includes the installation of 3 curb inlets and 82 LF of 12 inch RCP.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Agreement, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Technical Specifications and Plans, together with any Addenda are available at Doucet & Associates, Inc., 829 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, (512)583-2672 and online at <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/government/bidrfp>. Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be examined and purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00, or electronic versions can be obtained upon request free of charge. Please send requests to [kschauer@doucetengineers.com](mailto:kschauer@doucetengineers.com).

Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier’s check or certified check upon a national or state bank in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total actual bid price payable without recourse to the City of Gonzales, or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute required performance and payment bonds.

The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; however, the right is reserved, as the interests of the OWNER may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality or minor defects in bids received. Bids may be held by the City of Gonzales for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

There will not be a pre-bid conference; however, contractors shall make their own individual site inspections and/or investigations to make themselves aware of existing conditions/issues. Failure to make adequate observations and/or ask questions shall not be grounds for requesting additional work or services. Questions shall be forwarded to J. Keith Schauer, P.E., 829 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, (512) 583-2672, [kschauer@doucetengineers.com](mailto:kschauer@doucetengineers.com), by 5:00 o’clock p.m. Monday, September 26, 2022.

Attention is particularly called to the requirement of paying not less than the prevailing Davis-Bacon and Related Acts wage rate specified in the contract documents. These rates are minimums to be paid during the life of the contract. It is therefore the responsibility of the Bidder to inform themselves as to the local labor conditions.

In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, age or national origin, and other civil rights requirements.

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Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall provide the required certification that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 USC 1352.

Conflicts Disclosure Statement. (Sec. 176.003 in Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code)

- A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
  - The vendor enters into a contract with the local governmental entity or the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; and
  - the vendor:
    - has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and the vendor has been executed; or (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;
    - has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that: (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and the vendor has been executed; or (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; or has a family relationship with the local government officer.

(a-1) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement if relation to a gift accepted by the officer or a family member of the officer if the gift is: (1) a political contribution as defined by Title 15, Election Code; or (2) food accepted as a guest.

(a-2) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement under Subsection (a) if the local governmental entity or vendor described by that subsection is an administrative agency created under Section 791.013, Government Code.

- A local government officer shall file the conflicts disclosure statement with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh business day after the date on which the officer becomes aware of the facts that require the filing of the statement under Subsection (a).

City of Gonzales, Keith Schauer, Contracting Officer Representative and Project Engineer, September 8, 2022.

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# Recent additions enhance Brothers Memorial Library

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Gonzales is the birthplace of Texas Independence and with this year's Come & Take It Celebration right around the corner, what better way to embrace some of the history of this great state and city, but by enjoying historical artifacts, books, maps and unique art. The Robert Lee Brothers, Jr. Memorial Library has many exhibits featuring history and culture.

The main room in the library features the mural "Triumphal Entry Into Gonzales," painted by local artist Ida Harless McGarity.

One does not have to be an aesthete to appreciate this beautiful depiction of the Come & Take It Parade, with its realistic flair capturing several locals enjoying the annual celebration.

The beautiful Mary Elizabeth Tinsley Texas History Center is home to many historical artifacts. In the main room, the following items are showcased along the perimeter:

- The Sam Houston Lithograph created by Francis D'Avignon circa 1848 is one of only three known to exist, one in the Library of Congress and one in the National Portrait Gallery Collection,



Smithsonian Institution.

- The Goliad Collection features artifacts consisting of clothing buttons and musket balls are believed to be recovered from one of the massacre sites of Fannin's command.

- The Hensley Hurt Collection includes hundreds of arrowheads and artifacts unearthed in Dewville, Gonzales County by Mr. Hensley Hurt in the 1930s.

These are only the latest additions to the showcases housed at this library. The library has been very fortunate to be entrusted with numerous other exhibits. So come in and experience the amazing history and art that is available for everyone to enjoy.



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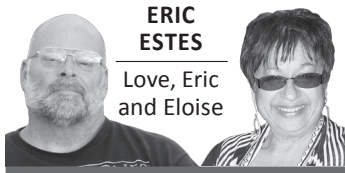
## Every last detail

Howdy folks, I hope all is well. Now that we're in September already (always comes faster than expected), I've been enjoying the slightly cooler temperatures. While out for a walk the other day, I happen to look down and saw a penny on the ground. It looked lonely and lost, so I put it in my pocket and took it home to reside with the others I've collected. Now it's got friends and family to hang out with. While that may sound a little weird to some, to me, it just made...cents!

Then my imagination kicked in and a story formed; While on vacation at the beach, a man noticed a woman struggling to stay afloat in the waves. Without hesitation he dove in, bringing her safely back to shore. She thanked him and introduced herself as Penny. They ended up spending the rest of their vacation together, developing not only a deep friendship, but realizing that they were falling in love and that this may be the beginning of a life-long romance. The biggest obstacle they had to overcome was the great distance between where they lived. Promising to stay in touch and find a solution to their dilemma, they returned to their homes. For him, missing her became almost unbearable, and then it dawned on him that it was true that...a Penny saved, is a Penny yearned!

It never ceases to amaze me how God thought out every last detail of our existence before executing his divine plan. He realized that mankind would be self centered by nature, and convinced that they had figured things out for themselves, many would cast him aside. Now bowing to false gods in search of self exaltation, we gave up our divine relationship with our very creator. So, he allowed us the option of choosing salvation through Jesus, to reestablish our connection with him. I'm very appreciative of his decision, as since choosing this option, life has never been better.

He also gave us all of the raw materials we'd need to make our lives sustainable and productive. However, learning curves being what they are, a great deal of caution should be our first priority when moving into new areas. It seems that most things in life have a good side and a bad side to them. Split the atom and power the world, or blow it up, killing us all. While social interaction through technology has been a boon to both business and personal relationships, it's also exacerbated criminal activity and depression, causing more youth than ever before to contemplate or decide on suicide as a way out. Just because we have the ability to do or invent something, doesn't neces-



ERIC ESTES  
Love, Eric and Eloise

sarily mean we should. However, even when trying to figure out what the long term effects of something new will be, we can't be certain until we get there, then finding ways of correcting the problems we've inadvertently caused is our only option...round and round we go. As humans we seem to have the uncanny ability of moving both forward and backwards at the same time. Basically we're just finding new and exciting ways of being who and where we've always been. Getting ahead of the curve, as they say, is as much of an illusion as most other things we engage in. We get ahead financially just to die broke. We struggle to maintain health just to end up dead. Yep, could do this all day...

That's why I believe in choosing to accept and follow Christ while the option's still available. Not only will it allow for a better, more peaceful and happier life here, but also secure our future with the one who loves us most, God, our father. It seems to me as though our earthly life is nothing more than a small blip on the timeline of eternity!

Have a great week, love you guys, Eric.

## Cuero Community Pumpkin Patch returning Oct. 12

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Opening Oct. 12 on the grounds of First Presbyterian Church of Cuero, the Community Pumpkin Patch returns to downtown Cuero, offering the perfect fall setting to take photos and create memories.

The annual Community Pumpkin Patch is a collaborative effort of several churches in the area and held on the grounds of First Presbyterian Church of Cuero, 302 N. McLeod, in Cuero.

This year's Pumpkin Patch will be open from Oct. 12-30. Hours for the event are Monday to Friday from 4-6 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

"FPC of Cuero is excited to partner with the area churches to bring this treasured family activity back each year. We enjoy seeing the families and school children at the Community Pumpkin Patch and offering a local, family-fun event," said First Presbyterian Church of Cuero's Pastor, Rev. Stanley Larson.

"As in years' past, we will schedule tours for school children in the morning and will have story time, games, and tour the pumpkin patch," said Rev. Stanley Larson, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Cuero. "If your school is interested in coordinating a tour, please reach out to First Presbyterian Church of Cuero Church Secretary Joy Hoy at 361-275-2662 to learn more."

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Another new feature will be the 5D Travelin Tavern. We have had many people reach out to the committee for several years that they would like more adult drink options on the square. Before reaching out to 5D, Chamber staff reached out to Chamber member businesses in the community who might accommodate; however, they are at full capacity that weekend.

Added events will be Cornhole and the Mullet competition. Our team of volunteers are excited to see everyone, and we hope you all enjoy this ongoing tradition that we are proud to host in our charming downtown Gonzales, Texas!

**There are some new events this year, especially the Mullet Championship. Who came up with the idea for this and talk about how it is going to take place? Do you see the potential for this becoming a national event? What other new events are included this year?**

*Marketing Chairman Jessie Holt:* I randomly threw out the idea of a mullet contest one day when we were brainstorming some new ideas. Then after further discussion, the team thought “why not?” Once we posted the first graphic about it, people went wild! It has been so much fun to see people excited about something new!

The contest will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1 in front of the main stage. We will have three age divisions, 0-10, 11-18 and 19 and up. Each contestant will be announced and will walk in front of the judges as their “bio” is read aloud. The judges will tabulate their scores and we will announce Champions as soon as possible.

There will also be a People’s Choice portion of the contest which will be on the Come and Take It Celebration’s Facebook page leading up to the contest. Participants must pre-register to

participate in this portion on the contest and will need to submit “glamour shots” from all angles of their mullet. The photos will go on the Facebook page to be voted on by likes.

Entry forms are available on the Chamber’s website and preregisters are being accepted until Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. Regular entries for the contest will be taken at the Come and Take It Merch Booth inside the Food Tent until 4:30 on Saturday, Oct. 1.

We have had several businesses such as Angels & Outlaws, Spaces Sublime, The Candy Coop, and Safe Haven Salon graciously donate items for prizes and Crew Men’s Wear and Junkyard Hippie have sponsored belt buckles that will go to the Grand Champion of each age division.

**This year’s music lineup is pretty diverse, with Neal McCoy and Bart Crow as well as Ricky Naranjo y Los Gamblers. What is it about Come and Take It that makes it attractive to musical acts to come play?**

*Entertainment Chair Britney Jones Caka:* Musical acts are attracted to Come and Take It for our town’s rich history and because we do not charge attendees. For the last ten years, I have been blown away at all the artists that have known the true history of Come and Take It. Many of the artist are also thrilled to perform for many of their fans in an open, free environment. It’s not every day you get to see music for free!

**This is for the first timers who are taking part this year. What made you want to get involved in the Come and Take It Celebration?**

*Food Chairman Linda Menking:* As a first-time CTI member, I accepted the position because I truly believe in the event. I have been involved for more than 20 years in other areas. Being part of the volunteer team is an honor and truly makes our event grow and shine.

*Melissa Henderson, Executive Director:* I am very excited to see our little town filled with locals and tourists downtown shopping, dining and enjoying themselves. Being new to Gonzales and Come & Take It, I’m anticipating a special kind of camaraderie that comes together when our community has to work as a team to make a big event happen. I’m honored to be a part of the planning process and to work with the

experienced Come & Take It committee.

*Activities chairman Leslie Patteson:* My love of Texas History and my desire to be a part of the process and growth of Gonzales. I believe we should give back to our community when we can. For some, it may be as a firefighter or EMT, and for others it may be a cause you choose to advocate. As a history teacher, I want my students and community to know how important our city was and is to the past, present, and future of Texas. By volunteering, I combine my love of Texas History with my ability to give back to my community ... and my desire to bring people together to celebrate our town’s historical significance to our state.

*Treasurer Naomi Brown:* I feel that the older generation has put in their time and it’s time for the younger generation to step up and volunteer where needed. Come and Take It Celebration is a tradition and big deal for my hometown of Gonzales, so I feel that volunteering lets me be a part of that. Also, now that I have children of my own, I want them to experience it in the best way; therefore, I need to volunteer my time to contribute to that factor. We cannot have something great if we don’t have the people putting the work into it.

**One of the biggest attractions is always the parade. What tips would you give to people in order to have the best and safest experience watching the parade this year? Where do you advise is the best place to be to see it? Also, this year, you are offering shuttle service for those who may be disabled or have difficulty walking. Where can they get take advantage of this service?**

*Grounds and Security Co-Chair Frank Wallace:* Regarding the parade, get there early and find a parking spot and a spot in the shade, regarding the handicap shuttle, they will be set up in the elementary school parking lot on the corner of St. Joseph and St. Michael. Gonzales Rescue is providing this service and they do a great job.

**The carnival returns this year as well. What should people know about the carnival that may help them have the best experience possible?**

If you have younger kids (ages 4-10), the best time to go to the carnival is during the day Saturday (like before 6) or when they first open on Sunday. Saturday night is the busiest night, so the wait time may be a little longer.

COME AND TAKE IT CELEBRATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

LEAD ON LOGISTICS:

- Chairman: Daisy Scheske Freeman
- Co-Chairman: Keith Schauer
- C of C Executive: Melissa Henderson (first year)

OFFICERS

- Secretary: Allison Davis
- Treasurer: Naomi Brown (First year)
- Food & Beverage Chair: Linda Menking (first year as food chair)
- Entertainment Co-Chair: Britney Jones-Caka
- Entertainment Co-Chair: Hollis Marshall (first year)
- Activities Chair: Leslie Patteson (first year)
- Finance Chair: Darla Machacek
- Marketing Chairman: Jessie Holt Campion
- Grounds and Security Co-Chair: Kenny Hyden
- Grounds and Security Co-Chair: Frank Wallace
- Parade Chairman: Blanca Hernandez (first year)
- Arts and Crafts: Martha Jimenez

RECENTLY RETIRED MEMBERS

- Kacey Lindemann Butler
- Christie Ortman Fullilove

MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED AWAY

- John Boothe

**The chicken flying contest has to be one of the most-enjoyed events. What other events would you recommend for someone enjoying their first Come and Take It?**

*Activities chairman Leslie Patteson:* In order to truly celebrate Come and Take It, I would encourage our visitors to experience the events that make our history come to life. Pioneer Village is open all weekend and its annual Come and Take It battle reenactment gives us a glimpse into the reason we’re here to celebrate!

For more history, visitors can visit the Jail Museum, take the J.B. Wells Historic Home Tour, and the Gonzales Memorial Museum! No Texas festival is complete without live entertainment and great food. Come enjoy annual events like the BBQ cook-off and classic car show, concerts with Bart Crow and Neal McCoy, and our very first mullet contest!

MULLET

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No fake hair, wigs, extensions or artificial hair will be accepted for the competition event and all mullets must be grown by the participant, themselves. Entries during the event will be taken at the Come and Take It merchandise booth, located inside the food tent. Walk-up entries will not be eligible for the People’s Choice Award. Registrations

will close at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1 with prizes awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Champion for each age division as well as some honorable mention awards given at the judges’ discretion. Showmanship will be one of the award categories, so dress to impress!

The People’s Choice Award portion of the contest requires

that contestants submit “Glamour” shots of their mullet by 5 p.m. Tuesday, September 27. These pictures should include 4 angles of the mullet being considered (front, back, left and right angles). These photos will be shared to the Come and Take It Celebration Facebook page. Votes will then be calculated based on the number of likes

each image receives.

The actual People’s Choice portion of the contest ends Saturday, Oct. 1, at 5 p.m., with contestants meeting at the west side of the main stage at 5:30 p.m., with follow up announcements of winners to be announced by the event emcee. At that time the contestants will individually walk in front of the stage for

judging.

After all entered mullets have been judges the scores will be tabulated with the championship mullet coronation set to begin promptly after the votes have been counted.

Entry pictures, or “glamour shots,” may be emailed to admin@gonzalestexas.com no later than 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27.

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### ACROSS

1 TX Carolyn Jones film: “The Seven Year \_\_\_\_”

5 natl. college sports org. (abbr.)

6 hair coil

7 former Houston mayor Lanier (init.)

8 this Heisman winner Brown played high school ball in Dallas

9 rubs it in

15 Odessa AM

16 book: “Little \_\_\_\_ of the Texas Revolution”

19 in Grand Prairie: “Ripley’s Believe \_\_\_\_”

21 very small town in Taylor County

22 TX O. Henry short story: “A Houston \_\_\_\_”

27 San Antonio AM

28 TXism: “gave ‘em \_\_\_\_ and a hug”

29 this Doug pitched for Astros (1993-97)

30 TX Ginger 1947 film: “It \_\_\_\_ You”

32 a TX Mandrell (init.)

33 TXism: “hot \_\_\_\_ in July”

36 TXism: “feel like \_\_\_\_ chewed up and spit out”

37 TX pilot Chennault was adviser to Chiang \_\_\_\_-shek

38 what Jack took up the hill? (2 wds.)

39 produce electricity

41 areas along the Gulf

44 military assistant

45 “plumb crazy”

46 TXism: “when hell freezes \_\_\_\_” (never)

47 cow “howdy”

48 most weak

51 TX-filmed “Daddy’s \_\_\_\_”: Who’s Got the Will?” (1990)

52 oil additive

53 cry of triumph

54 this Robb began MLB pitching career with the Rangers

### DOWN

1 former Texas airline “Braniff, \_\_\_\_”

2 Fort Worth university (abbr.)

3 Dimmit County’s \_\_\_\_ Springs

4 TV movie series: “\_\_\_\_ Fame”

8 TXism for “carry”

9 TX Buck Owens’ “I’ve \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Tail”

10 TX Sissy played this Loretta in “Coal Miner’s Daughter” (init.)

11 TX Janis died of this (abbr.)

12 TXism: “coming apart \_\_\_\_”

13 Hawaiian poi can be made from this tuber

14 TXism: “a whole \_\_\_\_” (a lot)

15 a Texas Indian tribe

16 Texas clothing designer, Oldham

17 Astro extra innings game on the West Coast? (2 wds.)

18 hinder progress

20 TXism: “\_\_\_\_ ‘bout”

22 this Duvall starred in “Breakout” with TX Quaid (init.)

23 TXism: “don’t give a hoot \_\_\_\_ holler”

24 homemade liquor “sour \_\_\_\_”

25 “\_\_\_\_ walk”

26 Sam Houston’s home in Indian territory: “The Wigwam \_\_\_\_”

28 U.S. still has \_\_\_\_ on Cuban cigars

31 has a debt

34 TXism: “\_\_\_\_ as the bottom of a well”

35 cowboy bolo

37 Shreveport LPTV

40 “One \_\_\_\_, one Ranger”

42 TX George Strait hit: “\_\_\_\_ Come to Expect It From You”

43 TXism: “his recall \_\_\_\_ overhaul”

49 type of Apache

50 Ranger announcer, Nadel (init.)

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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# SUDOKU

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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.



# Turnovers hurt Apaches in loss to Pleasanton

BY VANDY VAN EPPS  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches dropped to 2-2 for the season in a 37-14 loss to the Pleasanton Eagles Friday, Sept. 16.

The Apaches started their first two drives strong, getting inside Pleasanton's 30 yard line, but ultimately two interceptions from Eagles' middle linebacker Jayce Krauskopf stopped the momentum.

Pleasanton took advantage of Apache turnovers, scoring three touchdowns in the first half. Head coach Joey Rivera talked about the early turnovers in the first half and gave credit to Pleasanton on making the defensive plays on his Apaches.

Rivera said going into this game he knew that, defensively, Pleasanton hadn't completed a lot of short passes through the first three games, and the defense forced the Eagles to throw the ball deep, the down the field.

"We were going to dare them to throw downfield and they took that dare and they completed more downfield passes than they have in the first three games of the season," Rivera said, describing Pleasanton taking the Apaches up on their dare.

The Apaches got on the scoreboard with a run from quarterback Jarren Johnson in the second quarter and a run score from running back Tyler Shaver late in the fourth quarter.

Rivera talked about getting a rally going towards the end of the game despite being in a double digit deficit.

"We have to get our offense rolling, especially when we're missing pieces. We (also) had a few guys dinged up during the game," Rivera said. "We had a few guys in there that needed to get some reps, quality reps and game reps and get them going."

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Above: Apaches quarterback Jarren Johnson (7) makes a pass attempt against the Pleasanton defense Friday, Sept. 16. Johnson recorded the teams first touchdown of the game with a one yard rushing score. Right: Apache head coach Joey Rivera talks to his players after the game.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



### Stats

#### —Offense—

##### Passing:

Jarren Johnson: Completed six pass attempts on 21 attempts for 76 yards and two interceptions

##### Rushing:

J. Johnson: 13 carries for 72 yards and one touchdown

Tyler Shaver: eight carries for 37 yards one touchdown

##### Receiving:

Weston Ruddock: two receptions for 29 yards

Josh Esparza: one reception for 29 yards

T. Shaver: one reception for seven yards.

##### Kickoff Returns:

Davonte Smith: four returns for 83 yards

Carlos Verastegui: two returns for 55 yards



VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales' Kelly Breitschopf (8) spikes the ball in the air near the net against San Antonio Memorial on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

# Lady Apaches sweep SA Memorial to clinch their second district win

BY VANDY VAN EPPS  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches made a long trip to San Antonio as they faced the SA Memorial for their fourth district match of the season, which ended with Gonzales bring-

ing home a 25-23, 29-27 and 25-20 victory.

The Lady Apaches and SA Memorial Minutemen kept the score close in all three sets, with the second set going into extra points.

The Lady Apaches led by more than nine points in the second

game, but SA Memorial crawled back to cut Gonzales's lead to one point, 23-22.

Head volleyball coach Erin Miller talked about the close second set in the game and she said there

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# Lady Apaches fall to Cardinals

### STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches lost their third district match of the season to the San Antonio Young Women's Leadership Academy (SYW-LA) Cardinals in three sets Friday, Sept. 16.

Hannah Avant led the team with seven digs, followed by Kristy Baker and Kelly Breitschopf with five digs; Maddy York, Macy Sample and Dakota Schmidt each had one dig.

McKenzie Hodges and Carlee Ramos recorded three kills against the Cardinals; Hodges led the game with five blocks. Sample led the Lady Apaches in six assists and York finished the game with five assists.

Baker earned two aces in the loss to the Cardinals.

The Lady Apaches will host the JFK high school this Friday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m.

### SCORE

Lady Apache lost to SYWLA: (18-25, 18-25, 20-25).



ERIN SAMPLE MCCRAY

Macy Sample (12) attempts to spike the ball against YWLA Friday, Sept. 16.





Lady Apaches' Macy Sample (12) sets up a play for number four McKenzie Hodges (right) in their fourth district game of the season against San Antonio Memorial.

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were moments in the set they had the momentum and SA Memorial took advantage of the Lady Apache’s weaknesses.

“They put a lot of tips, will shot, and things like that on our weaknesses and really put some pressure on us,” Miller said.

At the end, the Lady Apaches had the last laugh with a kill from Kristyn Baker that sealed the 29-27 win in the second set.

Baker knew it was a tough set, especially the back-and-forth struggles.

“Definitely, because it was very close, but we just had to work together and communicate and be smart to put the ball away,” Baker said.

Baker talked about getting the kill that sealed the set two win and her mind went into getting the ball down and getting the score.

The Lady Apaches would sweep SA Memorial in three, and Miller and Baker talked about getting this win after losing to YWLA last Friday.

“It’s really important especially being that we are in district now. Second win of the season so far in district. It’s really good to get under our belts and take the momentum into Friday, when we take on Kennedy,” Miller said.

Baker said it was important getting the win over SA Memorial and it boost her team’s confidence.

The Lady Apaches will host their

next game against the JFK Rockets for Friday’s game, and Miller and her team will fortunate to see them play against Cuero before their match Tuesday evening.

“I think that game is going to be pretty similar to the game that we played tonight [against SA Memorial],” Miller said. “So that was good, we were able to see some spots that we can pick on this Friday to get that third district win in our pocket, which is going to be a really crucial important win.”

The Lady Apaches improve to 2-2 in district play and will host JFK Rockets tomorrow at the Apache Gym at 6:30 p.m.

Mustangs lose third straight game

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon Smiley Mustangs were on the road Friday, Sept 16, for their final non-district game against the Wallis Brazos Cougars.

The Mustangs drop their third straight game with a 40-8 loss to Brazos.

Nixon-Smiley quarterback Luke Moses threw the team’s only touchdown in the first quarter to tight back Bradyn Martinez. Moses passed the ball to Martinez again for the two-point conversion.

The Mustangs will travel to Comfort as they take on the Bobcats for the district opener Friday, Sept. 23.

STATS

—OFFENSE—

**PASSING:**  
Luke Moses: three completions for 43 yards and one touchdown.

**RECEIVING:**  
George Rodriguez: one reception for 26 yards  
Bradyn Martinez: two receptions for 17 yards and one touchdown

**RUSHING:**  
G. Rodriguez: 10 carries for 33 yards  
Oscar Acosta: eight carries for 33 yards  
B. Martinez: eight carries for 33 yards

Lady Mustangs win back-to-back district games

STAFF REPORT

The Lady Mustangs improved to 2-1 in district play in the third district against Great Hearts Monte Vista Friday, Sept. 16.

The Lady Mustangs swept GHMV in three sets (25-6, 25-9, 25-9).

Nixon-Smiley returns from this Friday to take on the Northern Oaks Griffins at home.

Game starts at 5 p.m.

**NEXT GAMES**  
Tuesday, Sept. 27: vs. Luling (7 p.m.) and Friday, Sept. 30: at Randolph (5 p.m.)

FOOTBALL

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Gonzales will travel on the road for its last non-district game of the season against the Yoakum Bulldogs. Rivera talked his players after the Pleasanton game and what they can learn from that loss heading into the Yoakum game.

“I told our guys you got 24 hours to get over it, we’re back to work Saturday morning and figuring out how the Gonzales Apaches get better,” Rivera said.

“Doesn’t matter who’s on the schedule. We’ve got to get better and beat ourselves first before we can beat anybody else.”

The Apaches travel to Yoakum this Friday with the game starting at 7:30 p.m., with a bye week coming Friday, Sept. 30.



Apache running back Tyler Shaver rushes through the Pleasanton defense near the 20 yard line Friday, Sept. 16. Shaver scored the team’s second touchdown late in the game.

VANDY VAN EPPS

Biologists predict moderate hunting conditions for white-tailed deer season

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

With drought affecting most of the state over the summer, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists foresee a moderate season for hunters this fall.

“Overall, 2022 year is expected to be good in terms of harvest numbers and opportunities, so don’t let the chance to spend time afield with family, friends and fellow hunters pass you by,” said Alan Cain, White-Tailed Deer Program Leader for TPWD. “Texas has one of the longest deer seasons in the nation, so take some time this fall and winter and enjoy one of the best deer herds in the country right here in your home state.”

Deer hunting kicks off with archery season on Oct. 1 across most of the state. Cain noted that while harvest numbers may look good, drought impacts on deer habitats mean hunters should generally expect average to below average antler quality and body weight this fall.

Additionally, hunters may see fewer deer at feeders when archery season opens, as recent rains have improved habitat conditions, providing an abundance of native forage that means deer won’t have to travel far to find something to browse. Archery hunters may need to alter their hunting strategies to find harvest success, Cain said.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS

Temperatures in the early summer months frequently soared above 100 degrees across most of the state, and lack of significant rainfall limited the spring production of important food sources like forbs (weeds) and woody shrubs for deer.

“Woody plants are critical in times like these because these deep-rooted plants are often the only abundant supply of green groceries for deer, but even these browse plants are showing some signs of stress,” said Cain. “Mesquites appear to be on track to produce an abundance of beans this year and were critical sources of natural forage for deer in late summer in the central, south and western portions of the state.”

Wildfires have plagued large areas of the state as well, causing significant habitat loss and damage, but Cain said nature finds a way to rejuvenate the landscape.

“Where fires have occurred, there’s been new grass and weed growth providing some much-needed nutrition and cover for deer,” Cain said. “Although habitat conditions have improved immensely with recent rains, the timing was a bit late to have any meaningful influence on antler quality.”

While the archery-only season kicks off Oct. 1, the general season opens more than a month later, on Nov. 5. The general season runs through Jan. 1, 2023 in the North Zone and Jan. 15, 2023 in the South Zone. A special youth-only gun deer season is set in both zones for Oct. 29-30 and Jan. 2-15, 2023. For additional late season deer hunting opportunities, county specific regulations and information on how to property tag and report a harvest, consult the 2022-23 Outdoor Annual.

Archery hunters are required to purchase an Archery Endorsement in addition to their hunting license. Hunters taking advantage of Texas Public Hunting Lands must have the Annual Public Hunting Permit. Public

land hunters should also consult the Public Hunting Lands Map Booklet to review regulations that may apply to specific areas. The My Texas Hunt Harvest app can be used to complete on-site registration electronically at a public hunting area

Those interested in learning more about archery and bowhunting, or anyone who is looking to brush up on their skills ahead of the season, are encouraged to explore Bowhunter by Fall, a newsletter series presented by TPWD’s Community Archery Program.

**CWD TESTING**  
TPWD reminds hunters that TPWD wildlife biologists and animal health officials are collecting and testing Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) samples from hunter-harvested deer to get a clearer picture of the prevalence and distribution of the disease across Texas. Proactive monitoring improves the state’s response time to a CWD detection and can greatly reduce the risk of the disease further spreading to neighboring captive and free-ranging populations.

Hunters in surveillance and containment zones must meet submission requirements of harvested CWD susceptible species.

Additionally, hunters outside of established surveillance and containment zones are encouraged to voluntarily submit their harvest for testing at a check station, for free, before heading home from the field. A map of TPWD check stations for all CWD zones can be found on the TPWD website.

For more information about CWD, visit the TPWD website or the TAHC website.

SCORES & STANDINGS



3A DIVISION II

**District 15**  
Poth Pirates (3-1 [0-0])  
Karnes City Badgers (2-2 [0-0])  
Dilley Wolves (1-3 [0-0])  
\*Nixon-Smiley Mustangs (1-3 [0-0])  
Natalia Mustangs (1-3 [0-0])  
Comfort Bobcats (0-4 [0-0])  
South SA West Cougars (0-4 [0-0])  
—[0-0]: District

**SCORES:**  
\*Nixon-Smiley 8, Wallis Brazos 39  
South San Antonio West 12, Austin Achieve 28  
Natalia 47, Lytle 3  
Dilley 19, Freer 6  
Karnes City 12, Marion 35  
Comfort 24, Brackettville Tigers 58  
Poth 55, Schulenburg 0

4A DIVISION II

**District 12**  
Cuero Gobblers (3-1 [0-0])  
\*Gonzales Apaches (2-2 [0-0])  
Giddings Buffaloes (1-3 [0-0])  
Smithville Tigers (1-3 [0-0])  
La Grange Leopards (1-3 [0-0])  
Caldwell Hornets (0-4 [0-0])  
—[0-0]: District records.

**SCORES:**  
\*Gonzales 14, Pleasanton 37  
Caldwell 8, Madisonville 63  
Giddings 7, Burnet 28  
La Grange 2, Lago Vista 36  
Cuero 8, Calallen 24  
Smithville 35, Taylor 40

**Other Scores near the Gonzales area:**  
Luling 6, Boiling 32  
Shiner 49, East Bernard 7  
Shiner St. Paul 49, Magnolia Legacy Prep 6



# Come & Take It memorial golf tournament draws near

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales High School Class of 1964 and Community Foundation of the Gonzales Area (CFGA), a 501(c)(3) organization, join forces each year to hold a golf tournament which honors the county's seven "Fallen but not Forgotten" Vietnam veterans killed in action. Proceeds from the event provide for Tommy D. Chenault Scholarship opportunities to local students.

Last year's third annual tournament was held on Oct. 2, 2021, and was quite a success. Through the support of the many area sponsors — including the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, the classmates in the Class of 1964 and the tournament players, who generously gave money and supplies to make the event enjoyable and a finan-

cial success — the organization was able to award substantial scholarships to Shiner St. Paul and the Gonzales ROTC program.

The GHS Class of 1964 and CFGA look forward to holding the fourth annual tournament on Oct. 1, 2022, at the Gonzales Independence Golf Course. The memorial tournament honoring the county's "Fallen but not Forgotten" has grown from its humble beginnings due to the tremendous support of the GHS Class of 1964, the people of Gonzales, and the surrounding area.

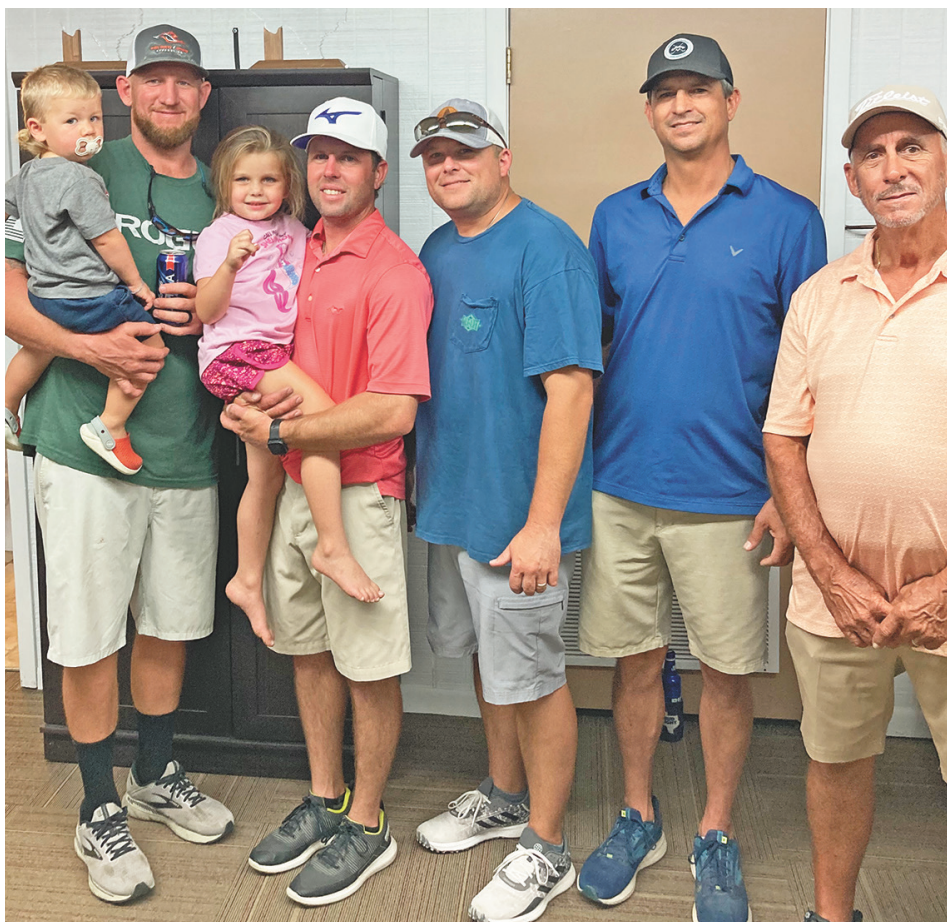
The tournament is now an integral part of the Come and Take It Celebration. Organizers look forward to your continued support for this worthwhile and successful event.

For questions or to contribute support to the program, contact Bill McCaskill at 830-620-8767 or bill@bmccaskill.com.

## GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS

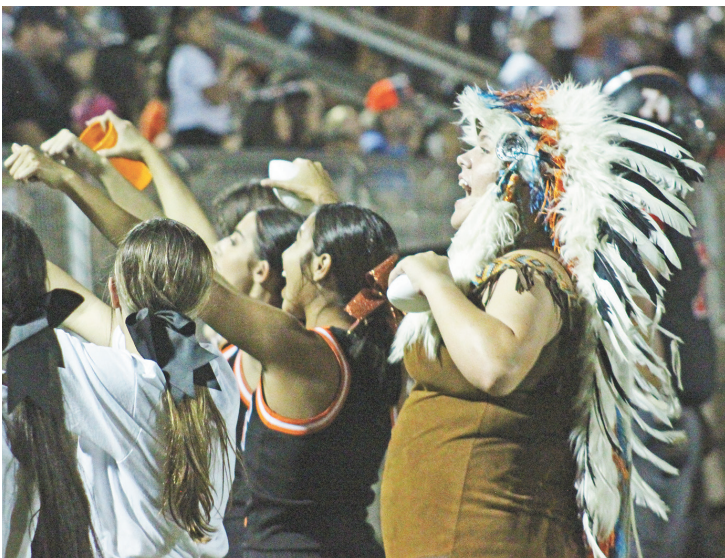


The winning team from the Sept. 14 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Gary Schroeder, Daryl Kifer, Bill Kessler, Glenda Kessler and David Hernandez.



The second-place team from the Sept. 14 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Rhett & Randall Dupree, Amelia & John Hahn, Jared Boehm, Spencer Breitschopf and Frank Ingram. This will be our last scramble for 2022.

## CHEERING 'EM ON



Above: The Gonzales Lady Apaches Flame dance crew lines up in front of the tunnel for Friday, Sept. 16, against the Pleasanton Eagles. Left: The Gonzales Apache cheerleaders pump up the crowd for the second half of the Pleasanton game.

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VANDY VAN EPPS

# GJHS competes in Shiner meet

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The seventh and eighth grade Gonzales Junior High Lady Apache cross country team won first place on Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Shiner cross country meet.

There were 144 female runners. Of those, Gonzales had five runners place in the top 20 and receive

medals. Gabby Cobler placed eighth, Jordyn Gonzales placed 13th, Alaina Valle placed 15th, Carsyn Carrizales placed 17th, and Sophia Castro placed 18th.

The seventh and eighth grade Apache boys cross country team placed sixth overall. Brayden Garcia took home a medal, placing 13th individually (of 107 male runners).

## SCORES & STANDINGS



### Junior High and JV FOOTBALL

#### GONZALES

7A Gonzales Apaches def. Bastrop: 27-0  
7B Gonzales Apaches def. Bastrop: 32-7  
8A Gonzales Apaches def. Bastrop: 14-12  
8B Gonzales Apaches loss to Bastrop: 12-0

### Junior High and JV VOLLEYBALL SCORES:

#### GONZALES

7A Lady Apaches def. San Marcos Miller: 25-6, 25-9  
7B Lady Apaches def. San Marcos Miller: 25-12, 12-25, 15-10  
8A Lady Apaches def. San Marcos Miller: 25-11, 25-10  
8B Lady Apaches def. San Marcos Miller: 25-7, 25-8  
JV Lady Apaches def. SA Memorial: 25-23, 25-17  
Freshman Lady Apaches def. SA Memorial: 25-14, 25-10

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7B Lady Mustangs split Stockdale: 5-25, 25-17  
8B Lady Mustangs split Stockdale: 23-35, 25-13  
7A Lady Mustangs lost to Stockdale: 8-25, 9-25  
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Gonzales Fire Department goes in and out of a smoke-filled house located near the 1200 block of St. Joseph Street.

VANDY VAN EPPS

# Fire destroys home; still under investigation

## SPECIAL TO INQUIRER

Gonzales, Texas – On Sept. 19, 2022, at 4:26 p.m., fire units were dispatched to the 1200 block of Saint Joseph Street for a residential structure fire.

Two minutes later at 4:28 p.m. the first arriving fire units reported heavy fire coming from the rear of a single-story residence.

Upon initial inspection, it was

determined that the residence was unoccupied. Fire crews had the main fire contained within 15 minutes of arrival. All fire units cleared and returned to service by 6:30 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries on scene.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by Fire Marshal Scott Raven with the assistance of Gonzales Police Department and the State Fire Marshal's Office.

## FEES

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a couple of hours," Schmidt said. "This would be the opportunity to start charging a \$50 fee if the constable has to be out there for more than a couple of hours. It's possible, although it doesn't happen all the time, but it can and right now, there's really no incentive for (evictees) to get their business done.

"They might ask a constable to be there for a long time while they're trying to, maybe, get property out of a house. Well, this would just be a way to incentivize them to try to get their job done to where if we're there for more than two hours or a constable is out there, we can bill them for those additional hours. And looking at other counties, that is pretty common."

Another area where fees were being changed was for commission on the execution of an order of sale, Schmidt said. Currently, the county charges 10 percent on the first \$200, six percent on sums of between \$200 and \$1,000 and just three percent on all sums above \$1,000.

Those fees are going up quite a bit to 10 percent on the first \$10,000; six percent on amounts of between \$10,000 to \$25,000; and 2 ½ percent on amounts over \$25,000. Those amounts are the same that are charged in Bexar County.

"We copied that from the state comptroller's office where it looks like all the counties are basically doing that same exact thing and we currently don't have that," Schmidt said.

At first, commissioners wanted to have County Attorney Paul Watkins review the fee amounts to determine if they were acceptable, but Watkins said that would be something that "a civil attorney" would do instead.

Commissioners spoke of tabling the matter, but were reminded by County Clerk Lona Ackman that fee schedules must be adopted before

Oct. 1 and turned into the Comptroller's office by Oct. 15. That prompted them to go ahead and approve the fee schedule as presented.

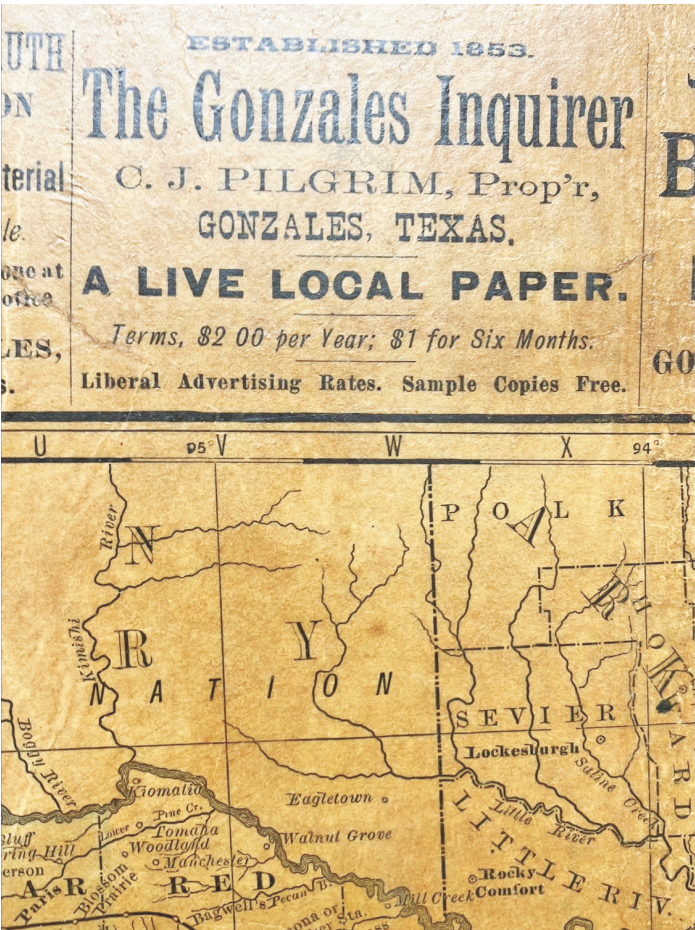
In other action, commissioners also voted unanimously to distribute \$35,783.75 in unclaimed capital credits to eight organizations within Gonzales County, removing the Gonzales Youth Center from the list as it is no longer operational.

The other eight include Waelder Heritage Visitors Center, Norma's House, Old Jail Museum, Rancho Nixon Historical Association, Edwards Association, Master Gardeners, Luling Foundation and South Central Texas Water Coalition, so each of those will receive \$4,472.96. The capital credits come from money the county receives from Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative and can be given to non-profit organizations in the form of grants.

Commissioners also:

- Approved a resolution to authorize the Sheriff's Office to apply for the FY 2023 Bullet-Resistant Shield Grant Program.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association Inc. to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans 2023 grant.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the GCSO to apply for the Operation Lone Star Grant.
- Awarded a bid for asphaltic materials for all precincts.
- Awarded a bix for flexible base materials for all precincts.
- Approved Texas General Land Office, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Regional Mitigation Program from the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC).
- Approved closeout of the Gonzales County Road Rehabilitation Program (Package 1 and Package 3).

## A PEEK INTO THE PAST



Tyler resident Justin Hooper submitted these photos of an old Rand McNally railroad map of Texas with a copyright date of 1883 that hung in his grandfather's office until he retired in 1966. The border of the map contains advertising, including one for the Gonzales Inquirer that includes a subscription rate of \$1 for six months or \$2 for a year — a pretty good deal by today's standard. The price of a subscription may have changed in the years since — it is now \$48 per year in county or \$36 for six months or \$28 for three months.

CONTRIBUTED/JUSTIN HOOPER

## ALL STAAR

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The program is proposed as not only providing extra academic learning for the students in math, reading and special projects, but also character building.

Avellaneda explained that several different groups will provide character trait training from student ambassadors, FFA, family consumer science, ROTC, and etc. "There's going to be a

collaboration between CTE: career technology education and food service to bring in guest speakers to guide students, applying reading and math skills with their professions," said Avellaneda.

Tessa Cain, GISD instructional coach coordinator, is the one leading the program for the academy and explained why they picked a Saturday.

"Looking at what the district had in place, with the House bill 4545 with Miss Steen and the ACE program, also in the afternoons to support our students and families, (lead to a Saturday choice)," Cain said.

Teachers will have a special role with the students for the program, they'll be teaching student expectations, and filling the gaps for those students, making sure the teacher supports the student's needs, Cain added.

"We want the kids do a lot of collaborating a lot of problem solving, tying in student expectations from like first grade, second grade, third grade, so they see how they scaffold, how they build," Cain said.

Other than reading and math skills, the students will be doing project base learning that combines math, reading, science and social studies.

"It's called Texas project based and the lessons are already put together by grade level. So the students are going to have the option to choose

if they want to do math, science, (etc.)," Cain said.

Avellaneda talked about the importance of character building for the students that are participating in the program.

"We want our students to be academically ready, but we also want them to have confidence in their character and pride in their character," Avellaneda said. "So we're going to provide lessons that give them the opportunity to learn character traits that make up a great Apache student."

Cain had the same response when asked about the program's importance for learning and character building.

"It's a great initiative, as we're trying to keep our groups small. There will be 12 kids are fewer in a group, this way, we're actually meeting what they need to be successful on their student expectations, and building up their characters, confidence, and letting them know that you can go anywhere you want to," Cain said.

The program is for fourth grade through ninth graders only. The Apache Academy All STAAR will be located on two campuses: Gonzales North Avenue Intermediate School for fourth to sixth graders and Gonzales High School for seventh through ninth graders.

The program hours are from 8 a.m. to noon for eight Saturdays for each semester; a combined 16 Saturdays.

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## Showmanship \$50

## Appetizer \$50



# Savay Sexton retires green jacket

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

High school senior Savay Sexton retired her green jacket after serving her elected term on the Texas 4-H Council. Savay was selected for State Council by earning the position of District 10 4-H President, which covers 22 counties in south central Texas.

During her year of serving and representing Gonzales County 4-H, District 10 4-H, and all of Texas 4-H, she traveled to Brownwood for leadership and planning activities at the Texas 4-H Center; Dallas for the State Fair of Texas leadership and development activities as well as state wide community service; College Station for planning and executing of State 4-H Roundup; and Austin for Texas 4-H Congress.

During Texas 4-H Roundup, she served in multiple facets as kids from across Texas came to compete at state-level contests. Her week consisted of organizing, greeting, setting up, decorating, and competing in the Beef Educational Presentations category, earning second place. The highlight for her was being selected to serve as emcee for the finale of Roundup in Reed Arena on the campus of Texas A&M.

As a leadership team member for Texas 4-H Congress, she helped plan events that were part of the three-day mock legislative session held at the Texas Capitol in Austin. Savay held



the role of House Chair of the Livestock and Agriculture Committee, where they debated bills in committee to see which would move on to the House floor.

A select group of only 200 4-Hers from across Texas attended Texas 4-H Congress, which happens every other year. Being part of the leadership team was a huge responsibility and a great honor. At this event, she was selected to introduce the keynote speaker at the final banquet.

Savay has served 4-H and represented Gonzales County with passion and grace to encourage kids to get involved in the largest youth organization in the country with multiple development opportunities.

She goes into her senior year serving as president of Gonzales County 4-H Council and being involved in

multiple 4-H projects, including public speaking, livestock judging, raising and showing cattle, showing pigs, and leadership.

Texas 4-H is a group of local clubs for kids and teens in grades 3-12 to develop life skills, make friends, learn about the world around them, and have fun. The 4-H club pledge represents the meaning behind the Hs on the clover: "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world."

As the largest youth development program in the nation, Texas 4-H impacts more than 550,000 youth each year. Gonzales County has a great group of 4-H kids impacting their community and state.

# FLAGS LOWERED FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II



The flags outside Sage Capital Bank, 1606 N. Sarah Dewitt Drive, Gonzales, fly at half staff in memory of Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away at Balmoral Castle on Sept. 8 at the age of 96. The state of Texas has long had a good relationship with the monarch, who visited the Lone Star State in 1991. A presidential proclamation directed the flag to be flown at half-staff until sunset on the date of her interment, which was Monday, Sept. 19.

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## BANNERS

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have purchased banners in the past and those who would like to purchase a banner for display.

At the end of the year, people who purchased banners have the option to keep it or they can elect that the banner be left on display for another year for an additional \$150.

The board voted unanimously to reignite the Veteran Memorial Banner project.

In other business, the board approved the following agenda items:

- approved changes regarding the GEDC agreement
- approved to advisory board representation of the Main Street to downtown businesses.
- approved to have a committee to go out and ask businesses about third Thursday Downtown event.

# Comptroller approves record unclaimed property return

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Texas Comptroller's office approved and paid out a record \$309 million in unclaimed property during the past fiscal year, Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced.

This is the third time the Comptroller's office has returned \$300 million or more in unclaimed property in a fiscal year. In fiscal 2019, the Comptroller's office returned a then-record \$308 million to its rightful property owners; in fiscal 2020, the Comptroller's office returned \$300 million in unclaimed property.

In addition, the Comptroller's office will be implementing a new way to quickly return unclaimed property to owners this year — sending a check to the owner without requiring them to file a claim. This process was authorized by Texas House Bill 1514 in 2021 and will be limited to unclaimed properties under \$5,000 that the agency reasonably believes it can link to the correct owner.

The unclaimed property includes forgotten utility deposits or other refunds, insurance proceeds, payroll checks, cashier's checks, dividends, mineral royalties, dormant bank accounts and abandoned safe-deposit boxes. Businesses generally turn property over to the unclaimed property program after it has been dormant for one to five years.

For more information about the unclaimed property program, or to search for unclaimed property and begin the claims process, visit ClaimItTexas.org, or call 800-321-2274 (CASH).