

City Council approves Lynn Theatre sale

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Lynn Theatre saga came to a positive conclusion at the Thursday, Sept. 14 Gonzales City Council meeting.

The council approved selling the historic theatre building, located at 510 Saint Paul St., to a group led by Doug and Dave Durham after the Lynn returned to market in May of this year, following a failed transaction with another consortium of buyers.

The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) recommended the sale to the Durham brothers' group, HUB CITY Revitalization LLC, after approving a real estate sales contract and performance agreement with the group at the Aug. 28 GEDC meeting.

HUB CITY Revitalization will pay GEDC \$140,000 upon completion of a feasibility period listed in the signed real estate sales contract and assume full ownership of the building. In return, the GEDC would no longer be responsible for upkeep of the theatre or for utilities and insurance-related costs as the building would be returned back to

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GISD continues community bond meetings

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
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With less than a month away from the Gonzales ISD bond election, the school district continues to hold community meetings explaining the bond proposal.


The latest community bond was held at Victoria College-Gonzales campus Monday, Sept. 18, and school officials and community leaders were in attendance.

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SMILEY

Dollar General armed robbery suspect caught

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Jesus Moses Meza

A man who attempted to rob a Dollar General store in Smiley armed with a knife was arrested Thursday, Sept. 14, in that community following the execution of an arrest and search warrant.

Gonzales County Sheriff's deputies, working with the Gonzales County Precinct 1, Precinct 3 and Precinct 4 constables, the Smiley City Marshal's Office and the Gon-

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Arrest warrant issued after woman fails to appear in court

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A woman accused of theft of livestock failed to show for a Wednesday, Sept. 13 hearing before 2nd 25th Judge Jessica Crawford and is now the subject of an arrest warrant.

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Mighty Scoliosis warrior receives help from the community

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
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A definition of "warrior" is "a brave or experienced soldier or fighter" and one 11-year-old in Gonzales matches that definition.

Mason Camarillo, 11, was diagnosed with viral meningitis that developed into the spinal condition scoliosis at the age one, but he has not skipped a beat.

"He's a sweet kid. He's got a heart of gold. He wants to uplift everybody. Even whenever he's down, he's still being great to everyone," said Leah Camarillo, Mason's mother.

Mason's father Matthew Camarillo, added his son has put everyone before himself.

Despite battling scoliosis, Mason

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Pilot Club hosts Melanie Wright 5K

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Pilot Club hosted its inaugural Melanie Wright 5K run at Texas Independence Park Saturday, Sept. 16.

The event was to raise money for scholarships for nursing students in the Gonzales County community. A portion of the funds will also go towards the adaptive playground being built in Gonzales and other club projects. The event will also help the club in raising awareness to kids

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Gonzales ISD wins Outstanding College Pathway Initiative Award

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Gonzales ISD is proud to announce that it has been recognized by the Mexican American School Boards Association (MASBA) with the Outstanding College Pathway Initiative Award. The award was presented during the MASBA Recognition of Excellence Awards ceremony on Sept. 16, where MASBA announced that it received a record amount of award entries this year.

"I am thrilled to see our district receive this prestigious award from MASBA, which reflects our commitment to providing our students with the best possible education," said Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Gonzales ISD Superintendent. Our classes in these pathways are full and are at capacity this

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FOGAS closes shelter doors Sunday, Sept. 24

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

The Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter will close its doors for the last time on Sunday, Sept. 24, after 18 years of operation as the group has not renewed its contract with the city to provide a no-kill animal shelter.

Until that day, the shelter will continue to offer free adoptions of rescued cats and kittens. One week later, a new group that is forming, Gonzales Paws and Whiskers Inc., will begin oper-

ating the shelter, located at 505 Saint Francis St., starting Oct. 1.

In 2022, FOGAS was able to rescue more than 500 homeless cats “through fostering, adoption, TNVR (trap, neuter, vaccinate, release), rehoming and our Barn Tiger program, due to the dedicated hard work of four volunteers!” the group announced in a recent Facebook post.

“In 2022 we also applied for and won a grant that awarded our community with enough funds to pay for the spaying and neutering of 135 cats and

90 dogs!” FOGAS announced.

“These are animals living within and owned by the community. Perhaps you were one of many owners who benefitted from this grant. We have been able to get these grants for 13 of these years.”

What the group is most proud of, however, is that it was able to operate the shelter without killing any cats to make room for new intakes for 18 years.

Sadly, FOGAS saw its core group of volunteers dealing with health challenges that made it no longer viable to

continue operating the shelter.

“As our days of operating the Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter come to a close, we would like to ask that you continue to support animal rescue and adoption efforts throughout our town,” FOGAS said in its Facebook post. “The need will always exist to protect the homeless cats and dogs that can’t speak for themselves.”

GPAW will have its own Facebook page, a new phone number and be its own non-profit organization. That information has not yet been

announced. The Gonzales City Council on Sept. 14 approved a one-year contract with GPAW in which the city will pay that group \$4,082.08 per month as compensation for management and operation of the Gonzales Cat Shelter.

FOGAS will be open from Wednesday, Sept. 20 through Friday, Sept. 22, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and from Saturday, Sept. 23 through Sunday, Sept. 24, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for free adoptions of any remaining cats and kittens on the premises.



Toni's Food Store named Main Street Business of the Month

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Gonzales Main Street is pleased to announce Toni's Food Store as the Main Street Business of the Month for September. Located at 209 Saint Lawrence Street, Antonio “Toni” Espinoza opened Toni's Food Store on Sept. 10, 1959 — 64 years ago this month.

Built from the ground up, the grand opening celebration was the biggest party around. There were pony rides and characters in bunny costumes as it was the newest of Gonzales' grocery stores at that time. Patrons remember Coke bottle recycling and a fresh-cut meat counter. They even had two tables to enjoy your barbecue at the grocery store.

Unfortunately, patriarch “Toni” passed away just three years later in 1961. At the age of 22, Toni's son David took over the family business. In addition to Toni's Food Store, the Espinoza family managed 20-plus rent houses, ranches, and cattle.

When HEB moved to Gonzales, Toni's could not compete as a grocery. David Espinoza took this as an opportunity to rebrand Toni's Food Store into a restaurant and catering company. David worked his businesses from sunup to sundown. It became a great success. Toni's became known far and wide for its delicious hometown food and catering business.

It was not uncommon for Toni's to cater high-end Christmas parties, cattle rides, Dallas Cowboys, and Beefmaster events. In 1997 they were even asked to cater Nolan Ryan's 50th birthday party at Gruene Hall in New Braunfels. It wasn't uncommon to have cattle guys doing business in San Antonio hop on their helicopter and fly to Gonzales to eat at Toni's.

In 2005, after the passing of her beloved husband David, Ms. Min-

nie took over the family business. Her love for the people of this community was ever-present. She knew everyone's name, asked about their family, and had a hug and kiss for each wonderful customer. Often times the line at Toni's would be out the door as Ms. Minnie took the time to greet and talk to each person.

“She made you feel like home when you came in,” local patrons said. Her smile was warm and her care genuine. Her youngest son was a costume designer in Los Angeles and would have the famous people he worked with autograph pictures for his mom and she proudly displayed them around Toni's Food Store.

Gonzales Main Street board members can remember heading to Toni's every Friday after pep rally. The place was always packed, the food always delicious, and the community spirit always strong. Ms. Minnie ran the business until her oldest son Michael took over in 2015. “I can't imagine Gonzales without Toni's,” said Michael. “It wouldn't be the same if all you have is the memories.”

We are thrilled to celebrate 64 years of Toni's Food Store.

ONYX CREATIONS LLC RIBBON CUTTING



Mayor Steve and Mrs. Linda Kay Sucher, along with representatives of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, were happy to officially welcome Onyx Creations LLC to Gonzales at their ribbon cutting on Friday, Sept. 8. Onyx Creations offers granite, fabrication, flooring, tear outs, memorials, sand blasting, storage and utility buildings, carports, and more!

CONTRIBUTED

Waelder bond issue different than years past

BY WAELDER ISD
Special to the Inquirer

We have all heard the phrases “Good things come to those who wait” and “Patience is a virtue.”

Waelder ISD has been working on plans for the past few years to improve school facilities and it could be said that both phrases apply to efforts to pass a bond issue. One of the most asked questions concerning the upcoming bond issue is, “How is this bond issue different from previous attempts?” Several differences include the following:

1. This is a smaller bond amount than recent bond issue attempts.
2. Projects have been separated into two propositions, giving voters more options.
3. No bond funds are designat-

ed for administrative purposes.

4. Bond projects are designated for all schools in the district - elementary, middle school, and high school.
5. Each building project has been identified to solve multiple facility related challenges, thus creating improvements and greater efficiency.
6. Passage of the bond issue and Proposition 4 on November 7 will result in all homeowners paying less school taxes than last year. Many homeowners will pay \$557 less than last year.
7. A citizens committee suggested to the school district that more communication was needed for bond issues and the district is doing all that it can to do so.

In prior newspaper articles we have discussed the first three

projects included in “Proposition A” of the bond issue. Those projects are renovating an existing building to become a cafetorium, middle school improvements, and permanent classrooms for 5th and 6th grades. The fourth project in “Proposition A” is focused on improving the high school. Improving the high school is the smallest project and includes building a safety vestibule at the campus entrance, replacing 13-year-old carpet in the building, providing new lighting throughout the building, updating restrooms, interior and exterior painting, and other minor improvements. The total estimated cost of high school improvements is \$824,000.

Specific questions about the school bond issue may be emailed to erinsuhr@waelderisd.org.

Celebrations

Birthdays

September 21st Leia Quinton Dalton Greg DuBose Keith Heldarsen Carolyn Juarez Justin LaFleur Doris Leazer Kelly Lindner Brittany Curtis Nicholas Villa	Kelly DuBose Brandon Finch Ross Hendershot III John Holden Trey King Gary Muelker Janelle Trammell Becky Villa Jaykob Yingling	Patsy Fitzsimmons Opra Knox Kyle Krum Mildred Reeves Carolyn Rihn
September 22nd Jordan Hermann Amy Saliger	September 24th George Ara Jr. Anton Lesak	September 26th Nell Correu Eddie Malatek
September 23rd Kelly Barnett	September 25th Kenneth Brown Aaron Burek Cindy Cinadr	September 27th Trish Berger Monica De La Cruz Cherie Lane Garino Justice Musick Rachel Schramm Dennis Sonsel

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Gonzales Weather

	September 21 93°/73°	A thunderstorm in the morning; otherwise, intervals of clouds and sunshine 56% chance of rain • RealFeel 97
	September 22 92°/75°	Times of clouds and sun with a thunderstorm around in the afternoon 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 96
	September 23 92°/74°	Plenty of sunshine 20% chance of rain • RealFeel 96
	September 24 94°/73°	Very warm with plenty of sunshine 5% chance of rain • RealFeel 101
	September 25 93°/72°	Very warm and humid with plenty of sunshine 5% chance of rain • RealFeel 100
	September 26 92°/73°	Very warm with sunshine and patchy clouds 20% chance of rain • RealFeel 99
	September 27 93°/74°	Sunny and remaining very warm 10% chance of rain • RealFeel 99

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Garden Q&A

with
CALVIN FINCH



Now is the best time
to plant shade trees

Q. What are the fastest growing shade trees and when is the best time of the year to plant them? Can we plant them now with the soil so dry?

A. Right now and through the fall is usually the best time to plant shade trees. With the soil so dry you want to make sure you fill the planting hole with water before you put the root ball in place and cover it with soil. Based on my experience with recommended trees in this area I believe Mexican sycamore and Texas red oak are the fastest growing shade tree varieties.

Q. I understand kale is one of the most nutritious and easiest to grow winter green but I find the taste a little strong. What other green can I mix it with to make the taste more mild?

A. I like to mix kale with collards and Swiss chard to modify the taste a bit.

Growing kale and Swiss chard also give you the opportunity to grow the most attractive greens. There are several colorful kale selections to choose from at every nursery and "Bright Lights" Swiss chard is very showy in addition to tasting good.

Q. Why is lettuce so hard to grow here? I even got some of the famous Crawford Reseeding lettuce but it did not germinate either. Any ideas?

A. The usual problem with lettuce germination occurs because gardeners cover the seed with soil. Even compost will prevent the germination. Level the soil. Wet the soil and apply the seed on the surface of the soil and it will usually germinate.

Q. When can we start planting flowers for the winter garden? Which work well for cut flowers? What about nectar sources for the winter bees and butterflies?

A. You can start plant-

ing the winter flowers now. For cut flowers in the sun consider snapdragons, stock, sweet peas, and calendula. Alyssum, stocks, and sweet peas are fragrant. In the shade plant cyclamen, and primula in November, Dianthus, allyssum, and calendula are good nectar sources. Pansies are the most cold tolerant. Wait to plant them until November.

Q. When you say predators will eat the beetles and aphids on milkweeds, what predators are you referring to? If predators won't eat the Monarchs that ingest the chemicals from milkweeds, how can the other predators eat the beetles and aphids?

A. Ladybugs and wasps eat the aphids. Wasps and birds also seem to eat the beetles. Your point is well taken! I have not made a study of it but research on the topic is growing. We need to check it out further.



OCTOBER GARDENING CALENDAR

October is a good time to plant snapdragons. The transplants are in bloom at the nursery and they generally stay in bloom until January and then after a brief pause they return to bloom in February and last until the end of May. There are 3 sizes at most sources; the large ones like Rockets(30 in.) a medium size such as Sentinel(18 in.), and the small size (8 in.) to use in small containers. The large and medium sizes make good cut flowers. Snapdragons are usually available with yellow, red, white, pink and, violet flowers.

In my garden as much as I like snapdragons I hesitate to replace the zinnias as the full sun flowers in the cut flower garden because of their colorful blooms that will usually last until Thanksgiving. In addition to the cut flowers produced by Dreamland transplants, large selections such as California Giants are attractive. Zinnias are one of the all-star nectar sources for pollinators. It is too late to plant zinnias by seed but if they have just started blooming or are close to bloom, it is worth it to keep them in place.

Consider another all-star nectar source, annual sunflowers. Most have quit blooming for the year but collect the seed heads and spread them (the heads) on the soil in a full sun part of your yard where you are willing to have a patch of tall sunflowers next summer that attract Bordered Patch butterflies to lay their eggs, serve as a nectar source, and then are a favorite seed source for lesser goldfinches and other seed eaters.

It is also time to plant wildflowers such as coreopsis, blue curl, bluebonnets, fire wheels, and poppies. Make sure you select a planting site where the seed can make contact with the soil.

In the vegetable garden the tomatoes planted in August should be blooming and setting fruit now when the temps have cooled. Keep them watered and give them a side dressing of "winterizer" fertilizer such as 18-6-12. The hope is that the tomatoes and peppers should yield a harvest before Thanksgiving.

Broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, Swiss chard, kale, and Chinese cabbage. Can still be planted in October as transplants. If you get the broccoli in the first of the month you will be able to harvest some over the holidays. Plant lettuce, beets, turnips, rutabagas, and radishes by seed.

We have been hesitant to plant shade trees and new shrubs because of the drought and heat. If you decide that now is the time, the soil will probably still be dry so after you dig the planting hole soak it with water before putting the plants in place.

Not many Monarch butterflies showed up in San Antonio in September but hopefully they will migrate through for a quick visit this month on their way to the Central Mexico wintering grounds. They do not need to have milkweed egg-laying sites in the fall, but nectar is important. Zinnias, porter weed, lantana, salvia, mist flower, and fall aster all are good nectar sources.

LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

September 16th

Cattle - 1388

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold steady except lighter weights were under pressure. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold 2-5 higher.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 315-320; 300-400 lbs., 280-305; 400-500 lbs., 255-275; 500-600 lbs., 243-250; 600-700 lbs., 219-240; 700-800 lbs., 205-217. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 110-195.

Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 275-277; 300-400 lbs., 265-270; 400-500 lbs., 233-250; 500-600 lbs., 227-230; 600-700 lbs., 191-220.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 88-101; Cutters, 104-114; Canners, 64-84; High yielding fat cows, 103-109.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 117-120; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 100-115.

Stocker Cows: \$750 to \$1,700. Pairs: \$1,100 to \$1,975.

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Sale date: September 12th

Cattle on hand: 2967

Packer Cows: Canner and Cutter Cows: \$83-110

Utility & Fat Cows: \$81-108

Light Weight Canner Cows: \$56-80

Poor/Weak: \$45-60

Packer Bulls:

Heavyweight Bulls: \$118-125

Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$104-120

Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$96-106

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$1350-1850

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$975-1325

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: 14

Braford \$2650-2910

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1025-1325

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves: Under 200 lbs.: \$235-305

200-300 lbs.: \$240-310

300-400 lbs.: \$240-330

400-500 lbs.: \$228-310

500-600 lbs.: \$218-262.50

600-700 lbs.: \$210-255

700-800 lbs.: \$188-232.50

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$200-265

200-300 lbs.: \$185-260

300-400 lbs.: \$205-265

400-500 lbs.: \$205-262

500-600 lbs.: \$200-242

600-700 lbs.: \$190-225

700-800 lbs.: \$175-210

Replacement Heifers: 350-700 lbs.: \$230-275

The calf market was steady to \$3 lower on the No. 1 kinds this week. Demand remains very good. No. 2 and plainer kinds sold much lower.

Packer cows and bulls sold strong on a total supply of 425 hd.

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September 13th

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cows and bulls steady.

Cattle - 1079

Sheep & goats - 613

Medium & large frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb. .60-1.35-3.07

300-400 lb. .65-2.24-3.10

400-500 lb. .60-2.00-2.88

500-600 lb. .65-1.92-2.69

600-700 lb. .20-1.88-2.35

700-850 lb. .75-1.80-2.25

Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb. .80-1.82-2.50

300-400 lb. .80-1.80-2.70

400-500 lb. .60-1.87-2.38

500-600 lb. .70-1.81-2.30

600-750 lb. .60-1.84-2.24

Cows:

Utility & commercial - .60-.99-1.16

Cutters - .50-.67-.83

Canners - .40-.57-.74

Palpated cows - NONE

Cow/Calf Pairs - 1175-2250

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding - 1.10-1.29

Light & Low Yielding - .68-1.09

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies - 75-265

Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.20-3.70

Wethers -2.00-3.50

Billies - 1.50-2.67

Dorp. Ewes - 60-135

Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 1.80-2.65

Woolled Ewes - NONE

Woolled Bucks - 1.00-1.30

Lambs - 1.35-2.40

Barb. Bucks - 200

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

September 15, 2023

Number of head 2,568

There were 375 cows and 26

bulls. The packer market was

steady with last week. The top

bull brought \$124/cwt, while the

top packer cow was at \$116/

cwt.

The calf market was solid and active across the board. #1 cattle continue to sell higher, discounts are seen in the plainer lower quality cattle. The overall average today was over \$3/cwt higher on 3 lbs less weight, an increase of \$10 per head.

Packer bulls: 94.00-124.00

Packer cows: 81.00-116.00

canners & cutters 35.00-50.00

poor & weak 35.00-50.00

Palpated: 51 BRED 90.00-149.00

PAIRS: 1 \$1,350

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. 175.00-200.00

200-249 lbs. 231.00-290.00

250-299 lbs. 237.00-296.00

300-350 lbs. 250.00-320.00

350-400 lbs. 239.00-320.00

400-450 lbs. 235.00-310.00

450-500 lbs. 227.00-287.50

500-550 lbs. 221.00-266.00

550-600 lbs. 225.00-265.00

600-700 lbs. 214.00-256.00

700-800 lbs. 208.00-233.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs 225.00-300.00

250-300 lbs. 236.00-325.00

300-350 lbs. 227.00-335.00

350-400 lbs. 241.00-325.00

400-450 lbs. 231.00-300.00

450-500 lbs. 214.00-275.00

500-550 lbs. 219.00-260.00

550-600 lbs. 213.00-260.00

600-700 lbs. 211.00-229.00

Over 700 lbs. 183.00-217.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

under 200 lbs. 236.00-270.00

200-250 lbs. 203.00-245.00

250-300 lbs. 202.00-350.00

300-350 lbs. 201.00-280.00

350-400 lbs. 210.00-296.00

400-450 lbs. 202.00-270.00

450-500 lbs. 211.00-265.00

500-550 lbs. 214.00-262.00

550-600 lbs. 209.00-248.00

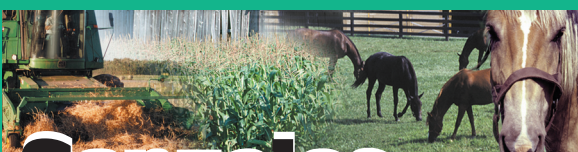
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Almost half of all child car seats are installed incorrectly

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Car seats work. Just ask Mandy Watson who was in a head-on crash with her 11-month-old and 5-year-old as they were going to lunch more than a decade ago.

“Immediately after the crash, I climbed in the back seat. In that moment I knew it worked. I knew their car seats did everything they were supposed to do, because they were still intact, still in place, and I could hear my babies crying,” said Watson.

Watson had been trained to properly secure her children in their car seats, preventing an unthinkable tragedy. That kind of training is exactly what TxDOT’s “Save Me With a Seat” campaign will teach as it kicks off in September to coincide with National Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 17– 23, 2023.

“It’s extremely important that parents schedule a car seat check today,” said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. “Ensuring car seats are installed correctly is one of the most important things a parent or caregiver can do to protect the smallest occupants in a crash.”

Around 46% of all car seats are misused as reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The campaign invites parents to schedule a free car seat safety check by visiting [SaveMeWithASeat.org](#) and entering their ZIP code to find the nearest TxDOT traffic safety specialist in their area. TxDOT offers free car seat safety checks year-round.

During September, the “Save Me With a Seat” campaign will include the “Are You Ready for Takeoff?” interactive educational experience and will make stops in eight Texas cities. The campaign’s kickoff event in Houston features retired NASA astronaut Chris Cassidy, a father of five who is passionate about safety and educating children. The experience will remind parents of the importance of always buckling up their children.

With the “Save Me With a Seat” campaign, drivers are reminded that Texas law requires all children under 8 — or shorter than 4 feet, 9 inches — to be in a car seat whenever they ride in a passenger vehicle. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket of up to \$250. In 2022, 72 children younger than 8 years old died in traffic crashes in Texas, and 16 of those were unrestrained at the time of the crash.

“Save Me With a Seat” is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel, like wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths.

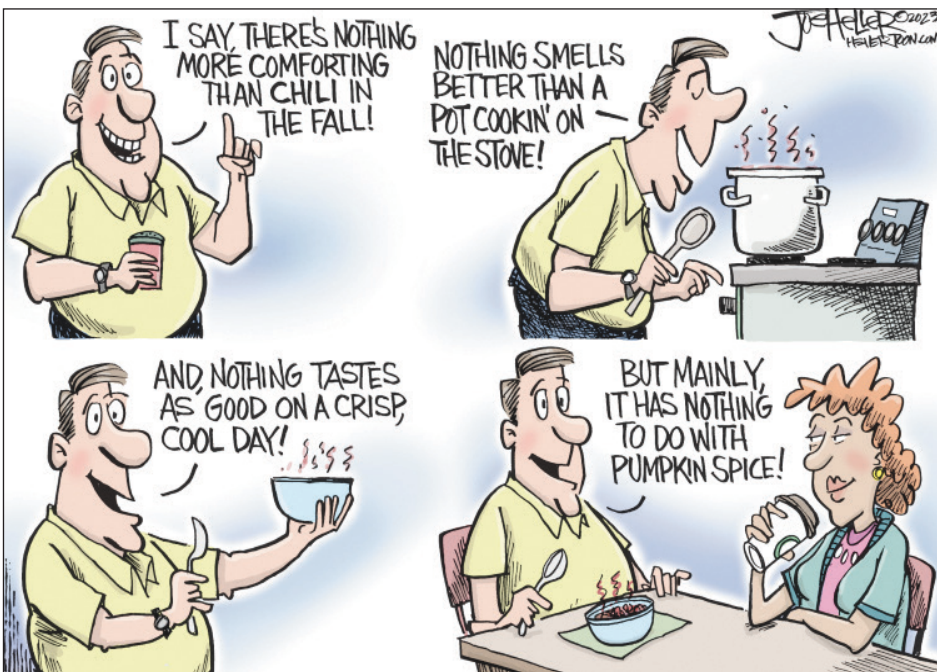
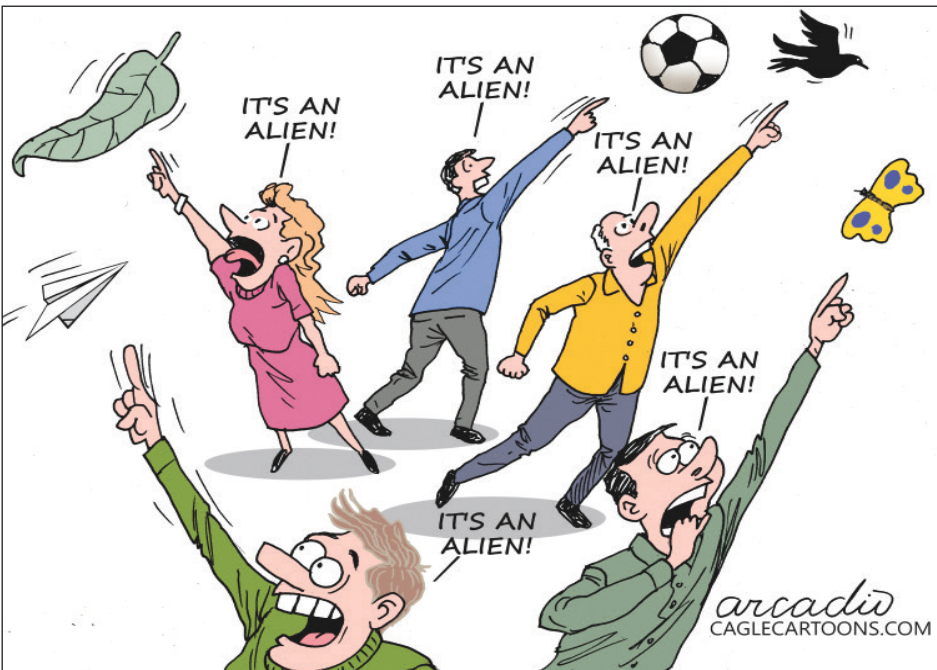
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Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick’s bias influenced the outcome of Paxton trial

BY SUZANNE BELLSNYDER
Special to the Inquirer

Lt Governor Dan Patrick, as leader of the Texas Senate, conducted a sham trial while claiming to be unbiased in the impeachment hearing of Ken Paxton and had us all fooled.

Immediately following the vote to acquit Paxton on the 16 charges, and from the dais where he presided as the “impartial” Judge in the case, Dan Patrick revealed to Texans his bias immediately with an emboldened speech admonishing the House for their handling of the impeachment.

But in fact, it was in the Senate where corruption was pervasive amongst Paxton, Patrick, and the like. No matter how perfect the case in the House had been, an acquittal was likely in the cards for Paxton. We can look at Patrick’s calculated decisions and clearly see how impeachment was dead on arrival in the Senate.

Patrick could not be an unbiased judge and should have stepped aside. The Rules passed by the Senate allowed Patrick to appoint a jurist to serve as the Court’s presiding officer. Paxton and Patrick have a long history as political allies, and most alarmingly, they are both funded by billionaires Tim Dunn and Wilkes Brothers through the Defend Liberty PAC. The PAC made a \$3M combined contribution and forgivable loan to Patrick in June, leading up to the trial. Patrick is not an attorney and has no experience, and this was a critical decision, as Patrick’s bias could not be overcome.

Patrick veiled his intentions by claiming he would do his “duty,” but he made several critical decisions in the trial, which provided an advantage for the defense.

Patrick ruled on the first day that Paxton would not be compelled to testify nor required to attend the trial. This was the first signal of his intention to shield his friend, Paxton, from public scrutiny. A more obvious bias was his tolerance of the ridiculous and ongoing “hearsay” objections made by Paxton’s attorney, Tony Buzbee, which contributed to confusion during the line of questioning around several vital witnesses. It was also revealed following the trial that Patrick had ruled in favor of the defense regarding the admission of critical testimony by Paxton’s mistress. The bribery charges related to the mistress were at the heart of why Paxton was helping his friend Nate Paul, and there was no doubt the mistress’s testimony would be damning to the defense.

And, then, there are the seriously concerning conflicts of interest that were allowed to influence the trial. The impeachment charges were extraordinary in that three Senators and the Lt Governor himself had conflicts of interest related directly to the events involved in this case.

Angela Paxton, of course, as the spouse and a party to some of the bribery charges intertwined through the case, was allowed to participate in the trial as an observer only. The Senate rules removed Senator Paxton from the deliberations. Still, she was allowed to sit on the floor during the entire trial, while Patrick ruled that General Paxton did not need to participate. Senator Paxton’s presence on the floor certainly would have a chilling effect on some of the more sensitive discussions around the mistress and the issues with home renovations, as she had been a direct party to those events.

Two other Senate members, Sen Bryan Hughes and Senator Donna Campbell, also had conflicts of interest. Hughes was the “straw requester” mentioned in Impeachment Article II, and his name was given during the trial testimony. Paxton’s extramarital affair with Laura Olsen drove the allegation of the bribery charge outlined in Article IX. Olsen had worked in the Senate as a member of Donna Campbell’s staff.

In no other trial would a jury member be allowed to have any involvement in a case and be allowed to sit as part of the jury. Because of these conflicts, these members should have recused themselves from deliberations and voting. But they did not.

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Everyone Cries Sometimes

Crying is natural! Sometimes crying gets the sadness out, and after a good cry, we feel better. There is a good reason for this. Tears contain some special ingredients that make you feel better.



Happy Tears

When people have a lot of happy feelings inside, that can bring out the tears, too.

Circle the things that sometimes make you cry happy tears.



Seeing a family member who lives far away



A happy ending in a movie or book



Winning an award



Laughing with your friends

Why do tears come out of my eyes?

Your eyes always have tears. There are special glands near your eyes that make tears. Most of the time, they make just enough to keep our eyes clean and healthy. If something gets in your eye, more tears are made that rinse your eyes and remove what shouldn't be there.




What's in tears? Use the code!

1 = A	4 = L	7 = S
2 = E	5 = O	8 = T
3 = I	6 = R	9 = W

Mostly **9 1 8 2 6**. A little **7 1 4 8 5 3 4**, and something that kills germs. When you blink, your eyelids spread the tears around your eyeballs.


The **5 3 4** helps keep the **9 1 8 2 6** close to your eyes.




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What's the difference between sweat and tears?

Your body makes liquids. Some of those liquids are tears.



Some are sweat.

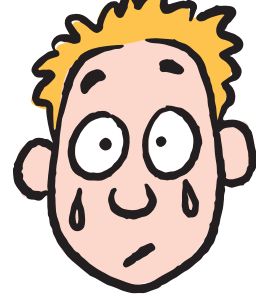


While they are both wet, they do different things.

Tears keep your eyes from drying out. They can also help you feel better.

Sweat comes out of your skin to keep you cool on a hot day. Sweat also cools you down when you exercise.

About how many tears do our eyes produce each day?



We produce about 5-10 ounces of tears every day.

Brain to Glands!

A part of your brain turns the "tear faucet" off and on. This happens when you feel strong emotions—happy and sad.

Your eye glands can produce more than half a cup of tears in minutes. This is too much for the eye glands to hold, so the overflow tears fall out of your eyes. Sometimes, overflowing tears go down your nose. That's why when you cry, your nose might run.

Circle every other letter to discover what the glands that make the tears that flow to your eyes are called.

B D V A N C T R W I K M P A J L S G U L M A Z N Y D T S

L _____

Standards Link: Life Science: Understand that humans have structures that aid in survival.

Three Types of Tears

Follow the maze to learn about each.

BASAL TEARS

Made to protect your eyes when smoke or onion fumes get in them.

REFLEX TEARS

Made when you're feeling emotional, such as happy or sad.

EMOTIONAL TEARS

Always in your eyes to keep them moist and clean.

How big is the gland that produces tears? Hold this page up to a mirror to discover the answer!

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Extra! Extra! Happy/Sad

Happy and sad mean opposite things. Look through the newspaper for words that mean the opposite. Glue the words onto cards and play a game of fish where a "match" is two words that mean the opposite.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify antonyms.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

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Crocodile Tears

Replace the missing words!

Long ago, a _____ told a story about crocodiles crying to get people to come _____. When they did, **SNAP!** _____ time!

People started saying certain kinds of crying are "crocodile tears." It means a person is just pretending to be _____ to get something.

Strangely, _____ have noticed that sometimes crocodiles DO indeed cry when they _____, but not for emotional reasons.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand the origin of idioms.

Double Double Word Search

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

AWARD
BLINK
BRAIN
CLEAN
CRY
EYES
FEEL
GERMS
GLANDS
HAPPY
NOSE
PUPIL
SAD
TEARS
WINNING


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<p>Proposition Number 1 (HJR 126)</p> <p>HJR 126 proposes a constitutional amendment to protect a person’s right to engage in generally accepted farm, ranch, timber production, horticulture, or wildlife management practices on real property that the person owns or leases. The proposed amendment would not affect the authority of the legislature to authorize the regulation of these practices by: (1) a state agency or political subdivision as necessary to protect the public health and safety from imminent danger; (2) a state agency to prevent a danger to animal health or crop production; or (3) a state agency or political subdivision to preserve or conserve the natural resources of the state under the Texas Constitution. Additionally, the proposed amendment would not affect the legislature’s authority to authorize the use or acquisition of property for a public use, including the development of natural resources under the Texas Constitution.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management.”</p>	<p>from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts.”</p>	<p>the fund for loans and grants to eligible projects for electric generating facilities that serve as backup power sources and in each region of the state that is part of an electric power grid in proportion to that region’s load share. The Texas energy fund would consist of: (1) money credited, appropriated, or transferred to the fund by or as authorized by the legislature; (2) revenue that the legislature dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) the returns received from the investment of the money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations contributed to the fund.</p>
<p>Proposition Number 2 (SJR 64)</p> <p>SJR 64 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the governing body of a county or municipality to exempt from property taxation all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility. The proposed amendment would authorize the governing body to adopt the exemption as a percentage of the appraised value of the property, but that percentage could not be less than 50% of the appraised value of the property. The proposed amendment also would allow the legislature to define the term “child-care facility” and to establish additional eligibility requirements to receive the property tax exemption.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility.”</p>	<p>Proposition Number 5 (HJR 3)</p> <p>HJR 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to redesignate the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund (TUF), and to appropriate funds from the economic stabilization fund to the TUF. The proposed amendment would appropriate to the TUF an amount equal to the interest income, dividends, and investment earnings attributable to the economic stabilization fund for the preceding state fiscal year. The appropriation amount could not exceed \$100 million for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, or an amount adjusted for the increase in the general price index, not to exceed two percent, in subsequent state fiscal years. The proposed amendment also would prohibit any state university that is entitled to participate in dedicated funding provided by Article VII, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution from receiving money from the TUF.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy.”</p>	<p>Proposition Number 8 (HJR 125)</p> <p>HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the broadband infrastructure fund. The broadband infrastructure fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller). Money from the fund could be used, without further appropriation, only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by the Texas Constitution, general law, or the General Appropriations Act; (2) revenue that the legislature by general law dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the Comptroller to transfer money from the broadband infrastructure fund to another fund as provided by general law, and the state agency that administers the fund to which any money is transferred could use the money without further appropriation only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would expire on September 1, 2035, unless extended by adoption of a joint resolution of the legislature. Immediately before the expiration of the fund, the Comptroller would be required to transfer any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the broadband infrastructure fund to the general revenue fund.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects.”</p>
<p>Proposition Number 3 (HJR 132)</p> <p>HJR 132 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the wealth or net worth of an individual or family. The proposed amendment also would prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.”</p>	<p>Proposition Number 6 (SJR 75)</p> <p>SJR 75 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas water fund. The Texas water fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) or its successor to assist in financing water projects in the state. The proposed amendment would direct the Texas water fund administrator to use the fund only to transfer money to other TWDB funds or accounts. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money for deposit to the water fund to be available for permitted transfers. No further legislative appropriation would be required for the water fund administrator to transfer money from or restore money to the fund, including the transfer of money to or the restoration of money from certain designated TWDB funds and accounts. The water fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by general law; (2) other revenue that the legislature by statute dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund; (4) money from gifts, grants, and donations to the fund; and (5) money returned from any authorized transfer. The proposed amendment would require the legislature, by general law, to provide for the manner in which money from the Texas water fund may be used. The proposed amendment also would require that at least 25% of the money initially appropriated to the Texas water fund be transferred to the New Water Supply for Texas Fund.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state.”</p>	<p>Proposition Number 9 (HJR 2)</p> <p>HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to eligible annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the general revenue fund to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to pay the cost-of-living adjustment.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.”</p>
<p>Proposition Number 4 (HJR 2- Second Special Session)</p> <p>HJR2proposesaconstitutional amendment to modify certain provisions of the Texas Constitution related to property taxes. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to temporarily limit the maximum appraised value of real property for property tax purposes in a tax year. The proposed amendment also would increase the mandatory homestead exemption for school district property taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000. The proposed amendment would require the legislature to provide for a reduction in the amount of the limitation on school district property taxes imposed on the residence homestead of the elderly or disabled. Additionally, the amendment would exempt appropriations not dedicated by the Texas Constitution and used for property tax relief from being considered as appropriations when determining whether the rate of growth of appropriations in a biennium has exceeded the constitutional tax spending limit. The proposed amendment would further authorize the legislature to provide that members serving on an appraisal board in a county with a population of at least 75,000 serve terms not to exceed four years.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption</p>	<p>Proposition Number 7 (SJR 93)</p> <p>SJR 93 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas energy fund. The Texas energy fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) or its successor. Money in the Texas energy fund could be used, without further appropriation, only by PUC or its successor to provide loans and grants to finance or incentivize the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities necessary to ensure the reliability or adequacy of an electric power grid in the state. The proposed amendment would require PUC to allocate money from</p>	<p>Proposition Number 10 (SJR 87)</p> <p>SJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from property taxation tangible personal property held by a medical or biomedical manufacturer as a finished good or used in the manufacturing or processing of medical or biomedical products.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain.”</p>
<p>Proposition Number 11 (SJR 32)</p> <p>SJR 32 proposes a constitutional amendment to expand the authority of the legislature with regard to conservation and</p>	<p>Proposition Number 12 (HJR 134)</p> <p>HJR 134 proposes a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County. The amendment would authorize the Galveston County Commissioners Court to employ or contract with a qualified person or designate another county officer to perform any functions that would have been performed by the County Treasurer. The proposed amendment would take effect only if a majority of the voters of Galveston County voting on the proposition favor the amendment.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County.”</p>	<p>Proposition Number 13 (HJR 107)</p> <p>HJR 107 proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges. Currently, the Texas Constitution establishes that justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts must retire on the expiration of the term during which they reach the age of 75 years or an earlier age, not less than 70 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment would change the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts to 79 years or an earlier age, not less than 75 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment also would remove the provision stating that justices and judges may only serve until December 31 of their fourth year in office if they reach the age of 75 years in the first four years of a six-year term.</p> <p>The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: “The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges.”</p>
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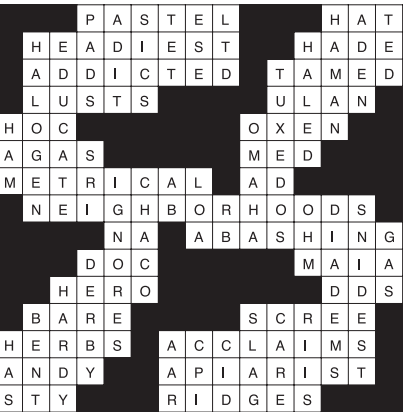
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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The City of Gonzales, Texas, is requesting public comment in regard to the submission of application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Community Development Block Grant – Regional Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) funds for infrastructure improvements providing for flood mitigation. The application and proposed non-housing infrastructure project will allow the City to utilize grant funding to mitigate the impact of future flooding events:




1. Local Infrastructure Program Funding as Allocated By the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCPRC): \$2,999,400 with \$1,499,700 to benefit low-to-moderate income areas of the City

The City will request public comments for fifteen (15) days from Thursday, September 21, 2023 through Friday, October 6, 2023. The application will be available for review at Gonzales City Hall located at 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas, 78629 or on the website at: <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/>. The public is encouraged to submit comments that will assist the City in defining and evaluating the proposed projects that will mitigate the devastating effects of natural disasters as well ensure the projects are in line with environmental regulations, affirmatively further fair housing activities, and, if applicable, minimizing displacement of persons by project activities. The proposed activities are not expected to result in the displacement of persons.

Allowable activities under this grant include but are not limited to: natural and green infrastructure, public facilities, housing, buyouts or acquisition, activities designed to relocate families outside of floodplains, and public service activities.

Upon the expiration of this comment period the City will review and address any public comments in the proposed application. The grant application will be submitted to City Council for a Public Hearing on October 12, 2023 at 6pm at City Hall located at 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629. Please email your views and comments to citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov, or mail your comments to:

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c/o City Secretary
P.O. Box 547
Gonzales, Texas 78629-0547


AVISO PÚBLICO

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1. Financiamiento del Programa de Infraestructura Local asignado por la Comisión de Planificación Regional Golden Crescent (GCPRC): \$2,999,400 con \$1,499,700 para el beneficio de zonas de la Ciudad con ingresos bajos a moderados.

La Ciudad solicitará los comentarios del público durante quince (15) días desde el jueves 21 de septiembre de 2023 hasta el viernes 6 de octubre de 2023. La solicitud estará disponible para su revisión en el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Gonzales, sito en 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas, 78629 o en el sitio web: <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/>. Se anima al público a que presente comentarios que ayuden a la Ciudad a definir y evaluar los proyectos propuestos que mitigarán los efectos devastadores de los desastres naturales y que garantizarán que los proyectos se adecuen a las reglamentaciones medioambientales, promuevan afirmativamente las actividades de vivienda justa y, si corresponde, minimicen el desplazamiento de personas por las actividades del proyecto. No se espera que las actividades propuestas den lugar al desplazamiento de personas.

Las actividades permitidas en el marco de esta subvención incluyen, entre otras: infraestructuras naturales y verdes, instalaciones públicas, viviendas, compras o adquisiciones, actividades destinadas a reubicar a las familias fuera de las llanuras aluviales y actividades de servicios públicos.

Tras la finalización de este periodo de comentarios, la Ciudad revisará y abordará cualquier comentario público en la solicitud propuesta. La solicitud de la subvención se presentará ante el Consejo Municipal para una audiencia pública el 12 de octubre de 2023, a las 6 p.m. en el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Gonzales, sito en 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas, 78629. Envíe sus opiniones y comentarios a citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov o por correo postal a:

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OBITUARY

REV. JESSE HARDIN “BUZZ” YARBOROUGH, JR.

In Memoriam: The Rev. Jesse Hardin “Buzz” Yarborough, Jr. (1939 - 2023)

Marked by a life of profound faith and service to Jesus Christ, the Reverend Jesse Hardin Yarborough, Jr., affectionately known as “Buzz” or “Father Buzz” entered the joy of his Savior’s Presence in heaven on September 13, 2023.

Buzz was born in Miami, Florida, on September 8, 1939, and had just celebrated his 84th birthday. Buzz is survived by his devoted wife of almost 60 years, Kathyne “Kaki” Manheim Yarborough, his loving children Kathy Archer (Bill) and David Yarborough (Amber), and his sister Louise “Sis” Greer and brother Bert Yarborough. Buzz’s legacy also lives on through his five beloved grandchildren—Molly and Will Archer, and Eli, Jonathan, and Hannah Yarborough. He is preceded in passing by his son Jay Yarborough, daughter Jill Yarborough, and parents Jesse and Louise Yarborough.

Buzz was a proud graduate of Clemson University, class of 1963. On November 30 of the same year, he married the love of his life, Kaki, and together they embarked on a nearly 60-year journey filled with love, grace, service and ministry.

After a successful career in the corporate world with Exxon Corp. and Xerox, Buzz’s heart calling led him to dedicate his life to full-time ministry in the Episcopal Church. He earned his Master of Divinity from The

University of the South School of Theology in Sewanee, TN. From then on, he became known as Fr. Buzz, a larger-than-life figure to many in the churches and communities that he served. Buzz initially served as an assistant priest at St. Peter’s By the Sea in Bay Shore, New York. Over the years, he served as the Rector in Brunswick, GA at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, in Little Rock, AR at Christ Episcopal Church, and in Gonzales, TX at the Episcopal Church of the Messiah. Even after retiring in 2005 and returning to Brunswick, he remained active in ministry, taking up part-time and interim roles in various parishes. Most recently he had served for 9 years as the Vicar of St Richards of Jekyll Island, GA finally preaching his last sermon on May 28, 2023.

Buzz truly was a spiritual cornerstone in the communities he served. His work with St. Mark’s Towers, Manna House, and the International Seafarers Center stand as testaments to his lasting impact. His ministry, alongside Kaki, was a sanctuary of compassion, care, and hospitality. They welcomed so many people into their hearts and home. Numerous younger adults and teens always felt loved in the Yarborough home, finding in Buzz an example, a mentor, and even a father-figure.

Buzz’s personality was as grand as his physical stature. He had a love for Clemson football, reading books, going

to the movies, and enjoying the company of other people. Most of all he loved being with his family for visits and holidays and being with his extended family at Peppertree Crossing.

In the final weeks of his life, Buzz continued to uplift and encourage those around him. He had an extraordinary way of making people feel seen and loved. His last interactions were filled with moments of looking friends in the eyes and telling them, “I want you to know that I love you.” It was as if he knew his time was coming to an end. Buzz loved others well right up to the end of his life.

Rev. Jesse “Buzz” Yarborough was indeed larger than life, but now, he has entered eternal life with his Savior. As we mourn his physical absence, we are comforted by the truth that he is now rejoicing in the eternal glory of Jesus Christ. Buzz is truly at home in heaven. A Celebration of Life service to honor Fr. Buzz will be held Friday, September 22 at 11 AM at Community Church, St. Simons, 2700 Frederica Rd., St. Simons Island, GA. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Community Church (2700 Frederica Rd., St. Simons Island, GA 31522) designated to the Benevolence Fund, or to Church on the Hill (P.O. Box 62, Dalton, GA 30722) designated to the Jesus Offering Fund. Both of these funds go to help others in need, which was so close to Buzz’s heart.

BIAS

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COUNTING THE VOTES

Conflict of interest issues are truly significant because they impacted the fairness of the trial overall, and most importantly, they had a direct impact on the final vote.

The Senators, as the jury, cast their individual votes, and a conviction would have required a 2/3 supermajority vote of the body. It was determined that Mrs./Sen Paxton would not be allowed to vote, but she was included in the total needed to reach the supermajority. With her present “not voting,” the 2/3 threshold was 21; if she had recused herself, the threshold would have been 20. Even more interesting is that if all three Senators with conflicts had “recused,” as they should have, the vote needed would have been only 19.

Republicans Campbell and Hughes both voted to acquit on all 16 charges. Vote counts leaked to the media have said there were 20 votes to convict behind closed doors, but without the 21 being there, some of the fringe voters were afraid to go against Patrick and Paxton.

There are a couple of other events that should cause concern. Since the jury was not sequestered at any time during the trial, they had access to their phone, email, and social media, which

meant that they were open to influence. Seven of the Senators, who ultimately voted to acquit, were seen having dinner together in Austin on the evening prior to closing arguments. Patrick confirmed in a post on social media that he “consulted” with two of the jurors on the night before the verdict was voted on after sending the jury home with strict instructions not to talk with anyone.

Patrick clearly manipulated this solemn, important constitutional process provided by our state constitution and manipulated the proceedings to save Paxton, his political ally, and his donors.

During the trial, the House attorney Rusty Hardin mistakenly interchanged Patrick and Paxton’s names during the questioning of witnesses. They portrayed Rusty as senile for this, but maybe Rusty was on to something. Patrick and Paxton are one and the same. They are Politicians who will do anything to stay in power. And they did.

Suzanne Sanders Bellsnyder served as a Chief of Staff in the Texas Senate for over a decade. She now lives in the Texas Panhandle and is the editor of the Hansford Reporter Statesman, her hometown newspaper, and the Texas Rural Reporter, a statewide news service covering Rural Texas and its interests. Twitter/X: @sbellsnyder | Substack: Texas Rural Reporter

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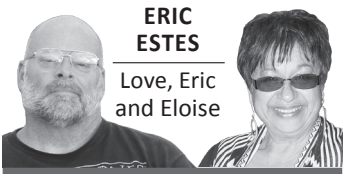
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Any descendants of the Simmons, Lemons or Adams that reside in Lavaca, Gonzales, Victoria, Harris, Travis, Bexar, Fayette, Dallas, Wharton, Caldwell and any other surrounding Texas counties are encouraged to attend. Please bring desserts, vegetables, a raffle gift, Yourself and others.

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For questions and/or additional information, contact Margie (Nell) Simmons at (512) 565-1218 or at bertmason58@gmail.com.

Slow to Learn



ERIC ESTES

Love, Eric and Eloise

Eden to work it and keep it.” The Hebrew word for keep is shamar, which means to “take care of”, in a loving, caring and sustaining way. I figure we owe it to God to try and take care of what ever he’s blessed us with including, but not limited to, our bodies and health, possessions, position or authority, our planet, family, friends, and humanity in general. In the beginning, man and animals coexisted. It wasn’t until man disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil that mankind was given dominion over animals for food and clothing. We were given everything good that life had to offer with one simple stipulation, and our pride and greed caused us to mess that up, and yet we’re still patting ourselves on the back for what we consider to be superior intelligence. And yet today, millions still deny their own creator. We seem to lack the ability to learn from our previous mistakes, as humanity’s still going around the same mountains we’ve always gone around. Guess I can’t be too hard on myself for being a slow learner, it

seems to be encoded in our DNA! After mowing my lawn (short weeds), I sat on my porch, cold drink in hand and watched the dozens of dragonflies as they dipped into my small pond for a drink themselves. Fascinated by them, I turned to Google for some fun facts about my little buddies. Probably among the first insects created, today’s dragonflies have wingspans of two to five inches, while fossils have been found with wingspans up to two feet. There are more than 5,000 species globally. During their larval stage, which can last two years, they are aquatic and feed on mosquitoes, tadpoles and fish. Then they crawl out of the water, shedding their exoskeleton, drying out and finally taking to the skies. Most of their head is eye, allowing them to see all angles, except behind. Efficient predators, they catch their food with their legs while in flight. A single dragonfly can consume hundreds of mosquitoes per day. They can travel seven miles per day and some have migrated over 11,000 miles, the longest of any insect. I’ve saved several out of the pond and they seem very appreciative. Just doing my part to help along their God given mission in this life, ‘cause we can all use a little help now and then! Love you guys, Eric.

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Hey there fellow Gonzales County friends and neighbors, I hope ya’ll are doing well. As for me, well it seems to be one of those weird time slots that we all get the pleasure of going through from time to time, where our head space and reality collide, leaving us wondering what the heck is going on? After finishing up a home maintenance project, preparing for company, enjoying company, cleaning up afterwards, fighting off a sinus infection, immediately jumping into trying to help neighbors build a fence, reality and good intentions collided as I threw my back out and had to take time to let it heal. Some could say that this old boy’s definitely a slow learner, as I’ve done this many times over the years. I keep quoting Dirty Harry’s “A man has got to know his limitations”, but so far for me they’re apparently just empty words, as they’ve yet to stick. All too often my good intentions override what little common sense I’ve accumulated over the years, but still have high hopes that someday I’ll figure it out. Now that I’m back up and running (slowly), my goal is to ease into strengthening my atrophied common sense muscle to be at least somewhat useful as I continue on my way. I guess time will tell.

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OBITUARIES

GEORGE THOMAS COX

George Thomas “Tommy” Cox passed away peacefully on September 6, 2023 after an extremely short illness. Tommy left this world with more drama than when he arrived, as was his nature.

Tommy was born on September 14, 1948 in Houston, Texas to Joy Qualls Cox and Tommy C. Cox, Jr., of Gonzales, TX. He grew up in the Rio Grande Valley, in Harlingen, a place he held close to his heart. His childhood and high school years are legendary to his friends who loved and embraced his style of adventure and penchant for troublemaking.

Tommy studied at the University of Texas in Austin where he attended every Longhorn game, ate at the back of Cisco’s and worked part time at Reynolds-Penman on the drag as one of the first suit salesmen and in his spare time, moonlighting as an employee at the local funeral home.

He found his calling when a barge loaded with #2 oil was stranded in the Port of Brownsville with no apparent buyer. Tommy knew a guy that knew a guy, and that was his introduction into the petrochemical business. He moved to Houston and learned the business from Ed Zagrodsky, partnering on numerous legendary oil trades during their 30-year association.

Tommy formed Garrett Oil Corporation in 1983 and contributed to the industry immensely through the Southwest Chemical Association and was elected the organization’s president in the 1990s. Tommy was an exceptionally successful oilman who garnered admiration and respect from industry peers.

At the turn of the century, he relocated to Gonzales, TX, where he re-established his grandparents’ property as “La Sendera.” He had



a passion for the people of Gonzales which led him to build the Heights nursing home and restore the Oak Forest historical bridge on the corners of his property. He was also a proud member of the local Rotary Club.

Out of all his accomplishments and positions he held, the most important to him was Dad and his relationship with his three children. When Garrett’s sisters lost their father, Tommy took on the role of “Dad” or “TC” to Tierney and Erin Ann, making sure they were taken care of until the day he passed. He attended every Lacrosse game for Garrett, following him to Colorado as the first lacrosse goalie from TX to make the All-American team. Tommy supported Tierney in all accomplishments and was a cheerleader through every life obstacle and together they shared a passion for travel. He was an enthusiast of Erin Ann’s equestrian show jumping in driving the airstream across the country while following her competitions. Whether on the ranch, at the beach, or mountain trips, the time with his children was his most cherished memories. Making sure they and his niece and nephew were loved and taken care of until the day he passed, he was an amazing advocate in all they do.

Tommy was a seventh-generation Texan and member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas - and he

was proud of it. He loved his cows, dove hunting, the Texas Longhorns, family genealogy and his close friends. He was one-of-a-kind, full of life and selfless, always giving and refusing to take. He liked to be called TC but some of his friends referred to him as “Talks Tommy Talks” because he never stopped talking until he made his point. He leaves friends in Gonzales, Houston, the Rio Grande Valley and all over the country.

He is preceded in death by his ever-loving mother, Joy Marie Qualls Cox and his beloved chocolate lab, Sendera. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Garrett Thomas Cox and Berkeley Ramsbottom Cox, his daughters, Tierney Grace Oakes and Erin Ann Oakes, along with their mother, his former wife, Jan Tolson. He is also remembered by his beloved sister, Cathy Cox, and her children: Christa L. Craven, Chad M. Craven and wife Andrea Craven, along with their children Charlotte Joy and Jackson. He leaves behind his two kitties, Kitty and Lil’ Nan, who were the most spoiled cats in Gonzales County. He also leaves behind his countless friends who were family, including Houston Yarbrough, John Heck, Harry Perrin, Mike McKinney, Bud Jewitt, Cindy Munson and Martin Garcia and by many relatives in Gonzales and Texas.

A Life Celebration Service will be held at a later date. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, please share donations in spirit of Tommy to: MD Anderson and Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, Gonzales.

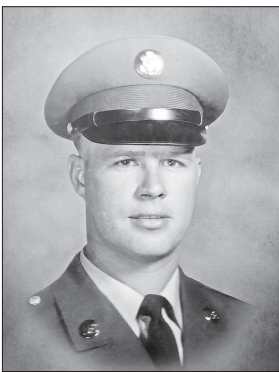
EDWARD THORTON “EDDIE” ILEY

Edward Thorton “Eddie” Iley was born October 22, 1943 in Wrightsboro, Texas and entered Heaven’s gates on Friday, September 15, 2023.

Eddie proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves for 2 years. He attended Huntsville State College worked as a Master Electrician with Shell Oil Company for 14 years. He owned and operated his own contracting company, Trinity Construction for 10 years. He also built and supervised self-storage properties for many years.

He loved spending his time fishing, hunting, camping, and motor homing around the United States and teaching his grandchild to love this life too.

He had a love and passion for studying the word of God. Eddie was called to start a Youth Ministry in Friendswood, TX where many youths



and their parents came to know the Lord! Eddie will always be remembered by his family and friends for the many lives he had touched in his 80 years of life.

Eddie is survived by his wife of 57 years, Connie Stanley Iley, daughter and son-in-law, Dena Lynne Iley Sanchez and Billy, his granddaughter, Nicole Marie Sanchez, great-grandchildren, Brooke Lynne Sanchez, Ayden Tyan Wood, and Aryanna Raelynn Cubic. He was

preceded in death by his parents Chester and Virgie Iley, and brothers, James and Paul Iley.

The family will receive friends from 10 am to 11 am Thursday, September 21, 2023 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 11 am in the Seydler-Hill Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Kirkwood officiating. Interment will follow in Wrightsboro Cemetery. Pallbearers: Billy Sanchez, James Price, Ayden Wood, Ches Elley, Brooke Sanchez and Tommy Tatum. In lieu of flowers, friends may memorial donations to The ALS Association, 1300 Wilson Blvd, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22209. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

RANDALL UNDERWOOD SWEENEY, JR.

Randall Underwood Sweeney, Jr., 86, went to be with his Lord and Savior on September 16, 2023. He was born July 12, 1937, in Nashville, TN to Randall Underwood Sweeney, Sr. and Louis Dorothy Jenkins Sweeney. He married his soul-mate Barbara June Sweeney on August 16, 1957, in Portland, TN. He worked for Ralston Purina Company for 42 years relocating to many locations during his career including Lake City, FL, Tampa, FL; Shreveport, LA; and finally, to Gonzales, TX in 1979. Randall retired in 2001. He was a member of the Gonzales Church of Christ. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Ronald Phillip Sweeney and Stacia Sweeney of Gonzales; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Brent Barnick. Granddaughter and husband, Brenna Barnick Patton and Doug Patton; Step-grandson and wife, Cody



and Brittany Lawrence; Great Grandchildren Blair and Davis Patton and Evlynn Lawrence. His brother, Bob Sweeney of Nashville, TN; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Betty and Buddy Harper of Chattanooga, TN, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife June Sweeney, his parents, Mr & Mrs. Randall Underwood Sweeney, Sr.; and step-grandson Justen Lawrence.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 22,

2023 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, September 23, 2023 at the Gonzales Church of Christ. Interment will follow at the Denton Creek Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Doug Patton, Jason Harper, Kevin Standefer, Jay Mason, Edwin Weaver, Jose Nunez
Honorary Pallbearers: Brent Barnick, Aaron Jackson, Larry Harding, Ralph Mason, Rex Boggs, Perry Winegeart, Gary Schroeder, Larry Patterson, Mike Ivey, Evel Williams

Memorials may be made to Gonzales Church of Christ.

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

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, 906 St. Paul, Gonzales.

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09/04/23
Swenson,Dean
Edward, 01/1979, Nixon:
Warrantless On-View
Poss CS PG
1/1-B>=1G<4G,
Warrantless On-View
Poss Dangerous Drug,
Other Agency Hold Man
Del CS PG 1 >=4G<200G;
Released \$44,000.00
Bond

09/07/2023
Almaguer,Enrique,
07/1982, Gonzales: Other
Agency Hold Driving
While Intoxicated 2nd;
Released \$1000.000
Bond

09/07/2023
Pelletier,Tristin Scott,
07/1996, Gonzales:
Warrantless on View
Assault Causes Bodily
Injury Family Member;
Released \$10,000.00
Bond

09/08/2023
Salazar,Angel Jr.,
06/1968, Houston:
Commitment Sentence
Poss CS PG 1<1G;
Remains in Custody

09/08/2023
Perez Arredondo,Eric
David, 04/2000, Nixon:
Commitment Sentence
Poss Marij <2oz,
Weekender Time Not
Complete

09/08/2023
Hyatt,Becky Estell,
10/1995, Nixon: Local
Warrant Resist Arrest

Search or Transport,
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Bond; Local Warrant
Robbery, No Bond Set

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Commitments, other
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GPD 07
WPD 02
NPD 02
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OBITUARIES

FRANK V. SALAS, JR.

Frank V. Salas Jr, 54, of Gonzales, TX passed away on September 13, 2023.

There will be a memorial at the Come and Take It Dance Hall in Gonzales, TX, from 3:00-7:00pm on October 14, 2023.

Frank was born in Gonzales to Erlinda Molina and Frank Salas on July 2, 1969. He graduated from Gonzales High School as the first male cheerleader in the school's history. During his young years Frank worked at HEB in Gonzales starting off as a bagger moving his way up the ranks to work in the Business Center at HEB in San Antonio. He studied



business at the Durham School of Business earning his Certificate. He loved to travel and lived in many places over his life time; Texas, New York, Florida, and eventually settling in California. He

worked in the banking industry for 20 years ending his career at UMe Credit Union as a Loan Officer. He was a brother, a sister, and a queen of queens! Frank never met a stranger. To know him was to love him. He was full of life, love, and always had the biggest snatched wig!

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters Elsa Aguirre, Elizabeth Ann Aguirre, and his brother Joe Alfred Molina (JAM).

Frank is survived by his 3 sisters Esther Molina, Veronica Molina, and Elaine Molina all currently living in San Antonio.

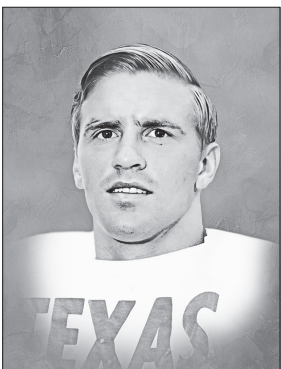
KENNETH “KENNY” DALE EHRIG

Kenneth “Kenny” Dale Ehrig, 75, went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 8th at Live Oaks Estates of Austin, surrounded by his family, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. He was born January 28th, 1948, in Gonzales, Texas to Helmuth and Alma Breitschopf Ehrig, he was the youngest of three boys.

Kenny was a 1966 graduate of Gonzales High School. He followed his brother, Ronnie Ehrig, playing football for The University of Texas. He was a senior on the Longhorns' 1969 National Championship football team and earned his degree in business. Kenneth was a senior pharmaceutical representative, awarded as a top salesman, and was a favorite with all the doctors.

He met his wife, Nancy, while she was working for her father, Dr. James M. Graham. They married on September 2, 1978. They raised their children in Austin and have immensely helped their daughter Susan raise her own sons.

Kenny is remembered for his steadfast loyalty, deep love of family, kindness, playful sense of humor, and sweet personality mixed with his German stubbornness. He was always ready to help anyone and tried to put a smile on everyone's face. He was the kind of neighbor who would stop and chat with anyone,



would mow your lawn, and would pump out flooding in everyone's yards after rains. He was beloved by every dog he met, and he adored and doted on the family's two sets of twin dachshunds for the last thirty years. Kenny was a wonderful father and Opa, and he loved supporting his children and grandchildren's activities and interests. Education was very important to him, and he helped in providing many opportunities for them. He especially loved continuing faith, heritage and athletic traditions with his family. Kenny was a member of Hermann Sons, T Association, and the First United Methodist Church.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, David Lee Ehrig and Ronald Louis Ehrig.

Kenny is survived by his wife of 45 years, Nancy Graham Ehrig of Austin; sons Kenneth Jason Ehrig and wife Desiree of Marble Falls; Kevin Graham Ehrig

and wife Nickie of Kyle; daughter Susan Denise Ehrig Thonhoff of Austin; 8 grandchildren, Emily Day Ehrig, Luke Helmuth Ehrig, Charlee Grace Ehrig and Heidi Adelle Ehrig; Roland Helmuth Thonhoff and Raimund Hugo Thonhoff; Tilda James Ehrig and Grayson Jacob Ehrig. Sister-in-law, Glenda Griffith Ehrig; of Durango, CO, nephews Gregory David Ehrig and Ryan Austin H. Ehrig of Durango, CO, Daniel Paul Ehrig of Albuquerque, NM, aunt Gertrude Ehrig Iley of Gonzales, and many dearly loved cousins.

A visitation will take place on Friday, September 22, 2023, at Seydler - Funeral Home in Gonzales, Texas from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at First United Methodist Church in Gonzales, Texas at 10:00am. Services will be conducted by Rev Dr. Matt J. Pennington.

Interment will be at Gonzales Hermann Sons Cemetery. Pallbearers include Steve Ehrig, Greg Ehrig, Dan Ehrig, Bo Ehrig, Jack Ehrig, Michael Ehrig, and Keeton Ehrig.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Gonzales, Alzheimer's Association or a charity of your choice.

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

RUBY LEE HINDS

Gonzales - Ruby Lee Hinds passed away September 15, 2023. She was 85. Ruby was born on June 6, 1938 in Gideon, Missouri to Flava Blanche Quinn and Jessie Uni Hall. She grew up picking cotton in the Bootheel of Missouri. Ruby joined the United States Navy where she met her husband and followed him in line of service and traveled all over the world. She was very family oriented and raised her children later on as a stay-at-home mom.

Ruby was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter and friend who will missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her husband: Roy Luther Hinds; parents: Flava Hall, Jessie Hall and Elsie Hall.

Survivors include her sons: Roy Hinds



(Yolanda) from Sinton, Texas, Raymond Hinds from Palacios, Texas and Jason Hinds (Mindy) from Gonzales, Texas; daughter: Shelia Hinds from Blessing, Texas; 14 grandchildren: Anthony Michael Hinds, Marie Danielle Ramirez, May Dean Stojank, Roy Michael Hinds, Jr., Megan Grace Burden, Hannah Lee Hinds, Breanna Desiree Sparks, Abigail Cierra Gonzales,

Alexandria Justine Hinds, Jacelin Alena Hinds, Juliana Rose Hinds, Vito Terrasas, Valerie Terrasas and Victoria Terrasas; 18 great-grandchildren; sister: Blanche Rhine (Glenn) from Florissant, Missouri.

Visitation will begin Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel in Sinton. The Funeral Service will be held Thursday, September 21, 2023, 10:00 AM at Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be Wednesday September 27, 2023, 1:45 PM at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

Guestbook available online at www.resthaven-funerals.com

Arrangements and care entrusted to Resthaven Funeral Home, Sinton.

PATRICIA ANN WALKER

Patricia Ann Waker was born April 5, 1958, in Gonzales, Texas to Minnie Pearl Walker. She attended school in Gonzales and graduated from Gonzales High School.

She was a member of Henson Chapel United Methodist Church. She served as church secretary until her demise. She was a faithful member.

She worked at Warm Springs for 35 years or more. She also did private sitting for numerous families. She also had a cleaning service.

Patricia had a unique smile like no other. She loved people and was



famous for her Banana pudding. She will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Minnie Pearl Walker, her grandmother, Madie

Johnson, and uncle, Fred Walker, and her favorite uncle, Pastor Billy R. Washington, Sr.

She leaves to cherish her only sister; Crystal N. Walker, niece, Zabree Walker, nephew, Deandre Walker and her favorite aunt, Missionary Melba Washington. Special friend of over 30 years, Dexter Hedspect and special Pastor Jernard Conaway. Numerous families and many friends.

Services Entrusted to Harris Funeral Home 127 Highway 90a Gonzales, Texas

JUANITA MOLINA OLMOS

Juanita Molina Olmos, 90, of Gonzales, passed away Wednesday, September 13, 2023. She was born April 3, 1933 in Gonzales the daughter of Juan and Lucia Velasquez Molina. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a homemaker. Juanita worked as a certified nursing assistant and was with the Care Inn Nursing Home for several years. She enjoyed following her favorite novellas on television, visiting with friends and neighbors but most of all she treasured time with her children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her daughters Lupe De La Rosa and Rita San Miguel and husband Martin all of Gonzales; sons Henry Olmos and wife Elisa of Buda, Manuel Olmos and wife Anna and John Olmos and wife Irma all of Gonzales;



18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded by her parents, son Frank Olmos, Jr., granddaughter Amanda Marie Olmos, 5 sisters and 4 brothers.

Visitation will be held 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday, September 17, 2023 at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with the Rosary beginning at 7 p.m. The Mass of the Resurrection will be

celebrated 10 a.m. Monday, September 18, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Reverend Jason Martini officiating. Interment will follow at St. James Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers include Joe Maldonado, Gerardo De La Rosa, Jr., Chris Olmos, Steven Olmos, Kenny Olmos and Cole Botello.

Juanita's family would like to thank Dr. Sean Hattenbach, Dr. Emily Wagner, the Gonzales Healthcare nurses and Care Team Hospice for their compassionate care. And a special thanks to Ms. Angeles Reyna her caregiver.

Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www.seydlershillfuneralhome.com

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of cat

6. Weaponry

10. Western Christian Church service

14. Significant eruption of pustules

15. Baltic nation

17. Start of American holiday season

19. Unhappy

20. Maintains possession of

21. Metrical foot of one long and three short syllables

22. Mountain pass

23. Vestments

24. Type of dish

26. Escaped quickly

29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

31. Wings

32. Political action committee

34. Touches lightly

35. Stood back from

37. Philippine Island

38. Popular winter activity

39. Type of amine

40. Small freshwater duck

41. Filled with love

43. Without (French)

45. Vetch

46. Swiss river

47. Describes a sound

49. Sign language

50. Hair product

53. Have surgery

57. Quality of being imaginary

58. Far-right German party

59. Drove

60. Former French coin of low value

61. Hard, durable timbers

CLUES DOWN

1. Body art

2. Middle East military title

3. Actor Pitt

4. Container

5. Speak incessantly

6. Relating to algae

7. Jacob __, journalist

8. Rock TV channel

9. Boat's cargo

10. Most wise

11. Within

12. Chinese industrial city

13. Scotland's longest river

16. Not capable

18. Footwear

22. Savings account

23. Capable

24. Vaccine developer

25. Tax collector

27. Fencing swords

28. Native religion in China

29. Promotional materials

30. A shot in a film production

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31. Afflict in mind or body

33. A passage with access only at one end

35. Breathing devices

36. Employ for wages

37. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)

39. Popular Boston song

42. Made amends

43. Selling at specially reduced prices

44. Atomic #18

46. With fireplace residue

47. Unleavened cornbread

48. Draw out

49. Southwestern Alaska island

50. Where the Pyramids are

51. People of Nigeria

52. Smaller quantity

53. Destroy the inside of

54. City

55. Chivalrous figure (abbr.)

56. No (Scottish)

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

SPORTS

Weather cancels Apaches-Eagles game



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Apaches senior wide receiver Davonte Smith (11) stiff arms a Pleasanton player in the first quarter of the game Friday, Sept. 15.

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches traveled to Pleasanton for a non-district match against the Eagles Friday, Sept. 15.

The teams scored a combined three touchdowns in the first five minutes of the game, but the contest would be cut short due to a lightning delay.

Sophomore David Clack III intercepted Pleasanton's quarterback at the Eagles 40 and that would be the final play of the game as lightning forced the teams off the field.

After more than an hour of lightning and of rain hitting the field, both teams

agreed to cancel the game, which was declared a no contest.

Apaches head coach Joey Rivera was no stranger to bad weather games. He said when he was at Corsicana facing Waxahachie, they had to cancel the game due to stormy weather and lightning.

Rivera said despite the canceled game, his players had a great practice in preparation for the Pleasanton game.

"The good thing was we responded right away and I was excited. We got that interception. I was getting ready to score and I'd seen those lightning flashes and knew that this was about to happen. And it was kind of

disappointing. We didn't get to see the response [after the interception]. And I thought it was gonna be a pretty dang good ballgame," Rivera said.

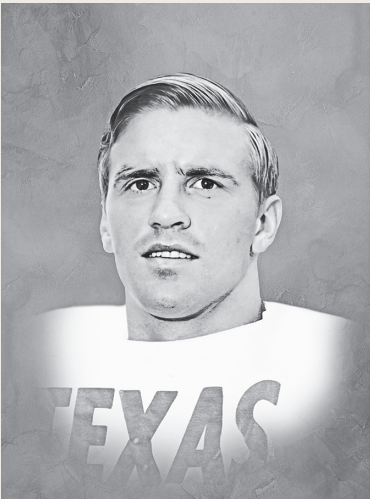
The Apaches will host the Yoakum Bulldogs for their last non-district game of the season, and Rivera knows it's going to be a big game for them.

"It's gonna be a big game, going to be a very athletic group of guys and obviously coach Robinson does too because the Gonzales-Pleasanton game was ruled a no contest, the Apaches remain 2-1 for the season so far.

The Yoakum game kicks off Friday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in Apache Field.



Above: Sophomore strong safety David Clack III (1) tackles a Pleasanton player on the road. Clack recorded an interception before the game was cancelled due to weather. Left: Senior running back Rocky Gallegos (21) punts the ball for Gonzales in a non-district match against the Pleasanton Eagles Friday, Sept. 15.



Kenneth Ehrig

Apaches, Longhorn alumnus passes away

STAFF REPORT

Former Gonzales Apache and Texas Longhorn football player Kenneth Ehrig passed away Friday, Sept. 8 at the age of 75.

Ehrig graduated Gonzales High School in 1966 and would later follow his brother, Ronnie Ehrig, to go play football at the University of Texas at Austin.

In 1969, in his senior year at Texas, Ehrig caught four passes for 89 yards and a TD and was the leading receiver in a 69-7 rout of TCU that year.

Ehrig appeared in four games with Longhorns and caught 10 passes (third most on the team) for 167 yards and a TD on a team which was primarily a wishbone team for legendary coach Darrell Royal and offensive coordinator Emory Bellard.

Ehrig was a contributing part of the 1969 Texas Longhorns that won the national championship that season; he was the only player from Gonzales to letter that year. He would earn a ring and a letter that year. He was a proud member of the T Association.

After football, Ehrig earned his degree in business and was a senior pharmaceutical representative.

Lady Apaches beat Cardinals in four sets



ERIN SAMPLE MCCRAY

Senior Kelly Breitschopf (8) jumps in the air for the ball against the YWLA Cardinals Friday, Sept. 15 in San Antonio.

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches were on the road in San Antonio for a match-up against the Young Women's Leadership Academy (YWLA) Cardinals Friday, Sept. 15.

The Lady Apaches extended their win streak to two in district play with a four-set win (25-22, 15-25, 25-22, 27-25) over YWLA.

Gonzales combined for 27 kills against the Cardinals;

sophomore Isabella Ikard and senior Tara Lester led the team with six kills each.

The Lady Apaches served well against YWLA, earning 11 aces; seniors Mallory Clack and Hannah Avant recorded three aces each in the win over the Cardinals.

Avant recorded a double-double with 16 digs and 14 assists.

On defense, the Lady Apaches recorded 14 block assists and eight total blocks; Ikard led the team

with five total blocks, one solo block and four assisted blocks.

Gonzales improves to 2-1 in district play and they took on San Antonio Memorial at home Tuesday, Sept. 19 for their fourth district game of the season.

The Lady Apaches will hit the road again Friday, Sept. 22 in San Antonio to take on the JFK Lady Rockets and Tuesday, Sept. 23 they'll return home to host Cuero. All games start at 6:30 p.m.

--GONZALES vs YWLA--

KILLS:
I. Ikard and T. Lester: six kills
Macy Sample: five kills
H. Avant: four kills
Kelly Breitschopf and M. Clack: three kills

ACES:
M. Clack and H. Avant: three aces
Alaina Valle and M. Sample: two aces
Aubrey Lindemann: one ace

BLOCKS:
I. Ikard: five blocks
M. Clack: three blocks
T. Lester, H. Avant, and M. Sample: two blocks

ASSISTS:
H. Avant: 14 assists
M. Sample: seven assists
Dakota Schmidt and K. Breitschopf: one assists

DIGS:
H. Avant: 16 digs
M. Sample: 15 digs
D. Schmidt: 10 digs
A. Lindemann: nine digs
A. Valle: six digs
K. Breitschopf: five digs
I. Ikard: four digs
M. Clack and T. Lester: one dig

SCORES & STANDINGS

4A Division II: District 12 football scores

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

SCORES:

*Gonzales 0, Pleasanton 0 (No Contest)
Caldwell 0, Maddison 63
Giddings 7, Burnet 35
La Grange 20, Lago Vista 35
Cuero 22, Callallen 14
Smithville 19, Taylor 49

3A Division II: District 15 scores

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

SCORES:

*Nixon-Smiley 20, Wallis Brazos 26-OT
South San Antonio West 22, Austin Achieve 18
Natalia 14, Lytle 23
Dilley 0, Cotulla 0 (No Contest)
Karnes City 3, Marion 21
Comfort 55, Brackettville 15
Poth 48, Schulenburg 7

LOCAL AREA SCORES:

Shiner 6, East Bernard 49
Luling 0, Boiling 42
Shiner St. Paul 26, Magnolia Legacy Prep 34
Yoakum 20, Port Lavaca Calhoun 19

Mustangs lose tough game at home against Brazos

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs lose another close game, 26-20, Friday, Sept. 15 at home against the Brazos Cougars.

The Mustangs kicked off the game strong, leading the Cougars, 20-7, entering the fourth quarter of the game.

Mustangs running back Aiden Flores led the team with 11 carries for 116 yards and one touchdown and sophomore quarterback Timothy McGlothline lead the team with 82 passing yards on three of four completions and one passing score to Flores for 24 yards.

The Cougars forced the game into overtime scoring 13 unanswered points to tie the game, 20-20, at the end of regulation.

Brazos scored the game winning touchdown on the one yard line and handed the Mustangs their fourth straight loss of the season.

The Mustangs concluded their non-district games with a 0-4 record and shifted their mindset to the district opener against Comfort at home.

Last season the Mustangs finished their non-district games with a 1-3 record, but won five of their next six district games.

Nixon-Smiley kicks off district at home against the Comfort Bobcats Friday, Sept. 22.

The Mustangs beat the Bobcats last season, 40-34, on the road.

Kick off is set at 7:30 p.m.

NIXON-SMILEY vs BRAZOS STATS

—OFFENSE—

Passing:
T. McGlothline: 3 / 4 pass completions for 82 yards and one touchdown

Rushing:
A. Flores: 11 carries for 116 yards one touchdown
Garet Gonzales: 16 carries for 87 yards
John Garza: 10 carries for 12 yards and one touchdown.
T. McGlothline: seven carries for nine yards

Receiving:
Carl White: one reception for 36 yards
A. Flores: one reception for 24 yards and one touchdown
Nicholas Martinez: one reception for 22 yards

-DEFENSE-

Total tackles:
Davian Ramos: 10 total tackles
Jesus Espino: nine total tackles
Ryan Paez ad G. Gonzales: seven total tackles
Adrian Zamora, A. Flores, N. Martinez, and J. Garza: six total tackles
Noah Jenks, Kade Dixon, C. White: four total tackles
Miguel Valerio: three total tackles
Jaylun Rodriguez and Adolfo Vasquez: two total tackles

Tackles for losses:
R. Paez: two tackles for a loss
G. Gonzales, C. White, M. Valerio. Amd D. Ramos: one tackle for loss
Sacks: R. Paez and D. Ramos: one sack

Fumble Recovery:
Carl White: one fumble recover.

GONZALES TENNIS TEAM



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The Gonzales tennis team traveled to Pleasanton Wednesday, Sept. 13 for their third tennis match of the season. Miguel Moreno finished first place in the varsity boys singles division and Bella Agüero and Hector Veliz took home their first wins of the season.

Lady Mustangs score first district win

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs snapped a five-game losing streak in a three-set sweep (25-16, 25-22, 25-16) over Great Hearts Monte Vista Friday, Sept. 15 at home.

The Lady Mustangs outscored Monte Vista, 75-54, in combined points in the three-set

sweep Friday night.

Nixon-Smiley hosted its last non-district game of the season against the Prairie Lea Indians Tuesday, Sept. 19

The Lady Mustangs will resume district play at home Friday, Sept. 22 as they host the Great Hearts Northern Oaks Griffins for their fourth district game of the season.

Northern Oaks is currently 0-3 in district as they lost to Randolph on the road Tuesday.

The Lady Mustangs will return on the road to take on the Luling Eagles Tuesday, Sept. 26.

The Northern Oaks game starts at 5 p.m. this Friday.

The Luling game kicks off at 6 p.m.



The Gonzales Cross Country teams at the Corpus Christi meet Saturday, Sept. 16.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Gonzales cross country finishes strong at Corpus meet

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Cross Country Teams finished in the top ten in Corpus Christi Saturday, Sept. 16 for the TAMUCC Islander Splash meet.

Both the Gonzales Apaches and Lady Apaches cross country teams finished ninth in their team category; the Apaches finished with two runners in the top 50: Ckristofer Ramos (22nd) and Youahi Huerta (44th) and the Lady Apaches had two runners finish in the top 60: Yaritza Angel (31st) and Marianelly Martinez (55th).

The Lady Apaches scored 353 points at the Corpus meet and the Apaches scored 281 points.

FINAL RESULTS

Apaches:
22nd: C. Ramos (18:43.70)
44th: Y. Huerta (19:29.59)
65th: Jesus Huerta (20:15.38)
67th: Kevin Reyna (20:19.81)
83rd: Christorpher Gonzales (20:50.31)
87th: Carlos Pedraza (20:53.59)
93rd: Miguel Moreno (21:01.59)

Lady Apaches:
31st: Y. Angel (14:05.21)
55: M. Martinez (14:49.00)
80th: Jordan Gonzales (15:23.33)
86th: Kaylie Ramirez (15:35.76)
101st: Alaina Valle (15:55.55)
123rd: Kassandra Mendez (16:31.42)
137th: Angie Palacios (16:55.83)

NS Lady Mustangs win second match in a row

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs closed out their last non-district game against Prairie Lea in a three set sweep (25-9, 25-17, 25-15) at home Tuesday, Sept. 19.

The Lady Mustangs dominated Prairie Lea, outscoring them 75-41 in combined points.

Nixon-Smiley will resume district play at home against Great Hearts Northern Oaks Friday, Sept. 22, and they'll hit the road Tues-

day, Sept. 26 to square off against the Luling Lady Eagles.

Northern Oaks is currently 0-3 in district for the season and last season the Lady Mustangs split the series. Last season they swept Luling.

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

GONZALES LADY APACHES VS MILLER RATTLERS

The 7th and 8th grade Lady Apache volleyball team faced the Miller Rattlers in their first district game of the season.

Gonzales Apache 7th grade B-team unfortunately came up short in two sets. The scores were 25-15 and 25-18. Top server of the game was Shalaiyah Clack. Maya Shoulders had a great game on defense with several digs and outstanding serve receive. Kamari Smith had a great game offensively on the net. The 7th grade B team's record is now 1-1

Gonzales Apache 7th grade A team swept the Miller Rattlers in two sets with scores of 16-25 and 15-25. The Lady Apaches had an impressive game with Maggie Farrar serving for a total of 16 points and Emma Stewart serving 10 points. Defensive Players of the game Riley Cantu and Ellie Lester held their own on the back row, with great passing and several digs. Offensive players of the game are Riley Kainer, Amaris Johnson, and Brinklee Marrow who shut down Miller's defense with a few great hits. The Apache A-team

record is now 2-0.

Gonzales Apache 8th grade B-team battled Miller in three close sets and were unfortunately defeated. The scores were 25-3 Gonzales, 21-25 Miller, and 23-25 Miller. Top servers of the game were Kooper Hardcastle with a 9 point serving rally in the third set and Kianni Rodriguez with 12 total serving points. Sophia Castro and Jadelyn Rosas had a great defensive game, with outstanding serve receive. Kianni Rodriguez, Melanie Soto, and Jadelyn Rosas dominated the net, racking up a couple kills each. Kooper Hardcastle had a great game in the setter position. The Apache's B-team record is now 0-2.

8th grade A team swept the Rattlers in two sets. The final scores were 25-18 Gonzales, 27-25 Gonzales. The Lady Apaches shut down their defense with some great hits by Lyndie Blackwell, Carsyn Carrizales, Parker Petras, and Viviana Barrientos. Carsyn Carrizales and Lainey Witzkoske held down the back row, with great passing and numerous digs. Top server was Lyndie Blackwell with 10 serving points in the second set. The 8A team has a 2-0 record.

My Dad is home. On Wednesday, September 13, 2023, my earthly father went home to be with our Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Rev. Jesse H. Yarborough, Jr., better known as Buzz or Fr. Buzz, just turned 84 years old on September 8. My wife Amber and I enjoyed speaking to him, as it sounded like he had a wonderful birthday. Dad's health was in slow decline, but his passing was sudden and unexpected. Wednesday morning, my dad woke up in his condo with my mom, ready for another day; that afternoon, he awakened in heaven with Jesus for the rest of his eternity. My mother, sister, and I (and our families) have all been in shock and saddened by our loss. We weren't ready to let go yet. We wanted more time together. We had a big trip planned for November. We wanted a few more memories in these later years.

My mom called me on Wednesday to share the news. It instantly took me back to 34 years ago as a high-school senior, when my mom told me, "Jay is dead." With tears in her eyes and the deepest look of pain, Mom shared that my brother died in a car accident (January 1987). It was one of my life's hardest moments, taking my breath out of me. When I answered the phone Wednesday, I could once again hear Mom's sobs and those words, "David, David, your dad is dead." I wasn't prepared. My body went numb, my head spun, and the moment again took my breath away. In a moment, life changed. I wasn't prepared for the sadness and grief. I have cried until it hurts.

Don't worry; I do not see this as bad grief. I think Charlie Brown would call it "GOOD GRIEF." My family has hope, great hope, because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As believers, we fully trust in the work of Christ's death and resurrection. My dad believed in the sure and certain hope of everlasting life through Jesus Christ. We have the sweet assurance of the strength and power of our Great Savior Jesus, who holds our eternity in his hands. I know well our hope in Christ, but I am going to really miss my dad. We woke up on Thursday knowing Buzz Yarborough would no longer be joining us in person for the rest of our earthly journey.

We do walk ahead, though, with great gratitude and sweet memories. Scripture describes our earthly lives as a pilgrimage. We're sojourners, you and I, just passing through. Dad embodied this truth. In his years serving as an Episcopal priest, he never lost sight of the 'Bigger Picture.' Philippians 3:20 tells us, "Our citizenship is in heaven," and Dad lived as if he knew his passport had been stamped and signed by Jesus himself. My Dad and Mom have always lived with the hearts of true pastors, loving their community and caring well for others. Dad was far from perfect. He was as human as they come, but he was truly filled with kindness and compassion. So many people walked away from my dad feeling seen, heard, and loved.

My parents welcomed so many people into their hearts and home through the years. Fr. Buzz served as a father figure to many others through the years. I shared of Dad's passing on social media only to find it overwhelmed with comments from people who have been touched by the life, love, and leadership of Fr. Buzz. As one friend told me, "Buzz was larger than life – in every kind of way." So true! He was 6' 3" tall, 250+ pounds large, often loud, full of opinions, and yet soft as a teddy bear. He would give you the shirt off his back. He would be there for you when you needed him. He was a big man with a big heart. And the older he got, the sweeter he became. I drove into Brunswick last night and walked into my parent's home. It was hard because my dad was not there. And yet it was sweet because my dad was home – really home in the arms of Jesus. Welcome home Dad. I will miss you. And that's the Word.

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WAEOLDER LADY WILDCATS VOLLEYBALL TEAM



The Waelder Lady Wildcats broke through with a big win on Tuesday, Sept. 12, over Austwell-Tivoli, according to athletic director Stephen Austin. Kneeling: Julissa Martinez Medina , Dina Leal, Jalissiah Thompson, Aerrieona Mc Knight. Standing: Coach Chrissy Brown, Areli Nino, Ryah Gonzales, Luz Ramos, Angeles Perez, Dallas Chavez, Gisselle Ontiveros.

Come & Take It Memorial Golf tourney coming Oct. 7

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales High School Class of 1964 and the Community Foundation of the Gonzales Area (CFGA), a 501(c)(3) organization, continue to plan for the 5th annual golf tournament. Teams are filling up quickly for the Come & Take It Memorial Tournament which honors local veterans killed in action in Vietnam. The tournament provides funds for the Tommy Chenault & Kenny McGinty Scholarship which is awarded to Gonzales Area students. Last year, 5 students from Gonzales were among the recipients of the awards.

Organizers and supporters of the annual golf tournament appreciate your continued assistance in making this year's event even more worthwhile, more fun, and more successful than ever.

For questions regarding participation in the golf tournament, to contribute to the program, or to offer any form of support, contact either Bill McCaskill (830-620-8767) at bill@bmccaskill.com or Dee Schieberle (830-857-0278) at dsch@gvtc.com. Financial support can be mailed to CFGA, PO Box 75, Gonzales, TX, 78629.



The Gonzales Pilot Club with the runners who competed in the Pilot Club's inaugural Melanie Wright 5K Run/Walk at Independence Park Saturday, Sept. 16.

5K

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and adults alike about brain-related matters through the Pilot Club's Brainminders Program.

People can still make donations. Checks can be mailed to the Pilot Club of Gonzales at P.O. Box 286, Gonzales, TX 78629 with a note for the Melanie Wright scholarship fund. They also have Cash App and PayPal @pilotclubofgonzales.

Results from the 5K Run:

5K TOP OVERALL MALE
First place: Henry Engelkin

5K TOP OVERALL FEMALE
First Place: Jessica Barnett

5K 30-39 MALE
First place: Daniel Name
Second Place: Guy Lahav

5K 60-69 MALE
First place: Todd Craven

5K 20-29 FEMALE
First place: Jaclyn Jordan

5K 30-39 FEMALE
First place: Ashlie Gottwald
Second place: Sara Holton
Third place: Renee Rathmann

5K 50-59 FEMALE
First place: Tracy Catchings
Second place: Monica Atkinson
Third place: Rene Singleton

5K 60-69 FEMALE
First place: Lamar Massey
Second place: Davene Ball

5K 70-99 FEMALE
First place: Janell Craven
Second place: Pat Anders Ryan

Todd Craven (107) and Janell Craven (105) with their medals completing the Pilot Club's 5K Run Saturday, Sept. 16 at Independence Park.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS

The winning team from the Sept. 13 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, David Hernandez, John Mcnerney, Gary Schroeder, Mike Higginbotham, Spencer Breitschopf.

The second-place team from the Sept. 13 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Jarrid Boehm, Ralph Aguirre, Mike Turk, Dee Tiller, Ron Darilek.

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CAMARILLO

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continues to put a smile on his face and have a positive attitude.

“Seeing him come home with a smile is just a great feeling. Knowing that what he’s going through yet he still carries a smile — regardless of the things we think we have that are hard in life. It’s always nice to see that smile from his face, knowing that he’s happy inside, no matter what life throws at him,” Matthew Camarillo said.

“He’s beat all the odds that were given to him when he had the meningitis, so he’s come a long way. He’s an inspiration to us that whatever we’re going through, we can get through it,”

Leah Camarillo added.

A raffle benefit will take place Sunday, Oct. 1, for Mason to alleviate the cost of traveling to Dallas for an Oct. 6 spinal fusion surgery at Texas Scottish Rite Children’s Hospital, but Leah Camarillo was not expecting the overwhelming support that has been received from the community.

“I knew that we knew a lot of people and I knew that he had a lot of love and support, but it’s just been incredible to see how much the community has poured out their love and their support and their well wishes and all the prayers. Everybody sees his heart and it’s very

overwhelming,” Leah Camarillo said.

Hailey Camarillo, Mason’s sister, pulled some strings and asked the school district to make a post about her brother and show him love and support, she said.

Leah Camarillo said the love and support from the community shows that Gonzales has “heart” and demonstrates the type of people that live in town.

“You can’t even begin to fathom how grateful and appreciative I am to everyone that loves Mason. He’s a hard kid to not love, but just knowing that he’s on everybody’s hearts and minds and they all love him,”

Leah said.

The support and love for Mason from the community, his mom, dad, brother, sister and co-parents have been a great feeling for him as well.

“It’s crazy how much people want to support me during this time,” Mason Camarillo said.

Mason’s favorite team is the Houston Texans and his favorite player is future NFL Hall of Famer JJ Watt, and he said his favorite subject at Gonzales Junior High School is math and loves to make his friends and family laugh.

For more information about the benefit, check out Leah Camarillo’s Facebook page.

BOND

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“We’re here to just provide the facts to you, and answer any or all questions that you have for us. I love Gonzales. My family loves it here, we’ve had a great time thus far love the town. But I also know that Gonzales talks a lot,” GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda said.

“I want to make sure that we get the facts to as many people as possible in the community. So please, please, please, any question that you have, please ask,” Avellaneda added.

Avellaneda went over the two bonds that Gonzales residents will be voting on in the Nov. 7 election: Proposition A includes education facilities (new Agricultural and Career Tech Edu-

cation buildings), renovations, accessibility safety and security, and Proposition B includes a new athletic complex.

Prop A is for \$50,600,000 and Prop B is for \$44,480,000 and combined is over \$95 million; and for more detail of the propositions, go to (<https://www.gonzalesisd.net/Page/4820>).

One of the items that was talked about was the homestead exemption, and GISD Chief Financial Officer Amanda Smith said that for residents that are 65 years or older or disabled, the school tax will hit a ceiling and they will never pay more in school taxes.

“This is not universal across all taxing entities; the school

district and I believe the county both have tax ceilings, so your school taxes are frozen once you hit 65,” Smith said.

Smith added the district has looked at a few resident’s tax bills that they pulled from their database and confirmed it is a true statement.

“Now the total tax bill may change because you have the city, you have EMS, you have fire, you have the hospital and there are no tax ceilings for those entities,” Smith said. “So, in total, your tax bill may continue to climb, but if you look at the line that has been Gonzales ISD taxes, that will be frozen. And that does automatically take effect when you turn 65. You don’t have to file any paperwork

to claim that.”

The school district has the homestead exemption form at the bottom of the GISD Bond website to download and print for those 65 and older, (<https://www.gonzalesisd.net/Page/4816>).

The last day to register to vote is Tuesday, Oct. 10 and early voting begins Monday, Oct. 23. The school district provided two links for voter registration (<https://vrapp.sos.state.tx.us/index.asp>) and voter registration status (<https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>).

For more information of the GISD Bond, please go to <https://www.gonzalesisd.net/Page/4815>.

ARREST

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zales County Emergency Services District No. 1, served the arrest and search warrant at a residence in the 300 block of East Welborn Street in Smiley.

Taken into custody for multiple outstanding warrants out of Gonzales, Hays and Travis counties was 38-year-old Jesus Moses Meza. He is charged with aggravated robbery in connection with the Dollar General incident.

Meza is believed to have entered the Dollar General in Smiley sometime around 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, armed with a knife and ordered employees to go into a back room. He exited the store and fled west on foot. A joint investigation was able to determine Meza was the person responsible and that he could be found at the residence on Welborn Street.

Through a statement, the Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigation Division said they would like to thank all the law enforcement agencies who assisted with the successful apprehension of this subject, who was considered dangerous.

LYNN

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the tax rolls, generating sales taxes and property taxes for the city.

In public comments at the Sept. 14 council meeting, Gonzales resident James Lawrence expressed his support to the council for the opening of the Lynn and asked them to consider approving the sale to the Durham brothers.

“I just ask you all to please do the right thing here because every time that this is pushed back further, the higher the costs go and its ability to get it open,” Lawrence said “Inflation has already taken a bite into it and the more costly it is to get it open, the greater the chances we will not continue to have a movie theater.”

“It needs to be done as cheaply as possible and more cost is unnecessary, so I do ask you to please, please, tonight, vote to continue on with what the GEDC is presenting,” Lawrence said.

The council voted 4-1 to approve the sale with Mayor Steve Sucher and Councilmembers Ronda Miller, Poochy Kridler and Sherri Koepf in favor. The lone dissenting vote was cast by Council member Lorenzo Hernandez.

Doug Durham went on social media praising the council’s vote.

“City Council voted 4 to 1 in favor of our purchase of the Lynn Theater,” Doug Durham wrote on Facebook. “Thank you to the City Council and EDC for helping our dreams become a reality. And thanks to all of you who believed in us and have stuck with us on this long journey. We couldn’t have done it without you!”

The Lynn Theatre was built in 1948 as a single-stage theater with floor and balcony seating. However, after many years, it was modified to now include two separate theaters, a ticket counter at the entry, a marquee, four exterior displays, a concession area, multiple bathrooms on each level, two screening rooms, private offices, along with backstage preparation and storage rooms.

The Gonzales Inquirer will have more information about the Lynn’s purchase by the Durham brothers in next week’s edition.

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Meanwhile, in other court action, one Gonzales County resident was sentenced to 15 years in prison for six counts possession with intent to promote child pornography while another resident received five years deferred adjudication for an aggravated assault incident from nearly two years ago.

Brittani Danielle Banks, 29, of Gonzales was due to appear in court before Crawford for her arraignment a third-degree felony charge of theft of cattle/horse/exotic livestock less than \$150,000 in value dating back to Nov. 1, 2021. She was originally arrested on the charge on Oct. 21, 2022, and released on \$15,000 bond.

She did not do so, nor did she advise the court she would be unable to attend. That same day, a failure to appear warrant was issued for Banks.

Last October, a GCSO deputy submitted a probable cause af-

fidavit to Judge William Old, who issued a search warrant, while Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Jesse Almaraz issued a seizure warrant and notice of hearing for 12 horses, two pigs and a dairy cow that were under Banks' care.

On Nov. 18, 2022, following a two-hour hearing, Gonzales County Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Deidra Voigt found that Banks had "cruelly treated the animals" and ordered that individual be divested of all ownership interest and right to the animals. Five horses were returned to their rightful owners, with the remaining horses and livestock ordered to be "given to a non-profit animal shelter, pound or society for the protection of animals" after being examined by a licensed veterinarian.

Voigt found Banks liable to pay \$4,195 in estimated costs incurred by GCSO for care and treatment of the animals. Banks then had 10 days to appeal the judgement by

the court, subject to an additional \$4,200 estimated cost for care and housing of the impounded animals during the appeal process, but she failed to file a timely appeal and the judgement became final, Voigt said.

- Rene Lopez Garza was sentenced by Crawford to 15 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice — Institutional Division, with 119 days credit, for six counts of possessing child porn with intent to promote with an offense date of May 18. The charge is a third-degree felony, carrying with it a prison sentence ranging from 2-to-10 years for each count for a first-time offender.
- Eric Louis Martinez was sentenced to five years deferred adjudication and restitution of \$3,570 as well as a \$1,000 fine and \$340 in court costs for an aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury dating back to Nov. 13, 2021.

BUDGET

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Kridler in favor. Councilmembers Lorenzo Hernandez and Ronda Miller voted against the adoption of the new tax rate.

Meanwhile, the council voted 4-1 to adopt the fiscal year 2023 operating budget for the City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation. The new budget calls for total revenues of \$29,668,945 against \$31,308,637 in total expenditures — the budget for the general fund and JB Wells complex together will include \$10,065,560 in total revenues and \$10,065,559 in total expenditures for a balanced budget.

Meanwhile, according to city administration, revenues are exceeding expenditures in the Electric Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and Debt Service Fund. The Tourism Fund, Memorial Museum Fund, Forfeiture Fund, Municipal Court Fund, Robert L. Brothers Fund, Peg Franchise Fund and the Economic Development Fund all will have greater expenditures than revenues and will use some of their fund balance.

The lone vote against the budget was cast by Miller, who also cast the lone vote against adopting the rate and fee schedule for the city for various city services.

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

- council approved unanimously Approving an Administrative Services Agreement by and Between the GEDC and City of Gonzales.
- the council approved unanimously Authorizing the Appointments and Reappointments to the Airport Advisory Board, Gonzales Convention & Visitors Bureau, Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, Gonzales Golf

Course Advisory Board, JB Wells Park Advisory Board, Gonzales Library Board, Main Street Advisory Board, Museum Advisory Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment & Sign Control Board.

- the council approved unanimously Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Addendum Two to the Agreement with Frontier Access, LLC (Frontier Waste Solutions) For Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services Providing For a Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Unit Fuel Cost Adjustment Increase in the Amount of 5.7%.
- the council approved unanimously to table the Authorizing the Nomination of Candidates for Positions to be Filled on the Gonzales Central Appraisal District Board of Directors to the next meeting.
- the council approved unanimously Authorizing the City to waive certain costs associated with remedying a leak and bringing three properties into compliance under the City's Water and Wastewater Utilities.
- the council approved the City of Gonzales' Texas Municipal Retirement System Benefits Authorizing: (1) An Increase to the Employee Contribution Rate; (2) Non-Retroactive Repeating COLAS, For Retirees and Their Beneficiaries Pursuant to TMRS Act §853.404(f) and (f-1), AND (3) ANNUALLY ACCRUING UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS.
- the council approved Repealing Chapter 8 Offenses and Nuisances, Article 8.500 Curfew for Minors of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances.

The next city council meeting is scheduled Thursday, Oct. 12.

AWARD

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year."

The Outstanding College Pathway Initiative Award honors school districts that have implemented innovative and effective programs to increase college readiness and access for students, especially those from historically underserved populations.

Gonzales ISD won the award for its partnership with Victoria College, which provides students with three new opportunities in the College Career and Military Readiness (CCMR) career pathways: plumbing, electrical, and HVAC.

"Our partnership with Victoria College is a great example of how we are working together with our community partners to create more opportunities and pathways for our students to achieve their goals and dreams. I want to thank our Board of Trustees, our staff, our parents, and our students for their support and dedi-



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Gonzales ISD board member Josie Smith-Wright, Gonzales Primary Academy principal Dr. Ariana Hernandez, GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda and GISD Chief of Administration, Communications, and Safety Veronica Johannsen celebrate the district receiving the Outstanding College Pathway Initiative Award from the Mexican American School Boards Association (MASBA).

cation to this initiative. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our Apaches."

The partnership, which was formalized in April 2023, seeks to increase accessibility to exposure to college-level and skilled opportunities for GISD students. As part of the partnership, Victoria College's program provides students with a hands-

on opportunity to explore each career in a shop setting utilizing tools of the trade.

The partnership aligns with the District's direction and strategic plan, which was approved by the Board of Trustees in March 2023. The plan aims to expand students' options and opportunities to ensure Apaches are future-ready.



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