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Smiley adopts new budget, tax rate

By LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

The Smiley City Council adopted both its budget and a lower tax rate than the previous year during a special called meeting at the Smiley City Hall, 207 Steele St., last week.

However, due to an increase in overall valuations for the city, the new rate will actually raise the total taxes for the city by about eight percent, according to city documents.

The council adopted a proposed tax rate of 31.31 cents per \$100 valuation, which is a de-

crease of about 4.42 cents from the 35.73-cent tax rate adopted last year. The adopted rate is equal to the 2021 voter approval rate, which is the highest tax rate that the city may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The no-new-revenue rate for

Smiley, or the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year, is 28.99 cents.

Property values in Smiley increased from an adjusted taxable value of just under \$8.96 million

in 2020 to a taxable value of just below \$11.74 million this year, or a difference of \$2.78 million. That includes \$725,500 in new improvements and new personal property.

Smiley does not have a debt service tax rate, so the maintenance & operations rate is equal to the total tax rate.



ALL HAIL THE KING AND QUEEN!

LOUIS DECKER

The highlight of Friday night's Nixon-Smiley football game was at halftime, when the 2021 Homecoming Court was introduced. Martin Moreno was crowned king, while Ariana Medina was crowned homecoming queen. For more information about the game, see page 13.

COME & TAKE IT RETURNS



A contestant in the Gonzales Rotary Club Come and Fly It chicken flying contest found full extension with her pernicious plunger and sent her pulchritudinous poultry plummeting back down to St. Joseph Street Saturday afternoon. Sadly, this shove did not shore up a win.

PHOTOS BY LEW K. COHN

COVID antibody infusion center opens in Victoria

Special to The Inquirer

The Golden Crescent Regional Infusion Center, designed to help treat COVID-19 patients, is now open.

The state of Texas, through the Texas Division of Emergency Management, in partnership with Victoria County, the Victoria Office of Emergency Management, Victoria ISD, and the Golden Crescent Regional Advisory Council, opened the infusion center as an additional resource for treating COVID-19.

The state-supported in-

fusion center, open to the public, includes personnel, equipment, supplies and wraparound services for a 10-chair regional infusion center.

"Securing this infusion center in Victoria County is a big step forward in our communities' fight against COVID-19 and is another example of what we can accomplish by working together," said Victoria County Judge Ben Zeller.

The Regional Infusion Center is located at the Mitchell Guidance Center, 306 E. Commercial St. Victoria. The facility is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

Medical professionals will be able to administer a monoclonal antibody treatment to up to approximately 30-40 patients per day.

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Organizers say it's a success

By LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

The numbers are still coming in from this past weekend's Come and Take It Celebration in Gonzales, but organizers are expressing their gratitude to residents for coming out and supporting the festival in its 65th year — and first year back after COVID-19 shut it down in 2020.

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Oscar Garcia of Los Garcia Brothers plays up to the camera during his group's headlining performance Saturday night at Come and Take It Celebration in Gonzales. A large crowd was present to see and hear the Conjunto superstars play all of their greatest hits in their classic zoot suits.

'Real teamwork': Annual flu shot clinic began with 'out of the box' thinking

By Holly Danz
Gonzales Healthcare Systems
Special to The Inquirer

This Thursday, Gonzales Healthcare Systems will host the 15th annual Drive-Thru Flu Shot clinic, the "out of the box" idea started by Gonzales local Mary Jane Williamson.

"It took my obstinate personality

to make it happen." That's what former Gonzales Healthcare Systems' Director of Laboratory Services Mary Jane Williamson says about putting on the first drive-thru flu shot clinic back in 2006.

This year's event, which takes place from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Gonzales Health-

care Systems' parking lot, 1110 Sarah DeWitt Drive, will mark 15 years of providing this flu shot service to the Gonzales community.

"The previous flu season was really bad. The numbers were off the charts for how many flu tests the laboratory ran. And I just thought

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Gonzales CVB will take part in Alamo event

Special to The Inquirer

Travel the “Timeline of the Texas Revolution” on Saturday, October 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Alamo, 300 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, immerse yourself in the events that lead up to Texas gaining independence at the Battle of San Jacinto.

The 1836 Battle of the Alamo took place within a larger movement for independence. Visitors will learn about the important events in the Texas Revolution through engaging programming that includes demonstrations on 1830s bullet making, cooking, firing demonstrations,

and more.

Organizations like the Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Site, San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site, San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site, the Gonzales Convention and Visitor Bureau Board, the Gonzales County Historical Commission,

Presidio La Bahia, and the Texas Independence Trail Region will be onsite to teach visitors about the role each of these places played in the Texas Revolution.

A free event that is appropriate for all ages, join the Alamo for a journey along the “Timeline of the Texas Revolution.”



ROSARY MONTH

October is the month of the Rosary and the students of Shiner Catholic School recently took part in a living rosary. The ceremony took place on a beautiful, crisp fall morning. The entire student body gathered together to recite the rosary. Mr. Jeremy Rodriguez, Campus Minister for Shiner Catholic School, along with the senior retreat leaders, planned and prepared the entire event.

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GONZALES COUNTY HISTORY

- October 24, 1824 – Green DeWitt obtained his contract with the State of Coahuila and Texas to locate 400 families within the designated boundaries known as DeWitt Colony.
- 1835
 - October 2 — first shot fired in Texas Revolution after colonists refuse to surrender cannon saying, “Come and take it!”
 - October 11 — Stephen F. Austin arrived in Gonzales and took command of “Texas Republican Army”
 - October 12 — army left Gonzales for San Antonio
 - October 13 — Halley’s comet visible in Texas
 - October 3, 1885 — folks are urged to air their bed clothes over a chair and lift the mattress partly over the foot board. If a feather bed is used, pull it over a chair. Then open windows and doors so that fresh air may freely circulate over the bedding for two or three hours. This will make for healthy sleeping. Each member of the family should be trained to do this daily. (Bathing was not a daily ritual in 1885)
 - October 1903 — fear of yellow fever causes many quarantines. Those coming into Gonzales from San Antonio required to spend ten days in quarantine on Reese place north of Gonzales.
 - October 27, 1916 — the big dam over the Guadalupe River has been completed and turned over to the Gonzales Water, Light, and Power Company. The dam is hollow, reinforced concrete on a foundation of hard blue clay or shale. This dam took two years to build due to unusual high water and some flooding. An earlier dam was put in in 1884 by T.S. Walker, one time owner of Gonzales Water Works system. Several other dams of different types of construction were in place but all failed.
 - October 31, 1917 — ten saloons are forced to close their doors; the election in September placed Gonzales as a “dry” county.
 - October 11, 1941 — W.F. Robertson retired after being partner with Seydler since 1925. The business becomes “Seydler Funeral Home.” It was originally founded in 1914 with Robertson and Mittanck. In 1924, Seydler bought out Mittanck.
 - October 13, 1948 — Mrs. J.M. Meneley of 511 Cone Street was the winner of the city-wide contest to name the new seventy-one acre city park. She received \$25 as a reward for her winning suggestion of “Independence Park.”

Deadline approaching for SBA Working Capital Loans

Special to The Inquirer

Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Disaster Field Operations Center-West today reminded small nonfarm businesses in 166 Texas counties and neighboring counties in New Mexico and Oklahoma of the Nov. 5, 2021, deadline to apply for an SBA federal disaster loan for economic injury.

These low-interest loans are to offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought in the following primary counties that began Nov. 1, 2020.

Primary Texas counties which qualify are Andrews, Aransas, Armstrong, Atascosa, Bailey, Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Brazos, Brewster, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Caldwell, Cameron, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Coleman, Collingsworth, Comal, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Ector, Edwards, El Paso, Floyd, Frio, Gaines, Garza, Gillespie, Glasscock, Gray, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, Hays, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Hockley, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kendall, Kenedy, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, La Salle, Lamb, Lee, Llano, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Milam, Mills, Motley, Nueces, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Presidio, Randall, Reagan, Real, Reeves, Refugio, Roberts, Runnels, San Patricio, San Saba, Starr, Sterling, Swisher, Terrell, Terry, Tom Green, Travis, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Ward, Webb, Wheeler, Willacy, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler, Yoakum, Zapata and Zavala;

Neighboring Texas counties which qualify are Bee, Burnet, Calhoun, Callahan, Carson, Coke, Comanche, Coryell, Cottle, Eastland, Falls, Fayette, Foard, Goliad, Gonzales, Hamilton, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kent, King, Kleberg, Lampasas, Leon, Lipscomb, Live Oak, Madison, McLennan, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nolan, Ochiltree, Potter, Robertson, Schleicher, Scurry, Sherman, Stonewall, Sutton, Taylor, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington and Wilbarger.

According to Garfield, small non-farm businesses, small agricultural co-operatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. “Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster’s impact,” said Garfield.

“SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the applicant suffered any property damage,” Garfield added.

The interest rate is 3 percent for businesses and 2 percent for private nonprofit organizations with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

By law, SBA makes Economic Injury Disaster Loans available when the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. The Secretary declared this disaster on Mar. 5, 2021.

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

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/>. Applicants may also call SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Demerson to address Gonzales Rotary Club at Oct. 12 meeting

Special to The Inquirer

The Gonzales Rotary Club will hear a presentation from Commissioner Aaron Demerson of the Texas Workforce Commission on the state of the Texas workforce: before, during and after the pandemic at noon Tuesday, Oct. 12, on the third floor of the Randle-Rather Building, 427 St. George St., Gonzales.

Demerson currently serves as the Commissioner Representing Employers for the Texas Workforce Commission. Governor Greg Abbott appointed



Demerson

him to the three-member Commission on August 20, 2019 and he was recently confirmed on April 28, 2021. In his role, Commissioner Demerson serves as an advocate for over 587,000 Texas employers and over 2.6 million small businesses.

This meeting is open to the public to attend and there is no charge for admission.

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	October 9 88°/63°	Sunshine 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 88
	October 10 89°/66°	Warm with plenty of sun 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 89
	October 11 88°/64°	Less humid with plenty of sun 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 88
	October 12 89°/65°	Some sun with low humidity 3% chance of rain • RealFeel 88
	October 13 88°/64°	Warm with some sun 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 90

Celebrations

Birthdays

October 7th DeAnn Atkinson Johnny Ross Hunt Cindy Munson Irma Nunez Darren Richter Sarah Rodgers Travis Schauer Dorothy Simpson Mary Velasquez	October 9th Charli Siegel Loni Soefje	Jamie Holden Tracy Kocian Taylor Mills Sammie Pate George Perez Anna Elisha Velasquez Karen Weathers
October 8th Mark Hastings Matthew Havel Kimberly Michelle Ibarra Mayah Avery Ire Justin Johnson Savannah Kidd Cody Walleck	October 10th Jeff Dolezal Karli Jo Downey Regan Gray Scooter Law Marla Malatek Fannie Miller Davide Patek Ron Pekar Anne Rubak Patty K. Stewart Randall Tomas Molly Weathers Megan Williamson	October 12th Becky Brunns Susan Colwell Braxton Zella
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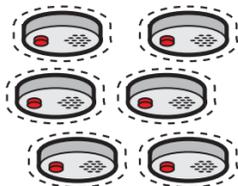
Smoke Sniffers!

A fire has started at 101 Flintstone Lane! How will everyone in the house know there is a fire?

By the time anyone in the family smells smoke, the fire could be too big for the people upstairs to get down the stairs. *This is a job for Super Sniffer Blaster Bleepers, your life-saving smoke alarms!*



Quick! Cut out each of the smoke alarms. Read the **Super Sniffer Blaster Alarm Tips** to find out where you should put each smoke alarm!



SUPER SNIFFER BLASTER BLEEPER'S SMOKE ALARM TIPS

- ▶ Put smoke alarms in several places in your home:
 1. Each bedroom.
 2. Just outside all bedroom areas.
 3. At least one smoke alarm on each floor of the house.
 4. Near the kitchen, but more than 20 feet away, so that cooking smoke and steam don't set it off.
- ▶ Test smoke alarms each month to make sure they are working, and so you'll know what they sound like when they go off.
- ▶ Replace old batteries with brand new ones at least once a year.
- ▶ Replace smoke alarms at least every 10 years.
- ▶ Keep smoke alarms dust free. Run the vacuum cleaner attachment over and around the alarms to clean away the dust.

Standards Link: Health and Safety: Students develop and use appropriate skills to avoid injury.

Smoke Alarms Save Lives

If your house caught on fire at night, you might not see fire, smell smoke or wake up in time to get out safely. **Smoke alarms can help.** Smoke alarms are tools that can tell if there is smoke in the air. **They work even if you can't smell smoke!!**



A smoke alarm makes a **VERY** loud beeping noise to warn you that a fire has started.



When you hear the loud noise, follow your home escape plan and **get out fast!**



Extra! Extra! Spot the Details

Select a newspaper photo, drawing or comic. Study the image and make a list of all the details you can observe. Give yourself a point for every detail that is a fact and not an opinion. Can you get 50 points?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Recall major points; distinguish between fact and opinion.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Long ago when horses pulled fire trucks, Dalmatian dogs were used to help guide the horses through busy streets. Dalmatians have long been known for their ability to bond well with horses. Today, horses no longer pull fire trucks, but the Dalmatian has continued to be the firefighters' mascot.



How many differences can you spot?

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination/Sorting: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

- SMOKE
- ALARMS
- DALMATIAN
- BATTERIES
- SLOGAN
- FLOOR
- STAIRS
- FIRE
- SAFELY
- LOUD
- STEAM
- DUST
- HELP
- SMELL
- FACT

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

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B	E	F	L	L	A	S	T	E	T
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Keeping you safe in an emergency.

To stay safe in a burning building, a firefighter must wear special gear. A turnout coat, for example, is a special jacket designed to protect a firefighter from heat and flames.

Reflective stripes on the coat and pants help firefighters see one another in a dark, smoky building.



Photo: Flashon Studio/Shutterstock

Smoke can be one of the biggest dangers in a fire. Firefighters wear face shields and an air mask to be able to see and breathe.

If a fire breaks out in your home, it is **VERY** important to **STAY LOW**. Crawl towards an exit as quickly as possible to avoid breathing in smoke. And if a firefighter wearing gear like in the photo above is there, don't be afraid. They're there to help!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Come into my parlor'

Dear editor,
I'm eating lunch while looking out the dining room window at the beautiful countryside landscape.

For a couple days, there's a spider between the glass window, and the screen, that can't find a way out.

All the other bugs are trapped, and in the same predicament.

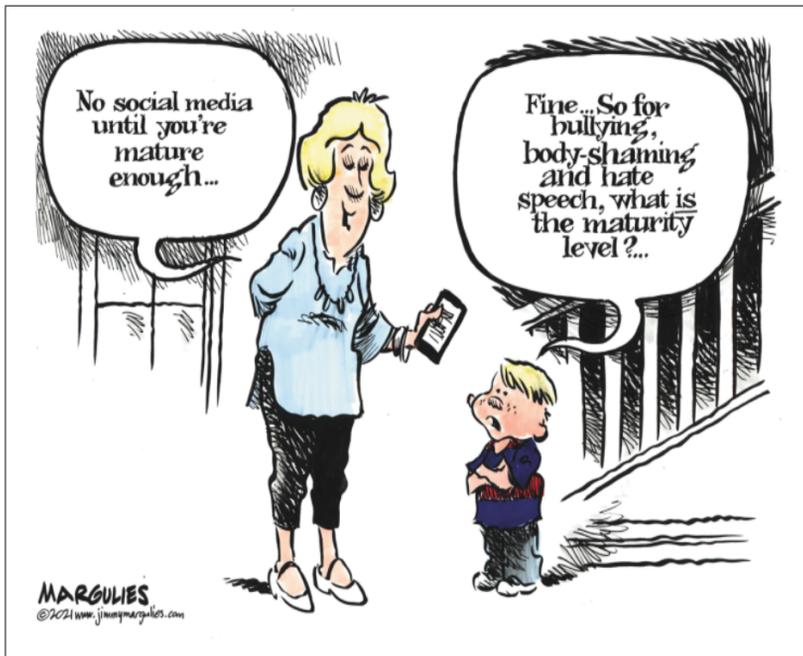
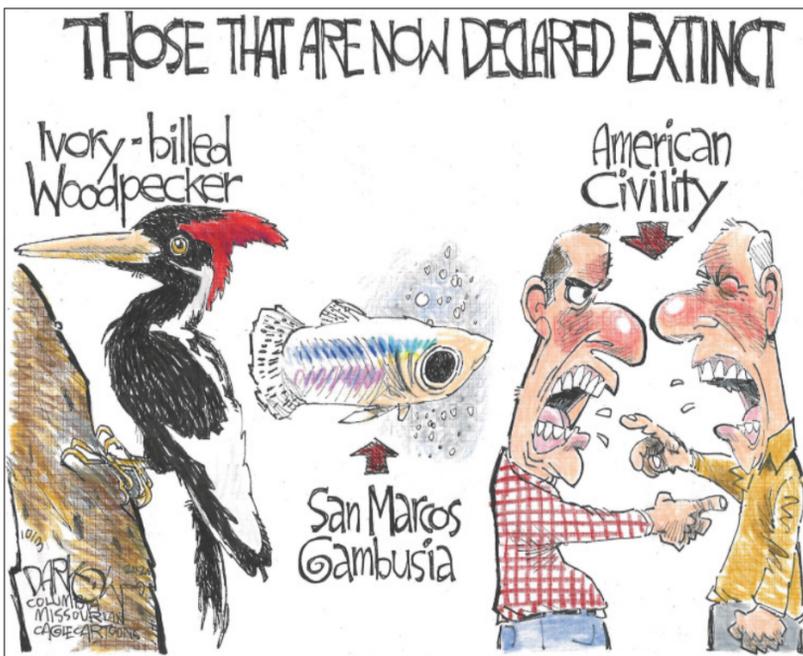
Except,

The spider is the only one that can survive by spinning webs in the corners of the window to catch the bugs for dinner.

Reminds me of what Socialism is.

We'll all have to fight to 'Save America.'

Rick Sulik
Shiner



Abbott wants to increase illegal voting penalties, and three other issues to know

Gov. Greg Abbott has asked the Texas Legislature to increase the penalty for illegal voting, adding the item to the third special session now underway. However, House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, rejected the proposal, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

During the second special session, Senate Bill 1 was amended to decrease the penalty. House Democrats twice broke quorum in failed attempts to stop the elections bill from passing.

"Now is not the time to relitigate," Phelan said. "Instead, the House will remain focused on its constitutional obligation to pass redistricting maps, and members look forward to fulfilling this critical task."

The measure has moved forward in the Senate. However, Phelan's opposition means it is unlikely to move forward.

More antibody infusion centers open

The Texas Division of Emergency Management continues to open new COVID-19 therapeutic centers across the state, providing monoclonal antibodies to treat outpatient cases with a doctor's referral. The treatment is provided at no cost. Antibody infusion treatment can prevent patients from becoming seriously ill, requiring hospitalization.

Infusion centers are now operating in Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Burnet, College Station, Corpus Christi, Edinburg, Fort Worth, Harlingen, Houston, Laredo, Livingston, Lubbock, McKinney, Nacogdoches, Nash, Odessa, San Antonio, Seguin, Tyler, The Woodlands, Victoria and Waco. Visit [meds.tdem.texas.gov](https://www.tdem.texas.gov) for more information.

TxDOT launches pedestrian safety campaign

Texas is approaching 21 years without a day in which no traffic-related death occurred. TxDOT has launched #EndTheStreakTX to encourage drivers to obey traffic laws and end the streak of daily deaths.

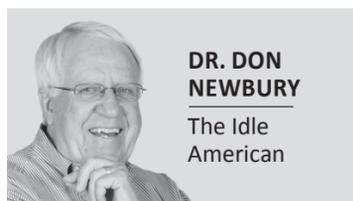
Drivers are required to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, yield the right of way to pedestrian and bicyclists when turning, and to pass bicyclists at a safe distance. In turn, bicyclists are required to obey all traffic signs and signals. Pedestrians must cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks and use sidewalks if available. If there is no sidewalk, pedestrians should walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.

Texans urged to get flu shots now

Flu season is approaching, and with COVID-19 still spreading in the state, DSHS is urging Texans to protect themselves by getting the flu vaccine as soon as possible.

"We have good reason to believe this flu season may be worse than last year's," said Dr. John Hellerstedt, DSHS commissioner. "For most of last flu season, we didn't have the COVID vaccine yet, and many Texans were practicing the same basic health protections and good hygiene that have proven to help stop any respiratory virus like COVID-19 and flu. For this upcoming flu season, we expect fewer people to be wearing masks and physically distancing now that we have effective vaccines for COVID-19."

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.



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The Idle American

A quiet hero

J. Ron Hardin, from most angles, might appear to be the kind of guy others would enjoy competing against. They might figure him to be a "push-over" in recreational or business endeavors, and they'd be wrong.



Hardin

He'd probably get so far ahead of 'em that he'd soon be out of sight to the naked eye.

In his 85 years, he has re-defined "mild-mannered," maintained humility, held doggedly to Christian optimism, cherished his family, served others, gained distinction in the insurance world and fooled many folks on golf courses....

His exploits might seem to suggest that he'd rival Superman, but even on tiptoe Ron's 5-8 stature falls short of the "man of steel."

In many of life's arenas, though, he has been little short of heroic.

He has proven himself time and again, remaining an enviable modest Christian model, calling on both faith and confidence to reach life's mountaintops and cope with its valleys....

Married to Geri since August 29, 1954, Ron and his wife are now in their 50th year as Wichita Falls residents, where both have been active members of First Baptist Church.

Folks who have known him only in recent years would do well to consider his earlier years. They might be surprised to learn that he was valedictorian of his Vera High School senior class (1954), that he's been married for 67 years, served in the U.S. Army for two years, threw a no-hitter in a men's softball game, set numerous records as a State Farm Insurance Agent, underwritten scholarships at Howard Payne and Midwestern State Universities and played golf in a driving rainstorm on the island of Maui, one of 16 international trips he and Geri made during his 30 years with State Farm....

Lots of golfers while away retirement hours bragging about "shooting their age." Not so with Ron, who still plays 18 holes three times weekly.

He's a reminder of that old Pet Milk ad that claimed their milk did NOT come from contented cows (a claim made by Carnation). Pet Milk insisted that its cows "are always trying to do better." He's a golfer who might strive to match his belt size, and he's far from porky....

That's Ron, short version. He's been "shooting his age" for a decade or so, recently carding a 77. He commonly scores around 80 on his favorite course, River Creek, near Burkburnett.

His ace came on a Par 3 hole at Wichita Falls Country Club in 1990. Though he never played with President Gerald Ford, he did find an autographed ball hit by the late president. Ron found it on a Colorado course Ford had played a week earlier.

During his 65 years on the links, he has played with such luminaries as Coach Perry Goolsby, a district judge, an architect and a retired military colonel. These days, he's in regular golfing company with a physician's assistant and a dentist. (His body no doubt thanks him for that!)....

Ron learned the art of selling advertising at the Brownwood Bulletin during his HPU years. This served him well when he became advertising manager at the Borger News-Herald and later publisher of the Graham Leader. "Working 18-hour days made me realize that I was short-changing my family," Ron said....

He and Geri had five children--Jeff, Jana, Janay, Julie Kay and Jennifer Gail, 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. (Jeff died at age 26 in the line of duty as a Wichita Falls Fire Fighter in 1984.)...

He was one of three Vera High School graduates, gaining many honors, including letters in all sports each year.

Also an author and poet, he recently published Texas Family Reunion, a "how to" book for planning reunions. Ron has attended most of the 80 Hardin family reunions.

Here's the final verse of a Hardin poem: "Our hearts are humbled for those we knew; respectful and thoughtful for those who care. Our hearts are big, our number is few, but our glance is backward--friends are there"....

Dr. Newbury is a long-time university president who continues to write and speak regularly. Contact him at newbury@speakerdoc.com, call 817-447-3872. Website: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Facebook: Don Newbury. Twitter: @DonNewbury

Letters to the Editor Policy

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

Letters must either be about Gonzales County, from a resident of Gonzales County, or in response to a story that appears in print or online in The Inquirer.

Examples of content that will cause letters to be rejected include the following:

- Confusing or unclear points.
- Crude language.
- Poor taste.
- Disrespectful comments regarding a group's or individual's ethnicity, gender, religion, culture, sexual orientation or race.
- Other incendiary language or remarks.
- Endorsements for or complaints about individually named commercial products or services.
- Poetry.
- Personal attacks.
- "Thank You" letters that go beyond general thanks to the community; attempt to serve as an advertisement for a company, individual or political party; or is submitted in lieu of a paid "Thank You" advertisement.

During periods ahead of an election, The Inquirer does not accept letters to the editor urging voters to vote for or against candidates in local elections. Endorsements should be displayed in political advertising. In light of

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Garden Q&A

Exploring wasps can be left alone if they don't pose a threat

Q. Can you give me some insight about a group of wasps that spend every evening grouped on the eaves but have not built a nest. They also are placid and are not aggressive. I have resisted spraying them. What is happening and what should I do about them?

A. Wasps are beneficial in that they feed on caterpillars and other insects that feed on garden plants. Your wasps sound like they are migrants from an existing nest that has not decided where they will build their new nest. Honeybees do the same thing. When bees are in this state of exploration, they also are tolerant of people and other animals. The best strategy is to continue to let them continue their exploration. Only spray them if they build a nest in a location that threatens your activities.

Q. When is the best time to prune our peach trees?

A. The best time is usually in February, but it works to prune beginning in December through March. If you have low chill varieties, it is easiest to prune before they begin blooming but it can be done after the bloom begins. Spray copper hydroxide on November first to combat fungal diseases. The spraying will also stimulate the leaf drop.

Q. After the rains began in late September fire ant mounds appeared in the yard. Should we treat the mounds?

A. Treat the mounds that are in the middle of your family activities and will interfere with the activities. Treat with acephate or another insecticide labeled for fire ant control. There are also products with Spinosad as an active ingredient that are effective and labeled for use in the vegetable garden.

Q. What is the best way to control cabbage loopers in broccoli

and cauliflower? We sprayed with a Bt product, but the caterpillars are still eating the plants.

A. How old is the Bt product? Replace it with a new container if it is more than one year old. Are you spraying the foliage under the leaves? To control cabbage loopers they must consume the Bt as part of the leaves. To improve the potency of the Bt add a teaspoon of dish detergent to every gallon of spray you prepare. The detergent helps the Bt to spread across the and cling to the foliage.

Q. Our Whopper begonias still look great. How long will they last? Do we need to put them into shelter for the winter?

A. Whoppers and their smaller begonia cousins will often survive the winter if they are growing in a sheltered location and the weather is mild. If they are in containers, they can also be protected in the greenhouse for the winter or during cold spells. Another option is to replace them with cyclamen in November. Both plants begonias and cyclamen are all-star color plants for the shade.

CALVIN FINCH
Gardening Q&A

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK



National 4-H Week is here! Oct. 3-9 is when 4-H is celebrated all across the country. In honor of 113 years of 4-H, Judge Davis signed the National 4-H Week Proclamation. Over 250 4-Hers are enrolled and active in Gonzales County, spread out through ten clubs. 4-H has over 40 different project areas encouraging growth in leadership, developing skills and responsibility in varied activities. 4-H is well worth the time of any 3rd-12th grader! Robotics, Foods and Nutrition, Fashion, Photography, Livestock and Horse projects, Shooting Sports, and Public Speaking are just a few of the many project areas! If you are interested in being a part of 4-H you can call the Extension Office at 830-672-8531.

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales Livestock Market October 2, 2021

491 Cattle
Compared to our last sale: Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold 2.00-5.00 lower. Packer bulls sold steady while packer cows sold 1.00-3.00 lower.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 184-210; 300-400 lbs., 172-180; 400-500 lbs., 152-168; 500-600 lbs., 137-148; 600-700 lbs., 132-137; 700-800 lbs., 122-126 Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 80-95.

Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 150-165; 300-400 lbs., 135-145; 400-500 lbs., 107-124; 500-600 lbs., 121-129; 600-700 lbs., 116-119.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 55-61 Cutters, 62-66; Canners, 36-48; High yielding fat cows, 58-62.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 86-92; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 81-84.

Stocker Cows: \$600 to \$1,025. **Pairs:** \$750 to \$1,200.

Nixon Livestock October 4

Cattle - 988
Steers:
200-300 lbs - \$140-202.50
300-400 lbs - \$121-193
400-500 lbs - \$130-193
500-600 lbs - \$120-164
600-700 lbs - \$114-139
700-800 lbs - \$112-128

Heifers:
200-300 lbs - \$128-148
300-400 lbs - \$121-157
400-500 lbs - \$121-146
500-600 lbs - \$110-160
600-700 lbs - \$107-129
700-800 lbs - \$104-124
Slaughter Cows - \$25-68
Slaughter Bulls - \$60-95
Stocker Cows - None

Pairs: \$720-755

Cuero Livestock Market Report on October 1, 2021
Number of head 998
There were 85 cows and 6 bulls. The packer market remained fairly steady this week, with such a short supply due to rains throughout the area.

The calf market gained back most of what was lost last week. It was a solid market with the overall average being \$5/cwt higher. Optimism was seen in all classes, it was a good and active day.

Packer bulls: 71.00-90.00
Packer cows:
canners & cutters 50.00-76.00
poor & weak 23.00-45.00
Palpated:2 bred 64.00&76.00
PAIRS: 1 \$1300.00

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 200 lbs. one-112.00
200-249 lbs. one-110.00
250-299 lbs. none

300-350 lbs. 149.00-190.00
350-400 lbs. 153.00-178.00
400-450 lbs. 150.00-200.00
450-500 lbs. 145.00-186.00
500-550 lbs. 135.00-168.00
550-600 lbs. 130.00-150.00
600-700 lbs. 131.00-145.00
700-800 lbs. 127.00-135.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 250lbs 155.00-190.00
250-300 lbs. 145.00-180.00
300-350 lbs. 151.00-174.00
350-400 lbs. 146.00-172.00
400-450 lbs. 145.00-174.00
450-500 lbs. 136.00-170.00
500-550 lbs. 124.00-152.00
550-600 lbs. 128.00-145.00
600-700 lbs. 124.00-148.00
Over 700 lbs. 112.00-131.00
Heifer Calves (AVG-HIGH)
under 200 lbs. 132.00-162.00
200-250 lbs. 128.00-136.00
250-300 lbs. 128.00-140.00
300-350 lbs. 112.00-146.00
350-400 lbs. 126.00-145.00
400-450 lbs. 127.00-140.00
450-500 lbs. 125.00-154.00
500-550 lbs. 125.00-151.00
550-600 lbs. 124.00-139.00
600-700 lbs. 116.00-143.00

Over 700 lbs 111.00-132.00

Hallettsville Livestock Commission Co., Inc.

Sale date: September 28
Cattle on hand: 2499

Packer Cows:
Canner and Cutter Cows: \$48-67
Utility & Fat Cows: \$47-65
LightWeight Canner Cows: \$25-46
Poor/Weak: \$15-35

Packer Bulls:
HeavyWeight Bulls: None
Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$82-91
Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$65-81

Stocker Cows:
Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: None
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: None

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: None
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: None
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:
Under 200 lbs.: None
200-300 lbs.: \$122-147.50
300-400 lbs.: \$160-195
400-500 lbs.: \$145-220
500-600 lbs.: \$130-160
600-700 lbs.: \$118-150
700-800 lbs.: \$115-135

Number 1 heifer calves:
Under 200 lbs: None
200-300 lbs.: \$130-170
300-400 lbs.: \$132-160
400-500 lbs.: \$122-147.50
500-600 lbs.: \$118-140
600-700 lbs.: \$115-130
700-800 lbs.: \$105-122.50

Replacement Heifers:
350-700 lbs.: \$135-185
The market this week was a little weaker again. No. 1 quality calves sold steady on the lighter weights and \$2 to \$4 lower on the heavier weights. No. 2 and plainer kinds continue harder to move selling \$4 to \$8 lower.

Packer cows and bulls sold \$2 to \$3 lower on approx. 325 head total. Quality of cows not very desirable.

Sequin Cattle Co.

Market Report

Sale date: September 29
Quality of cattle was good.

Market softer all the day around.

Stocker calves 5-10 softer & packer cows & bulls \$5.00 off.

Cattle: 951
Sheep & Goats: 804
Medium & Large Frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb.: \$1.15-1.75
300-400 lb.: \$1.34-1.46
400-500 lb.: \$1.26-1.82
500-600 lb.: \$1.20-1.46
600-700 lb.: \$1.16-1.35
700-850 lb.: \$1.16-1.29

Medium & Large Frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb.: \$1.22-1.75
300-400 lb.: \$1.25-1.92
400-500 lb.: \$1.17-1.75
500-600 lb.: \$1.20-1.37
600-750 lb.: \$1.18-1.30

Cows:
Utility & Commercial: \$54-76
Cutters: \$45-53
Canners: \$35-52

Palpated Cows (Young): \$850
Palpated Cows (Middle Aged): \$550-1000
Cow/Calf Pairs: \$975

Bulls:
Heavy High Yielding: \$85-93
Light & Low Yielding: \$60-\$84
Feeder Bulls: None

Sheep & Goats:
Nannies (Young): \$220-385
Nannies (Thin & Old): \$110-210
Kid Goats (Fat): \$3.00-3.30
Kid Goats (Small & Thin): \$2.80-3.00

Wethers: \$192-272
Billies: \$1.80-2.35
Pairs: None

Barb. Ewes (Young): \$150-215
Barb. Ewes (Small & Old Ewes): \$80-140
Barb. Lambs (Fat): \$3.10-3.30
Barb. Lambs (Small & Thin): \$2.80-3.05

Woolled Ewes: \$110-140
Woolled Bucks: \$1.20-1.50
Lambs: \$2.10
Barb. Bucks: \$250

OBITUARIES

RICHARD LINUEL DUNCAN

Richard Linuel Duncan, 67, passed away Thursday, February 13, 2020, along with his beloved wife of nearly 36 years, Julie Condon Duncan. Richard was born August 7, 1952 in San Antonio to Linuel and Dorothy Phelps Duncan. He graduated from Andress High School in El Paso in 1970 and from the University of Texas El Paso in 1974 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He married Julie Condon on March 23, 1984 in El Paso. Richard taught Data Processing at El Paso Tech High School, then worked in the banking industry as a data processing manager before he accepted a job with the Ysleta Texas School District as their telecommunications administrator where he worked until retirement. Upon retirement, Richard and Julie moved to Montrose, CO, where they became active community members, avid hikers, enjoyed golfing, fishing and all that Colorado and Utah outdoors have to offer.

Richard Linuel Duncan was preceded in death by his loving wife, Julie Duncan, and his parents. He is survived by his adoring family, sons, Benjamin Linuel Duncan, David Marshall Duncan (Carolyn), grandchildren, Audra Rae and Charley Rose, sis-



ters, Carol L. Shea (David Allison), Diane Avery (Frank) and their daughter Dorothy Avery, brother, Carl Norman Duncan (Gayle Bolding).

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, October 9, 2021 in the Thompsonville with interment following in the Thompsonville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Thompsonville Cemetery Association, 2774 CR 423, Waelder, TX, 78959 or charity of one's choice. Seydler-Hill Funeral Home is assisting with the services.

JULIE ELLEN CONDON DUNCAN

Julie Ellen Condon Duncan, 68, passed away on February 13, 2020 in El Paso, Texas. A native El Pasoan, she attended Loretto Academy and then earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and a Masters in Speech Language Pathology at UTEP. Julie worked as an SLP in Gadsden ISD and EPISD for over 20 years before retiring to Montrose, CO where she and her husband Richard were avid hikers, birders and embraced the beauty of Colorado and Utah. Julie loved quilting and has made a special quilt for each of her children and grandchildren. Julie was a deeply spiritual woman whose faith and charity were apparent in all she did and how she lived her life. She was a perpetual student and had an appetite for learning of all things new and interesting.

Preceded in death by her parents, Marshall and Julia Condon, and her sister Margaret Condon McClaskey. She is survived by her two sons, Benjamin Linuel Duncan, David Marshall Duncan (Carolyn) and granddaughters, Charley Rose, and Audra Rae Duncan. She is also survived by four sisters, Kathleen Condon and her daughters Michelle Armendariz, Rachel Aguilar Rudy, grand-nieces Georgia and Madeline Aguilar, Patty English (Don) their sons, Sean (Laci) and their son Ryland, and Paul English, Mary Condon and Carolyn Niland (Bob).

A memorial service will be held at 10 am Saturday, October 9, 2021 in the Thompsonville, TX, with interment following in the Thompsonville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in Julie's name to the Black Canyon Audubon Society, P. O. Box 387, Delta, CO 81416 Or www.blackcanyon-audubon.org. or Open Doors, providing aid to persecuted Christians since 1955. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhill-funeralhome.com. Seydler-Hill Funeral Home is assisting with the services.

GLORIA SEPULVEDA GONZALES

Gloria Sepulveda Gonzales, 70, of Gonzales, entered eternal life on Wednesday, September 29, 2021. Gloria was born on November 8, 1950, in Gonzales to Guadalupe & Joe Sr. Sepulveda. She married the love of her life, Rodrigo Gonzales, Jr., on December 1, 1979.

Gloria had many passions in life, some of which included baking, cake decorating, and nice evenings watching and listening to her husband perform good ole country music, along with volunteering in many different charities within her community. Above all, she enjoyed making everlasting memories with those she loved. Nothing was more important to Gloria than the well-being of her family and friends. For those that were fortunate to cross paths with Gloria, was able to truly witness what an Angel on Earth really looked like.

In the early years of her journey, she took after her father in the poultry business. As time went on, she would find her true calling in the life of caregiving for the elderly of which she took great pride in. After her time of caregiving came to an end, she became heavily involved in the Catholic Community, serving as President of the Guadalupanas.

Gloria is survived by her loving husband of 42yrs.



Rodrigo Gonzales Jr. Four beautiful daughters, Rita & husband Daniel Ibarra Sr. of Gonzales, Ronda & husband Elias Ibarra Sr. of Austin, Tammy & husband Oscar Martinez of Wharton, Mary Gonzales & Chris of Gonzales, and her one and only son, her "Mijo", Rodrigo Gonzales III & Vanessa Gonzales of Gonzales, 16 Grandchildren & 8 Great Grandchildren whom she loved unconditionally, Siblings; Patsy and husband Ruben Garcia of Gonzales, Henry and wife Delia Sepulveda, of Victoria, Manuel Sepulveda of Gonzales, and Ruebene Sepulveda

of Gonzales. She is proceeded in death by her parents, Guadalupe & Joe Sr. Sepulveda, brother Joe Sepulveda Jr., and brother John Albert Sepulveda Sr.

The family will received friends from 5 to 7 pm Tuesday, October 5, 2021 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, with a Rosary to be recited at 7pm. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 2 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Jason Martini as celebrant. Interment followed in the Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers: Alberto L. Ibarra, Daniel R. Ibarra Jr., Elias Ibarra Jr., Gabriel Ibarra, Joshua Gonzales, and John Sepulveda Jr. Honorary Pallbearers: Nicholas Gonzales, Oscar Trevino III, and Isreal Trevino. 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.

DAN R. HENNIG



Dan R. Hennig, 79, of Gonzales, Texas, passed away September 27, 2021, in San Antonio, Texas. Dan was born in Clifton, Texas, on December 3, 1941, to Clint and Raynell Hennig of Whitewright, Texas.

Dan is survived by his loving wife Juliana Nelson Hennig, daughters Jessica Hennig, Carlotta Berranger and her husband Ivan, and son Zach Hennig. He was beloved as DanDan to his grandchildren; Chloe Hoffman and her husband Brandon, Clay Barden, Emma Barden, Mason Hennig, Marley Hennig, three step-grandchildren, Clementine, Igor, and Timmy Berranger, and great-granddaughter, Maeve Hoffman. Also surviving are his brother Joe Hennig and his wife Jan, his sister Janis Furness and her husband Don. He was preceded in

death by his parents.

Dan served as a senior human resources executive with PanEnergy, Duke Energy, and AGI Resources for many years, spending time in Kansas City, Houston, and Atlanta. Dan was most at home in the outdoors, was a lover of animals, cherished spending time with his grandchildren, and just being home at the ranch. He also loved sports, whether playing himself in high school and college, watching his kids and

grandkids play, or watching football on TV. Dan was a loving father and mentor, a constant role model with firm and high expectations that helped mold many to whom they are today. He was always looking to have fun and is remembered as a perpetual jokester, just like his dad, Papa Clint. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and beloved dog, Josie.

A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in Dan's name to Gonzales Dog Adoptions, Meadow Haven Horse Rescue, or Austin Dog Rescue. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

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TBD CR 424, Waelder, 23+ acres, \$275,000
1109 Robertson Street, Gonzales, \$25,000
TBD Hwy 304, Gonzales, 165+ acres, \$1,274,735
TBD Ainsworth Street, Gonzales, Lot, \$35,000

COMMERCIAL:
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TBD Alamo Street, Gonzales, 1.7 acres, \$190,000
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205 Old Gonzales Road, Cuero, 3000 sq. ft., 1904 sq. ft., 29.5 acres, \$450,000
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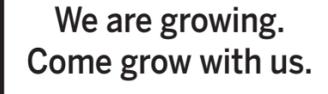
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Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain or Wetland

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals:

This is to give notice that the City of Waelder Responsible Entity under Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. This activity is funded under the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT DISASTER RECOVERY PROGRAM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS NON-RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT HARVEY ROUND 1 FUNDING GLO Contract No. 20-065-112-C309 is located in the 100-year floodplain/wetland, and the City of Waelder will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodplain/wetland and the potential impacts on the floodplain/wetland from the proposed action, as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands. The purpose of the proposed drainage activities is to conduct drainage and sewer infrastructure improvements to facilitate proper stormwater conveyance, reduce the impact of future flooding, and facilitate the proper functioning of critical wastewater-system components to reduce the impact of sewage contamination and backflow in emergency situations. Approximately 6.18 acres of 100 hundred year flood plain will be impacted by the proposed improvements primarily along existing right-of-way consisting of drainage ditches, valley drains, drainage piping, and improvements at the sewer plant consisting of a sewer plant generator and 6 LS transfer switches to be located above the 100-hundred-year flood level. The proposed project(s) impact the entire community of Waelder, City Hall is located at 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959 in Gonzales County.

The City of Waelder has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: There are no practicable alternatives to relocating the proposed improvements because the improvements at the sewer plant are needed to avert an environmental disaster in the event of a major power loss. The proposed improvements will be elevated above the 100-year flood level. The drainage improvements are taking place along existing road right-of-way and will utilize the existing road drainage patterns to convey the drainage into the existing drainage basins, to minimize adverse impacts, and to restore and preserve the natural and beneficial values of the existing drainage system. There are no identifiable LOMAs applicable to these project activities. The City of Waelder will adhere to the local flood protection ordinance and comply with all state and local floodplain/wetland protection procedures.

The City of Waelder has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain/wetland and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains/wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains/wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains/wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Waelder at the following address City Hall located at 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959 on or before October 18, 2021. The City of Waelder can be contacted by phone directly at 830-788-7331 or by contacting the City Secretary by email at melindac@gvtc.com to the Attention: Roy Tovar, Mayor, Certifying Officer. A full description of the project may be reviewed at the City web site at cityofwaelder.org. The project activities and location can also be reviewed at City Hall, from the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday at the Waelder City Hall, 300 US-90, West, Waelder, Texas 78959. Comments may also be submitted by mail or email at melindac@gvtc.com.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

The Board of Trustees of the Gonzales Independent School District ("GISD") hereby serves notice that GISD will accept sealed bids for the following real property and any improvements thereto:

- (1) The surface only of a portion of the former Administrative Office property, consisting of the building and a portion of the property surrounding the building, consisting of approximately 1 acre, located at 1711 N. Sarah DeWitt Dr., as depicted in the Bid Package;
- (2) The surface only of a portion of 1801 N. Sarah DeWitt Dr., located on the NW Corner of Sarah DeWitt Dr. and Seydler St., consisting of approximately .75 acres, as depicted in the Bid Package; and
- (3) The surface only of the following: (1) Tract 1: 9.18 Tract or Parcel of Land Situated in The Town of Gonzales, Abstract 25 Gonzales County, Texas, And Being Out of and a Part of Lot No. Four, in Range No. Six, East of Water Street in the Original Outer Town of Gonzales According to the Map or Plat of Said Original Outer Town of Gonzales Which is Not of Record in the County Clerk's Office and Being a Resurvey of All of That Certain Tract as Described in a Special Warranty Deed from Online Iley, Individually and as Independent Executrix of The Estate of G.R. Iley, Karen Sue Marrou Joined Pro Forma by her husband, Tommy A. Marrou, and Regina Lea Durrett (a/k/a Regina Lea Brown) Joined Pro Forma by her husband, Bob Durrett to Nelda Rae Taylor and George R. Iley, Jr. Described as Part of Lot 4, Range 6, East of Water Street in the Outer Town of Gonzales Being of Record in Volume 872, Pages 765-768 of The Official Records of Gonzales County Texas and Also the Same Tract as Described in a Special Warranty Deed from Nelda Rae Taylor an Undivided One-Half Interest in Part of Lot 4, Range 6, east of Water Street in the Outer Town of Gonzales Being of Record in Volume 872, Pages 773-774 of the Gonzales County Official Records, Herein After Called Parent Tract, Less and Except, Part Found to be Within the Limits of Robertson Street, Dallas Street, Seydler Street (State Highway No. 97) and Hackberry, Said 9.18 Acre Tract is Herein Described by Metes and Bounds With Bearing Basis Being Between 5/8" Iron Rods Found at the Northwest and Northeast Corners of the South 1/2 of Block No. Nine of The Davidson Hill Addition Being of Record in Plat Cabinet Slide 2A of The Gonzales County Plat Records; and (2) Tract 2: Being all that certain lot or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Gonzales County, Texas, within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gonzales, being ALL OF Lots No. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of Blocks No. 8 and 9, of DAVIDSON HILL ADDITION, an addition to the Town of Gonzales, according to the map or plat of said City of Gonzales and being the same lots described in that certain deed dated November 14, 2007, executed by Karen Sue Marrou, to George R. Iley, Jr., recorded in Volume 973, Page 29, of the Official Records of Gonzales County, Texas, an addition to the Town of Gonzales.

Interested parties may download the Bid Package from <https://www.gonzalesisd.net/Page/171> or pick up the Bid Package at the Chief Financial Officer's office located at 1615 Saint Louis Street. The Bid Package details the proposed conveyances, restrictions, reservations and other important information as to all three properties. Interested parties may bid on one, two, or all three properties.

The properties may be toured with the school district representative on October 13, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Interested parties may meet at 1711 N. Sarah DeWitt Drive to be escorted on a tour of the properties.

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Each property will be conveyed subject to the restrictions, exceptions and reservations contained in the Bid Package. GISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. Bids received after the deadline, faxed bids, and electronic bids will not be considered.

Sealed bids will be received until: **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021.**

Mailing/Physical Address for Submission of Sealed Bids:
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Aviso final y explicación pública de una actividad propuesta en una llanura de inundación o humedal de 100 años

Para: Todas las agencias, grupos e individuos interesados:

Esto es para notificar que la Entidad Responsable de la Ciudad de Waelder bajo la Parte 58 a realizahdo una evaluación según lo requerido por la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y / o 11990, de acuerdo con las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C Procedimientos para Tomar Determinaciones sobre el Manejo de Llanuras aluviales y Protección de Humedales. Esta actividad está financiada bajo el PROGRAMA DE RECUPERACIÓN DE DESASTRES DE SUBVENCIÓN EN BLOQUE DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO PROYECTOS DE INFRAESTRUCTURA NO INVESTIGACIÓN Y DESARROLLO HARVEY RONDA 1 FINANCIAMIENTO DEL CONTRATO GLO No. 20-065-112-C309 se encuentra en la llanura de inundación / humedal de 100 años, y la Ciudad de Waelder identificará y evaluará alternativas viables para ubicar la acción en la llanura de inundación / humedal y los impactos potenciales en la llanura de inundación / humedal de la acción propuesta, según lo requerido por la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y / o 11990, de acuerdo con las regulaciones de HUD en 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C Procedimientos para tomar Determinaciones sobre el Manejo de Llanuras Aluviales y la Protección de Humedales.

El propósito de las actividades de drenaje propuestas es llevar a cabo mejoras en la infraestructura de drenaje y alcantarillado para facilitar el transporte adecuado de aguas pluviales, reducir el impacto de futuras inundaciones y facilitar el funcionamiento adecuado de los componentes críticos del sistema de aguas residuales para reducir el impacto de la contaminación y el reflujo de aguas residuales en situaciones de emergencia. Aproximadamente 6.18 acres de llanura de inundación de 100 cien años se verán afectados por las mejoras propuestas principalmente a lo largo del derecho de vía existente que consiste en zanjas de drenaje, desagües de valle, tuberías de drenaje y mejoras en la planta de alcantarillado que consiste en un generador de planta de alcantarillado y 6 interruptores de transferencia LS que se ubicarán por encima del nivel de inundación de 100 cien años. Los proyectos propuestos afectan a toda la comunidad de Waelder, el Ayuntamiento está ubicado en 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959 en el condado de Gonzales.

La ciudad de Waelder ha considerado las siguientes alternativas y medidas de mitigación que deben tomarse para minimizar los impactos adversos y restaurar y preservar los valores naturales y beneficiosos: No hay alternativas viables a la reubicación de las mejoras propuestas porque las mejoras en la planta de alcantarillado son necesarias para anunciar un desastre ambiental en caso de una pérdida de energía importante. Las mejoras propuestas se elevarán por encima del nivel de inundación de 100 años. Las mejoras en el drenaje se están llevando a cabo a lo largo del derecho de vía de la carretera existente y utilizarán los patrones de drenaje de las carreteras existentes para transportar el drenaje a las cuencas de drenaje existentes, minimizar los impactos adversos y restaurar y preservar los valores naturales y beneficiosos del sistema de drenaje existente. No hay LOMA identificables aplicables a estas actividades del proyecto. La Ciudad de Waelder se adherirá a la ordenanza local de protección contra inundaciones y cumplirá con todos los procedimientos estatales y locales de protección de llanuras aluviales / humedales.

La ciudad de Waelder ha reevaluado las alternativas a la construcción en la llanura de inundación / humedal y ha determinado que no tiene una alternativa practicable. Los archivos ambientales que documentan el cumplimiento de los pasos 3 a 6 de la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y / o 11990, están disponibles para inspección pública, revisión y copia a pedido en los horarios y lugares delineados en el último párrafo de este aviso para recibir comentarios.

Hay tres propósitos principales para este aviso. En primer lugar, las personas que puedan verse afectadas por las actividades en las llanuras aluviales/humedales y las que tengan interés en la protección del medio ambiente natural deben tener la oportunidad de expresar sus preocupaciones y proporcionar información sobre estas zonas. En segundo lugar, un programa de aviso público adecuado puede ser una herramienta educativa pública importante. La difusión de información y la solicitud de comentarios públicos sobre las llanuras aluviales / humedales pueden facilitar y mejorar los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos e impactos asociados con la ocupación y modificación de estas áreas especiales. En tercer lugar, como una cuestión de equidad, cuando el gobierno federal determina que participará en las acciones que se llevarán a cabo en las llanuras aluviales / humedales, debe informar a aquellos que pueden ser puestos en mayor o continuo riesgo.

Los comentarios por escrito deben ser recibidos por la Ciudad de Waelder en la siguiente dirección Ayuntamiento ubicada en 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959 en o antes del 18 de octubre de 2021. La Ciudad de Waelder puede ser contactada por teléfono directamente al 830-788-7331 o comunicándose con el Secretario de la Ciudad por correo electrónico a melindac@gvtc.com a la Atención: Roy Tovar, Alcalde, Oficial Certificador. Una descripción completa del proyecto puede ser revisada en el sitio web de la Ciudad en cityofwaelder.org. Las actividades y la ubicación del proyecto también se pueden revisar en el Ayuntamiento, desde las 8:00 am hasta las 5:00 pm de lunes a viernes en el Waelder City Hall, 300 US-90, West, Waelder, Texas 78959. Los comentarios también se pueden enviar por correo o correo electrónico a melindac@gvtc.com.

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Introduction and Change

By **DAVID SCHAUTTEET**
New Beginnings IHOW

Greetings, before anything I would like to acknowledge and give all glory to God. My name is David Schautteet, I am the pastor of a local church here in Gonzales called New Beginnings IHOW (International House of Worship).

I came to know and have a true relationship with the Lord going on five years this November. That first real encounter with God is quite an experience. Over the next few weeks we will be discussing some things that God has placed on my heart for this segment. Know that there is no judgment coming from me for who am I to judge (James 4:12). I am only here to share a little bit of what I have learned over the past few years, to try and help us grow in Christ and become better people. Amen, let's get started.

So you say you want "change" or you want things to get "better." This

thought or statement has most likely crossed our minds or has been spoken out of our mouths at some point in time during our lives.

My question is what are you doing about it? You say you want change, but do you know what change really is? Change means to make (someone or something) different; alter or modify. A lot of times when we say we want change it's the I need everything and everyone around me to change and get/be better. All the while we don't want to do anything to work on ourselves. We see nothing wrong with our behavior, our character, our habits, our mindset. If we want change, if we want things to get better we need not look very far. It starts with ourselves. It starts by not only saying and professing it with your mouth, but by putting some action into it. How do I do that you might be wondering? How do I springboard into change? One of the first things to do would be to eval-

uate and address where you currently are, how you got there, and also what's missing in your life. Once you find it(God) look no further than James chapter 4 again. There in verse 7 the word tells us to. "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." So by fully submitting ourselves to God and resisting the devil (yes believe it or not the devil is real) that is how we springboard ourselves into change.

Over the next few weeks we are going to dive in deep and let the word of God open our spiritual eyes to show us just how the devil has been playing with us all these years. We are going to let the word of God penetrate us and show us how we can transform and change our minds, hearts and spirits to do what we are truly meant to be doing. And that is God's will. To love one another, to serve one another, and to be the light in a dark place. Amen, Have a blessed day.

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OBITUARIES

LUNETTA DuBOSE Low



Lunetta DuBose Low, age 99, passed into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, October 2, 2021. She was born to Oscar Columbus and Katie Bowen DuBose on January 18, 1922 in Gonzales County. Lunetta participated in basketball, volleyball, pep squad, and homemaker's club in school. She graduated from Waelder High School.

Lunetta married Claude "Gene" Low on September 20, 1940 in San Antonio, Texas. Gene enlisted in the army for World War II, and Lunetta followed him by car to his different training stations toting along first born daughter, Dorothy. From Fort Sam Houston in Texas to Fort Polk in Louisiana to Fort McCoy, in Wisconsin. It was there that second born and only son, Junus, was born. When the men went overseas, Lunetta made the arduous task of riding the train home. She made this journey with two children needing to be diapered and fed. While working in the garden on D-Day, she heard the announcement that the U.S. Army had stormed Omaha and other beaches of Normandy. Lunetta stated she knew Gene was there. She recalled, "I was picking peas in the garden, and I kept picking peas and crying. Picking peas and crying."

When Gene returned home from the service, they joined his family for a little while before purchasing a property in the Saturn Community. There they raised chickens for retail. It was during these years that Lunetta gave birth to daughters Betty and Patricia. For a short time, Gene and Lunetta moved to Corpus Christi while Gene worked building construction. They returned to Saturn Community where youngest daughter Phyllis was born.

Lunetta started to work at Ridgecrest Nursing Home in 1965 for a year and a half as a nurses' aide. Her bosses wanted her to attend Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) school because they felt she would make a good nurse. With their help and encouragement, she took on the

task. It was a struggle for her and her family while she took classes, worked at hospital, training, and getting clinical experience. On September 1, 1967, she graduated. Lunetta was happy to pass state board of vocational nurses in October. She was one of the few LVN's to be appointed Director of Nurses in the state due to her diligently strong work ethics. After serving as DON for years at Care Inn Nursing Home, Lunetta retired in 1988. Before she could get out the door from her retirement party, she had two part-time jobs, training coordinator and public relations for Care Inn Gonzales and customer service representative for Diversicare.

While residing in Saturn Community, Lunetta was a member of Waelder Baptist Church. After moving into the town of Gonzales, she became a member of Eastside Baptist Church. She was a very dedicated Christian and served as a devoted member of the Reaper's Sunday School Class. She taught her family to love the Lord and lived by example loving others.

During her lifetime, she was president of the Saturn Cemetery Association. She participated in membership of the Saturn Home Demonstrators' Club, Nurses of Texas Association, Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and Daughters of the American Revolution. She was awarded Nurse of the Year for Gonzales County and runner up for Nurse of the Year for Texas.

Everyone always remembered her as a very special lady with a smile on her face and a respectful caring person who was always ready to lend

a hand. Lunetta's family remembers her as a loving mother, a great cook, and a hard worker. She treasured her grandchildren greatly. Lunetta enjoyed opening her home to friends and family for many occasions including celebrations and holidays. She will be greatly missed.

Lunetta was preceded in death by her parents Oscar and Katie DuBose, her husband of fifty-one years Gene Low, her three sisters Lavern Owens, Lillian Tumlinson, and Dorothy Mercer, and two brothers Winston DuBose and Haskell DuBose. She was also preceded in death by her loving son Junus "Jack" Low, son-in-law Ted Polk, grandson Leslie Low, and great granddaughter Lauren Behrendt.

Lunetta is survived by four daughters Dorothy Polk of Granbury, Betty Vaughan of Gonzales, Patricia (Jay) Edmiston of Harwood, Phyllis Low of Smiley, and daughter-in-law Connie Low of St. Hedwig. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren Connie (Mike) Monts, Jerry Polk, Melissa Johnson, Brenda (Danette) Vaughan, Kimberly (Michael) Wiley, Rebecca Vaughan (fiancé Monica Chappell), Shane (Cielo) Behrendt, and Cassidie Nance (fiancé Sean Whitfield), 3 step grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, 7 step great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren, 4 step great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 6 from 5-7 p.m. The funeral will be at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home on Thursday, October 7 at 10 a.m. Pallbearers will be Jerry Polk, Shane Behrendt, Devon Johnson, Alexander Wiley, Billy Bob Low, and Ken DuBose. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Memorials may be made to Eastside Baptist Church at 701 Seydler St. Gonzales, Texas 78629. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

Se Ly



Se Ly was born January 5, 1939, in Cambodia, and peacefully passed away on July 3, 2021, at his son's home in South Carolina. Se had a heart replacement that lasted just over 20 years which was quite a feat, but it was in steady decline for the past year. His wife, Anita Ly, had only passed away in March 2020 and her passing had a definite impact on him as they had been married for 58 years.

Se earned an honor to attend the University of Texas in Austin, Texas, where he obtained a Mechanical Engineering degree and met his wife, Anita Blundell. They were married on January 5, 1962, in Austin, Texas. Within a month after becoming married, Se and Anita left the United States to travel to Cambodia, where they took up residence in the capitol city of Phnom Penh where he worked for the Royal Dutch

Shell Company. While in Phnom Penh over nine years, Anita gave birth to three children, Gary, Randy, and Nina, in that order.

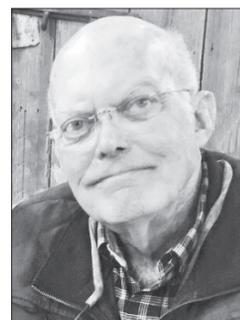
The Vietnam War forced the family's early evacuation from Cambodia in 1971, back to Waelder, Texas, his wife's hometown to get a foothold on their new lives near her parents, Alton & Annie Blundell. All of Se's professional career has been with Shell Oil Company, finally retiring to the shores of Lake Conroe to live in Montgomery,

Texas.

Se was cremated in accordance with his wishes in South Carolina. His ashes are being returned to Texas to be buried alongside his wife in Thompsonville Cemetery on November 9, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., where many of the Blundell relatives are laid to rest. (Thompsonville Cemetery is off County Road 443, near the town of Thompsonville, Texas.) The graveside service will be conducted by Ray Blundell.

Se is preceded in death by his wife, Anita, and his mother, as well as most of his siblings. Survivors include their three children, Gary Ly of Graniteville, South Carolina, Randy Ly of Jersey City, New Jersey and Nina Ivy of Houston, Texas, and his sister, Keav Ly of Cambodia and his brother, Lay Ly of Canada, as well as a few cousins spread throughout the world.

JON MICHAEL "MIKE" MILLINGTON



Jon Michael "Mike" Millington, age 77 of Nixon passed away on October 2, 2021. Mike was born on March 19, 1944 in Nixon, Texas to Wilfred George "Doc" Millington and Doris Geraldine Chessher Millington.

On July 15, 1972, he married Beverly Anne Henry.

Mike was a graduate of the Nixon High School Class of 1962. Throughout his school years, Mike will be remembered as a Boy Scout, ultimately obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout. His college education resulted in graduating from Southwest Texas with a degree in business management, followed by attending and graduating from Texas Lutheran College, with a degree in education. He taught math and was the girl's tennis coach in Nixon High School for several years. During his time as an educator, he also served in the National Guard.

Mike and his father "Doc", then went into business together in owning and operating Colonial Nursing Home in Nixon, where he served as administrator. In 1990, they then built Country Care Manor in La Vernia. After

40+ years in the health care business, he then retired.

He was also a member of the Nixon Masonic Lodge. In August 2021, he achieved 50 years as Master Mason and served previous years as Past Master of the Nixon Masonic Lodge #985 A.F. & A.M. TEXAS.

In addition, he was a dedicated member of the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Board.

He very much enjoyed running his cattle operation, gardening, spending time with family and friends hunting, fishing in Rockport or sitting around a campfire barbecuing.

Mike is preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his loving wife of 49 years, Beverly Anne Millington; daughter,

Carey Anne Millington; son, Michael Cook Millington; brothers, Tim Millington and wife Susan, Nicky Millington and wife Jan, and Brian Millington and wife Sherry; mother-in-law, Maureen Henry; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other loving family members and many friends.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Nixon with the Rev. Terry Davis officiating. Interment will immediately follow at the Nixon Cemetery.

Social distancing and face coverings are requested. Serving as pallbearers will be Ernie Stirl, Johnny Hewell, Judge Coleman, Bryce Wagener, Steve Holmes, Reagan Springs and Luke Patton.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Aphne Pattillo Nixon Public Library, 401 N. Nixon Ave., Nixon, Texas, 78140, Nixon Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 743, Nixon, Texas, 78140 or First Baptist Church of Nixon, 403 N. Texas Ave., Nixon, Texas, 78140. You are invited to sign the guest book at www.treshewell.com



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1 TXism: "happy as ___ with two tails"

5 "don't use that ___ with me!"

6 actress Lee in 1964 film "Bullet for a Badman" with TX Audie Murphy

7 saloon (2 wds.)

8 TXism: "green around the gills"

9 TXism: "that ___ hide" (angers)

16 Gussie ___ Davis created the famous "Rangerettes"

18 "Texas ___ Chili" has no beans

21 ___ "Bum" Phillips

22 TV series for TX Kevin McHale

23 indulgent

24 "not ___ matters"

30 it once roamed Mustang Island on Texas coast (2 wd.)

34 TX Audie Murphy was a WW ___ hero

35 TXism: "all ___, ___ watermelon" (facade)

36 TXism for "murder someone" (2 wds.)

37 hammer targets

39 "The eyes of ___ you ..."

43 in Grand Prairie: "Ripley's Believe It ___" Odditorium

44 this former Dallas Maverick, Roy, was kicked out of NBA

45 TX Shelley Duvall's role in film "Popeye" (init.)

46 Texas had "Sheep ___" (1870-1910)

47 more clamorous

49 needed for TX Bar-B-Que

52 23rd governor of Texas: ___ Lanham

53 a "cross" medal won by 34-across (abbr.)

54 cheeks cosmetic

55 "___ but no glory"

58 TXism: "keep it under ___ hat" (secret)

59 medical image (abbr.)

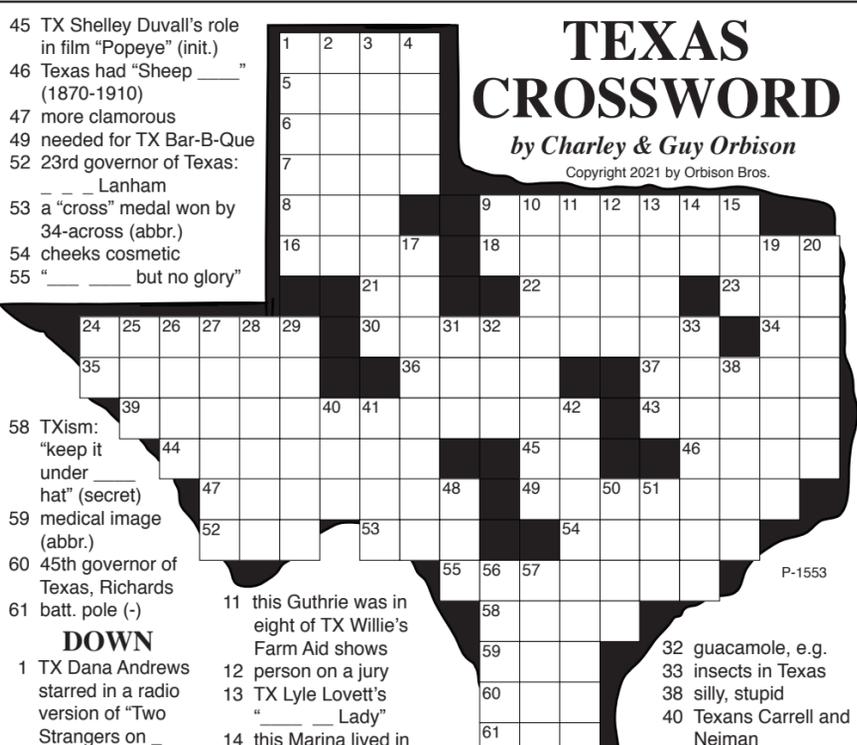
60 45th governor of Texas, Richards batt. pole (-)

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11 this Guthrie was in eight of TX Willie's Farm Aid shows

12 person on a jury

13 TX Lyle Lovett's "___ Lady"

14 this Marina lived in Dallas when JFK was assassinated (init.)

15 this Brynner was in 1960 western "The Magnificent Seven"

17 TXism: "best I ever ___ on"

19 mariners

20 lives

24 "boob tube" (abbr.)

25 TXism: "___ the trail" (leave)

26 Gulf shrimp catcher (2 wds.)

27 Houston NFL team

28 TXism: "get your ducks ___" (get prepared)

29 TXism: "have to prime my mouth ___" (thirsty)

31 Emmy ___ Harris

32 guacamole, e.g.

33 insects in Texas

38 silly, stupid

40 Texans Carrell and Neiman

41 TX cartoonist "Ace"

42 "it's not up for discussion" (2 wds.)

48 TX Waylon label

50 "___ me a beer"

51 Austin public radio station, run by UT

56 this Wyllys fought TX Indians in 1874

57 this Green was "Ben Cartwright"

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

Learning to take life one day at a time

Well hello there, hope all is well and will continue to be. October already? Seems as though another three quarters of a year has slipped through our fingers once again. Since yesterday's gone and tomorrow isn't here yet, looks like our only option is to make today a memorable one, so let er rip!

The concept of living one day at a time is something I constantly heard during my tenure in AA, along with "Hey stupid, quit drinking, you're making an idiot out of yourself!" My bad, that wasn't AA, it was everybody else, but both have served me well for over three decades now (thank you, Lord), Unfortunately I'm unable to proudly wear my thirty year sobriety chip around my neck, as it weighs over nineteen pounds and I don't want to



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Love, Eric
and Eloise

develop scoliosis. I'm not sure if it's made me any wiser, but at least now I can make dumb mistakes with a clear head. Yep, guess you've gotta go with what you've got!

I'm still plugging away at my home renovations and making slow but steady progress. I've spent the last three days on a ladder installing shiny corrugated tin on my ceilings, and I gotta say it's looking pretty sharp (pun intended). In all honesty though, this is really a young mans sport, which I no longer am (almost 64), and things are scarier now

than they used to be. In my youth I played football, baseball, ran track, and was a gymnast, wrestler and diver. Let's just say that my balance and ability to take a hard hit has waned slightly over the years. Standing on a ladder fifteen feet in the air with both hands occupied and nothing to grab onto in case of a mishap, had my knees knocking a bit, but I'm still (with a lot of prayer) getting er done.

Since the loss of Eloise, battling the grief has been a full time job. Things are constantly getting better, and re-doing the house has helped immeasurably. I'm learning how to have fun again, and it's obvious in the renovations (bright colors, palm trees and large beach art), and has even affected the music I'm writing. I'll be working on putting

together a Youtube channel soon, but thought I'd better get some of the heavy work done while I'm still able, as playing instruments and acting like an idiot in front of a camera should be way easier and a lot more fun.

Musically speaking, I've played a little of just about every genre over the years, but lately have been writing old school funk stuff and having a ball at it. I was recently watching old reruns of Soul Train and noticed how thin everyone was back then, not so much any more. If they remade the show today they'd probably have to call it Freight Train, as most folks are a little chunkier today. But I sure couldn't cast the first stone in this area, hence the new diet. Glad to say I'm the lightest I've been in 20 years, I'm feeling better, and it's been rela-

tively easy.

With all of the hardships that we must sometimes endure, I believe it's imperative that we do what we're able to enjoy the life God has blessed us with. Whether it's changing your environment, spending time with the people most important to you, playing with your dog in the park, or diving head first into a large vat of cool whip, do (within reason) what ever floats your boat and puts a smile on your face cause we're only here once. So, as the saying goes; Sing like no one's listening, love like you've never been hurt, dance like no one's watching, and live like it's heaven on earth!

Until next time, be safe, be happy, and don't get too much cool whip in your ears. Love you guys, Eric.

VC celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month with activities

Special to The Inquirer

Victoria College is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month with special events and activities for students and the public through Oct. 15.

National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is Sept. 15-Oct. 15, recognizes the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture and achievements of the United States.

Victoria College's Museum of the Coastal Bend kicked off the celebration with a Salsa Contest on Sept. 16. VC employees were eligible to enter the contest, and the public was invited to judge the entries with a taste-testing event that included Mexican cuisine and music. Gloria Wootton won first and second place, while Deborah Murray won third place.

"It was a great inaugural event, and we plan on making it an annual event in the years to come," said Greg Garrett, museum experience educator. "There were some impressive entries, and it was wonderful to see the public engage in the event and see what we have here at the museum."

On Sept. 21, Victoria College's Student Life Department distributed supplies for students to create their own piñatas. Students were invited to create flower crowns from kits provided by VC's Latin American Student Organization (LASO).

Victoria College's Gonzales Center celebrated with a game of loteria and free tacos for students on Sept. 29. The Student Life Department will also offer a game of loteria for students with free food at VC's Main Campus on Oct. 7.

VC's Student Life Department will conclude the month-long celebration with a demonstration for students and employees on how to make tortillas. Free chicken and beef fajitas will be provided.

The LASO Club also selected five influential Hispanics to highlight their achievements on Victoria College social media and internal communications during Hispanic Heritage Month.

"The pandemic has created challenges for us to celebrate the month as we normally do, but we felt it was important to recognize a culture that has had such a great impact on our area," said Elaine Everett-Hensley, VC Student Life director.



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Victoria College employees Rachel Sily, left, and Monica Hysquierdo judge entries in the Museum of the Coastal Bend's Salsa Contest on Sept. 16.

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Lady Apaches lose district matches to Navarro, La Vernia

Staff reports

The Gonzales Lady Apaches lost a pair of hard-fought contests in district play to Navarro on Tuesday, Oct. 5, and to La Vernia on Friday, Oct. 1.

The Lady Apaches lost in three sets in Geronimo to Navarro, 25-13, 25-13 and 25-18. Kristyn Baker led Gonzales with six kills, while Audrey Martinez had 10 digs and Madison York had

six assists. The subvarsity teams also fell to the Lady Panthers.

On Friday, the varsity dropped its home contest to La Vernia, 25-12, 25-13 and 25-22. The subvarsity teams also lost their matches.

Things don't get any easier for the Lady Apaches as they will host the Pleasanton Lady Eagles, who bring a 30-3 record into Gonzales Friday, Oct. 8, for Pink Out Night.



LOUIS DECKER
Bradyn Martinez directs his lead blocker to help protect him as he seeks more yards for the Mustangs in Friday night's game against George West.

Mustangs fall to 0-2 in district play with 36-0 shutout loss

By LOUIS DECKER
For The Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs left it all out on the field in the first half, but a strong second half from the George West Longhorns proved to be too much in a 36-0 shutout on Friday night, Oct. 1, at the Mustangs' home field.

"The first half we played hard, we had some big plays on defense," said Coach Troy Moses. "We had some things go our way in the first half that kept us in the game."

After the teams traded punts to start the game, the Longhorns intercepted a Luke Moses pass, setting them up with a short field. George West marched 55 yards in six plays, capped by a three-yard run by quarterback Jake Snider. The extra point kick was good for a 7-0 lead.

George West had several opportunities to extend the lead, but the Mustangs, time and time again, answered the bell, either forcing a turnover, which they did three times, or held on downs, sending the game to the half with a 7-0 lead for the Longhorns.

The highlight of the night came at halftime, as the 2021 Homecoming Court was introduced. Martin Moreno was crowned king, while Ariana Medina was crowned homecoming queen.

Moses summed up the second half with a single sentence, "Second half things didn't go our way."

George West scored on four of their five second half possessions to turn the game into a rout. Touchdown catches by Jessie Burch and Steven Gonzales were sandwiched between touchdown runs by Weston Rhodes and Turner Lee.

It was a rough night statistically



LOUIS DECKER
Coach Moses addresses his team following a 36-0 homecoming loss to George West.

"We knew, coming into the season, that it was going to be a process to build our program and get it to where we want it to be. We just gotta keep working hard and not get down on ourselves, and trust the process."

—Coach Troy Moses

for the Mustangs, who had only 138 yards of total offense, all of it on the ground. Bradyn Martinez, one of the area's leading rushers, was held to just 47 yards on 16 carries. Dario Jantes led Nixon-Smiley with 58 yards on just seven totes, while George Rodriguez had 25 yards on

eight carries.

For the season, Martinez has 646 yards rushing and six touchdowns, while Rodriguez has 377 yards and Jantes has 335 yards.

Now facing an 0-2 hole in District 15-3A, Division 2, the Mustangs have an open week before traveling to Natalia to resume district play on October 15. When asked what the Mustangs must do to get back into the playoff chase, Moses said the Mustangs need to "Trust the Process."

"Our message all year has been 'Trust the Process.' We knew, coming into the season, that it was going to be a process to build our program and get it to where we want it to be. We just gotta keep working hard and not get down on ourselves, and trust the process."



LOUIS DECKER
Nixon-Smiley running back George Rodriguez is flipped into the air by a George West tackler during the Mustangs' 36-0 loss to the Longhorns at home on Friday, Oct. 1.

Lady Mustangs extend win streak by downing Luling

Staff reports

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs are keeping a tight hold on the reins of second place in District 26-3A and are just a few wins away from clinch-

ing a playoff berth after dispatching Luling in straight sets Tuesday, Oct. 5, at home. The scores were 25-19, 25-12 and 25-14.

Nixon-Smiley is now 23-10 overall and, more importantly, 7-1 in dis-

trict play, thanks to a six-match win streak which has them on the brink of qualifying for the playoffs. However, the Lady Mustangs will be traveling to district leader Randolph this Friday, Oct. 8, for a 5 p.m. match.

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GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



The winning team from the Sept. 29 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Raul Contreras, Bill Kessler, Glenda Kessler, Daryl Kifer and Colby Kifer.

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The second-place team was, from left to right: Gary Schroeder, Brett Wernli, Wayne Baker, Tanner Walker, Doug Kotzebue and Kameron Kraft. This was the last golf scramble until the spring.

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Lady Apache Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Varsity	JV	Freshman
10/30/2021	Schulenberg (Scrimmage)	Schulenberg HS	TBA	TBA	TBA
11/2/2021	Wimberly (Scrimmage)	Wimberly			
11/5/2021	Ingram Tom Moore	Gonzales HS	630	5	
11/9/2021	La Grange	@LaGrange	630	5	5
11/12/2021	Smithville	@Smithville HS	630	5	
11/16/2021	Needville	Gonzales HS	630	5	745
11/18-11/20	Floresville Tournament	Floresville HS	TBA		
11/18 & 11/20	Schulenburg Tournament	Schulenburg		TBA	
11/19-11/20	Schulenburg Tournament	Schulenburg			TBA
11/22/2021	Pieper	@Peiper	11	1230	
11/23/2021	Poth	@Poth	1	12	11
11/30/2021	Yoakum	Gonzales HS	630	5	745
12/2-12/4	Karnes City Tournament	Karnes City	TBA		
12/7/2021	Sealy	Gonzales HS	730	615	5
12/10/2021	Mathis	@Mathis	6		
12/14/2021	Bye				
12/17/2021	Lake Belton	@Lake Belton	530	4	4
12/20/2021	Pieper	Gonzales HS	630	5	
12/21/2021	Alice	@Alice	1:30	12	
12/28-12/30	Wimberly Tournament	Wimberly HS	TBA		
1/4/2022	Blanco	Gonzales HS	630	5	
1/7/2022	Bye				
1/11/2022	*Cuero	@Cuero	730	615	5
1/14/2022	*La Vernia	Gonzales HS	630	5	5
1/18/2022	*@Navarro	@Navarro HS	630	5	5
1/21/2022	*Pleasanton (Jr High Night)	Gonzales HS	630	5	5
1/25/2022	Bye				
1/28/2022	*Cuero	Gonzales HS	630	5	5
2/1/2022	*@La Vernia	LaVernia HS	730	615	5
2/4/2022	*Navarro (Senior Night)	Gonzales HS	630	5	5
2/8/2022	*@Pleasanton	Pleasanton HS	730	615	5
2/14-15/2022	Bi-District				
2/17-19/2022	Area				
2/21-22/2022	Quarterfinals	***All dates and times are subject to change***			
2/25/2022	Regional Semifinal				
12/26/2022	Regional Final				
3/3-5/2022	State Tournament	@Alamodome			

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Freshman- Kim Payne



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Girl's Coordinator- Joey Carrizales

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CROSS COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Junior high cross country runners excel at Navarro

Special to The Inquirer

The Gonzales Junior High Apache cross country team did a great job at Navarro ISD with multiple top 10 finishers and many personal improvements, head girls/boys cross country coach Dana Beal Sestak said.

Results include:

7TH GRADE GIRLS

56 runners/5th Place
Two Top Ten Finishers

- 4 - Alaina Valle - 15:57
- 7 - Jordan Gonzales - 16:52
- 28 - Miranda Vinklarek - 19:44
- 29 - Kamryn Riojas - 19:45
- 40 - Eileene Castillo - 21:09
- 50 - Yennifer Hernandez - 24:18

7TH GRADE BOYS

55 Runners/6th Place
Two Top Ten Finishers

- 3 - Christopher Gonzales - 14:14
- 8 - Damian Orduna - 15:21
- 25 - Jude Hataway - 16:54
- 29 - Daniel Santos - 17:40
- 32 - Diego Leon - 18:22
- 36 - Oscar Toro - 18:56
- 46 - Carlos Pedraza - 20:06
- 52 - Alex Martinez - 23:19

8TH GRADE BOYS

32 Runners/4th Place
Two Top Ten Finishers

- 6 - Kevin Reyna - 14:29
- 10 - Ckristofer Ramos - 14:45
- 23 - Cristian Zavala - 18:27
- 24 - Derick Almaguer - 18:37
- 28 - Cristian Rodriguez - 18:27
- 30 - Hayden Bliss - 25:52
- 8th Grade Girls-
42 runners/4th Place
One Top 15/One Top 20 Finisher
- 12 - Marianelly Martinez - 17:17
- 19 - Sophia Torres - 17:53
- 21 - Marely Romo - 18:06
- 33 - Emma Riojas - 21: 28
- 37 - Reigna Rhodes - 22:19

Apaches cross country team competes in Seguin

Special to The Inquirer

The Gonzales Apache cross country team recently competed at the Segion Matador Meet, head girls/boys cross country coach Dana Beal Sestak said. Results include:

VARSITY BOYS 5K

- Daniel Garcia 18:22.93
- Leo Moreno 18:42.24
- Alejandro Reyna 19:16.60
- Jose Velazquez 19:41.15
- Ezekiel Reyna 20:12.31
- Noah Gonzales 20:18.24
- Enrique Reyna 20:26.33
- Yoahui Huerta 20:40.95
- Miguel Ramos 21:25.62
- Jake Avant 21:29. 30

VARSITY GIRLS 2-MILE

- Maria Vazquez 13:07.57
- Genna Kelley 13:13.65
- Yaritza Angel 13:49.91
- Killee Schwausch 14:09.66
- Natalia Martinez 14:09.66
- Brooklyn Simper 14:19.64
- Kaylie Ramirez 14:23.27
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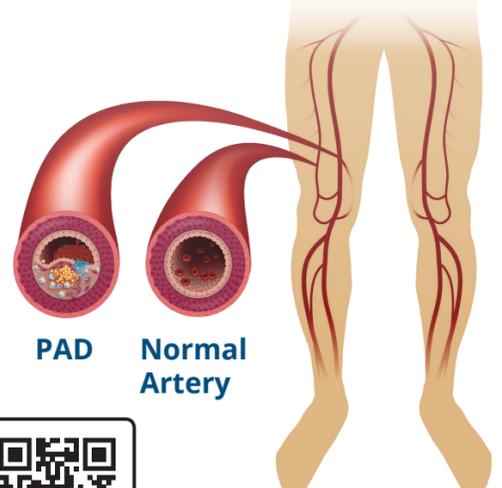
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MARGARET MARIE (SAMPLES) STEWART



He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. Revelation 21:4

Margaret Marie (Samples) Stewart, aged 79, of Gonzales gained her mansion in heaven on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. She was born on January 18, 1942 in the town of Eastwood, in Kelley township, Carter County, MO. Margaret was a one-of-a-kind lady. She loved the Lord and loved sharing her talent of playing piano at Eastside Baptist Church, where she was a member. Pastor Robert Ramirez shared how she would arrive to church early so she could play the piano before Sunday school. She also liked cooking for "dinner on the grounds" at church and would often bring homemade rolls, chicken and dumplings, meatloaf or a fig cake for all to enjoy.

Margaret loved her family and friends and never met a stranger. She liked

to go to H-E-B and Wal-Mart and talk to friends or anyone else she saw. She loved animals, especially her dog Hannah, whom she treated like her child. She also had a couple of special cats she loved. Her hobbies included looking at antique shops, going to garage sales, collecting what nots, collecting salt and pepper shakers, crocheting, fishing, gardening, baking, cooking and sharing the message of Christ with others.

Whether on the ocean, a pond or down at the river, Margaret was an avid fisher woman. In her younger years she could often be found in the park gathering worms or down

at the river or dam fishing. She caught several large catfish and other varieties of fish throughout the years. She loved to fish, but not eat fish, so she would either throw them back or give them away most of the time.

Margaret also had a passion for gardening. She would often plant fruit trees and other vegetables but her favorite was planting tomatoes. By the off chance her tomatoes didn't make it, she would go to the farmers market in Luling and buy up plenty to share with family, friends and neighbors. She would call all her friends to ask if they needed tomatoes. We all had an endless supply! A good friend of hers, Allen Taylor, shared how he told her once that he liked green tomatoes. She made sure he had some green tomatoes!

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband, James H. Stewart of Gonzales; sisters, Daisy (Lee) Anderson of Winona, MO and Caroline LaVerde of Tampa, FL;

children, Sherry (Richard, Sr.) Tharp of Gonzales, Cindy (Rodney) Clements of Roxton, Sue Burnett of Paris, Chris (Jane) Burnett of Brentwood, TN, Melanie Fontana of St. Joseph, MO, and Billy (Helen) Stewart of Houston. With the families combined, they have sixteen grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Liddie Hufstelder Burroughs; father, Barney Samples; stepmother, Mickey Samples; step-father, Ralph Burroughs; son, Charles Burnett; daughter, Janie Cantre; brother, James Howard Samples and a great-grandson, Matthew Jacobs.

It was Margaret's wishes to be cremated. A memorial will be held at Eastside Baptist Church in Gonzales at a later date.

You may send online condolences at www.finchfuneralhome.com. Freund Funeral Home, 361.275.2343.

JOE MARK MAHAN



Joe Mark Mahan was born June 11, 1939, to Iris Grey Richardson Mahan and Elliot Coyle Mahan. He died September 6, 2021. Joe Mark was born and raised in Leesville and Nixon, Texas.

He met Judy Short (Mahan) in Gonzales, fell in love, and married her September 5, 1959. They lived in Dilley, Texas from 1961 to 2021 where they raised two boys, Mark Houston, and Darryl Wade. Wade Houston Mahan is his one and only grandchild whom he adored. Joe Mark has one sister, Coylene Mahan Oliver.

Joe Mark's passion was growing watermelons and peanuts, which his daddy introduced him to at a young age. He expanded this love of farming into a successful produce enterprise from Mexico to throughout Texas. He was also in the cattle business and acquisition of real estate.

Joe Mark was a loyal friend and lent a helping hand to many. He loved his family and God. He was a

good guy. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 9, 2021, at the Oddfellow Cemetery, Gonzales, Texas.

You are welcome to sign the online guestbook at www.finchfuneralchapel.com. If desired, memorial contributions can be made to:

- Dilley First Baptist Church, 201 West Hugo Street, Dilley, TX 78017
- Oddfellow Cemetery, 1405 Conway Street, Gonzales, TX 78629
- Leesville Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 256, Leesville, TX 78122

WILSON ORESTUS (W.O.) RITCHIE



Wilson Orestus (W.O.) Ritchie, age 85, of Nixon, Texas, passed away on September 28, 2021. He was born in Nixon, Texas, on January 24, 1936, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Nixon. He was known in the community for his work ethic, intelligence, integrity, and willingness to help others.

He graduated as valedictorian of Nixon High School in 1953, but attending college was never a consideration. A lifetime farmer and rancher, W.O. began his career while still in high school working for the late Robert Harvey, Sr. in the watermelon fields. He continued to farm both watermelons and peanuts through a partnership with his father-in-law for many years.

Although farming was a large part of his life and he had a love for the

land, W.O. was a cowboy at heart. He worked at cattle auctions and owned a meat market early in life so that he could obtain a better understanding of the beef industry and the different cuts of meat. He worked cattle for other area ranchers at times and was on the Nixon Livestock Show Board for many years in an effort to promote agriculture among area youth. He said many times that his ultimate goal was to build a cattle herd and ob-

tain land to put the cattle on. He accomplished that through hard work and dedication.

W.O. was a part of other community activities and earned awards through the years. He was a member of the Nixon ISD School Board and GVEC Member Information Committee. He was also awarded the Nixon Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Award in 1971.

He loved family, hunting, fishing, and making music. An accomplished guitar player, he played in the O'Neal Brothers country band for a number of years and entertained the family during many holiday gatherings by making music with his nephews.

W.O. is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Diane (Caraway) Ritchie of Nixon; his daughter, Dana Ritchie, of Nixon; his son, Wilson Ritchie

and wife Christy of Pflugerville, Texas; his sister, Erma (Ritchie) Miles, of Nixon; his longtime foreman, Manuel Tinajero and wife Josie, of Nixon; plus, numerous nephews, in-laws, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Marvin Clyde (M.C.) Ritchie; his mother, Matilda Jane (Baker) Ritchie; his sisters, Nola Jane (Ritchie) Patteson Cox, and Erna (Ritchie) Pattillo; and brother, Kenneth Marvin Ritchie.

A private burial and a public memorial will take place at a later time. You are welcome to leave messages of condolence at www.finchfuneralchapel.com. Services entrusted to Finch Funeral Chapel, Nixon, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Nixon or Caraway Cemetery Association, c/o Sharron Kalisek.

VIRGINIA BELLE WITT



Virginia Belle Witt, 93, of Gonzales, Texas, passed away October 1, 2021, in Gonzales, Texas. Belle was born in Gonzales on May 29, 1928, to Carl Douglas "Buddy" Neubauer and Anna Belle Livingston Neubauer.

Belle is survived by Terry Witt Towns and her husband Royce Towns Jr., Tommy Witt and his wife Lorrie, and Trixie Bradley and Ernie Armstrong. She was beloved as MaBelle to her grandchildren: Royce Towns III (Pistol), Tiffany Towns Kennedy and her husband Kain, Blake Towns and his wife Gidgett, Seth Witt, Lauren Witt Walker and her husband Austin, Tanner Witt, Erin Bradley Henry and her husband Josh, and Austin Bradley. MaBelle was also a great-grandmother of Dillon Towns, Taylor, Carley and Travis Towns, Verlin Belle Walker, Garrett, Everly Belle and Aubrey Henry. Also surviving are her sister Sally Glass and sister-in-law Betty Neubauer. She

was preceded in death by her husband Verlin Witt, her parents, siblings: Carl Douglas Neubauer Jr., Dorothy Fay Vandergrift, Margaret Helen Walker, and Duncan Neubauer, and her grandson Royce Towns III.

Belle was an active member of the community. She was involved in numerous organizations ranging from the Gonzales Garden Club, where she opened her home for Flower Shows, to the Gonzales PTA, where she organized events like Halloween carnivals to the Gonzales Ladies Golf Association, where she

played with dear friends and won several tournaments.

Belle was an avid golfer, and the love for the game was something she shared with her husband as well as something she passed along to several of her children and grandchildren.

While it may have been unassuming, Belle was an incredibly creative person. She was a beautiful seamstress, enjoyed needlework and making Christmas wreaths. She loved to read, watch sports, do jigsaw puzzles, and spend time with friends and family.

Belle's kitchen was always open for a cup of coffee with friends or family, and this may be one of the things that her loved ones will miss the most — stopping by and catching up across the table, holding tightly to a red coffee mug, and talking about nothing important, which looking back was so very important indeed.

A Memorial Service

will be held at First United Methodist Church, Gonzales, at 2 p.m. Saturday, October 9, 2021, with Dr. Matt Pennington officiating. The family will receive friends from 1-2 pm in the church prior to the service. Those wishing to watch the funeral service on-line, please go to First UMC Gonzales – YouTube. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Gonzales, TX, or a charity of one's choice. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting seyderhillfuneralhome.com.

Due to the present uptick in reported Covid-19 illnesses, protective measures regarding social distancing, and use of personal protective masks are recommended for the visitation, funeral service, and graveside burial rite. Those remotely symptomatic of COVID-19 are politely asked not to attend. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

NEWS BRIEFS

Final Lunch and Learn in Victoria
The final Lunch and Learn With the Masters program for 2021 will be held by Victoria County Master Gardener Association Monday, Oct. 11 in Victoria. The event will be open free to the public from noon until 1 p.m. at Victoria Educational Gardens Pavilion, 283 Bachelor Dr. Master Gardener Pat Plowman will

give a slide presentation of gardens she has visited and the United States and aboard. "Gardens of the World" is a popular VCMGA program. Those who wish may bring a sack lunch and beverage. Social distancing will be practiced. Those who have not completed their Covid vaccinations are urged to wear masks.

2021 Saturn Homecoming scheduled
The Saturn Homecoming will be held October 10, 2021 at the Saturn Community Building. If you feel ill or have been around someone ill, please do not attend. Weather permitting, set-up will be both inside and outside. Fellowship begins at 10:30 a.m., potluck at noon, and followed by the annual auction.

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- Protect other family members. Teens are most likely to overshare online. They usually have clean credit histories, which makes their identities valuable. Older relatives don't use social media as often. But they might not know when they've been hacked. Check the accounts of family members in these groups.
- Consider identity theft insurance – which might already be included in your homeowners or renters policy.

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Come & Take It



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The Daughters of the Republic of Texas celebrated "Gonzales Day" with a memorial service Sunday on the south lawn of the Presbyterian Church.



Funnel cake is always a favorite thing to eat during the Come and Take It Celebration and it could be found both at the carnival and in the non-profit food booths.



The Lions Club T-Bone Cookoff brought out a lot of contestants Sunday afternoon with categories also including chili, beans, chicken and pork.



Daniel and Ryan Ramos of Gonzales enjoy cotton candy at the annual Come and Take It Celebration on Friday night.



This young gearhead got a close-up look at a classic car's engine during the annual Car Show on Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Come and Take It Celebration.



Susannah Dickinson sings of how her beau, Almaron Dickinson, swept her away to Texas and to the DeWitt Colony during the Young Texian performance at the 186th remembrance of the Old 18 on Wednesday, Sept. 29.



Alaiah Bolden poses for a quick photo moments after being named the new Miss Gonzales County Queen at the Come and Take It Celebration on Saturday.



A young contestant in the Rotary Club's Chicken Flying Contest looks apprehensive about having to take her chicken to the starter's platform Saturday.



The Texians blast their cannon after yelling at the Mexican Army to "come and take it" during a re-enactment of the Battle of Gonzales at Pioneer Village on Saturday afternoon.

Jase Martin shows off his guitar skills on a blistering solo Friday night as the headlining entertainment at the Come and Take It main stage.

Come & Take It



Austin-based red dirt country band Reckless Kelly always draws a good following and Saturday night at Come and Take It Celebration was no exception.



The Miss Gonzales County royal court had its coronation Saturday night at the main stage. Alayah Bolden was named the new Miss Gonzales Queen, while the new Princess is Amaya Rodriguez. Duchess is Hailey Camarillo and Kaleigh Medina is the Countess.



The colorful George Ara Dancers shimmy and shake their way down St. Paul Street during the annual Come and Take It Celebration parade.



Sliding down the slide at the carnival Friday night are, Tyley Bouler (front) and Collyn Carrizales, both six years old and from Gonzales.

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to myself ‘How could we get people to get the flu shot?’”

As the director of laboratory services, Mary Jane Williamson was used to running these seasonal tests. But with so many people sick, she knew there had to be a better way for people to get their flu shots.

At that time, the only way to get the shot was to go to your doctor or clinic. There was no HEB or Walmart pharmacy that offered them. There were simply no other options. But this got Mary Jane’s mind working. Why not a drive-thru? It would be so simple.

She started reaching out to fellow leaders at the hospital, asking their opinions, asking if the hospital had the tools to put on a drive-thru clinic. Could this work? Their resounding feedback was “We think so!”

Social media hadn’t taken the world over yet, so advertising for the clinic was a real “boots on the ground” effort. Occupational Health manager Carney Zambrano and his staff printed flyers and walked them to businesses all over town. Word of mouth also took over, and the drive-thru was all the buzz. An ad was featured in the Gonzales Inquirer as well, to try to reach as many residents as possible.

The day of the drive-thru, volunteers arrived early to set up the parking lot. Dietary staff, namely Toni Gonzales, made sure staff had plenty to eat and drink throughout the day. While the hope was for 100 people to come through and get their shot, the day’s total was over 300. A success! “And it was fun!”

Following that first clinic, Mary Jane says that each year got better and staff got smarter with the process. The clinic has grown, and

almost couldn’t run any smoother now. “People load up 5 or 6 people in a car and come through the line”, Mary Jane says. “And each year, the first in line was Kenneth Gottwald. Always so happy to be there.”

Having been in charge of these clinics until her retirement in December 2015, one could say Mary Jane Williamson has “seen it all.” “We’ve done the drive-thru clinic in the rain, in the cold, in the hot. One time a big thunderstorm came through and blew all the tents away. We were soaking wet. We literally had to use our bodies to cover the supplies.” But as she also noted, “Everyone wanted to be there with the people and represent the hospital.”

While several pharmacies and locations offer flu shots each year, no one offers a drive-thru clinic. And community members would tell Mary Jane and other staff that they look forward to the event each year.

In recent years, the drive-thru clinic has expanded to additional locations. A yearly clinic is held at Nixon Main Drug (this year’s will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 15), and most recently, a drive-thru clinic has been established in Shiner.

The cost of a quadrivalent vaccine for ages 3 and older is \$30 or \$60 for a high-dose used for ages 65 and older. Cash/check/credit cards are accepted as is Medicare with cards presented at time of service. All individuals who receive a flu shot must wear a mask due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Mary Jane’s opinion, the clinics offer great one-on-one interaction between community members and hospital staff.

“It’s so heartwarming too. All the thank you’s. People

are so appreciative that we make it so easy. Now people bring more people!” You can hear the fondness for the event in Mary Jane’s voice. “I’m super proud that the community participated in that first clinic. And I’m super proud of the teamwork and everyone making it happen.” While Mary Jane says she misses the work, she makes it a point to come to the drive-thru flu shot clinic each year. “All the little things made this happen. Shows what you can do when you work together.”

So while Mary Jane Williamson’s obstinate personality made that first clinic happen, her determination to succeed and her desire to help her community is what has made this drive-thru clinic her legacy.

CELEBRATION

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“We are still processing things, and running financial numbers, so it’s hard to give anything too definitive, but we are calling this CTI a success,” said Brad Cox, executive director of the Gonzales County Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, which hosts the event.

“We only had 35 days to plan for it after the decision was made to have it. Friday’s attendance was lower than anticipated, but rain in the early morning and forecasters predicting a rainy weekend may have put a damper on the Friday turnout. However, Saturday and Sunday were typical of previous years.”

Festival goers enjoyed all of the great attractions at this year’s event, including the Pride of Texas Shows carnival; live music; the Come and Take It parade; the battlefield re-enactment at Pioneer Village; the Rotary Club chicken flying contest; the Lions Club T-Bone Cookoff; the car show; the Miss Gonzales County coronation; and plenty of great food and arts and crafts vendors.

“The parade was well attended and

included 111 entries,” Cox said. “Pioneer Village reports that 760 people came to the re-enactment, which is a very strong showing. I’ve personally been to many of the re-enactments and don’t believe I have ever seen that many people there.”

“The carnival operator told me his sales were good and they were down two rides dues to staffing.”

Those who came out also came and took part in a lot of food and drink, Cox noted.

“Here are some fun factoids we figured out. 14,700 beers were sold, 2,300 hamburgers, 3,600 sodas, 2,800 bottles of water, and 900 funnel cakes,” Cox said.

The Chamber and all participants now a year to get ready for the next Come and Take It Celebration in October 2022.

For more Come and Take It Celebration photos, see pages 16 and 17.

For more information about Come and Take It or the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, go online to gonzalestexas.com.

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The treatment is available at no cost to patients. Patients must be confirmed COVID-19 positive and have a referral from a primary care physician. These infusion centers, equipped with Regeneron’s monoclonal antibodies, will treat COVID-19 patients with therapeutic drugs that can prevent their condition from worsening and requiring hospital care.

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Patients can contact the infusion center by calling 361-648-5732 or 361-648-5741. Doctors can fax referrals to 361-203-6236 or 361-203-8118. Patients without insurance or a primary care physician are encouraged to call the infusion center for additional information.

Texans can visit <https://meds.tdem.texas.gov> or call 1-800-742-5990 to find the nearest infusion center.



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