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Gonzales City Manager Tim Patek resigns

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

After returning from a closed session, the Gonzales City Council somberly and unanimously approved and accepted the resignation of City Manager Tim Patek.

Before the vote was made, Mayor Steve Sucher told Patek he appreciated working with him personally and appreciated his service and dedication to the city of Gonzales.

Councilman Bobby O'Neal has worked with Patek for five and half years and was emotional to see him

leave.

"This guy has done a phenomenal job for the city of Gonzales and I hate to see him go. It just breaks my heart," O'Neal said.

Patek's last day as city manager is set for Friday, Oct. 7.

According to the city's website,

the city manager is appointed by the City Council to serve as the chief administrative and executive officer of the city. The city manager's duties include:

- Appoint, and when necessary



Patek

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Giving flowers to 'Lilibet'

Loren Ellison Steves remembers rendezvous with Queen Elizabeth II

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

As the world mourns the passing of the only Queen of England most people have ever known, among them is a woman with ties to Gonzales who was perhaps the first person to greet the monarch when Elizabeth II famously came to Texas some 31 years ago.

Loren Ellison Steves was just nine years old in May 1991 when she was asked by her uncle, Lee Cooke — then the mayor of Austin — to present the Queen with flowers after the royal entourage landed at what was then Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin.

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Greater Gonzales County Crime Stoppers renews focus

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Greater Gonzales County Crime Stoppers has new leadership and a renewed focus on its mission since 2012 to help law enforcement by encouraging the community to say something when they see something unlawful.

"The last set of officers who came in for Crime Stoppers did so at right at the beginning of COVID, so it was hard for them to get anything started or going because they were not able to attend classes due to the pandemic," said Christina Jahns, one of the newest GGCCS board members.

"So Melissa (Cunningham)

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**GONZALES
HOMECOMING
2022**

LEW K. COHN

Seniors Serenity Shelton and Sebastian Matamoros were crowned the 2022 Gonzales High School Homecoming King and Queen on Friday, Sept. 9, during halftime of the game against the Marion Bulldogs at Apache Field. For more Homecoming photos, see page 19.

Gonzales Chamber excited to promote heritage tourism, city's bicentennial

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is ready to promote heritage tourism in Gonzales, especially with the bicentennial celebration of the founding of the city just a few short

years away.

The Chamber and City of Gonzales officials held a press conference Monday, Sept. 12, to announce how the Chamber will be taking over tourism promotion efforts in the city, for which they will receive hotel and motel occupancy tax revenue to fund their work.

"Right now, we have a contract with the Chamber for the visitor center, so we'll be adding on to that for the tourism coordinator position," City Manager Tim Patek said. "The chamber

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9/11 REMEMBRANCE



VFW Post 4817 in Gonzales hosted a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Post 4817 VFW Hall on Harwood Road on Sunday, Sept. 11. Law enforcement, fire, EMS and veterans joined the general public in honoring those who lost their lives that fateful day, 21 years ago. The Gonzales High School ROTC performed the flag-raising and flag-lowering. A timeline of the events of 9/11 was read aloud with Sgt. Curtis St. Pierre tolling a bell for each announcement.

LEW K. COHN

Blackwell celebrates 50 years with local Walmart

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

There are those who consider living to 50 to be a "well-earned" age, which makes a career, at one company, lasting 50 years a true milestone. Almost no one can go a step further and say that they have achieved this in one singular hometown location.

One very talented and lucky Walmart pharmacist has reached this achievement, Gonzales' own Bruce Blackwell.

Blackwell celebrated this milestone with both his family and coworkers on Wednesday, Sept. 7, in honor of his 50 years work for Walmart, serving the community. Filling prescriptions, helping patients and residents and answering those questions are all part of the duties requiring a pharmacist's skills.

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Come and Take it Celebration preparations in full swing

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

The Come and Take It Celebration is a beloved event in Gonzales and brings thousands of visitors to the city every fall.

This year's event will be held Friday, Sept. 30 through Sunday Oct. 2, with many beloved and varied types of entertainment planned.

Events will include a carnival, car show, T-Bone cook-off, golf tournament, a well loved favorite in the chicken flying contest, as well as a new event, a mullet championship.

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Garden Q&A

Dormant oil helps resolve issues with scale insects

Q. I have a plum tree that looks pretty dismal. I thought it was devastated by a fungus disease but my neighbor who is a skillful gardener thinks it is infested with scale insects. I sent you a photo to examine. What is the problem and how should I treat it?

A. Yes, it looks like a severe case of scale insects to me. They are aphid like insects that suck plant juices like aphids. They are harder to treat because they are coated by a calcium coating. Spray all the stems with dormant oil. It is classified as an organic control and suffocates the insects in their calcium armor. To make the treatment more effective I mix in a small amount of insecticide according to the label instructions of the dormant oil.

CALVIN FINCH

Gardening Q&A



Q. We planted Rio Grande and banana peppers in the garden. There is a lot of fruit, but they are small. They taste good even if they are small. Can we pick all the existing peppers and eat them with the expectation that the plants will produce more fruit that are larger this fall?

A. Yes that will work especially if you fertilize the plants every week with a soluble fertilizer dissolved in water. Miracle Gro works well for the fertilizer.

Q. Which snapdragon is best? I always planted Rockets, but my nurseryman says Sonnet is faster to bloom and more reliable.

A. I also liked Rocket best too. The blooms are larger and make better cut flowers for flower bouquets. Your nurseryman is right though the Sonnets are faster to bloom and more uniform in the garden. My solution is to grow both!

Q. The leaf-footed bugs are back on our tomatoes. What is the insecticide that you always recommend to control them? How long do we have to wait to harvest the fruit after we spray them?

A. I find malathion works well to control the leaf-footed bugs and other stink bugs. I believe most malathion formulas require you to wait 48 hours after spraying the tomatoes, but you must check the label on the insecticide you use and follow its directions.

Q. Remind us of what some of the shade trees are that we can use in areas with oak wilt.

A. Consider Mexican sycamore, cedar elm, anaque, and Chinese pistache. The white oaks used to be considered oak wilt free but now they are identified as being somewhat susceptible. Individual red oaks like Texas red oak and Shumard oak are susceptible to the disease along with live oaks.

YOUTH GRILL OFF



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The Grand Champion Junior Team at the Luling Foundation and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Youth Grill-off was Dyllon Richardson, Jaxon Beck and Will Miller from Gonzales County 4-H.



The award for Top Showmanship at the Luling Foundation and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Youth Grill-off was awarded to John and Ahren from Gonzales County 4-H.



The award for Most Outstanding Teamwork at the Luling Foundation and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Youth Grill-off was awarded to the Cow Belles Team of Abby and Ellie from Gonzales County 4-H.

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

September 10

Cattle 1291

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

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

Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 95-100. Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 195-198; 300-400 lbs., 175-185; 400-500 lbs., 167-169; 500-600 lbs., 163-166; 600-700 lbs., 136-158.

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

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 98-112; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 86-96. Stockers Cows: \$600 to \$1,100. Pairs: \$850 to \$1,300.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

September 12, 2022

Cattle - 999

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$131-141-230
300-400 lbs - \$173-183-240
400-500 lbs - \$167-177-230
500-600 lbs - \$154-164-197
600-700 lbs - \$155-165-187
700-800 lbs - \$149-159-166

Heifers:
200-300 lbs - \$103-113-178
300-400 lbs - \$142-152-188
400-500 lbs - \$144-154-205
500-600 lbs - \$138-148-225
600-700 lbs - \$136-146-170
700-800 lbs - \$129-139-148

Slaughter Cows - \$25-86
Slaughter Bulls - \$85-106
Stocker Cows - \$400-1000
Pairs: \$385-1210

HALLETTSVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC.

Sale date: September 6

Cattle on hand: 1426

Packer Cows: Canner and Cutter Cows: \$57-96
Utility & Fat Cows: \$56-92
Light Weight Canner Cows: \$37-57

Poor/Weak: \$20-40

Packer Bulls:

Heavyweight Bulls: \$102-118
Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$88-102
Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$70-87

Stocker Cows:

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

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: 1 - NONE
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$175-230

200-300 lbs.: \$170-230

300-400 lbs.: \$172-235

400-500 lbs.: \$170-230

500-600 lbs.: \$168-200

600-700 lbs.: \$146-175

700-800 lbs.: \$136-167.50

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$160-220

200-300 lbs.: \$165-210

300-400 lbs.: \$156-190

400-500 lbs.: \$152-185

500-600 lbs.: \$145-177.50

600-700 lbs.: \$145-165

700-800 lbs.: \$120-155

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: \$140-190

The calf market was once again very strong this week. Demand is extremely good on all the #1 weights & classes. #2 and plainer kinds sold steady. Packer cows & bulls sold fully steady and strong on a total supply of 235 head.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

September 7

Quality very good with stocker cattle 5-7 better with stocker cows & bulls steady.

Cattle - 860

Sheep & goats - 353

Medium & large frame #1 Steers:
200-300 lb. 1.55-2.25
300-400 lb. 1.80-2.28
400-500 lb. 1.76-2.28
500-600 lb. 1.64-2.01
600-700 lb. 1.55-1.81
700-850 lb. 1.20-1.51

Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:
200-300 lb. 1.32-2.02
300-400 lb. 1.56-2.10
400-500 lb. 1.53-1.88
500-600 lb. 1.42-2.08
600-750 lb. 1.35-1.55

Cows:

Utility & commercial - 63-106

Cutters - 55-62

Canners - 36-54

Palpated cows (young) - None

(Middle Aged) - 425-775

Cow/Calf Pairs - 575-1175

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding - 95-114

Light & Low Yielding - 76-94

Feeder Bulls - None

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies (Young) - 130-325

(Thin & Old) - 60-120

Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.80-3.70

(Small & thin) - 2.20-2.75

Wethers - 3.75

Billies - 1.75

Pairs - None

Barb. Ewes (Young) - 100-230

(Small & Old Ewes) - 45-95

Barb. Lambs (Fat) - 2.40-2.80

(Small & Thin) - 2.00-2.35

Woolled Ewes - None

Woolled Bucks - 1.35-2.22

Lambs - None

Barb. Bucks - 250

CUERO LIVESTOCK

September 9, 2022

Number of head 1360

There were 113 cows and 12 bulls. Another small supply of cows and bulls, but the market continues to be strong. The market was a bit softer than last week, the top packer bull was \$111 and the top cow was at \$92. The calf market was strong today and fully steady with last week. There weren't as many new tops this week, but most classes were higher on the average. It was a good up-beat market and another good day to be selling.

Packer bulls: 85.00-111.00
Packer cows: 62.00-92.00
canners & cutters 37.00-60.00
poor & weak 80.00-110.00
Palpated: 7 bred \$1200.00
PAIRS: 1 (AVG-HIGH)

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 200 lbs. NONE
200-249 lbs. one-220.00
250-299 lbs. 204.00-230.00
300-350 lbs. 200.00-230.00
350-400 lbs. 189.00-226.00
400-450 lbs. 178.00-226.00
450-500 lbs. 177.00-202.00
500-550 lbs. 171.00-195.00
550-600 lbs. 164.00-185.00
600-700 lbs. 164.00-176.00
700-800 lbs. 153.00-166.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 250lbs 165.00-232.50
250-300 lbs. 174.00-242.00
300-350 lbs. 209.00-238.00
350-400 lbs. 193.00-232.00
400-450 lbs. 191.00-232.00
450-500 lbs. 174.00-204.00
500-550 lbs. 172.00-187.00
550-600 lbs. 166.00-184.00
600-700 lbs. 154.00-175.00
Over 700 lbs. 136.00-160.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
under 200 lbs. 141.00-160.00
200-250 lbs. 134.00-164.00
250-300 lbs 147.00-188.00
300-350 lbs. 165.00-188.00
350-400 lbs. 159.00-181.00
400-450 lbs. 162.00-228.00*

450-500 lbs. 156.00-204.00*
500-550 lbs 158.00-192.00*
550-600 lbs 155.00-169.00
600-700 lbs. 153.00-182.00*
Over 700 lbs 145.00-160.00

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Take pain in your own hands

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Arthritis affects millions of Americans and is one of the most diagnosed ailments in the world. This disorder is caused by inflammation of the joints, leading to swelling, pain and difficulty with daily tasks.

Arthritis impacts the lives of about 58.5 million people, with about 1 in 4 US adults (23.7 percent) having been actually diagnosed by their provider with the disease. Arthritis is more prevalent in women (23.5 percent), compared to men (18.1 percent). The condition affects those who are in fair to poor health more often than adults in excellent or very good health (40.5 percent vs 15.4 percent).

Adults who are psychically active, and meet daily activity recommendations, present at only 18.1 percent versus sedentary adults (23.6) and those adults who are minimally active (23.1 percent). Advanced age is also a big factor in the increased risk and prevalence of this disease.

There are three main types of arthritis that are similar, but have different origins and some differences in the symptoms presented:

- Osteoarthritis is usually attributed to age and will most often affect fingers, knees, and hips. Osteoarthritis will most often follow a joint injury. An example of this is a bad knee injury occurring in youth, that develops into arthritis in the knee joint in later, older years and age. Osteoarthritis causes the cartilage of the body (the hard and slippery tissue covering the ends of bones at the point they form a joint) to begin breaking down.

- Rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disorder or disease, and with this condition the individual's immune system attacks parts of the body, especially the lining of the joints of the body.

- Psoriatic arthritis is also an inflammatory, autoimmune, condition that affects both joints of the body and skin. While the specific cause of psoriatic arthritis is not completely understood, it is believed that an overproduction of specific molecules in the body causes an activation of the multiple symptoms of this type arthritis.

The early warning signs of arthritis may include joint stiffness in the morning, often when the individual first wakes up; joint stiffness, as the diseases progresses; numbness and tingling, and chronic fatigue, with a

See **ARTHRITIS**, page 6

... And that was then

Elvis Presley performed in Gonzales in 1954

BY BOB BURCHARD
Special to the Inquirer

I want to set the record straight on something. I have told this story to a lot of people, and most have doubted whether it really happened. But this is a true story.

Elvis Presley was here in Gonzales, Texas. I am not talking about an Elvis sighting. Elvis was here in the flesh in the summer of 1955 to put on a musical show.

He had been invited to appear to help raise funds for the Quarterback Club, a booster group for the Gonzales High School Apache football team. David Walshak, who at the time worked for radio station KCTI in Gonzales, made the contact with Elvis Presley's agent to schedule Gonzales on a tour Elvis was making that summer.

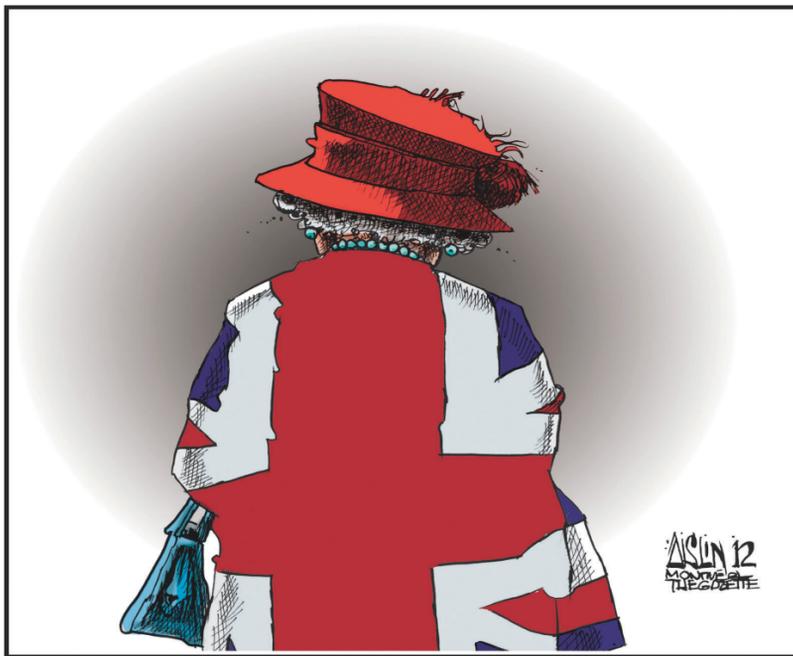
The show was held in Independence Park at the baseball field. A flatbed trailer was parked at home plate, and Elvis and his three-man band performed on this less-than-elegant stage. I do not remember what the tickets cost, but it couldn't have been more than a dollar. Elvis was just starting to be known in 1955, and his songs were played on the country and western radio stations.

See **ELVIS**, page 17

"I cannot lead you into battle. I do not give you laws or administer justice but I can do something else. I can give you my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations."

Queen Elizabeth II
1926-2022

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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

A welcome gone bad...

Residents in the East Texas thicket where my Uncle Mort hangs out almost never leave, so welcoming a new family is quite a topic of conversation.

Larger communities have welcome wagons delivering goodies to newbies, but it's not every day that the guy bearing gifts drives up on a golf cart, carefully balancing one of Aunt Maude's red velvet chocolate cakes that often takes top honors at the county fair.

Two days after the moving truck had departed, my uncle attempted to deliver the mouth-watering gift, but before "howdies" were exchanged and hands shaken, a large guard dog broke his chain, and in an eye-twinkle, things went decidedly south....

Mort claims he saw the 100+ pound canine, marveled at his sparkling teeth, heard his menacing growl and then wished ever so much for a tree to climb or even a flagpole to scale when the dog broke the chain, speeding straightway toward him.

My uncle shoved the cake straight into the dog's face, knowing that it wouldn't take the animal long to consume it, and fearing that the dog's next objective would be a generous portion of protein. "I thanked my lucky stars that I had just come from a crawdad pond, and still had my waders on," Mort said. "I figured he'd have a hard time gnawing through my rubber boots if he tried to bite me on the leg."

Luckily, the new neighbor heard the scuffle, appeared through the front door, grabbed his dog by the collar and offered apologies that were over the top....

"I was afraid something like this might happen," the new neighbor whined. "My dog is not used to anyone coming to our house. Before moving here, we lived so far down in the swamp, no one ever passed our house going to town. I was so afraid something bad might happen, I had him neutered."

"You had him neutered?" Mort asked in bewilderment. His neighbor nodded.

"Well, when he broke that chain and made his flying leap toward me, I could tell he didn't have romance on his mind. You should have had his teeth pulled..."

After a few minutes passed and pulse rates lowered, Mort assured his new neighbor that Maude would bake him another cake, but it might take another week to get all the necessary ingredients.

"Why don't you and the wife come over for dinner tomorrow night?" Mort asked, assuring that he'd found crawfish aplenty for a good boil.

Mort said they'd build a campfire, enjoy good food, cut a watermelon and tell big fish tales....

My uncle was likewise excited when he told me that his grandkids had presented him with a cell phone for his birthday.

"It's one of them 'smart aleck phones," he joked.

He's always said that his only reason to own a cell phone is to place and receive calls, nothing more. Siri, "that woman who knows everything and never sleeps," has broadened Mort's horizons by a heap....

"She is simply amazing," he told me. "I've yet to ask her a question she can't answer. Fact is, she may know too much."

I asked him to cite an example. "Well, I asked her directions to a funeral home, thinking she'd give me specific information about driving there. Well, she did, then added a startling statement. "The funeral home gets two stars; do you still want to go?"...

He said he asked Siri about old-time religionists who took a hard line against dancing.

Siri was ready for him. "In pioneer days, many strict church-goers predicted much grief--now and later—for persons regularly frequenting dance floors." Mort said he was satisfied that she'd provide "chapter and verse" if so requested.

One old preacher was quoted regularly by parishioners whom he'd convinced that dancing should remain a "square deal." He said that a bended knee and a dancing foot are hardly ever found on the same leg....

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PIE TIN TO PLASTIC TOY

How many flying discs can you find on this page?

Can you find each of these pictures in the big picture?



In 1948, Walter Frederick Morrison and Warren Franscioni created a plastic disc that could fly with better accuracy than a tin pie plate.

When Morrison sold the rights to Wham-O in 1957, the company named the disc the Frisbee® (pronounced FRIZ'-bee).

Today, the 65-year-old Frisbee® is owned by Mattel Toy Manufacturers, only one of at least sixty manufacturers of flying discs.

Find the two identical Frisbees®

PIE TIN TOSS

The students at Yale University loved William Frisbie's pies. They even loved his pie tins!

Tossing empty pie tins became a favorite way to pass time between classes. A firm flick of the wrist and the tin floated through the air.

But the metal pie tins hurt when they hit someone. As a safety measure, students started yelling, "Frisbie!" to alert others that they were tossing a tin to a pal.

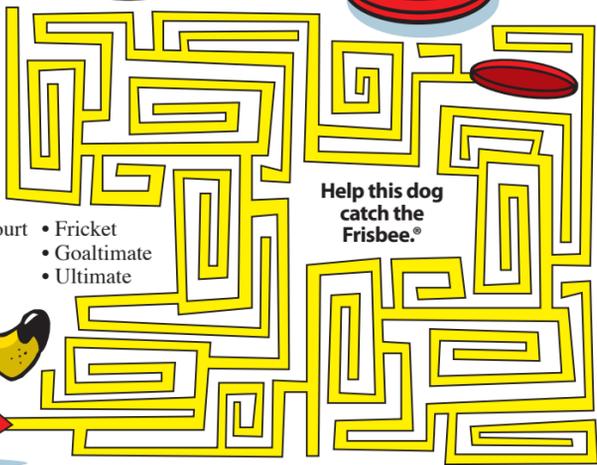
MAYBE WE SHOULD THROW THE TIN WITHOUT THE PIE NEXT TIME!

FLYING DISC GAMES

Many games are now played with a flying disc.

Here is a list of some of them. How do you think each game is played? Look them up and find out if you guessed correctly.

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- Double Disc Court
- Frisbee
- Disc Golf
- Flutterguts
- Goaltimate
- Dodge Disc
- Freestyle
- Ultimate



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New Combos

Look through the newspaper for two items that don't seem to go together. Think of as many ways as you can to invent something new by combining those two things. For example, what could you make with a combination of a camera and sunglasses?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

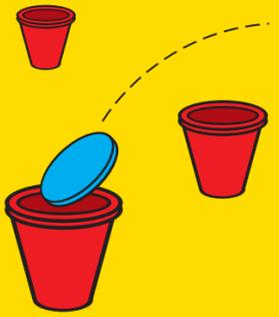
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Flying Disc Golf

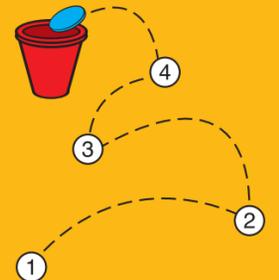
Make a course of six or eight "holes" by setting up a series of objects or sites to try and hit with a Frisbee.



Tie a brightly colored ribbon on a tree or pole as a good place to start. An empty bucket or laundry basket also makes a good "hole."



One or more players take turns attempting to hit each target with a flying disc toy.



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Hole	Evan	Stacy
1	4	6
2	5	2
3	2	2
4	3	4
5	6	5
6	4	2
	24	21

Add up your score. The player who completes the course in the fewest number of throws wins.

Standards Link: Physical Education: Understands and follows the rules of the game.

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My Invention

Imagine you invented something that helped the world and made you famous. What would that invention be? How would it help the world?

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Flying Disc Pattern Activity

Circle the disc that will continue the pattern in each row.



Standards Link: Patterning: Understand and extend patterns.

Double Double Word Search

- FRISBEE
- PLASTIC
- MEASURE
- FRICKET
- FLOATED
- FLYING
- CAMERA
- PLATE
- DODGE
- COURT
- CATCH
- ALERT
- YALE
- SOLD
- DISC

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



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

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GHS promotes Anzaldua to joint COO and CFO

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales Healthcare Systems has promoted Brandon Anzaldua to a joint role of chief operating officer and chief financial officer.

Anzaldua came to GHS in December 2019, taking on the role of chief financial officer. Over those three years, he has “gained the trust and respect of his peers and the staff he now manages,” according to a GHS statement. Besides the financial work and accounting oversight, Anzaldua also oversees the housekeeping department, dietary department, IT, and radiology department at Gonzales Healthcare Systems.

He has extensive experience in the healthcare finance world, with more than 15 combined years of service. Ten years were spent in the audit department, and the last five years have been spent serving as a chief financial officer.

He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) and is a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt.

Anzaldua holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting/Management from Sam Houston State University. He gained his Masters of Business Administration at Louisiana State University-Shreveport. Additionally, he is a certified internal auditor.



Anzaldua

“Gonzales Healthcare Systems takes pride in all of their staff members and the care they provide daily to our community members. We are lucky indeed to have Mr. Anzaldua as part of the leadership team to help guide our facility and staff into the future,” the hospital said in a statement.

Gonzales Healthcare Systems is a hospital district located in Gonzales, Texas. It is managed by QHR Health out of Nashville, Tennessee.

Grant to encourage pet owners to spay/neuter furry friends

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

The Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter (FO-GAS) has been awarded a grant from the State of Texas Department of State Health Services for the spay/neuter surgeries of cats and dogs in Gonzales County.

If you have a cat or dog that needs this surgery, follow the listed guidelines to determine if you are qualified for this grant and make your appointment.

Guidelines listed state that both the animal in question and their owner must be residents of Gonzales County. This grant is only applicable to animals that are specifically “owned” and not for stray, feral or shelter animals at this time. “Breeders” may not apply and are not eligible for this grant benefit.

Call Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic and inform the staff that you are requesting to have a pet fixed on this grant. The staff will take all relevant information, for you and your pet, and then issue an appointment for this service. All scheduling must be arranged through

GVVC.

Additional services, that are offered by GVVC and requested, may be available; however, it will be up to the owner to make both the arrangement and provide payment for these additional services. The grant will only pay for the surgery — no vaccinations or “extras.”

GVVC is located at 2004 Church St., Gonzales, and all appointments are offered at the scheduling availability of the clinic. Any “no shows” on the appointed day will go to the bottom of the list, and possibly become unable to take advantage of the grant.

The grants are issued on a first-come basis, and the grant is limited. Therefore, once the allocated amount of money has been used, there will be no further surgeries provided by the grant for the year.

Please understand that this grant does not allow you to pick your own vet services or clinic, and the service must go through the GVVC. This grant will only go through Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic in Gonzales.

You must make ap-

pointments and bring only your own pets at each scheduled visit. You may not bring a relative’s or neighbor’s pet to the appointment. The owner must be present, and have their own appointment for their pet.

Neither FOGAS nor the grant cover the cost of any shots, preventative medicine, or pain medications with this procedure. These are optional, separate services and charges, and they may be available and scheduled when you make your grant appointment, with payment for these extras expected at the time of service.

Questions may be sent via Messenger or via text. No phone calls will be accepted, and voicemails will not be returned. The clinic is open and busy, as is the organizer, who works 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and will respond as soon as they are able to do so. The number to make an appointment is 830-672-8676.

GRANDPARENTS DAY



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One of the best things to come out of COVID was the creation of the Shiner Catholic Schools Grandparent’s Day Parade. This is the third year that Shiner Catholic Schools hosted the parade, which was led by Father Bryan Heyer as the grand marshal. Students lined the street and grandparents drove by with their cars decorated in support of the school and their special grandchildren. It was a happy day for everyone. Shown in the photo is the grandparent of first grader Briggs Gindler as she rolls slowly past the junior high students.

9/11 ANNIVERSARY



Students from Shiner Catholic Schools celebrated the 21st anniversary of 9/11 with a flag raising ceremony and prayer service. Students gathered around the flagpole as Andrew Decou raised the American and Texas flags. The students and staff remembered those who died during the tragic attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. They also honored those who lived through the day, but still suffer the mental and physical effects.

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ARTHRITIS

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low grade fever often accompanying rheumatoid arthritis symptoms.

Treatment for this disease may include both eastern and western medical philosophies, with some opting to try acupuncture, and certain herbs and supplements to ease the symptoms, and both prescription and over the counter medications available for pain, swelling and low grade fever. Heating pads may be used by some patients, as well as certain arthritis and pain creams and body rubs.

In cases of extreme joint problems there may be joint replacement surgeries recommended, including knee, hip, and shoulders often replaced as a direct result of arthritis. In some cases there are procedures that involve placing spacing material or medication into the joint space to ease the pain and aid in cushioning of the surrounding tissues in joint movement.

Further information may be found online, at multiple resource and research organizations. The best advice, to begin with, is to speak directly with your medical provider and request specific testing to determine if you are experiencing this disease. The testing is non invasive, and will often include radiological testing (X-ray, CT scan, MRI), as well as physical examination and laboratory testing to rule out an autoimmune problem.

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

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Gonzales approves 2022-23 master rate and fee schedule

BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales City Council approved the 2022 Master Rate and Fee schedule during the Thursday, Sept. 8 meeting.

The following rates will be increased and/or added for the 2022 schedule:

- Commercial Construction: Base permit fee increased to \$100. Last year: \$75.
- Plumbing: Base permit fee increased to \$70. Last year: \$50
- Other: additions: Certificate of occupancy (\$82.50) and recertification that includes inspection (\$10)
- Subdivision; addition: zoning verification letter (\$100)

ELECTRIC

- Residential Services: residential minimum monthly bill with no consumption increased to \$7.61, residential customer charge increased to \$7.61, along with residential energy charge per kwh increased to 0.05154.
- Residential - master metered multiple dwelling units: minimum monthly bill in increase to \$7.61, customer charge increase to \$7.61 and energy charge per kwh increase to 0.051554.
- Medium Commercial and Industrial - demand less than 20 kw and greater than 200 kw: Customer charge increase to \$20.29, demand charge per KW increase \$5.07 and Energy charge per kwh increase to 0.03480
- Large Commercial & Industrial - Demand less than 200 KW and greater than 3500 KW: Customer charge increase to \$152.18 CP, demand charge per KW increase to \$7.68 and Energy charge per kwh increase to 0.02191
- Large Commercial & Industrial Demand less than 3500 KW: Customer charge increase to \$202.91 CP demand charge

per KW increase to \$7.36, and Energy charge per kwh increase 0.02019

- Security Light Installation: Led Lighting increase to \$235

WATER

- City Residential/Commercial/ Industry Monthly Minimum Bill (INCREASE ACROSS THE BOARD):
- Customer Charge for a 3/4" Meter -City Base Rate \$15.88
- Customer Charge for a 1" Meter -City Base Rate \$25.22
- Customer Charge for a 1.5" Meter -City Base Rate \$32.69
- Customer Charge for a 2" Meter -City Base Rate \$48.57
- Customer Charge for a 3" Meter -City Base Rate \$74.73
- Customer Charge for a 4" Meter -City Base Rate \$112.09
- Customer Charge for a 6" Meter -City Base Rate \$233.53
- Customer Charge for a 3/4" Meter -Rural Base Rate \$17.78
- Customer Charge for a 1" Meter -Rural Base Rate \$28.25
- Customer Charge for a 1.5" Meter -Rural Base Rate \$36.62
- Customer Charge for a 2" Meter -Rural Base Rate \$54.40
- Customer Charge for a 3" Meter -Rural Base Rate \$83.68
- Customer Charge for a 4" Meter -Rural Base Rate \$125.52
- Customer Charge for a 6" Meter -Rural Base Rate \$261.49

Tier Rates Non-Industrial (Increase across the board):

- 1 to 5,000 -City Rate per thousand \$3.22
- 5,001 to 10,000 -City Rate per thousand \$3.59
- 10,001 to 25,000 -City Rate per thousand \$3.97
- 25,001 to 50,000 -City Rate per thousand \$4.34
- Over 50,000 -City Rate per thousand \$4.64
- 1 to 5,000 -Rural Rate per thousand \$3.60
- 5,001 to 10,000 -Rural Rate per thousand \$4.02
- 10,001 to 25,000 -Rural Rate per thousand \$4.44

- 25,001 to 50,000 -Rural Rate per thousand \$4.87
- Over 50,000 -Rural Rate per thousand \$5.20

Tier Rates Industrial (Industrial defined as meter 2" or greater):

- 1 to 5,000 -City Rate per thousand \$3.22
- 5,001 to 10,000 -City Rate per thousand \$3.59
- 10,001 to 100,000 -City Rate per thousand \$3.96
- 100,001 to 1,000,000 -City Rate per thousand \$3.21
- Over 1,000,000 -City Rate per thousand \$2.99
- 1 to 5,000 -Rural Rate per thousand \$3.60
- 5,001 to 10,000 -Rural Rate per thousand \$4.02
- 10,001 to 100,000 -Rural Rate per thousand \$4.44
- 100,001 to 1,000,000 -Rural Rate per thousand \$3.61
- Over 1,000,000 -Rural Rate per thousand \$3.35
- Bulk water: Bulk Water Rate per thousand gallons \$14.36

SEWER

- Dwelling Containing Only One Unit -Per Month:
- Residential (Winter Avg.) City Rate \$13.46 per month, plus \$1.73 per thousand gallons water used based on winter average with a \$39.13 maximum monthly sewer charge
- Residential/Commercial (New) Dwelling City & Rural Rate \$21.30 until such time a winter average can be established
- Water Meter Fee Schedule - Living Unit Equivalents (LUEs) per meter size meter installation fee - minimum/base fee - if actual cost (construction including labor) exceeds base fee, customer shall pay actual cost (construction including labor)
- Dwelling Containing Two or More Units:
- City Base Rate \$21.30 per month/per unit

Industrial -Industrial defined as meter 2" or greater

- City Base Rate \$24.66 per month, plus \$2.70 for each 1,000 gallons of water used

Store/Commercial Classified

- City Base Rate \$13.46 per month, plus \$1.73 per thousand gallons water used based on winter average with a \$39.13 maximum monthly sewer charge

Apartment City

- Minimum Charge Per Unit \$24.66
- Volumetric Charge \$0

School:

- City Base Rate \$13.46 per month, plus \$1.68 per thousand gallons water used

Rural Dwelling Containing Only One Unit

- City Base Rate \$18.50 per month, plus \$1.73 per thousand gallons water used based on winter average with a \$44.73 maximum monthly sewer charge

Rural Dwelling Containing Two or More Units

- City Base Rate \$21.50 per month/per unit

Rural Industry:

- City Base Rate \$30.27 per month, plus \$2.92 for each 1,000 gallons of water used.

Rural Store/Commercial Establishment, Not Otherwise Classified

- City Base Rate \$18.50 per month, plus \$1.73 per thousand gallons water used based on winter average with a \$44.36 maximum monthly sewer charge.

Urban Commercial (Shopping Centers and Ice Plants)

- City Base Rate \$21.30 per month/per unit

Housing Authority Units:

- City Base Rate \$16.82 per month/per unit

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GARBAGE RATES

- Residential Urban- Monthly Fee for 96 gallon cart
- Curbside Service once per week, includes one bulky a year \$16.05
- Extra Trash Cart \$7.13
- Residential Rural- Monthly Fee for 96 gallon cart
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- Extra Trash Cart \$7.13
- Recycle every other week \$12.40
- Commercial Hand Pickup-Monthly Fee for 96 gallon cart
- Curbside Service once per week \$37.86
- Extra Trash Cart \$37.86
- Recycle every other week \$12.62
- Recycle every week \$25.24

GOLF COURSE

- Water Sales \$1.00 (NEW)
- Concession \$0.92 (NEW)
- Gatorade \$1.39(NEW)
- Monday - Thursday Green Fees (9 holes) for Veterans, military and seniors \$10 (NEW)
- Friday - Sunday Green Fees (9 holes) for Veterans, military and seniors \$12(NEW)
- Monday - Thursday Green Fees (18 holes) for Veterans, military and seniors \$15 (NEW)
- Friday - Sunday Green Fees (18 holes) for Veterans, military and seniors \$17(NEW)
- Cart Rental 9 holes \$12 (NEW)
- Cart Rental shared by 2 golfers - each \$6 (NEW)
- Cart Rental with 1 golfer \$8.50 (NEW)
- Cart Rental with 1 golfer and 1 rider \$12 (NEW)
- Cart Rental 18 holes \$20 (NEW)
- Cart Rental shared by 2 golfers - each \$10 (NEW)
- Cart Rental with 1 golfer \$15.00 (NEW)
- Cart Rental with 1 golfer and 1 rider \$20 (NEW)
- Scramble on Wednesday has twilight fee (NEW):
- Green fee \$5
- Cart \$5

Food Bank of the Golden Crescent expands

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Food Bank of the Golden Crescent invites the public to their Community Open House and Ribbon Cutting event on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 8 a.m. to noon at their new location, 801 South Laurent Street.

The event will feature refreshments provided by Whataburger, Grapevine Cafe and HEB, activities for families, bounce houses for children, live music on the patio, tours of the facility and the opportunity to learn more

about the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent's services.

"Our new building doubles the size of our current one," said Robin Cadle, CEO of the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent.

To donate or for more information - contact Robin Cadle, CEO at 361-578-0591 or rcadle@foodbankgc.org.

To learn more about the Food Bank of the Golden Crescent and their open house, visit www.tfbgc.org or follow @FoodBankoftheGoldenCrescent on Facebook.

VC celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month with various events

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.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, Victoria College will kick off the celebration with an event in the Student Center featuring Our Lady of Sorrows Ballet Folklorico and tacos from Ventura's Tamales for students and employees. The first 25 students will receive a tortilla-making kit while supplies last.

Victoria College's Museum of the Coastal Bend will host its second annual Salsa Contest from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15. Attendees are invited to judge salsa entries at the taste-testing event that includes light snacks. The event is free and open to the public. Call (361) 582-2559 for more info.

On Wednesday, Sept. 21, members of



Victoria College's Latin American Student Organization (LASO) will be passing out Mexican sweet bread and coffee to students for Conchas y Cafecito from 7:30-9:30 a.m. in the Health Sciences Center Commons.

VC's Student Life Office will also commemorate the month-long celebration with a Ballet Folklorico Display at the VC Student Center Thursday, Sept. 15 through Friday, Oct. 14. VC students, employees and guests will have the opportunity to visit the display between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday-Friday to learn about this art of dance that celebrates the Mexican culture.

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

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

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

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:
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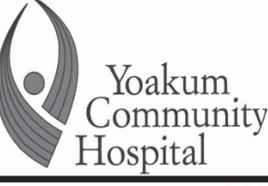
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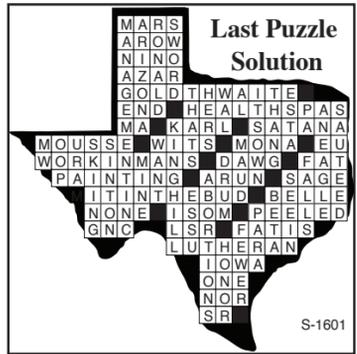


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This project includes approximately 10,750 SY of pavement milling, installation of approximately 28,200 SY PetroMat and the installation of approximately 28,200 SY of 2" HMAC over entire length and width of project streets (St. Lawrence Street, Church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

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

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

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

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

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

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Notice is hereby given that letters of guardianship for the person and estate of Catherine Lott, an incapacitated person, were issued on August 25th, 2022 in Docket No. 0000151G, in the County Court of Lavaca County, Texas, to Texas Guardianship Services, Inc., Guardian, as guardian of the person and estate.

The residence of Guardian is in Lavaca County, Texas, and the mailing address is: Guardian of the person and estate of Catherine Lott, c/o Texas Guardian Services, Inc., 211 East 2nd Street, Hallettsville, TX 77964.

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

SIGNED on September 6, 2022.

Georgina Gomez
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This project entails the demolition and reconstruction of approximately 360 LF of street and sidewalk along the 400 block of St. James Street and Texas Heroes Square. The new construction includes approximately 9,400 SF of Sidewalk, 585 LF of Curb & Gutter and 4,850 SY of HMAC Paving. It also includes the installation of approximately 300 LF of 36" RCP and 203 LF of 24" RCP storm sewer, erosion controls, traffic controls, and removal and disposal of demolished and excess materials.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS Cause No. 28,312

Karen Ingram IN THE DISTRICT COURT
 vs. 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
 GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

All Persons Claiming Any Title or Interest in Land by and Through Herman Cummings and Virginia Cummings

TO: All Persons Claiming Any Title or Interest in Land by and Through Herman Cummings and Virginia Cummings Address Unknown

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Original Petition-Trespass to Try Title on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gonzales Texas this 25th day of August, 2022.

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Johnny Cash was an honorary Bexar County sheriff's deputy

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Johnny Cash, country music's well-known outlaw and famous Folsom Prison resident, was, on at least two occasions, on the other side of the badge, including in the Lone Star State.

In 1959, while in San Antonio for a concert, Cash was awarded an honorary Bexar County Sheriff's deputy badge. The badge is now available to view with an online search, having been up for auction by Barrett Jackson in Arizona.

As his career was taking off, Cash, who had previously been in San Antonio in the Air Force many years before, was awarded the honor by then-Sheriff Owen

Kilday. According to the San Antonio Express, Kilday figured "young Mr. Cash, the son-in-law of Tom Liberto of San Antonio, has done his bit toward curbing juvenile delinquency and gun toting with his best-selling recording, advertising youth to 'leave that gun at home, don't take that gun to town, etc.'"

Later in life, 1979 to be exact, Tennessee presented Cash with a deputy sheriff commission card, granting him permission to actually enforce the law in Davidson County.

The story of Cash's issuance of the Bexar County Sheriff's Deputy badge was originally posted in March 17, 1959 in the San Antonio Express.

San Antonio often re-

ferred to Johnny Cash as "San Antonio's adopted son" and his arrival in the area would prompt much media coverage. Cash's arrival in town would often be marked by San Antonio newspapers.

On the edge of a very lucrative deal with Columbia Records, and by then a very well-known country singer, reporters referred to him as "San Antonio's adopted son."

Johnny and Vivian Cash were married until 1966 and had four daughters, including singer-songwriter Rosanne Cash. The end of their marriage occurred after multiple affairs, including a very high-profile romance with June Carter, later to become June Carter Cash.



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What the Sploot?

Hey there y'all. I don't know how your week's panned out, but mine's been pretty interesting. After writing these little ditties for over four years now (still hard to believe), and while shopping at our local Walmart, I found myself surrounded by adoring fans. It was pretty exciting as they were all different sizes, shapes and colors, many hailing from exotic locations around the world. Honestly, I was touched by the attention, and flattered by what they had to say, as all of their blades were spinning in the same direction at staggering speeds. Yep, life can be tough and we all need an occasional pat on the back, so take it where ever you can find it! On the way home I was pulled over by one of Gonzales' finest for doing a smidge over the speed limit. Fortunately, this nice young man let this old coot off with a warning, and I definitely appreciated it. I was totally surprised, as it's been over sixteen years since my last ticket. These days I don't get out too much, so I drive slowly to enjoy the scenery. We all need to keep these men and women in our prayers, as they're putting their life on the line for our safety, something we've come to take for granted in recent times. When I hear people talking about "defunding the police" I always say a quick

prayer for them, as science has yet to find a cure for mental illness. After reading an article on the internet, I've found my new favorite catch phrase for the remainder of the year...splooting. After further research, it turns out that many animals sploot (lying on their belly with legs outstretched on cool surfaces) to dissipate body temperature and cool off. For me, it was more of a sign of submission, as Eloise was always a worthy opponent. San Antonio police chief Bill McManus even got in on the action, sending in a picture of a squirrel splooting just outside of city hall. Cats, dogs, bears, and even my racoon buddies have been seen mastering this ancient art. I even once splooted in the middle of a crowded restaurant, but had to quickly apologize to the other patrons! Last week I was talking about how easy it is for most of us to become addicted to things, whether good or bad. I've known people who've developed problems in areas such as creativity, finance, education, status, health, gambling, alcohol & drugs, food, material possessions, sex, and even love. Each of these areas have strong positive sides, but when not managed carefully, can quickly become problematic, eventually morphing into much darker and uncontrollable situa-



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

tions. Being a recovered alcoholic, I think the first of the twelve recovery steps nailed it perfectly. "We admitted we were powerless over (fill in the blank), and that our lives had become unmanageable." Gamblers just need that one last big win before quitting. Alcoholics and drug addicts their next fix to escape reality. Ever meet a woman that stays with a man that beats her, citing love as the reason? Many people get caught up in status seeking through scholastic achievement, fame or fortune, in order to feel worthy or respected. Many people develop uncontrollable appetites for bigger houses, more clothes, cars etc, many times leading to financial ruin. These days, even addiction to phones and electronics are off the charts. As first John (2:16) reminds us, the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, comes not from the father, but from the world. So, if the hideous demon of addiction should rear it's ugly head in your life, don't be afraid to get some help. I did, and I'm so much better for it. Just remember, If you'll take the leap of faith, God's got you covered! Until next time, love you guys, Eric.

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MICHAEL HENRY HIDALGO

Michael "Boy" Henry Hidalgo passed away on Monday, August 22, 2022, at the age of 63 at his residence in Austin, Texas. He was born February 8, 1959, in Gonzales, to Raul Ornelas Hidalgo and Grace Rodriguez Hidalgo.

He was a loving son, husband, father, brother, and a beloved friend to many. He worked as a mechanic for most of his life, his work brought him joy and he had a passion for helping others in need. Michael had an admirable character and a heart-warming smile that made everyone's day better. He was an active member of the Legion of Mary, and he was also a member at the VFW (Post 8925) in Austin, TX. He loved being out on the river on sunny days and playing pool with friends. Michael will be deeply missed by those who knew him.

Michael Henry Hidalgo



is preceded in death by his parents Raul Ornelas Hidalgo and Grace Rodriguez Hidalgo, and his loving wife Stella DelBosque Hidalgo. He is survived by his daughter Roxie Contreras from Gonzales, TX and his grandchildren Xavier Villanueva, Dominique Villanueva, and Kyla Contreras. He is also survived by his siblings Ron Hidalgo (Stella) from Austin, TX and Rebecca Anna Hidalgo, his half-siblings Rosendo Hidalgo, Raul

Hidalgo, Jr. (Susan), Susanna Hidalgo and Eloisa Hidalgo; his nephews Greg Hidalgo (Desiree) and Dwayne Hidalgo (Irene), his grand-nephews Diego Hidalgo, Isaiah Hidalgo, and grand-niece Sarah Grace Hidalgo.

Honorary Pallbearers include Ron Hidalgo, Raul Hidalgo, Dwayne Hidalgo, Gregory Hidalgo, Pete Lopez, and Manny Manchaca.

A memorial service will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Gonzales, TX on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 10:00am.

There will be another memorial service held at a later date at San Jose Catholic Church in Austin, TX.

Friends and family can leave their condolences and sign the guestbook at www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

ORVAL LEE WRIGHT

Orval Lee Wright of Laneville, Texas passed away peacefully Monday morning at UT Health Hospital in Henderson, Texas on September 12, 2022 (a few hours after his 84th birthday). He resided in Gonzales for many years where he worked as a County Agricultural Extension Agent, then retired to Victoria, Texas. He ultimately moved to Laneville, Texas to reside in the care of his daughter Teresa Jo Wright. Orval was born September 11, 1938, to Roy and Elenora Krueger Wright of Miles, Texas. Orval was the oldest of six children and grew up on a dairy farm where he still followed "dairy time". He married Marjorie Jo Cox in 1966 and had a daughter, Teresa Jo, and son Alan Lee. After Marjorie's death, he married Judy Bruchmiller Starr in 1976 and became an additional father to Jack and Scott Starr. Orval was an avid gardener, fisherman, genealogist, and winemaker. He also loved to eat and cook BBQ, smoke chickens for his friends, fry fish for his family, play the Blazing 7's slot machine at the casinos and bet \$20.00 at the roulette table telling everyone the secret was to bet 'black, black, red', and loved cracking pecans. Finally, he always made sure he had the best looking yard on the block which included numerous flowers and plants.



Orval was an avid Cuero Gobbler football fan and made sure to attend his granddaughter's (Katie Jo) football games to watch her cheer for the Gonzales Apaches. After graduating from Texas Tech with his Bachelor's Degree and Texas A&M University with his Master's Degree, he worked as an extension agent in Fayette, DeWitt, and Gonzales County for many years. Orval loved visiting with all the farmers and ranchers during his time as County Extension Agent, but what he loved the most was working with the youth in 4-H. He also spent many weekends judging broiler shows across the area. He was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Elenora Wright, first love and wife Marjorie Jo and most recently his 2nd love and wife Judy who passed away on July 25 of this year, and brother Lawrence Wright. He is survived by his children Teresa Wright of Laneville, Texas, Alan Wright of Ft. Pierce Florida, Jack and wife Justine Starr of Spring, Texas, and Scott and wife Michelle Starr also of Spring, Texas. Siblings include Kenneth Wright, Marilyn Harris, Sherry Hartman, and Gerald Wright, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, as well as numerous extended family. A public viewing to honor Orval's life will be held on Friday, September 16th at 6-7:30 p.m. at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 10 a.m. in Gonzales Memorial Cemetery located one mile east of Gonzales on US. 90A with Rev. Clint Lowery officiating. Pallbearers: Son-in-law Troy Hawkin Ruiz, sons Alan Wright, Scott and Jack Starr, and grandsons Michael, Nicholas, and Johnathan Starr. Honorary pallbearers (grandsons) Christopher Starr, William Starr, and Thomas Starr. Several years ago, Orval requested that his granddaughter's best friend Brandi Behlen sing at his funeral because he loved listening to her sing. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

DONALD EUGENE PRITCHARD

Donald (Donnie) Eugene Pritchard, 76, of Flatonia, TX passed away on Saturday, September 10, 2022, in Schultenberg, TX. He was born on June 2, 1946 in Gonzales, TX to Sydney "Bud" Pritchard and Effie Cowey Pritchard. On June 1, 1996, he was united in marriage to Patty Robbins at Cistern Hall in Cistern, Texas.

After graduating from Waelder High School, he joined the United States Navy in November of 1965. Donnie served in the Navy as a chef and his favorite quote was, "I literally served my country." After the Navy, he delivered meats for Hubbell & Sons and J & B Foods. The next chapter of his life was working for and retiring from Prototype Machine.

Donnie enjoyed bowling, golfing, and dancing. He loved to play board and card games with his family and friends, especially Wahoo. He spent his later years watching his favorite TV shows and spending count-



less hours with his beloved cat. He could always put a smile on someone's face by telling one of his many jokes or singing a funny melody. He never met a stranger and would talk to anyone who would listen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters: Eunice Englemann and Doris Vecera, one brother: William "Bubba" Pritchard.

Donnie is survived by his wife of 26 years, Patty (Robbins) Pritchard; two daughters: Christina Pritchard Powell and Deondra Pritchard Gonzales; five sister-in-laws: Evelyn Pritchard, Barbara

Dubois, Wanda Nolan, Linda (David) Duplissey, and Frances Rogers; seven grandchildren: Seth Weber and wife Tori Weber, Kailie Weber and boyfriend Corey Crouch, Jonathan Gonzales and fiancé Ana Solis, Cameron Powell, Jullissa Gonzales and fiancé Andrew Tavera, Jeshua Gonzales, and Jayvien Reyes; five great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and beloved cat: Sassy.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 16, 2022 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, and funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Both will be held at Smith Funeral Home - 128 E. 5th Street, Flatonia, TX 78941.

Honorary pallbearers will be his seven grandchildren: Seth Weber, Kailie Weber, Jonathan Gonzales, Cameron Powell, Jullissa Gonzales, Jeshua Gonzales, and Jayvien Reyes.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: American Lung Association, Dementia Society of America, Leukemia Research Foundation, or charity of one's choice.

Words of comfort can be shared with the family at www.smithfuneraltx.com.

Local DRT chapter readies JB Wells home for CTI tours



CONTRIBUTED

From left, Brenda Benes, Christine Presley, Sandra Mauldin, and Marge Kacir stand on the back porch of the JB Wells Home at 833 Mitchell Street. Presley is a GVEC community relations representative, and Gonzales Chapter DRT members invited her to see the porch repairs GVEC funded. GVEC has a long history of supporting the communities it serves.

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Apache Homecoming features comeback win

BY LEW K. COHN
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The great John Wooden once said "Adversity is the state in which man most easily becomes acquainted with himself, being especially free of admirers then."

The Gonzales Apaches definitely became acquainted with themselves several times against the Marion Bulldogs during their Homecoming game Friday, Sept. 9.

Instead of folding like a napkin, however, they folded like forged steel, coming back stronger and harder to slice their way to a signature 27-13 win.

The biggest test for the Apaches may have been at the start of the second half. Down 7-6, Gonzales was looking forward to receiving the third quarter kickoff, but Marion recovered a successful squib kick at the Apache 18 and scored one play later on an Aidan Baty touchdown run that gave the visiting Bulldogs a 13-6 lead with less than a minute gone off the clock.

Gonzales responded by stuffing a two-point conversion attempt and then scoring on three of their next four possessions while keeping Marion out of the end zone for the rest of the contest.

"I've never doubted this team's effort," said Gonzales head coach and AD Joey Rivera. "They played for four quarters straight tonight and I thought the biggest turning point of the game was when we got hit in the gut right there after halftime when they recovered the onside kick and went down and scored."

"We recovered and we came back from it where, last week (at La Vernia) we got hit in the stomach to start the second half and we never really recovered off of it, so it's great to see that happen."

The Apaches (2-1) got another big game on the ground from senior running back Derrick Garza, who ran 27 times for 194 yards and two touchdowns. While Garza was strong in the first half, with 12 carries for 75 yards, he was even better in the second, toting the ball 15 times for 119 yards.

Quarterback Jarren Johnson also turned things around



Derrick Garza scores the first of his three touchdowns against Marion on Friday, Sept. 9. Garza would rush for more than 190 yards and two touchdowns and caught a third on a pass from Jarren Johnson.

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David Clack upends a Marion ball carrier, while Jermaine Upshaw moves in to finish off the tackle during the fourth quarter of Gonzales' 27-13 Homecoming win. The Apaches shut out the Bulldogs for the last 23 minutes of the ballgame with a swarming defense.

in the second half for the Apaches. After starting the first half 4-of-9 for 43 yards and an interception in the first half, Johnson lit it up in the second half, going 8-of-11 for 137 yards and TD strikes of 31 yards to his favorite target, Davante Smith, and five yards to Garza. Smith caught six passes overall for 129 yards and a TD to lead the team in that category, while Garza caught three passes for 30 yards.

"We knew going in that they were going to have trouble covering those skill guys on the outside," Rivera said. "Like I've always said, if they're going to try to take away the run, we're gonna go ahead and throw it. Jarren does a great job throwing the ball and we've got some skill guys out there who can catch it and go; we've just got to get it out to them."

Marion started the game and drove the ball on the ground

to the Gonzales 29. Facing and fourth and 7, the Bulldogs took advantage of an Apache letup as quarterback Bo Stahl hit Dominic Castellanos for a 29-yard TD. The kick was good, making it 7-0 with 8:16 to play in the first.

The Apaches moved the ball from their own 33 to the Marion 19 on their first possession, but a second down pass by Johnson was intercepted by Baty at the 17 to kill the drive.

The Bulldogs were able to advance to the Gonzales 47, aided by a fake punt in their own territory that gained a first down, but eventually had to punt the ball. The Apaches moved the ball from their nine to their 33, but a punt on fourth down was blocked and recovered by Marion there. Gonzales bent but did not break on defense, forcing an errant throw

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Lady Apaches swept in district opener

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches hosted the La Vernia Lady Bears last Friday, Sept. 9 for the opening match in district competition with the Lady Apaches falling to No. 12 La Vernia in three sets (21-25, 11-25, 15-25).

Kristyn Baker led the team with seven kills and four aces. Maddy York led the team with 11 assists.

McKenzie Hodges led the team with five blocks. Both Baker and York led the team with four digs.

The Lady Apaches played at Fox Tech on Tuesday, Sept. 13, and will face the San Antonio Women's Leadership Academy tomorrow, Friday Sept. 16, at home at 6:30 p.m., and then travel to San Antonio Tuesday, Sept. 20 to face SA Memorial with that game starting at 7 p.m.

Lady Apaches stampede Fox Tech

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches made short work of their hosts, the San Antonio Fox Tech Lady Buffaloes, in three sets Tuesday, Sept. 13, to get back into the win column for the first time this month.

Gonzales won, 25-23, 25-13 and 25-21, to improve their district record to 1-1, while Fox Tech drops to 0-2 in district play.

While the first game of the match was nip and tuck, the Lady Apaches jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead in the second game and were up 22-9 before closing it out at 25-13. In the third game, Gonzales held a 6-4 lead and went on a run that saw them take a 12-6 advantage. They were then able to finish off the Lady Buffaloes by attrition of points.

Gonzales will face the San Antonio Women's Leadership Academy tomorrow, Friday Sept. 16, at home at 6:30 p.m., and then travel to San Antonio Tuesday, Sept. 20 to face SA Memorial with that game starting at 7 p.m. Wins in these matches would see the Lady Apaches ensconced in third place and en route to a possible playoff berth.



Above: Lady Apaches Sidney McCray pushes the ball in the air against San Antonio Fox Tech Tuesday, Sept. 13. McCray recorded seven blocks and nine kills in Tuesday's win. Left: Lady Apache's Kristyn Baker gets in position to receive the ball from San Antonio Fox Tech Tuesday, Sept. 13.

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PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Mustangs defensive back Kade Dixon (11) tackles Flatonia's receiver Keyshaun Green (20) in last Friday's game.

SCORES & STANDINGS



3A DIVISION II

District 15

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

SCORES:

*Nixon-Smiley 0, Flatonia 34
 South San Antonio West 0, Lytle Pirates 42
 Natalia 3, Devine 48
 Dilley 20, Cotulla 24
 Karnes City 21, Kenedy 20
 Comfort 0, Blanco 50
 Poth 21, Shiner 20

4A DIVISION II

District 12

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

SCORES:

*Gonzales 27, Marion 13
 Caldwell 8, Jarrell 66
 Giddings 10, Lago Vista 42
 La Grange 37, La Vernia 27
 Cuero 75, Yoakum 6
 Smithville 21, Geronimo-Navarro 28

Other Scores near the Gonzales area:

Luling 59, Austin Eastside 0
 Shiner 22, Poth 21
 Shiner St. Paul 20, Sacred Heart Muenster 30

NIXON-SMILEY JUNIOR HIGH:

Seventh grade Mustangs def. Yorktown, 22-0
 Eighth grade Mustangs def. Flatonia, 38-0

Flatonia shuts out Mustangs, 34-0

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
 Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs couldn't escape the penalties during their 34-0 shutout loss to the Flatonia Bulldogs last Friday, Sept. 9, at home. The game originally was close, with the Mustang defense keeping the score to 7-0 at halftime, but untimely penalties stalled the offense throughout the game.

The Mustangs committed seven penalties for 37 yards and head coach Troy Moses talked about the offensive penalties that hurt most.

"Offensively, we played good, but we just had too many penalties. It's hard to convert 1st and 20s and 1st and 15s. We just had too many mental errors," Moses said.

Despite the offensive miscues, the Mus-

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Mustangs quarterback Luke Moses (2) scrambles as he attempts a pass play against Flatonia's defense Friday, Sept. 9.

STATS

--Offense--

Passing: Luke Moses: 2/6 completions for 14 yards
Rushing: Bradyn Martinez: 15 carries for 86 yards
Receiving: Aiden Flores: one reception for nine yards

--Defense--

Solo tackles: Sebastian Ortiz (seven), George Rodriguez and B. Martinez (six), and Jesus Espino (five)
Assisted tackles: S. Ortiz (seven), AJ Zamora (six), and Aiden Flores and Carl White (five)
Sacks: S. Ortiz and Holden Canion (one)
 Fumble cause: G. Rodriguez and A. Zamora (one)
Fumble recovery: Carl White (one)

Lady Mustangs snap 3-game losing streak

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
 Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs got their first district win of the season with a four set win over the Cole Lady Cougars at home Tuesday, Sept. 13.

The Lady Mustangs snapped a three game losing streak; losing to Three Rivers, Shiner and Marion in their district opener.

Head volleyball coach Loraine Zuniga talked about getting back on the win track after losing the last three games.

"It means a lot for our team, we have a four game district home stretch. We're anticipating good crowds and a lot of energy," Zuniga said.

Zuniga hopes to win those four games before the second round of district matches, she added.

Sophomore middle blocker Deanna Amaya felt good snapping that three game losing streak and getting the team back on track in the second district game.

"We've been down just trying to come

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VANDY VAN EPPS

Lady Mustang's Hailee Houseton (2) and Kyleigh McKissack (5) blocks Cole's Kylie Kisse (16) in their district match Tuesday, Sept. 13.



NIXON-SMILEY

- Lady Mustangs 7B team splits Luling, 25-22, 21-25
- Lady Mustangs 8B team splits Luling, 18-25, 25-18
- Lady Mustangs 7A loss to Luling, 10-25, 18-25
- Lady Mustangs 8A team def. Luling, 25-3, 25-18

GONZALES

- 7A Apaches def. Miller, 25-19
- 7B Apaches def. Miller, 7-0
- 8A Apaches def. Miller, 30-0
- 8B Apaches def. Miller, 21-0



GJHS girls cross country competes in Moulton

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The seventh and eighth grade Gonzales Junior High School Lady Apache cross country team traveled to Moulton to race in their second meet of the season. The team placed second overall.

Individual medals were awarded to all students placing in the top 20. More than 100 seventh and eighth grade runners participated at the meet and multiple Gonzales team members placed, including Gabby Cobler, placing fourth; Jordyn Gonzales, placing 11th; Carsyn Carrizales, placing 16th; and Sophia Castro, placing 18th.



The Gonzales Junior High School Girls Cross Country team finishes second in the Moulton Meet.

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SIZZLING NEW CLUB



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Gonzales High School is excited to announce its new BBQ club. They will be practicing barbecuing as well as going to two competitions around the state of Texas, where the Apaches will compete against other schools. If you would like to be a sponsor or get more information about the team, please call Sara Breitschopf at 830-263-0024. All sponsors will be added to the team shirt. Other sponsors seen in the photo are Faith Hodges and Benny Conn.

Come & Take It golf tournament draws near

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

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

Last year's third annual tournament was held on Oct. 2, 2021, and was quite a success. Through the support of the many area sponsors — including the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, the classmates in the Class of 1964 and the tournament players, who generously gave money and supplies to make the event enjoyable and a financial success — the organization was able to award substantial scholarships to Shiner St. Paul and the Gonzales ROTC program.

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

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

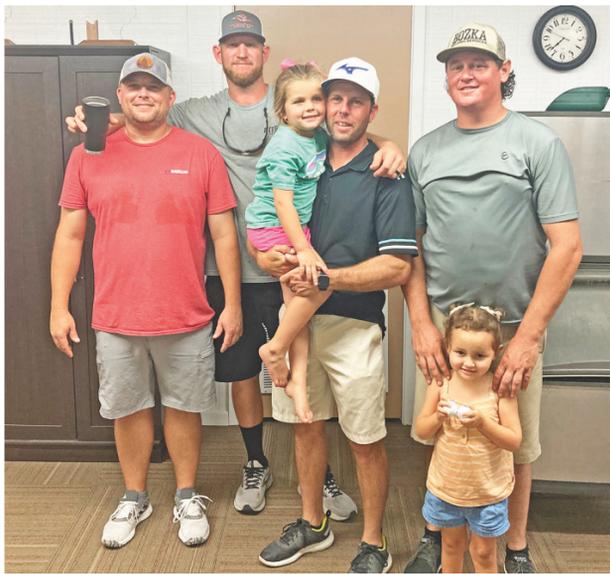
For questions or to contribute support to the program, contact Bill McCaskill at 830-620-8767 or bill@bmccaskill.com.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



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The winning team from the Sept. 7 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Brant Philippus, Jake Barnick, Baylen Horton and Josh Bustos.



The second-place team from the Sept. 7 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Jared Boehm, Randall Dupree, Amelia Hahn, John Hahn, Baylen Bozka and Landon Bozka.

MUSTANGS

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tangs still moved the ball well in the first half, notwithstanding penalties, Moses said. The second half, the Mustang defense struggled to stop Flatonia's offense; the Bulldogs scored on five of its six drives in the second half. Moses said he and his team have to figure out a way to come out and play in the second half.

"We just came out real flat. We didn't have any energy. When you play a team like Flatonia with that many athletes, you got to have some energy and you got to be able to stop," Moses said. "And don't let them get an open space. We just let that happen too many times in the second half."

The Mustangs will have a long road trip to Wallis as they take on the Brazos Cougars for their last non-district contest. Moses and the Mustangs will have to leave the Flatonia loss behind and commit to solid practice in preparation for Brazos, he said.

"It's a mental game from here on out. It's not about physical abilities, or our ability to play football. It's a mental game that we've got to get better. We can be successful and we just got to get over the barrier," Moses said.

The Mustangs travel to tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 16, to Wallis Brazos. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

HOMECOMING

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on fourth and 13 at the 23 for a turnover on downs.

The Apaches responded by driving the ball 77 yards on 10 plays as they blended the run and pass to perfection. Garza took it in from six yards out with 3:39 to play in the first half. A bad snap on the PAT attempt forced a two-point attempt and the pass was no good, making the score 7-6.

Marion took the ball down the field, picking up big chunks of yardage from their own 35 to the Gonzales 8, but Carlos Verastegui intercepted Stahl's fourth down pass to end the half, although the Apaches would be hit with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty that would come into play to start the second half as it aided Marion's decision to go for the squib kick.

When Gonzales did get the ball for the first time in the second half, down 13-7, they responded big time. On second and seven at the 41, Garza ripped off a 28-yard run to the Bulldog 31. Then, Johnson put a perfect touch on a pass to Smith into the end zone for a 31-yard TD. The two-point run was no good, making it 13-12 with 10:39 left in the third quarter.

Gonzales forced a punt by Marion on the ensuing posses-

sion and then got to work with an 80-yard drive, aided by a pair of Johnson-to-Smith connections for 53 yards. Garza finished off the drive with a four-yard TD run that gave the Apaches their first lead. Johnson then hit Weston Ruddock for the two-point conversion to make it 20-13 with 2:58 left in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, Gonzales took over the ball at their own 30 and drove 70 yards in 10 plays, including a nifty 25-yard hook and ladder from Johnson to Mason Navejar to Garza and an 18-yard pass from Johnson to Navejar. The finishing blow was a six-yard TD pass from Johnson to Garza with 5:15 left in the game. The kick was good, making it 27-13.

Marion tried to mount one last comeback, but Navejar picked off Stahl on fourth down to essentially end the Bulldogs' night.

Next up for the Apaches will be another 2021 playoff team — Pleasanton, a perennial foe of the Apaches. The Eagles lost their first two games to Antonian Prep and Boerne, but clawed out a 23-23 tie with Jouranton on Friday.

"It should be very similar with Coach (Stephen) Liska over at Pleasanton," Rivera said. "It



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Gonzales Apaches Lanom Rhoades (10), Ivan Gallegos (45) and Hadley Borrer (18) knock down a pass by Marion Bulldog quarterback Bo Stahl during the Homecoming game on Friday, Sept. 9.

reminds me a lot of the coaching staff (at Marion). I played Coach Liska (and Pleasanton) when I was in Pearsall and they were always well coached and have been there for a long time. Great culture, great pride and great tradition, so it'll be, I'd imagine, another one just like this."

Rivera said the team and community have bought into his "Winners Act Right" philosophy.

"I've told the kids since day one the three things we're focusing on are, number one, coming to school every day; number two is acting right and number three is passing our classes," Rivera said. "We've got a three-week report coming out, so with number three, it will be big to see if they're all bought in on that because if

not, then they'll be having some lunch tutorials coming up here in the next three weeks.

"I told them we're small group. There's 38 to 39 of us and we don't magically just grow them from somewhere else. You're what we got — every single guy is important to our team, from the freshman to the JV.

"I tell our JV guys all the time but how important they are and how much better they're getting in practice. They make us a ton better and that's really where this week I think came from was our JV stepped up a lot as scout players this week and they did a great job," Rivera added.

Game time for next week's home game against Pleasanton is 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

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back [and win a game] because our preseason we're winning all the time. So it's just really good to get the win [over Cole] and now we just wait for the rest of district," Amaya said.

Nixon-Smilely took the first set, 25-18, but struggled in the second set against Cole. Zuniga talked about struggles her team faced heading into that set.

"We knew we were struggling in the second set. Our offense wasn't as aggressive especially on serve-receive as we would have liked it to be. So we just kind of regrouped after that," Zuniga said.

The Lady Mustangs would go and take sets three and four (25-17, 25-12), now all eyes on the next district game against Great Hearts Monte Vista this

Friday at home.

Zuniga anticipates another electrified crowd heading to the Monte Vista game and hopes to keep the momentum going.

"I just want us to keep the momentum going from this win [against Cole] as long as we possibly can and keep our focus on just trying to win and end up on top in district," Zuniga said.

The Lady Mustangs will take on Monte Vista tomorrow at home. The game starts at 5 p.m.

Nixon-Smilely will have an open date Tuesday, Sept. 16 and will play Northern Oaks at home Friday, Sept. 23.

SET SCORES:

Nixon-Smilely Lady Mustangs def. Cole (25-18, 21-25, 25-17, 25-12)

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Walmart's Health and Wellness Market Director Tonya Chiappetta presents Bruce Blackwell his 50 year plaque for his services to Walmart and the community of Gonzales.

BLACKWELL

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Blackwell began his journey as a staff pharmacist for Walmart in Gonzales in 1972 and worked under the manager and gradually grew from there.

"It's just been an incredible journey. The people here just opened up and accepted me. It's just been such an overwhelming and wonderful experience, I cannot express it in words," Blackwell said.

Two of Blackwell's current coworkers, Daniel Trevino and Tonya Chiappetta, have known him for more than five years. Chiappetta, who is Walmart's Health and Wellness Market Director, has known Blackwell for six years, and relays that it is an honor to work with such a dedicated, hard-working individual in the company.

"He cares for his patients. They come in to ask for him; he doesn't have to do anything but show up, and they

trust him. And it's just been a phenomenal career path that he's taken and I couldn't be more proud to be a part of it," Chiappetta said.

Chiappetta describes her first meeting with Blackwell as a "loving feeling," saying that she knew upon meeting him that he is someone who gets along with others.

"He works hard for you, so you work harder for him. There's no doubt that within minutes of meeting Bruce you know it's going to be a special relationship," Chiappetta said.

Trevino is the store manager of the Gonzales location and has known Blackwell for four years, and acknowledges this huge milestone for his pharmacy manager.

"Bruce is an institution in this town. He's well thought of by his customers as well as the associates. He's the epitome



Gonzales's Walmart Pharmacist Manager Bruce Blackwell celebrates his 50 years of working with the company with his family and coworkers.

of what Walmart principles of fundamentals are built upon, which is respect for the individual," Trevino said.

"Sam [Walton], if he had someone in mind to be able to be the cornerstone or the model [for the company], that would have been Mr. Bruce Blackwell," Trevino said.

When talking about his secret of working in his role for 50

years, Blackwell immediately thought about his mother.

"I get that from my mother, that you need to be in a job and you need to have contact with people and you need to stay active. That's what I tried and still try to do. My mother did that. She worked for years and years and years. I drew a lot from my parents," Blackwell said.

ELVIS

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The size of the crowd was reasonable, but the baseball bleachers were not full. The audience was polite, and of course, orderly, and gave Elvis and his band appropriate applause.

We should remember that there were very few televisions sets in Gonzales County in 1955, so all that anyone knew about Elvis was from listening to his songs on the radio. There was no big deal made about Elvis being in Gonzales. He was just another in a line of country music singers who performed in Gonzales from time to time

The show started with Elvis' band playing and singing country music songs from the flatbed trailer. Of course, there was no curtain on this ready-made stage, nor backdrops of any kind. Just the trailer, microphone, and speakers.

While the three-man band warmed up the crowd, Elvis sat, by himself, in his pink Cadillac, which was parked on the baseball field behind the dugout on the third base side. Those of us in the stands had a clear view of Elvis sitting in his Cadillac, watching the band play, waiting for his time to perform.

After the band had played several songs, Elvis got out of his car, and walked to a ladder leaning against the back of the trailer. All of this was in plain view of the audience. You could see him standing there behind the trailer.

Then, one of the band members stepped to the microphone and introduced Elvis. Elvis climbed the ladder to the trailer bed, picked up his guitar, moved to the microphone, and started singing, accompanied, of course, by his band.

It was a good show. We all liked it. He sang all the songs played by the radio stations. One song I remember was Chuck Berry's "Maybellene."

Oh, Maybellene, why can't you be true,

Oh, Maybellene, why can't you be true,

You done started out doing the

Things you used to do. Elvis probably sang that a little bit better than I would have just then. Actually, he probably sang that quite a bit better than I would have.

After the show was over, Elvis came down off the trailer, and some people, not many, approached him to shake his hand, and thank him for coming. A few people got his autograph. Elvis seemed content just to stand there and visit with folks as they came up.

He just looked like a good kid who enjoyed singing country songs. The beat of the music was a little different, though. Elvis stayed as long as there were people who wanted to talk to him. He seemed like any normal 19 year old kid. The kind you would like to invite to your house for supper.

I wonder whatever happened to him.

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... And, that was then.

MIGHTY

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Some of us have exercised a little more authority over the power of the air than others because we have little more spiritual comprehension, but God wants all of us to have that spiritual comprehension. The Holy Spirit prayed through Paul that we all might have wisdom, understanding and authority over the demonic powers and the problems they create through their constant manipulation of men's minds.

It seems like the most difficult thing in the world for the Church is to stay balanced. You can take any subject including the Authority of the Believer push it to the extreme and it becomes harmful and ceases to bless. Let's go down the middle-of-the-road and maintain balance. John Alexander Dowie was a Scotchman who received a revelation about

divine healing while ministering in Australia, crossed the ocean and encountered many storms but he said every time a storm came up he did what Jesus did and rebuked the storm and it always to ceased.

We should not be amazed because in John 14:12 Jesus said, "He that believes in me, the works that I do shall you do also and greater works than these shall you do because I go unto my Father." Jesus didn't say only a select few would do these works, He said, those that believe in Him would do the works.

As we study what the Word of God teaches and educate our spirits about "The Authority of the Believer," I believe we will be able to walk in this great truth more and more. We must make an effort to spend daily time in God's written Word!!

PATEK

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for the welfare of the city, remove any employee of the city, except as otherwise provided by the City Charter.

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- Keep the City Council advised of the financial condition and future needs of the city and make such recommendations as may seem desirable.

According to the Gonzales City Charter, the city manager shall be chosen by the city council solely on the basis of his or her executive and administrative training, experience and ability. He or she need not, when appointed, be a resident of the City of Gonzales. The city manager shall reside within the city limits during his or her tenure of office.

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CRIME

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and I took over this past summer and we were able to get to a class and learn all of the ins and outs of the program and we're really excited about getting it moving in the right direction and getting the community more involved as we put the word out about what Crime Stoppers does."

The next monthly Crime Stoppers meeting, which is open to the public, is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Waelder ISD cafeteria and dinner will be provided. Meetings are usually the last Tuesday of every month.

"We had the last meeting in Gonzales and hopefully we'll have the following one (after Waelder) in the Nixon-Smiley area," Jahns said. "We'll just keep rotating it so not everyone has to drive that far."

"When we do have our meetings in Gonzales, we try to do them at noon because that's when the majority of our officers can attend since the majority are here in Gonzales. When they are in Waelder or Nixon, we're going to shoot for a 6 p.m. start time because that allows more of the community to come get involved. Also, they have smaller departments in those communities, so they usually are able to attend in the evenings."

So what is Crime Stoppers? It is not law enforcement, but a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which offers cash rewards to persons who provide anonymous information which leads to the felony arrest of criminals or fugitives. That information may be received either through the secure telephone tip line or through a secure website connection or the mobile app P3 Tips.

"Crime Stoppers became a thing because there was an officer who felt that people don't speak out because they are in fear of retaliation or retribution," Cunningham said. "Basically, we encourage the community to speak, you know, 'See Something, Say Something.'"

"They are completely anonymous and we will never ask for their name. Through Texas Government Code 414, it regulates that not even through the court system can any of their information be given out or identified, so everything is completely anonymous, and they are able to get a cash reward for any information that they can come forward with."

Jahns and Cunningham explained

the tipster either assigns themselves a four-digit code when using the P3 app or they are assigned one when calling the tip line and "we only know you by that code."

"After law enforcement receives the tip, they send a message back to us letting us know that the tip was good and an arrest was made off that tip," Jahns said. "We will contact you through the app to let you know that the information we were given was good and to come pick up your reward."

"We have an account set up at the bank and you go through the drive-thru teller lane and write down your code number. We will have already called the bank to tell them 'tipster 1234 is coming in for their reward.' So no one should ever ask for your name or need your name in order for your tip to pay off."

Cunningham said it has been a while since a payment has been made out of the Greater Gonzales County Crime Stoppers funds, but there have been some recent tips made, including one that might possibly help solve a recent rash of thefts in the area, and she is excited to think that they may be able to pay out a reward sooner rather than later.

Jahns said the organization is also reaching out to the local school districts to get them involved bringing the Safe Schools program under the Crime Stoppers umbrella.

"They can submit tips the same way that community would, but those tips would be forwarded to the officer or administration there, and they can handle them from that point on. They could turn in a tip about somebody who has a gun, or a vape or narcotics and they'll get paid cash as well for those tips," Jahns said.

Cunningham said the organization has posters with QR codes that can be scanned and used to report a tip — some geared towards schools and others geared towards the community at large — and they are being placed "in places where it's less conspicuous, you know, like restrooms at bars or in schools."

For more information about Crime Stoppers or to report an anonymous tip, call 830-672-TIPS (8477) or download the P3 Tips App. You may also email crimestoppers@co.gonzales.tx.us.

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— Carolyn Morrow, Chamber president

TOURISM

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will be getting hotel-motel tax money to be able to fund that and be able to pick up where the city has left off — being able to promote and advertise all those good things for the city.

"We're excited about it. I know the mayor and the council are excited about it, and we really look forward to the Chamber taking that over and doing a great job promoting the city."

Chamber executive director Melissa Henderson said while her current efforts are concentrated on putting together a successful Come and Take It celebration for this Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, when the city's new fiscal year starts Oct. 1, "I will dive into tourism, and my vision for tourism is planning kind of the long-term vision, starting with our bicentennial."

"In 2025, we will be celebrating our 200th birthday here in Gonzales," Henderson added. "I'm going to take tourism and start building up to that. The mayor brought up that there are some really big anniversaries for the state of Texas coming up. Starting with our bicentennial here, we can kind of see what that looks like for our local celebrations and then become a really big player with the state of Texas in celebrating Texas independence."

"That's going to be my goal is looking at the long-term calendar of how we can celebrate our birthday, and what does that look like getting people to come to Gonzales now, learning about the history of Gonzales, and then building to that big year with a full schedule of events."

Henderson said she plans to enlist the help of the city's Tourism Advisory Board as well as the Chamber of Commerce board of directors in "building that tour-

ism calendar for our big birthday event."

Other goals include working with hotels, motels and short-term rentals "seeing if we can start to increase heads in beds," as Henderson said she sees value in the input those businesses can give.

"Really, they are the experts in the field," Henderson said. "They know about who's staying in those hotels and how we can get them to either stay longer or have a better experience while they're here."

Henderson said the Chamber will hire a tourism coordinator and is looking for "someone with content development skills — someone who can create content and then execute the content." That individual will be using Facebook and Instagram to create little-to-no-cost digital advertising.

"It is really easy," Henderson said. "I mean, we have great content, and it already exists, so I just need somebody who can go and get the content and then constantly be putting it out for people to see. That's the easiest way to reach eyes for a smaller amount of money."

"If you know of anyone who fits that position, please let us know. I'd love to have somebody who has some experience in tourism or in graphic design, and somebody with a 'go get 'em' attitude, because it's going to be a lot and it has a lot of creative potential, too."

The tourism coordinator will be a Chamber position and not a city employee. It also will not be responsible for or have its performance tied into keeping up with bookings at the city's "convention center," the JB Wells Expo Center — those duties remain with JB Wells Expo facility manager Amanda

Garza.

"When the city tourism director position went away, those responsibilities had to go elsewhere," City Secretary Kristina Vega said. "Who better than someone that knows the arena and expo and all of the amenities than the arena operations manager? She's the boots on the ground there, selling the events, selling the rentals out there."

Henderson said she will be meeting monthly with the city's CVB and Tourism boards to give a report on how the Chamber is spending hotel-motel occupancy funds, while also reporting quarterly to the city council with a report that will be part of the public record.

Chamber president Carolyn Morrow said the Chamber has developed a "pretty large advertising budget" to help promote tourism in Gonzales.

"This first year is going to be really, you know, what can we do," Morrow said. "We're gonna set some loose goals, and see where we get. We don't want to set ourselves up for failure. Once we hire the tourism coordinator, then we'll be able to really kind of map out a five-year plan."

Morrow praised the hiring of Henderson as the Chamber executive director, touting the experience the latter had accumulated while working in Fort Davis.

"Obviously, Melissa was the right candidate for the directorship, because she comes with such vast knowledge for running the chamber, but also her tourism background," Morrow said. "We knew she was the right piece to the puzzle, so we are very, very excited to bring her here and get started with tourism. She's just hit the ground running, that's for sure."

CELEBRATION

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Other events include a parade, battle re-enactment, arts and crafts, as well as multiple vendors, including delicious food vendors.

A schedule of events will be announced soon by the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Come and Take It Committee.

Expected performances include

South Paw Band, Standing Peppers and Bart Crow on Friday; Destino Danzza Performance Group, Los Gavilanes, Mid Life Crisis Band, Waves, Neal McCoy and Ricky Naranjo y Los Gamblers on Saturday. The Shiner Hobo Band will round out the weekend celebration with a performance on Sunday.

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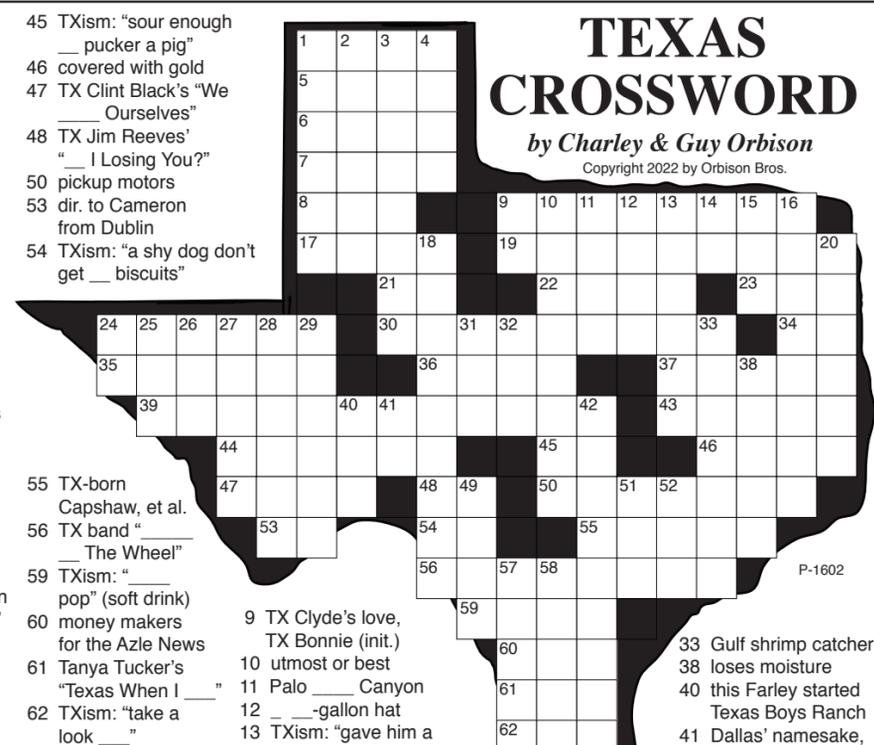
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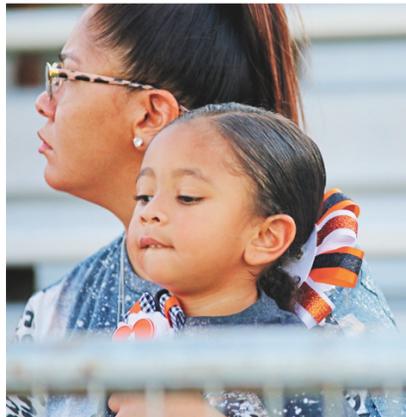
- 1 TXism: "___ hombre" (mean)
- 5 Houston Olympic gym coach Karolyi
- 6 TXism: "tight as a cinch on ___ horse"
- 7 early saying: "___ to Texas"
- 8 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- 9 ex-owner of the Houston Oilers
- 17 TXism: "joined his shadow in the dirt"
- 19 hard-to-get-rid-of part of TX Pantex's old warheads
- 21 TXism: "that'll ___ nicely"
- 22 "three," in Mexico
- 23 TX Dennis Quaid 1999 film: "___ Given Sunday"
- 24 this David starred in TV film "Silhouette"
- 30 how TX cattle are sold
- 34 ___ Pepper
- 35 TXism: "mad ___ -eyed cow"
- 36 TXism: "___ to" (intend)
- 37 TXism: "it's root hog ___"
- 39 what some call the Cowboys (2 wds.)
- 43 TX Pride's "My Eyes Can See Only As ___ You"
- 44 TXism: "want it ___ ___ could spit"



DOWN

- 1 TXism: "___ bones" (skinny)
- 2 TXism: "build a fence ___ you buy cattle" (plan)
- 3 he was "Hawkeye Pierce" (2 wds.)
- 4 TX Ross met Margot Perot on a blind ___
- 45 TXism: "sour enough ___ pucker a pig"
- 46 covered with gold
- 47 TX Clint Black's "We ___ Ourselves"
- 48 TX Jim Reeves' "___ I Losing You?"
- 50 pickup motors
- 53 dir. to Cameron from Dublin
- 54 TXism: "a shy dog don't get ___ biscuits"
- 55 TX-born Capshaw, et al.
- 56 TX band "___ The Wheel"
- 59 TXism: "___ pop" (soft drink)
- 60 money makers for the Azle News
- 61 Tanya Tucker's "Texas When I ___"
- 62 TXism: "take a look ___"
- 9 TX Clyde's love, TX Bonnie (init.)
- 10 utmost or best
- 11 Palo ___ Canyon
- 12 ___-gallon hat
- 13 TXism: "gave him a ___ his own medicine"
- 14 TXism: "got ___ itchy trigger finger"
- 15 TX Chuck Norris film: "___ 2" (abbr.)
- 16 solar time pieces
- 18 neighboring state
- 20 "I have to get ___" (early to bed)
- 24 ex-Maverick coach Aduabato (init.)
- 25 TXism: "clean ___ hound's tooth"
- 26 Gen. ___ Houston
- 27 North ____, TX
- 28 "Texas ___ Monument"
- 29 good to eat
- 31 TXism: "fraidy ___"
- 32 cowboy's bolo
- 33 Gulf shrimp catcher
- 38 loses moisture
- 40 this Farley started Texas Boys Ranch
- 41 Dallas' namesake, Alexander (init.)
- 42 "___, monkey do"
- 49 found on trees at Caddo Lake
- 51 teeth space
- 52 TXism: "call ___ day" (quit)
- 57 cargos on trucks
- 58 TX-born Reynolds was married to this Fisher

GONZALES CELEBRATES HOMECOMING



PHOTOS BY LEW K. COHN

The Gonzales Apaches had a successful and fun Homecoming 2022 game as they defeated the Marion Bulldogs, 27-13, at Apache Field on Friday, Sept. 9. It was also a solemn occasion as the community remembered Katie Carter, who passed away earlier this year in an automobile accident on what would have been her 17th birthday. Carter was an active member in both band and the GHS theatre department. Gonzales County Sheriff Keith Schmidt was given the honor of leading the team through the bleachers before they raced out onto the field out of the tunnel. The stands were packed, especially the student section, which was especially raucous and energetic.

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Nine-year-old Loren Ellison, who was born in Gonzales, greets Queen Elizabeth II with flowers at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin during the royal's May 1991 visit. Loren Ellison was chosen to present flowers to 'Lilibet' by virtue of being the niece of Austin Mayor Lee Cooke's wife, her Aunt Barbara Vackar.

CONTRIBUTED/LOREN ELLISON STEVES

QUEEN

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Steves was born in Gonzales, as was most of her family, and her father, Wayne Ellison, was the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture executive director.

In 1991, she was an elementary student in New Braunfels who was about to have the best excuse in the world to skip school for the day.

"I remember being out to dinner with my family when (Cooke) mentioned that pending visit and how he was looking for, specifically, a 9 year old girl with brown hair and brown eyes to accompany him and my Aunt, Barbara Vackar, on very special mission," Steves said. "Naturally, I was incredibly excited that I just so happened to fit such a description but I don't think the totality of the day hit me until I was much older. I was just excited to have a really good excuse to leave school early."

When the big day arrived, Steves said she remembered being "enthralled with the pomp and circumstance of the day" and then her Uncle Lee and Aunt Barbara took her away from her parents and her older brother, Willis, to go wait in a building near the tarmac for the Queen's arrival.

"Here is where I was to practice my one line 'Welcome to Austin your Majesty' and curtsy, taking extra care to hand off the flowers in between her arms without touching her, as was protocol, with a bodyguard and handler," Steves said. "My aunt Barbara was with me and knew me as a very shy child, back then, so I could tell she was worried that I might freeze when the time came."

A short time later, a very large British Airways Concorde jet landed at the base and Queen Elizabeth II, in all of her royal majesty, exited the plane. It was Steves' big moment, her own Queen's gambit, so to speak. Would nerves get the best of her?

"I nailed the greeting as rehearsed," she recalled. "Looking back a video footage of the event, I could tell that I rose to the occasion in front of the Queen, but was a bit clueless as to who the tall guy behind her was that kept smiling at me. Prince Philip did

indeed seem 10 feet tall next to my small stature and, in my opinion, was built more like a Texan than a Brit."

And just like that, Steves' audience with royalty ended, as the rest of the day was "full of motorcades, speeches and Capitol tours where friends of my aunt and uncle, like Anne Richards, Cathy Bonner, and LaVada Jackson, hosted

the royal couple," she recalled.

Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip spent nearly two weeks in the United States and reportedly enjoyed their stay in Texas very much. The Lone Star State equally was enamored with the First Couple of England.

Three decades later, Steves is married and works in Austin as a Re-

altor and apartment locator with the both aptly and ironically named Crown Realty, but she cherishes the memory of the time she actually met "The Crown."

"I am honored to have played a small role in the once-in-a-lifetime royal trip to Texas and mourn, along with so many others, the loss of such a noble and graceful monarch," she said.

GISD school board approves Guardian Program

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales ISD school board unanimously voted to approve the Guardian Program at its Monday, Sept. 12, meeting.

The Guardian Programs will have GISD working in collaboration with local law enforcement to design a detailed plan to improve the safety and security of the school district.

During that time the district had gotten more input about the program from the community and the Gonzales Police Department, Gonzales County Sheriffs Office and Gonzales ISD Police Department.

GISD Police Chief Ross Gottwald, Gonzales Police Chief Tim Crow, and Gonzales County Sheriff Keith Schmidt were in attendance in Monday's meeting regarding the Guardian Program, and all were recognized by the district for their collaboration.

"These gentlemen, along with our teams, have spent endless hours as part of the GISD Safety and Security Committee and assisting in the development and creation of a plan that will enhance the safety and security of our students and staff," Robin Trojcek said.

GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda read the timeline on how the district got involved looking into the Guardian Program. In July and early August, Avellaneda and

the district have spoke and visited other districts about similar programs.

"I want to make sure the community understands that we took our time to create this plan in the best interests of the staff, our students, and the community," Avellaneda said.

School board member Sue Gottwald said it's important for the district to be proactive instead of sitting back in an event of an active shooter.

"I want the parents, teachers and the students to know that we take their safety very seriously. And I appreciate all of the parents and the input that went into this because having this program instituted in our school district, we're also telling people out there you're not welcome with a gun and there's gonna be somebody here to protect our students," Gottwald said.

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

- approved Josie Smith-Wright as delegate for the TASB delegate assembly
- approved revisions to the Memorandum of understanding with Victoria County Junior College District for the Dual Credit Program.
- approved the Budget Amendment and Purchase of HVAC Equipment
- approved Local Policy DCB
- approved Local Policy DCE
- approved the 2022-23 Apache Academy All STARS Teacher Pay Rate.

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