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MAY 6 ELECTION

Early voting begins Monday

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Early voting begins Monday, April 24, for the May 6 municipal, school board and bond elections as every city and school district within Gonzales County will have at least one race or measure on the ballot for voters to decide.

Voters can cast early ballots from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24-28 and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 1-2 at the following locations:

- City of Gonzales and Gonzales ISD: Randle Rather Building, 427 St. George St., Gonzales.
 - City of Nixon, City of Smiley, Nixon-Smiley CISD: Nixon Public Library, 401 N Nixon Ave.
 - City of Waelder and Waelder ISD: Waelder City Hall, 300 US Hwy 90 W.
- Election day voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the following locations:
- City of Gonzales and Gonzales ISD: Randle Rather Building, 427 St.

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Nixon-Smiley CISD asking voters to OK \$37.9 million bond issue

BY LEW K. COHN
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Nixon-Smiley Consolidated ISD is asking voters to adopt five bond packages worth a total \$37,928,850 during the May 6 election.

WHERE TO VOTE

Early voting for this bond issue begins this Monday, April 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Nixon Aphne Patillo Public Library, 401 N Nixon Ave., and continues through Friday, April 28 and then again on May 1-2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Election day voting will be held in three locations from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6: at the Nixon Public Library; at Smiley Volunteer Fire Department, 208 N FM 108; and the Leesville Cemetery Association, 6077 CR 155, Leesville.

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BINGO

Bags & Badges

Norma's House eclipses \$61,000 raised

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Norma's House has more than 61,000 reasons to be thankful for everyone who came out and participated

in the 10th annual Bingo, Bags and Badges event at JB Wells Expo Center this past Friday, April 14.
"Our total (raised from

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GISD: Teacher involved in testing probe no longer with district

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gonzales ISD is not releasing much information about a possible investigation into "concerns from students regarding the conduct of a teacher in relation to the administration of tests."

"Gonzales ISD is not able to discuss matters that are under investigation; however, we can tell you that the teacher is no longer employed with Gonzales ISD," said Veronica Johannsen, GISD Chief of Communications, Marketing, Safety and Security.

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Autry named new Gonzales Police Chief

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales City Council named a familiar face as the city's new police chief at the Thursday, April 13 meeting.

The council came back from closed session regarding the open position at the Gonzales Police Department; they voted unanimously to remove the interim status from GPD Assistant Chief Gayle Autry's title and name him the new GPD chief.

Autry replaces former police chief Tim Crow, who took the position of city manager in December 2022.

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Cloud speaks to Gonzales GOP about changes in Congress

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Congressman Michael Cloud updated constituents about changes that have happened in the U.S. House of Representatives since the Republicans regained the majority in January during a visit to Gonzales on Thursday, April 13.

Cloud, who represents the 27th Congressional District, met with

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EMS BREAKS GROUND



VANDY VAN EPPS

The Gonzales County EDS 1 officially broke ground of their new EDS Central Station Thursday, April 13 across from the La Quinta Inn on Highway 183.



Cruz, Cloud lambast China's Swidan death sentence

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz called a Chinese court's decision to reinforce a death sentence for Luling native Mark Swidan "completely unacceptable" and vowed, as a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to work to secure his release from a Chinese prison.

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. Michael Cloud, R-Victoria, condemned the Chinese Communist Party for its hardline stance against Swidan, one of his own constituents.

Swidan has been imprisoned since 2012 when, while Swidan was preparing to leave China after a trip procuring furnishings for his home and business, Chinese police entered his hotel room and arrested him on suspicion of being part of a criminal drug organization. Swidan's attorneys as well as his supporters, including Cruz and Cloud, have called the charges bogus and without merit.



Mark Swidan

Party has unjustly detained Mark Swidan for over a decade," Cruz said. "They have subjected him to physical and psychological abuse and atrocities. Today's announcement is an escalation in this detention and abuse. It's completely unacceptable.

"Mark Swidan was convicted and sentenced to death on false charges. The Chinese court's decision today is outrageous. It confirms that China is engaged in hostage taking and hostage blackmail. They aspire to be part of the community of nations, but these tactics are those used exclusively by Third

World despots."

Cruz called Swidan's conditions "dire" and said the Biden administration "should use every tool available to secure Mark's safe return to Texas."

"It is clear that the Chinese Communist Party is committed to continuing their blackmail until the U.S. uses appropriate leverage to secure his release," Cruz added.

"This decision by the People's Republic of China is egregious and should be roundly condemned," Cloud added. "Mark Swidan has been wrongfully detained for 10 years subjecting him and his family to outrageous human rights abuses. It has to end.

"Bringing Mark home to his family should be a top priority for this Administration. I have called on the Administration to use all tools at their disposal to secure his release and will continue to push for legislative action in Congress. It is my hope that in light of this decision, the State Department will take swift steps to expedite Mark's

case and secure his immediate release."

In February, Cruz and Cloud introduced a joint resolution supporting Swidan's release. Swidan was tried in November 2013 by the Jiangmen Intermediate People's Court with 10 other defendants. After 21 delays approved by the Guangdong High Court and the Supreme People's Court, the court found Swidan guilty and sentenced him to death with a two-year reprieve in 2019.

No drugs were ever recovered from Mark Swidan or his hotel room, nor did the Chinese prosecution ever produce any forensic evidence such as text messages or emails implicating him. Also, records in Swidan's passport indicate he was not in China during the time of the offense, and the other individuals indicted related to the conspiracy could not identify Swidan.

Swidan is being held in inhumane conditions in a detention facility intended to hold individuals for up to

48 hours. As a result, he has not slept in the dark in over 10 years and has been subjected to extreme heat in the summer months and freezing cold in the winter. Mark also endures physical abuse by his captors and is denied medical assistance.

Swidan's conviction relied on evidence that he once visited a factory that police found had once been used to manufacture drugs, according to the Dui Hua Foundation, a nonprofit that focuses on gaining clemency and better treatment for detainees.

The Dui Hua Foundation report said that Swidan has lost more than 100 pounds since being detained.

The U.N. review also highlighted Swidan's deteriorating health and the bleak conditions he has been detained in, adding that he has been subjected to "severe psychological torture for the purpose of extracting a confession."

The Texas Tribune contributed to this report.

Annual Jim Price Cleanup is Saturday

FROM STAFF REPORTS

It's spring in Gonzales, and everyone knows what that means — spring cleaning time has arrived.

The City of Gonzales has announced the date for the annual Jim Price Communitywide Cleanup Day. The annual event is scheduled from 8 a.m. until noon, Saturday, April 22, at Apache football field parking lot.

As usual, Gonzales residents must line up by noon from Tate Street/St. Paul Street and must present proof of residency with a recent utility bill. Items that may be dumped include trash, batteries, dry paint, scrap metal, appliances, and electronics. No concrete, roofing shingles, brush or tires are accepted — no exceptions.

Dr. Jim Price began practicing general medicine in town in 1948 and continued to see patients in Gonzales until his retirement in 2003. Not only did he deliver a great number of Gonzaleans via home births, but he also was known for performing house calls and the manner in which he treated his patients with respect.

On his daily jog (and later walk) in the morning, Price would carry a bag to pick up every scrap of trash that he found along his path. Seeing this middle-aged doctor picking up trash every morning along the sidewalks of Gonzales was a surprise to many driving by. In his honor, the city of Gonzales has declared the Saturday closest to April 22 as the "Jim Price Communitywide Cleanup Day" for the past 20 years.

Price passed away at the age of 92 in May 2013 but his memory lives on in the annual community cleanup named for him.

For information or to organize a civic or business team to clean up neighborhoods or public areas, call the City of Gonzales to reserve a cleanup area in neighborhoods or public areas. Information regarding supplies and schedule may be addressed to City Hall at 830-672-2815 or visit www.gonzales.texas.gov.



Price



Gonzales ISD partners with VC

SPECIAL TO INQUIRER

On Monday, April 17, the Gonzales Independent School District (GISD) met with Victoria College officials to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which green-lights three new opportunities in the College Career and Military Readiness (CCMR) career pathways for GISD students.

The new partnership discussed for several months, seeks to increase accessibility to exposure to college-level and skilled opportunities for GISD students. As exploration in the partnership's plumbing, electrical, and hvac profession increased, Mr. Dwayne Maly, Victoria College's Director of Industrial Programs, provided students with a hands-on opportunity to explore each career in a shop setting utilizing tools of the trade. An interest survey followed the visit.

As pathway options were gaining momentum on campus, the possibility of offering this as a lottery option is possible for next year, added Gonzales High School's AP of CCMR & Accountability, Mrs. Wendy Cox. Course scheduling for plumbing and electrical courses for the 2023-2024 school year are underway and will expand to hvac in the future. Dr. Elmer Avellaneda discussed bringing real-world opportunities coupled with strong academic and technical skills to GISD students after the Board of Trustees approved the District's direction and strategic plan.

"The goal is to set students up for success," said Dr. Elmer Avellaneda. "This is a historic turning point for our scholars. We are continually exploring options, and launching the partnership with Victoria College will give our students more choices in high-demand fields

while earning industry certifications. Providing a path toward well-paying careers right here in our community."

The high school has been moving towards expanding students' options and opportunities to ensure Apaches are future-ready. Students earn a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Level 1 and Level 2 certification within two years.

In attendance of the MOU signing were Victoria College, President, Dr. Jennifer Kent, Elmer Avellaneda, Gonzales ISD Superintendent, Ross Hendershot, Gonzales ISD Board President, Cindy Buchholz, Executive VP of Instruction, Dr. Betsy Crane, CTE Dean, Melissa Robinson, Gonzales Center Assistant Manager, Dwayne Maly, Director of CE Industrial Trades, Wendy Cox, Gonzales High School's AP of CCMR & Accountability.

Clear out clutter at DuBose shred event

FROM STAFF REPORTS

DuBose Insurance Agency in Gonzales is holding a community wide shred event in the DuBose Insurance parking lot on Saturday, April 22.

This drive-thru event is open to the public from 8 a.m. to noon and all paper documents are accepted. Stapled documents will be accepted; however, all binder clips, paper clips, etc., should be removed before dropping off the items for disposal.

This is a safe-secure shred and is being held in recognition of Earth Day 2023, so clear out your garage, your file cabinet, your counters and your desk drawers and participate in a neater, cleaner environment for all this year.

Rotary to host blood drive

The Gonzales Rotary Club will host a blood drive for South Texas Blood & Tissue from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 25.

The blood bus will be in the parking lot of the Victoria College Gonzales Center. Donors will take home a South Texas Blood & Tissue T-Shirt. Sign-ups are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, go to SouthTexasBlood.org.

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Celebrations Birthdays

April 20th Paris Flach Glen Holcombe Caitlyn Kistler Ashton Miller Sara Perez	April 23rd Paisley Jo Ramos
April 21st Michelle Dolezal Ann Marie Othold	April 24th Megan Massey Gloria Martinez Ralph Null Brittany Salazar
April 22nd Cindy Breitschopf-Davis Rebecca Bujnoch Chase Nesloney	April 25th Landon Bozka Jane Clark Daniels Amy Gibson Carol Martin
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Gonzales Weather

	April 20 87°/70°	Breezy with a shower or two 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 86
	April 21 82°/56°	Cloudy with a shower in spots 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 82
	April 22 76°/56°	Sun, then clouds 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 75
	April 23 79°/57°	Cloudy 8% chance of rain • RealFeel 78
	April 24 78°/60°	Mostly cloudy 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 83
	April 25 81°/59°	Sun and clouds 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 84
	April 26 84°/61°	Mostly cloudy 3% chance of rain • RealFeel 84

Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

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CONTRIBUTED

Seven scholarship winners of the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's (FWSSR) Heifer Superintendent's Beef Challenge received \$64,000 in scholarships. Pictured from left are Dave Monaghan, Ansley Campbell, Weston Brooks, Lauren "Beth" Lambert, Miranda L. Skaggs, Halle Houck, Karley Rayfield, Savay Sexton, Rusty Anderson and Tom Woodward.

Sexton places first in FWSSR Beef Challenge, wins \$16,000 scholarship

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Savay Sexton, a Gonzales County 4-H member, won a \$16,000 scholarship after placing first in the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's 15th

Annual Heifer Superintendent's Beef Challenge. Organized by the Superintendents of the Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show, Beef Challenge is a unique contest subjecting a participant's knowledge of beef cattle production to a rigorous test.

A written exam covering a myriad of cattle production subjects must first be conquered. Qualifying scores advance a select number of students to the contest's oral presentation segment. There, they give a two-minute speech on the merits of the breed of heifer they are exhibiting at the Stock Show. Open to high school seniors, participants must have exhibited at the FWSSR's Junior Breeding Beef Heifer Show two years, including the year they compete in the Beef Challenge.

The Heifer Superintendent's Beef Challenge is presented by Texas Capital Bank and supporting

sponsors include: HOLT CAT, Fort Worth Stock Show Masonic Lodge #1460 and Lisa and Milton Millman. Seven scholarships totaling \$64,000 were awarded this year. To date, 124 students have received scholarships totaling \$968,000.

"Students who take part in this challenge demonstrate a keen sense of the skills they will need to succeed in an agricultural career," said long-time Show Superintendent, Tom Woodward. "The ability to thoughtfully process and execute a plan of action is important for any professional or personal endeavor."

Garden
Q&A
with
CALVIN
FINCH



Coffee grounds can be handy

Q. Are coffee grounds of any value as much or in the compost pile?

A. Coffee grounds are useful for both roles because they are organic material in a form that is easy to use in either role. The grounds decompose relatively quickly and integrate easily with soil materials. Coffee grounds, however, are not a high source of nitrogen or even a potent acidic organic source, so don't overvalue the material.

Q. Does a "Bubba desert willow" work as a shade tree on a lawn in full sun? Its blooms are beautiful, and I understand that it is drought tolerant.

A. This is an interesting question because the desert willow trees are very drought tolerant, so drought tolerant, that they don't prosper in the middle of a lawn that receives generous irrigation. It is often too moist for them. It is better to use the desert willow as a lawn tree on a lawn where it is not being watered and use an anaqua, Lacey oak, or crape myrtle as the lawn tree.

Q. I quite often hear from lawn care specialists that dog urine will cause dead spots in the lawn, but despite having more than one dog at a time live with me for 40 years never see the damage they talk about. Is it someone's imagination or what?

A. I have had a similar experience. I have seen urine killed spots in the lawns of the far north where the ground freezes and urine deposits accumulate in one spot over the winter but nothing like it in Texas. We will just have to keep questioning such claims until the "urine spot claimers" realize their claims are mistaken.

Q. What are some of the flowers or foliage plants we can use for color in the shade in the summer landscape?

A. Among the choices are semperfloren begonias, pentas, coleus, firespike, caladium, and "whopper begonias".

Q. Can we go ahead and plant okra now? If we plant okra, how do we control the fire ants that swarm all over the plants?

A. The fire ants are harvesting the aphids and their honey dew. Obtain one of the fire ant control products with Spinosad as an active ingredient and that is labeled for use in vegetable gardens. It makes it a lot easier to manage the okra production.

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK

April 15
Cattle: 953
Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold 2.00-3.00 lower.
Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 250-270; 300-400 lbs., 252-285; 400-500 lbs., 238-263; 500-600 lbs., 215-240; 600-700 lbs., 191-205; 700-800 lbs., 172-188. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 80-115.
Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 235-260; 300-400 lbs., 220-230; 400-500 lbs., 199-238; 500-600 lbs., 191-197; 600-700 lbs., 173-187.
Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 63-83; Cutters, 92-110; Canners, 45-72; High yielding fat cows, 84-82.
Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 119-124; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 105-115.

Stockers Cows: \$750 to \$1,150. Pairs: \$850 to \$1,900.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

April 17
Cattle - 1012
Steers:
200-300 lbs - \$210-220-300
300-400 lbs - \$209-219-295
400-500 lbs - \$205-215-255
500-600 lbs - \$191-201-245
600-700 lbs - \$174-184-209
700-800 lbs - \$173-183-200
Heifers:
200-300 lbs - \$229-239-265
300-400 lbs - \$186-196-280
400-500 lbs - \$188-198-285
500-600 lbs - \$171-181-233
600-700 lbs - \$166-176-265
700-800 lbs - \$148-158-173
Slaughter Cows - \$45-103
Slaughter Bulls - \$90-123
Stocker Cows - \$650-1100
Pairs: \$1000-1675

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

April 14, 2023
Number of head 1,536
There were 243 cows and 29 bulls. The packer market was a little higher on both packer cows and bulls. Top packer cow was

at \$111/cwt while the top packer bull was at \$128/cwt. The calf market was much higher for second sale in a row. Average price was over \$4.60/cwt higher and value per head over \$20 more. Strong demand after record setting fat cattle prices coupled with a softer market for corn pushed the market to new heights.
Packer bulls: 93.00-128.00
Packer cows: 85.00-111.00
canners & cutters 30.00-50.00
poor & weak 100.00-130.00
Palpated: 18 bred
PAIRS: 4 \$1,125-1,375
Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 200 lbs. N O N E
200-249 lbs. N O N E
250-299 lbs. N O N E
300-350 lbs. 217.00-260.00
350-400 lbs. 216.00-274.00
400-450 lbs. 226.00-270.00
450-500 lbs. 217.00-250.00
500-550 lbs. 215.00-248.00
550-600 lbs. 203.00-236.00
600-700 lbs. 191.00-213.00
700-800 lbs. 171.00-194.00
Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 250lbs 234.00-286.00
250-300 lbs. 248.00-295.00
300-350 lbs. 224.00-284.00
350-400 lbs. 221.00-268.00
400-450 lbs. 219.00-280.00
450-500 lbs. 209.00-260.00
500-550 lbs. 207.00-248.00
550-600 lbs. 200.00-240.00
600-700 lbs. 189.00-218.00
Over 700 lbs. 153.00-196.00
Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
under 200 lbs. N O N E
200-250 lbs. 228.00-268.00
250-300 lbs. 207.00-278.00
300-350 lbs. 223.00-260.00
350-400 lbs. 203.00-258.00
400-450 lbs. 196.00-234.00
450-500 lbs. 192.00-260.00
500-550 lbs. 186.00-216.00
550-600 lbs. 182.00-205.00
600-700 lbs. 165.00-200.00
Over 700 lbs. 147.00-178.00

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1000-1375
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:
Number 1 steer & bull calves:
Under 200 lbs.: \$210-300
200-300 lbs.: \$220-290
300-400 lbs.: \$215-295
400-500 lbs.: \$210-260
500-600 lbs.: \$195-245
600-700 lbs.: \$178-220
700-800 lbs.: \$162-192.50
Number 1 heifer calves:
Under 200 lbs.: \$190-255
200-300 lbs.: \$185-260
300-400 lbs.: \$190-255
400-500 lbs.: \$185-245
500-600 lbs.: \$180-225
600-700 lbs.: \$172-205
700-800 lbs.: \$155-185
Replacement Heifers:
350-750 lbs.: \$185-270
The calf market continues to strengthen each week. All classes and weights or calves sold \$2 to \$6 higher. Our area received some much needed rainfall of mostly 5" to 10". Packer cows sold \$2 higher on a total supply of 125 yead.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

April 12
Quality of cattle overall good. Stocker cattle 3-5 better with packer cows and bulls steady. Cattle - 509
Sheep & goats - 840
Medium & large frame #1 Steers:
200-300 lb. .70-1.80-2.70
300-400 lb. .75-1.91-3.00
400-500 lb. .30-1.93-2.82
500-600 lb. .55-1.76-2.56
600-700 lb. 1.55-1.90-2.14
700-850 lb. 1.15-1.63-1.90
Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:
200-300 lb. .80-1.78-2.55
300-400 lb. .60-1.68-2.45
400-500 lb. .60-1.73-2.35
500-600 lb. .65-1.57-2.16
600-750 lb. 1.10-1.58-1.80
Cows:
Utility & commercial - 72-117-92
Cutters - 65-72-79
Canners - 50-59-68
Palpated cow - NONE
Cow/Calf Pairs - 1450-1550
Bulls:
Heavy High Yielding - 1.06-1.26
Light & Low Yielding - .72-1.05
Sheep & Goats:
Nannies - 40-235
Kid Goats (Fat) - 3.00-3.40
Wethers - 1.70-2.95
Billies - 1.80-2.32
Dorp. Ewes - 50-150
Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 2.80-3.20
Wooled Ewes - 80-110
Wooled Bucks - 1.30-1.82
Lambs - 1.95-2.60
Barb. Bucks - 250-440

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Utility & Fat Cows: \$70-102
Low dressing canner cows: \$52-72
Poor/Weak: \$42-55
Packer Bulls:
Heavyweight Bulls: \$115-127
Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$98-115
Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$88-98
Stocker Cows:
Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$1300-1550
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$900-1250

Honoring our history on San Jacinto Day

BY U.S. SENATOR JOHN CORNYN, R-TEXAS

As Texans, we celebrate unique holidays that pay tribute to the extraordinary history of our state and the courageous individuals who shaped it. There's Texas Independence Day, Cesar Chavez Day, Emancipation Day, and San Jacinto Day, which we'll celebrate on Friday, April 21.

This year, Texans will commemorate the 187th anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto, the final battle of the Texas Revolution when General Sam Houston commanded the Texan army to a decisive victory over General Antonio López de Santa Anna's Mexican army, bringing a successful outcome to Texas' fight for independence.

This conflict came just weeks after Texas' defeat at the infamous Battle of the Alamo, when Mexican forces occupied the small mission in San Antonio. Texan soldiers fought valiantly at the Alamo and held out to the bitter end. Word of their heroism spread quickly among Texas forces and helped to inspire their great display of courage in the Battle of San Jacinto.

Before the Battle of San Jacinto, General Houston was quoted as saying, "It is vain to look for present aid: none is at hand. We must now act or abandon all hope! Rally to the standard, and be no longer the scoff of mercenary tongues!"

In a battle that lasted only 18 minutes, General Houston and approximately 800 Texan soldiers surprised and defeated a Mexican force of more than 1,500, yelling, "Remember the Alamo," as they rushed into battle. Following the battle, the Texan army captured General Santa Anna, forcing a treaty for Texas' independence in exchange for his freedom. The Republic of Texas operated as a sovereign nation for nearly a decade before it joined the Union and became part of the United States of America.

There are countless ways for Texans to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto and honor the brave soldiers who fought for Texas' independence.

The San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association in La Porte hosts a day of fun and educational activities. Visitors can watch reenactments of the battle including cannons, musket fire, and authentic clothing, and they're certain to hear countless shouts of, "Remember the Alamo."

Texans don't have to travel to see and appreciate the incredible story of the Battle of San Jacinto. The San Jacinto Museum of History, the Texas Historical Commission, and other organizations have countless resources online to ensure Texans of all ages can understand and appreciate the pivotal role this battle played in the history of our state and our nation.

Today, Texans still cherish the same values as the brave soldiers who secured our independence: courage, devotion, fortitude, and an unwavering fidelity to freedom. On the 187th anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto, we honor the courage and sacrifice of the brave Texans who forever shaped our great country. They will never be forgotten.

Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Finance, Intelligence, and Judiciary Committees.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,
I love to read. I read everything I can. I live at the Rhomberg House and I don't know what I would do if I didn't have a book to read!

We have a wonderful library, thanks to Mrs. Brothers. It is just what we need. Most of the time, I call and they have the book I'm wanting to read.

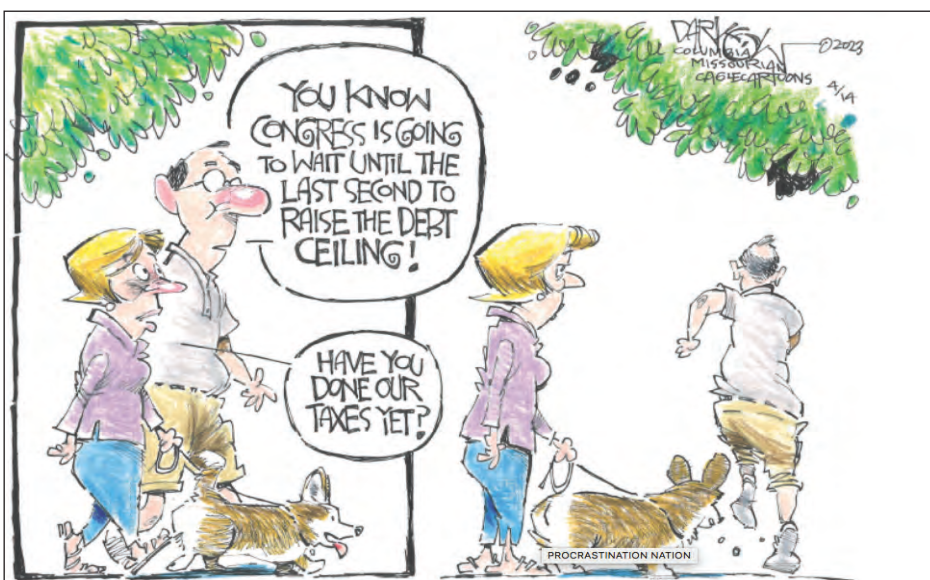
However, there have been times that I want a certain book and I'm told they don't have it. Why? Well, somebody checked it out and never returned it. Unfortunately, this has happened to me a number of times.

People of Gonzales, as far as I'm concerned, this is a "crime" of "theft." You are a criminal!

Shame on you! Return those books so others may enjoy them too!

P.S. Maybe their names should be published?

Beverly Beeson
Gonzales



Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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

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

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

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The Inquirer will not knowingly publish factually incorrect information.

Only letters written exclusively to the newspaper will be published. Letters to a third party or those written to more than one newspaper are not accepted. "Wallpaper" – submissions that are in large part copied-and-pasted from another author or organization – will not be published.

Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand. Discourse should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner. Letters referring to news stories should also mention the headline and date of publication.

All letters must be signed and include the writer's street address or route address telephone number, which will be used for verification purposes only.

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



DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Judgmental me...

Way back when, I agreed to serve as judge of pageants held annually in Fort Stockton and DeLeon. I — and another couple of judges — were to select queens of the Water Festival and the Peach and Melon Festival, respectively.

It shouldn't have been "rocket surgery," but I didn't realize that I would be detested (or near thereto) by all attendees, save the families of the winners.

One guy chanced to attend both festivals. Disgustedly, he called me "an equal opportunity offender." Upon hearing this snarky comment, I vowed to let others fill judging roles at all such future events....

Quite unexpectedly, I'm breaking my own rule, the one regarding repositioning of myself to onlooker status. You'll understand more two paragraphs hence.

When my wife and I boarded the Ruby Princess in Galveston for our first cruise in almost four years, we anticipated good food, pampered treatment and a wide array of entertainment.

We did NOT, however, expect to be privileged to enjoy the most entertaining personality we've ever seen on 25 or so cruises over the past two decades....

Tom Franek is billed as a "pianist/singer/comedian," and if "best" preceded the billing, you'll get no argument from us.



Franek

He is proud, of course, of his piano accomplishments, including recordings considered for three Grammy Award nominations. After playing all sports in grade

school in his hometown of Northfield, MN, he gravitated toward the arts in high school. Then he studied music at St. Olaf College, where he was awarded the Bachelor of Music degree.

Tom throws his best self into every performance, with sweat to prove it. He has learned to wipe away the droplets every few minutes, because when moisture enters a microphone, it goes dead....

He is beyond animated, twisting himself into unlikely positions at — or near — the piano. The contortions include — but are not limited to — standing on his head, sliding under the piano with his hands reaching the keys, and sitting backwards on the piano bench. Fearless, he takes on Chopin, Gershwin and others.

He admits that there have been unexpected challenges. He has endured broken strings, faulty benches and captains making announcements that override his music.

The entertainer, with a half-dozen suits of various bright colors (when wearing red attire, he claims sponsorship of Heinz ketchup), once had a substantial problem. His seat-of-the-pants stitching split when he was positioning to play from underneath the piano. He calmly addressed what had happened to those who didn't know, then kept on going, keeping his frontside toward the audience, never revealing his backside. (Now, his suits have reinforced stitching in strategic places.)....

Who is he like? He reminds us of many late, well-known entertainers, including Mark Russell, political satirist and pianist in Washington, DC, for 30 years; classical pianist Liberace and zany Jerry Lee Lewis.

He has performed for more than a decade for nine cruise lines. Princess Cruise Lines booked him first. In 2018, he was named the cruise line's "entertainer of the year."

Tom is personable, appreciative, accommodating, gracious and thankful, hoping one day to offer programs dominated by his own compositions....

The youngest of three children of Northfield's fire chief and a nurse, he is proud of his Midwest upbringing. He is humble to the core, beginning each show with, "How's everybody doin'?" answering, "Pretty darn good!"

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Ecobricks

Some soft plastics are not recyclable and end up in landfills.

People around the world are using these soft plastics to make ecobricks. Ecobricks are plastic bottles tightly packed with wrappers and other soft plastics. They can be used for building walls, furniture, play structures, houses and more.

All it takes is imagination and some plastic bottles and plastic waste.

Can you find these things hidden in the ecobrick?

The Plastic Problem

Over 380 million tons of plastic is produced every year. The world uses 500 billion single-use plastic bags every year. A plastic bag is used for only 15 minutes on average, but the plastic itself can last more than 1,000 years!

Plastic pollution is a big problem, but people around the world are finding solutions. Ecobricks is one of the solutions.

Ecobricks can be set in concrete to build walls for homes, planter boxes and much more.

Standards Link: Solutions for human impact on ecosystems.

Kid Scoop Together Picture Crossword

Using the pictures as clues, work with a family member to fill in the missing letters.

How to Make an Ecobrick

Stuff you need:

- Plastic bottles (including lids)
- Clean and dry plastic garbage
- Scissors
- A stick that is at least the length of the bottle
- Scales
- Permanent markers (for writing on the bottle)

What to do:

STEP 1: Make sure your plastic materials are clean and dry.

STEP 2: Add small pieces of plastic, plastic bags and other kinds of clean plastic to the bottle. Use the stick to push more plastic in as you fill the bottle.

STEP 3: Pack it tight. Tip: mix up soft and hard plastic. Don't overfill it. There should be 1-2 cm between the cap and the plastic inside.

STEP 4: Choose a project to support. Find out if there are any local community projects that are looking for ecobrick donations. If you can't find one, there are hundreds online to get involved in.

What can go in an ecobrick?

Do the math under each item. Even-numbered answers can go in ecobricks. Odd-numbered answers can not. Circle the things that can go into an ecobrick bottle in green and cross out the things that can't in red.

PLASTIC BAGS 4+4+4=	STYROFOAM 6+4+2=
FOOD WASTE 3+7+5=	PAPER 2+8+9=
STRAWS 3+7+4=	GLASS 7+7+7=
CELLOPHANE 8+4+6=	METAL 1+1+3=

Ecobricks are sometimes called **bottle bricks**. Why do you think that name fits?

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How much should an ecobrick weigh?

A 2-liter bottle should weigh about 1 1/2 pounds when full of clean plastic.

Look very carefully. Can you find the ecobrick that's different than all the others?

Standards Link: Understand point of view using visual cues.

Double Double Word Search

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

W	L	G	X	J	C	L	E	A	N
D	N	R	W	A	L	S	E	K	
S	X	E	B	C	F	F	P	K	C
W	D	E	O	I	M	Y	F	Q	I
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R	K	T	T	S	L	W	T	D	S
T	C	O	L	A	B	O	P	A	C
S	A	N	E	L	O	R	C	Q	R
G	P	S	S	P	R	L	G	A	Z
S	G	A	B	E	P	D	H	J	L

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

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Bags & Badges

Bingo! Everyone was a winner because everyone had a great time at the 10th annual Bingo, Bags and Badges fundraiser for Norma's House at JB Wells Expo Center on Friday, April 14. The event featured law enforcement modeling designer purses and raising money through tips as well from excited players. Deane Novosad, executive director of Norma's House, said the event raised more than \$61,000 for the children's advocacy center — a new record.

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LCRA employees give back during Steps Forward Day

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Hundreds of Lower Colorado River Authority employees fanned out across parts of Texas to volunteer on dozens of community projects during LCRA's annual day of service, Steps Forward Day.

On Friday, April 14, LCRA employees in Gonzales cleaned up brush in the Brickyard section of Independence Park.

Other Steps Forward Day projects ranged from painting benches at four downtown parks in San Angelo to laying sod in Lexington's town square to planting shrubs and painting play obstacles in a maze at Legacy Park in El Campo.

"Steps Forward Day gives us the opportunity to give back and say thank you to our customer communities," LCRA General Manager Phil Wilson said. "This year, about 640 employees volunteered to work on projects communities may not have the time or resources to complete on their own."

Wilson said community

service is an important part of LCRA.

"This day is about more than working hard on community projects," Wilson said. "It's about working with our customers and helping make our part of the world a little better."

This year, LCRA employees volunteered on 34 Steps Forward Day projects in 30 communities: Austin, Bastrop, Brenham, Burnet, Cuero, Dripping Springs, El Campo, Flatonia, Fredericksburg, Goldthwaite, Gonzales, Hempstead, Kingsland, La Grange, Lexington, Llano, Lockhart, Luling, New Braunfels, Pflugerville, Round Rock, San Angelo, San Marcos, San Saba, Schulenburg, Shiner, Smithville, Sunrise Beach Village, Weimar and Wimberley.

LCRA launched its Steps Forward employee volunteer program in 2015. LCRA works with its customers to identify service projects in their communities, supplies the labor and helps provide the materials needed to complete the projects. For more information, visit www.lcra.org/stepsforward.



GREEN CLOVER 4H

Green Clover 4-H members Teresa Cunningham and Reese Holton, both 10, received tips for their hard work while volunteering and gave that money back to the Master Gardener Club to build character and learn to help the community by serving. Both girls are fourth graders at North Avenue Intermediate.

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Sales Tax Holiday for emergency supplies April 22-24

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

With the severe weather season upon us, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds Texans they can purchase certain items tax-free during the state's sales tax holiday for emergency preparation supplies, which begins at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, and ends at midnight on Monday, April 24.

"While we can't know in advance when the next flood, tornado or hurricane may strike, we can make sure our families, homes and businesses have the supplies they need to face these and other emergencies," Hegar said. "This tax holiday can help Texans save money while stocking up for emergency situations. Don't wait for disaster to strike. Take the time now to get prepared."

The Comptroller's office estimates shoppers will save nearly \$2 million in state and local sales taxes during the tax holiday, which was approved by the Texas Legislature in 2015.

There's no limit on the number of qualifying items you can purchase. These include:

- household batteries, fuel containers and flashlights priced less than \$75;
- hurricane shutters and emergency ladders priced less than \$300; and
- portable generators priced less than \$3,000.

For purchases made online, note that delivery, shipping, handling and transportation charges are part of the sales price. Consider these charges when determining whether an emergency preparation supply

can be purchased tax-free during the holiday.

For example, if you purchase a rescue ladder online for \$299 with a \$10 delivery charge, the total sales price is \$309. Because the total sales price of the ladder is more than \$300, tax is due on the \$309 sales price.

Purchases that **do not** qualify include:

- batteries for automobiles, boats and other motorized vehicles;
- camping stoves and camping supplies;
- chainsaws;
- plywood;
- extension ladders, stepladders;
- tents.

A list of emergency preparation supplies that may be purchased tax-free can be found on the Comptroller's website.



LCRA employees clean up brush in Independence Park in Gonzales during LCRA's Steps Forward Day on April 14. During the annual day of service, employees worked on more than 30 community projects throughout the LCRA service territory.

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Registration open for VC's summer, fall classes

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Beginning April 17, new and returning students can enroll in Victoria College's traditional classes for the Summer Interim, Summer I and Summer II sessions as well as for the Fall 2023 semester.

Payment plans are available for students. Students can also apply for financial aid and scholarships.

Information on classes offered, registration dates, times, and payments can be viewed at VictoriaCollege.edu/ClassSchedule.

Eligible students can register online via the Pirate Portal any time registration is open. Students can also schedule an in-person or virtual meeting with an advisor by visiting VictoriaCollege.edu/Advising.

Additionally, Victoria College

has simplified the process for students who attend another institution and who wish to enroll in summer classes while home for the summer. Most admissions requirements are satisfied through partnership between the student's home institution and Victoria College.

For more information, visit VictoriaCollege.edu/ClassSchedule or call Victoria College at (361) 573-3291.

Shiner Chamber announces Lunch & Learn

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Shiner Chamber of Commerce presents a Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, April 25 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Shiner Boggy Creek Clubhouse (554 CR 350,

Shiner) for networking and lunch sponsored by Shiner Boggy Creek Clubhouse.

During lunch there will be a presentation by the UHV Small Business Development Center and a representative from the Office of Governor Greg Abbott regard-

ing the Texas Travel Industry Recovery Grant Program (TTIR).

Seating is limited. Attendees are asked to pre-register by April 20 at shinertx.com/lunchandlearn. Chamber Members and non-members are welcome to attend!

Victoria College offers hobby welding class

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College is offering a Hobby Welding class from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 22 and 29 at the Liberty Street Industrial Training Center at 1404 N. Liberty Street.

The hands-on training class will cover the basics of welding, including safety measures, basic oxyfuel cutting, stick welding, and mig welding. No experience is necessary.

The cost is \$375 and includes supplies. Students must wear boots, jeans, and long-sleeved shirt.

The deadline to register is Monday, April 17.

For more information on this course or others offered by VC's Workforce & Continuing Education Department, call (361) 582-2528, email WCE@VictoriaCollege.edu, or visit VictoriaCollege.edu/WCE.

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OBITUARIES

CATHY McCAULEY



Victoria — Cathy Ann McCauley, 60, passed away on April 11, 2023. She was born on September 16, 1962, to the late John and Nellie Rockenbaugh Jr. in El Campo, Texas. Cathy grew up in Palacios and was a proud graduate of Palacios High School Class of 1981. During high school, she was a Baton Twirler and Drum Major for the Fighting Shark Band and involved in Future Teachers of America, Future Homemakers of America, and an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Palacios.

After graduating from high school, Cathy attended Wharton County Jr. College before completing her Bachelor of Science in Education degree at The University of Houston in 1985. She later obtained her Master's degree in science from Corpus Christi State University in 1989. Cathy's love for children led her to spend the next 30 years educating young minds, primarily in Gonzales County.

In 1981, Cathy met Robert McCauley at the El Maton National Hall, and they quickly fell in love. During their younger years, their favorite times together involved country music and dancing. They were married on July 12, 1986. She and Robert welcomed their first daughter, Tiffany, in July of 1990 and completed their family with the birth of their second daughter, Chelsea, in July of 1999. Cathy was a loving and supportive wife and mother, always encouraging her family's dreams and aspirations. She was their biggest cheerleader and enjoyed helping them succeed. In 2015, she became "Nana" to her first grandson Bryson Absher, and later to Emma and Owen Absher. She held an unbreakable bond with them that was full of love and admiration.

Cathy found joy in the small things in life and was a timid, strong, and fun-loving woman with a contagious smile and laugh. She cherished her family time and enjoyed traveling, whether it was a quick trip to a new restaurant or a ride through the hill country on Robert's motorcycle, she was always ready to get away for a good time.

Words of comfort, condolences, and fond memories may be shared with the family at www.rosewood-funeralchapel.com.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of South Texas Dornburg Center of Compassion. The address is 1005 Mallette Drive, Victoria, Texas 77904.

Words of comfort, condolences, and fond memories may be shared with the family at www.rosewood-funeralchapel.com.

On Saturday April 15, 2023 Robin Elizabeth Damon Paskie went home to be with her heavenly father surrounded by her family, she was 63 years old. She was born on August 2, 1959 in Nuremberg, Germany to William Aubrey Damon and Josephine Ferguson. She is preceded in death by her father William Aubrey Damon, her Grandparents William Wesley & Minnie Mae Damon & Felix Monroe & Melissa Jane Ferguson, cousins Connie Cloyd & Kenny Cloyd, her Aunt Violet Cloyd, her Uncle Robert & Aunt Delores Ferguson. Robin graduated from Gonzales High School in 1979. After Graduation she started working with Autistic children and was recognized for her dedication and the love she gave to each one. Then she went on to become a caregiver. Robin was baptized at the age of 12 at the First Baptist Church in Luling.

ROBIN ELIZABETH DAMON PASKIE



To some she was known as a loving mother, daughter, sister but to her nieces and nephews she was known as Aunt Ra Ra. Robin loved cooking, baking, reading, spending time with family and friends. She also loved going shopping with Donna, Electra & Tandra. She loved her old-time country music and going dancing. But the most important and favorite thing she cherished were her beloved son

Robin is survived by her Mother Josephine Ferguson, of Luling, her

two loving sons Rode Paskie and girlfriend Falon Rucker of Bulverde, and Paul Allen Gescheidle and wife Cheryl of De Soto, her sister Margie "Doodie" Damon Cain, of New Braunfels, sister Donna Kay Damon Martin and husband Scotty of Luling, her brother Bubba Damon and wife Tandra of Luling. Her nieces Shawn 'Na Cain of New Braunfels, Brandi Greeson and Husband Ryan of New Braunfels, Kourtney Fuchs and husband Billy of Caldwell, RaVana Damon Curry and Husband Howard of Luling, Her nephews Justin Martin of Luling, James Damon of Luling and Colton Greeson of New Braunfels. Great nieces Emilie Rose, Sierra, Allyssa Fuchs of Caldwell Rhianna Deese & Alliyah Martin of Luling & Aubrie Faye Curry of Luling. A Special Thank you to Terry Elley who came and sat with Robin while she was in the nurs-

ing home. Her lifelong friends Shirley Johnson, Stephanie Hale, Betty Perez, Dorothy Staton, Dru Goulart, Cindy Gonzales, Melinda Cheatham and numerous extended family and friends. Pallbearers: Scotty Martin, James Damon, Howard Curry, Tito Rosales, Beverly Johnson, Glen Zumwalt, Cody Love and Jeff Peck Honorary Pallbearers: Justin Martin, JoLee Burditt, Mark Williams, Robert Ferguson, Uncle Jimmy Damon, Leonard Martin, Rusty Martin, Randy Martin, Michael "Shorty" Johnson, Johnny Johnson, Ace Fairchild, Scooter Henley, Johnnie Halliburton, Barney Perry and Edward Perry. In remembrance of Robin memorials can be made to the Harwood Cemetery Association, Harwood, Texas.

Services under the direction of O'Bannon Funeral Home, 210 S. Laurel, Luling, TX 78648 (830) 875-5713

CAROLYN AGUSTA REID PARK



Carolyn Augusta Reid Park passed away on March 26, 2023, in Carrollton, Texas. Carolyn was born on June 2, 1937 in Gonzales, Texas. She was the second child of Addison Lumpkin Reid and Margaret Swann Wilson Reid.

Carolyn attended Gonzales schools and graduated from Gonzales High School in 1954. She then attended Baylor University and earned a Bachelor's degree in Choral Music Education in 1958. It was at Baylor that Carolyn met her future husband, Lane Park as fellow trumpet players in the Baylor Band. Carolyn and Lane were later married on August 25, 1959, in Gonzales, Texas.

Carolyn worked as a teacher wherever her husband was called to serve in churches. She taught elementary school music, Junior High and High School choir in Del Rio,

Texas. She taught High School choir and World History in Haltom City, Texas. She taught High School choir in El Paso, Texas. She taught middle school choir in Paris, Texas. Carolyn retired from teaching in 1990. Lane and Carolyn then moved to Frisco, Texas to be closer to their grandchildren.

Carolyn enjoyed playing the trumpet and the piano. She also spent untold hours crocheting crosses that she gave out

to anyone she could as a testimony of her faith.

Later, her husband Lane contracted Alzheimer's disease. While he was living in the memory care facility, she occasionally provided church services to the residents by playing hymns on the piano and reading God's Word. Carolyn eventually moved to an assisted living facility, Sonoma House, in Carrollton, Texas. She made many friends at the facility and often played the keyboard for the other residents to enjoy the music.

During her final days, Carolyn was provided extraordinary and loving care from Faith Presbyterian Hospice.

Carolyn is survived by two sons, Daniel Karl Park (wife Laura) and William Reid Park (wife Carrie). She is also survived by her sister, Margaret Swann Reid and sister-in-law, Carolyn Smith Reid, as

well as 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren and two nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, David Lane Park and her brother, Robert Addison Reid.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm. on Friday, April 28, 2023 at First Baptist Church of Plano, located at 3665 W. President George Bush Hwy, Plano, TX 75075. The service will be livestreamed through fbcplano.org.

Visitation with the family and burial will be held at 3pm on Friday, May 5, 2023 at the Oddfellows cemetery in Gonzales, TX.

The online obituary for posting tributes can be viewed at www.affoplano.com/obituary/carolyn-park

Donations made be made in honor of Carolyn Park to the Baylor University School of Music, Wycliff Bible Translators or Marketplace Ministries.

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JANICE ROBINSON

Janice Ruth Robinson - 92yrs, passed on March 16, 2023 in Bedford, TX from a number of prolonged health issues.

Born February 21, 1931 in Gonzales, Texas to Oscar & Ruth Sauer. Lovingly remembered for her honesty, strength, loyalty, & sense of humor. We will miss her support & conversations.

Preceded in death by her husband of 53 yrs, Malcolm Doss Robinson Jr. in 2001, Janice is survived by daughter Kathie & her husband Van Shuler; son Mark Robinson & his wife Linda; granddaughter Rachael; grandsons Mitch & Alex; 4 great-granddaughters; 1 great-great granddaughter; sister Zelda Konderla and 2 nephews. Graveside memorial held at Oak Grove cemetery in Irving, TX.

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Gonzales Art Group sets annual May Art Show

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Art Group will hold their annual May Art Show in the lobby at Prosperity Bank downtown. The art show will feature works from members and the high school. The art will be on

display starting May 1 during normal banking hours. Come and see all the beautiful works done by your friends, family and neighbors.

There is information on the art group's entries if you are interested in getting in touch with them to purchase or

order art. The Gonzales Art Group meets in the lobby of The Dilworth the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

For more information pick up a flyer at the May Art Show or contact any member. The art group's goal is to promote visual art in the community.

We welcome all ages that have an interest in art. We can all share our knowledge and learn together. For more information feel free to contact Janice Williamson at 830-857-5694 (jsw0883@gmail.com) or Sarah Bailey at 830-857-5695 (swb1203@yahoo.com).

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff
04/09/23 – 04/15/23

04/09/23
• Rose, Aspen Nicole, 12/1992, Manor: Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence w/ Intent to Impair, Released on \$3,500 Bond; Possession Controlled Substance PG 1/1-B <1G; Released on \$3,500 Bond

04/10/23
• Helms, Russell Scott, 10/1993, Nixon: Local Warrant – Assault causes Bodily Injury Family Member, Requires \$1,500 Bond; Remains in Custody

04/11/23
• Dominguez Jr., Rodolfo, 09/1997, Corpus Christi: Local Warrant – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G, Requires \$75,000 Bond; Remains in Custody
• Jones-Miller, Isaiah Trevion, 01/2002, Houston: Local Warrant – Burglary of Habitation, Requires \$75,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

04/14/23
• Garcia, Joe Luis, 11/1987, Waelder: Local Warrant – Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon, Local Warrant – Unlawful Possession Firearm by Felon, Requires \$100,000 Bond; Austin Patrol Hold – Parole Violation; Remains in Custody
• Smith, Tevin Vashaun, 08/1996, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breathing/Circulation; Released – Weekender
• Zavala, Gabriela, 06/1978, Waelder: Commitment/Sentence – theft Property <\$2,500 2/More Previous Convictions; Released – Weekender

Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processing's:

GCSO	07
DPS	03
GPD	03
WPD	03
NPD	01
GISD	00
SMO	00
Constable 1	00
Constable 3	01
Constable 4	00
DWCOS	00
DEA	00
TPW	00
GCAI	00
Rangers	00
Other	00
Total	18

Canyon Regional Water Authority fined \$500

BY CLAYTON KELLEY
For The Inquirer

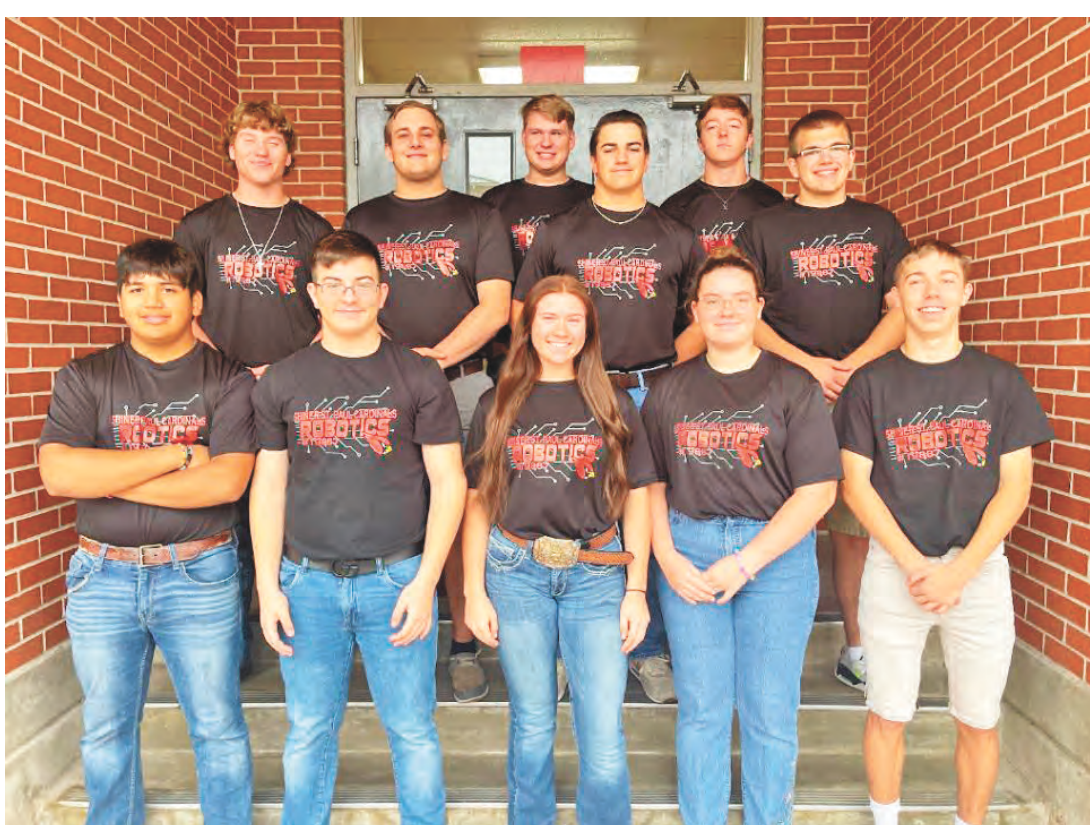
The Canyon Regional Water Authority was fined \$500 for pumping over by 26.57 acre feet for the year 2022 during the Gonzales Underground Water Conservation District board meeting on April 11.

“On behalf of our board, our board of trustees, and the 13 entities that represent Canyon Regional — we apologize for the overage,” Vice Chair Water Director of CRWA Humberto Ramos said.

“We did investigate the overage and we found out it was an operating error. Unfortunately, our operator did not switch off from Gonzales well field to the Guadalupe well field. We did undertake corrective action and we are looking at our standard operating procedures to prevent this from happening.”

The next water level report will be in June.

“We are working on water qualities right now and we are still getting results in,” General Manager of GUWCD Laura Martin said.



Shiner St. Paul Cardinals #19887 robotics team members pictured front row, from left, Ezekiel Basquez, Edison Lekgega, Hailey Radicke, Erica Hunke, and Joseph Davis. Middle row are Gage Anders, Elliott Peters, Nate Boedeker, and Thomas Klozik. Back row are Tate Anders and Nathan Timmons.

St. Paul Robotics Team competes at TAPPS state competition

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Shiner St. Paul Cardinals #19887 robotics team competed in the TAPPS state robotics competition. Although they didn't come

home with a medal, they did an outstanding job.

They improved from last year, which was their first appearance at state, so that's a huge win! Our robotics team is still in its infancy, and we

are so proud of how far they have come. These talented students work on this daily as part of their robotics class.

The students will watch an international contest to learn more about the field.

GMH Auxiliary meets for Spring Luncheon

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Memorial Hospital of Gonzales, Texas Auxiliary met at 11:30 a.m. March 28 at Thrive for their Spring Luncheon.

President Betty Neubauer called the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Second Vice President

Irene Oakes reported March volunteer hours at 126. Betty Fink received a hundred hour bar. Scholarship Chair Betty Fink made her report.

In new business President Neubauer announced the Nominating Committee for officers 2023-2024. They are Chair Dyna DuBose, Irene Oakes and Betty Fink. Alter-

nate Cynthia Garcia and Sylvia Mercer. Thanks to all who are serving these positions.

With no further business, a motion by Barbara Koricanec, second by Betty Fink to adjourn passed. Tuesday, April 25 at 2 p.m. will be the next meeting. Door prizes were won by Kay Konecny, Sylvia Mercer and Linda McGill.

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1 nachos are Texas “___ d’Oeuvres”

5 TXism: “fits like ugly ___ ape”

6 seat of McLennan County

7 TXism: “he’s ___ bricks shy of a load”

8 Texas actor Torn of “Men in Black”

9 she married Bobby Ewing on “Dallas”

12 John Neely Bryan’s historic abode in downtown Dallas

17 TX Jim Hart wrote screenplay for “Brad Stoker’s ___”

19 TX O. Henry’s “___ Santone”

21 carpet alternative: ___ tile

22 daughter of Texas Louise Mandrell

23 Sam Houston’s Indian home “Wigwam ___”

28 disfavored group: “Ku Klux ___”

29 former Cowboy guard, Newton

30 TXism: “he uses barbed wire for ___ floss”

31 TXism: “never let ___ you sweat”

35 Streep of TX-filmed “Silkwood”

36 TX Cruz & Cornyn hang-out (2 wds.)

42 as a ___ team, TX “Babe” won 1932 AAU

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DOWN

1 higher learning in Big Spring (2 wds.)

2 TXism: “you’re pouring gasoline ___”

3 horse wagering site: “Sam Houston ___”

4 TXism: “as pure as the driven ___”

9 mountain lion

10 Col. Travis drew ___ at the Alamo

11 TX Meredith ___ Rae

12 TXism: “I ___ dance to that tune” (agree)

13 TXism: “that’s ___ you do”

14 ___ Chica Bay

15 TX Janis’ “___ Dem Ol’ Kozmic Blues Again, Mama”

16 world’s longest river

18 from Davis, California: “___ Aggies”

20 dir. to Buna from Silsbee

23 Fighting Irish (abbr.)

44 Atlantic ___ meets the Gulf of Mexico

46 bone-connecting tissues

48 takes an oath to tell the truth before testifying

49 TX Tommy ___ Jones

50 TXism: “quit spittin’ ___ handle” (get to work)

51 politician’s first words in a scandal? (2 wds.)

52 TXism: “it ain’t ___ in cement”

53 TXism: “___ in the towel”

54 Texas Capitol has one on top

56 TX Lefty’s “If You’ve Got the Money ___ Got the Time”

57 Confederate soldier: “Johnny ___”

58 TXism: “___ every trick in the book”

SUDOKU

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Above: The Gonzales Apaches varsity baseball breaks out of huddle to kick off the fourth inning against the La Vernia Bears Tuesday, April 18. Right: Pitcher Kason Tiekens throws a pitch against La Vernia Tuesday, April 18 at home.



Gonzales catcher Kameron Leal gets ready to receive a pitch from teammate and pitcher Joe Canales Jr against La Vernia Tuesday, April 18.

Apaches fall to La Vernia at home, 12-1

BY VANDY VAN EPPS

The Gonzales Apaches varsity baseball took a rare, 12-1, blowout home loss to the La Vernia Bears Tuesday, April 18.

The Apaches struggled stopping La Vernia's offense, and Gonzales head coach Garry Beveridge said it came down to his team beating themselves.

"I think we ended up with four or five errors. And realistically, we played one of our worst games of the season, and this is too good of a ball club for us to beat ourselves," Beveridge said.

"We have every capability of winning these games we have every capabilities to beat these teams, but we can't give them an answer because



Third baseman Dakota DuBose at bat for the Gonzales Apaches against the La Vernia Bears Tuesday, April 18. DuBose recorded a hit and RBI sacrifice in the 12-1 loss to La Vernia.

See **BASEBALL**, page A11

Cole hands Mustangs season sweep

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs squared off against the Cole Cougars Friday, April 14 for their last game against each other of the 2023 season.

The Mustangs fell to the Cougars, 14-2, and were handed the season sweep and dropped to 3-5 in district with two games left.

Nixon-Smiley currently sits tied in fourth place with the Luling Eagles; the Mustangs beat Luling, 7-4, in Luling in their first meeting of the season.

The Mustangs faced Luling in their final home game of the season Tuesday, April 18.

The Mustangs will travel to San Antonio Friday, April 21 for the regular season finale against Great Hearts Northern Oaks.

First pitch is set for 5 p.m.

Mustangs sweep Luling, clinch spot in the playoffs

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs clinched a playoff berth with a 7-2 win over the Luling Eagles Tuesday, April 18.

The Mustangs improved to 4-5 in district play with one game left of the season and a tiebreaker over Luling by virtue of their two wins in the series. They have secured at least the fourth place spot in District 26-3A.

Nixon-Smiley will take on the Great Hearts Northern Oaks Griffins in the regular season finale Friday, April 21 on the road in San Antonio. GHNO has yet to win a district game.

First pitch is set for 5 p.m.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Gonzales track teams at the district meet at Cuero High School Thursday, April 13. The JV Apaches finished fourth; the JV Lady Apaches finished second; the Varsity Lady Apaches finished in third place and the Varsity Apaches finished second.



Bryce Brown, Daevien Pitts, and Davonte Smith are area qualifiers for the 100m dash.

Gonzales athletes punch their tickets to area track meet

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches and Lady Apaches track team competed in the district meet Wednesday, April 12 and Thursday, April 13 in Cuero.

The Apaches finished second in the district meet with 118 points total and the Lady Apaches took home third overall with 140 points total.

Bryce Brown was named as the top boys athlete with 29 points.

Twenty-three total Gonzales athletes have punched their tickets to the area meet at Canyon High School in New Braunfels Wednesday, April 19 and Thursday, April 20.

See **TRACK**, page A11

Apaches sweep series from San Antonio Memorial

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches baseball team returned home to T.E. Burrows Field Friday, April 14 for the series finale against the San Antonio Minutemen.

The Apaches repeated the same

performance from game one of the two-game series by scoring 30 runs over San Antonio Memorial.

In both games combined, the Apaches scored 60 runs and prevented San Antonio Memorial from scoring a single run.

The Apaches have two more series left on the season against the La Vernia Bears and the Cuero Gobblers.

Gonzales faced off against La Vernia in game one Tuesday, April 18 at home, and will conclude the series on the road Friday, April 21.

Cuero beats Lady Apaches in return match as well



The Gonzales Lady Apaches celebrates their six seniors for senior night Tuesday, April 18. From left: Kassidy Contreras, Kylee Watson, Haley Bairrington, Carlee Ramos, Amaya Rodriguez and Kamrynn Zella.

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches fell to the Cuero Lady Gobblers, 16-1, Tuesday, April 18 at home, but their playoff hopes remain alive.

Despite the loss, the Lady Apaches set up a play-in, winner-takes-all with the San Antonio JFK Lady Rockets Friday, April 21 on the road.

Lady Apaches head softball coach Michelle Uribe immediately turned focus to the JFK game and saw some positives from the loss against Cuero, especially from her pitcher Kamrynn Zella, she said.

"I think she'll be able to hold it down going into JFK. There's some learning opportunities, some missed opportunities. So hopefully we can learn from that on this one and realize what's at stake on Friday," Uribe said.

Gonzales and JFK are tied for fourth place with a 3-6 record and with the final playoff spot on the line.

"Everybody's well aware that the season is Friday. So that's the game if we win, we move on. If we lose, we're done. So hopefully, we'll be able to get in the right mindset execute on defense and make it happen for ourselves," Uribe said.

Uribe said she hopes her seniors help motivate the "younger players" and help them understand that this game could be the season, or they can move on into the playoffs.

The JFK game is set for 7 p.m. in San Antonio.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



Senior first baseman Haley Bairrington at bat for the Lady Apaches against the Cuero Lady Gobblers Tuesday, April 18. Bairrington got the Gonzales on the board with a RBI single in the bottom of second.



Senior Kamrynn Zella pitches her final home game with the Lady Apaches against the Cuero Lady Gobblers Tuesday, April 18.

Navarro sweeps Lady Apaches in series

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches returned home to square off against the Navarro Lady Panthers Friday, April 14.

The Lady Apaches fell to Navarro, 18-2, in five innings, and were handed the season sweep by them.

The Lady Apaches are currently sitting in fourth place in the playoff

picture with a 3-5 district record with two games left in the regular season. Gonzales hosted the Cuero Lady Gobblers for Senior Night on Tuesday, April 18.

The Lady Apaches will travel to San Antonio Friday, April 21 for their final road game of the season against San Antonio JFK (first pitch is set for 7 p.m.). Winner clinches fourth place in District 28-4A.

Lady Mustangs beat Cole in second game

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smilely Lady Mustangs returned home Friday, April 14 from their huge victory against Marion to square off against the Cole Lady Cougars.

The Lady Mustangs lost the first meeting against the Cole, 10-9, but quickly avenged that loss by beating them, 9-2, and improving to 6-1 in

district play. Nixon-Smilely hosted its last home game of the season Tuesday against the Luling Lady Eagles for the chance to win back-to-back district championships. The Lady Mustangs will face FEAST Home School in a non-district road contest in the regular season finale Friday, April 21. First pitch is set for 5 p.m.



Macy Sample (district champ in shot put and discus), Serenity Smith (district runner-up) and Mallory Clack (fourth in discus and third in shot put) punch their tickets to the area meet at Canyon High School Wednesday, April 19.

TRACK

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--AREA QUALIFIERS--

APACHES:

- Daevien Pitts – district runner up in long jump, 100m dash,
- Bryce Brown – district runner up in 200m dash, third place in long jump, 100m dash
- Davonte Smith – fourth place in Long Jump, 100m dash
- John Rivera – fourth place in 800m run
- Jermaine Upshaw – district runner up in discus
- Rocky Gallegos – district runner up in triple jump
- Ckristopher Ramos – fourth place in 1600m and 3200m
- Travis Malveaux – district runner up in 300m Hurdles

• 4x100m – District champions

D. Pitts, David Clack, D. Smith, and B. Brown

• 4x200m – third place

D. Pitts, D. Clack, D. Smith and B. Brown

• 4x400m – fourth place

River Van Kirk, Carlos Martinez, R. Gallegos, and J. Rivera.

LADY APACHES:

- Yaritza Angel - district runner up in 1600, 3200
- Tianna Smith -third place – Long Jump, Triple Jump, 200,
- Macy Sample- District Champion - Shot Put/ discus
- Malaiyah Mayo- fourth place 300 mile hurdle

- Marianelly Martinez- fourth place 800m, third place 1600m

- Mallory Clack – third place shot/fourth place discus -

- Jayda Glass – fourth place 100m dash

- Serenity Smith – second place discus -

- **4x100m – third place**

T. Smith, Macey Pena, J. Glass, Denise Navarro and M. Mayo (alternate)

- **4x200m – second place**

T. Smith, D. Navarro, M. Pena, J. Glass and Sckarlet Cerda (alternate)

- **4x400m – fourth place**

Kaylie Ramirez, M. Mayo, D. Navarro and Aubrey Lindeman

Mustangs, Lady Mustangs head to area track meet

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smilely Mustangs and Lady Mustangs competed in the district meet at Marion High School Wednesday, April 12 and Thursday April 13.

Nixon-Smilely sent 16 athletes to the area meet at Seguin High School Wednesday, April 19 to Thursday, April 20.

4x200m Relay

A.Cruz, L. Moses, Tristan Mikesch, and A. Benitez

4x400m Relay

A. Flores, B. Martinez, A. Benitez and T. Mikesch

Alternates:

George Rodriguez and John Garza

LADY MUSTANGS

400m

Ayanna Corpus

Triple Jump

Hailee Houseton

4x100m Relay

Janaelyn White, Mady Velasquez, Nicole Ivey and H. Houseton

4x200m Relay

J.White, M. Velasquez Skyllie Kitchens and H. Houseton

Alternates:

Madisen Yanes and Dulce Mosqueda

--AREA QUALIFIERS-- MUSTANGS

110 Hurdles

Luke Moses

4x100m Relay

Alex Cruz, Bradyn Martinez, Aiden Flores, and Abdiel Benitez

BASEBALL

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they'll take it a mile," Beveridge added.

The Apaches have three games left in the regular season but are still alive in the playoff hunt.

Beveridge told his team not hang their head for too long and not dwell on the loss at this point of the season.

"We understand the situation and we understand that the most important thing is that we continue to grow and get better so that we can have that strong finish. Nothing right now hurts us anything more than carrying this over to the next game," Beveridge said.

Gonzales will conclude its series with the Bears Friday, April 21 and will take on the Cuero Gobblers in the final series of the season Tuesday, April 25 in Cuero.

First pitch for both games starts at 7 p.m.

Lady Mustangs win back-to-back district softball titles

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smilely Lady Mustangs beat the Luling Lady Eagles, 19-9, Tuesday, April 18 at home and secure their second consecutive district title in a row.

The Lady Mustangs went 7-1 in district, capped off their second half of district with an unblemished 4-0 mark, and finished district play with a five-game winning streak.

Nixon-Smilely will conclude its season with a non-district match on the road against FEAST Homeschool Friday, April 21.

Frist pitch is set for 5 p.m.

Glow big or Go Home

Morgan Fun Run returns for third annual event

BY VANDY VAN EPPS

The annual Morgan Fun Run returns for its third annual event Saturday, April 22, at Independence Park.

All proceeds from the event will go towards Morgan Farrar Memorial Scholarship that is awarded annually to two Gonzales High School seniors.

Event organizer Sarah Farrar, mother to Morgan — who would have been a senior this year — said on the event’s Facebook page she knows the Gonzales High School Class of 2023 will make this year’s Fun Run “a big one” in her daughter’s memory.

Farrar said this year’s theme is “Glow Big or Go Home” where there’ll be black lights, glow bracelets and glow necklaces.

“Since 2018, we’ve given right at \$15,000 to GISD students and we give two girls a \$700 scholarship. Seven was her softball number, seven was her favorite number. So we decided on \$700 to give to the students,” Farrar said.

People can register and make donation at event from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. or pre-register before event; Cash, check and venmo payments are accepted.



FILE PHOTO

This year’s Morgan Fun Run should be special as it will award scholarships to seniors in the same class Morgan Farrar would have been in.



APACHE BOOSTERS HOST FIRST CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT

Gonzales coaches, athletes, and parents partake in the first annual Apache Booster Club corn hole tournament Sunday, April 16. All proceeds from event will go towards scholarships, athletic equipment and etc.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



CONTRIBUTED

The winning team from the April 12 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Kameron Glass, Jim Floyd, Mike Turk, Butch Jackson and Pat Davis.



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The second-place team from the April 12 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Kyle Day, Spencer Breitschopf, Raul Contreras, Tanner Walker and Dillon Mills.

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\$61,290,” said executive director Deane Novosad. “That definitely exceeds last year’s amount. We are so thrilled with the generous support that Norma’s House receives from our community.”

The amount breaks the previous record of \$55,000 set at last year’s event. This year’s BBB also set a record with 720 tickets sold, which required a few more tables and reconfiguration of the event layout to accommodate all of the attendees.

Designer purses with brand names like Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, HOBLO and others were prizes for

winning bingo cards — donated to the event by many generous local business and community members — while door prizes were drawn and other prizes were raffled, including a Gucci purse and other fabulous items.

Gabe Gallardo served as the emcee for the event, while DJ Randy Tovar spun the music and kept it lively for members of the Gonzales Police Department, Gonzales County Sheriff’s Department, Gonzales County Attorney’s Office modeled the prize purses and shook their groove things for tips from an adoring audience.

For more photos, see page A6.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the appraised (market) value of your property;
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties;
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal records;
- any exemptions that may apply to you;
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal;
- the taxing units taxing your property;
- the property ownership;
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal;
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice; or
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, county appraisal district (CAD) or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

Gonzales Central Appraisal District
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Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the CAD, you file a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, date, place and subject of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, *Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest*, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may request a copy of the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB’s hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device must be reviewed.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or your designated agent may appear in person, by telephone conference or videoconference call or by submission of a written affidavit to present your evidence, facts and argument. You must indicate the type of hearing you request on your written notice of protest filed with the ARB

not later than the 10th day before the hearing date and provide your evidence and written affidavit before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, *Property Owner’s Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board*, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the CAD representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property’s value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property’s value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB’s decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to district court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB’s order. If you chose to appeal through binding arbitration, you must file a request for binding arbitration with the CAD not later than the 60th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. If you chose to appeal to the SOAH, you must file an appeal with the CAD not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB’s order. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

If you believe that the ARB or chief appraiser failed to comply with an ARB procedural requirement, you may file a complaint with the local taxpayer liaison. If it is not resolved by the ARB or chief appraiser, you can request limited binding arbitration to compel the ARB or the chief appraiser to comply.

Tax Payment

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your CAD at

Gonzales Central Appraisal District
P.O. Box 867, 1709 E. Sarah Dewitt Dr., Unit B Gonzales, TX 78629
Telephone:(830)672-2879

You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller’s website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the CAD informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.

NEWBURY

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Watch for Tom on cruises, or at corporate conventions, state fairs, or other events with unique entertainment. He was the “talk” of our cruise, rewarded by immediate standing ovations after all four performances, all of which we witnessed.

Check YouTube, see clips from his ABC television appearances or visit his website, www.tomfrank.com. You can’t

miss his unique haircut, swept up on all sides. I asked if he gets haircutting estimates, or if his stylist stands on a ladder. “I cut my own hair,” he said, admitting there’s plenty of room on the top of his head for birds to nest....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to write weekly and fill after-dinner speaking requests for business, civic and church groups. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Facebook: Don Newbury.



PHOTOS BY LEW K. COHN

U.S. Rep. Michael Cloud, R-Victoria, displays the signed “Come & Take It” flag he received from Gonzales County Republican Party chair Liz Hernandez, left, and her fellow party members during a visit to the Alcalde Hotel on Thursday, April 13.

CLOUD

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members of the Gonzales County Republican Party at the Alcalde Hotel and also visited with students of the Patriot Academy prior to the meeting.

One big change is that Cloud was placed on the powerful Appropriations Committee — a move that took him away from his previous positions on the Oversight and Agriculture committees.

“I was fully planning and I had talked about a lot during the campaign of what I was going to do on this two committees heading into this term,” Cloud said. “I had planned on staying on the Ag Committee because we have a lot of ag interest in our district, so we’re just going to still do what we can to represent ag in Texas because it is important, we have a lot of people and ... literally... our industry is under attack and we have the Farm Bill coming up this year.”

Cloud said he did not seek a spot on the Appropriations Committee, but said he was chosen because “we need conservatives who can work on the front end of this instead of expecting them to put stuff on the floor and expect them to vote on it on the tail end.”

“If you understand the appropriations bill, and how committees are done usually in Washington, you have people begging, pleading, clawing, raising money, doing everything they can to try to get on the ‘Props’ committee for a year or two and then some still don’t make it,” Cloud said. “I was asked to consider being on the Appropriations Committee. And I told them the same thing I did when I was running. They would ask, ‘Why do you want to go to Washington?’ I’d say ‘I’m not wanting to go to Washington, I’m willing to go to Washington.’”

“I’m not wanting to be on the Appropriations Committee,” Cloud added. “That does not sound like fun to me, to be dealing with all these massive spending bills, but I’m willing to be on it because I realize we need a lot of work done when it



Congressman Michael Cloud, R-Victoria, speaks about being placed on the House Appropriations Committee and changes that have taken place in Congress since January during a visit with the Gonzales County GOP on Thursday, April 13, at the Alcalde Hotel.

comes to having somebody on the committee who cares about fiscal responsibility.”

Cloud noted that most bills passed in Congress are “what they call authorizing bills, which means like, they’ll pass a bill, for example, the NDAA — the National Defense Authorization Act — and all that does is when they pass it, they’re not actually funding anything. They’re authorizing the funding of things.”

“They’re saying, ‘Yes, we can buy ships, we can buy tanks, we can do all these things.’ But then it takes an appropriations bill to actually fund it. So basically, all the money flows through the appropriations committee,” Cloud said.

“One of the things we’ve been working on is getting the appropriations committee — and specifically the appropriations committee staff — to act like conservatives and to think like conservatives. Their high mark of thinking as conservatives was to get the fiscal numbers where they needed to be. Does that make sense? Like, ‘yes, we need to spend less.’ That, for them, was a huge, huge step.”

Cloud said the big change in thinking he is trying to bring about is by having Appropriations look at what the money is being spent on — even before looking at the fiscal aspect.

“We are funding evil, every single day, taking taxpayer dollars to fund the demise of our own country, and to prop up evil all over the world,” Cloud said. “Let’s stop doing that first. So let’s go through our spending and take that part out, then

let’s see where the numbers are and then let’s get the numbers where they need to be.

“That’s what we’re trying to bring to the appropriations process. They are used to flowing this one way, and it’s like rerouting a river almost in the sense of just trying to get them to think differently about these sorts of things.”

Cloud said he will continue to fight against government “wokeness” and the use of funding by bureaucrats for such training through “tools” such as the Antideficiency Act.

The Antideficiency Act prohibits federal agencies from obligating or expending federal funds in advance or in excess of an appropriation, and from accepting voluntary services, according to the Government Accounting Office.

“There’s a law that basically says that a bureaucrat cannot use taxpayer funded money to do something other than what it is specifically designated for. It’s called the Antideficiency Act,” Cloud said. “And as we go through the appropriations process, one of the things we’re looking to do is to get all the woke lecturing out of every agency, and to implement antideficiency training into every single agency to where every federal employee in the agency who’s making these types of decisions will have to be trained to remind them that if you use taxpayer dollars for something other than they’ve been obligated by Congress to use them for, you are personally, federally liable for it.”

VOTING

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George St., Gonzales.

- City of Nixon and Nixon-Smiley CISD: Nixon Public Library, 401 N Nixon Ave.
- City of Smiley and Nixon-Smiley CISD: Smiley Volunteer Fire Department, 208 N FM 108.
- Nixon-Smiley CISD: Leesville Cemetery Association, 6077 CR 155, Leesville.
- City of Waelder and Waelder ISD: Waelder Community Center, 311 US Hwy 90 W.

GONZALES CITY COUNCIL

Lorenzo Hernandez and Douglas Durham are squaring off for the District 3 seat currently held by Bobby O'Neal, who did not seek re-election. In District 4, Ronda Miller ran unopposed and has been declared elected.

GONZALES ISD

In District 3, incumbent Glenn Menking faces a challenge from D'Anna Robinson. In District 6, Ashley Molina squares off against Krystal Navejar for the seat, which is currently held by Dr. Kim Strozier, who was appointed to the

position temporarily following the resignation of District 6 trustee Sue Gottwald.

In District 5, incumbent Ross Hendershot III is unopposed and has been declared elected.

NIXON CITY COUNCIL

Ten candidates are seeking three available at-large spots on the Nixon City Council. They are, in ballot order, Justin B. La Fleur (incumbent), Angel De La Cruz, Patsy Vigil Scherrer, Shannon Smith, Michael Martinez, Adolph Trigo, Rene Amaya (incumbent), J.J. Garza, Bryan Williams and Melissa Pompa.

SMILEY CITY COUNCIL

There are seven people seeking three at-large council seats on the Smiley City Council. Candidates in ballot order are Richard Morgan Forester Jr. (Rick), Diane P. Moreno, Elisa Douglas, Dionicio G. Benavidez (Daniel), Michaela Mills, Lori Price and Michael K. Mills. Moreno, Douglas and Price are incumbents.

NIXON-SMILEY CISD

While Chris Villasana (in-

cumbent) is running unopposed in Place 4, there is a race in Place 6 between challenger Loyce Adcock-Rice and incumbent Aly Tschoepe.

Nixon-Smiley is also considering five bond measures totaling a combined \$37,928,850. For more about these bond measures, see the separate story on the bond issue in this edition of The Inquirer.

WAEOLDER CITY COUNCIL

Six people are running for three at-large seats on the Waelder City Council. In ballot order, they are Robert "Kido" Tovar, Marie Ibarra Almaraz, Curtis Hadnot (incumbent), Mike Harris (incumbent), Rachel Vargas Martin and Martha Melchor.

WAEOLDER ISD

The school district is trying a third time to pass a bond issue for the school, this time for \$10.3 million in a scaled-down version. Proposition A is for \$7.1 million for construction, while Proposition B is for \$3.2 million in refunding bonds.

POLICE

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In other city council business, Mayor Steve Sucher signed two proclamations for the month of April; he named the month of April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month and Fair Housing Month.

The council approved the appointments of five members for the new Gonzales Beautification and Design Board; two board members will get two year term, and three will get three year terms.

The council approved the following agenda items:

- approved an agreement with the Texas Youth Rodeo Association
- approved a second amendment to the 1835 Village Development Agreement with APT AvalonPark Texas, L.P.
- approved changes to the job descriptions and current position classifications for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for the following: swimming pool manager, JB Wells Parks Arena Operations Manager and Solid, Waste, Street, Water, Wastewater Departments.

TEACHER

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The name of the teacher was not released as of press time by Gonzales ISD. Unverified sources have disclosed the name of the teacher to the Inquirer; however, the Inquirer will

only report names from verified sources. It was also unclear whether the tests mentioned by the district were course examinations or state assessments.

BOND

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BOND ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Nixon-Smiley CISD Board of Trustees approved the bond package proposal at their Feb. 13 meeting and agreed to split it into five parts, all of which officials say will not require any increase to the district tax rate due to anticipated property valuations, which are expected to support the issue.

"There are several factors that would allow us to pass a \$37.9 million bond without raising the tax rate," said Nixon-Smiley Superintendent Jeff VanAuken. "First, for the past three years,

the district has engaged in the early repayment of outstanding bonds in preparation for this bond election. In 2020, the district refinanced two of its outstanding bonds at lower interest rates, locking in long-term savings. This year, the district will again redeem outstanding bonds prior to their maturity, further reducing the long-term burden on taxpayers.

"Secondly, there are two solar farms being constructed within the district that will add a considerable amount of property value to the tax base. Finally, the state is compressing the M&O

tax rate. When the state compresses the M&O rate, those pennies can be moved to the I&S side which would result in increased revenue being produced on the I&S side. These three factors play the largest role in allowing the district to go out for a \$37.9 million bond without increasing the tax rate."

The individual property taxes paid by property owners could vary based upon the value of the property and whether it increases or decreases in valuation. If the property valuation increases, a property owner could pay more in taxes even though

the property tax rate would remain the same.

At this time, the district has outstanding debt of \$14,912,227.80, of which \$10,092,000 is outstanding principal and \$4,820,227.80 is interest. The district's current debt service tax rate is \$0.2854 per \$100 valuation.

VanAuken said the district "will only sell bonds in an amount which can be supported by property values."

He explained why the district will not consider using its fund balance to fund the sought improvements.

"Current fund balance helps fund personnel through interest," VanAuken said. "It also supplants some budgetary needs so the district can continue to have one of the highest teacher compensation packages in the area. The supplanting of budgetary needs also allows us to keep our class sizes small by having a higher number of teachers in the district."

The reason to break down the bond issue into five propositions was to "enhance the transparency of the bond election and to allow the voters to have a better understanding of what was included in the bond."

"Legally, the bond had to have at least two propositions due to the addressing of the football stadium, which seats over 1,000 fans," VanAuken said. "The board broke the bond into five propositions for transparency only; it would like see all five propositions pass!"

The bond proposals are based upon the

recommendation of a long-range planning committee's strategic facilities plan review.

PROPOSITION BREAKDOWN

Proposition A calls for issuing \$20,839,150 in bonds, which would be used to build a Transportation and Maintenance Building at the district's 10th Street property as well as remodeling of the 600 Building on the high school campus. It would also pay for safety upgrades across the district, roof replacements, parking improvements, new school buses and technology upgrades.

Proposition B calls for issuing \$7,886,700 in bonds, which would be used to build a new Career Technical Education facility and Agriculture and Animal Science facility for students as Nixon-Smiley CISD continues to expand its offerings.

Proposition C calls for issuing \$4,555,150 in bonds for upgrades to the baseball and softball stadiums and to the high school weight room.

Proposition D calls for issuing \$2,779,100 in bonds, and would be used to build a new Mustang Stadium football field concession stand and restroom facility, the addition of a press box as well as upgrades to the ticketing booths and a repair and resurfacing of the track.

Finally, Proposition E calls for issuing \$1,868,750 in bonds, to be used to replace the grass football field at Mustang Stadium with synthetic turf.

"We agree that our

football field's grass surface is one of the best in the area. Our coaching staff has done a tremendous job maintaining this field over the years," VanAuken said. "However, in order to keep this facility to this standard, we basically limit ourselves to 14 events that take place on this field during the course of the year. We have 12 football dates, a track meet, and graduation. We have actually canceled sub-varsity games during inclement weather in order to protect the field.

"A large amount of time, effort, and money is spent on maintaining this field for such a limited number of events. During the season, the coaching staff spends an average of 8-10 hours a week just keeping the field striped. Throughout the year, the district spends a large amount of money watering and fertilizing the field. The coaches spend many, many hours mowing, fertilizing, and maintaining the field.

"With the addition of synthetic turf, many of the hours spent to maintain the field would be greatly reduced," VanAuken added. "Synthetic turf would allow the field to become more multi-purpose which would benefit more of our student body. Football practices could be held on the field, band could practice on the field, and athletics could use the field on a regular basis during the athletic period. Having synthetic turf would also open up more possibilities of hosting playoff games in the future."



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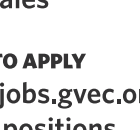


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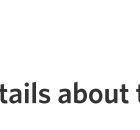
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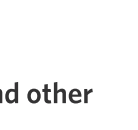
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NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS § BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE
GONZALES COUNTY § DATED MARCH 30, 2023
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and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Gonzales County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on March 30, 2023, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in May 2023, the same being the 2nd day of said month, The steps outside the Gonzales County Tax office in the Randle Rather Building, located at 427 St. George, Gonzales, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Gonzales and the State of Texas, to-wit:

7012 Account No(s). R24676, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOE F. SALAZAR, ET AL., Part of Lot 3, Range 1, East of Water Street in the Original Outer Town of Gonzales and Part of Lot 12, King's Third Addition to the Town of Gonzales, as described in Volume 747, Page 189, Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$52,550.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$23,853.90; situs;
Sale Notes:

7155, Account No(s). R87837, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. MIGUEL GUERRERO, ET AL., Lot 41, The Settlement at Patriot Ranch Unit One, Gonzales County, Texas, described in volume 947, page 511, official records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$27,780.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$25,718.87; situs;
Sale Notes:

7252, Account No(s). R17632, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARY HENDERSON, 2.0 acres, more or less, Daniel Lamkin 160 Acre Survey, A-524, Gonzales County, Texas, described in Volume 398, Page 11, Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$47,000.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$21,223.60 situs;
Sale Notes:

7323, Account No(s). N394505(97066-34008-59891N364732), GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. SAVITRI C. WASHINGTON, Lease no. 0085989, Washington 2H-3H (PENN VIRGINIA O&G) RI 0.062500, Abstract 244, J A Hueser, Survey, A RRC# 16050, Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$46,640.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$28,753.12; situs;
Sale Notes:

7323, Account No(s). N344789(97066-34008-55451N349474 and N341076), GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. SAVITRI C. WASHINGTON, Lease no. 0085545, R Washington Unit UNIT W#1H (PENN VIRGINIA O&G) RI 0.031250, Abstract 244, J A Hueser, Survey, A RRC 16365, Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$11,090.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$5,072.39; situs;
Sale Notes:

7323, Account No(s). N32845(97066-34008-54741N337299), GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. SAVITRI C. WASHINGTON, Lease no. 0085474, Henning Unit W#1H-2H (PENN VIRGINIA O&G) RI 0.007600, Abstract 67, W P Stapp Survey, RRC 15789, Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$4,270.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$1,274.07; situs;
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7323, Account No(s). N425144(97066-34008-62441N393994), GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. SAVITRI C. WASHINGTON, Lease # 0086244, BOWIE 1H (PENN VIRGINIA O&G) RI 0.017609, Abstract 244, J A Hueser, Survey, RRC# 20044, Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$65,630.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$5,998.33; situs;
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7351, Account No(s). R24759, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOSE R. SAN MIGUEL, AKA JOSE ROBERTO SANMIGUEL, ET AL, 101.67 feet by 77.08 feet, containing 0.179 acre, more or less, out of Lots 98 and 99, Kings 6th Addition, an addition to the Town of Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, as described in deed dated October 19, 1983, from Farmers Home Administration to Jose R. San Miguel etux, in Volume 649, Page 439, Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$120,120.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$10,290.14; situs;
Sale Notes:

7418, Account No(s). N349863, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. DAVID M COFFEY, LEASE # 0031050, GATLIN #1 (LONESTAR OPERATING) RI 0.013333, ABSTRACT 104, RICHARD BIBB SURVEY, RRC 12597, GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS, with an adjudged value of \$4,050.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$1,899.72; situs;
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(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Gonzales County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Gonzales, Texas, March 30, 2023

Keith Schmitt
Sheriff Keith Schmitt
Gonzales County, Texas

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Notes:
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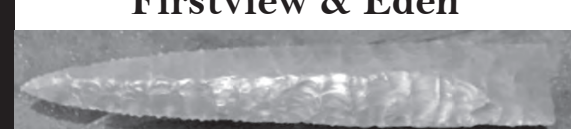
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NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bond election will be held in such DISTRICT, on May 6, 2023, in accordance with the following Order:

ORDER CALLING SCHOOL BUILDING BOND ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Nixon-Smiley Consolidated Independent School District (the “District”) has the power to issue bonds pursuant to Chapter 45, Texas Education Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to call and conduct an election to obtain voter authorization for the issuance of such bonds; and

WHEREAS, the District may enter into one or more election agreements (the “Election Agreements”) with Gonzales County (the “County”), by and through the County’s election administrator or other election officer (the “Administrator”) and possibly other political subdivisions, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (the “State”) and applicable federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Call of Election; Date; Eligible Electors; and Hours. An election (the “Election”) shall be held on May 6, 2023 (“Election Day”), which is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the “Election Order”), within and throughout the territory of the District at which all resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote. The Board hereby finds that holding the Election on such date is in the public interest. The hours during which the polling places are to be open on Election Day shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 2. Polling Places; Election Officers. The Election Day polling places shall be as shown in **Exhibit A** to this Election Order. The precinct judges and alternate judges for the Election shall be appointed in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the “Election Code”). Except as otherwise provided herein, there shall be a single election precinct for the Election that spans the entire District.

In the event that the Superintendent, or the Superintendent’s designee, shall determine from time to time that (a) a polling place hereafter designated shall become unavailable or unsuitable for such use, or it would be in the District’s best interests to relocate such polling place, or (b) a presiding judge or alternate presiding judge hereafter designated shall become unqualified or unavailable, the Superintendent, or the Superintendent’s designee, is hereby authorized to designate and appoint in writing a substitute polling place, presiding judge or alternate presiding judge, and correct or modify the exhibits to this Election Order, giving such notice as is required by the Election Code and as deemed sufficient.

Section 3. Propositions. At the Election there shall be submitted to the resident, qualified electors of the District the following propositions (each, a “Proposition” and collectively, the “Propositions”):

NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE “BOARD”) OF THE NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE “DISTRICT”) BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,839,150 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT AND THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE, BEAR INTEREST AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY, IMPOSE AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS (INCLUDING CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS), ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION B

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE “BOARD”) OF THE NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE “DISTRICT”) BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,886,700 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT OF CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES, AGRICULTURAL/ANIMAL SCIENCES FACILITIES AND OTHER SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE, BEAR INTEREST AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY, IMPOSE AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS (INCLUDING CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS), ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION C

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NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION D

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NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION E

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE “BOARD”) OF NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE “DISTRICT”) BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES OR INSTALLMENTS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,868,750 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SYNTHETIC TURF AT FOOTBALL STADIUM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE, BEAR INTEREST AND BE ISSUED AND SOLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY, IMPOSE AND PLEDGE, AND CAUSE TO BE ASSESSED

AND COLLECTED, ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT SUFFICIENT, WITHOUT LIMIT AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT, TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS (INCLUDING CREDIT AGREEMENTS EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS), ALL AS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

Section 4. Ballots. The ballots shall conform to the requirements of the Election Code and shall have written or printed thereon the following:

NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

- [] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,839,150 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT AND THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.
- [] AGAINST

NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION B

- [] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,886,700 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT OF CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES, AGRICULTURAL/ANIMAL SCIENCES FACILITIES AND OTHER SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.
- [] AGAINST

NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION C

- [] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,555,150 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT OF GYMNASIUM FACILITIES, BASEBALL STADIUM FACILITIES, SOFTBALL STADIUM FACILITIES AND OTHER SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.
- [] AGAINST

NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION D

- [] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,799,100 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF FOOTBALL STADIUM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.
- [] AGAINST

NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION E

- [] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,868,750 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SYNTHETIC TURF AT FOOTBALL STADIUM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.
- [] AGAINST

Section 5. Voting. Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). As required by the Election Code, the District shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Paper ballots may be used for early voting by mail.

Each voter desiring to vote in favor of a Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating “FOR” the Proposition, and each voter desiring to vote against a Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating “AGAINST” the Proposition. Voting will be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 6. Early Voting. The Board hereby appoints the Administrator as the regular early voting clerk. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, will be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the locations, on the dates and at the times as shown in **Exhibit B**. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, April 24, 2023 and end on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

For the use of those voters who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the early voting clerk shall provide each voter with a ballot with instructions to mark the ballot indicating his or her vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the Propositions. The mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent is as follows:

Name: Gwen Schaefer
Official Mailing Address: PO Box 1753, Gonzales, Texas 78629
Physical Address: 427 Saint George, Suite 306, Gonzales, Texas 78629
E-mail Address: ea@co.gonzales.tx.us and elections@co.gonzales.tx.us
Phone Number: 830-519-4054
Fax Number: 830-672-5477
Website Address: https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.Elections.Admin

The Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to designate the early voting ballot board and other officers required to conduct early voting for the Election.

Section 7. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be conducted by election officers, including the judges and alternate judges or clerks appointed by the Board, in accordance with the Election Agreements, the Education Code, the Election Code and the Constitution and laws of the State and the United States of America. The President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, and their respective designees, are authorized to enter into, execute and deliver one or more Election Agreements, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Election Code. The terms and provisions of each Election Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Election Order. To the extent of any conflict between this Election Order and an Election Agreement, the terms and provisions of the Election Agreement shall prevail, and the President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, and their respective designees, are authorized to make such corrections, changes, revisions and modifications to this Election Order, including the exhibits hereto, as are deemed necessary or appropriate to conform to the Election Agreement, to comply with applicable state and federal law and to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced by this Election Order. The Administrator shall be responsible for establishing the central counting station for the ballots cast in the Election and appointing the personnel necessary for such station.

Section 8. Bilingual Election Materials. All notices, instructions, and ballots pertaining to the Election shall be furnished to voters in English and Spanish (as well Chinese and/or Vietnamese if required by applicable law) and persons capable of acting as translators in English and Spanish (as well Chinese and/or Vietnamese if required by applicable law) shall be made available to assist voters in understanding and participating in the election process.

Section 9. Delivery of Voted Ballots; Counting; Tabulation; Canvassing of Returns; Declaring Results. The ballots shall be counted by one or more teams of election officers assigned by the presiding judges, each team to consist of two or more election officers. After completion of his responsibilities under the Election Code, including the counting of the voted ballots and the tabulation of the results, the presiding judge shall make a written return of the Election results to the District in accordance with the Election Code. The Board shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election.

If a majority of the resident, qualified electors of the District voting at the Election, including those voting early, shall vote in favor of a Proposition, then the issuance and sale of the bonds described in the Proposition shall be authorized in the maximum amount contained therein, and the bonds shall be issued and sold at the price or prices and in such denominations determined by the Board to be in the District’s best interest. Proceeds of bonds issued and sold pursuant to each Proposition shall be used in accordance with any limitations imposed by Subsection 45.003(g), Education Code.

Section 10. Training of Election Officials. Pursuant to the Election Code, a public school of instruction for all election officers and clerks may be held as arranged or contracted by the Administrator.

Section 11. Notice of Election; Voter Information Document. Notice of the Election shall be given in the manner required by the Election Code and other applicable law. To the extent

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required by law, the notice of the Election shall include the District's internet website address, which is <https://www.nixonsmiley.net/>.

A voter information document for each Proposition in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C is hereby approved, together with such revisions as may be approved by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designees, and shall be posted and provided in accordance with law.

Section 12. Notice of Meeting. The Board officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Election Order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the District's administrative offices for a least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that a telephonic or telegraphic notice of such meeting was given to all news media who have consented to pay any and all expenses incurred by the District in connection with providing such notice, both as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Election Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

Section 13. Mandatory Statement of Information.

(a) Pursuant to Section 3.009, Texas Election Code: (i) the proposition language that will appear on the ballot is set forth in Section 4 of this Election Order, (ii) the purposes for which the bonds are to be authorized are set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (iii) the principal amount of bonds to be authorized is set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (iv) if the issuance of bonds is authorized by voters, taxes sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements may be imposed, as set forth in Section 3 of this Election Order, (v) bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order may be issued to mature over a specified number of years not to exceed the lesser of forty (40) years or the maximum number of years authorized by law and bearing interest at the rate or rates (not to exceed 15%), as authorized by law and determined by the Board, (vi) as of the date of the adoption of this Election Order, the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations is \$10,092,000.00 and the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations is \$4,820,227.80, and (vii) the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate as of the date of adoption of this Election Order is \$0.2854 per \$100 valuation of taxable property.

(b) Based upon market conditions as of the date of this Election Order, the maximum net effective interest rate for any series of the bonds is estimated to be 5.50%. Such estimated maximum interest rate is provided as a matter of information but is not a limitation on the interest rate at which the bonds, or any series thereof, may be sold. In addition, the estimate contained in this subsection (b) is (i) based on certain assumptions (including assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 3.009, Texas Election Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to and does not give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the Board to issue bonds in accordance with the Propositions submitted by this Election Order.

Section 14. Authority of the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all reasonable or necessary actions to ensure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Board, which actions are hereby ratified and confirmed. Without limiting the generality of the immediately preceding sentence, the Superintendent and the Superintendent's designees are hereby authorized to complete and update, as necessary, the exhibits hereto with the necessary information as same is made available to the District.

Section 15. Authorization to Execute. The President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to execute and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to attest this Election Order on behalf of the Board; and the President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

Section 16. Effective Date. This Election Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this February 13, 2023.

/s/ Richard Lott
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:
/s/ Aly Tschoepe
Secretary, Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT A

Election Day Polling Place Information

HOURS

Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE

Precinct Number for Guadalupe County	Precinct Number for Karnes County	Precinct Number for Wilson County	Precinct Numbers for Gonzales County	Polling Place for Election Day
105	3	419	4, 5, 6	Nixon Public Library 401 N Nixon Ave Nixon, Texas 78140
Not Applicable.				Smiley Volunteer Fire Department 208 N FM 108 Smiley, Texas 78159
Not Applicable.				Leesville Cemetery Association 6077 CR 155 Leesville, Texas 78122

EXHIBIT B

Early Voting Polling Place Information

DATES/HOURS

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on April 24 - 28, 2023.
Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on May 1 - 2, 2023.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE

Nixon Public Library
401 N Nixon Ave.
Nixon, Texas 78140

EXHIBIT C

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,839,150 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT AND THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[] AGAINST

1. Principal of the debt obligations to be authorized	\$20,839,150.00
2. Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized	\$17,303,850.00
3. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized	\$38,143,000.00
4. Principal of all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$10,092,000.00
5. Estimated remaining interest on all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$4,820,227.80
6. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$14,912,227.80
7. Estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved, based upon assumptions made by the governing body of the District	\$0.00
8. Other information that the District considers relevant or necessary to explain the foregoing information	See major assumptions listed below.

* As of the date of adoption of the District's Bond Election Order.

Major assumptions for statements above, including statement 7:

(1) Assumed amortization of the District's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations:

Term	Proposed Principal	Proposed Interest (Estimated)	Total Proposed Debt Service	Total Proposed Debt Service + Existing Debt Service
30 Years	\$20,839,150.00	\$17,303,850.00	\$38,143,000.00	\$53,055,227.80

(2) Assumed changes in estimated future appraised values within the District: No future growth has been estimated.

(3) Assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations: 4.40%.

(4) Numbers in (1) above only include only the Proposition described in this Voter Information Document and the District's outstanding debt obligations. Please see the Voter Information Document for any other Proposition for its respective details.

The estimates contained in this Voter Information Document are (i) based on certain assumptions (including the major assumptions listed above and assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 1251.052, Texas Government Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to (and expressly do not) give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the District to issue bonds in accordance with the Proposition contained in this Voter Information Document.

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION B

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,886,700 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT OF CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES, AGRICULTURAL/ANIMAL SCIENCES FACILITIES AND OTHER SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[] AGAINST

1. Principal of the debt obligations to be authorized	\$7,886,700.00
2. Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized	\$6,553,300.00
3. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized	\$14,440,000.00
4. Principal of all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$10,092,000.00
5. Estimated remaining interest on all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$4,820,227.80
6. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$14,912,227.80
7. Estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved, based upon assumptions made by the governing body of the District	\$0.00
8. Other information that the District considers relevant or necessary to explain the foregoing information	See major assumptions listed below.

* As of the date of adoption of the District's Bond Election Order.

Major assumptions for statements above, including statement 7:

(1) Assumed amortization of the District's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations:

Term	Proposed Principal	Proposed Interest (Estimated)	Total Proposed Debt Service	Total Proposed Debt Service + Existing Debt Service
30 Years	\$7,886,700.00	\$6,553,300.00	\$14,440,000.00	\$29,352,227.80

(2) Assumed changes in estimated future appraised values within the District: No future growth has been estimated.

(3) Assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations: 4.40%.

(4) Numbers in (1) above only include only the Proposition described in this Voter Information Document and the District's outstanding debt obligations. Please see the Voter Information Document for any other Proposition for its respective details.

The estimates contained in this Voter Information Document are (i) based on certain assumptions (including the major assumptions listed above and assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 1251.052, Texas Government Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to (and expressly do not) give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the District to issue bonds in accordance with the Proposition contained in this Voter Information Document.

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NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION C

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,555,150 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND EQUIPMENT OF GYMNASIUM FACILITIES, BASEBALL STADIUM FACILITIES, SOFTBALL STADIUM FACILITIES AND OTHER SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[] AGAINST

1. Principal of the debt obligations to be authorized	\$4,555,150.00
2. Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized	\$2,139,100.00
3. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized	\$6,694,250.00
4. Principal of all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$10,092,000.00
5. Estimated remaining interest on all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$4,820,227.80
6. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$14,912,227.80
7. Estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved, based upon assumptions made by the governing body of the District	\$0.00
8. Other information that the District considers relevant or necessary to explain the foregoing information	See major assumptions listed below.

* As of the date of adoption of the District's Bond Election Order.

Major assumptions for statements above, including statement 7:

(1) Assumed amortization of the District's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations:

Term	Proposed Principal	Proposed Interest (Estimated)	Total Proposed Debt Service	Total Proposed Debt Service + Existing Debt Service
20 Years	\$4,555,150.00	\$2,139,100.00	\$6,694,250.00	\$21,606,477.80

(2) Assumed changes in estimated future appraised values within the District: No future growth has been estimated.

(3) Assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations: 3.92%.

(4) Numbers in (1) above only include only the Proposition described in this Voter Information Document and the District's outstanding debt obligations. Please see the Voter Information Document for any other Proposition for its respective details.

The estimates contained in this Voter Information Document are (i) based on certain assumptions (including the major assumptions listed above and assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived

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from projections obtained from the District’s financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 1251.052, Texas Government Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to (and expressly do not) give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the District to issue bonds in accordance with the Proposition contained in this Voter Information Document.

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NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION D

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,799,100 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT OF FOOTBALL STADIUM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[] AGAINST

1. Principal of the debt obligations to be authorized	\$2,799,100.00
2. Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized	\$1,302,900.00
3. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized	\$4,082,000.00
4. Principal of all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$10,092,000.00
5. Estimated remaining interest on all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$4,820,227.80
6. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$14,912,227.80
7. Estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved, based upon assumptions made by the governing body of the District	\$0.00
8. Other information that the District considers relevant or necessary to explain the foregoing information	See major assumptions listed below.

* As of the date of adoption of the District’s Bond Election Order.

Major assumptions for statements above, including statement 7:

(1) Assumed amortization of the District’s debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations:

Term	Proposed Principal	Proposed Interest (Estimated)	Total Proposed Debt Service	Total Debt Service + Existing Debt Service
20 Years	\$2,799,100.00	\$1,302,900.00	\$4,082,000.00	\$18,994,227.80

(2) Assumed changes in estimated future appraised values within the District: No future growth has been estimated.

(3) Assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations: 3.92%.

(4) Numbers in (1) above only include only the Proposition described in this Voter Information Document and the District’s outstanding debt obligations. Please see the Voter Information Document for any other Proposition for its respective details.

The estimates contained in this Voter Information Document are (i) based on certain assumptions (including the major assumptions listed above and assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District’s financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 1251.052, Texas Government Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to (and expressly do not) give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the District to issue bonds in accordance with the Proposition contained in this Voter Information Document.

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NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION E

[] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,868,750 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SYNTHETIC TURF AT FOOTBALL STADIUM FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, AND LEVYING AND IMPOSITION OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND THE COSTS OF ANY CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[] AGAINST

1. Principal of the debt obligations to be authorized	\$1,868,750.00
2. Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized	\$338,750.00
3. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized	\$2,207,500.00
4. Principal of all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$10,092,000.00
5. Estimated remaining interest on all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$4,820,227.80
6. Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations of the District*	\$14,912,227.80
7. Estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes that would be imposed on a residence homestead in the District with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved, based upon assumptions made by the governing body of the District	\$0.00
8. Other information that the District considers relevant or necessary to explain the foregoing information	See major assumptions listed below.

* As of the date of adoption of the District’s Bond Election Order.

Major assumptions for statements above, including statement 7:

(1) Assumed amortization of the District’s debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations:

Term	Proposed Principal	Proposed Interest (Estimated)	Total Proposed Debt Service	Total Debt Service + Existing Debt Service
10 Years	\$1,868,750.00	\$338,750.00	\$2,207,500.00	\$17,119,727.80

(2) Assumed changes in estimated future appraised values within the District: No future growth has been estimated.

(3) Assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations: 3.03%.

(4) Numbers in (1) above only include only the Proposition described in this Voter Information Document and the District’s outstanding debt obligations. Please see the Voter Information Document for any other Proposition for its respective details.

The estimates contained in this Voter Information Document are (i) based on certain assumptions (including the major assumptions listed above and assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District’s financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 1251.052, Texas Government Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to (and expressly do not) give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the District to issue bonds in accordance with the Proposition contained in this Voter Information Document.

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN PARA EMISIÓN DE BONOS

A LOS ELECTORES RESIDENTES Y CUALIFICADOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY:

SE NOTIFICA que se celebrará una elección para emisión de bonos en dicho DISTRITO, el 6 de mayo de 2023, de acuerdo con la siguiente Orden:

ORDEN DE CONVOCATORIA DE ELECCIONES PARA EMISIÓN DE BONOS PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN DE ESCUELAS

CONSIDERANDO que la Junta Directiva (la “Junta”) del Distrito Escolar Consolidado Independiente de Nixon-Smiley (el “Distrito”) tiene la facultad de emitir bonos de conformidad con el Capítulo 45 del Código de Educación de Texas; y

CONSIDERANDO que la Junta ha determinado que es necesario y apropiado convocar y realizar una elección para obtener la autorización de los votantes para la emisión de dichos

bonos; y

CONSIDERANDO que el Distrito puede celebrar uno o más acuerdos electorales (los “Acuerdos Electorales”) con el Condado de Gonzales, Texas (el “Condado”), por y a través del Administrador Electoral del Condado (el “Administrador”) y posiblemente con otras subdivisiones políticas, de acuerdo con las leyes del Estado de Texas (el “Estado”) y la legislación federal aplicable.

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, SE ORDENA POR LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY:

Sección 1. Convocatoria a elecciones; Fecha; Electores Elegibles; y Horario. El 6 de mayo de 2023 (“Día de las Elecciones”), es decir, setenta y ocho (78) días o más a partir de la fecha de adopción de esta orden (la “Orden de las Elecciones”), se celebrará una elección (la “Elección”) dentro y en todo el territorio del Distrito en la que todos los electores residentes y calificados del Distrito tendrán derecho a votar. La Junta considera que la celebración de la Elección en esa fecha es de interés público. El horario de apertura de los centros de votación el Día de las Elecciones será de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Sección 2. Centros de Votación; Funcionarios Electorales. Los lugares de votación del Día de las Elecciones serán los indicados en el Anexo A de esta Orden Electoral. Los jueces de distrito y los jueces suplentes para la Elecciones serán nombrados de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas (el “Código Electoral”). Salvo que se disponga lo contrario en el presente documento, habrá un único distrito electoral para las Elecciones que abarque todo el Distrito.

En el caso de que el Superintendente, o la persona designada por el Superintendente, determine ocasionalmente que (a) un centro de votación designado a partir de ahora no está disponible o no es adecuado para su uso, o que sería en el mejor interés del Distrito reubicar dicho centro de votación, o (b) un juez presidente o un juez presidente suplente designado a partir de ahora no está calificado o no está disponible, el Superintendente, o la persona designada por el Superintendente, queda por la presente autorizado a designar y nombrar por escrito un centro de votación sustituto, un juez presidente o un juez presidente suplente, y a corregir o modificar los anexos de esta Orden de Elección, dando la notificación que exige el Código Electoral y como se considere suficiente.

Sección 3. Propuestas. En la Elección se someterán a los electores residentes y calificados del Distrito las siguientes propuestas (cada una, una “Propuesta” y colectivamente, las “Propuestas”):

DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA A

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DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA B

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DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA D

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DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA E

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Sección 4. Papeletas. Las papeletas se ajustarán a los requisitos del Código Electoral y llevarán escrito o impreso lo siguiente:

DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA A

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[] EN CONTRA

DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA B

[] A FAVOR LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN ESCOLAR POR \$7,886,700 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE INSTALACIONES DE EDUCACIÓN TÉCNICA PROFESIONAL, INSTALACIONES DE CIENCIAS AGRÍCOLAS/ANIMALES Y OTROS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES DEL DISTRITO, Y LA RECAUDACIÓN E IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.

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DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA C

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DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE CONSOLIDADO DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA D

[] A FAVOR LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN ESCOLAR POR \$2,799,100 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE INSTALACIONES DE ESTADIOS DE FÚTBOL EN EL DISTRITO, Y LA RECAUDACIÓN E IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.

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[] EN CONTRA

Sección 5. Votaciones. Se pueden utilizar máquinas de votación electrónica para celebrar y llevar a cabo la Elección el Día de las Elecciones; sin embargo, en caso de que no sea posible utilizar dichas máquinas de votación electrónica, la Elección podrá llevarse a cabo el Día de las Elecciones mediante el uso de papeletas de votación (salvo que se disponga lo contrario en esta sección). Las máquinas de votación electrónica o las papeletas de papel pueden utilizarse para la votación anticipada por comparecencia personal (salvo que se disponga lo contrario en esta sección). Tal y como exige el Código Electoral, el Distrito proporcionará al menos un sistema de votación accesible en cada centro de votación utilizado en las Elecciones. Dicho sistema de votación deberá cumplir con las leyes de Texas y federales que establecen el requisito de sistemas de votación que permitan a los votantes con discapacidades físicas emitir un voto secreto. Las papeletas de papel pueden utilizarse para la votación anticipada por correo.

Cada votante que desee votar a favor de una Propuesta deberá marcar la papeleta indicando "A FAVOR" de la Propuesta, y cada votante que desee votar en contra de una Propuesta deberá marcar la papeleta indicando "EN CONTRA" de la Propuesta. La votación se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con el Código Electoral.

Sección 6. Voto Anticipado. Por la presente, la Junta nombra al Administrador como secretario regular de votación anticipada. La votación anticipada, tanto por comparecencia personal como por correo, se realizará de acuerdo con el Código Electoral.

(a) La votación anticipada por comparecencia personal se llevará a cabo en los lugares, en las fechas y en los horarios que se indican en el Anexo B. La votación anticipada por comparecencia personal comenzará el lunes 24 de abril de 2023 y finalizará el martes 2 de mayo de 2023.

Para el uso de aquellos votantes que tienen derecho por ley a votar anticipadamente por correo, el secretario de votación anticipada proporcionará a cada votante una papeleta con instrucciones para marcar la papeleta indicando su voto "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de las Propuestas. La dirección postal a la que pueden enviarse las solicitudes de papeletas y los votos por correo es la siguiente:

Nombre: Gwen Schaefer
Dirección postal oficial: PO Box 1753, Gonzales, Texas 78629
Dirección física: 427 Saint George, Suite 306, Gonzales, Texas 78629
Dirección de correo electrónico: ea@co.gonzales.tx.us y elections@co.gonzales.tx.us
Teléfono: 830-519-4054
Número de fax: 830-672-5477
Dirección web: https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.Elections.Admin

Por la presente, se autoriza y ordena al Administrador que designe la junta de votación anticipada y otros funcionarios necesarios para llevar a cabo la votación anticipada para la Elección.

Sección 7. Manejo de la Elección. La Elección será manejada por funcionarios electorales, incluyendo los jueces y los jueces o secretarios suplentes designados por la Junta, de conformidad con los Acuerdos Electorales, el Código de Educación, el Código Electoral y la Constitución y las leyes del Estado y de los Estados Unidos de América. El Presidente de la Junta Directiva, el Superintendente y sus respectivos designados están autorizados a celebrar, ejecutar y entregar uno o más Acuerdos Electorales, de acuerdo con las disposiciones aplicables del Código Electoral. Los términos y disposiciones de cada Acuerdo Electoral se incorporan a esta Orden Electoral. En la medida de cualquier conflicto entre esta Orden de Elección y un Acuerdo Electoral, los términos y disposiciones del Acuerdo Electoral prevalecerán y el Presidente de la Junta Directiva, el Superintendente y sus respectivos designados están autorizados a hacer las correcciones, cambios, revisiones y modificaciones a esta Orden Electoral, incluyendo los anexos a la misma, que se consideren necesarios o apropiados para adecuarse al Acuerdo Electoral, para cumplir con las leyes estatales y federales aplicables, y para llevar a cabo la intención de la Junta, tal como se evidencia en esta Orden de Elección. El Administrador será responsable de establecer la estación central de recuento de los votos emitidos en la Elección y de designar el personal necesario para dicha estación.

Sección 8. Material Electoral Bilingüe. Todas las notificaciones, instrucciones y papeletas relativas a las Elecciones se facilitarán a los votantes en inglés y español (así como en chino y/o vietnamita si así lo exige la legislación aplicable) y se dispondrá de personas capaces de actuar como traductores en inglés y español (así como en chino y/o vietnamita si así lo exige la legislación aplicable) para ayudar a los votantes a comprender y participar en el proceso electoral.

Sección 9. Entrega de las Papeletas de Voto; Recuento; Tabulación; Escrutinio de los Resultados; Declaración de Resultados. El recuento de los votos será realizado por uno o más equipos de funcionarios electorales asignados por los jueces presidentes, cada equipo estará formado por dos o más funcionarios electorales. Una vez concluidas sus responsabilidades en virtud del Código Electoral, incluido el recuento de las papeletas con votos y la tabulación de los

resultados, el presidente del tribunal informará por escrito el resultado de las elecciones al Distrito, de acuerdo con el Código Electoral. La Junta escrutará los votos y declarará los resultados de la elección.

Si la mayoría de los electores residentes y calificados del Distrito que voten en la Elección, incluidos los que voten por adelantado, votan a favor de una Propuesta, entonces se autorizará la emisión y venta de los bonos descritos en la Propuesta en el monto máximo contenido en la misma, y los bonos se emitirán y venderán al precio o precios y en las denominaciones que determine la Junta para el mejor interés del Distrito. El producto de los bonos emitidos y vendidos de conformidad con cada Propuesta se utilizará de acuerdo con las limitaciones impuestas por la Subsección 45.003(g), Código de Educación.

Sección 10. Entrenamiento de Funcionarios Electorales. De acuerdo con el Código Electoral, se puede llevar a cabo una escuela pública de instrucción para todos los funcionarios y secretarios electorales según lo dispuesto o contratado por el Administrador.

Sección 11. Anuncio de Elecciones; Documento de Información al Votante. La Notificación de la Elección se hará en la forma requerida por el Código Electoral y otras leyes aplicables. En la medida en que lo exija la ley, el anuncio de las Elecciones incluirá la dirección de la página web del Distrito, que es https://www.nixonsmiley.net/.

Por la presente se aprueba un documento de información al votante para cada Propuesta en la forma adjunta a la presente como Anexo C, junto con las revisiones que puedan ser aprobadas por el Superintendente o las personas designadas por el Superintendente, y se publicará y proporcionará de conformidad con la ley.

Sección 12. Notificación de Reunión. La Junta encuentra, determina, recita y declara oficialmente que la notificación por escrito de la fecha, hora, lugar y tema de la reunión en la que se adopta esta Orden de Elección se publicó en un tablón de anuncios ubicado en un lugar conveniente para el público en las oficinas administrativas del Distrito durante al menos setenta y dos (72) horas antes de la hora programada para la reunión; que se dio un aviso telefónico o telegráfico de dicha reunión a todos los medios de comunicación que han consentido en pagar todos los gastos incurridos por el Distrito en relación con la provisión de dicho aviso, tal como lo exige la Ley de Reuniones Públicas de Texas, Capítulo 551, Código de Gobierno de Texas, según sus enmiendas; y que dicha reunión estuvo abierta al público, tal como lo exige la ley, en todo momento durante el cual se discutió, se consideró y se actuó formalmente sobre esta Orden de Elección y el tema de la misma.

Sección 13. Declaración Obligatoria de Información.

(a) De conformidad con la Sección 3.009 del Código Electoral de Texas: (i) el lenguaje de la propuesta que aparecerá en la boleta electoral se establece en la Sección 4 de esta Orden Electoral, (ii) los propósitos para los cuales se autorizarán los bonos se establecen en la Sección 3 de esta Orden Electoral, (iii) el monto de capital de los bonos que se autorizarán se establece en la Sección 3 de esta Orden Electoral, (iv) si la emisión de bonos es autorizada por los votantes, se podrán imponer impuestos suficientes, sin límite en cuanto a tasa o monto, para pagar el capital y los intereses de los bonos y los costos de cualquier acuerdo de crédito, como se establece en la Sección 3 de esta Orden Electoral, (v) los bonos autorizados en virtud de esta Orden Electoral pueden emitirse con un vencimiento de un número determinado de años que no supere el menor entre cuarenta (40) años o el número máximo de años autorizado por la ley y que devenguen intereses a la tasa o tasas (que no excedan el 15%), según lo autorizado por la ley y determinado por la Junta, (vi) a la fecha de adopción de esta Orden de Elección, el monto total del capital pendiente de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito es de \$10,092,000.00 y el monto total de los intereses pendientes de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito es de \$4,820,227.80, y (vii) la tasa impositiva del servicio de la deuda ad valorem del Distrito a partir de la fecha de adopción de esta Orden Electoral es de \$0.2854 por cada \$100 de valoración de la propiedad imponible.

(b) Basándose en las condiciones del mercado a la fecha de esta Orden de Elección, se estima que la tasa de interés efectiva neta máxima para cualquier serie de los bonos es 5.50%. Esta tasa de interés máxima estimada se proporciona a título informativo, pero no constituye una limitación de la tasa de interés a la que pueden venderse los bonos, o cualquier serie de ellos. Además, la estimación contenida en esta subsección (b) está (i) basada en ciertas suposiciones (incluyendo suposiciones concernientes a las condiciones económicas y de mercado prevalentes en el momento(s) de la emisión de los bonos) y derivada de proyecciones obtenidas del asesor financiero del Distrito, (ii) sujeta a cambios en la medida en que los hechos, las circunstancias y las condiciones reales prevalentes en el momento en que se emitan los bonos difieran de dichas suposiciones y proyecciones, (iii) proporcionada únicamente en cumplimiento de los requisitos de la Sección 3.009, Código Electoral de Texas, y no para ningún otro propósito, sin ninguna garantía de que dichas proyecciones se realicen, y (iv) no pretende ni da lugar a un contrato con los votantes ni limita la autoridad de la Junta para emitir bonos de acuerdo con las Propuestas presentadas por esta Orden Electoral.

Sección 14. Autoridad del Superintendente. El Superintendente tendrá la autoridad para tomar, o hacer que se tomen, todas las acciones razonables o necesarias para asegurar que la Elección se lleve a cabo de manera justa y que los resultados sean contados y tabulados adecuadamente para el escrutinio por parte de la Junta, acciones que se ratifican y confirman por la presente. Sin limitar la generalidad de la frase inmediatamente anterior, por la presente se autoriza al Superintendente y a las personas designadas por el Superintendente a completar y actualizar, según sea necesario, los anexos del presente documento con la información necesaria a medida que el Distrito disponga de ella.

Sección 15. Autorización de Ejecución. El Presidente o Vicepresidente de la Junta está autorizado a ejecutar y el Secretario de la Junta está autorizado a dar fe de esta Orden de Elección en nombre de la Junta; y el Presidente o Vicepresidente de la Junta está autorizado a llevar a cabo todas las demás acciones legales y necesarias en relación con la celebración y consumación de la Elección.

Sección 16. Fecha de Entrada en Vigor. Esta Orden Electoral entra en vigor inmediatamente después de su aprobación.

APROBADO este 13 de febrero de 2023.

/s/ Richard Lott
 Presidente del Consejo Directivo

ATTEST:

/s/ Aly Tschoepe
 Secretaria de la Junta Directiva

ANEXO A

Información de Centros de Votación para el Día de las Elecciones

HORAS
 Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES

Número de precinto del condado de Guadalupe	Número de precinto del condado de Karnes	Número de precinto del condado de Wilson	Números de precinto del condado de Gonzales	Centros de Votación
105	3	419	4, 5, 6	Biblioteca Pública de Nixon 401 N Nixon Ave Nixon, Texas 78140
No aplica.			10	Smiley Vol. Cuerpo de Bomberos 208 N FM 108 Smiley, Texas 78159
No aplica.			13	Asociación del Cementerio de Leesville 6077 CR 155 Leesville, Texas 78122

ANEXO B

Información sobre los Centros de Votación Anticipada

FECHAS/HORAS
 Entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m., el 24 de abril - 28 de 2023.
 Entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m., el 1 de mayo - 2 de 2023.

DIRECCION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES

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 401 N Nixon Ave.
 Nixon, Texas 78140

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ANEXO C**DOCUMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN AL VOTANTE****DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA A**

- [] A FAVOR LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN ESCOLAR POR UN VALOR TOTAL DE \$20,839,150 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, RECUPERACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO Y LA COMPRA NUEVOS AUTOBUSES ESCOLARES, Y LA RECAUDACIÓN E IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.
- [] EN CONTRA

1. Capital de las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$20,839,150.00
2. Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$17,303,850.00
3. Estimación del capital y los intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autoricen	\$38,143,000.00
4. Capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*	\$10,092,000.00
5. Estimación de los intereses restantes de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendiente del Distrito*	\$4,820,227.80
6. Estimación del capital e intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*.	\$14,912,227.80
7. Aumento anual máximo estimado del monto de los impuestos que se aplicarían a una residencia en el Distrito con un valor estimado de \$100,000 para pagar las obligaciones de deuda a ser autorizadas, de ser aprobadas, sobre la base de los supuestos asumidos por el órgano de gobierno del Distrito	\$0.00
8. Otra información que el Distrito considere relevante o necesaria para explicar la información anterior	Véase la lista de supuestos principales más abajo.

* A partir de la fecha de adopción de la Orden de Elección Para Emisión de Bonos del Distrito.

Principales hipótesis para las afirmaciones anteriores, incluida la afirmación 7:

- (1) Amortización estimada de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito, incluyendo las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las obligaciones de deuda propuestas:

Término	Capital Propuesto	Interés Propuesto (Estimado)	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta + Servicio de Deuda Existente
30 años	\$20,839,150.00	\$17,303,850.00	\$38,143,000.00	\$53,055,227.80

- (2) Cambios previstos en los futuros valores estimados de tasación dentro del distrito: No se ha estimado ningún crecimiento futuro.

- (3) Tasa de Interés estimada para las obligaciones de deuda propuestas: 4.40%.

- (4) Las cifras de (1) sólo incluyen la Propuesta descrita en este Documento de Información al Votante y las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito. Por favor, consulte el Documento de Información al Votante para cualquier otra Propuesta para sus respectivos detalles.

Las estimaciones contenidas en este Documento de Información al Votante (i) se basan en ciertas suposiciones (incluidas las principales suposiciones enumeradas anteriormente y las suposiciones relativas a las condiciones económicas y de mercado imperantes en el momento o los momentos de la emisión de los bonos) y se derivan de las proyecciones obtenidas del asesor financiero del Distrito, (ii) están sujetas a cambios en la medida en que los hechos, las circunstancias y las condiciones reales imperantes en el momento de la emisión de los bonos difieran de dichas suposiciones y proyecciones, (iii) se proporcionan únicamente en cumplimiento de los requisitos de la Sección 1251.052, Código de Gobierno de Texas, y con ningún otro propósito, sin ninguna garantía de que dichas proyecciones se realicen, y (iv) no pretenden (y expresamente no lo hacen) dar lugar a un contrato con los votantes o limitar la autoridad del Distrito para emitir bonos de acuerdo con la Propuesta contenida en este Documento de Información al Votante.

DOCUMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN AL VOTANTE**DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA B**

- [] A FAVOR LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN ESCOLAR POR \$7,886,700 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE INSTALACIONES DE EDUCACIÓN TÉCNICA PROFESIONAL, INSTALACIONES DE CIENCIAS AGRÍCOLAS/ANIMALES Y OTROS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES DEL DISTRITO, Y LA RECAUDACIÓN E IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.
- [] EN CONTRA

1. Capital de las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$7,886,700.00
2. Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$6,553,300.00
3. Estimación del capital y los intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autoricen	\$14,440,000.00
4. Capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*	\$10,092,000.00
5. Estimación de los intereses restantes de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendiente del Distrito*	\$4,820,227.80
6. Estimación del capital e intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*.	\$14,912,227.80
7. Aumento anual máximo estimado del monto de los impuestos que se aplicarían a una residencia en el Distrito con un valor estimado de \$100,000 para pagar las obligaciones de deuda a ser autorizadas, de ser aprobadas, sobre la base de los supuestos asumidos por el órgano de gobierno del Distrito	\$0.00
8. Otra información que el Distrito considere relevante o necesaria para explicar la información anterior	Véase la lista de supuestos principales más abajo.

* A partir de la fecha de adopción de la Orden de Elección Para Emisión de Bonos del Distrito.

Principales hipótesis para las afirmaciones anteriores, incluida la afirmación 7:

- (1) Amortización estimada de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito, incluyendo las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las obligaciones de deuda propuestas:

Término	Capital Propuesto	Interés Propuesto (Estimado)	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta + Servicio de Deuda Existente
30 años	\$7,886,700.00	\$6,553,300.00	\$14,440,000.00	\$29,352,227.80

- (2) Cambios previstos en los futuros valores estimados de tasación dentro del distrito: No se ha estimado ningún crecimiento futuro.

- (3) Tasa de Interés estimada para las obligaciones de deuda propuestas: 4.40%.

- (4) Las cifras de (1) sólo incluyen la Propuesta descrita en este Documento de Información al Votante y las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito. Por favor, consulte el Documento de Información al Votante para cualquier otra Propuesta para sus respectivos detalles.

Las estimaciones contenidas en este Documento de Información al Votante (i) se basan en ciertas suposiciones (incluidas las principales suposiciones enumeradas anteriormente y las suposiciones relativas a las condiciones económicas y de mercado imperantes en el momento o los momentos de la emisión de los bonos) y se derivan de las proyecciones obtenidas del asesor financiero del Distrito, (ii) están sujetas a cambios en la medida en que los hechos, las circunstancias y las condiciones reales imperantes en el momento de la emisión de los bonos difieran de dichas suposiciones y proyecciones, (iii) se proporcionan únicamente en cumplimiento de los requisitos de la Sección 1251.052, Código de Gobierno de Texas, y con ningún otro propósito, sin ninguna garantía de que dichas proyecciones se realicen, y (iv) no pretenden (y expresamente no lo hacen) dar lugar a un contrato con los votantes o limitar la autoridad del Distrito para emitir bonos de acuerdo con la Propuesta contenida en este Documento de Información al Votante.

DOCUMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN AL VOTANTE**DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA C**

- [] A FAVOR LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN ESCOLAR POR \$4,555,150 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE INSTALACIONES DE GIMNASIOS, ESTADIOS DE BÉISBOL, ESTADIOS DE SOFTBOL Y OTROS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES DEL DISTRITO, Y LA RECAUDACIÓN E IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.
- [] EN CONTRA

1. Capital de las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$4,555,150.00
2. Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$2,139,100.00
3. Estimación del capital y los intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autoricen	\$6,694,250.00
4. Capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*	\$10,092,000.00
5. Estimación de los intereses restantes de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendiente del Distrito*	\$4,820,227.80
6. Estimación del capital e intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*.	\$14,912,227.80
7. Aumento anual máximo estimado del monto de los impuestos que se aplicarían a una residencia en el Distrito con un valor estimado de \$100,000 para pagar las obligaciones de deuda a ser autorizadas, de ser aprobadas, sobre la base de los supuestos asumidos por el órgano de gobierno del Distrito	\$0.00
8. Otra información que el Distrito considere relevante o necesaria para explicar la información anterior	Véase la lista de supuestos principales más abajo.

* A partir de la fecha de adopción de la Orden de Elección Para Emisión de Bonos del Distrito.

Principales hipótesis para las afirmaciones anteriores, incluida la afirmación 7:

- (1) Amortización estimada de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito, incluyendo las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las obligaciones de deuda propuestas:

Término	Capital Propuesto	Interés Propuesto (Estimado)	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta + Servicio de Deuda Existente
20 años	\$4,555,150.00	\$2,139,100.00	\$6,694,250.00	\$21,606,477.80

- (2) Cambios previstos en los futuros valores estimados de tasación dentro del distrito: No se ha estimado ningún crecimiento futuro.

- (3) Tasa de Interés estimada para las obligaciones de deuda propuestas: 3.92%.

- (4) Las cifras de (1) sólo incluyen la Propuesta descrita en este Documento de Información al Votante y las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito. Por favor, consulte el Documento de Información al Votante para cualquier otra Propuesta para sus respectivos detalles.

Las estimaciones contenidas en este Documento de Información al Votante (i) se basan en ciertas suposiciones (incluidas las principales suposiciones enumeradas anteriormente y las suposiciones relativas a las condiciones económicas y de mercado imperantes en el momento o los momentos de la emisión de los bonos) y se derivan de las proyecciones obtenidas del asesor financiero del Distrito, (ii) están sujetas a cambios en la medida en que los hechos, las circunstancias y las condiciones reales imperantes en el momento de la emisión de los bonos difieran de dichas suposiciones y proyecciones, (iii) se proporcionan únicamente en cumplimiento de los requisitos de la Sección 1251.052, Código de Gobierno de Texas, y con ningún otro propósito, sin ninguna garantía de que dichas proyecciones se realicen, y (iv) no pretenden (y expresamente no lo hacen) dar lugar a un contrato con los votantes o limitar la autoridad del Distrito para emitir bonos de acuerdo con la Propuesta contenida en este Documento de Información al Votante.

DOCUMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN AL VOTANTE**DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE CONSOLIDADO DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA D**

- [] A FAVOR LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN ESCOLAR POR \$2,799,100 PARA LA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN, REHABILITACIÓN, RENOVACIÓN, AMPLIACIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE INSTALACIONES DE ESTADIOS DE FÚTBOL EN EL DISTRITO, Y LA RECAUDACIÓN E IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO. ESTO
- [] EN CONTRA

1. Capital de las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$2,799,100.00
2. Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$1,302,900.00
3. Estimación del capital y los intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autoricen	\$4,082,000.00
4. Capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*	\$10,092,000.00
5. Estimación de los intereses restantes de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendiente del Distrito*	\$4,820,227.80
6. Estimación del capital e intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*.	\$14,912,227.80
7. Aumento anual máximo estimado del monto de los impuestos que se aplicarían a una residencia en el Distrito con un valor estimado de \$100,000 para pagar las obligaciones de deuda a ser autorizadas, de ser aprobadas, sobre la base de los supuestos asumidos por el órgano de gobierno del Distrito	\$0.00
8. Otra información que el Distrito considere relevante o necesaria para explicar la información anterior	Véase la lista de supuestos principales más abajo.

* A partir de la fecha de adopción de la Orden de Elección Para Emisión de Bonos del Distrito.

ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.

Principales hipótesis para las afirmaciones anteriores, incluida la afirmación 7:

- (1) Amortización estimada de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito, incluyendo las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las obligaciones de deuda propuestas:

Término	Capital Propuesto	Interés Propuesto (Estimado)	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta + Servicio de Deuda Existente
20 años	\$2,799,100.00	\$1,302,900.00	\$4,082,000.00	\$18,994,227.80

- (2) Cambios previstos en los futuros valores estimados de tasación dentro del distrito: No se ha estimado ningún crecimiento futuro.

- (3) Tasa de Interés estimada para las obligaciones de deuda propuestas: 3.92%.

- (4) Las cifras de (1) sólo incluyen la Propuesta descrita en este Documento de Información al Votante y las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito. Por favor, consulte el Documento de Información al Votante para cualquier otra Propuesta para sus respectivos detalles.

Las estimaciones contenidas en este Documento de Información al Votante (i) se basan en ciertas suposiciones (incluidas las principales suposiciones enumeradas anteriormente y las suposiciones relativas a las condiciones económicas y de mercado imperantes en el momento o los momentos de la emisión de los bonos) y se derivan de las proyecciones obtenidas del asesor financiero del Distrito, (ii) están sujetas a cambios en la medida en que los hechos, las circunstancias y las condiciones reales imperantes en el momento de la emisión de los bonos difieran de dichas suposiciones y proyecciones, (iii) se proporcionan únicamente en cumplimiento de los requisitos de la Sección 1251.052, Código de Gobierno de Texas, y con ningún otro propósito, sin ninguna garantía de que dichas proyecciones se realicen, y (iv) no pretenden (y expresamente no lo hacen) dar lugar a un contrato con los votantes o limitar la autoridad del Distrito para emitir bonos de acuerdo con la Propuesta contenida en este Documento de Información al Votante.

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FAIR HOUSING PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FAIR HOUSING, IT'S THE LAW

To promote fair housing practices, the City of Waelder encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law.

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market.

For More information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's toll-free hotline at: 1-800-669-9777; or Texas Workforce Commission at (888) 452-4778 or TTY: (512)-371-7473 Complaints may be filed locally with the City of Waelder at (830) 788-7331.



The City of Waelder has appointed a Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity Standards Officer responsible for the oversight and compliance of fair housing and equal opportunity provisions and certification activities to be performed by the City. This Officer may be contacted through the Office of the Mayor, 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959-0427; Telephone: (830) 788-7331 (Voice).



Policy Prohibiting the Use of Excessive Force

The City of Waelder announces that it has a Policy Prohibiting the Use of Excessive Force by law enforcement personnel within its jurisdiction against any individual engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations, and a policy enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location that is subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdictions. In accordance with 24 CFR 91.325(b)(6), this policy is in compliance with Section 104(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act, as amended.



NOTICES OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability Status

The City of Waelder, Texas does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission to, or access to, or employment in, its programs or activities. The Mayor has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended (24 CFR Part 8.4(a)).



Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

The City of Waelder does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability status in employment or the provision of services. (Section 109 of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act (24CFR6); the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C 6101-6107); and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794))

In accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 as amended, the City has implemented a policy to provide "to the greatest extent feasible" training and employment opportunities to lower income residents and contract opportunities to businesses of the areas in which TXCDBG Program / Project is being carried out. A copy of the policy may be obtained for review. (24 CFR Part 135)

The City of Waelder has appointed a Section 504/Section 3 Coordinator responsible for the oversight and compliance of equal opportunity provisions and Section 504 certification activities to be performed by the City. This Officer may be contacted through Office of the Mayor, City of Waelder, 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas 78959-0427; Telephone: (830) 788-7331 (Voice)

City of Waelder Citizen Participation Plan includes the adoption of Complaint and Grievance Procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Programs. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if he/she wishes to file a written complaint about proposed TxCDBG activities. The City will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within ten (10) working days. Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at the City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling the City Secretary's Office at (830) 788-7331.

Accommodation for Non-English speaking residents and Limited English Proficiency (LEP)

The City will upon request provide an interpreter to accommodate the needs of the Non-English speaking residents and ensure nondiscrimination by taking reasonable steps to ensure meaningful access for person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) by providing language assistance as appropriate. Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) needs are asked to contact City Hall for further assistance. Para mas información en español, comuníquese con la Oficina del Alcalde al (830) 788-7331.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS)

To the registered voters of the County of Gonzales, Waelder, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Gonzales, Waelder, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 6, 2023 for voting in a general election to elect: Three (3) City council Members.

(Notifíquese por la presente, que los sitios de votación citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 05/06/2023 para votar en la elección general para Tres (3) Miembros del Consejo)

On Election Day, voters must vote in the precinct where registered to vote, unless the countywide polling place program is being used in the election.

(El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en el precinto donde están inscritos para votar, a menos que el programa de sitios de votación del condado se está utilizando en la elección.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places
Include Name of Building and Address
(Sitios de votación el Día de Elección)
(Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)

Precinct Number(s):
(Número de precinto):

Waelder Community Center
311 US Hwy. 90W
Waelder, TX 78959

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During early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:

(Durante Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de los sitios de votación nombradas abajo.)

Location of Main Early Voting Polling Places
Include Name of Building and Address
(Sitio principal de votación adelantada)
(Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)

Days and Hours of Operation
Días y Horas Hábiles

Waelder City Hall, 300 Hwy 90W,
Waelder, TX 78959

April 24-28, 2023 8am-5pm, May 1-2, 2023;
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Locations for Branch Early Voting Polling Places
Include Name of Building and Address
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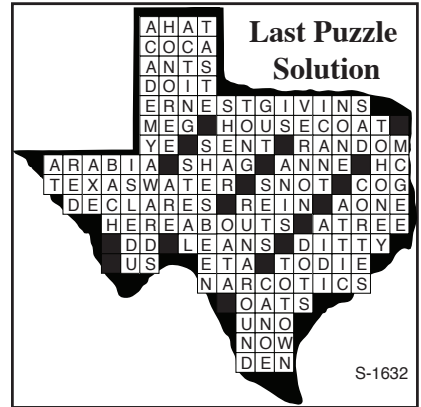
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April 13 Puzzle Answers

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DOCUMENTO DE INFORMACIÓN AL VOTANTE

DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONSOLIDADO INDEPENDIENTE DE NIXON-SMILEY - PROPUESTA E

[] A FAVOR LA EMISIÓN DE BONOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN ESCOLAR POR \$1,868,750 PARA LA INSTALACIÓN DE CÉSPED SINTÉTICO EN LAS INSTALACIONES DEL ESTADIO DE FÚTBOL DEL DISTRITO Y LAS MEJORAS CORRESPONDIENTES, Y LA RECAUDACIÓN E IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y LOS INTERESES DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO DEL IMPUESTO SOBRE LA PROPIEDAD.

1. Capital de las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$1,868,750.00
2. Intereses estimados para las obligaciones de la deuda que se va a autorizar	\$338,750.00
3. Estimación del capital y los intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad las obligaciones de deuda que se autoricen	\$2,207,500.00
4. Capital de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*	\$10,092,000.00
5. Estimación de los intereses restantes de todas las obligaciones de deuda pendiente del Distrito*	\$4,820,227.80
6. Estimación del capital e intereses combinados necesarios para pagar a tiempo y en su totalidad todas las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito*.	\$14,912,227.80
7. Aumento anual máximo estimado del monto de los impuestos que se aplicarían a una residencia en el Distrito con un valor estimado de \$100,000 para pagar las obligaciones de deuda a ser autorizadas, de ser aprobadas, sobre la base de los supuestos asumidos por el órgano de gobierno del Distrito	\$0.00
8. Otra información que el Distrito considere relevante o necesaria para explicar la información anterior	Véase la lista de supuestos principales más abajo.

* A partir de la fecha de adopción de la Orden de Elección Para Emisión de Bonos del Distrito.

Principales hipótesis para las afirmaciones anteriores, incluida la afirmación 7:

(1) Amortización estimada de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito, incluyendo las obligaciones de deuda pendientes y las obligaciones de deuda propuestas:

Término	Capital Propuesto	Interés Propuesto (Estimado)	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta	Servicio Total de Deuda Propuesta + Servicio de Deuda Existente
10 años	\$1,868,750.00	\$338,750.00	\$2,207,500.00	\$17,119,727.80

(2) Cambios previstos en los futuros valores estimados de tasación dentro del distrito: No se ha estimado ningún crecimiento futuro.

(3) Tasa de Interés estimada para las obligaciones de deuda propuestas: 3.03%.

(4) Las cifras de (1) sólo incluyen la Propuesta descrita en este Documento de Información al Votante y las obligaciones de deuda pendientes del Distrito. Por favor, consulte el Documento de Información al Votante para cualquier otra Propuesta para sus respectivos detalles.

Las estimaciones contenidas en este Documento de Información al Votante (i) se basan en ciertas suposiciones (incluidas las principales suposiciones enumeradas anteriormente y las suposiciones relativas a las condiciones económicas y de mercado imperantes en el momento o los momentos de la emisión de los bonos) y se derivan de las proyecciones obtenidas del asesor financiero del Distrito, (ii) están sujetas a cambios en la medida en que los hechos, las circunstancias y las condiciones reales imperantes en el momento de la emisión de los bonos difieran de dichas suposiciones y proyecciones, (iii) se proporcionan únicamente en cumplimiento de los requisitos de la Sección 1251.052, Código de Gobierno de Texas, y con ningún otro propósito, sin ninguna garantía de que dichas proyecciones se realicen, y (iv) no pretenden (y expresamente no lo hacen) dar lugar a un contrato con los votantes o limitar la autoridad del Distrito para emitir bonos de acuerdo con la Propuesta contenida en este Documento de Información al Votante.

Senate passes Kolkhorst's sweeping mental health plan for Texas

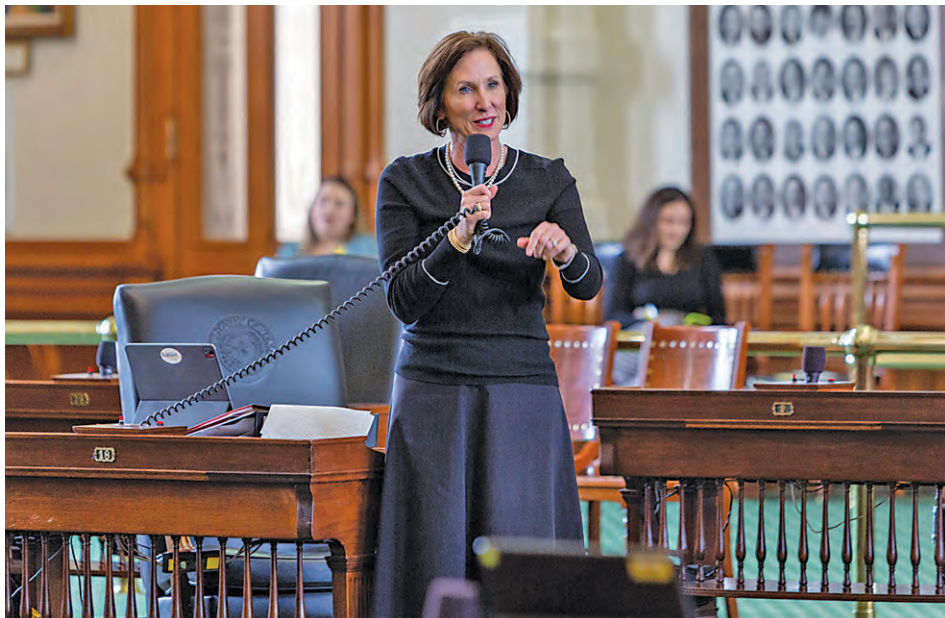
SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

On Thursday, April 13, the Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 26, authored by Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst (R-Brenham), which will create new programs to fund and expand mental health services across the state.

"Texas is poised to make an historic investment in mental health by expanding our state's facilities and services. This will be done through local contracts and the construction of new facilities, with this bill serving as a roadmap. Every State Senator supports this bill because this issue impacts every single Texan. We can vastly reduce mental hospital waitlists so people get the help they need in local settings and finally end the cycle of Texans being in and out of hospitals, homeless shelters, the streets or jails," stated Kolkhorst.

Under the leadership of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, Texas has made mental health investments a key focus with total investments across state agencies of more than \$1.5 billion in the last three sessions.

"As I traveled rural Texas last year, I listened closely as Texans from all regions of our state explained the



need for improved mental health care access," said Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. "As Lt. Governor, I have already invested more in mental health care than any Lt. Governor in Texas history. This historic legislation builds upon what we have done in the last 8 years in the area of mental health. This investment is a responsible use of our unprecedented budget surplus, and I am proud that the Senate has come together as one to support this important and historic endeavor."

The legislation seeks to help de-escalate a family in crisis through the creation of an "innovation grant" matching program that would provide funding opportunities to a variety of local providers, including hospitals, local mental health providers, and non-profits so they can offer direct new services for youths and families who are suffering. It also creates a new discharge and transition program to help State Hospital patients "step-down" to a supportive, safe setting in

the community once they are discharged and drives efforts to improve mental health services around the state by requiring unprecedented performance audits on community-based mental and behavioral health systems known as Local Mental and Behavioral Health Authorities.

"I recently received a letter from a mother who was desperate for help," said Kolkhorst. "She reached out to my office for assistance for her 14 year old son who has been diagnosed with several emotional and behavioral disorders and is no longer able to live with family due to violent outbursts and physical abuse he inflicted on his family members. She literally has nowhere to go."

Kolkhorst said that families in crisis would be helped by local grants for programs to help deliver counseling, training, social services and other programs or treatments to help some adolescents develop coping and social skills and prevent the tragedy from worsening with the criminal justice system or even jail.

"This is a bipartisan solution that offers the right place with the right help for every mental health challenge."

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Goalies in Training

Good day, mates. Hope your kangaroo's pouch is full, and there's a smile on your wallabie's face. Yep, feeling like I'm from the land "down under" as of late. Seeing as how I'm (reluctantly) making an effort to start my outdoor project list for this year, a few home repairs before applying a fresh coat of paint, I've recently been spending time under my porch, shimming things up with some new supports. I say reluctantly because, after many years of building our house myself, mother nature has seen fit to wreak a little havoc here and there, causing this old boy to realize that a builder's work is never truly done. But, at least I'm sporting a new hairdo (and looking pretty fine, if I say so myself), even if made of spider webs!

I realize that many people are freaked out by spiders, but most are not only harmless, but pretty neat little creatures in their own right. I mean, if I had eight legs, I could hobble across the lawn four times faster, which would help offset the

increased shoe expense, and being able to shoot a house out of your backside, how cool would that be...just sayin'?

It popped into my mind the other day, hence today's title, that we're all kind of like goalies in training. When I think of a goalie, hockey and soccer come to mind. With their objective being to block their opponents scoring ability, and hoping to win the game themselves, they definitely have a tough job, as anyone that's been hit in the face with a soccer ball or hockey puck can attest to. It seems that in life, at times our opponent is stronger and smarter than we've given them credit for, faking to one side of the net, while easily scoring on the other. However, occasionally through complacency, inexperience, or allowing ourselves to be caught off guard by distractions, we inadvertently cause our own demise. So, as we play the game of life, keep in mind these words of wisdom from the movie Happy Gilmore (Adam Sandler), "There's



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

a lot of pressure, you have to rise above it, harness in the good energy / block out the bad, feel the flow, all good things."

As in soccer or hockey, the goal is the target. How many times have we ourselves set goals only to fail in the long run. There's a saying that if the plan doesn't work, change the plan, never the goal...I disagree. Sometimes we may have set a goal that is simply unrealistic, not well thought out, badly timed, misunderstood as to the skills and effort required, or without a clear "why", causing a lack of motivation. Things in life change, and what may seem worthy of pursuing today, may not be applicable tomorrow. I've encountered this many times myself, and looking back, I probably would've done things somewhat dif-

ferently. Of course, no one knows what the future will hold, so we press on the best we're able. I'm very appreciative (and actually in awe) of what God has done for, and through me, things I couldn't possibly have done without his strength, wisdom, and guidance. Proverbs 16:3 reminds us to "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."

We all need goals in our lives, a reason for getting out of bed in the morning. Achieving things is an ongoing process, and will not be accomplished overnight, so choose wisely. A puzzle has many pieces that are put in place one by one, life is no different. Learn to enjoy the journey and you'll be happier, and achieve more in the long run. After all, God's gift of life to man was meant to be enjoyed, not only now, but forever (with him) if we'll follow his lead, and is highly recommended. Love you guys, Eric.



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