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## Local woman charged with human smuggling



**BY LEW K. COHN**  
Inquirer Publisher

A Gonzales woman was one of two people arrested and charged with human smuggling after a high-speed chase in Kinney and Maverick counties in West Texas on Monday, April 10.

Joanna Jeanette Bermea of Gonzales remains in the Kerr County Jail in lieu of \$110,000, according to the Kinney County Sheriff's Office and Kerr County Jail records.

Bermea and Cynthia Rashel Vonette Stewart of Quinlan, near Dallas, were occupants in a black GMC Sierra pickup

truck when deputies and Texas Department of Public Safety attempted to initiate a traffic stop on US 90 in Kinney County.

They evaded officers and began a high-speed chase which took them onto Texas 131 and ended near US 277 in Maverick County.

During the chase, they

stopped several times, allowing suspected illegal aliens to bail out and run into the brush.

"Many times, this is done in the mistaken belief that drivers can avoid charges if there are no aliens in the car when they're finally stopped. This is

See **SMUGGLING**, page A14

## GISD board approves pre-K tuition for 2023-24

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Independent School District Board of Trustees met for their regularly scheduled meeting Monday, April 10 at the GISD Administration building.

One of the big items discussed was the 2023-2024 pre-Kindergarten Tuition Rate. GISD Chief Financial Officer Amanda Smith said the district has been doing this for three years and planning to do something different this year to make it easier for parents.

"In an effort to better meet the needs of our families, we will advertise the availability of a monthly payment option for the tuition. In the past, the only two payment options that have been utilized by the participants is either a pay in full option for the year or they have paid by the semester," Smith said.

Smith added the district "didn't see a reason" not to of-

See **TUITION**, page A14

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Catholic community of Gonzales and Waelder performs their annual Stations of the Cross event Friday, April 7 for Good Friday. This year's event was held inside Sacred Heart Catholic Church due to the rain forecast on Friday.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

## Harless made county's new fire marshal

Trammell appointed to replace Jahns on ESD 1 board

**BY LEW K. COHN**  
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Gonzales County Emergency Management Director Jimmy Harless has another title after Monday's meeting of the Gonzales County Commissioners Court — Gonzales County Fire Marshal.

Commissioners voted unanimously to name Harless to the position that was last held by Sheriff Keith Schmidt when he was the Gonzales Fire Chief. It had been vacant since Schmidt was appointed sheriff in September 2021.

The position was discussed at the last court meeting but was tabled. On Monday, Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski said he believes the county definitely needs someone in the position and that Harless would be a logical choice.

"I know we didn't want to

See **HARLESS**, page A14

## Nixon citizens of low income may see quarterly food bank

**BY CLAYTON KELLEY**  
For the Inquirer

Low-income citizens living in Nixon may expect to see a food bank in their town after hearing from the Kennedy Housing Authority at the Monday, April 10 meeting.

The Kennedy Housing Authority manages the Three Rivers, Smiley,

Nixon, Falls City, Yoakum and Gonzales Housing Authorities.

The decision has been tabled for next month's meeting with Nixon council members wanting more information from the San Antonio Food Bank.

"There are about 862 households

See **NIXON**, page A13

## Rancho Nixon Historical Association sets park grand opening for April 22

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

The Rancho Nixon Historical Association will hold a park grand opening at the new historical park on Texas 80, one mile north of

Nixon, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22.

The event will feature historic displays, including two cowboys singing around a campfire, as well

See **PARK**, page A13



## Mighty Apache Band earns superior, excellent ratings at UIL competition

**SPECIAL TO INQUIRER**

The GHS Apache Band earned a superior rating in the stage performance part of their evaluation and earned an excellent rating in the second division for the sight reading

performance at the UIL Concert and Sightreading competition in Bastrop last week at the Jerry Wilhelm Performing Arts Center.

The band performed three song selections for the judges, including "Spania!" by David Shaffer, "Loch Lomond" by Jarod

Hall, and "Brave Spirit" by Randall Standridge, before wowing the judges.

"We were able to get the band back to its superior rating after they made a good rating in the fall," said Ramon Parker, GHS Band Director. "It's pretty remarkable."



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# Domestic dispute leads to bomb scare in Hallettsville

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff's deputies lent assistance to a situation last month in Hallettsville that ended up in a bomb disposal unit being called out from Austin.

It started when Hallettsville police officers were dispatched at 5:19 p.m. Wednesday, March 22, to the 100 block of South Main Street regarding a disturbance between a male and an unidentified female. When officers arrived, the



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adult male fled on foot toward the courthouse square. Officers pursued the male subject. On the southeast side of the courthouse, the male subject began to remove a device from his clothing and threatened officers with it, who then used a TASER to immobilize the suspect and make him drop the device. He was taken into custody in the

200 block of East Second Street.

Identified as James Adam Day, 43, of Vidor, the suspect had an outstanding parole warrant for his arrest. He was transported to the Lavaca County Jail and also charged with evading arrest/detention with a previous conviction, two counts of terroristic threat against a peace officer and possession of prohibited weapon. He remains in jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

Believing the discarded device to possibly be a bomb, the Hallettsville

police sought assistance from Lavaca County Sheriff's Office, Hallettsville VFD, GCSO, Lavaca County Emergency Management and Texas Department of Emergency Management, as well as the Lavaca County EMS, in maintaining a cordon around the item until an Austin Police Department bomb squad could come help identify the device. It was later identified as a grenade simulator and safely detonated by the bomb squad without any injuries caused or reported.

# Quilters learn about applique

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

At the April 4 Shiner Heritage Quilters meeting, Rae Nell Janik spoke about machine applique using fusible web paper and decorative machine stitches. Mary Shafer talked about hand-sewing applique using templates, made from freezer paper, pellon or heat resistant plastic. Each method produces beautiful designs.

At the meeting Debbie Novosad showed the 2024 Donation Quilt that had been beautifully machined quilted by Annette Meyer. Janet Ferguson introduced the drawing for the next Block of the



Rae Nell Janik and Mary Shafer are holding one of the quilts they used to illustrate how to sew applique designs on quilts at the April 4 Shiner Heritage Quilters meeting.

Month patterns. Members displayed the blocks they made from previous drawings. Bernadette Kresta collected quilts sewn by members to donate to nursing homes. Many members showed their work in Show and Tell. Refreshments and door prizes

were provided by the hostesses: Dee Heberle, Sherrie Holland, Pat Myers, Laura Kaspar, and Wilma Williams. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 2 at the Shiner Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Visitors and new members are always welcome!

# Cloud to hold meet and greet in Gonzales

U.S. Rep. Michael Cloud, R-Victoria, will meet constituents in an informal gathering at the Alcalde Hotel, 614 Saint Paul St., Gonzales, on Thursday, April 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"I would love to hear from you as I share my heart for our district and our nation," said Cloud, who represents Texas' 27th Congressional District. Light refreshments will be served.



Cloud

## OIL FIRE



First responders had to shut down U.S. 87 between Smiley and the Gonzales County line due to an oil fire around 5 p.m. Thursday, April 6. Hwy 87 between Smiley and the county line is closed due to an oil fire. After several hours, the highway was reopened, though volunteer firefighters were called back out to scene for a rekindle later that evening and were finally able to get the fire extinguished by 1 a.m. Friday, April 7, according to Gonzales County Emergency Management Director Jimmy Harless.

# OFFICERS TRAIN WITH THE ALTERNATIVE



On Monday, April 3, Gonzales County Sheriff's Sgt. Trevino, Sgt. Lorton, and Cpl. Schwausch all attended training hosted by the Victoria County Sheriff's Office on a less-lethal device called The Alternative. The Alternative was designed and built by Alternative Ballistics and is designed to save countless lives and protect law enforcement in the line of duty. The Alternative is a less-lethal device designed to be used in a planned event where deputies are dealing with a hostile subject refusing to cooperate. The Alternative allows a projectile to impact a threat with less-lethal, non-penetrating energy, to incapacitate a targeted individual with little risk of death or critical injury. This allows deputies the ability to potentially use less than lethal force in order to protect suspects and take them into custody without serious injury or death. With this training, Sgt. Lorton, Sgt. Trevino, and Cpl. Schwausch are now qualified in carrying and deploying The Alternative, but also are certified instructors and can teach deputies and officers of other departments wishing to use The Alternative. GCSO is currently one of two agencies in the State of Texas with this capability.

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# Nixon-Smiley Consolidated ISD turns off Facebook commenting due to scammers

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

One Gonzales County school district is just saying no to Facebook spam by turning off comments from outside parties on its Facebook page.

Nixon-Smiley Consolidated ISD sent out a notice to the community last week, letting them know of their decision to block comments on Facebook.

"We are sure you have all seen the 'Join us here for live sports' and/or 'Check out my profile if you want to make \$1500/week' in the comments section of our FB page," the letter from N-SCISD

read. "Unfortunately, a lot of them lead to very inappropriate websites and we do not in any way want our community to think we are endorsing any of these scams attached to our posts.

"We have contacted FB and we report/block the comments every time we see them but it has not stopped them from getting posted. Due to Facebook's inability to block those types of messages, we are going to have to start turning off all comments on FB."

To keep open communication lines and make things simple for legitimate parents, students and community mem-

bers who have an interest in Nixon-Smiley CISD, the district has done the following:

- Pinned a post to the top of their Facebook page that will include campus phone numbers and email addresses.

- Added contact phone numbers for all the campuses and organizations and an email address where you can contact them in the 'About' section to try to make it easier for parents/community

members to get the information they need.

- Created a standardized form that can be used to message the school on the school website by going to [www.nixonsmiley.net](http://www.nixonsmiley.net) and clicking on 'Contact Us.'

"We sincerely apologize for being forced to limit our FB page, but in an effort to limit the scams and fake posts soliciting information, we feel it is the best thing to do at this time," the district said.

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### Birthdays

<p><b>April 13th</b> Zane DuBose Will Irlle Loni Lester Tommy Schurig</p>	<p><b>April 17th</b> Anita Dement Becky Lowery Roosevelt Merriweather Jr. Sadie Ybarbo</p>
<p><b>April 14th</b> John Ramos Anna Ruddock Paula Gay Sutton</p>	<p><b>April 18th</b> Sandi Huber O.B. Porter Tory Turner</p>
<p><b>April 15th</b> Liz Davis Ronda Miller</p>	<p><b>April 19th</b> Vernice Lowery Evelyn Pfuhl</p>

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 MOSTLY SUNNY	<p><b>April 13</b> 80°/58°</p>	<p>Mostly sunny 6% chance of rain • RealFeel 82</p>
 THUNDERSTORM	<p><b>April 14</b> 79°/63°</p>	<p>A thunderstorm in spots 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 80</p>
 THUNDERSTORM	<p><b>April 15</b> 81°/62°</p>	<p>Cloudy with a t-storm or two 58% chance of rain • RealFeel 88</p>
 THUNDERSTORM	<p><b>April 16</b> 79°/57°</p>	<p>Variable clouds, a t-storm 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 89</p>
 PARTLY SUNNY	<p><b>April 17</b> 76°/57°</p>	<p>Times of sun and clouds 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 78</p>
 MOSTLY CLOUDY	<p><b>April 18</b> 77°/57°</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 76</p>
 PARTLY SUNNY	<p><b>April 19</b> 76°/57°</p>	<p>Partly sunny 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 78</p>

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# USDA accepting applications for REAP grants

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Texas State Director Lillian Salerno announced that USDA is accepting applications starting on April 1 for \$1 billion in grants to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses invest in renewable energy systems and make energy-efficiency improvements.

USDA is making the \$1 billion in grants available under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), with funding from President Biden's landmark Inflation Reduction Act, the nation's largest-ever invest-

ment in combatting the climate crisis.

"Supporting renewable energy and energy-saving systems helps the people of rural Texas create thriving, livable communities," said Salerno. "When we invest in rural communities, we are supporting hard work that creates a better future for our state. Clean energy is critical to the future of our economy, and the Inflation Reduction Act provides the Biden-Harris Administration with the resources to build a more prosperous rural Texas while tackling the climate crisis and lowering energy costs."

Recipients may use REAP

funds to install renewable energy systems or to make energy-efficiency improvements. Eligible applicants include rural small businesses and agricultural producers. USDA will hold competitions quarterly through Sept. 30, 2024. The funding will also include the creation of the first underutilized technology fund in the REAP program, with \$144.5 million available in dedicated funding.

USDA is particularly interested in REAP projects that will help rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and improved infrastructure, reduce climate-pollution

and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change, conserve and protect farmland, and invest in underserved communities.

To ensure that small projects have a fair opportunity to compete for the funding, USDA will set aside at least 20% of the available funds until June 30 of each year for grant requests of \$20,000 or less, including the grant portion of a combined grant and guaranteed loan request.

The maximum federal share which may be requested is up to 50% of the total project cost for all energy-efficiency projects and zero-emissions renew-

able energy systems. An award of up to 50% of the total project cost is also available for any project in a designated energy community and/or submitted by an eligible tribal entity. All other projects are eligible to apply for grants of up to 25% of the total project cost. The maximum grant is \$1 million for renewable energy systems and \$500,000 for energy-efficiency projects.

For additional information on application deadlines and submission details, see page 19239 of the March 31 Federal Register. Complete applications must be received by June 30 to compete for FY funding.

## ST. PAUL HS HOLDS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION



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St. Paul High School recently held the annual NHS Induction ceremony. Under the leadership of NHS sponsor Emily Meischen, there were 15 new inductees. Front row are Emersen Linn, Jessica Fikac, Kennedy Dodson, Samantha Moeller, Avery Pesek, Dallyn Pesek, Petra Koch, Emily Moeller, and Erica Hunke. Back row are Gus Collins, Cody Malinovsky, Zeke Rodriguez, Holden Jacobs, Hunter Zella, and Tate Anders.

## Delhi Community Center BBQ slated for April 29

The Delhi Community Center 62nd annual BBQ will be held Saturday, April 29, at 6108 State Highway 304 in Delhi.

There will be a live auction and a great meal. Tickets are \$8 for an adult plate and \$4 for children 0-10 years old.

Serving starts at 5 p.m. and an auction will follow.



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## St. Paul Band shows out at TAPPS competition

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The St. Paul High School Band had a stupendous showing at the recent TAPPS Solo & Ensemble competition.

The following students received a first division on their class 3 solo:

- Kristen Cerny, Clarinet;
- Reese Seibert, Clarinet;
- Emily Moeller, Alto Sax;
- Jenna Stock, Alto Sax;
- Cody Malinovsky, Trumpet;
- Blaine Humes, Euphonium;
- Sam Perez, Euphonium;
- Gus Collins, Euphonium;
- Vance Lucas, Snare Drum;
- Zeke Rodriguez, Snare Drum, Marimba and Timpani;

The following students received a first division rating on their class 2 solo:

- Holden Jacobs, Alto Sax;
- Gus Collins, Trumpet;
- Blaine Humes, Trumpet

The following student

earned a first division rating on their class 1 solo: Zeke Rodriguez, Drumset.

The following class 3 ensembles also earned a 1st division:

- Woodwind Trio- Holden Jacobs, Emily Moeller, Jenna Stock
- Woodwind Trio-

Kristen Cerny, Reese Seibert, Jenna Stock

St. Paul had several other students compete and receive division 2 solos and ensembles as well. They did a great job and should be commended for their hard work.

These 14 students earned 22 medals and

have a chance to add to their point total next month as Saint Paul goes to compete in the Large/Medium ensemble contest in Temple.

Congratulations to these students and Mr. Jake Heck, band director, who has worked so hard with these students.



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Front row, from left, are Blaine Humes, Zeke Rodriguez, Gus Collins, Holden Jacobs, Cody Malinovsky, Sam Perez, Emily Moeller, Jenna Stock, Reese Seibert and Kristin Cerny. Back Row are Brodey Biehunko, Vance Lucas, Dylan Massy.

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## Aggie Muster 2023 set for Friday, April 21

Aggie Muster 2023 will be held Friday, April 21 at the Shiner KC Hall, Shiner Hwy. (90A East). Social Time is 6 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cooks are Josh Gray and company. Speaker is Ari Ince. This year, if you wish a name to be called, please let them know at registration. Club dues are \$20.00 individual; \$35.00 couple.

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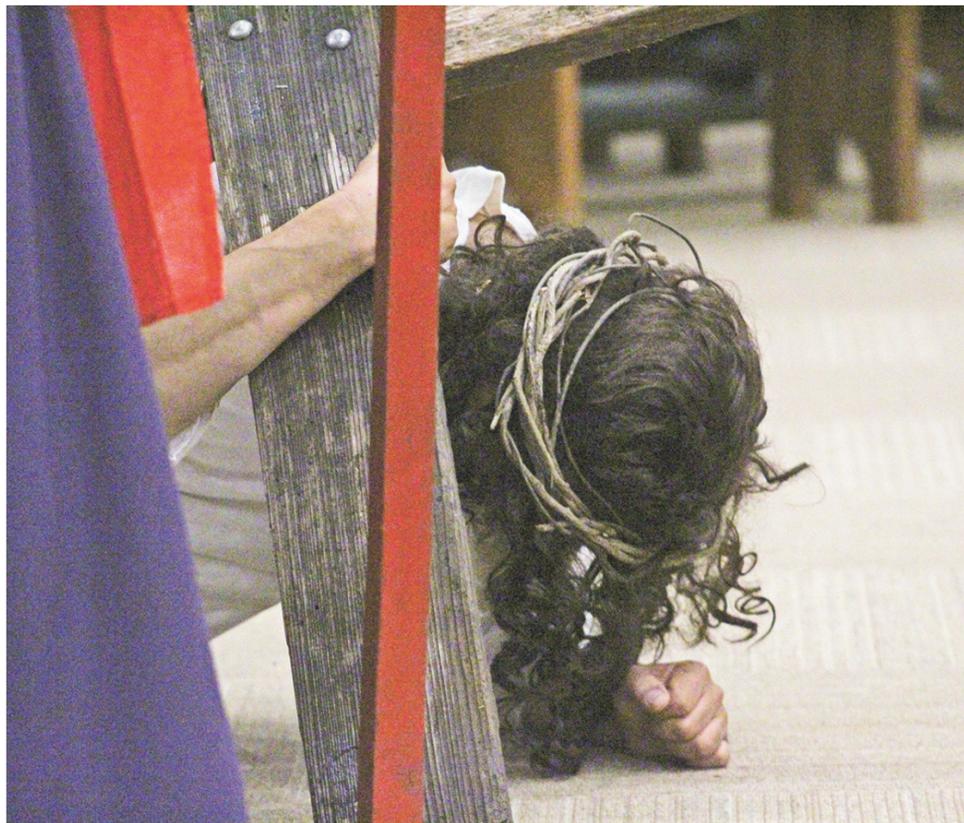
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### OBSERVING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



People gathered inside Sacred Heart Catholic Church due to rain Friday, April 7 where the annual showing of the Station of the Cross took place. The event is held by the Catholic community of Gonzales and Waelder and features 14 stops inside the church, marked by crosses, and its purpose is to help the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



## Letters to the Editor Policy

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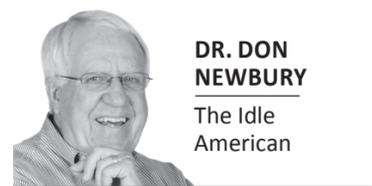
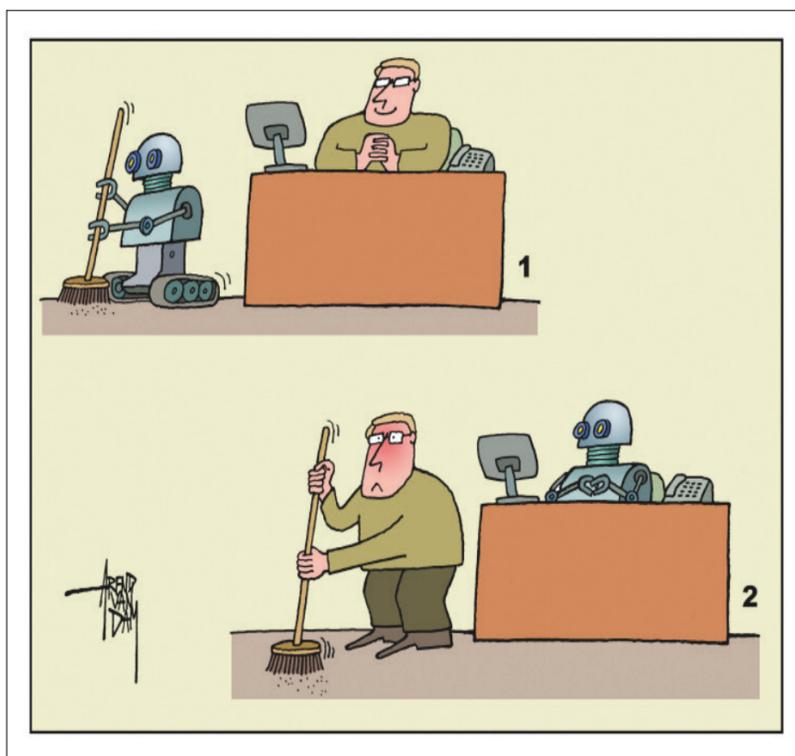
No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

#### Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

#### Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.



## Rusty to the rescue...

They generally give us the benefit of the doubt even when we are dead wrong, wagging their tails while licking the hands that feed them. In their way, they pledge unending devotion, no matter what.

One doesn't have to look very far into literature or incline their ears to very many songs to hear dogs revered by the masses, but reviled by some who have no use for them.

Elvis Presley reminded some canines that they were "nothing but hound dogs," and an expression from the lips of thoughtless people suggests that some situations "shouldn't happen to a dog!..."

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A canine defender compared dogs with cats. "When owners say 'sit' to their dogs, they usually sit. Extend the same command to a cat, and the pet responds that it'll 'get back with us later.'"

We who admit to being dog fanciers — and the same is probably true for feline owners — feel strongly about our choices. Reasons do not have to be given from either quarter.

Truth to tell, we don't have dogs; they have us....

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All this aside, dogs assist the living in many critical ways. Think about it, you never hear about "drug-sniffing cats." And don't expect even the most muscular cat to join a dogsled team.

Thanks to the inquiring mind of Sharon Grigsby, brilliant Dallas Morning News journalist, we learn that at least one dog assists the dead as well.

His name is Rusty, and he's found his place in life. Instead of a junkyard dog, he's a graveyard canine who chooses to wander around the 27,000 resting places on the 48-acre Oakland Cemetery, where dirt was first turned in 1892....

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Rusty and a pack of four other dogs wandered into the historic south Dallas cemetery some three years ago. Almost immediately, animal control personnel rounded up the animals, sans Rusty.

For more than six months, they tried repeatedly to capture Rusty, but he fell for none of their enticements. They set up video cameras and traps — not to mention his favorite treats — and nothing worked.

Finally, Rusty's file became inactive....

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He has become a celebrity dog, says Monica Newbury (no relation). "Vets are offering free services, and visitors to the cemetery are bringing treats by the truckload," Monica said.

She warns, however, that Rusty gets along just fine without cuddling or petting, sometimes growling so folks will keep their distance. He not only roams the premises, but also barks when anyone enters the cemetery....

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Several have offered to adopt the 60-pound collie mix, but no dice. The doggy in the window has a price; Rusty is not for sale.

The old cemetery has fallen on hard times, and it's hard to keep up with volunteer help.

A gift of cash or pledge to work honors Rusty and is invaluable to a storied cemetery. Interred there are numerous state representatives, eight mayors, a senator and numerous other luminaries. Many markers have names synonymous with street signs in Dallas and Highland Park....

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Others include the founding president of Dallas Power and Light (now TXU). Two recently-discovered granite markers — 6-foot tall and 10-foot wide — mark resting places of persons who provided major funding

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## LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

**HALLETTVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC.**  
Sale date: April 4  
Cattle on hand: 1926  
Packer Cows:  
Canner and Cutter Cows: \$72-105  
Utility & Fat Cows: \$68-102  
Low dressing canner cows: \$52-72  
Poor/Weak: \$35-52  
Packer Bulls:  
Heavyweight Bulls: \$115-126  
Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$98-115  
Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$87-98  
Stocker Cows:  
Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$1500-3200  
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$900-1350  
Good Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1600-3600  
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1000-1400  
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:  
Number 1 steer & bull calves:  
Under 200 lbs.: \$185-305  
200-300 lbs.: \$220-290  
300-400 lbs.: \$215-295  
400-500 lbs.: \$205-260  
500-600 lbs.: \$195-245  
600-700 lbs.: \$178-222.50  
700-800 lbs.: \$162-190  
Number 1 heifer calves:  
Under 200 lbs.: \$180-245  
200-300 lbs.: \$185-260  
300-400 lbs.: \$190-255  
400-500 lbs.: \$186-235  
500-600 lbs.: \$175-215  
600-700 lbs.: \$162-188  
700-800 lbs.: \$145-177  
Replacement Heifers:  
350-750 lbs.: \$185-290  
The calf market was once again strong to \$8 higher. Demand is very strong. Packer cows & bulls sold steady/

strong on approximately 200 head total. The consignments of stocker cows was super strong with pairs reaching a top of \$3600 and bred \$3200.

**SEGUIN CATTLE CO.**  
April 5  
Market steady all the way through. Quality not as deep on all classes and cows & bulls.  
Cattle - 554  
Sheep & goats - 786  
Medium & large frame #1 Steers:  
200-300 lb. .75-1.75-2.60  
300-400 lb. .55-1.87-2.80  
400-500 lb. .60-1.87-2.67  
500-600 lb. .45-1.66-2.37  
600-700 lb. .60-1.47-1.90  
700-850 lb. .77-1.24-1.69  
Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:  
200-300 lb. 1.00-1.64-2.25  
300-400 lb. .65-1.66-2.31  
400-500 lb. .65-1.73-2.30  
500-600 lb. .50-1.52-1.92  
600-750 lb. 1.00-1.53-1.70  
Cows:  
Utility & commercial - 63-85-100  
Cutters - 66-70-85  
Canners - 55-66-80  
Palpated cow - 550-875  
Cow/Calf Pairs - 400-800  
Bulls:  
Heavy High Yielding - 110-130  
Light & Low Yielding - 72-104  
Sheep & Goats:  
Nannies - 70-300  
Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.80-3.40  
Wethers - 1.65-3.25  
Billies - 1.55-2.35  
Dorp. Ewes - 70-175  
Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 2.70-3.30  
Woolled Ewes - NONE  
Woolled Bucks - 1.15-1.80  
Lambs - 1.70-2.10  
Barb. Bucks - 1000



## MARKET LAMB CHAMPIONS

Rhett Richter, who showed the Grand Champion Market Lamb, and Dyllon Richardson, who showed the Reserve Champion Market Lamb, were inadvertently left out of last week's Livestock 2023 special section. The Gonzales Inquirer regrets the error.

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## Garden Q&A

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## Tasty tomatoes, lawn fertilization and more

**Q We are interested in getting involved in the Monarch Butterfly Initiative. We want to include some native milkweed in our landscape and also some good nectar plants. What are your recommendations?**

A. Obtain some tropical milkweed transplants from your favorite plant nursery. It works well until you get your native milkweed grown. Obtain the native milkweed such as antelope horn and green milkweed from Douglas King Seed Company in San Antonio or Native American Seed Company in Junction. Both will sell and deliver on the internet. You can also find a number of non-profits and educational organizations sponsoring initiatives. They will offer activi-

ties to help address the Monarch population challenges. For a good resource obtain the book, "Butterfly Gardening For the South" by Geyata Ajilvsgi.

**Q. Our plum and peach trees finally received enough cold weather to bloom this year. What pesticides do you recommend that we spray to control the fungus and the insects? Stink bugs are always our toughest insect to control.**

A. I have had success with and recommend malathion and captan spray every week. If you want to try an organic spray program consider sulfur and pyrethrin or spinosad.

**Q. If our lawn grass is just starting to green up with the recent rain, when should we fertilize it?**

A. You can wait until you mow

the grass twice before you apply a slow release lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-9. Some gardeners are using organic fertilizer on or about May 1 if the lawn is slow to recover. The organic lawn fertilizer releases its nitrogen even slower than the 19-5-9 so there shouldn't be any nitrogen loss.

**Q. In your opinion what is the tastiest tomato for the backyard garden in our area?**

A. I have 2 favorites. They taste different but are equally desirable. Try the small tomatoes Ruby Crush and BHN 968. Ruby Crush is sweeter, but BHN 968 is deliciously tart. Both of the selections are determinate so they reach full size quickly and concentrate on producing fruit.

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## Tractor Supply to give free garden kits to kids

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Tractor Supply is providing free garden kits to local children to teach the basics of at-home gardening. On April 22, customers can stop by the store to receive a TSC Future Gardeners Kit, while supplies last.

A team member will be available to answer questions and explain the best ways to nurture and care for the future garden, while sharing the importance of eating fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs.

Each kit includes essentials like seed packs, topsoil, a bucket, and directions for watering and caring for the seedlings as they grow, providing children with a first-hand opportunity to learn about plant life and produce.

"At Tractor Supply, we strive to educate and inspire underserved communities and the next generation about all things Out Here," said Gonzales store manager, Lydia Grifaldo. "The unfortunate reality is that many young people lack access to fresh produce, let alone an opportunity to see how it grows. With these kits, we can share our knowledge and provide a fun opportunity to discover the thrill of growing fruits and vegetables."

To pick up a TSC Future Gardeners Kit, customers can visit the curbside pickup area from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about this and other community initiatives, visit TractorSupply.com or contact the Gonzales store at 830-672-5707 or by going to the store at 1619 Hwy. 90A.

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The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs celebrate their 8-7 win over the Marion Lady Bulldogs on the road in 10 innings Tuesday, April 11. They move to first place with a 5-1 district record.  
PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



Nixon-Smiley pitcher Hailee Houseton (2) throws the ball back to pitcher Kendall Amaya in Marion. Houseton also hit the game winning RBI double in the top of the 10th for the Lady Mustangs against the Lady Bulldogs.

## Lady Mustangs hold off Lady Bulldogs in thriller for 1st place

BY VANDY VAN EPPS  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs and Marion Lady Bulldogs faced off in a battle for control of the district Tuesday, April 11 that ended in an 8-7 victory for the Lady Mustangs in 10 innings.

The Lady Mustangs and the Lady Bulldogs both entered the game 4-1 and tied for first

place in District 26-3A.

Both teams exchanged blows throughout a playoff-game atmosphere, but it was the Lady Mustangs who kept the game going and sent it to extra innings.

Senior pitcher and shortstop Mady Velasquez entered the game to pitch in the bottom of the sixth and she said the atmosphere of the game was “crazy” from the opposing fans

and Nixon-Smiley fan base.

“We had my defense behind my back and that was what mattered. And so made it a little easier on me when trying to block everybody out and just get the job done,” Velasquez said.

The Lady Mustangs retook the lead in the top of the 10th inning from a Hailee House-

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## Lady Mustangs sweep series from Randolph

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs improved to 4-1 in district in their 15-0 win over the Randolph Lady Ro-Hawks Monday, April 10, on the road.

The Lady Mustangs completed the season sweep of Randolph for the 2023 campaign and are tied for first place with the Marion Lady Bulldogs in district.

The Lady Mustangs will have two more games left in the regular season before the 3A softball playoffs begins.

Nixon-Smiley will host the Cole Lady Cougars Friday, April 14.

First pitch is set for 6 p.m.

## Lady Apaches beat San Antonio Memorial, 14-4

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches varsity softball team got back on the winning track with a 14-4 victory over the San Antonio Memorial Minutewomen Tuesday, April 11 on the road.

The Lady Apaches scored 14 runs over Memorial and tied their season high of runs scored in a game.

The Lady Apaches improved to 3-4 in district and keep their playoff hopes alive in third place.

Gonzales will host the Navarro Lady Panthers Friday, April 14 and conclude the season series against them.

First pitch is at 7 p.m.



The Gonzales Lady Apaches in the huddle with head coach Michelle Uribe against the La Vernia Lady Bears in the second half of district Monday, April 10.

## La Vernia sweeps series from Lady Apaches

BY VANDY VAN EPPS  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches were handed a tough 12-7 loss by the La Vernia Lady Bears Monday, April 10 at home.

The Lady Apaches led the game, 6-4, entering the sixth inning, but La Vernia scored eight unanswered runs.

Head softball coach Michelle Uribe said they made a pitching change in the sixth, but were unable to get the out that her team needed that turned into errors.

“I’m confident we have the right pieces, but we just have to be able to execute in those crucial moments. One thing that we can get out of this is experience and hopefully the next time that we experience that situation, we will make the play and come through,” Uribe said.

The Lady Apaches had a short time period for their next game;



Third base freshman Gyzelle Guevara (11) in defensive mode for the Gonzales Lady Apaches against La Vernia Monday, April 10.

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# Apaches' late rally falls short against JFK



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Above: The Gonzales Apaches wait in the dugout of San Antonio JFK Saturday, April 8. The game was moved to Monday, April 10 due to poor field conditions by the rain Thursday and Friday. Right: Third basemen Dakota DuBose (7) warms up with the Gonzales Apaches for their game two match with San Antonio JFK Saturday, April 8.

## STAFF REPORT

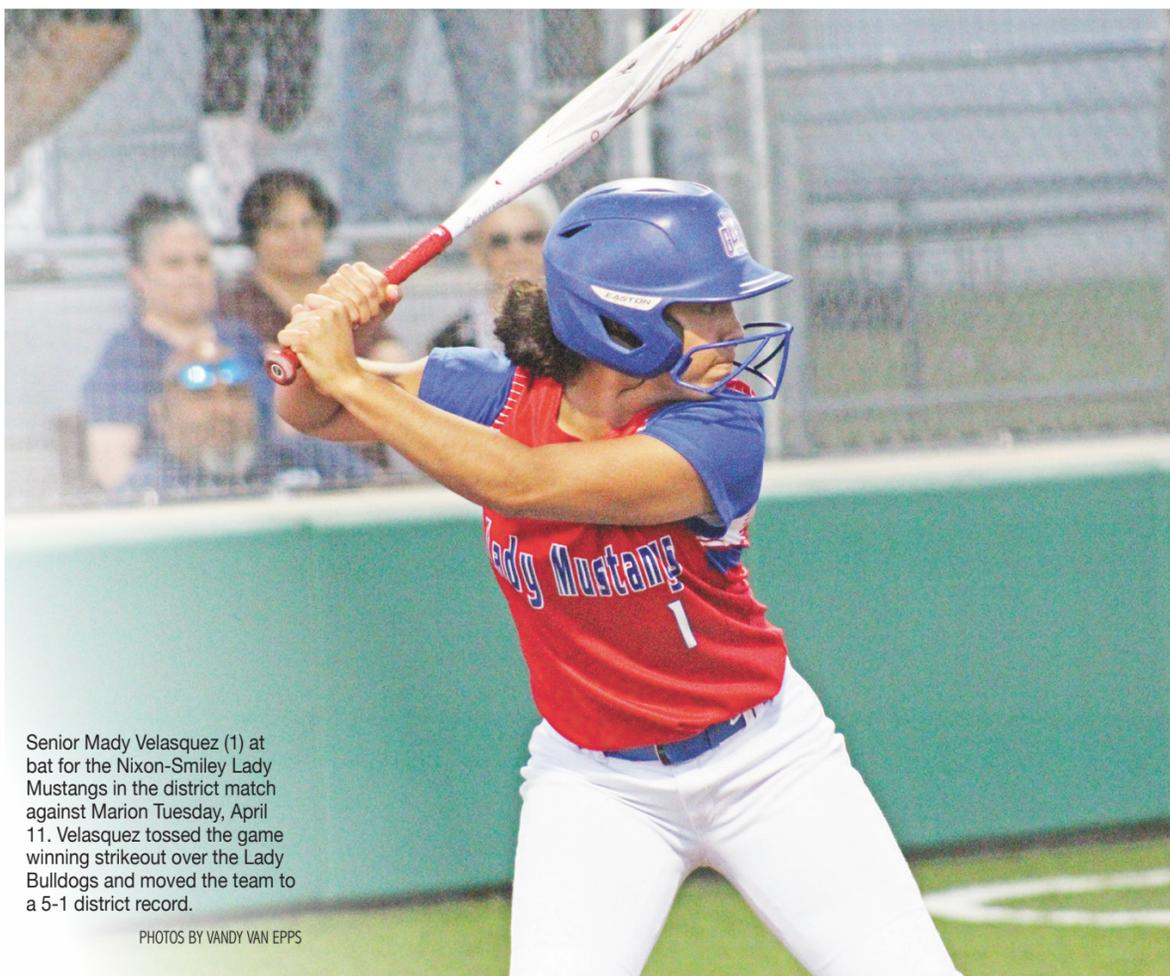
The Gonzales Apaches varsity baseball team fell to the San Antonio JFK Rockets, 6-4, Monday, April 10 on the road.

The Apaches put together a late rally in the sixth and seventh innings against JFK, but it wasn't enough to get the win Monday night.

The Apaches dropped their third game in a row and will battle the San Antonio Minutemen in a two game series.

Gonzales played Memorial Tuesday, April 11 on the road, and will conclude the series at home Friday, April 14.

The Apaches will have two more series left in the season against La Vernia and Cuero.



Senior Mady Velasquez (1) at bat for the Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs in the district match against Marion Tuesday, April 11. Velasquez tossed the game winning strikeout over the Lady Bulldogs and moved the team to a 5-1 district record.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

## Apaches dominate San Antonio Memorial

### STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches varsity baseball team rebounded from their San Antonio JFK loss with a 30-0 win over the San Antonio Memorial Minutemen Tuesday, April 11.

The Apaches scored a season high 30 runs of the 2023 season; their second highest score was the season opener win over Cedar Creek, 14-10.

Gonzales moves back to fourth place in the district with a 2-3 record, and will have two more series left in the season against La Vernia and Cuero.

The Apaches will conclude their series against San Antonio Memorial Friday, April 14 at home.

First pitch set for 7 p.m.

## Mustangs fall to Randolph in tough loss

### STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs and Randolph Ro-Hawks squared off in Marion for the second half of district play on Monday, April 10.

After dealing with a rain delay and a broken pipe in Randolph, both teams agreed to move the game to Marion High School Monday.

The Mustangs fell in a close contest against Randolph, 7-5, and split the season series 1-1 for 2023.

Nixon-Smiley drops to 3-3 in district play with four games left of the season.

The Mustangs faced the Marion Bulldogs Tuesday, April 11.

Nixon-Smiley will host the Cole Cougars Friday, April 14, for the second-to-last home game of the season.

First pitch is set for 7 p.m.

## NIXON-SMILEY

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ton RBI double with two outs.

Houseton said she was stressing out when she was up at bat, but in her mind, she had to get the RBI double for her team.

Velasquez struck out the last batter in the bottom of the frame with runners on base to seal the win for the Lady Mustangs.

"I know I had to do it for my team. We work hard to get back here and get back in this game. And 10 innings isn't easy, so I knew I had to finish it out for us," Velasquez said.

Lady Mustangs head softball coach John Hoelter was proud of how his team battled through extra innings.

"We did a good job when we got behind in the seventh inning. We battled

back, tied the ballgame and gave ourselves a chance. And you've gotta give credit to Marion because they kept fighting too," Hoelter said.

"That was a good ball game. It was like a playoff atmosphere. Both teams wanted it pretty bad. And we were fortunate to come out on top," Hoelter added.

Hoelter knew entering game with both teams tied for first place, it was going to be difficult, he said, and Marion has been playing well all season, just like his team.

"We knew it was going to be this kind of a game. But win or lose, it was just a good game to be involved with and to watch and stuff," Hoelter said.

The Lady Mustangs have two games

left in the regular season and the district title is in sight; they will have a big rematch against Cole Friday, April 14, the team who handed them their only loss in district so far. First pitch is at 6 p.m.

"They know what's at stake. If they want to win a district championship, they've got to take care of business and take it one game at a time and you can't overlook anybody because anybody can beat anybody in this district," Hoelter said.

The Lady Mustangs will then play Luling at home on Tuesday, April 18, for Senior Night, and have a non-district game against FEAST in Seguin on Friday, April 21. The Luling game starts at 6:30 p.m. while the FEAST game starts at 5:30 p.m.

were the other Mustangs that got a hit on Marion's pitcher; Martinez recorded a triple.

The Mustangs return home for a matchup against the Cole Cougars Friday, April 14.

The Mustangs recorded three hits and one run against Marion's defense; junior Miguel Valerio got the Mustangs on the board with a RBI single in the top of the fourth.

Julian Amaya and Bradyn Martinez

## Marion sweeps series from Mustangs

### STAFF REPORT

The Nixons Smiley Mustangs fell to the Marion Bulldogs, 7-1, on the road Tuesday, April 11.

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they played San Antonio Memorial Tuesday, April 11 on the road.

"There's not much time the mental preparation will have to be on the bus on the way there because that's tomorrow, so we'll watch a little bit of film on the bus and make sure we know what to expect hitting wise and hopefully be able to execute offensively and defensively," Uribe said.

Gonzales will face Navarro Friday, April 14 at home.

First pitch is set for 7 p.m.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The 2023 Gonzales High School golf teams at the district golf meet in Floresville Wednesday, April 5. Left to Right: Krissy Hodges, Hannah Avant, Jaydon Blackwell, Luke Avant, Gavin Lekgega, Rylan McGehee, Hailey Camarillo, Kimberly Dolezal.

# Nixon-Smiley SHAC presents Adventure Challenge

The Nixon-Smiley High School Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) presents the Adventure Challenge race on Saturday, April 22.

Check-in for the race is at 8:30 a.m. and the race starts at 9 a.m.

Finish the race to enter a drawing for prizes. You can find a partner and sign up for this team challenge by scanning the QR code found on the Nixon-Smiley ISD Facebook page by April 14. There will also be a bike raffle.

For more information, contact yatest@nixonsmiley.net or vanaukenjord@nixonsmiley.net.

# 2 Lady Apaches golfers headed to regionals

## STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales High School golf team competed in the Floresville district golf meet, Monday, April 3 and Wednesday April 5.

The Lady Apaches finished third in the district meet in Floresville; and Hannah Avant and Hailey Camarillo tied for second place and clinched a spot in the regional meet.

Avant competed in a playoff in the district meet and secured her spot in the regional meet.

The Apaches finished fifth overall in the district meet.



The Gonzales Lady Apaches golf team finished third in the district meet in Floresville Wednesday, April 5. Kimberly Dolezal, Krissy Hodges, Hannah Avant (regional qualifier), and Hailey Camarillo (regional qualifier).

# Apaches FC named to all-district teams

## STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches FC received all-district recognition in District 27-4A for their 2022-23 soccer season Wednesday, April 5.

Ezequiel Reyna and Jose Valazquez were named to first team all-district team; and Reyna earned MVP Defender.

Alan Orduna and Emiliano Lopez were named to second team all-district; and Clemente Govea, Sebastian Matamoros, Youahi Huerta, and Anthony Castro were named honorable mentions.

Miguel Ramos and Leonardo Moreno received all-district academic mention.

# Gonzales soccer earns all-state academic honors

## STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches and Lady Apaches soccer players received all-state academic honors for their work inside the classroom.

### GONZALES APACHES FC

Miguel Ramos and Leonardo Moreno were named to the second team all-state academic.

### GONZALES LADY APACHES FC

Carlee Ramos and Maria Vazquez were named to the first team all-state academic.

Nancy Nino and Lucero Govea were named second team all-state academic.

Brenda Gonzalez was named all-state academic honorable mention.

## GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



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The winning team from the April 5 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Jeremy Rocha, Mike Higginbotham, Kenneth Hernandez, Nick Smith and San Juan Garcia.



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The second-place team from the April 5 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Chuck Emmick, Mike Turk, Pat Davis and Donnie Janicek.

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**OBITUARIES**

**EDYTHE FROST RIPPY**



Edythe Frost Rippy, 91, of Gonzales, Texas passed away Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Edythe was born on a farm to Jim and Myrtle Frost in the tiny town of Weinert, Texas on February 10, 1932, as the 8th of 9 children. Edythe was a Christian, having been baptized at the First Baptist Church of Munday, Texas. Edythe was a very talented and beautiful singer and loved music. She attended Decatur Baptist College and Howard Payne University, both on voice scholarships until she met and married Thomas Homer Rippy

in 1952 and they had six children. Edythe loved gardening and was an avid reader, having read thousands of books in her lifetime.

Edythe was preceded in

death by her parents, all her brothers and sisters, her husband, Tom, and her daughter, Vicki Rippy.

Surviving are her children: Jan Haase (Dale) of Burr Ridge, IL; Mark Rippy (Brenda Raatz) of Aurora, IL; John Rippy of Henderson, NV; Melanie Hull (Donald) of Gonzales, TX, and Valerie Curbo of Dawsonville, GA. She is also survived by grandchildren, great grandchildren, and multiple nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023, at Memorial Baptist Church, 1330 N. College Street, Gonzales, Texas.

**MARY JANE GUERRA**



Mary Jane Guerra, 81, passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2023. Mary Jane was born in Austin, Texas on January 30, 1942 to Andrea Martinez and Jose Mateo Castro. She married David Guerra on July 11, 1959. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Mary Jane worked as a church custodian and later a private caretaker for many years, she enjoyed building friendships with the people she took care of. She enjoyed dancing with her husband and spending quality time with her family. She loved playing Loteria and if you didn't find her at a yard sale you were for sure to find her at a casino. She also loved to craft and make things for her family and friends. In her early years, she loved to garden different plants and fruit trees, something both her and her late husband David enjoyed. She also enjoyed fishing and taking her grandchildren when they were younger. Mary Jane Guerra is survived by her adoring family; son Roger and wife Vicky of Gonzales, daughter Rita and husband Arturo Ruiz of Waelder, youngest daughter Viviana and husband Eric Gallegos of Gonzales

and son in law Enrique Licea also of Gonzales. She is also survived by her loving sisters Yolanda Reyes, Oralia Trevino and Lucy Van Voltenberg and her caring brothers David Galarza, Frankie Casares and Antonio Casares. Her surviving grandchildren are Enrique Licea "Jr" and Yecenia, Erica Licea, Laura Guerra, Judith Guerra, Maria and Jordan Guerrero, Luis Guerrero, Griselda and Tommy Brian DeBerry II, Esmeralda and Jose Lerma and Liberty Belle Gallegos; great grandchildren Danilo Rogers, Julian Guerrero, Mia Licea, Gideon Guerrero, Ameriss Guerrero, Garen Guerrero, Juliana Licea, Zayden Lerma, Delilah DeBerry, Katalina Licea and Luciano Lerma. She is also survived by many nieces and neph-

ews. She is preceded in death by her parents, her wonderful husband of 61 years David, oldest daughter Dolores, 4 great grandchildren and sister Alice Placencia. A heartfelt special thanks to our wonderful caregivers Monica, Ruth Angel and Teresa for their love and care for "Momo." To our wonderful Hospice team, The Care Team, our family is grateful for your loving care, kindness and concern for and to "Momo" and our family. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 pm Thursday, April 13, 2023 with a holy rosary at 7 pm all at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home in Gonzales. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 am on Friday, April 14, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with a burial service following. Pallbearers are Enrique Licea Jr, Luis Guerrero, Jordan Guerrero, Tommy Brian DeBerry II, Jose Lerma and Danilo Rogers.

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

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

**ELI SAMPLETON**



Eli Sampleton was the seventh child born to the late Elijah and Mildred Kline Sampleton on April 23, 1955, in the Peach Creek Community, Gonzales, Texas. He confessed his life to Christ at an early age.

On March 6, 1976, he was united in marriage to the late Elsie Jean Sampleton.

He attended and was ordained a deacon at St. James Baptist Church for many years.

He attended Edwards High School until they integrated and graduated.

He was employed at Tyson Foods for many years until his health began to fail him.

Eli loved playing softball. He enjoyed his music, dancing, playing dominoes, and laugh-

ing and talking with his grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elsie Sampleton, and Brothers; Mack Henery Sampleton, Edward Ray Sampleton, Hayward Sampleton, and Robert Sampleton. Sisters; Helen Sampleton Mackey and Betty Jean Sampleton.

He leaves to cherish his memory, Son; Eli Sampleton Jr. (Mary Sampleton),

Daughter; Alicia Mayberry (Randy Mayberry). Grandchildren; Keyana Sampleton, Yaslyn Mayberry, Jayran Sampleton, Nyasha Mayberry, and Domani Mayberry. Brothers; Willie Sampleton (Betty) Lafayette Sampleton (Rose), and Cleveland Sampleton. Sisters: Rose Sampleton and Sue Sampleton. And a host of nieces and nephews. They all had a special place in his heart.

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS**

**Gonzales County Sheriff's Office**  
04/02/23 – 04/08/23

04/02/23  
• Juarez-Castruita, Gabriel Ismael, 08/1981, Laredo: Local Warrant – Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breathing/Circulation, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Bexar County Warrant – Fail to Identify Fugitive Intent Give False Info, Requires \$2,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

04/03/23  
• Guthrie, Hunter Reed, 05/1996, Austin:

Public Intoxication, Released on Order to Appear

04/04/23  
• Valdez Jr., Pedro, 08/1964, Austin: Local Warrant – Driving while Intoxicated 3rd or More IAT, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

• Ortiz Lopez, Dulce, 09/1984, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G, Remains in Custody

• Hall, Gregory Joe, 01/1988, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Continuous Violence against Family, Remains in Custody

04/06/23  
• Tapia, Gregory Rene, 05/1987, San Antonio: Local Warrant – Possession Controlled Substance PG 2 <1G,

Released on \$50,000 Bond

04/07/23  
• Martinez, Dominic Angel, 03/2001, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence - Manufacture Deliver Controlled Substance PG 1 >4G <200G, Released – Weekender

• Shelton, Isaiah Paul, 04/2001, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breathing/Circulation, Remains in Custody

• Smith, Tevin Vashaun, 08/1996, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breathing/Circulation, Released – Weekender

• Manuel, Joshua Heath, 06/1981, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Manufacture Deliver Controlled Substance PG 1 >4G <200G, Remains in Custody

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

GCSO	12
DPS	00
GPD	06
WPD	01
NPD	01
GISD	00
SMO	00
Constable 1	01
Constable 3	00
Constable 4	00
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# County will use Victoria company to provide records shredding services

BY LEW K. COHN  
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County will enter into an agreement with The Back Office, a Victoria company, to provide shredding services for the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office as well as other county offices to make sure old, sensitive paper records are handled and destroyed in the proper way.

Sheriff Keith Schmidt had discussed at a previous meeting the need for having a company shred old paper records that contain highly sensitive information, including data that must be handled securely by law.

County Auditor Becky Weston said she had also spoken to Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Jesse Almaraz, who indicated he also has about 25 to 30 boxes of old case files that need to be shredded in a secure manner.

"(Almaraz) said he was taking his somewhere else that they would shred it right in front of him," Weston said. "This company (The Back Office) we located will come here on site and they will shred it on site and not take it with them."

"We already have an appointment set up for the county attorney (to have documents shredded). Most of us would only need it once a year, but we're in a little different situation (than the Sheriff's Office)."

Schmidt said he believed it would be in the best interest of the county to have one provider that was responsible for shredding services instead of multiple vendors.

He also mentioned that his department "historically have been just been buying these really cheap little shredders that have been sitting in every office, but they continue to break and it's just an ongoing expense. These shredders can cost like \$1,000 and they may last like six months or something like that."

couple of trash cans in the office that are padlocked and they'll come by every month or every few months to take care of them," Schmidt said.

The Back Office would charge the county based on the total weight of what is being shredded. Precinct 4 Commissioner Collie Boatright Jr. said the other county offices could bring their paper files to the sheriff's office as needed to be weighed and shredded and the cost for that service can be applied back to the appropriate budget.

Commissioners agreed to try out the service until the next budget cycle to determine if it works for what the county needs and then they may contract for a longer period of time in the next budget year.

The court also voted to donate some county equipment that is no longer needed to the City of Smiley, which will use the equipment as it furnishes its new City Hall, especially the municipal courtroom. The request was made by Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Darryll Becker.

That equipment which is being donated includes six church pews (two at the county annex and four from the Precinct 2 commissioner's office), a metal desk from the county annex, a judicial bench and accessories and six lights.

Commissioners also received the 2023 motor vehicle sales tax commission report from Tax Assessor-Collector Crystal Cedillo, which indicated Gonzales County will receive \$150,666.34, which equals five percent of the tax and penalties collected for Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax, Motor Vehicle Seller-Financed Sales Tax and Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Surcharge collections reported in Gonzales County during the 2022 calendar year. This breaks down to \$149,551.51 retained from 2023 Motor Vehicle Sales Tax collections and \$1,114.83 retained from TERP Surcharge collections.

## GONZALES COUNTY 4-H



CONTRIBUTED  
The Gonzales County 4-H left their mark at state level competitions this spring and went before the Gonzales County Commissioners Court on Monday, April 10, to share the news of their successes. Students were introduced and told a little about their participation in 4-H, accompanied by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent Gayle Bludau. The senior robotics team even placed in three major livestock shows this spring!



## RUSTY

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for the establishment of Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

The graves were obscured by brush and brambles back in 2019, when the cemetery board declared bankruptcy, clearing the way for a new beginning. Monica and Armando Gonzalez Jr. work part-time to organize burials, meet family needs, keep

records and maintain the grounds. They urge folks to visit the cemetery, and to bring along weed-eaters when they come. (More information about volunteering or making donations can be found at <https://oaklandcemeterydallas.com>.)

Persons helping are honoring the deceased and paying tribute to a unique service

dog. Monica and Armando hope visitors will at least get sight of Rusty, working until they are, well, dog-tired....

Dr. Newbury was a longtime university president. He has written columns of humor and inspiration since 2003, and still is an after-dinner speaker throughout Texas. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: [newbury@speakerdoc.com](mailto:newbury@speakerdoc.com). Facebook: Don Newbury

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8 was a WR for the Houston Oilers 1986-94 (2 wds.)

17 this Ryan was with TX Quaid in "D.O.A."

18 what a Texas woman might wear at home

20 historical Boerne site: \_ Kendall Inn

21 transmitted

22 drug test for a Texas NFL athlete

24 large producer of oil: Saudi \_ \_

29 carpet type

30 Chris Pine's granny, former TX Gwynne

31 actress San Antonio mayor, Henry (init.)

32 boat race: " \_ Safari"

34 TXism: " \_ rag" (tissue)

35 gear tooth

36 proclaims

37 leather horse strap

38 TXism: "busy as \_ \_-armed paper hanger"

39 TXism for vicinity

41 TXism: "tighter than bark on \_ \_"

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43 you get one point if your horseshoe \_ \_ against the post

44 simple song

45 Texas' country (abbr.)

46 Love Field arriv. guess

47 TXism: "I'd have to get better \_ \_" (sick)

48 illegal drugs, often

50 TXism: "you're buying \_ \_ for a dead horse"

51 "one" in Mexico

52 TXism: "every \_ \_ and then"

53 comfy room in the house

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**DOWN**

1 Oscars for hopeful Texas actors (2 wds.)

2 Tom Landry's status in Cowboy "Ring"

3 working by TX Tommy Lee Jones

4 various restaurants: " \_ of Texas"

9 TX producers do this to Angora goats to get mohair

10 Chinese gang

11 TXism: "split a \_ \_" (laughed hard)

12 TXism: "the brand \_ \_ still smoking" (rare meat)

13 seat of Wilbarger County

14 TX-based " \_ Believe It's Yogurt"

15 TXism: "not a lick"

16 \_ Monkey Railroad once ran through Palo Duro State Park

19 TXism: "attracted like flies \_ \_"

21 TXism: "looks like \_ \_ ridden hard and put up wet"

23 TX Janis Joplin's "Bobby"

24 TXism: "hard as dodging rice \_ a wedding"

25 late Texas oil fire fighter, Adair

26 wood splitter

27 German composer, Johann Sebastian

28 Ray Roberts Lake's \_ Bois park

29 cattle rustlers do it groove-billed birds at Bentsen park

33 "The eyes of Texas \_ upon you . . ."

34 domino collections

35 Spanish explorer

37 TXism: "gave me a song and dance"

38 house storage area

40 TX Oatmeal Festival once featured an \_ -Thon race

41 TX Willie's Farm \_ \_ was in 1985

44 "picture show" treats where TX Kenny Rogers didn't want Ruby to take her love (2 wds.)

49 early TX river transport

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

## COMMISSIONERS COURT SIGNS PROCLAMATION



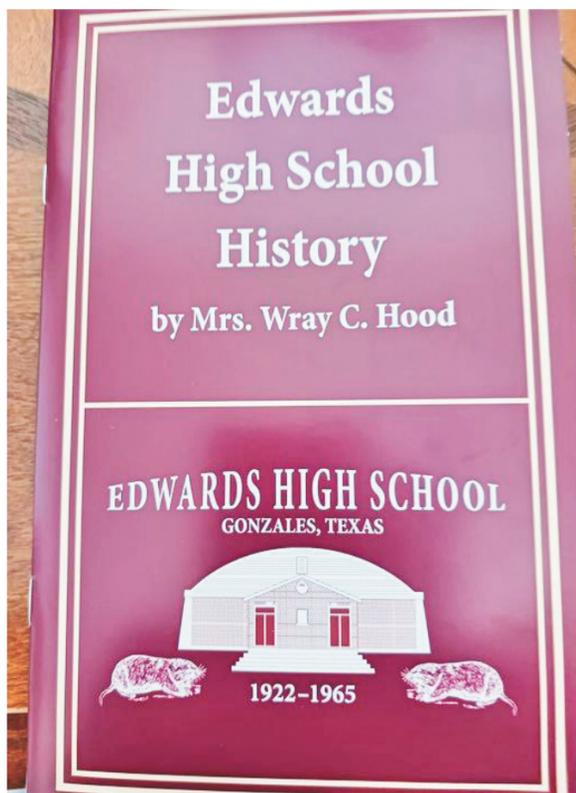
The Gonzales County Commissioners Court signed a proclamation declaring April to be National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month as Hannah Klug of the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter looked on. Every 68 seconds a person in the United States is sexually assaulted, while in Texas, two in five women and one in five men are victims of sexual assault. In fiscal year 2022, Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter rendered 1,422 services to 370 survivors of sexual violence.

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## EDWARDS HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY BOOK

The Edwards High School history book is now available! Read the history of Gonzales' African-American high school as written by Mrs Wray C. Hood. It has been produced solely as a fundraiser and all proceeds go to the Edwards School African American Museum. The association is asking for a donation of \$8, or \$9 if it has to be mailed. Checks should be made out to the Edwards Association, PO Box 1823, Gonzales, TX 78629.

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## Ag Commissioner Miller speaks at RWOYA meeting

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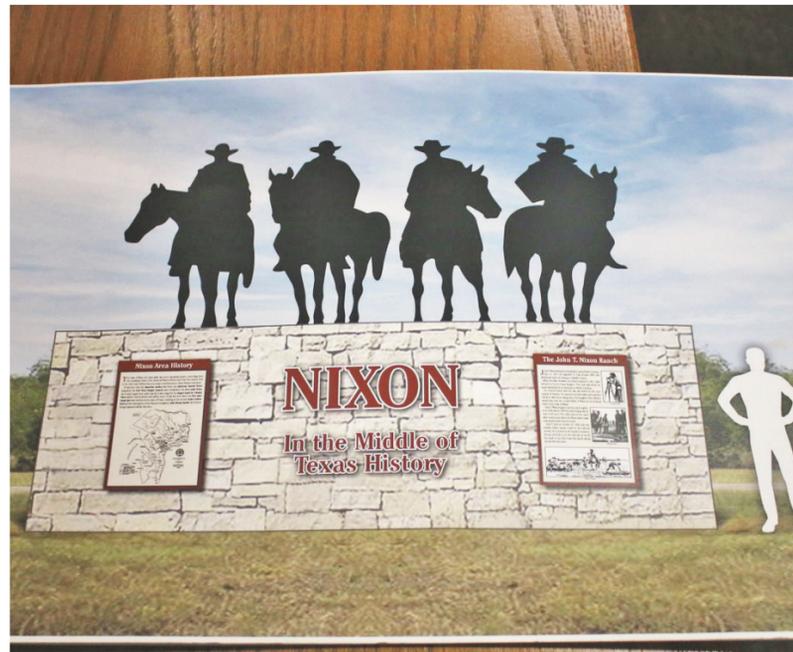
The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) was created by the Texas legislature back in 1907. This state agency's key objectives are to promote: production agriculture, consumer protection, economic development, and healthy living.

For its April 12 meeting, Republican Women of Yoakum Area (RWOYA) had



Miller

current Commissioner Sid Miller, who is serving his third term, speak about these key objectives and how the agency partners with Texans to cultivate winning strategies for rural, suburban, and urban Texans at the Yoakum Community Center, 105 Huck St, Yoakum.



FILE PHOTO

This artist rendering shows a possible entrance monument that would be erected by the Rancho Nixon Historical Association to honor the cowboy and ranching heritage of the Nixon area. Below: The official logo of the Rancho Nixon Historical Association.

## PARK

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as chuckwagons and mounted cowboys roaming through the park to celebrate the area's role as origin point of the American quarter horse and the probable origin of the American cowboy, who descended from the Spanish vaqueros.

Rancho Nixon Historical Association founder Donald Hoffman has previously said the organization has spent nearly \$200,000 in private donations to develop the historical park.

The organization also entered into a 10-year lease in March 2022 with the City of Nixon to turn



the former Nixon Police Department building at 106 W. Third St. into a future museum site to chronicle the history of Nixon and its predecessor, the Rancho Community, which existed about a mile or so north of present-day Nixon until its post office closed in 1911.

There are an additional 156 Texas historical markers erected in the area, including 31 which are about famed gunslinger John Wesley Hardin, who practiced law in the Gonzales and Nixon area in the 1890s after he was released from jail.

## NIXON

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in the City of Nixon," said William Linn, a spokesperson for the Kenedy Housing Authority. "Twelve percent of our children and 19% of our seniors are living in poverty here in Nixon. The low to moderate income percent which is used to determine whether or not you can get a CBDG grant in the state of Texas, for Nixon, is 52.37%, which means

that 451 households in Nixon either live in poverty or are just barely getting by."

The medium household income is \$60,000 and the overall poverty rate of Nixon is 11.3 percent, according to Linn. The food bank would be quarterly, if approved, and will come from representatives in San Antonio.

The City of Nixon and Republic Services will

also be having its annual brush pile cleanup starting the week of May 8. Only those in the City of Nixon and with Republic services will have their brush picked up. The city is asking residents to limit brush piles for three cubic feet within eight feet of the curb.

Nixon is also in preparations for the Feather Fest, which will include a Cinco De Mayo parade.

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# TUITION

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fer a monthly payment for parents and will plan to add the service in their advertisements.

Smith recommended the board not change the tuition rate and keep it at \$5,150, and she added whatever rate is approved will go to the commissioner of education for the final approval.

Smith is confident if the board approves the tuition rate as presented, it'll get approved by commissioner of education, she said.

The board approved setting the prekindergarten tuition rate at \$5,150 with pending approval from the commissioner of education.

The board approved the following agenda items:

- approved a Board Resolution

Extending Depository Contract for Funds of Independent School Districts Under Texas Education Code, Chapter 45, Subchapter G, School District Depositories

- approved the date of Monday, Aug. 28 for the Public Meeting on the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget and Tax Rate.
- approved to table to approve representatives for the Lone Star Investment Pool for another date.
- approved the 2023-2025 Interlocal Cooperative agreement with Nixon Smiley Consolidated Independent School District relating to DAEP, DAEP Level III, Support Center, and the PACE Program.
- approved the GISD Growing Certified Teacher Program.



CONTRIBUTED

This black GMC Sierra pickup truck was confiscated by law enforcement after it was stopped following a high-speed chase in Kinney and Maverick counties. A Gonzales woman was charged with human smuggling in connection with the incident.

# SMUGGLING

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not the case," Kinney County Sheriff's deputies said in a Facebook post about the incident.

Both women were hit with 10 counts of smuggling of persons for a pecuniary interest (aka for money) and evading arrest with a vehicle. Bond was set at \$10,000 for each count or charge.

Kinney County and Maverick County are both part of Operation Lone Star, of which Gonzales County is also a participant. Operation Lone Star is a joint mission between the

Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas National Guard as well as other law enforcement along the southern border between Texas and Mexico. The stated purpose is to counter illegal immigration and the illegal drug trade.

Since the launch of Operation Lone Star in March 2021, the multi-agency effort has led to over 355,000 illegal immigrant apprehensions and more than 25,000 criminal arrests, with more than 23,000 felony charges reported.

# HARLESS

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spend the money or whatever it takes to have one, but I do think we need a fire marshal," Brzozowski said. "Jimmy already has a vehicle. He is a licensed officer. I think it would be good to make Jimmy our fire marshal. We talked a little bit about his budget and all he would need would be a little extra for fuel sometimes."

Harless said he had spoken to another county about what he would need to do to get licensed and it would simply involve some online coursework on inspections, of which he would only need to perform about six to 10 per year for facilities in the county that are out of city jurisdictions.

"What we would do is gather some information on the fees and inspection sheets and bring that before the court to let you look at it and make a decision, because I do think there needs to be a charge for inspections," Harless said. "I'm already at any major incidents anyway and I think that with the contacts that I've developed with the state, especially with Guadalupe County ... I'm basically already doing most of it anyway, so it's more of a title."

Harless said one of Schmidt's investigators is already working on his arson inspection license and that would give the county another individual who could handle those types of cases.

"I think on an inspection side and the planning review side, that's extremely important (to have a fire marshal) now the way we're growing and it's already coming through my office anyway," Harless said.

Commissioners also voted unanimously to appoint Jacey Trammell to replace Christina Jahns on the Gonzales County Emergency Services District No. 1 board of directors.

Jahns resigned from the board as its treasurer after a letter went out to eight rescue team volunteers, terminating their membership for failing to meet training and participation requirements by not participating in at least 20 hours of training per year and not taking part in at least 25 percent of "calls" as defined by the district.

"While I appreciate the impact being a part of this organization has made on the community and myself, I no longer feel it is a fit for me," Jahns announced in a Facebook post back

**“ Jimmy already has a vehicle. He is a licensed officer. I think it would be good to make Jimmy our fire marshal. We talked a little bit about his budget and all he would need would be a little extra for fuel sometimes.”**

—Donnie Brzozowski, Precinct 2 Commissioner

in February. "After seeing the postings on social media regarding the letter received by volunteer rescue members which included my name in the heading, I felt this was done without my knowledge and with no prior notification that this would be taking place."

Trammell, along with her father Jason Haile, was one of those terminated members and she expressed an interest in filling Jahns' spot on the board during the public comments section of the meeting. No other candidate for the spot was named.

In other action, commissioners also approved a quitclaim deed of a 0.33-acre tract of land outside Nixon that is adjacent to the Latin-American Cemetery on Texas 80. The land, which is needed by the cemetery for additional parking, has been long maintained by the county and no other ownership interest could be found in the land.

"I had First Shot Surveying survey the property and they could not find any additional property owners that could possibly claim any ownership to this tract of land," Precinct 4 Commissioner Collie Boatright Jr. said. "After visiting with (County Attorney) Paul (Watkins), being that the county was a caretaker but technically not the owner, we were deciding what would be the best mode of transferring this property for use by the Latin American Cemetery Association."

Watkins said the quitclaim deed basically says the county is giving up any ownership interest it might have had in the property by transferring said interest to the other party.

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## NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS  
GONZALES COUNTY

§ BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE  
§ DATED MARCH 30, 2023  
§

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;  
Sale Notes:

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;  
Sale Notes:

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;  
Sale Notes:

(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

Sheriff Keith Schmidt  
Gonzales County, Texas

By   
Deputy

### Notes:

The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, attorney for plaintiffs, at (512) 634-3709

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**TEXAN NURSING AND Rehab** of Gonzales is now hiring for the following position: Full Time: C.N.A., all shifts; LVN, all shifts, full-time, with a \$1000 Sign On and Referral Bonus. Individual should be multi-task oriented, self-motivated, and must enjoy working around the elderly. Please apply in person: Texan Nursing and Rehab of Gonzales, 3428 Moulton Rd., Gonzales, Texas 78629. EOE

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**Invitation to Proposers**

Sealed proposals addressed to **Gonzales Independent School District** for the **Press Box Project**, will be received at Gonzales ISD Administration Building, 1615 St. Louis Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629 until **2:00 p.m. (local time), Thursday, May 4, 2023** immediately after which time all proposals will be publicly opened and the names of the offerors and any monetary proposals made by the offerors will be read aloud. Proposals received after closing time will be returned.

A non-mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** (local time) at Gonzales High School (meet at the main entrance to the school) located at 1801 N. Sarah Dewitt Dr., Gonzales, Texas 78629.

Proposal Documents are available on the Gonzales ISD website, at: <https://www.gonzalesisd.net/Page/171> and by contacting the Chief Financial Officer at: [amanda.smith@gonzalesisd.net](mailto:amanda.smith@gonzalesisd.net).

All interested parties acknowledge the right of Gonzales ISD to reject any or all of the Proposals and to waive any informality or irregularity in any Proposal received.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Retailer's On-Premise Permit (BG) by Held Up Investments DBA Holding Cell located at 120 W. 3rd St., Nixon, Gonzales County, Texas 78140. The Business Principal Parties are Liz Pompa and Jeffrey Curtis.

**Request for Qualifications EVALUATION OF STREET PAVEMENTS**

The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation is accepting Statements of Qualifications for an evaluation of street pavements. Response to this request should be addressed to Gonzales Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) and will be received until **5pm on May 1, 2023**, at 820 N. St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629. Statements of Qualifications must be in the GEDC possession on or before the scheduled date and time.

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) documents can be obtained from the Gonzales EDC website at [www.GonzalesEDC.org](http://www.GonzalesEDC.org). Any changes/additions will be made via addenda and will be published to the above website. All questions about this request shall be directed to Tim Crow in writing at [gcdc@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:gcdc@gonzales.texas.gov). All questions are due no later than April 26, 2023, by 5pm.

RFQ responses received after the deadline will not be considered. The GEDC and City Staff shall evaluate the RFQ based on technical ability, experience, and ability to perform the work and factors identified within the RFQ solicitation. GEDC plans to evaluate the qualifications and enter a contract with a qualified contractor no later than May 5, 2023, with the work to be completed before September 30, 2023.

The GEDC reserves the right to refuse and reject any or all responses, waive any or all formalities or technicalities, accept the response or portions of the response determined to be the best value and most advantageous to the City, and hold the responses for a period of 120 days without acting. The GEDC reserves the right to accept responses from more than one firm determined to be the best option for the GEDC and the City. Respondents are required to hold their responses firm for the same period.

**HAND-DELIVERED & COURIER SUBMISSIONS:**  
 GEDC  
 Evaluation of Street Pavements  
 820 N. St. Joseph, Gonzales, TX 78629  
**LABELING INSTRUCTIONS:** Envelopes must be clearly marked:  
 GEDC  
 Evaluation of Street Pavements  
 820 N. St. Joseph, Gonzales, TX 78629

**VICTORIA COLLEGE**  
 Est. 1925  
**Part-time Instructor needed for CDL Truck Driving Course to be held at the VC Gonzales Center.**  
 In partnership with HCC  
 For details contact Melissa Robinson at (361) 573-3291, ext. 3461.

**VICTORIA COLLEGE**  
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 The Division of Allied Health is hiring part-time Adjunct Instructors for the for the clinical setting of the ADN and VN Nursing Programs. Adjunct Instructors are needed at our Victoria campus as well as in the Gonzales, Cuero, and Hallettsville locations. For more information and to apply go to [www.victoriacollege.edu](http://www.victoriacollege.edu) and click on Jobs@VC.  
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**April 6 Puzzle Answers**

**Last Puzzle Solution**



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6	1	4	3	8	7	5	9	2

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL)**

**To the Registered Voters of Nixon-Smilely Consolidated Independent School District**  
 (A los votantes registrados del Nixon-smilely Consolidated Independent School District)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on **May 6, 2023** for voting in a general election, to elect two school board trustees.  
 (Por la presente se notifica que los lugares de votación que se indican a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 6 de mayo de 2023 para votar en una elección general, para elegir a dos miembros de la junta escolar.)

**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 las elecciones, los votantes deben votar en el precinto en el que están reistrados para votar, a menos que se utilice el programa de lugares de votación en todo el condado en la elección.)

**Location of Election Day Polling Places**  
 (Ubicación de los lugares de votación el día de las elecciones)

Aphne Pattillo Public Library, 401 N. Nixon Ave., Nixon, Texas  
 Smiley Fire Station, 208 North FM 108, Smiley, Texas  
 Leesville Cemetery Association, 6077 Cty Road 155, Leesville, Texas

**During early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:**  
 (Durante la votación anticipada, un votante puede votar en el siguiente lugar que se indica a continuación:)

Aphne Pattillo Public Library  
 401 N. Nixon Ave  
 Nixon, Texas

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 24, 2023 and ending on May 2, 2023.  
 (en el horario de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. comenzando el 24 de abril de 2023 y terminando el 2 de Mayo de 2023.)

**Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:**  
 (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votacion adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Gwen Schaefer, Elections Administrator (Nombre de la secretaria de votación anticipada)  
 P.O. Box 1753, Gonzales, Texas 78629 (Dirección) (Ciudad)  
 Ph. 830-519-4054 (Número de teléfono)  
 Email: [ea@co.gonzales.tx.us](mailto:ea@co.gonzales.tx.us) (dirección de correo electrónico)  
<https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/gonzales.Elections/Admin>

**Applications for Ballots by Mail must be received no later than the close of business on: 04/24/2023.**  
 (Las solicitudes de boletas por correo deben recibirse a más tardar al cierre de operaciones el: 04/24/2023 (date) (fecha)

**Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on 04/25/2023:**  
 (La Tarjeta Federal Postal de Solicitud deberan recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el:)  
 04/25/2023

Issued this 7th day of March, 2023  
 (Emitida este día 7 de marzo, 2023)

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**City of Smiley**

The City of Smiley plans to apply for Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG MIT-MOD) program(s) from the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and is soliciting proposals to provide administration and/or planning services for CDBG contract(s), if awarded. Please electronically submit your proposals in .pdf format via email/website to/at [smileyt@gvec.net](mailto:smileyt@gvec.net) OR submit your proposal to the address below on a thumb drive OR submit 3 copies of your proposal of services to the following address: Attn: Mayor Lisa Benavidez, 207 Steele St., Smiley, TX 78159. Proposals must be received by the City of Smiley no later than 2:00 pm on April 24, 2023 to be considered. The City of Smiley reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s). Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. The City of Smiley is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.



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NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held in the WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, on the 6th day of May, 2023, in accordance with the following order:

ORDER CALLING BOND ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Waelder Independent School District (the "District") finds and determines that it is necessary and advisable to call and hold an election for and within the District on the proposition hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"), will enter into an agreement with Gonzales County (the "County") for the provision of election services (the "Election Services Contract");

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Election Services Contract, the Gonzales County Elections Administrator (the "County Election Officer") will provide for the administration of the Election;

WHEREAS, the Board finds and declares that the meeting at which the Election Order is considered is open to the public, and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code; Now Therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Findings. The statements contained in the preamble of this Election Order are true and correct and are hereby adopted as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. Election Ordered; Date; Proposition. An election (the "Election") shall be held for and within the District on Saturday May 6, 2023 ("Election Day"). At the Election the following proposition (the "Proposition") shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the District:

WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION A

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$7,100,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING DISTRICT-WIDE RENOVATIONS, AND THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, WHICH BONDS SHALL MATURE NOT MORE THAN 35 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE, AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE; AND SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY 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 EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS?

WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION B

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (THE "DISTRICT") BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE PRINCIPAL AND/OR INTEREST ON CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY ISSUED MAINTENANCE TAX OBLIGATIONS DESIGNATED "WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE TAX NOTES, SERIES 2022," DATED JULY 1, 2022; SUCH BONDS TO MATURE SERIALLY OR OTHERWISE (NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS FROM THEIR DATE) AND SHALL BEAR INTEREST AT SUCH RATE OR RATES, NOT TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM RATE NOW OR HEREAFTER AUTHORIZED BY LAW, AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE, AND SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY 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 EXECUTED OR AUTHORIZED IN ANTICIPATION OF, IN RELATION TO, OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE BONDS?

Section 3. Official Ballot. (a) Voting at the Election, and early voting therefor, shall be by the use of the lawfully approved voting systems and ballots.

(b) The preparation of the necessary equipment and the official ballots for the Election shall conform to the requirements of the Code so as to appear and permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid Proposition which shall appear and be set forth on the ballots substantially in the following form:

WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION A

[ ] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,100,000 OF BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING DISTRICT-WIDE RENOVATIONS, AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE LEVY OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[ ] AGAINST

WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION B

[ ] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,200,000 OF REFUNDING BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE PRINCIPAL AND/OR INTEREST ON CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY ISSUED MAINTENANCE TAX OBLIGATIONS DESIGNATED "WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE TAX NOTES, SERIES 2022," AND THE LEVY OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

[ ] AGAINST

Section 4. Persons Qualified to Vote. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be eligible to vote at the Election.

Section 5. Election Precinct, Voting Locations and Voting Hours on Election Day. The voting locations for voting on Election Day shall be the countywide polling locations set forth in Exhibit A, or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the County Election Officer in accordance with the Election Services Contract, and such locations are hereby adopted and approved. Exhibit A and the notices of the Election shall be completed without further action of the Board to include the final locations designated by the County Election Officer. On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 6. Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times; Appointment of Early Voting Elections Administrator. (a) Early voting by personal appearance shall be held at the locations, at the times and on the days set forth in Exhibit B or at such other locations as hereafter may be designated by the County Election Officer in accordance with the Election Services Contract, and such locations are hereby adopted and approved. Exhibit B and the notices of the Election shall be completed without further action of the Board to include the final locations designated by the County Election Officer.

(b) The Board of Trustees hereby appoints Gwen Shaefer, Gonzales County Elections Administrator, as Early Voting Clerk and applications for ballot by mail shall be sent to the Early Voting Clerk at the following address: Attention: Ballots By Mail c/o Gonzales County Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 1753, Gonzales, Texas 78629, or delivered by hand: Attention: Gonzales County Elections Office, 427 St. George, Suite 306, Gonzales, Texas 78629, or by email at ea@co.gonzales.tx.us. If an application is sent by fax or email, the original must still be mailed to the mailing address above. For more information, see the Gonzales County early voting website, http://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.ElectionandVoterRegistrationNew.

Section 7. Election Services Contract; Joint Election. The District will contract with the County for election services and will conduct a joint election with other participating governmental entities in Gonzales county who are holding elections on Election Day. The President of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, or their designees, are authorized to negotiate and enter into the Election Services Contract and one or more joint election agreements, or similar contracts or agreements with the County and any joint election participants, if desired or required to comply with applicable law.

Section 8. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given in the manner required by law.

Section 9. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be held in accordance with the Code, except as modified by the Texas Education Code, and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including particularly Chapter 272 of the Code pertaining to bilingual requirements.

Section 10. Required 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 3 of this Election Order, (ii) the purposes for which the bonds are to be authorized are set forth in Section 2 of this Election Order, (iii) the principal amount of bonds to be authorized is set forth in Section 2 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 annual principal of and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements may be imposed, (v) bonds authorized pursuant to this Election Order may be issued to mature over not to exceed 35 years from their date of issuance, (vi) based on market conditions at the time of this Election Order, the maximum net effective interest rate on any series of the bonds authorized at the Election is estimated to be 4.00%, (vii) as of the date of this Election Order, (A) the aggregate amount of outstanding principal of the District's debt obligations is \$2,575,000, (B) the aggregate amount of outstanding interest on the District's debt obligations is \$772,381, and (C) the District's ad valorem debt service tax rate is \$0.0743 per \$100 assessed valuation of taxable property.

(b) The statements contained in this Section (i) are based on information available to the District on the date of adoption of this Election Order, including projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) necessarily consist of estimates and projections that are subject to change based on facts, circumstances and conditions at the time that bonds approved pursuant to this Election Order are issued and (iii) are not intended to limit the authority of the Board to issue bonds in accordance with other terms contained in this Election Order. Accordingly, actual tax rates, interest rates, maturity dates, aggregate outstanding indebtedness and interest on such debt will vary and will be established after the bonds are issued. To the extent of any conflict between this subsection and other terms of this Election Order, such other terms control.

(c) The Early Voting Clerk's website is: https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.Elections.Admin. The District's website is: https://www.waelderisd.org/.

Section 11. Voter Information Document. The form of Voter Information Document for Proposition A is attached hereto as Exhibit C. The Voter Information Document shall be posted in the same manner as is required for the posting of this Election Order, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.003(f), Texas Election Code, and may be posted as part of this Election Order.

Section 12. Necessary Actions. The President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, the Superintendent, and all other appropriate officers, agents, and representatives of the District are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the purposes of this Election Order and to comply with the provisions of the Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act in carrying out and conducting the Election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 13. Severability. If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Election Order, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, neither the remaining portions of this Election Order nor their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall be affected thereby, it being the intent of the District in adopting this Election Order that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness, invalidity or unenforceability of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this Election Order are declared to be severable for that purpose.

Section 14. Effective Date. This Election Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 9th day of February, 2023.

Dora Nagola President, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees



EXHIBIT A ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATION\* May 6, 2023 hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

\*Locations subject to change up until Election Day

EXHIBIT B EARLY VOTING LOCATION, DATES AND TIMES

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

Table with 3 columns: DAYS, DATES, HOURS. Monday - Friday April 24 - April 28, 2023 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Tuesday May 1 - May 2, 2023 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT C VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

(1) The language that will appear on the ballot for Proposition A is set forth below:

WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION A

[ ] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,100,000 OF BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING DISTRICT-WIDE RENOVATIONS, AND THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE LEVY OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. [ ] AGAINST

(2) Certain information regarding District debt is provided in table below:

Table with 6 columns: Principal Amount of Bonds to be Authorized, Estimated Interest for Bonds to be Authorized, Estimated Combined Principal and Interest for Bonds to be Authorized, Principal of all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of February 9, 2023), Estimated Remaining Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of February 9, 2023), Estimated Combined Principal and Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of February 9, 2023). Values: \$7,100,000, \$4,882,800, \$11,982,800, \$2,575,000, \$772,381, \$3,347,381.

The 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 bonds to be authorized under Proposition A is \$93.22, assuming: (i) the bonds are issued in 2023, (ii) an amortization of the bonds over 25 years, (iii) an interest rate of 4.00% on the bonds, and (iv) a 2.50% annual growth in taxable assessed values in the District through fiscal year 2033 and 0.50% thereafter. The foregoing is only an estimate provided to comply with Texas law and is subject to change; it does not serve as a limitation or a guarantee regarding outstanding indebtedness, the amount of taxes to be imposed, the amortization period for the bonds or the District's other debt obligations, interest rates, or taxable assessed values.

WAELDER ISD PROPOSITION B

[ ] FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,200,000 OF REFUNDING BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE PRINCIPAL AND/OR INTEREST ON CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY ISSUED MAINTENANCE TAX OBLIGATIONS DESIGNATED "WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE TAX NOTES, SERIES 2022," AND THE LEVY OF TAXES SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND ANY RELATED CREDIT AGREEMENTS. THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE. [ ] AGAINST

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(3) Certain information regarding District debt is provided in table below:

Principal Amount of Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest for Bonds to be Authorized:	Principal of all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of February 9, 2023):	Estimated Remaining Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of February 9, 2023):	Estimated Combined Principal and Interest on all Outstanding Tax Debt (as of February 9, 2023):
\$3,200,000	\$2,215,200	\$5,415,200	\$2,575,000	\$772,381	\$3,347,381

The 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 bonds to be authorized under Proposition B is \$44.14, assuming: (i) the bonds are issued in 2023, (ii) an amortization of the bonds over 25 years, (iii) an interest rate of 4.00% on the bonds, and (iv) a 2.50% annual growth in taxable assessed values in the District through fiscal year 2033 and 0.50% thereafter. The foregoing is only an estimate provided to comply with Texas law and is subject to change; it does not serve as a limitation or a guarantee regarding outstanding indebtedness, the amount of taxes to be imposed, the amortization period for the bonds or the District's other debt obligations, interest rates, or taxable assessed values.

### AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE BONOS

A LOS VOTANTES HABILITADOS, RESIDENTES DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER:

SE NOTIFICA POR EL PRESENTE que se celebrará una elección en el DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER, el día 6 de mayo de 2023, de acuerdo con la siguiente orden:

#### ORDEN PARA CONVOCAR UNA ELECCIÓN DE BONOS

EN VISTA DE QUE, el 9 de febrero de 2023 la Junta de Síndicos (la "Junta") del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Waelder (el "Distrito") adoptó una orden (la "Orden Original") para una elección de bonos (la "Elección") a celebrarse el 6 de mayo de 2023 ("Día de Elección");

EN VISTA DE QUE la Junta, en virtud de las disposiciones pertinentes del Código Electoral de Texas (el "Código"), celebrará un convenio con el Condado de Gonzales (el "Condado") para la prestación de servicios electorales (el "Contrato de Servicios Electorales"); y

EN VISTA DE QUE, en conformidad con el Contrato de Servicios Electorales Aplicable, la Administradora de Elecciones del Condado de Gonzales (la "Funcionaria de Elecciones del Condado de Gonzales") estarán a cargo de administrar la Elección;

EN VISTA DE QUE, la Junta halla y determina que es necesario y aconsejable convocar y celebrar una elección para el Distrito y dentro de este sobre la proposición descrita más adelante en la presente;

EN VISTA DE QUE, la Junta halla y determina que es necesario y aconsejable adoptar esta Orden por la Junta de Síndicos del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Waelder para convocar una Elección de Bonos (la "Orden de Elección") a fin de establecer las disposiciones de la Elección del 6 de mayo de 2023 según se expone más adelante en la presente; y

EN VISTA DE QUE, la Junta halla y declara que la asamblea en la cual se considera esta Orden de Elección está abierta al público, y que se dio aviso público de la hora, el lugar y el propósito de la asamblea, según lo exige el Capítulo 551 del Código de Gobierno de Texas; ahora, por tanto,

LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER ORDENA:

Sección 1. Hallazgos. Las declaraciones contenidas en el preámbulo de esta Orden de Elección son verdaderas y correctas y, por la presente, se adoptan como determinaciones de hechos y como parte de las disposiciones operativas de esta.

Sección 2. Elección ordenada; fecha; proposición. Se celebrará una elección (la "Elección") para el Distrito y dentro del mismo el sábado 6 de mayo de 2023 ("Día de Elección"). En la Elección, se presentará la siguiente proposición (la "Proposición") a los votantes habilitados del Distrito:

#### PROPOSICIÓN A DE WAELDER ISD

¿SE DEBERÁ AUTORIZAR A LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER (EL "DISTRITO") A EMITIR LOS BONOS DEL DISTRITO, EN UNA O MÁS SERIES, POR LA CANTIDAD TOTAL DE CAPITAL DE \$7,100,000 CON EL FIN DE CONSTRUIR, ADQUIRIR Y EQUIPAR EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO, INCLUIDAS LAS RENOVACIONES EN TODO EL DISTRITO, Y COMPRAR PREDIOS NECESARIOS PARA LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES; BONOS QUE VENCERÁN EN UN PLAZO QUE NO EXCEDA DE 35 AÑOS A PARTIR DE SUS FECHAS, Y QUE DEVENGARÁN INTERÉS A TAL TASA O TASAS, SIN QUE EXCEDAN LA TASA MÁXIMA AUTORIZADA AHORA O EN EL FUTURO POR LEY, SEGÚN LO DETERMINE LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS AL MOMENTO DE LA EMISIÓN; Y SE DEBERÁ AUTORIZAR A LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS A IMPONER Y COMPROMETER, Y HACER TASAR Y RECAUDAR IMPUESTOS AD VALOREM ANUALES SOBRE TODA PROPIEDAD GRAVABLE EN EL DISTRITO, SUFICIENTES, SIN LÍMITES DE LA TASA O CANTIDAD, PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO FIRMADO O AUTORIZADO EN ANTICIPACIÓN DE, EN RELACIÓN CON, O EN CONEXIÓN CON DICHS BONOS?

#### PROPOSICIÓN B DE WAELDER ISD

¿SE DEBERÁ AUTORIZAR A LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER (EL "DISTRITO") A EMITIR LOS BONOS DEL DISTRITO, POR LA CANTIDAD DE CAPITAL DE \$3,200,000 CON EL FIN DE REMBOLSAR TODO O UNA PARTE DEL CAPITAL Y/O INTERÉS SOBRE CIERTAS OBLIGACIONES DE IMPUESTO DE MANTENIMIENTO PREVIAMENTE EMITIDAS DESIGNADAS COMO "PAGARÉS DEL IMPUESTO DE MANTENIMIENTO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER, SERIE 2022", CON FECHA DE 1 DE JULIO DE 2022; BONOS QUE VENCERÁN EN SERIE O DE OTRA MANERA (EN UN PLAZO QUE NO EXCEDA DE 10 AÑOS A PARTIR DE SUS FECHAS), Y QUE DEVENGARÁN INTERÉS A TAL TASA O TASAS, SIN QUE EXCEDAN LA TASA MÁXIMA AUTORIZADA AHORA O EN EL FUTURO POR LEY, SEGÚN LO DETERMINE LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS AL MOMENTO DE LA EMISIÓN; Y SE DEBERÁ AUTORIZAR A LA JUNTA DE SÍNDICOS A IMPONER Y COMPROMETER, Y HACER TASAR Y RECAUDAR IMPUESTOS AD VALOREM ANUALES SOBRE TODA PROPIEDAD GRAVABLE EN EL DISTRITO, SUFICIENTES, SIN LÍMITES DE LA TASA O CANTIDAD, PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y LOS COSTOS DE CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO FIRMADO O AUTORIZADO EN ANTICIPACIÓN DE, EN RELACIÓN CON, O EN CONEXIÓN CON DICHS BONOS?

Sección 3. Boleta oficial de votación. (a) La Votación en la Elección y, por consiguiente, en la votación anticipada será mediante el uso de sistemas de votación y boletas legalmente aprobados.

(b) La preparación del equipo necesario y las boletas oficiales de votación de la Elección deberá hacerse en conformidad con los requisitos del Código de forma tal de aparecer y permitir a los votantes votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de la Proposición antedicha, la cual aparecerá y se presentará en las boletas de votación sustancialmente de la siguiente forma:

#### PROPOSICIÓN A DE WAELDER ISD

[ ] A FAVOR

LA EMISIÓN DE \$7,100,000 EN BONOS PARA CONSTRUCCIÓN, ADQUISICIÓN Y EQUIPAMIENTO DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES EN EL DISTRITO, INCLUSO RENOVACIONES EN TODO EL DISTRITO, Y LA COMPRA DE LOS PREDIOS NECESARIOS PARA LOS EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS DE LOS BONOS Y CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO RELACIONADO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

[ ] EN CONTRA

#### PROPOSICIÓN B DE WAELDER ISD

[ ] A FAVOR

LA EMISIÓN DE \$3,200,000 EN BONOS PARA EL PROPÓSITO DE REEMBOLSAR TODOS O UNA PORCIÓN DEL CAPITAL Y/O INTERÉS SOBRE DETERMINADAS OBLIGACIONES DE IMPUESTO DE MANTENIMIENTO EMITIDAS PREVIAMENTE CON DESIGNACIÓN "PAGARÉS DE IMPUESTO DE MANTENIMIENTO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE WAELDER, SERIE 2022" Y LA IMPOSICIÓN DE IMPUESTOS SUFICIENTES PARA PAGAR EL CAPITAL Y EL INTERÉS SOBRE LOS BONOS Y CUALQUIER ACUERDO DE CRÉDITO RELACIONADO. ESTO ES UN AUMENTO AL IMPUESTO PREDIAL.

[ ] EN CONTRA

Sección 4. Personas habilitadas para votar. Todos los votantes habilitados residentes del Distrito serán elegibles para votar en la Elección.

Sección 5. Precinto electoral, lugares de votación y horarios de votación del Día de Elección. Los lugares de votación para votar el Día de Elección serán los centros de votación de todo el condado establecidos en el **Anexo A**, o en aquellos otros lugares que designen los Funcionarios de Elecciones del Condado, en conformidad con el Contrato de Servicios Electorales Aplicable y, por la presente, se adoptan y se aprueban dichos lugares. El Anexo A y los avisos de la Elección se completarán sin necesidad de una medida adicional de la Junta para incluir los lugares definitivos designados por el Funcionario de Elecciones del Condado. El Día de Elección las casillas de votación estarán abiertas de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Sección 6. Lugares, fechas y horarios de votación anticipada; Designación del Administrador de Elecciones de Votación Anticipada. (a) La votación anticipada en persona se llevará a cabo en los lugares, los horarios y los días indicados en el Anexo B, o en aquellos otros lugares que de aquí en adelante puedan ser designados por los Funcionarios de Elecciones del Condado en conformidad con el Contrato de Servicios Electorales Aplicable, y por la presente, se adoptan y se aprueban dichos lugares. El Anexo B y los avisos de la Elección se completarán sin necesidad de una medida adicional de la Junta para incluir los lugares definitivos designados por el Funcionario de Elecciones del Condado Aplicable. Las sucursales permanentes y/o temporales para la votación anticipada en persona se establecerán y mantendrán de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas.

(c) Por la presente, la Junta de Síndicos designa a Gwen Schaefer, Administradora de Elecciones del Condado de Gonzales, como Oficial de Votación Anticipada del Condado de Gonzales y las solicitudes de boletas de votación por correo deberán enviarse a la Oficial de Votación Anticipada a la siguiente dirección: Attention: Ballots By Mail c/o Gonzales County Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 1753, Gonzales, Texas 78629, o entregarse en mano en: Attention: Gonzales County Elections Office, 427 St. George, Suite 306, Gonzales, Texas 78629, o por correo electrónico a ea@co.gonzales.tx.us. Si una solicitud se envía por fax o por correo electrónico, de cualquier manera, se debe enviar el original a la dirección indicada previamente. Para obtener más información, consulte el sitio web de votación anticipada del Condado de Gonzales en <http://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.ElectionandVoterRegistrationNews>.

Sección 7. Contrato de Servicios Electorales; Elección conjunta. El Distrito contratará al Condado para la prestación de servicios electorales y llevará a cabo una elección conjunta con otras entidades gubernamentales participantes en los condados de Gonzales y de Caldwell que también celebran elecciones el Día de Elección. El Presidente de la Junta de Síndicos, el Superintendente o sus representantes designados están autorizados para negociar y celebrar el Contrato de Servicios Electorales y uno o más convenios de elección conjunta, o contratos o acuerdos similares con el Condado y cualquiera de los participantes de la elección conjunta si así lo desean o fuese obligatorio para cumplir con la ley aplicable.

Sección 8. Aviso de Elección. Se dará aviso de la Elección como lo exige la ley.

Sección 9. Celebración de la Elección. La Elección se llevará a cabo en conformidad con el Código, salvo por las modificaciones del Código de Educación de Texas, y la Ley Federal de Derechos de Votación de 1965 y sus enmiendas, incluido, sobre todo, el Capítulo 272 del Código respecto de los requisitos bilingües.

Sección 10. Información requerida.

(d) Conforme a la Sección 3.009 del Código Electoral de Texas: (i) el lenguaje de la proposición que aparecerá en la boleta de votación se describe en la Sección 3 de esta Orden de Elección, (ii) los propósitos para los cuales se autorizarán los bonos se describen en la Sección 2 de esta Orden de Elección, (iii) la cantidad de capital de bonos a autorizar se describe en la Sección 2 de esta Orden de Elección, (iv) si la emisión de bonos es autorizada por los votantes, se pueden aplicar los impuestos suficientes, sin límite de tasa o cantidad, para pagar el capital anual y el interés de los bonos y los costos de cualquier acuerdo de crédito, (v) los bonos autorizados conforme a esta Orden de Elección pueden emitirse para vencer durante un periodo que no exceda los 35 años a partir de su fecha de emisión, (vi) con base en las condiciones del mercado al momento de esta Orden de Elección, la tasa de interés máxima efectiva neta sobre cualquier serie de bonos autorizada en la Elección se estima que es de 4.00%, (vii) a la fecha de esta Orden de Elección, (A) la cantidad total del capital pendiente de las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito es de \$2,575,000, (B) y la cantidad total de interés pendiente sobre las obligaciones de deuda del Distrito es de \$772,381, y (C) la tasa del impuesto ad valorem para el servicio de deuda del Distrito es de \$0.0743 por cada \$100 de tasación de propiedad gravable.

(e) Las declaraciones contenidas en esta Sección (i) se basan en la información disponible para el Distrito a la fecha de adopción de esta Orden de Elección, incluidos los pronósticos obtenidos del asesor financiero del Distrito, (ii) consisten necesariamente en estimaciones y pronósticos que están sujetos a cambio con base en hechos, circunstancias y condiciones al momento en que se emitan los bonos aprobados conforme a esta Orden de Elección y (iii) no están pensadas para limitar la autoridad de la Junta en la emisión de bonos de acuerdo con otros términos contenidos en esta Orden de Elección. Consecuentemente, las tasas de impuestos, las tasas de interés, las fechas de vencimiento, el endeudamiento total pendiente y el interés sobre tal deuda reales variarán y se establecerán tras la emisión de los bonos. En la medida en que haya algún conflicto entre esta subsección y otros términos de esta Orden de Elección, esos otros términos regirán.

(f) El sitio web de los respectivos Oficiales de Votación Anticipada es <http://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.ElectionandVoterRegistrationNews>. El sitio web del Distrito es <https://www.waelderisd.org/>.

Sección 11. Documento de Información para los Votantes. El formulario del Documento de Información para los Votantes se adjunta a la presente como **Anexo C**. El Documento de Información para los Votantes será colocado de la misma manera que se requiere para la colocación de esta Orden de Elección, en virtud de las disposiciones de la Sección 4.003(f) del Código Electoral de Texas y se puede colocar como parte de esta Orden de Elección.

Sección 12. Medidas necesarias. Por la presente, se autoriza e instruye al Presidente y al Secretario de la Junta de Síndicos, al Superintendente y todos los demás funcionarios, agentes y representantes correspondientes del Distrito a que tomen todas y cada una de las medidas necesarias para llevar a cabo los propósitos de esta Orden de Elección y cumplir con las disposiciones del Código y de la Ley Federal de Derechos de Votación para realizar y celebrar la Elección, sean expresamente autorizadas en la presente o no.

Sección 13. Divisibilidad. Si cualquier disposición, sección, subsección, oración, cláusula o frase de esta Orden de Elección o la aplicación de ella a cualquier persona o conjunto de circunstancias es por alguna razón hallada inconstitucional, nula, inválida o no aplicable, ni las partes restantes de esta Orden de Elección ni su aplicación a otras personas o conjunto de circunstancias se verán afectadas por esto, siendo la intención del Distrito al adoptar esta Orden de Elección que ninguna parte de ella o disposición o norma contenida en la presente llegue a ser inoperativa o falle debido a la inconstitucionalidad, nulidad, invalidez o imposibilidad de aplicación de cualquier otra parte de ella, y todas las disposiciones de esta Orden de Elección se declaran divisibles a tales efectos.

Sección 14. Fecha de entrada en vigencia. Esta Orden de Elección entra en vigencia inmediatamente después de su aceptación y aprobación.

ACEPTADA Y APROBADA este día 9 de febrero de 2023.

  
Presidente de la Junta de Síndicos

  
Secretario de la Junta de Síndicos



### ANEXO A LUGARES DE VOTACIÓN DEL DÍA DE ELECCIÓN 6 de mayo de 2023 de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

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# Texas Soil and Water Stewardship Week showcases the significance of watersheds

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts are joining organizations across the state in a campaign to highlight the importance of voluntary land stewardship in Texas. Soil and Water Stewardship Week is April 30 through May 7, 2023, and the focus this year is "One Water."

Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes, covering every inch of the Earth. However, what is a watershed? A watershed is an area of land that channels rainfall and snowmelt to creeks, streams, and rivers, eventually leading to outflow points such as reservoirs,

bays, and oceans. Those bodies of water are all connected, so every drop that falls on Earth becomes part of one water.

At 268,597 square miles, Texas is the second largest state in the nation. Within Texas' massive acreage, there are approximately 191,228 miles of streams and rivers, more than 8 million acres of inland and coastal wetlands, and more than 3 million acres of reservoirs and lakes. Every inch of land that makes up our great state is part of a watershed, which means we all live in a watershed. We are all a part of one water.

Of all the water used in Texas, roughly 40 percent is drawn from surface water sources and 60 percent from groundwa-

ter sources. We share the water in our watershed with our neighbors, livestock, wildlife, forests, and cropland, as it is all one water.

By 2070, the population of Texas is expected to nearly double, with the demand for water increasing by 17 percent. The supply of water from existing sources in Texas will be 11 percent smaller than it is today. If we do nothing, approximately four out of five Texans will face a water shortage in their cities and residences. There is no natural resource with greater significance for the future of Texans than one water.

Texas also has a vital role in contributing to international demand for goods. For almost two decades, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis, has ranked Texas as the No. 1 exporter among U.S. states. Water is crucial to the manufacturing of exported goods. It is also crucial to the transportation of those goods. Texas moves 597.5 million total tons of cargo, making it No. 1 in the U.S. for maritime commerce. This would not be possible without one water.

Since 1939, the TSSWCB and Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) across Texas have been working to encourage the wise and productive use of natural resources. It is our goal to ensure the availability of those resources for future generations, so that the needs of all Texans can be met in a manner that promotes a clean, healthy environment and strong economic growth.

Your local SWCD can work with you

to develop a conservation plan for your farm, forest, or ranch to improve water quality and quantity while providing resources on responsible natural resource management. These voluntary plans can be tailored to meet the conservation needs and goals of each individual landowner.

TSSWCB, SWCDs, and our conservation partners are committed to working with farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners to conserve and protect the natural resources of Texas. As the population of the state continues to grow, maintaining the productivity of our soil and water resources becomes increasingly vital in meeting the food, fiber, and water needs for all Texans. We must do our part to protect one water.

Partnering organizations in the "One Water" campaign includes Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, AgriLife Extension, Ducks Unlimited, Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council, Texas Association of Dairymen, Texas Conservation Association for Soil and Water, Texas Corn Producers, Texas Forestry Association, Texas Hemp Coalition, Texas Hemp Growers Association, Texas Quarter Horse Association, Texas Watershed Steward Program, Texas Wildlife Association, The Nature Conservancy, Upper Trinity Conservation Trust, and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

For more information on "One Water" please visit [www.tsswcb.texas.gov](http://www.tsswcb.texas.gov).



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# Entelekchewul On Board

Hey there y'all. As you undoubtedly noticed from today's title, which also happens to be the bumper sticker on my spacecraft, I'm no wordsmith, and even a worse speller, but I can assure you that my intentions are honorable. I often joke (or am I?) about being from Zerlok, a small planet on the far edge of our galaxy, where if you have an IQ in the double digits you're considered to be a genius of sorts. I sometimes get a little homesick, as we all got along, had each other's back and loved our creator, something we all pray for earthlings to someday achieve, and although it hasn't happened yet, we're still very hopeful. Of course, here on earth, due to the intergalactic exchange rate, you'll need an IQ in the high triple digits just to keep up with us, so just do your best 'cause, we ain't judgemental!

I still find certain things here on earth perplexing, such as: If my uncle had multiple wives and they all gardened, wouldn't he technically live on an aunt

farm? When going to look for a townhouse to buy, shouldn't we first freshen our breath with a condo-mint? Wouldn't a sheep herder in Germany be considered a German Shepherd? If a driveway contractor accidentally dropped his belt into the wet mix, wouldn't that be to his benefit, as we've all heard that after a hard days work, a stiff belt can help us relax? Shouldn't salmon swim downstream to spawn? If I were a salmon, my answer would be sorry honey, long day at the office, just not in the mood!

Fortunately, whether we believe there's intelligent life on other planets or not, mankind is now working vigorously to develop artificial intelligence, since the real thing seems to be lacking in so many areas. Just hope they develop some artificial common sense to complete the package, but as of this press release, no such luck. Just recently, Elon Musk and other top tech scientists are calling for a six month halt on more AI development until more is understood, and more



**ERIC ESTES**  
Love, Eric and Eloise

stringent safeguards can be put into place, before getting so far down the road that it's out of control and may not be able to be stopped. Critics sight that it's not AI, it's AI in the wrong hands that we should be wary of. Is it just me, or do both scenarios sound like a bad deal? Human beings seem to have great capacity for invention, but lack the sense, wisdom and foresight to look ahead at potentially negative outcomes.

Although a great source of convenience with many positive benefits, since the invent of the internet, we've also seen an increase in crime, violence, depression, intolerance and division. It seems that most perceived leaps forward always come with an evil sibling lurking in the shadows. The atomic bombs detonated in Japan were in

hopes of ending WW2, and saving American lives. Today there are enough nuclear weapons to render mankind extinct many times over, with more continually being produced. It seems a manipulated virus recently escaped, killing more than six million people globally. We've managed to set ourselves up for catastrophic failure, being tied to an outdated electrical grid, with everything we do relying on computers and the internet. Talk about the lack of wisdom in putting all our eggs in one basket, but yet this is our reality. If AI (no love, sympathy, integrity or morals) ever advances to the point that it sees us as a nuisance, well, you do the math.

Matthew 24:44 reminds us that we must always be ready, because Jesus will return when least expected. Today seems like a good day as any if you haven't accepted Christ already, 'cause you just never know, and that my friend is... real intelligence!

Hang in there, Love you guys, Eric.

## San Luis Catholic to host Jamaica event

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

San Luis Catholic Church in Yorktown will host its annual Jamaica April 23 at San Luis, 502 E. 2nd St., Yorktown.

It will begin with Mass at 8 a.m. in the church. Mariachi music will be provided during the Mass.

Breakfast items and menu will be available after Mass.

A meal of carne guisada with rice and beans will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates, to-go or dine-in, will be \$14 each.

Hamburgers and homemade tamales will also be sold. At noon, the Ballet Folklorico de Goladi will perform in the hall.

Live entertainment will include Vertigo at 12:30 p.m., El Grupo Sensacion at 1:45 p.m., DJ David Guerrero at 2 p.m., Lone Pistolero at 4 p.m. and Fantazzia at 5:30 p.m.

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E.B.

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Beeper didn't finish coloring her egg. Do the rest for her.

Have more fun with your buddy! Draw an egg and color half of it. Then let your buddy finish your design.

**Egg Timer**  
How many eggs can you find on this page in 60 seconds? Race your buddy!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Eye-hand coordination.

**Egg Search**

How many times can you find the word EGG in the puzzle?

**Hint:** The word EGG is spelled forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. You may use the same letter more than once.

0-5 Great Beginner  
6-10 Eggstra-Special  
11-15 Egg-citing  
15+ Eggstra-ordinary!

Standards Link: Letter Sequencing: Skim and scan reading.

**Write On!**

**Easter Bunny Spotted!**

Write about catching sight of the Easter Bunny leaving eggs.

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