

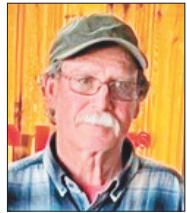


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Truck driver killed in wreck trying to avoid car



BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

A fatal accident on Thursday, June 8 claimed the life of a tractor-trailer driver who it appears may have tried to minimize the collision he had with a vehicle near the intersection of US 90 and FM 304

in Gonzales County. According to a Texas Department of Public Safety report summary, a Nissan passenger vehicle was southbound on FM 304 at 5:55 a.m. approaching US 90 while the tractor-trailer was eastbound on US 90 and approaching the same intersection. The intersection has a

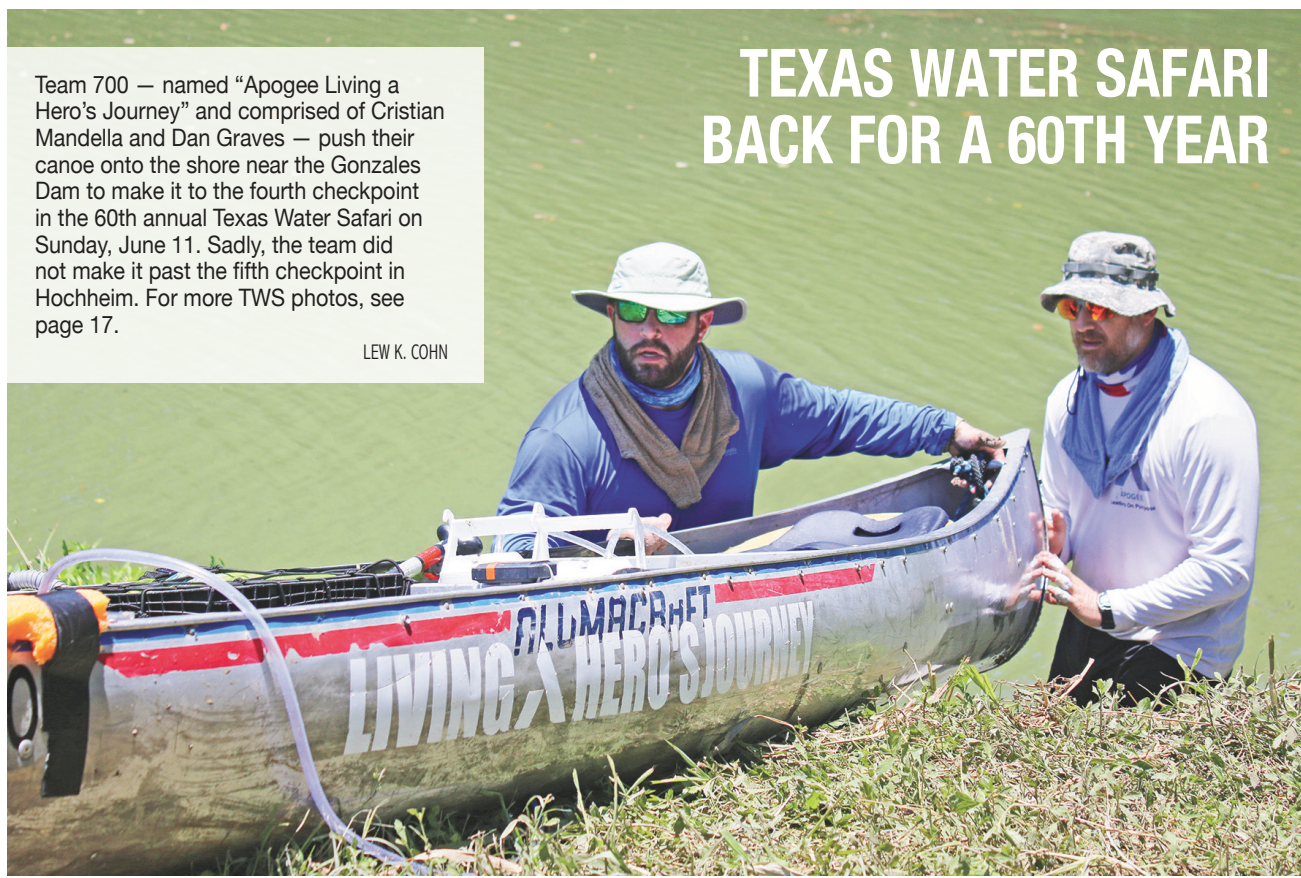
stop sign for those traveling on FM 304, while traffic on US 90 does not stop.

The Nissan failed to yield the right of way at the stop sign, and pulled into the path of the semi, which tried to avoid the car but ultimately struck the right front quarter panel of the Nissan. The

Nissan spun counter-clockwise and came to rest upright on the unimproved shoulder at the intersection's northeast corner.

The tractor-trailer rolled to the right and became detached and the truck-tractor came to rest up-

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Team 700 — named "Apogee Living a Hero's Journey" and comprised of Cristian Mandella and Dan Graves — push their canoe onto the shore near the Gonzales Dam to make it to the fourth checkpoint in the 60th annual Texas Water Safari on Sunday, June 11. Sadly, the team did not make it past the fifth checkpoint in Hochheim. For more TWS photos, see page 17.

LEW K. COHN

TEXAS WATER SAFARI BACK FOR A 60TH YEAR

Commissioners consider uniform speed limit for county roads

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners will hold a public hearing at 9 a.m. Monday, June 26, to hear comments about establishing a uniform speed limit of 35 miles per hour on most county-maintained public roads.

This comes after commissioners voted unanimously to advertise the hearing in the Gonzales Inquirer at their Monday, June 12 meeting.

The measure that would be discussed at the public hearing would also establish a speed

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Cat group speaks up about problems with Gonzales' animal ordinance

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales City council met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting Thursday, June 8 at City

Hall. One of the big topic of discussion during the public comments section of the meeting was the Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter and the current ordinances regarding cats,

especially strays. Mary Anne MacLean of FOGAS spoke to the council about the current ordinances and she said it's

See **ORDINANCE**, page 15

Nixon council holds off on proposed park name change

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

The Nixon City Council discussed on Monday, June 5, renaming a proposed veterans park to be built on land to the east of City Hall, but voted eventually to hold off on any name change until July so the proper steps can be taken.

Members of the newly created Tourism and Development Board and the council spoke about adding deceased veteran John Longoria's name to the park, which is currently being called the Freddy Aguirre Memorial Park. However, other members of the public expressed wishes during the meeting that the council give the park a generic name to honor all veterans and not just those who died in service.

See **PARK**, page 15

GISD approves purchase of STEMscopes instructional materials

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales ISD school board met for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting Monday, June 12 at the GISD Administration building.

One of the big agenda items was the purchase of STEMscopes' math and science kindergarten through eighth grade instructional material for the 2023-2024 school year.

GISD Elementary education director Brandi

See **GISD**, page 18

MAKING A SPLASH



The Lions Club of Gonzales installed shade covers at the Splashpad at Lions Park in Gonzales as summer kicks off for many children in the city.

VANDY VAN EPPS

New Beautification board sets mission statement, vision

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

The newly created Gonzales Beautification and Design Board met Tuesday, June 6 at City Hall and established both a mission statement and a vision

for the group that they hope will inspire civic pride.

Board members voted to adopt a mission statement of "being a welcoming community" and a five-part

See **BEUTIFICATION**, page 18

Second annual Juneteenth event returns to Gonzales

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Main Street will host its second annual Juneteenth celebration at Texas Independence Square this Saturday, June 17 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Contests and activities begin at 4 p.m. and include a watermelon eating contest, bounce house, hula hoop contest, petting zoo and coloring page contest.

The celebration will include gospel music by Minister Everett Hughes & Anointed Company (5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.) and international recording and performance artist Beverly Houston & Breezin' Band (6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.).

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LEW K. COHN

Richard Lopez, co-proprietor of the Gonzales Food Market, receives the sign naming it the Main Street Business of the Month for June from Main Street Director Tiffany Hutchison-Padilla and members of the Main Street board.

Gonzales Food Market named Main Street Business of the Month for June

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Opened in 1959 by Lopez family patriarch “Chano Lopez”, his son Pablo, and daughters Elisa and Emilia Lopez, the Gonzales Food Market continues to make some of the best BBQ in town. And now, the Gonzales Food Market is the Main Street Business of the Month.

Located at 311 St. Lawrence Street and originally opened as a town grocery store, the Gonzales Food Market has continually served Gonzales in the same location for over 64 years. Richard Lopez and his brother Ray now operate the Gonzales Food Market as third-generation proprietors of the family business.

The brothers both grew up and graduated from Gonzales High School. They both remember working with their grandfather and dad at a very young age. Richard retired from his corporate job in San Antonio and came back to Gonzales to help with the business. As the larger grocery store chains came to town, the

Gonzales Food Market turned their focus strictly to barbecue.

One of the unique things about the business is the large number of out-of-town customers that frequent the business. Because of the family’s dedication to the business, Gonzales Food Market is famous for its sausage. It’s made following the same recipe that was used since the start of the business.

Sausage is the number one seller and is made in the market on a daily basis. Richard’s favorite item on the menu by far is the brisket.

“It is so versatile” says Richard Lopez. “I can eat it on a tortilla, chopped on a bun, by itself with salt and pepper, or just smothered with our barbecue sauce.”

The Gonzales Food Market currently has 10 employees and often brings in the local youth to help out on busy weekends or holidays. While the business has been in the family for decades, the brothers are not against exploring opportunities to sell their share and let the next young entrepreneur take the reins.

Gonzales, Main Street to celebrate 4th of July

STAFF REPORT

Gonzales will celebrate the United States’ independence with the annual Fourth of July Star-Spangled Spectacular celebration at Independence Square Tuesday, July 4, presented by Gonzales Main Street.

Gonzales — and other communities throughout all 50 states — will be celebrating 247 years of the United States declaring its independence over the

British in 1776.

Last year’s event had a kid’s bike parade, bounce houses, face painting, live entertainment, and food & merch vendors.

The Fourth of July celebration will close out with its annual fireworks show.

A schedule of the 2023 Fourth of July activities has not yet been released. For updates on the event, please go to Main Street’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GonzalesMainStreet>.

Main Street hosting Shop and Stroll event June 22

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Main Street Board will host a fourth Thursday “Shop & Stroll” event Thursday, June 22 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The events promotes Gonzales’ downtown retailers, boutiques and restaurants this summer.

Shear Designs and Boutique will host country artists Brandi Behlen and Kendra Krupala.

For more information of upcoming Main Street events, please go to <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/departments/main-street> and its Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GonzalesMainStreet>.

Crystal Theatre seeks funding from Gonzales County for program

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

For more than 25 years, the Gonzales Crystal Theatre Young Program has been dedicated to providing “arts-in-education opportunities for young people from all backgrounds” while serving as a safe place for Gonzales’ youth to gather and enrich their lives.

Barbara Crozier, the director for this one-of-a-kind non-profit project, asked Gonzales County commissioners on Monday, June 12, to consider providing additional funding, if possible, to the program, especially since the closure of the Gonzales County Youth Center last year.

“The Crystal Theater, which has been serving our community since the early 1980s, has had the only continually functioning youth program in the area — in all of Gonzales County,” Crozier said.

Crozier said the Crystal’s

program “actually grew out of the Youth Center” but they did not share funding.

“That confused a lot of people that thought we were getting funding whenever the Youth Center was being funded,” Crozier said. “We were able to get funding through organizations and endowments over the years, but our program needs to be stabilized long term for our community. It is my goal that some day, a long time out from now, when I am not here to be the driving force on it, that it continues in earnest because it is such a gift to the youth of our community.”

“A lot of people thought the funding that was going to the Youth Center was going to go to our work since we are now the only functioning program now.”

Among the programs offered by the Crystal Young Program are the year-round Shakespeare Ninja Project, as well as the Crystal Summer Youth Workshop

and the Young Texians Troupe, which performs original Texas history ballads about the founding of Gonzales, the “Lexington of Texas,” including each year by invitation at The Alamo in San Antonio.

For the past dozen years, the theatre has been affiliated with Camp Shakespeare at Wine-dale and has given students scholarships to participate in that program, which is the only educational Shakespeare group that “is actually blessed by British Shakespeare program,” Crozier said.

Commissioners agreed to consider the Crystal Theatre for funding when it comes time to discuss the proposed fiscal year 2024 budget later this year, but they also then voted to donate the proceeds from the sale of scrap metal from both Precinct 1 and Precinct 3 to the Young Program at the Crystal during Monday’s meeting.



LEW K. COHN

AIDING THE ELDERLY

The Gonzales County Commissioners Court approved a resolution declaring June to be Elder Abuse Awareness Month. The court is urging all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly and have disabilities. Abuse against older adults and people with disabilities is grossly underreported because of social stigma, embarrassment and fear and it affects men and women of all incomes and ability levels and all cultural and ethnic backgrounds in all communities.

County advertising Historical Commission openings

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners agreed Monday, June 12, to advertise in the Gonzales Inquirer this week for people interested in being on the county’s Historical Commission.

This will be the first time the county has advertised a position available for appointment on a board or commission since the court adopted a policy in April requiring all future positions to be advertised so the public could have the opportunity to apply.

Applications can be picked up at County Judge Pat Davis’ office in the Gonzales County Courthouse. Commissioners agreed upon a deadline of 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 21, for applications to be returned to the judge’s office so they can be shared with Historical Commission Chair Glenda Gordon prior to the next court meeting on June 26, when the court will formally ap-

point two new commission members.

Gordon appeared before the court Monday in anticipation that they might appoint at least one of the candidates she had previously brought before commissioners.

Commissioners had tabled the appointments to the GCHC at their April 24 meeting with the understanding that their new policy regarding advertising appointments would apply to the Historical Commission.

However, as of June 12, the open positions had not been advertised formally yet in the newspaper — something that did not happen until this edition of the Inquirer. Also, the way the agenda was written did not allow commissioners to take action on what was simply an update on the Historical Commission by Gordon, which included a document explaining the expectations the Texas Historical Commission has for new appointees as well as a copy of the board

member application created by the county.

The court assured Gordon that once the position had formally been advertised in the Inquirer, they would be able to take action and the candidates who had already applied for the position still would be considered for the appointment. They noted that this first time would likely create some growing pains.

“It’s going to be a little hard to start with but once we get this one done, it should go smoother in the future,” said Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski.

“Right, this one is still tedious because we’ve already had some candidates’ names, but we have to do the process,” Precinct 4 Commissioner Collie Boatright agreed.

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June 16th Mimi Holt-Petrek Steve Leazer Joshua Manuel James McMains Ronda Richter-Underwood	June 18th Ashtyn Kardosz Margaret Ramos	June 21st Sally Filip Brittany Hill Michelle Lavendar Zac Singleton Dustynia Stewart Travis Vega

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	June 17 98°/75°	Partly sunny and humid 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 105
	June 18 97°/75°	Mostly cloudy and humid 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 99
	June 19 97°/74°	Humid with intervals of clouds and sunshine 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 101
	June 20 96°/75°	Humid with intervals of clouds and sunshine 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 96
	June 21 95°/74°	Humid with intervals of clouds and sunshine 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 97

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Waelder student receives goat from Prairie View A&M

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

On Saturday, April 29, 2023, Waelder 4-H club member and Waelder Independent School District high school junior Hayley Delossantos received her goat from the Prairie View A&M Giveaway Committee.

The program is designed to promote goat husbandry for the 4-H program. Winners are required to provide a safe, loving home and cultivate the desire to learn about raising goats.

Hayley won Reserve Champion and Showmanship with her poultry project at the 2022 Waelder Livestock Show. She is excited to embark on a new 4-H project. Hayley plans to show her goat named Oreo at the 2023 Waelder Livestock

Show.

A special thank you to Savannah Harrington, the Prairie View Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent from Gonzales County, for making this opportunity available. Thank you also to Dora Noyola, Waelder 4-H Club Leader, and Gayle Bludau, 4-H Coordinator for Gonzales County for writing letters of recommendation. Matt Miranda, Guadalupe County Agent, and Kayla Childs, 4-H Volunteer, also played a role in assisting Hayley to receive the goat.

"It is so satisfying to see Hayley with her goat Oreo," Harrington said. "Hayley has set some excellent goals with her project. I hope other 4-H members will take advantage of similar opportunities in the future."



LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK REPORT
June 10
Cattle: 1084
Compared to our last sale:
Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold steady.

under 200 lbs.	260.00-292.00
200-250 lbs.	252.00-280.00
250-300 lbs.	248.00-278.00
300-350 lbs.	244.00-267.00
350-400 lbs.	244.00-300.00
400-450 lbs.	220.00-254.00
450-500 lbs.	217.00-268.00
500-550 lbs.	210.00-252.00
550-600 lbs.	199.00-233.00
600-700 lbs.	188.00-220.00
Over 700 lbs.	168.00-193.00

Stocker-feeder Steers:
Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 310-315; 300-400 lbs., 300-305; 400-500 lbs., 259-290; 500-600 lbs., 225-245; 600-700 lbs., 215-220; 700-800 lbs., 185-212.
Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 80-115.
Stocker-feeder Heifers:
Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 260-285; 300-400 lbs., 245-255; 400-500 lbs., 225-235; 500-600 lbs., 205-219; 600-700 lbs., 183-198
Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 78-88; Cutters, 92-103; Canners, 52-77; High yielding fat cows, 88-95.
Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 112-127; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 97-110.
Stocker Cows: \$750 to \$1,700.
Pairs: \$1,100 to \$1,900.

NIXON LIVESTOCK
June 12
Cattle – 1265
Steers:
200-300 lbs – \$262-320
300-400 lbs – \$234-325
400-500 lbs – \$222-295
500-600 lbs – \$212-290
600-700 lbs – \$193-251
700-800 lbs – \$182-230
Heifers:
200-300 lbs – \$220-290
300-400 lbs – \$219-290
400-500 lbs – \$207-280
500-600 lbs – \$196-257
600-700 lbs – \$182-295
700-800 lbs – \$161-192
Slaughter Cows – \$45-101
Slaughter Bulls – \$89-126
Stocker Cows – \$600-1100
Pairs: \$1225-1700
We will be closed on July 3, 2023!!!

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT
June 9, 2023
Number of head 1,481
There were 162 cows and 29 bulls. The packer market on cows and bulls remained fully steady with recent weeks levels. Demand continues very strong keeping prices high. The calf market was very steady with last week's big rise in values. Some of the heavier weights were a little lower on the top end while lighter and middle weights were trending higher. Once again it was a very strong market across the board.
Packer bulls: 108.00-127.00
Packer cows:
canners & cutters 85.00-101.00
poor & weak 30.00-50.00
Palpated: 26 BRED 100.00-159.00
PAIRS: 1 \$1,675
Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 200 lbs. NONE
200-249 lbs. NONE
250-299 lbs. 299.00-300.00
300-350 lbs. 238.00-304.00
350-400 lbs. 262.00-304.00
400-450 lbs. 251.00-302.00
450-500 lbs. 239.00-285.00
500-550 lbs. 233.00-262.00
550-600 lbs. 224.00-252.00
600-700 lbs. 209.00-232.00
700-800 lbs. 197.00-206.00
Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 250lbs 274.00-312.00
250-300 lbs. 251.00-306.00
300-350 lbs. 262.00-306.00
350-400 lbs. 253.00-300.00
400-450 lbs. 239.00-310.00
450-500 lbs. 230.00-290.00
500-550 lbs. 218.00-250.00
550-600 lbs. 215.00-236.00
600-700 lbs. 201.00-220.00
Over 700 lbs. 170.00-205.00
Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

HALLETTVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC.
Sale date: June 6
Cattle on hand: 1630
Packer Cows:
Canner and Cutter Cows: \$76-100
Utility & Fat Cows: \$72-97
Low dressing canner cows: \$55-75
Poor/Weak: \$48-58
Packer Bulls:
Heavyweight Bulls: \$115-127
Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$104-116
Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$92-104
Stocker Cows:
Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: NONE
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1050-1400
Good Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1300-1700
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:
Number 1 steer & bull calves:
Under 200 lbs.: \$240-315
200-300 lbs.: \$245-315
300-400 lbs.: \$240-320
400-500 lbs.: \$230-315
500-600 lbs.: \$210-260
600-700 lbs.: \$198-232.50
700-800 lbs.: \$180-220
Number 1 heifer calves:
Under 200 lbs: \$220-295
200-300 lbs.: \$220-285
300-400 lbs.: \$215-280
400-500 lbs.: \$210-265
500-600 lbs.: \$195-255
600-700 lbs.: \$188-225
700-800 lbs.: \$170-205

Replacement Heifers:
350-750 lbs.: \$220-290
The calf market was higher again this week. Heavier weights classes sold \$3 to \$5 higher while the lighter weights sold \$6 to \$10 higher. Demand is extremely good. Packer cows & bulls sold steady to strong on approximately 200 head.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO. MARKET REPORT
June 7
Quality not as deep, but market steady all the way through. Packer cows & bulls steady.
Cattle – 662
Sheep & goats – 877
Medium & large frame #1 Steers:
200-300 lb. .80-2.07-3.40
300-400 lb. .60-1.94-2.93
400-500 lb. .70-2.12-3.05
500-600 lb. .80-1.95-2.77
600-700 lb. .90-1.80-2.30
700-850 lb. 1.30-1.71-2.06
Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:
200-300 lb. 1.25-1.92-3.45
300-400 lb. 1.30-2.16-2.68
400-500 lb. .55-1.98-2.52
500-600 lb. .65-1.82-2.21
600-750 lb. 1.00-1.78-2.10
Cows:
Utility & commercial – .80-.94-1.07
Cutters – .75-.82-.90
Canners – .60-.67-.75
Palpated cow – 725-1200
Cow/Calf Pairs – 1500-1900
Bulls:
Heavy High Yielding – 1.15-1.26
Light & Low Yielding – 1.05-1.14
Sheep & Goats:
Nannies – 80-280
Kid Goats (Fat) – 2.80-3.50
Wethers – 2.25-3.40
Billies – 1.80-2.35
Dorp. Ewes – 30-130
Dorp. Lambs (Fat) – 1.80-2.35
Woolled Ewes – 90-120
Woolled Bucks – 1.00-1.80
Lambs – 1.70-2.30
Barb. Bucks – NONE

Garden Q&A

with CALVIN FINCH



Yellowing St. Augustine should cure itself over course of the summer

Q. Our St Augustine finally started growing aggressively but now it is turning yellow! What do you think is the problem and how can we deal

with it?

A. It sounds like the problem is iron chlorosis which is quite common now. The good news is that it will eventually

cure itself as the summer progresses. The grass is temporarily growing faster than it can uptake the required iron and nitrogen. If left on its own the growth rate will decline to the point where it has adequate iron and nitrogen to support the growth rate. A better option may be to spray the grass blades with a chelated iron product or apply a product such as Iron Plus. It will even work to dissolve some iron sulfate in water and spray the foliage.

Q. Tell us again about growing Southern peas in the garden this summer.

A. Southern peas are easy to grow in the vegetable garden in the summer and they are productive and fill the space to reduce weeds such as Bermuda grass from growing in the summer vegetable garden. Obtain seeds from your favorite nursery. I like the purple hull. Black eye peas or creams best. You can harvest the bean like pods and use them like green beans or you can

let them dry in the pod and shell them for hot dish type recipes.

Q. On your radio show you were talking about two kinds of milkweed being available at area nurseries. One was a native milkweed and one was the tropical milkweed. You said the tropical milkweed was better liked as an egg-laying site for Monarchs and Queens. Why wouldn't the native milkweed be better?

A. There are lots of native milkweeds, most are just as favored for an egg-laying site as the tropical milkweed (A. curassavica). Unfortunately the native Butterfly Weed Milkweed (A. tuberosa) is not a favorite egg-laying site. It is easy to grow, the flowers are attractive and the nectar produced is liked by the Monarchs but the internal chemicals are not as potent as other milkweeds. Without the potent chemicals to be internalized, the Monarchs would lose their undesirable taste to predators.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Gonzales Inquirer,

I am Yazmin Almendarez. I attended scholarship night on May 22, 2023 at the Gonzales Junior High Auditorium.

At the event I was awarded the Sue Grauke Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. I'm writing to you today to thank you and show my gratitude for the gracious scholarship that was awarded to me.

Thank you to the Gonzales Inquirer for being able to fund this scholarship. I am overjoyed and grateful that I was given this scholarship. Thank you, this means so much to me.

I am finally getting steps closer to achieving my goals of being able to attend and study at Texas State University in San Marcos Texas. At Texas State University I will study finance, so that I can strive to work as a financial manager when I finish college. This amazing gift and opportunities that I was granted will truly set me off to a great start in my future.

I will forever be appreciative and thankful for all the privileges I was given and the assistance that has helped me along the way. May God bless you all and everyone around you, as the way I was blessed with y'all's helpfulness for my future in college. Thank you all again and for taking the time to read this

Sincerely,

Yazmin Almendarez

Editor's Note: Congratulations, Yazmin, and best wishes for all your future endeavors!

Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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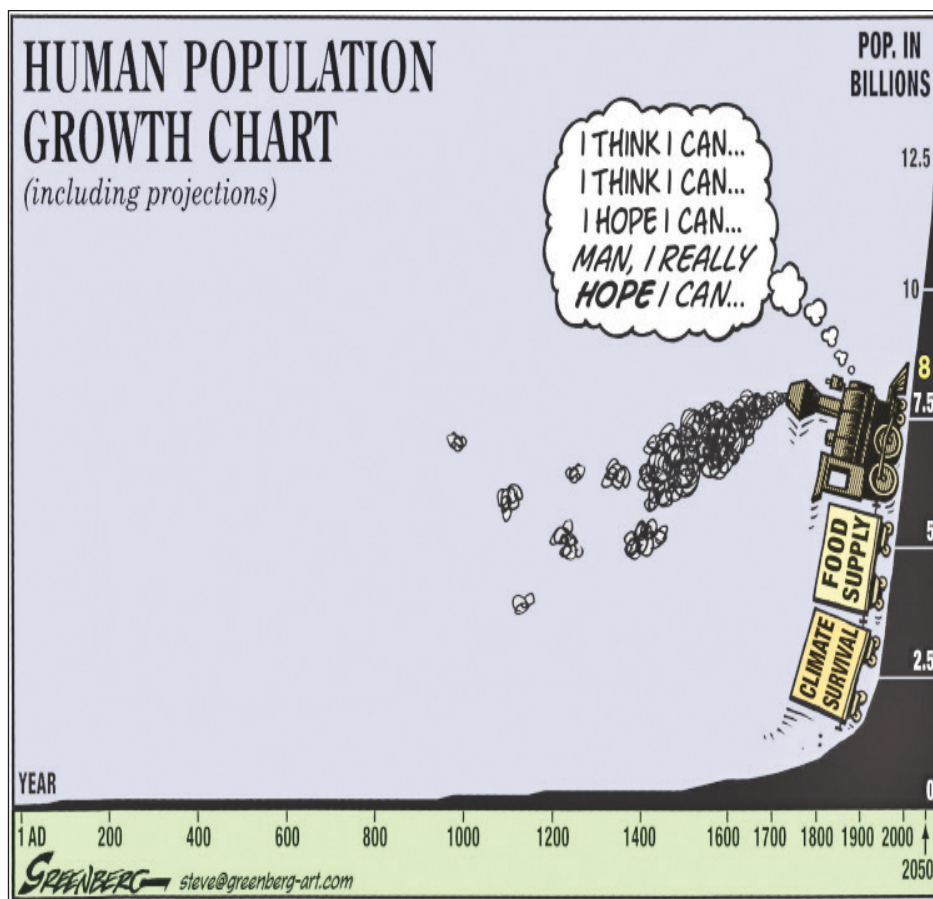
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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Uncle Mort: Consultant in waiting...

My aged Uncle Mort sometimes stumbles across what he calls "business opportunities," not unlike hogs stumbling over acorns every now and again.

He claims that an epiphany experienced during a recent Sam's Club visit has led to his dusting off a rarely-used business card indicating that he is a "consultant."

I'm not sure anyone should bill himself or herself until others opt to engage their services, but Mort figures that when he reveals his "can't miss" suggestions to Sam's management, he will be signed on post haste....

Upon entering Sam's Club on a recent week night, he thought about Sam Walton, founder of Walmart and perhaps the inspiration for big box Sam's Club stores that entered the retail race with a single store in 1983, 21 years after Walmart began.

He also thought of Sam's wife, Helen, who is credited with coining the slogan Walmart stores continue to promote. Maybe you have seen the words splashed across their store walls: "It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived."

Anyways, Mort marveled at the smooth-as-silk atmosphere up and down most aisles. There was one exception, and it was the food court, where down-to-earth prices attracted long lines of customers....

Maybe the gathering is unavoidable. I mean, where else can one purchase a hot dog and what amounts to a "bottomless cup" of soft drink for \$1.45.

Mort is pretty sure that the "scattering" can be minimized if Sam's researchers can come up with mustard/mayonnaise/relish packets that can be opened without yard sheers, chisels or TNT. "Dry cleaners have got to love it," Mort joked. "It's a rare person who can eat a hog dog without staining clothes, and in some cases, shoes get the treatment because many packets are stepped on. They may be dropped, or perhaps thrown floorward by folks who simply can't get them open."

Mort says his recommendations will be simple and to the point. He wants to explain that several companies have long known that contents are readily accessible because of a small slit in a corner of each packet. Can't condiment companies do the same thing? And if patrons can dress their hotdogs more quickly, wouldn't this enhance the scattering of customers to other areas of the store?...

Referencing relish caused Mort to hearken back to one of his earlier suggestions that never got traction.

In his youth, he thought he'd come up with a sure-fire way to "make pickles cuter." Mort recommended turning pickle seeds inside out before planting. He reasoned that so doing would cause the pickles to have dimples instead of warts....

'Tis the season for young entrepreneurs to begin their retail pursuits by setting up makeshift lemonade stands in their neighborhoods.

Back in the day, youngsters living across the street from each other set up competing stands, one offering lemonade for five cents a cup. Across the street, a slightly larger sign made for longer lines of patrons. It read: "All the lemonade you can drink for a nickel." When the first customer emptied his cup, he requested another. The youngster said, "That'll cost you another nickel."

The man countered, pointing to the "all-you-can-drink-for-a-nickel" sign. But the young entrepreneur was ready for him: "You are right, sir. But one cup is all you can drink for a nickel!..."

Speaking of concessions, fans of the NBA no doubt are scratching their heads about the paucity of women referees in the play-offs.

During the regular season, it was not uncommon to see women officiating games. I've seen parts of virtually all play-off games and have yet to see a woman official.

I don't mean to be a whistleblower about no women whistleblowers, but I'm just saying next season may be different....



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America's Newest National Holiday

Juneteenth!

Juneteenth is the newest federal holiday in the United States. President Biden signed the legislation that officially made Juneteenth a federal holiday in 2021.



Juneteenth celebrates the ending of slavery in the United States and was first celebrated by African Americans in 1866.

How many differences can you find between these two pictures?

A Holiday with Many Names

Use the code to reveal some of the other names for Juneteenth.

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CODE	1 = A	5 = E	9 = L	13 = P
	2 = B	6 = F	10 = M	14 = R
	3 = C	7 = I	11 = N	15 = T
	4 = D	8 = J	12 = O	16 = U

Juneteenth Celebrations

People celebrate Juneteenth in many ways. Some people have parties and there are parades. Some make memorials thanking the people who fought for the end of slavery.

Why is it called Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19th. Juneteenth combines the word **June** and the word **nineteenth**.

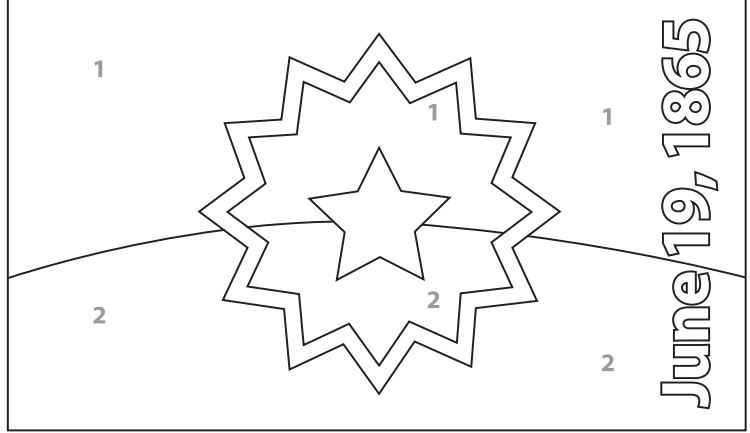
The Juneteenth Flag

The Juneteenth flag was created to celebrate the end of slavery and a hopeful future. Color by numbers to complete the flag.

BLUE = 1 RED = 2

Each year, the Juneteenth flag is raised in a special ceremony in this city in Texas. Circle every other letter to discover the name of this city.

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The Fight for Freedom

Replace the missing words.

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Long ago, _____ your great-grandparents were born, some Americans could legally own other people. They called the _____ they owned slaves.

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wanted. They could not work where they wanted. Slavery was cruel and _____.

Even though President Abraham Lincoln _____ the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862 freeing all slaves, it took three _____ and a Civil War to finally make it _____.

Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 that U.S. soldiers took _____ in Galveston, Texas and the last slaves were finally freed.

Extra! Extra! Juneteenth Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper and find the letters that spell Juneteenth. Cut out the letters and glue them onto a piece of paper and decorate! Post your Juneteenth picture in a window so people outside can see it.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Celebration!

How many balloons can you find?



Double Double Word Search

BORN END FEDERAL FLAG FREEDOM GREAT HOLIDAY HOPEFUL JUNETEENTH LINCOLN PEOPLE POST STATES TEXAS WHO

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

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

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Work with a family member to write about why each of the freedoms below is important to you.

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Above: More than 200 Gonzales High School and Junior High School athletes attended the summer program for seventh through 12th graders. Left: The Gonzales Apaches athletes hit the weight room for the 2023 summer program.

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Apaches begin offseason program

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches kicked off their summer program last week for their Strength and Speed Camp for the incoming seventh through 12th graders.

Almost 200 student athletes signed up for the summer program, according to Athletic Director and head football coach Joey Rivera on his Twitter.

The training focused only on strength and speed instruction and exercises as stated in the camp's description.

"Emphasis will focus on speed, strength, and agility drills for all athletes starting at 8:30 a.m. From 10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m. athletes will be able to participate in skills sessions with their



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The Gonzales Lady Apaches future and present volleyball players listen to their coaches in the summer program at the Apache gym.

individual sports." from the sign up website.

The camp kicked off Monday, June 5 and will last to Thursday, July 20.

For more information where to sign up to the summer athletic program, visit: <https://t.co/3MQCsezpWi>.



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The Gonzales Apaches and Lady Apaches basketball players warm up their skills at the old high school gym for the 2023 summer program.

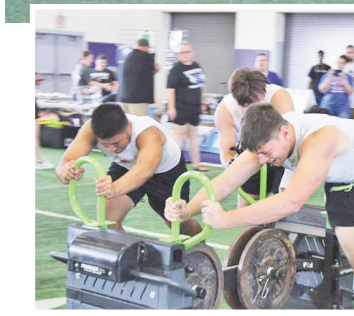


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The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs Linemen competed in the Linemen Challenge in San Marcos Saturday, June 10. The Mustangs punched their ticket to the state Linemen Challenge at Hardin Simmons University Saturday, June 24 in Abilene. Front: left to right: Ryan Paez, Davian Ramos, Miguel Valerie, Jesus Espino, Gavino Moreno and Back: left to right Noah Jenks, Adolfo Vasquez, Gracen Martin, and Allen Espino.



Above: Mustangs senior Miguel Valerie does agility drills as part of the Linemen Challenge in San Marcos.



Top: The Mustangs competed in several different stages for the Linemen Challenge at San Marcos Saturday, June 10.

Bottom: Mustangs junior Ryan Paez carries bags of weights as part of the events for the Linemen Challenge at San Marcos.

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Mustangs compete in Linemen challenge

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs linemen are heading to state for the Linemen Challenge.

The Mustangs competed in San Marcos for the regional linemen challenge.

Linemen Noah Jenks, Adolfo Vasquez, Gracen Martin, Allen Espino, Ryan Paez, Davian Ramos, Miguel Valerie, Jesus Espino and Gavino Moreno all competed in a variety of challenges.

The Mustangs will compete in the state linemen challenge in Abilene at Hardin Simmons University Saturday, June 24.



The Mustangs linemen push a horizontal blocking dummy as part of the Linemen Challenge in San Marcos Saturday, June 10.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



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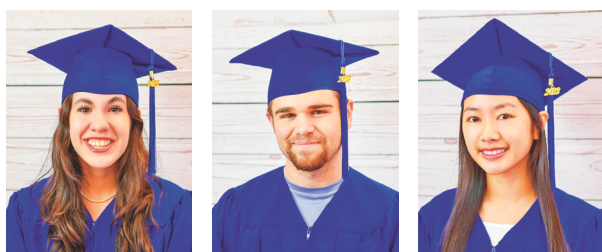
The winning team from the June 7 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Steve Neece, Randall Dupree, Ryan Lee, Chad Childs, Jarrid Boehm and Roy Staton.



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The second-place team from the June 7 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Bill Kessler, Mike Higginbotham, Zack Reed, Ron Darilek and Ronnie DuBose.

GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CLASS OF 2023



The Grace Christian Academy Class of 2023 graduated last month. Seniors who received their diplomas include Slone Gibson, Aimee Naylor and Belinda Seng. PHOTOS BY IZ PHOTOGRAPHY

Tri-County Umpire's Day on tap June 17 at Shiner Brewery

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Tri-County Softball Umpires and the Tri-County Baseball Umpires will be celebrating the end of the season on Saturday, June 17 from 2 p.m. to closing at the Shiner Brewery. They would also like to invite all the softball and baseball coaches from the schools that Tri-County serves.

Basically, the brewery is open to the public and the group would love to socialize with all the fans in the Tri-County area. It's really hard to attract and keep umpires, so if anyone wants to show their gratitude, please show up and show your support. For the most part umpiring is a thankless job, so yes, an appreciative gesture may help. Come out and get to know these men and women. Also, anyone that may be thinking of umpiring, come and meet on Saturday, June, 17.

Tri-County has some of the best umpires in the state. As well as officials, the Tri-County Area showcases some of the best baseball and softball in the state too. Both the Tri-County Softball Chapter and the Tri-County Baseball Chapter are relatively small, only covering plus or minus of a dozen schools each year, but the quality of baseball and softball in the Tri-County area is exceptional.

Some quick research indicates that a state championship or two in baseball has been from this area over 50 percent of the time since the late 1970s. In softball, since 1997 when the UIL added the smaller classifications, the Tri-County area has had more than 30 teams at the state tournament. Over 50 percent of these teams brought home state championships. Of the 2 TAPP Schools they cover, year in and year out, they have teams at their state tournaments as well as state championships in both baseball and softball.

The quality of both baseball and softball as well as our officials are excellent in the Tri-County area, so if you want to talk softball or baseball and to have just a good ole' fashion time, then they will see you Saturday, June 17 at the Shiner Brewery starting at 2 p.m. There will be BBQ and drinks to be purchased, tours available, and live musical entertainment.

An Invitation to Heroic Fatherhood

Men of Gonzales... *It's time for a Revolution!*

In 1836, William Barrett Travis wrote:

"I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism & everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch."

I am no great soldier, no great leader...but I am calling on you in the name of God, for you and your children, for liberty and patriotism and everything dear to you, a Texan, to come on Father's Day, with all dispatch.

I have watched the suffering of the children in our cities, towns and throughout Texas. I have stood by and done nothing. But as I was sitting in the pew last Sunday at the Episcopal church, alongside other believers in the grace of Christ, I found myself asking God to heal our world. I felt a sense of responsibility, of duty. It was placed upon my heart to invite you, the Fathers of our children, to come and worship together, as fathers, as families, on Father's Day.

Yes, I know you've heard it before... you're always welcome to church, but this is an invitation to YOU, the FATHERS of our children, to take that step that you need to make to start improving your own lives and the lives of your children.

In 1836, the men of Gonzales were called upon to fight for our freedom. I am calling upon you again, to begin a new revolution, on Father's Day.

For Father's Day, ask your children to join you and come to church, come back to church, or come to church for the first time. You're invited, come join me.

For too long, I've stood by, not knowing what to do, what to say, how to say it, but wanting to do something.

Through Kairos, a prison ministry, I've seen and listened to the stories of men who grew up without a father, who grew up without knowing about God, they needed their fathers in their lives. Your children, young and old, need you, their father, to take up the yoke of responsibility, to lead, to follow, to worship, together.

You want to be Invited? *The invitation is not only open; it is being thrust upon you by your sons and daughters, by your families and friends, by your fellow fathers!*

Perhaps things haven't been great between you, perhaps you haven't seen your children in a while, perhaps there is some anger and pain there, some abandonment, but there is also love in there, hidden but not forgotten. It's time to take up that yoke, and be a father to your children.

The invitation is open... Invite your children, your wife, their mother, to come with you to church on Father's Day. Start anew, through Christ; be freed of the shackles of your past, and start anew.

Will it be easy? No, it may be the very hardest request you've ever made of them, but it will be a blessing. Ask your children to leave their phones at home, and come join you at church on Father's Day. Start the Revolution!

Was I the "perfect" father? No, I was not, but you don't have to be perfect, you just need to be there. They aren't asking for perfection, they just need YOU! But we have to stick together. God's family sticks together! And we, Men of Gonzales, no matter our color or creed, our history or language, we live in this beautiful land together. We live as neighbors. As family. As God's family. Come, join me, You're invited!

Let's begin a Revolution in Gonzales, let it spread throughout the Great State of Texas, reclaiming our call to heroic fatherhood. It started here in 1836- and it can start here again.

Clip this invitation out of the paper. Post it everywhere you can; social media, the office, the store, the church...the bars, so that every father can hear the call. Spread the word throughout our beautiful land!

Come join us in celebrating heroic fatherhood on Father's Day, in church, your church, my church, it doesn't matter, just come! Bring your children for the love and meaning that is only offered by God, our heavenly Father.

If you don't have a father in your life, please come, you're invited. If you have the fortitude where your father does not, call him, and invite him to church on Father's Day. You're invited. Mothers, we need you to be strong and support your children. Invite their father to come join you and the children at church on Father's Day. You're all invited.

Men of Gonzales, You have been called; will you respond again? Will you again be the men of Texas that lead us to freedom, to capture heroic fatherhood?

Your children need you to be their Father. Come celebrate with them on Father's Day in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

YOU'RE ALL INVITED!

W. B. Travis continued, "I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible & die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor & that of his country."

I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a father who never forgets what is due to his own honor & that of his children.

There is no greater purpose in life than to God and your children.

I'll see you on Sunday, the 18th of June, our Father's Day. God be with us all.

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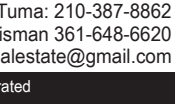
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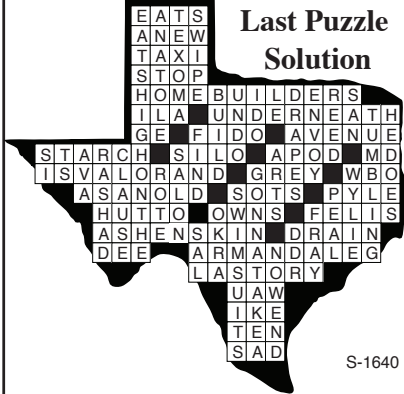
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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Delores Zella, Deceased, were issued on May 31, 2023, in Cause No. PW23-0267, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Connie Schlinke Smart.

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

c/o: **Raymond H. Reese**
Attorney at Law
108 N. Esplanade Street
P.O. box 841
Cuero, TX 77954

DATED the 1st day of June, 2023

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Melissa Jean McMillan Jones (also known as Melissa Jean Jones), Deceased, were issued on June 8, 2023, in Cause No. PW23-0264, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Sarah Robertson (known in Will as Sarah Melissa McMillan).

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

c/o: **M. Elizabeth Raxter**
Attorney at Law
705 State Park Rd.
Lockhart, Texas 78644

DATED the 8th day of June, 2023

/s/ M. Elizabeth Raxter
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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Elsworth P. Bird, Deceased, were issued on April 17, 2023, in Cause No. PW23-0260, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Debra P. Springs and Bruce Patteson.

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

c/o: **Debra P. Springs and Bruce Patteson**
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DATED the ___ day of ___, 2023

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Debbie Hanse, in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on April 24, 2023 an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION in the estate of John Adna Evans, Jr., Deceased, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of John Adna Evans, Jr., Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in said estate, and appoint Debbie Hanse to serve as the Independent Administrator of said estate and grant letters of Independent Administration to same.

The Court may act on said Application and any opposition at any call of the docket on or after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the **Gonzales County Courthouse, 414 St. Joseph St, Commissioners Courtroom, Gonzales, Texas, 78629** in Gonzales, Texas.

You are hereby cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to said Application before the above stated time and date should you desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any contest, objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of Gonzales County, Texas, on or before the above noted date and time.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Gonzales, Texas, June 12, 2023.

Lona Ackman, COUNTY CLERK
Gonzales County, Texas
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By: *Margie Zapata*
Margie Zapata, Deputy

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tells us when God raised up Jesus He raised us up together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. In other words when He raised up Christ Jesus, He raised up the Church (which is the Body of Christ) at the same time. Notice in verse 22, He put everything under His feet. The feet are in the body. Jesus gave all this authority to the Church which is His body, the fullness of Him.

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Jill is survived by her husband of 39 years, Morgan Barnett of Gonzales, TX, daughters, Brittany Salazar (Kevin) of Goliad, TX, and Emily Connor (Eric) of Gonzales, TX, six grandchildren, Kennedy

Salazar, Mason Connor, Evelyn Connor, Kase Salazar, Morgan Connor, and Baker Salazar; parents, Don and Sharon Colley of Pleasanton, TX; sisters Jan Pendley of Pleasanton and Judy Blowers (Dusty) of San Antonio, TX; father and mother-in-law, Jack and Peggy Barnett of Wrightsboro, TX; Brothers-in-law Mike Barnett (Dusty) of Brock, TX, Mark Barnett of Austin, TX, and David Barnett (Julie) of San Marcos, TX, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other family and friends whom she loved dearly.

Jill is preceded in death by her grandparents, Bill and Esther Trant of Nixon, TX, and George and Estelle Colley of Smiley, TX.

Services will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at First Baptist Church in Gonzales, TX, with visitation beginning at 1:00 P.M. and funeral services beginning at 2:00 P.M. Burial will follow at the Wrightsboro Cemetery in Wrightsboro, TX.

Pallbearers: Kevin Salazar, Eric Connor, Trant Stark, Jon Barnett, Preston Thigpen, Ryan Barnett, and Bridger Colley.

Honorary Pallbearers: Friends, faculty, and staff members of Gonzales ISD who worked with Jill during her time with the school district.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Nesbit Living & Recovery Center in Seguin as well as Heart to Heart Hospice for their compassion and love extended to Jill.

Donations can be made to the Wrightsboro Cemetery Association.

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

CORNELIA "CONNIE" FAY BROWN KRIDLER

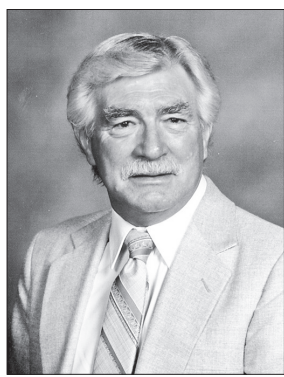


Cornelia "Connie" Fay Brown Kridler, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, passed away on June 10, 2023, at the age of 86. She was born on December 6, 1936, in Corpus Christi, Texas, to Thomas Clement and Fay Ellen Kaler Brown. Connie was a dedicated, hard working lady who touched the lives of many with her kind-hearted nature and unwavering love for her family and friends. She will forever be remembered for her warm smile, gentle spirit and genuine care she showed for everyone she encountered. Throughout her life, Connie was a dedicated wife and partner to her husband of 42 years, Randle Eugene "Poochy" Kridler. Together, they built a strong and welcoming home filled with love and laughter. Connie's devotion to her family was unmatched, and her unwavering support and guidance were always present. She leaves behind a family who adored her, including her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Connie graduated from Incarnate Word Academy in 1954. After completing her undergraduate education at the University of Texas and then graduate degree from Southwest Texas State University, she embarked on a career as a dedicated Elementary PE teacher, where she taught students in Gonzales ISD for 30 years. She retired in 1994 after 35 total years of teaching, with a career spanning the Flour Bluff, Shiner and Gonzales Independent School Districts. Connie's commitment to education and her ability to inspire those around

her earned her the admiration and respect of both her colleagues and students. Over the years, Connie was actively involved in various organizations. She was a dedicated member of Saint James Catholic Church and served as an officer in the Catholic Daughters of America. She was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi, the Retired Teachers of America, Eastern Star and Earth Angels Quilting Group. After her retirement, she spent as much time as she could with her grandchildren, teaching them to sew, make bread, play solitaire and work on crossword puzzles. Connie's warm and welcoming smile made her an instant friend to all who crossed her path. She had a deep love for her family, cherishing every moment spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness and the importance of family bonds. Connie is survived by her three children, Mary Ellen Erwin and husband, Scott; Gene Kridler and wife, Jackie; Joseph Kridler and wife, Lawren; her grandchildren, Kaler Shultz, Hannah Erwin, Maren Erwin and Warner Erwin Jr.; Gena Bennett, Amelia Kloesel and Trey Kridler; Dylan Gomez,

Brandon Gomez and Ryan Kridler; her great-grandchildren, Heidi Kridler, Adalynn Kloesel, Kensley Long and Olivia Bennett; and her dear sister, Mary Frances Kingsbury; her nephews, Thomas Kingsbury, Tony Kingsbury and Arthur Kingsbury. Preceding her in death were her husband, Poochy Kridler, her parents, her infant brother, Francis, her brother-in-law, Rod Kingsbury and her nephew, Charles Kingsbury. Visitation will be held at Seydler Hill Funeral Home on Thursday, June 15, from 5-7 p.m. with Rosary following. A funeral mass will be held at Saint James Catholic Church on Friday, June 16, at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Hermann Sons Cemetery, and a luncheon will be held at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Saint James Catholic Daughters. Pallbearers include Trey Kridler, Warner Erwin Jr., Maren Erwin, Dylan Gomez, Brandon Gomez and Ryan Kridler. Honorary pallbearers are Thomas Kingsbury, Tony Kingsbury, Arthur Shultz, Hannah Erwin, Gena Bennett and Amelia Kloesel. Although our hearts are heavy with grief, we find solace in the knowledge that our beloved Nana is now reunited with her loved ones who went before her. Her spirit will continue to inspire us, and her memory will forever live on in our hearts. May her soul find eternal peace. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

JOE EDWARD MATEJCEK



bit in the cotton patch. Joe attended school in Lexington and Giddings where he excelled at speaking competitions and track and field events. He was a member of the graduating class of Giddings High School in 1959. Joe met the love of his life, Mary Lou Selzer, on June 13, 1959 when they were in a wedding together.

er. Although it was love at first sight, Mary Lou's father wouldn't allow her to go on a date with him because she was only sixteen. She wrote letters to each other every week and he would come visit her in Gonzales until she was old enough to date. They were married November 19, 1961 at Zion Lutheran Church in Moulton, Texas. They moved to Houston and rented a small duplex in the Heights (not the Heights as we know it Today), but they were happy and living on love. He started working in construction part time when he was in high school and continued that trade in Houston. Yet, Joe was a simple man and loved the country. So in 1975, he moved his family to Gonzales to be closer to family

and get out of the city. Joe started raising broiler chickens for Holly Farms (which was later sold to Tyson). He has one of the longest running farms in the county that has remained under the same name. Last week he sold his 191st run. Joe has raised over 20 million birds in those 48 years with little or no outside help, as he'd rather do it himself because that is just the type of man he was. Joe still continued his construction work while he was raising chickens. He loved working with wood and cabinet making became his specialty. Joe lived an example of love and faith and made sure his children went to church. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church, serving on the

Church Council, and teaching Sunday School in past years. He was also a member of the Property Board when the Church built the Fellowship Hall. Joe loved his family more than anything. Family vacations were usually spent going to see more family, going to the beach, or fishing (even though he didn't get to fish much when the whole family went because he spent most of his time untangling lines). He was a quiet, patient man and he was always there to encourage his children and grandchildren. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, whether it was helping them build something in his workshop, driving through the pasture to feed cows, teaching them about the birds that came to the bird feeder, or going

fishing and teaching them how to tie a new knot. He taught them many life lessons. Later in life, his face lit up anytime he was with his great-grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoyed playing his guitar and fiddle, gardening, reading, fishing and a little hunting. He enjoyed watching the wildlife more than hunting it and taught his children and grandchildren to appreciate and love nature. He and Mary would enjoy trips to the casino when they got a chance to make the trip. Joe is survived by his devoted wife, Mary Lou, and loving family, daughter Tammy Hillman (Wayne) of Gonzales, son Joseph Matejcek (Geraldyn) of Rockport, grandchildren Elizabeth Mikesh (Blake), Maggie Matejcek, Matthew Hillman (Kaily), and Mason Matejcek, great-grandchildren Emelia Mary Mikesh, Matthew Jake Hillman, and Hallie Shay Hillman, sister Julia Spitzemberger of Lexington, brothers Robert Matejcek (Terry) of Giddings and Billy Matejcek (Emma) of Giddings. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Alice Lynch and Betty Pampell. Visitation will be held Tuesday, June 20, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until service time at 10:00 a.m. at the First Lutheran Church of Gonzales. Interment will follow at the Denton Creek Cemetery. Pallbearers include: Matthew Hillman, Mason Matejcek, Blake Mikesh, Leslie Spitzemberger, Ronald Lynch, James Pampell, John Matejcek and Bradley Matejcek. Memorials may be made in memory of Joe to the First Lutheran Church, Denton Creek Cemetery or The Dementia Society. The family would like to thank all his caregivers and the Care Team for their care and support. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, Gonzales.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM



Left: Summer Youth Program campers of the week are, front row from left, Mylen Vera, Karter Garrett, Khloe Ann Granados, Zane, Kevin Barrientos and Hudson Hernandez. Back row are camp instructors Alexandra Torres, Mallory Clack, Samantha Villa, Skylar Cantu, Mayor Steve Sucher, Sergio Almaguer, Michael Fay, and not in the top photo is camp supervisor Veronica Powell and camp instructor Le Roy Humphrey. Above: Everyone that participated in this week's camp.

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Gonzales Memorial Hospital Auxiliary holds meetings

BY ELIZABETH A BRELSFORD BENNETT
Special to the Inquirer

The Gonzales Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met at 2 p.m. on April 25, 2023, at Thrive with nine members attending. President Neubauer called the meeting to order.

First Vice President, Sylvia Mercer was in charge of the program. Sandra Villa, representing the Gonzales Public Library, spoke on the offerings one might find at the library.

Minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given. Second Vice President, Irene Oakes reported 102 hours worked for the month.

Scholarship Chair Betty Fink gave her report. The nominating committee reported the people for officers 2023-2024. They are: President Betty Neubauer, 1st Vice Pres., Sylvia Mercer, 2nd Vice President, Irene Oakes, Secretary Jo Ann Hajovsky, Treasurer, Dyna DuBose, Reporter, Elizabeth Bennett and Parliamentarian, Barbara Koricanek. Thanks to those who serve.

A reminder was made of the upcoming gala on Friday evening, the 28th, at GG's at 7:00 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Koricanek, seconded by Irene Oakes.

The next meeting is May 30, 2023. Door prizes were won by Dyna DuBose, Irene Oakes and Betty Fink.

A shout out of thanks to those who work the Gift Shop. Time well spent to support Memorial Hospital.

The Auxiliary of Gonzales Memorial Hospital met May 30th, 2023 at Thrive with 10 members present. President Neubauer called the meeting to order. First Vice Pres. was in charge of the program, Linda Kuenzler from the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, District V, on the beginning of the Red Poppy and explained how these came into being in April 1915. They are made by Vets in VA Hospitals. She then gave a reading of "Flanders Field". Linda also told the story behind "TAPS" which began in 1862, during the Civil War. It was a very interesting program.

The Minutes were read and approved. Financial Report was given.

Second vice President, Irene Oakes, reported 128 volunteer hours worked for the month. Linda McGill and Jo Ann Hajovsky received 100 hour bars. Congrats to them.

Scholarship Chair Betty Fink reported on the Investment Account.

The next meeting is June 27, 2023, which is the Installation of new officers at 11:30 at Thrive. Delicious turkey and dressing will be enjoyed by all.

Motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Koricanek, seconded by Irene Oakes.

Door prizes were won by Betty Neubauer, Sylvia Mercer and Linda Kuenzler.

Please consider becoming a Hospital Volunteer. "See a need, fill a need."

WCJC announces Free College initiative

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Wharton County Junior College recently announced a Free College initiative offering full tuition and fees scholarships to qualified students majoring in certain health-care programs at the college.

Students must be registered in a minimum of six semester credit hours and enrolled in the Licensed Vocational Nursing, Health Information Technology, Emergency Medical Services or Human Services programs at WCJC. The purpose is to encourage persistence

and completion of certificates and degrees leading to employment in high-need allied health occupations.

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dent School District.

- Be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours in an eligible program through the term census date.
- Have a 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with WCJC.

Students majoring in the approved programs are encouraged to check their WCJC accounts within two weeks after registering for the term. Contact the WCJC Financial Aid department at finaid@wcjc.edu for more information or click on the following link: <https://www.wcjc.edu/FREECOLLEGE>.

ROADS

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limit of 20 miles per hour on roads which traverse "urban districts." However, there are very few roads within Gonzales County which meet that definition.

An urban district, per section 541.102 of the Texas Transportation code, is territory "adjacent to and including a highway if the territory is not in a municipality and is improved with structures that are used for business, industry, or dwelling houses and located at intervals of less than 100 feet for a distance of at least one-quarter mile on either side of the highway."

"The only thing I can think of (as urban) just off the top of my head is the Kelley Loop (outside Gonzales)," County Judge Pat Davis said. "That way you can get it done through the Transportation Code, but on any other kind of road you can't go below 30 miles per hour unless you have a TxDOT traffic survey."

"We really don't have anything that pertains to this," Precinct 3 Commissioner Kevin La Fleur said.

"The majority of roads

that we will be dealing with would be (set at) 35," Davis said. "You can go as low as 30 without needing a traffic survey so 35 would be well within what you can do."

"Going 35 is still pretty fast on a gravel road," Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski said. "It really is."

Carly Russell, the secretary for Road and Bridge precincts 1, 2 and 3, said approval was not needed necessarily to advertise the public hearing, but "I think it was good because people are going to hear about it and they can know that it's coming up and then when you have a hearing they will have more knowledge of it."

Davis said the county needs to take action because there is a lack of uniformity that can lead not only to confusion, but would allow people to go faster than what is safe on the roadways.

"Without a 35 miles per hour sign out there, state law says the speed limit (on a county road) is 60," Davis said. "But once this is passed, it can actually be enforced. There are some that you have passed already that are

actually legit. This would handle all of them."

Commissioners asked Davis if they established a speed limit of 35, would it be possible to lower it to 30 after the public hearing. The court would have to adopt the speed limit advertised at that time or reject it, but could come back at a later date with specific changes, Davis said.

"If you put it across the board at 35, you can still come back at another commissioners court for a specific road and say, 'I want to lower that to 30,'" Davis said.

"If we put it at 30, people would be complaining it's too slow, so if we give them 35, that's plenty of speed," Brzozowski said. "If they are going over 35, they are going to run over some-

body."

"We can do 35 unless you have some places where they have curves that are bad and then we can come back and lower it later," Davis said.

Russell said Allison Bass & Associates, the law firm which advises most of the state's 254 counties, has told her that changes can be made afterwards for specific roads and the court "could always come back and do as many specific roads as you want."

In other action, commissioners voted to allow fireworks sales for the Fourth of July holiday without restricting any specific fireworks at this time. Members of the court expressed hope that people will exercise caution so as to avoid causing any grass fires.

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On the Water

TEXAS WATER SAFARI RETURNS TO GONZALES COUNTY



Teams from the 60th annual Texas Water Safari rested and refueled with food, water and ice during some downtime at the checkpoint at the Gonzales Dam on Sunday, June 11. Those paddling canoes and kayaks had to portage just before the dam and put back in below it. Team captains and support crews met them at each checkpoint. The event is not known as the "world's toughest canoe race" for nothing. Of the original 161 teams to put in the water in San Marcos, just 93 finished the race in the allotted 100 hours, with the final two teams to cross being 9700 and 1968, both novice crews from the same family, the VandeHeis, who are pictured here.

PHOTOS BY LEW K. COHN

The Texas Water Safari is not so much boat versus boat, but each boat versus the course. That's why the race not only attracts novices, but brings back veterans each year. This year's field included people who had finished the race an astonishing 43 times in the past 59 years. That one contestant, John Bugge, finished a 44th time this year with teammate Joe Mann and was 25th overall!

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The event will close out with a Lighted Sling Shot and Motorbike Parade at 9 p.m. going from the Edwards Center to Independence Square. Applications for the parade can be obtained by contacting the Edwards Association at GeneSt99@aol.com or by calling 830-857-3764. Awards will be given for first, second and third place decorated parade entries after the parade.

There will also be food trucks, merchandise vendors, contests and much more fun.

Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery in Texas; on June 19, 1865, Union Army General Gordon Granger and 2,000 federal arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform the enslaved black and African Americans of the region that the Emancipation Proclamation had freed them.

The proclamation as read states:

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."

Granger and his troops rode on horseback through the island announcing the news in several historic and visitable locations from Ashton Villa, Reedy AME Chapel and the Osterman Building in Galveston.

For more history of Juneteenth, please go to <https://www.galvestonhistory.org/news/juneteenth-and-general-order-no-3>.

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right on the unimproved shoulder on the north side of US 90, while the trailer came to rest in the middle of US 90 on its right side.

The driver of the rig, who was later identified as Allen Groff, 67, of Seguin, was declared dead at the scene while three passengers in the Nissan were transported by ground and air ambulance to Seton Hays Hospital.

US 90 remained closed at the intersection with FM 304 with traffic to I-10 as necessary until the scene was eventually cleared at about 2:30 p.m.

Family members of Allen Groff remembered him fondly in his obituary.

"Allen was a truck driver for over 40 years and logged over 5 million miles," the obit said. "He had a heart of gold and put others before himself. Allen worked hard and long hours but never forgot his family. He was a loving and supportive husband and father who was happiest while spending time with his family. He also enjoyed riding his Indian motorcycle. Allen will be greatly missed by all who knew him."

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GISD

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Bell spoke to the board about the material.

"These resources provide teachers with scripted engaging lessons that are set up in the 'five E' model supporting students as they engage in the curriculum, explore the concepts of learning, elaborate and explain their thinking and evaluate their understanding of the content," Bell said.

Principals, curriculum and instruction, instructional coaches and teachers met together in two long meetings to "vertically align our district with this resource to support the rigorous math and science standards that our students are tackling every year," Bell said.

This comes when the district is struggling in math and science, and Bell said the program is very scripted for the teachers to use.

"They provide students, starting at the concrete level, looking at pictorial level and then finally to the abstract level. It teaches them what manipulative to use and it gives them the proper resources and it gives them something tangible in their hands," Bell said.

With Gonzales dealing with the statewide teacher shortage, Bell said with the new program, it allows new teachers to "soar to success" with steady lesson plans.

"One of the hardest things for a new teacher — and they created so much turnover — is they're having to pull from everywhere. And it's hard, it's hard to plan the lesson. And this gives them a lesson to where they can be successful with their students and be prepared," Bell said.

The program will align the district with academic vocabulary and with the standards of what is being taught, Bell added.

"So when our students move from grade level to grade level, they have

the same pattern that they're going to see in one math class versus the other," Bell said.

School board member Ashley Molina asked Bell what was the success rate of the program, and Bell responded that the district had used the program "in pieces" at North Avenue and later in the second semester at the GPA campus, and the teacher fell in love with the program.

"This was not a request that came from administration; it was a request that actually came from our teachers. They wanted a continuation of the program; they wanted it in full development, because we could only afford that piece of it online, so they were having to print so much in the lesson. And they were having to print a lot of the student resources that came out of it," Bell said.

The board approved to purchase the instructional material unanimous, 7-0.

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

- approved the FFA traveling to the National Convention in Indianapolis November 1-4, 2023.
- approved the Interlocal Agreement between The University of Texas at Austin and Gonzales Independent School District for the 2023-2024 OnRamps Program.
- approved the TASB Board Policy Update 121, affecting GISD local policies.
- approved to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Leon Alcalá, PLLC for Chapter 313 Agreement Reporting and Maintenance of Existing Value Limitation Agreements under Chapter 313 of the Property Tax Code.
- approved a Purchase and Budget Amendment for Playground Equipment for Gonzales Elementary.

BEAUTIFICATION

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vision that promotes Gonzales as a place to "come and see it, come and shop it, come and stay it, come and live it and come and love it."

New economic development director Susan Sankey and Main Street Director Tiffany Hutchison-Padilla helped guide the group.

"What I'm hearing is that we want to make our town welcoming to the community," Hutchison-Padilla said.

"You want it to be nice for those of us that live here, people who live here and people who visit," board member Dee Senglemann replied.

"You want it to look nice, so that people who live here can enjoy it, so it's welcoming to the people who live here and welcoming to people who visit so they want to come back, and maybe even live here too," Sankey added.

Inquirer Publisher Lew Cohn suggested the five-point vision for the group, using the historic motto of "Come and Take It" to create marketing for the community that would be eye-catching.

"These are all the kind of things that you're all looking for," Cohn said. "You're wanting people to come here and to see the town, spend money in the town, perhaps stay, perhaps choose to move here. And then while they're here, do what they can to love it by

making it a better place to live."

Board members discussed the possibility of promoting a "Yard of the Month" for Gonzales as well as looking into signage and murals that would be more welcoming to traffic on Water Street and perhaps convince people to turn off onto US 183 Business (Saint Joseph Street).

Senglemann, who is also with the Spade and Trowel Club, suggested that club could perhaps sponsor and run the "Yard of the Month" program to help shoulder the load and allow the Beautification Board and city staff to concentrate on other pressing matters.

The board also discussed the current Jim Price Cleanup, which is held on the Saturday closest to April 22 every year. In the past, it was more community-driven, but has become a city function in recent years, and board members expressed a desire to see it become more of a way to get people working together in a grass-roots fashion, rather than just using the event as a way to dump trash once a year.

Suggestions included having a cookout in conjunction with the cleanup and having businesses take part in promotions along with the cleanup, in addition to having groups engage in beautification efforts within their own neighborhoods.

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