

Gomez, Aviles lead Lady Tigers’ All-District 5-4A softball selections

Freshmen Sydnee Gomez and Lea Aviles led the Snyder softball team honorees on the 2024 All-District 5-4A team. Gomez was named the district’s Pitcher of the Year while Aviles earned Newcomer of the Year honors. The Lady Tigers had four players – Micaela Martinez, Ava Aviles, Jenna Egan, Tayla Jamison – named to the first team, with Faith Rosas and Arynne Vasquez earning second-team recognition. Ava Aviles, Lea Aviles, Egan, Gomez, Jamison, Martinez and Rosa, as well as Saleigh Hernandez, Riley Owens, Kyra Solia and Kayla Vasquez all earned Academic All-District honors. The Lady Tigers finished the season 30-5-1 after reaching the Class 4A regional quarterfinals. NETTING POSTSEASON HONORS: Elena Hernandez Herrero earned first-team honors at Girls

Singles on the 2024 All-District 5-4A team. Teammate Sarah Stelluti was the second-team selection at Girls Singles, with both players advancing to the Region I-4A Championships. Nathan Jaimes and Nicholas Delao were a second-team selection in Boys Doubles. Nethan Dagani in Boys Singles and Elyana Cross and Chloe Hombrebueno in Girls Doubles were honorable mention choices. Hernandez Herrero, Stelluti, Dagani, Jaimes, Cross and Hombrebueno earned Academic All-District recognition, along with Jayden Guzman, Allison Flores, Heather Villa, Kenyon Martinez, Heilet Tran, Mckenzie Highfield, John Gregory and Calvin Hough. Contact Lee Scheide at leescheidejr@gmail.com or on X (Twitter) at @lee_scheide

Tigers, Lady Tigers ready to go camping as summer starts

The 2023-24 school year is in the books and it’s time for the Snyder athletic programs to look toward the fall ... and beyond. To that end, the Tigers and Lady Tigers will be hosting their annual summer camps beginning next week. Baseball, football, golf, boys and girls basketball, softball, tennis, volleyball, soccer, strength and conditioning and mini-cheer are all on the schedule. Baseball is first up with its camp on May 28-30 from 10 a.m. until noon for first through ninth graders. Campers will get a shirt and should wear baseball attire, along with bringing their own gloves, helmets and bats. The Snyder Tiger Jr. Golf Camp will take place on June 3-6 at Western Texas College’s Sammy Baugh Golf Course. Golfers ages 7-10 will play from 10 a.m. until noon, with

ages 12-18 on the course from 8-10 a.m. under the watchful eye of Coach Jacqueline Del-Bosque. Coach T’Leah Eicke-Jennings will host the Lady Tiger Basketball Camp on June 4-5 at Tiger Gymnasium. Campers in the second through fifth grades will play from 9-11 a.m., with sixth through ninth graders on the court from 1-4 p.m. Snyder tennis coach Tamara Hale is hosting a camp

from June 10-13 for incoming first through ninth graders. The older players (fifth through ninth grade) will be on the courts from 8-10 a.m., while the younger players (first through fourth) follow from 10 a.m. until noon. Volleyball will hold its camp on July 8-10 at Tiger Gymnasium for incoming second through ninth graders. The early session (8:30-11:30 a.m.) will feature the second through fifth graders, with the older campers on the court from 1-5 p.m. each. There will be awards presented during the final hour of each camp on the final day. Camps for boys and girls soccer, as well as football and strength and conditioning were still being finalized. Information on all the summer camps, including fees, can be found at www.snyderisd.net/page/summer-programs. Deadline for the baseball camp is May 24.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow. I supported my husband during our entire marriage with no help from his wealthy parents. My husband died before his father did. After my father-in-law’s death, I received nothing. My sister-in-law told me she would give me \$5,000, but she would invest it for me and give it to me after I retire. Well, that was 10 years ago. I just retired. When I asked her for it, she claimed she had no memory of it and got angry with me for asking. I argued and said I hated her “stingy” family, and she hung up on me. Should I ask her for the money again?-- PROMISE BROKEN IN MICHIGAN

DEAR PROMISE: No. Unless the promise your husband’s sister made was in writing, there is no way for you to collect the money. Asking for it again will not help. I’m sorry.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old first-generation Polish American with a very Polish family. I don’t have a lot of issues, but I just changed schools, and nobody cares enough to learn how to pronounce my name, including the teachers. I was named after a family member and the name has a lot of history, so my parents don’t want to Americanize it. But correcting people with no

results is getting tiring. What started as a small issue now has me feeling split between my Polish and American identities. Is it worth it to disappoint my parents to make it a little easier? -- AGNIESZKA IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR AGNIESZKA: What would be worth it would be to explain to your teachers and friends the history behind your name. Shakespeare wrote, “What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” In this case, there’s a whole LOT behind your name, including the memory of a woman who was much loved by your family. That fact is worthy of respect. If your teachers don’t get it, perhaps your parents can explain it to them. P.S. Agnieszka is a beautiful name. Phonetically it sounds like Ann-YES-ka, which has a musical quality. Many people have nicknames, and if your peers choose one you like, so be it.

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NOTICE

PROPERTY TAX PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

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

- your property’s appraised (market) value
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties
- your property’s inclusion on the appraisal records
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxing units taxing your property
- the property’s ownership

- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice
- the denial, modification or cancellation of the circuit breaker limitation on appraised value or
- any action taken by the appraisal district or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you

Informal Review
As a property owner, you are encouraged to make an appointment with an appraiser to discuss your property value. This may be done by contacting the appraisal district at 325-573-8549. It will be helpful if you have information to substantiate why you feel that your property value or any other information is incorrect. The appraiser will review your property and may recommend that the property value be adjusted. If you are satisfied with the adjustment, it will not be necessary to appear before the appraisal review board.

Review by the ARB
If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district, you have the right to have your case heard by the ARB by filing a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

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

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, date, place and subject of the hearing. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132-A, *Property Appraisal – Notice of Protest for Counties with Populations Less than 120,000*, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

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

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or your authorized representative may appear in person, by telephone conference call or by submission of a written affidavit to present your evidence, facts and argument. You must indicate the type of hearing you request on your written notice protest filed with the ARB not later than the 10th day before the hearing date and provide your evidence and written affidavit before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, *Property Owner’s Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board*, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

More Information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at: SCURRY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT, 2612 COLLEGE AVE, SNYDER, TX 79549 PH: 325-573-8549 FAX: 325-573-8458 scad@scurrytex.com

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

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later). Scurry CAD is in the process of preparing and mailing notices, therefore, the deadline is 30 days after mailing.

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

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

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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

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