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Float Fest announces 2022 music lineup

Tickets on sale now for July 23-24 extravaganza

Special to the Inquirer

There will be no “rest for the wicked” when Coca-Cola pres-

ents Float Fest in Gonzales on July 23-24 and welcomes 27 artists, including headliners Marshmello, Vampire Weekend, Cage the Elephant, Deadmau5, Chance the Rapper, Lord Huron, Chvrches, Kaytranada, Quinn XCII, 100 Gecs and Pusha T.

Float Fest, the only festival in

the world to combine the Texas tradition of floating the Guadalupe River and live music, unveiled a top-notch list of artists on Thursday, March 3, for its triumphant 2022 return. Slated to take place on July 23 and 24, Float Fest music GA and VIP tickets, tubing and camping passes, and more are

now available for purchase online at festicket.com/eventgenius/float-fest.

Other artists on the lineup include Tove Lo, Hippie Sabotage, Two Feet, Sueco, Aly & AJ, Nane, Daisy the Great, CVBZ, Sam Austins, Sir Woman, Me ND Adam, Madeline the Person, Double-

camp, Little Image, Games We Play, and Blossom Aloe.

With 27 artists on two identical stages, there will be no overlapping performance times allowing attendees to watch every set, unlike many other music festivals.

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Waelder City Council approves partnership to improve soccer field

BY LIZ ADAMS
Gonzales Inquirer

Dr. Ron Lilie spoke to the Waelder City Council to propose a possible partnership with Waelder ISD to improve a city-owned soccer field for use by students. The project would require upgrades to lighting and field maintenance. The council

agreed to research the project and work with the district.

The council was presented with a plaque and a certificate from TML Health Benefits for its decades working with the company.

The police department gave its monthly report and the

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Young Texans give a performance at the Gonzales Memorial Museum and participate in a ceremony honoring those who fought and died at the Alamo. For more photos from the ceremony, please see page 17.

GRAND CHAMPION



Rylee Ruddock wins grand champion in showmanship with Pepa. For more photos from the Gonzales Stock Show, please see page 16.

CPS Rainbow Room welcomes donations

By LIZ ADAMS
Gonzales Inquirer

Child Protective Services recently received a donation of six playpens from a Gonzales High School student organization for their Rainbow Room. This gift brought attention to a

resource for children in Gonzales and Guadalupe Counties. On average, more than 80 kids are served through cases each month in this local CPS unit alone.

Family and Consumer Sciences instructor Sara Breitschopf explained, “we do community

service projects in our class FCCA organization. Students at the regional level chose to do their fundraiser for the Rainbow Room. It’s a supply closet that keeps diapers and wipes, baby shampoo. We did a clothing

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EMS STATION BREAKS GROUND



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The Gonzales County Emergency Services District No. 1 (EMS) broke ground Monday, March 7, on the long-awaited new EMS station in Nixon. On hand to kick off the project were the District Commissioners Rene de la Garza, President; Dr. Commie Hisey, Vice President; Linda Carter, Secretary; Christina Jahns, Treasurer; and Tony Stone, Assistant Treasurer. Also present was Gary Butler, who along with his brother Rodney Butler, donated the land for the station to the ESD in honor of their parents. The station will be known as the W. E. “Buck” and Elvera Butler Memorial EMS Station. Guests included Gonzales County Judge Patrick C. Davis, County Commissioner Collie Boatright, and Sheriff Keith Schmidt. City of Nixon officials who were present were Councilman Rene Amaya, Police Chief Mike Cantu, and City Manager Harold Rice. ESD 1 employees David Yergin, Paramedic; Cameron Powell, EMT; Belinda Richter, Deputy Chief/HR; and Executive Director Eddie Callender were also on hand.

Water district saving money by canceling board election

By LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (GCUWCD) could see savings of between \$2,000 to \$13,000 by not needing an election for the Board of

Directors this year, General Manager Laura Martin said Wednesday.

GCUWCD’s board met for their regular monthly meeting at the district office, 522 St. Matthew St., on Tuesday, March 8.

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GISD Board approves firm to aid superintendent search

By LIZ ADAMS
Gonzales Inquirer

During the regular Gonzales ISD board meeting on Monday, board members approved a superintendent search firm to provide assistance in

the hiring process.

The 2022-23 school calendar and Improvement Plan were approved. The board also approved the GISD District of Innovation Plan.

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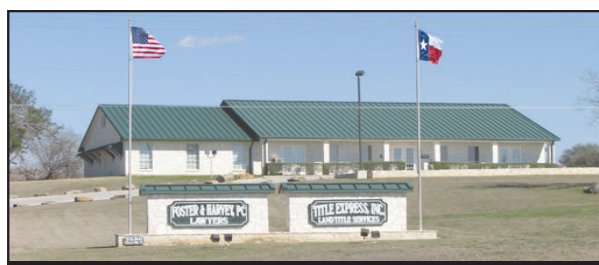


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GHS OAP ADVANCES

The Gonzales High School one act play company of *Leaving Iowa* advanced to the bi-district level of competition on Saturday, March 5. Individual award winners were Jordan Riojas, All Star Tech Crew; Mary Heckendorf-Herd and Chet Gold, Honorable Mention All Star Cast; Jessie Vigil, All Star Cast; and Daniel Garcia, Best Performer. The tribe advanced with La Vernia High School and Navarro High School. Bi-District competition is March 22 at Davenport HS. Company members include Daniel Garcia, Paul DeLeon, Mary Heckendorf-Herd, Jessie Vigil, Jordan Riojas, Sam De La Garza, Jeslynn Vigil, Mary De La Garza, Luhana Wells, River VanKirk, Kayleigh Fridrich, Chet Gold, Francisco Diaz, Hailey Garza, Madison Stewart, and forever with us, Katelyn Carter. Directors are Leslie Buesing, Amber Becker Burns, and PJ DeLuna.

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Gonzales Master Gardeners sell vegetables to community members to plant in their own gardens.



Library begins Easter coloring contest

By LIZ ADAMS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Robert Lee Brothers, Jr. Memorial Library announced a coloring contest for kids ages three to 10 that began on Mar. 2. Children can pick up or print a coloring page for the appropriate age group and return the completed sheets to the library when they are finished. There will be two winners in each of the three age categories.

“Our Teen Action Group loves to offer fun activities for the children in the community and can’t wait to start seeing all the entries,” TAG liaison Sandra Villa.

Entries must be turned in to the library by April 2 for judging by TAG members on April 4.



Vegetable sale previews upcoming plant sale in April

Staff Reports

Gonzales Master Gardeners held a successful vegetable sale March 5, with plans in place for another sale in April. A wide variety of tomatoes and peppers were available to choose from, along with transplants of most other vegetables that are typically planted in the spring. Squash, eggplant, cucumbers and melons were sold.

“It was good to see so many gardeners of the Gonzales area come and shop for vegetables. We appreciate the support we receive from the gardeners,” said Shirley Frazier.

There will not be vegetables at the sale on April 9. However, the Master Gardeners will have herbs that thrive in the summer.

“That will be our annual spring plant sale in downtown Gonzales. After the freeze, we are sure people from Gonzales and surrounding areas will be looking for plants to replace those that froze. We will have a lot of perennials and annuals to give you color in your yard year-round. In addition, there will be a few citrus trees, herbs and succulents that have become very popular. Master Gardeners will be on hand to help you select the plants you are looking for and offer any advice for gardening,” Frazier said.

Businesses donated items and pieces that master gardeners made, such as woodwork and dish gardens for a silent auction on Sat. The money from the auction goes toward the children’s projects to purchase soil, tree pots, jars and other teaching supplies. Kindergarteners planted black walnut seeds that will be given away to citizens who can help re-populate the area with black walnut trees. Every Gonzales first grader takes part in the Children’s Eggleston Garden throughout the year. Second graders learn about the water cycle by making terrariums. They also learn about insects and how paper is made.



Robert Rinehart and his daughters shop for vegetables at the Master Gardeners plant sale Sat.

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Celebrations Birthdays

March 10th

Patty Clark
Jonathan Fullilove
Beverly Glaser
Emily Kuntschik
Deedee Lorton
Nathan Withers
Tammy Wyrick

March 14th

Ella Rhoades

March 11th

Dante Cortez
Linda Fullilove
Jayd Pozzobon
Judy Schramm
Laura Tivis
Wade Zella

March 15th

Tamela Baker
Suzanne Benes
Dr. Terry Eska
Garrett Wayne Heiman
Linda Koricanek
Norvi Mayfield

March 12th

Blaine Frederick
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March 16th

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March 10
77°/58°

Mostly sunny and warmer
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March 11
59°/31°

A touch of morning rain
59% chance of rain • RealFeel 56



March 12
55°/30°

Abundant sunshine, but cool
1% chance of rain • RealFeel 60



March 13
68°/39°

Mostly sunny and warmer
6% chance of rain • RealFeel 68



March 14
74°/47°

Sunny and warmer
1% chance of rain • RealFeel 75



March 15
73°/48°

Plenty of sunshine
0% chance of rain • RealFeel 74



March 16
78°/51°

A couple of showers possible
30% chance of rain • RealFeel 77

Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

March 10th – South Tx. Tours

March 11th-13th – YRA

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Garden Q&A

Peach trees can be pruned even if they're blooming

Q. Our Florida King peach tree is blooming already. Does that mean we missed the opportunity to prune the tree, or can we prune even if it is blooming? When do we start spraying the tree for insects and fungus?

A. You can prune the tree even if it is blooming. Begin spraying with an insecticide and fungicide when the petals of the blooms begin to fall off. Spray once per week with malathion and captan in the evening. Spraying in the evening reduces damage to the honeybee pollinators.

Q. What are some deer proof shrubs? Is it true that we should spray with Liquid Fence at planting?

A. Do a once-a-week treatment for 3 weeks with plants that are supposed to be deer proof to reduce tasting by the deer out of curiosity. Viburnum, Texas mountain laurel, dwarf Chinese holly, yaupon holly, iris, thyralis, esperanza, poinciana and other plants benefit by the spray at planting. It may also be necessary to fence around the plants to prevent deer from rubbing them down.

Q. You were right about the snapdragons recovering from the Febru-

ary freeze damage. The foliage has perked up and it looks like they will start blooming again in a few weeks.

A. Fertilize the plants and keep irrigating them several times per week and they will provide a good spring bloom period.

Q. We planted potatoes and onions last week. How long will it take for them to produce a crop

A. The onions will flop over about June 1 which indicates they are ready to be harvested. The potatoes will also be ready to harvest about the same time. The indication that they are ready will be when they begin blooming.

Q. We put up a purple martin house for the first time on March 1. We had not seen any scouts yet but our neighbor who has had great success with attracting them to his houses said it was time. Is it possible we were early? When will they show up?

A. It is likely that you will attract some breeding pairs but not an absolute certainty. The March 1 date is a good target. Be patient and follow your neighbor's advice. You may also want to obtain a handbook such as "Purple Martin Book" by Stokes and Brown.

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Gardening Q&A



Treating shrubs with a deterrent like Liquid Fence at planting will help keep grazing deer away.

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales Livestock Market March 5 Cattle 1154

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold 3.00-4.00 lower. Less quality calves and yearlings sold cheaper. Packer bulls sold steady while packer cows sold steady.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 230-245; 300-400 lbs., 205-225; 400-500 lbs., 175-200; 500-600 lbs., 166-169; 600-700 lbs., 145-159; 700-800 lbs., 134-139.

Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 80-95. **Stocker-feeder Heifers:** Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 190-180; 300-400 lbs., 162-187; 400-500 lbs., 158-160; 500-600 lbs., 144-154; 600-700 lbs., 130-140.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 69-90; Cutters, 86-100; Canners, 32-44; High yielding fat cows, 83-86. **Packer Bulls:** Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 98-115; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 87-94. **Stocker Cows:** \$600 to \$1,100. **Pairs:** \$750 to \$1,300.

Nixon Livestock March 7 Cattle – 1494

Steers:
 200-300 lbs - \$153-163-198
 300-400 lbs - \$150-160-226
 400-500 lbs - \$144-154-224
 500-600 lbs - \$129-139-178
 600-700 lbs - \$121-131-146
 700-800 lbs - \$112-122-142

Heifers:
 200-300 lbs - \$120-130-170
 300-400 lbs - \$129-139-180
 400-500 lbs - \$127-137-179
 500-600 lbs - \$116-126-255
 600-700 lbs - \$108-118-183
 700-800 lbs - \$98-108-129
Slaughter Cows - \$35-99
Slaughter Bulls - \$89-115
Stocker Cows - \$600-1175
Pairs: 2 pair @ \$1325 each

Hallettsville Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Sale date: March 1 Cattle on hand: 1115

Packer Cows:
 Canner and Cutter Cows: \$58-95
 Utility & Fat Cows: \$57-90
 Low Dressing Canner Cows: \$40-58
Pair/Week: \$25-40

Packer Bulls:
 Heavyweight Bulls: \$100-112
 Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$88-100
 Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$75-88

Stocker Cows:
 Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: None
 Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$800-1100
 Good Cow & Calf Pairs: None
 Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$975-1125

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:
Number 1 steer & bull calves:
 Under 200 lbs.: \$180-225
 200-300 lbs.: \$172-225
 300-400 lbs.: \$175-230
 400-500 lbs.: \$168-212.50
 500-600 lbs.: \$150-187.50
 600-700 lbs.: \$136-167.50
 700-800 lbs.: \$120-152.50

Number 1 heifer calves:
 Under 200 lbs: \$170-215
 200-300 lbs.: \$145-195
 300-400 lbs.: \$140-185
 400-500 lbs.: \$138-174
 500-600 lbs.: \$136-168
 600-700 lbs.: \$128-148
 700-800 lbs.: \$110-138

Replacement Heifers:
 350-700 lbs.: None
 The market continued steady/strong this week. Some of the extreme highs were not reached but the overall average of all calves sold was \$2 higher. Very active overall even with explosive grain prices and lack of winter grazing. Packer cows sold \$3 to \$4 higher. Bulls steady on approx. 200 hd. total.

**Sequin Cattle Co. Market Report
 March 2, 2022**
 Stocker cattle steady with packer cows & bulls 2-3 better.
Cattle - 604
Sheep & goats - 700

Medium & large frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb. 1.40 – 2.15
 300-400 lb. 1.60-2.26
 400-500 lb. 1.40-2.24
 500-600 lb. 1.31-1.90
 600-700 lb. 1.28 – 1.66
 700-850 lb. 1.00-1.33

Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb. 1.47-1.92
 300-400 lb. 1.53-2.08
 400-500 lb. 1.50-2.03
 500-600 lb. 1.29-1.65
 600-750 lb. 1.12-1.47

Cows:

Utility & commercial – 75-99
 Cutters – 60-75
 Canners – 42-59
 Palpated cows (young) – None
 (Middle Aged) - 475-950
 Cow/Calf Pairs – 675-875

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding – 100-124
 Light & Low Yielding – 85-99
 Feeder Bulls – None
Sheep & Goats:
 Nannies (Young) – 200-260
 (Thin & Old) - 110-190
 Kid Goats (Fat) – 3.40-4.00
 (Small & thin) - 3.00-
 Wethers - 2.30-2.80
 Billies – 2.00-2.70
 Pairs: None
 Barb. Ewes (Young) - 150-235
 (Small & Old Ewes) - 80-140
 Barb. Lambs (Fat) - 3.40-3.95
 (Small & Thin) – 2.80-3.50
 Woolled Ewes – None
 Woolled Bucks – 1.90-2.20
 Lambs – 1.90-2.35
 Barb. Bucks – None

Cuero Livestock Market Report on March 4, 2022

Number of head 1,693

There were 178 cows and 25 bulls. This market continues to get higher and higher as we get on into spring. Numbers are down and demand is high. Tops packer cow brought \$100/cwt while the top bull was \$116/cwt. The calf market has taken a hit from the unstable geopolitical situation caused by the Russian invasion of

Ukraine. It is affecting all commodity markets because Ukraine exports significant portions of corn (17%) and wheat (12%). Corn prices have escalated along with oil squeezing the feedlot and ultimately the rancher. Hopefully time will take care of this. Calves were off by \$5-10/cwt. Market is solid but just at a lower level.

Packer bulls: 90.00-116.00
Packer cows:
 canners & cutters 70.00-100.00
 poor & weak 45.00-60.00
 Palpated: 25 bred per head
 \$580.00 to \$1,250

PAIRS: two \$1,275 & \$1,600

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. one 208.00
 200-249 lbs. 151.00-194.00
 250-299 lbs. 190.00-236.00
 300-350 lbs. 188.00-240.00
 350-400 lbs. 175.00-234.00
 400-450 lbs. 167.00-206.00
 450-500 lbs. 156.00-190.00
 500-550 lbs. 150.00-178.00
 550-600 lbs. 143.00-164.00
 600-700 lbs. 142.00-159.00
 700-800 lbs. 131.00-144.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs 172.00-224.00
 250-300 lbs. 176.00-240.00
 300-350 lbs. 168.00-234.50
 350-400 lbs. 165.00-224.00
 400-450 lbs. 161.00-212.00
 450-500 lbs. 156.00-190.00
 500-550 lbs. 148.00-180.00
 550-600 lbs. 135.00-155.00
 600-700 lbs. 137.00-151.00
 Over 700 lbs 120.00-141.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

under 200 lbs. 176.00-225.00
 200-250 lbs. 129.00-150.00
 250-300 lbs. 142.00-180.00
 300-350 lbs. 144.00-234.00=>
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Remember the Alamo and remembering the Menger

By LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

I am not a native Texan, but I respect and appreciate Texas history — especially when it comes to the Texas Revolutionary period from 1835-36.

I used to have a bumper sticker on my vehicle which said, “I wasn’t born in Texas, but I got here as quick as I could.”

I have read the lore about the Battle of Gonzales, the siege and fall of the Alamo, about the Goliad massacre, about the Runaway Scrape and the defeat of Santa Anna at San Jacinto.

This past weekend, however, was the first time I ever got to take part in the Dawn at the Alamo remembrance in San Antonio and it was a moving experience for me, watching as men, women and children took part in honoring those who lost their lives in defense of the mission.

As a board member of the Crystal Theatre, I was invited to stay overnight Saturday, March 5, at the historic Menger Hotel, practically next door to the Alamo. I would then go to the Dawn at the Alamo ceremonies, which would start at 6 a.m. Sunday, March 6, where some of our Young Texans who are descendants of Alamo defenders would lay a wreath to honor their ancestors’ bravery and sacrifice.

Betty and I made the trip to San Antonio Saturday afternoon and when we got downtown, traffic was insane! It seemed like everyone else was trying to get to the Menger as well, or at least, take advantage of the Menger’s valet parking so they could go to the Alamo.

If you are familiar with the Menger, you know that the hotel bar is the place where Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr. organized the 1st United States Volunteer Cavalry — better known as the “Rough Riders” — who became famous for their daring charge at the Battle of San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War. You also may be aware of the reputation of the Menger for being haunted by a number of spirits who stalk its hallowed halls — as many as 30 have been reported.

After we checked in at the front desk, we passed by the Teddy Roosevelt memorabilia on our way to the elevator that would take us to our fourth-floor room.

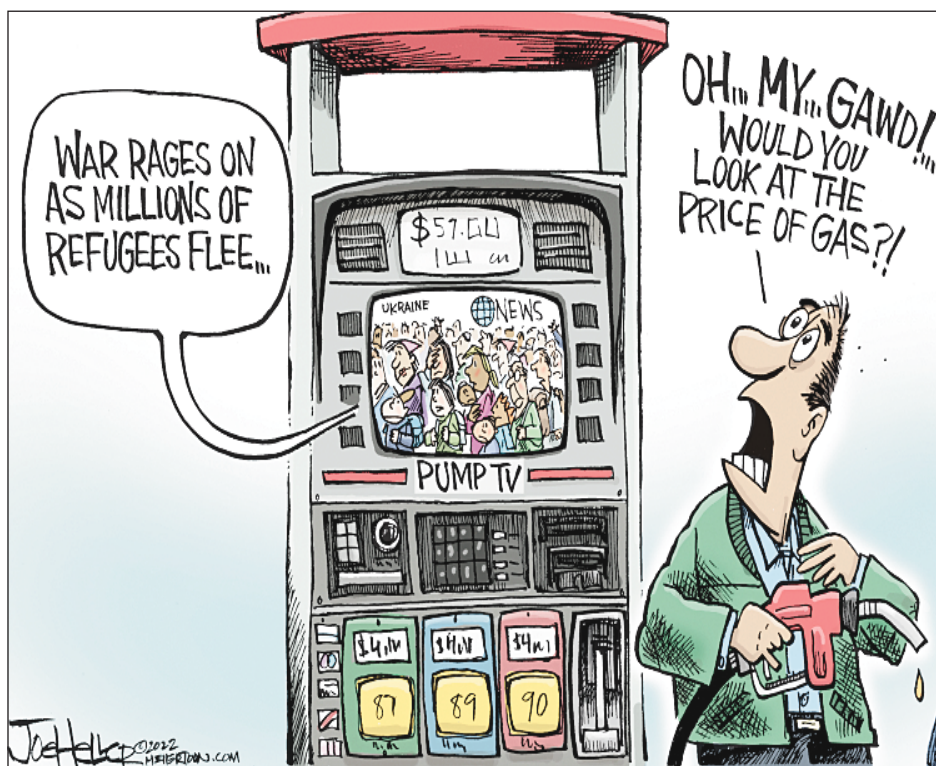
Betty, who is a medium and is very in tune with the spiritual plane, also saw a female apparition in the corridor, a woman garbed in either a pale-blue or white dress. This possibly could have been the ghost of Mary Menger, the widow of hotel founder William Menger, who ran the operation as a sole proprietress after his death. There is also a report of a woman who has been seen in the lobby, wearing a blue dress with metal-framed glasses and a beret, sometimes working on her knitting.

We got on the elevator, and as it passed the third floor, Betty saw another apparition — this one a male with wavy hair and a bushy beard on his chin that would have been stylish in the late 1800s. A search of Google would later show this was most likely Capt. Richard King, the founder of the King Ranch, who died of stomach cancer in his suite at the Menger in April 1885. King has been known to roam various floors of the Menger, perhaps looking to make one last deal to increase the vast acreage at his spread.

After dropping off our bag in the room and freshening up, we went down to the Menger Hotel bar to get a drink and soak in some history. Behind the bar, Betty said she could see what appeared to be a third bartender who seemed a bit more translucent than the two flesh-and-blood men who were serving vodka martinis and beers to the afternoon crowd.

It could have been the spirit of someone who worked at the bar, or perhaps one of several men who died in the establishment, including Special Police Officer Jim Wagner, who took his own

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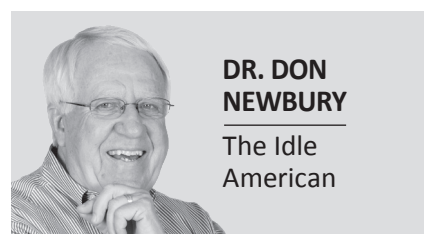
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On going West...

Dr. Jimmie L. Nelson, a minister long-known for being about his Father’s business, still preaches and teaches at every opportunity — even as the years stack up.

The seasoned theologian and long-time faculty member at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, observed his 94th birthday on February 11. Church friends held a luncheon in his honor a few days earlier.

The date was well and good by him, since he had another commitment on February 11. He was an officiant at a graveside service for a friend of some 50 years. That he would put “service in front of self” was no surprise to his friends, nor would it have been to Dolores, his late wife of 53 years....

Dr. Nelson is moving to a retirement center in Lubbock soon, and there have been many “good-byes,” including his “signing off” as teacher of a bi-monthly breakfast Bible study he has led for a dozen years.

Slowed by neuropathy and limited hearing, he forges on, still a frequent pulpit guest. He is keen of mind, biblically brilliant and a master of subtle humor which sometimes zings over the heads of his hearers, including yours truly.

I’m on the yonder side of the aging trail, too....

He was “zinged” a few times at the Burleson luncheon. It was thrown by PrimeTimers (members of a certain age) to denote his long service to First Baptist Church.

There were laughter and tears, but mostly laughter. Several verbal shots were fired by Dr. Gerald Marsh, himself a SWBTS faculty colleague of some three decades. More than 100 attendees “said thanks,” including remarks by Lead Pastor, Dr. Ronny Marriott, and by Dr. Mike Milburn, Marriott’s predecessor who served in the pastorate for almost 30 years.

Dr. Marriott — expressing thanks for Dr. Nelson’s serving as interim pastor twice during his five decades at FBC — said folks usually know when he is on the scene several steps before he arrives. “The click of his cowboy boots is unmistakable,” Dr. Marriott said. (A West Texas native who grew up in Borger, Dr. Nelson has long chosen boots as favorite footwear.)...

Perhaps the most riotous laughter was provided by the honoree during farewell remarks at his final breakfast Bible study he has led for the past decade.

He recalled serving as a grader for the late Dr. Ralph Smith, a respected Old Testament authority. He was instructed by Dr. Smith to circle students’ errors, deducting one point for each miscue.

Dr. Nelson said he wasn’t sure what to do with one student’s paper on Hebrews. It was “bloodied” by the red ink circles denoting 104 errors. He wasn’t sure what grade to give, thinking that a grade of minus 4 seemed odd. “Oh, let’s be charitable and give him a zero,” Dr. Smith directed....

Well-spoken, long admired and a leading denominational patriarch, Dr. Nelson continues to “take the high road.” He’s always looking for ways to continue in Christian service which began during his junior year in high school, when he owned his first Bible. A graduate of Borger High School and Baylor University, he enrolled at SWBTS for study that led to a doctoral degree. He’s also known for his dry wit, clever remarks and skills at the “42” table.

Friends wonder if he may already be plotting a unique activity for his 95th birthday in 2023. After all, at age 91, he opted to ride the zipline at Palo Duro Canyon. To celebrate another birthday, he snorkeled on a Caribbean cruise. The snorkeling turned out to be a brief activity, but he told friends that he “saw one fish.”

When his next birthday rolls around, his many friends don’t think the party will be held around a card table. It likely will be unusual — maybe even unbelievable — and almost certainly will be staged outdoors. Something that it WON’T BE, however, is virtual....

Dr. Newbury was a longtime university president who continues to write weekly and speak throughout Texas. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speaker-doc.com. Facebook: Don Newbury. Twitter: @donnewbury.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

Apparently, 30+ years of law enforcement experience has a lot to do with becoming a County Judge (according to the voters of Gonzales County).

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Michael A. Turk
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THINK GREEN!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Although it began in Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in countries around the world. People with Irish heritage remind themselves of the beautiful green countryside of Ireland by wearing green and taking part in the festivities.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare the beliefs, customs, traditions and social practices of various cultures.

Shamrocks!

In Ireland, clover leaves are also called **shamrocks**. Fields of clover or shamrocks are part of what make Ireland's countryside so green.

Most shamrocks have three leaves. But sometimes one grows with four leaves. This is called a lucky four-leaf clover. Can you find one on this page?

Standards Link: Classification: Visual Discrimination.

Shamrock Shoe Search

The leprechaun Seamus O'Scoop has hidden 10 shoes in these shamrocks. Can you find them all?

How Big Are Leprechauns?

Can you read three shoe-lengths of news? Put your shoes end to end to measure three shoe lengths. Mark the length on a piece of paper. Now read a news story in today's newspaper. Using your measure, find the length of your news story. Did you read the length of a leprechaun?

Standards Link: Math: Measure the length of given objects.

Wee folk are we. At most we grow to the length of your shoes times three!

What Comes Next?

Look for a pattern in each row. Draw the picture that comes next in the box at the end of each row.

Standards Link: Math: Students identify and extend simple patterns.

How to Draw a LEPRECHAUN

1. Draw a vertical rectangle for the body.
2. Add a simple smile and eyes.
3. Add a large nose and a small mouth.
4. Add a top hat.
5. Add a coat and buttons.
6. Add legs and shoes.
7. Add a pocket and a cane.
8. Add a green jacket and a yellow coin.

How Did Leprechauns Get Their Gold?

Stories from Ireland tell about magical little people called **leprechauns** who make shoes for fairies. Fairies wear out their shoes quickly because they dance all night. Leprechauns sell a lot of shoes to fairies and the fairies always pay in gold. This is what the stories say. What do you think?

The leprechaun's shoe shelf has toppled. Can you match the pairs of fairy shoes?

Standards Link: Math: Students identify, sort and classify objects.

Extra! Extra! Abbreviations

"St." is an abbreviation for the word Saint. Clip six examples of abbreviations from the newspaper. Write the whole word for each abbreviation.

Standards Link: Writing Conventions: Identify and correctly use abbreviations.

Can you find the leprechaun twins? Careful—they're tricky!

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare beliefs of various cultures drawing from folklore.

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Color each shape with a shamrock green. What is hidden in this box?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

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

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IRISH
HERITAGE
GREEN
FAIRIES
SHOES
SAINT
CLOVER
GOLD
MAGICAL
LUCKY
FOUR
LEAF
PATRICKS
DAY

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C	R	S	Y	E	I	E	O	A	U
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T	O	R	I	A	N	F	O	U	R
A	L	C	H	I	K	T	S	L	D
P	C	S	E	I	R	I	A	F	D

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

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Four-leaf Clover

I knew my luck would change when I picked up a four-leaf clover.

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Family-oriented Spring Break Bash set Sunday

Special to the Inquirer

There will be a free community Spring Break Bash this Sunday, March 13, with fun for the entire family at the park next to the splash pad in Nixon.

The event will run from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is sponsored by the local Ministerial

Alliance. It will feature Moon Bounces, games, activities, hot dogs, chips, drinks, sweets, live music and prize giveaways.

The Nixon Police Department, Nixon Fire Department, Gonzales County Sheriff's Office, Norma's House and other local businesses and organizations will also be participating in the event.

SCS RELAUNCHES READING BUDDY PROGRAM



CONTRIBUTED

Shiner Catholic School revived the Reading Buddy Program, which has been on hold due to COVID. The fourth grade class partners with PreK-4 for this mutually beneficial program. The little kids love being around the big kids and get to practice their listening skills. The big kids get to practice reading aloud, compassion, patience, and leadership. We are so happy to see our 4s (4th and PreK-4) back together again after a two-year hiatus. Pictured from left are Matthew Mozisek, Colt Janak, and Jack Park.

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life by shooting himself in the head in the bar on May 25, 1897. I don't think it was Teddy, although his spirit has been seen as well, drinking up and looking for new recruits.

After we finished our drinks, Betty went upstairs to rest a little and I walked down to the Alamo, where I shot photos and videos of the Alamo church (the most familiar building of the old mission) as well as the Susanna Dickinson statue and the Alamo cenotaph.

I walked back to the hotel in time to meet up with two women from Gonzales, Linda Gray and Glennece Beckett, who were bringing a wreath to honor the Immortal 32 as well as the nine other Alamo defenders from Gonzales who died there. That was the wreath our Young Texians would help place at the Alamo.

That evening, Betty and I ordered delicious room service burgers and fries and watched some TV before turning in since I had to get up at 4 a.m. Sunday. Sleep was fitful being in an uncomfortable bed and, at one point, Betty saw what appeared to be a mixed-

race woman wearing a lace apron with a bandanna holding back her lovely long locks.

This is considered to be the "Holy Grail" of sightings at the Menger — the ghost of Sallie White, a beautiful chambermaid who worked at the hotel in the 1870s and was shot by her jealous common-law husband, Henry Wheeler, on March 28, 1876.

Sallie was brought to a third-floor room by Mrs. Menger and died two days later from her wounds. Wheeler was never arrested or charged with her murder. The beloved Sallie's funeral costs were paid for by Mrs. Menger and it is said Sallie still shows up in rooms with sheets and towels for guests as she works to repay the kindness shown to her by the Menger family.

Early Sunday morning, I got up, showered and went to the Alamo for the dawn ceremony. I met several of the re-enactors taking part, including Gary Luinstra, who portrayed Santa Anna, as well as Ricky Reyes and Sally Avila, who performed a Native American blessing prior to the start of the of-

icial observance.

I was also able to see two groups from Gonzales, including our Young Texians and former County Judge David Bird and members of the Sons of the Republic of Texas, lay wreaths at the Alamo and watch the live musket volley which ended the ceremony. I loved hearing the recitation of William Travis' letter vowing to defend the Alamo to the death as well as the funeral oration of Juan Seguin, for whom the city of Seguin in neighboring Guadalupe County, was named.

Betty and I also got to eat brunch in the Colonial Room restaurant at the Menger Hotel, featuring top-notch prime rib roast, London broil, garlic rolls and their world-famous bread pudding with rum sauce — which was every bit as good as advertised. We left the hotel that afternoon and went home to a well-earned nap.

I am thankful to have had the opportunity to visit the Alamo and learn more about the history of the Menger Hotel and it is a memory that will stay with me always.

VICTORIA COLLEGE-GONZALES

VC offers Microsoft Excel class

Special to the Inquirer

Victoria College is offering a 'Microsoft Excel Level 1 in a Day' class from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 in Room 307 of the Conference & Education Center at VC's Emerging Technology Complex.

The class will include hands-on instruction and practice with Excel, the spreadsheet program from Microsoft Office. Students will understand basic concepts of Excel spreadsheet

functions; create formulas, charts and graphs; and generate reports.

The cost for the class is \$95 and includes all course materials. The deadline to register is noon on April 11.

Victoria College's Emerging Technology Complex is located at 7403 Lone Tree Road in Victoria.

To register or get more information, call (361) 582-2528 or visit VictoriaCollege.edu/WCE.

VC offering 'Microsoft Word Basics in a Day' course April 2

Special to the Inquirer

Victoria College will offer a "Microsoft Word Basics in a Day" course on Saturday, April 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. in Room 307 of the Conference & Education Center at VC's Emerging Technology Complex.

Participants will learn the basics of the most widely used and recognized word processing software from Microsoft Office. Course topics will include word processing terminol-

ogy and concepts, editing functions, formatting options, special text options, tables and graphics.

The cost for the course is \$45. The deadline to register is noon on March 22.

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For more information or to register, call (361) 582-2528 or email AskCE@VictoriaCollege.edu.

VC Gonzales offering course on 'Personalities in the Workplace'

Special to the Inquirer

Victoria College's Gonzales Center will offer a "Personalities in the Workplace" course from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 12-21.

The course is designed to build strengths, develop weaknesses and improve communication in the

workplace through the recognition of personality styles.

The cost for the course is \$120 and includes all materials.

To register or get more information, call (830) 672-6251, email Melissa.Robinson@VictoriaCollege.edu or visit VC's Gonzales Center located at 424 E. Sarah DeWitt Drive in Gonzales.



Notice of Virtual Public Meeting Texas Department of Transportation 2023 - 2026 Rural Transportation Improvement Program YOAKUM DISTRICT

The TxDOT Yoakum District will conduct an online virtual public meeting for the 2023 - 2026 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (Rural TIP). The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and receive comments on transportation projects that may be coming to your area. The Yoakum District includes Austin, Colorado, Matagorda, Wharton, Calhoun, Jackson, Victoria, De Witt, Fayette, Gonzales and Lavaca counties. The Rural TIP includes all added capacity and regionally significant projects to be funded within a TxDOT District during the next four years, including those eligible for federal funding.

To participate in the virtual public meeting and learn more about projects in the Yoakum District, please join us on the time and date indicated below. If you do not have internet access, you may call (415) 655.0003 Event Number: 2313 259 7068 during the event or you can contact (361) 293.4363 to request materials or ask questions.

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The Rural TIP meetings are being held pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Section 16.102, which calls for an opportunity for public comment concerning the Rural TIP. A short presentation, exhibits explaining how the Rural TIP operates, and projects that are included in it will be available to view at the virtual public meeting.

All community members are encouraged to participate in the virtual public meeting and provide written comments on the proposed program. Comments must be postmarked or otherwise received by 04/11/2022 to: TxDOT Yoakum District, Attn: Rural TIP; 403 Huck St, Yoakum, TX 77995; or by email to Jeffery.Vinklarek@txdot.gov, Attention: Rural TIP.

Special Accommodations: The virtual public meeting will be conducted in English. If you need an interpreter or document translator because English is not your primary language or you have difficulty communicating effectively in English, one will be provided to you. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. If you need interpretation or translation services or you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation to participate in the virtual public meeting, please contact Lucean Kuykendall, Yoakum, at (361)293-4436 no later than 4 p.m. CT, 03/25/2022. Please be aware that advance notice is required as some services and accommodations may require time for the TxDOT to arrange.

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VC celebrating Women's History Month with activities for students

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Victoria College is celebrating Women's History Month with events and activities for students and employees throughout the month of March. In the United States, March is designated as Women's History Month to celebrate the contributions of achievements of women throughout American history.

Throughout March, visitors to the VC Library will see a display of selected works written by females. Signs showcasing facts about influential women are also being displayed on the first floor of the VC Library.

The Latin American Student Organization (LASO) Club is featuring inspirational Latina women in Victoria College publications and social media accounts during Women's History Month.

VC's Student Life Office will host a donation drive benefiting Mid-Coast Family Services Women's Crisis Center and Perpetual Help Home on March 21-31. Donation boxes will be set up at various locations on VC's Main Campus. Donations being collected include adult socks, underwear, sports bras, pillows, diapers (larger sizes), bath towels, toilet paper, paper towels, hygiene products, deter-

gent, sanitary products, and cleaning supplies.

The Student Life Office will host Coffee, Cookies and Thank Yous on Tuesday, March 22 at the Student Center. VC students and employees will have the opportunity to write a special note to a woman who has inspired them and to take a carnation to give to a woman who has made a special impact in their life.

Women's health will be spotlighted during an event on Tuesday, March 29 at Citizens Convalescent Care at Victoria College. Healthy foods will be served. The clinic, located in VC's Continuing Education Center, provides on-campus medical care for VC students and employees on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

VC's Student Life Department will conclude the month-long celebration with a free meal and presentation by Chelsea Bradley, VC's assistant psychology professor. Bradley's presentation is titled "Stop Apologizing: How Women Can Advocate for Themselves in the Workplace."

For more information, contact Elaine Everett-Hensley, VC's student life director, at (361) 572-6440 or Elaine.Everett-Hensley@VictoriaCollege.edu.



CHELSEA BRADLEY

Baylor University honors August, December grads

Special to the Inquirer

Baylor University celebrated nearly 1,800 graduates who received their degrees during summer and fall commencement ceremonies.

President Linda A. Livingstone, Ph.D., honored each graduate as she presided over the ceremonies held Aug. 14 and Dec. 18, 2021, in the Ferrell Center on the Baylor campus. Provost Nancy Brickhouse, Ph.D., and the deans of Baylor's

12 colleges and schools presented degree candidates for the recommendation of undergraduate and graduate degrees. More than 80 faculty members served as marshals and ushers during commencement.

Among those who graduated are:

December graduation

- Madelyne Moore Parr of Gonzales, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Louise Herrington School of Nursing.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



CONTRIBUTED

Five seniors were presented with a Lee Baker Memorial Scholarship at the Commercial Heifer Sale on March 4, 2022. Mr. Baker had a strong passion for the cattle industry and enjoyed helping many kids with their commercial heifer stock show projects in Gonzales. A group of his close friends wanted to continue his legacy of helping the youth through scholarships. Recipients are (from left to right): Braden Barfield, Jacob Holden, Kalli Baker, Travis Thibodeaux, and Landon Watson.

Beasley to present to DeWitt County Shutterbugs

Special to the Inquirer



Cissy Beasley will present images from the 2021 Wildlife in Focus contest when the DeWitt County Shutterbugs meet on March 15.

The DeWitt County Shutterbugs invites you to join them at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at the First Baptist Church in Cuero, 408 N. Gonzales, for a special presentation by Cissy Beasley.

Cissy will present and describe images from the 2021 Wildlife in Focus contest, which she photographed from January to June 2021 at the Welder Wildlife Refuge near Sinton. She will discuss her results from the contest, showing her winning photos, some she loved that didn't win and discussing why on both, and the overall concept of competitions, judging, etc.

Cissy Beasley was born and raised in South Texas into an outdoors and ranching family. Hereditary and environment have led Cissy to naturally form an interactive and cooperative relationship with nature beginning in childhood and flourishing ever since. Her passion for wildlife and nature photography were ignited in the spring 2011 during a photo session in Fulton, Texas; her enthusiasm and acumen continue to evolve to this day.

Among Cissy's list of photography awards and honors are four finishes as a Top-five Finalist in the South Texas-based Wildlife in Focus Photo Contest, winning the First Place Grand Prize in 2019.



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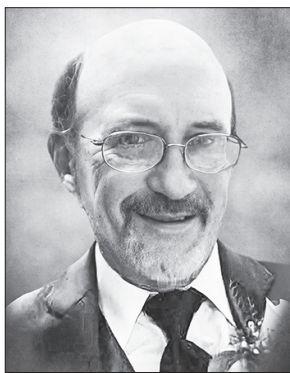
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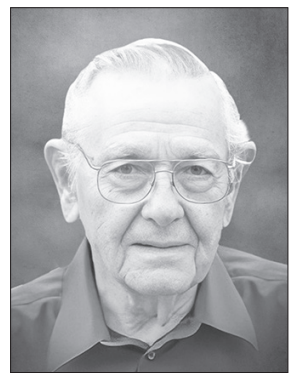


On March 4, 2022, Douglas Roy Kotzebue, 66, of Gonzales, slipped from the earthly confines of this world into the glorious presence of God. After valiantly battling cancer for nearly seven years, he died peacefully, surrounded by members of his family. Doug was born in Houston, TX on February 2, 1956, to Alexander Andrew "Buddy" Kotzebue and Elizabeth "Betty" (Zissa) Kotzebue. He graduated from Gonzales High School in 1974, going on to earn his degree in Pharmacology from the University of Texas in 1978. Upon graduation, he joined his father in the family business, Kotzebue Drug, where he worked until his retirement in 2011. In his youth, Doug excelled at a variety of sports. One of his most proud memories was winning the State Basketball Championship with his teammates in 1974. He was an accomplished water skier, amazing friends with his ability to ski barefoot. He was an avid follower of all UT sports events, proudly wearing burnt orange to show his support. Of all the sports, however, his true love was

golf. If the weather was agreeable, most days you would find him at the golf course with the golf buddies that he considered his extended family. He loved animals, whether domestic or wild. He could sit for hours watching the deer that came up into his back yard to eat the corn he had put out, marveling equally at the big bucks or newborn fawns. He had a soft spot for the birds that landed at his feeders and the squirrels that stole from them. He loved fish, whether at the end of a fishing pole, or in his numerous aquariums. He was a compassionate man, braving the dangers and discomfort to help rescue victims of Hurricane Harvey in Houston, and more than once giving odd jobs or food to someone who was down and out. He is

survived by his mother, Betty Kotzebue of Gonzales; wife, Lynn Kotzebue; son, Chase Dwayne Kotzebue; daughters, Cassidy Carol Kotzebue and Alex Zente of Leander; Caleigh Alex Kotzebue of New Braunfels; and, step-daughter, Renee Fernandez and husband Cesar of San Antonio; sister Diane Connell and husband Robbie of Gonzales; sister-in-law, Lynette Kotzebue of Shiner; six grandchildren; two step-grandsons; one niece, Kristen Connell DeCola of New Braunfels, and one nephew, Zackery Kotzebue of Gonzales, along with various aunt's, uncle's, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Alexander "Buddy" Kotzebue, and brothers, David and Dwayne. Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at 2:00 pm, with a service to celebrate his life at 3:00 pm at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. The family would like to profoundly thank the Care Team Hospice of Gonzales and the caring nurses at Texan Nursing & Rehab of Gonzales. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

GLYN H. KIFER



Glyn H. Kifer, 88, of Gonzales, passed away Friday, March 4, 2022. He was born October 7, 1933 in Gonzales the son of Howell B. and Ella Heine-meyer Kifer. Glyn worked 37 years as the manager of Perrys Stores and retired when Perrys closed the operation of all their stores. He was a director of Gonzales County Farm Bureau, a member of the Independent Cattlemens Association, a member of Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers and a member of the Lions Club. He served proudly in the United States Army. He enjoyed the peace and calm of country living and lived life here on earth his way. He was preceded in

death by his parents, sister Vivian Rossow and first wife Helen Jo Kifer. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with Deacon Terry Brennan officiating. Interment will be at the Gonzales Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers include Kristopher Kifer, Travis Kifer, Stayton Kifer, Tim Donahoo, Derrick Grant and Darrell Kifer. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, Gonzales, TX. Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com

FRANCES BUNDICK COLWELL



Frances Bundick Colwell of Nixon, Texas passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at the age of 90. She was born on June 24, 1931 to Jap and Olga (Moore) Bundick in Smiley, Texas. Frances attended school in Smiley, and then attended college in San Marcos for a brief time before marrying her long-time sweetheart, Doyle Colwell, on July 7, 1949. They enjoyed 60 years of marriage before his passing in 2010. Frances was active in the Nixon Methodist Church and enjoyed the fellowship of all her friends; especially game-night. She was a member of the Gonzales Red Hatters, Daughter of the American Revolution of Gonzales, and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas of Smiley. Frances loved to travel and went on many trips with the XYZ's of Gonzales as well as family and friends. Frances is survived by daughters, Cathy Colwell of Houston, Texas

and Shirley Shepherd and husband Steve of Dallas; grandsons, Travis and wife Shelby, Austin and wife Ashleigh, Garrett, and Rhett and wife Marie; great-grandson, Henry Shepherd; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Frances is preceded in death by her husband Doyle Colwell, and parents Jap and Olga Bundick. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 6, 2022, 5:00pm-7pm, at Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon. The Funeral Service will be held on Monday, March 7, 2022, 10:00am, at the First United Meth-

odist Church in Nixon with interment following at the Nixon Cemetery. Pastor Audrey Hewell will officiate the services. Serving as Pallbearers will be Stephen Bowman, Jim Blohm, Ben Colwell, Michael Ortman, Jeffrey Patteson and Tel Lindemann; Honorary Pallbearers are Robert Magee, Jr., and Verne Colwell. If desired, contributions may be made in Frances' name to First United Methodist Church of Nixon, P.O. Box 20, Nixon, Texas 78140, or to St. Jude at www.stjude.org/donate, with thank you notices to 2818 Cocona Lane, Houston, Texas 77073. You are welcome to sign the online guestbook at www.finchfuneralchapels.com. Services in care of Finch Funeral Chapel, LLC.

NORMA CARMEN TROELL



Norma Carmen Troell, age 95, passed away on January 31, 2022. Norma was born in Inman, Kansas in 1926 to parents Albert and Lucy Carpenter. Norma grew up in the country as the youngest of five, graduated high school at sixteen, and moved to Wichita where she worked downtown selling dresses during the war era. She met a handsome airman who would become the love of her life and change her from the fancy girl about town to the woman who loved her home, children, garden, and kitchen, though she never lost her fancy side, as evidenced by her penchant for shoes. She was a baker beyond compare, with her grandchildren being the recipients of the thousands and thousands of love-filled cookies she would make for them when they visited. Norma's love of God was evidenced through her volunteering at the church in the secretary's office and teaching 2- and 3-year-olds together with Richard at their church for over thirty years. Norma was preceded in death by Richard, her beloved husband of 74 years. She is survived by her son, Richard S. (Susan) Troell; daughter, Tamara (John) Welter; grandchildren, Stephen (Jocelyn) Troell,

Elisabeth Williams, Christina Troell, Sarah (Micah) Sellew, Jo (Nathan) Winn, Brian (Tori) Welter, and Olivia Welter; and great-grandchildren, Abigail, Katelyn, Alexandria, Ste-

phen, Jack, Emma, Luke, Aliyah, Eden, Ezekiel, Owen, Avery, Natalie, Gavin, and Audrey. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at Resthaven Mortuary. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at Antioch Christian Church, 3741 W. 15th St. N., Wichita, KS 67203. Memorials may be given to Antioch Christian Church. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.Resthaven-Mortuary-Cemetery.com for the Troell family.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114

THE STATE OF TEXAS Cause No. 28,055

Acoma Energy, LLC
Vs
Juan Rodriguez and Dolores Rodriguez, Trustees of the Rodriguez Family Trust of 1984 and Henderson Convalescent Center

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
2ND 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: Henderson Convalescent Center
Defendant - GREETING

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Gonzales County, at the Courthouse in said County in Gonzales, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed in said court 08/05/2021 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: action to quiet title to real property in Gonzales County, Texas as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Original Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gonzales, Texas, this 14th day of February, 2022.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114

THE STATE OF TEXAS Cause No. 28,172

Sandra K. Goodman
V
Benjamin N. Goodman, et al

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: Benjamin N. Goodman, Deceased, Gerald W. Goodman, Casper Louis Goodman, Velma Palmer Goodman, Deceased, Caroline Goodman, Deceased, William Goodman, Deceased, Ruth E. Clements Goodman, Deceased, Robert W. Goodman, Albert Gene Goodman, Carolyn Blackburn Goodman, Debra Goodman, Keith Goodman, Carol Goodman, Donald Goodman, Virgil Goodman and their respective unknown heirs, Defendants;

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition for Sale Pursuant to Chapter 23A Texas Property Code at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Gonzales County, at the Courthouse in said County in Gonzales, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Original Petition for Sale Pursuant to Chapter 23A Texas Property Code was filed in said court 01/19/2022 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Original Petition for Sale Pursuant to Chapter 23A Texas Property Code on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gonzales, Texas, this 22nd day of February, 2022.

Attorney for Plaintiff
Christie Ortman Fullilove
403 St. George
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830-672-9535

Clerk of the Court
Janice Sutton
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This project includes the installation of approximately 4610 linear feet of 8-inch waterline, with fittings, fire hydrants, service taps, includes 18" steel cased bores under highway, driveways and railroad, and associated pavement repairs, trench safety, traffic control, and installation and removal of temporary erosion controls. This project also includes as an add alternate bid package, the installation of approximately 365 linear feet of 6-inch wastewater line and 2233 linear feet of 8-inch wastewater line, 12 manholes, new wastewater services, and associated pavement repairs, trench safety, traffic control, and installation and removal of temporary erosion controls.

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PROPOSAL FOR DEPOSITORY CONTRACT

• Notice is hereby given that the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation Board, subject to the provisions of Chapter 105 Local Government Code, will receive sealed proposals from all interested institutions to serve as the depository of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and maintain custody of selected funds for the period of May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2025. The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation reserves the right to add participating institutions as conditions dictate and whereas local investments are not competitive during the term of this contract.

• Depository Proposal forms are available at the office of the Economic Development Director of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation at 820 St. Joseph Street, P.O. Box 547, Gonzales, Texas 78629 and the Gonzales Economic Development website; www.gonzalesedc.org. All forms and other information pertinent to submission of a Depository Proposal will be available at the above address between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

• Deadline for submission will be 3:00 P.M. March 25, 2022, to Jennifer Kolbe, Office of the Economic Development Director of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, 820 St. Joseph Street, P.O. Box 547, Gonzales, Texas 78629. All sealed proposals must be addressed to the Gonzales Economic Development Director and bear the title "Gonzales Economic Development Corporation - Bank Depository Services" along with vendor's name and address. Submit five (5) completed copies. Facsimile copies will not be accepted. Late proposals will not be considered.

• Proposals will be awarded by Board of Directors of the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation at their regular meeting on April 25, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, 820 N. St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629. The Board of Directors of Gonzales Economic Development Corporation reserves the right to reject all bids.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retailer's On-Premise Permit (BG) by Ignacio B Guzman DBA The Rodeo Restaurant located at 107 South Saint Joseph Street, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas 78629. The Business Principal Party is Ignacio Barajas Guzman.

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John Reese Hendley Jr, in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on February 8, 2022 an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION in the estate of **DeLaine H. Ryder a/k/a Fannie DeLain Baker**, Deceased, requesting that the court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **Delaine H. Ryder a/k/a Fannie DeLaine Baker, Deceased**, and their respective shares and interests in said estate, and appoint **John Reese Hendley Jr** 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, Commissioner's Courtroom, Gonzales, Texas 78629** in Gonzales County, Texas.

You are hereby cited to appear before said 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 on March 7, 2022.

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By: *Margie Zapata*
Margie Zapata, Deputy

Plaintiff(s) Attorney:
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NOTICE TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

PROPOSAL FOR DEPOSITORY CONTRACT

• Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body of the City of Gonzales, Texas, subject to the provisions of Chapter 105 Local Government Code, will receive sealed proposals from all interested institutions to serve as the depository of the City of Gonzales and maintain custody of selected funds for the period of May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2025. The City reserves the right to add participating institutions as conditions dictate and whereas local investments are not competitive during the term of this contract.

• Depository Proposal forms are available at the office of the Director of Finance of the City of Gonzales at 820 St. Joseph Street, P.O. Box 547, Gonzales, Texas 78629 and the City of Gonzales website; www.gonzales.texas.gov. All forms and other information pertinent to submission of a Depository Proposal will be available at the above address between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

• Deadline for submission will be 3:00 P.M. March 25, 2022, to Laura Zella, Office of the Director of Finance, 820 St. Joseph Street, P.O. Box 547, Gonzales, Texas 78629. All sealed proposals must be addressed to the Director of Finance, City of Gonzales, and bear the title "The City of Gonzales, Texas - Bank Depository Services" along with vendor's name and address. Submit five (5) completed copies. Facsimile copies will not be accepted. Late proposals will not be considered.

• Proposals will be awarded by the City Council at their regular meeting on April 14, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall, 820 N. St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629. The City Council reserves the right to reject all bids.

LEGAL NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Engineering Services for the Development of Yoakum Industrial Park II

The Yoakum Economic Development Corporation ("YEDC") is requesting Technical and Fee Proposals from engineering firms who have deep experience in providing the various assessments, studies, and preliminary engineering required for the successful completion and submission of EDA funding applications for the Yoakum Industrial Park II located at the intersection of U.S. 77-A and Farm-to-Market Road 3475 (Carl Ramert Drive).

Only digital versions of this RFP will be distributed. To receive the detailed specifications package, e-mail a request to Terry Stokes via tstokes@cityofyoakum.org.

Sealed proposals will be received until 3:00 P.M. Central Daylight Time (CDT) on Monday, March 28, 2022.

Submittal packages should be clearly marked "Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Engineering Services for the Development of Yoakum Industrial Park II" and sent to the attention of:

Terry Stokes, Executive Director
 Yoakum Economic Development Corporation
 c/o
 Yoakum City Hall
 808 US Highway 77-A South
 Yoakum, Texas 77995

Submissions will be acknowledged at 3:05 PM, Central Daylight Time (CDT) on Monday, March 28, 2022.

The YEDC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive any informalities in the proposal process, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the YEDC.



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Lenten Service schedule announced

Special to the Inquirer

The Presbyterian Church of Gonzales will join together with the First Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Episcopal Church of The Messiah for Wednesday evening Lenten Services.

Starting March 9, the clergy will rotate leading and liturgy each Wednesday and the service will alternate locations between the Presbyterians and Lutherans. The Study will be "Places of the Passion." A soup and sandwich lite meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. followed by the service at 6 p.m.

Below is the schedule:

- **March 9:** Rev. Kris Crawford (lead), Rev. Ildiko Rigney (liturgy)
Location - First Evangelical Lutheran Church
- **March 16:** Rev. Ildiko Rigney (lead), Rev. Kris Crawford (liturgy)
Location - Presbyterian Church of Gonzales
- **March 23:** Rev. Kris Crawford (lead), Rev. Ildiko Rigney (liturgy)
Location - First Evangelical Lutheran Church
- **March 30:** Rev. Ildiko Rigney (lead), Rev. Kris Crawford (liturgy)
Location - Presbyterian Church of Gonzales
- **April 6:** Rev. Kris Crawford (lead), Rev. Ildiko Rigney (liturgy)
Location - First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Shanna Neff from the Episcopal Church will help when she is available.

Every sunrise is a gift from God

Howdy ya'll, I pray all is well. I woke up this morning to the sun beaming through my shades, sleeping in a little later than normal. The first words out of my mouth were literally, "thank you, Lord." As I seem to sleep in cycles, a few days of struggling to get adequate rest followed by a period of deeper and more restful sleep, I'm always surprised when the sun comes up before I do. Trying not to take even the little things for granted, I lay there enjoying this tiny miracle for what it is, a gift from God.



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

My next thought was that the poor citizens; the everyday, hardworking people like you and me, just going about their business trying to live their lives in Ukraine, aren't waking up the same way. My prayers go out to them...

It's always been hard for me to get my head wrapped around how badly humans can treat each other. Of course we're not all evil, power hungry dictators, but we all suffer to some extent our selfish pride, often doing whatever we can to get our own way. It can be as subtle as telling little white lies to obscure the truth, or holding back affection in order to steer others in the direction we want. Many often over embellish, or even downright lie in business in order to increase profits. There's no shortage of how far humanity will go to manipulate people and situations for personal gain.

Personally, I find this not only unnecessary, but absolutely embarrassing.

In over two decades of cleaning carpets I was blessed to do well over 17,000 jobs, word of mouth only. My gimmick...the golden rule. I treated people the way I'd like to be treated. How, by giving my customers the best job I was capable of at a fair price, being on time or calling when I was running late, reducing price even further for single moms and hardship cases, cleaning up after myself as to leave the place better than

I found it, and throwing in extras like spanking the dog when it peed on the carpet (just kidding, bad puppy). Simply by treating people with the respect they deserved, I managed to acquire a dedicated group of customers (who became friends), making it a pleasant experience all around, and thank God for that opportunity!

As a species we all want to be loved, respected, and know that we are valued by not only those closest to us, but society in general. While Gods love is unconditional, ours, not so much. We (even subconsciously), attach conditions to almost everything we do. The human mode of operation seems to be; what's in it for me. In my sixty plus years I've found that when people are treated decently, most will naturally want to treat you the same, it's not rocket sci-



"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

Matthew 10:28

ence. If we could just return to God and get out of our own way, the world would be a much better place to live. So...

With world events and the threat of nuclear war hanging over our heads, I implore you; if you haven't already, that you seriously rethink your position on accepting Jesus Christ as your savior. Eternity is a long time and as things would have it, you just don't know how long you'll have to make that decision. As Matthew 10:28 reminds us, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell." Our life here is temporary. Whether we die by natural causes, car accident, pandemic, or at the hands of evil dictators, is best to be prepared. I don't mean to be a downer, but I really do love you guys enough to want the best for you, now and always.

Until next time, Eric.

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• Allen, Brandon Keith, 05/1993, Nixon; Commitment/Sentence – Assault Family/Household Member w/Previous Conviction, Remains in Custody
 • Sanchez, Breanna Nicole, 09/1999, Hempstead; Commitment/Sentence – Publish/Threat to Publish Inmate Visual

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 • Salas, David, Jr., 02/1988, Gonzales; Local Warrant – Evading Arrest Detention w/ Vehicle, Requires \$20,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 >4G <200G, Requires \$30,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Aggravated Assault against Public Servant, Requires \$100,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

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• Rubio Montero, Emiliano, 08/1995, Waelder; Evading Arrest Detention, Released on \$3,500 Bond; Resist Arrest Search or Transport, Released on \$3,500 Bond

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• Varela, Raul Marcell, 11/1990, Cuero; Local Warrant – Fraud Use Possession of Identifying Items <5; Dewitt County – Detainer, Remains in Custody
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OBITUARIES

LINDA FAY SHANNON



Linda Fay Shannon, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister went to be with her Father in Heaven on February 28, 2022 at the age of 74. On October 30, 1947 Linda was born one of nine children to Arie William Hutson and Rosie Ann (Cameron) Hutson in Austin, Texas. On August 11, 1965, Linda married her sweetheart, William Earnest "Bill" Shannon.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents, Arie and Rosie Hutson; brothers, J.W., Ronnie, Donnie, and John Wayne Hutson; sisters, Dorothy Long, Aris Sconci, and Dovie Hill. Left to cherish her memory are

Michael, Matthew, and Mark; 9 great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Brust; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other loving family.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 4, 2022, 5:00pm-8:00pm, at First Assembly of God in Nixon, Texas. The funeral service will be held Saturday, March 5, 2022, 2:00pm, at First Assembly of God, Nixon. Burial will follow at the Nixon Cemetery. Reverend Paul Brothers will be officiant of the services.

You are welcome to sign the online guestbook at www.finchfuneralchapels.com. Services in care of Finch Funeral Chapel, LLC.

her husband of 56 years, Bill Shannon; children, Tracy Shannon and wife Beverly, Tina McGee, and Timothy Shannon and wife Kimberly; grandchildren, Travis, Jennifer, Erik, Samantha, Stephanie, April, Kayla, Linda, Aydin, Myranda, Mi-

BOARD

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Board members voted to certify that the candidates running in the May 7, 2022 election — H. Bruce Tiekens (District 1), Michael St. John (District 2) and Mark Ainsworth (District 3) — were unopposed and subsequently ordered the cancellation of this year's director election, declaring those three individuals to be elected.

If the district were to contract with Gonzales County to run an election, the cost to the district would be between \$2,000 to \$6,000, depending on how many ballots are cast due to the cost-sharing agreement between the two entities. However, if the district were to hold the election itself, it could have cost between \$10,000 to \$13,000, Martin said.

District board members also approved an investment policy which sets four primary objectives for district cash funds — safety, liquidity, public trust and yield. The district will also maintain a comprehensive cash management project, which includes a collection of account receivables, vendor payments in accordance with invoice terms and prudent investment of available cash.

An interlocal agreement was approved between Gonzales County

and the Guadalupe County Groundwater Conservation District to share access and information from aquifer monitoring wells in both counties.

District trustees also voted to purchase rain gauges from Personal Impressions that will be distributed throughout the community to raise awareness of the district's functions and its mission. The message on these rain gauges will be to "Make Every Drop Count." They also voted to allow Martin to apply to the Texas Water Leaders Program, hosted by the Texas Water Foundation.

Martin said the district also has a pair of programs the public may not be aware of that could help them as landowners. The first is a well-plugging program for deteriorated wells.

"If there is a well that is not operational and the owner can't use or fix it, the district will pay 90 percent of the cost to plug that well," Martin said. "That program is available to anyone within the district."

A second program provides mitigation funds to help owners living within the boundaries of the Carrizo Aquifer that will help them lower pumps or correct other well issues, Martin said.

SEARCH

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A public hearing was held regarding the district's Texas Academic Performance Report.

The board voted to decline the Department of Transportation's offer to sell a property located at the south side of UA 90 & CR 345 to the school district, for \$10,718.40, plus costs and expenses.

Police Chief Ross Gottwald presented the GISD Police Department's Racial Profiling Report.

Chief Financial Officer Amanda Smith gave the district's financial report.

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department's Racial Profiling Report.

The council also discussed a contract to assist the fire department.

Roof repairs were approved for a city-owned residential property.

The council approved a trade-in for a new vehicle for the city manager's use.

A salary increase to be implemented after the next election was approved for the mayor and city council members.

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ROBERT GEORGE "BUMPY" MALATEK

Robert George "Bumpy" Malatek, 81, passed away on January 21, 2022. He was born on December 8, 1940 in Gonzales to Annie and Anton Malatek, Sr. Bumpy was a veteran of the United States Army. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and playing dominos.

Bumpy is survived by his sons, Jeffrey Malatek, Shawn Malatek, and Shane Malatek, step-son, Jason Haile, and sister Dorothy Hagendorf.

He was preceded in death by his parents and



brother, Edward "John" Malatek.

Private arrangements are to be held at a later date.

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- famed A&M coach
- X. Bible
- TX film "Giant," e.g. events affecting TX weather: "El Nino" and "La _____"
- early TX Orbison band: "_____ Kings"
- birth month for TX Jaclyn Smith & TX Dan Rather (abbr.)
- "_____ dawn" (get an early start)
- TXism: "I _____ that like a chicken coop needs a fox"
- TX Chennault was adviser to China's _____-shek
- TXism: "let '____ rip"
- Santa _____, TX
- TXism: "a horse of a different color"
- Fort Hood greeting when Marty Robbins found himself in Rosa's Cantina
- 37-across was "____ Chicago Cub"
- TXism: "two peas _____" (alike)
- retriever dogs
- TX infielder, Banks
- TXism: "big fish _____"
- TX "First Lady" Bush (1995-2000)
- TXism: "if it was any better, the sheriff wouldn't _____"
- boot width
- big Astro or Ranger event: "grand _____"
- this Tinkle wrote Alamo book "13 Days to Glory"
- TXism: "gave _____ song and dance"
- great TX lefty Rube
- Gov. Daniel (init.)
- objective on a golf hole
- TXism: "nail his hide to the barn _____"
- TCU All-American "Rags"
- this Julius won 1959 Dallas Open
- TXism: "hot as road _____ in July"
- TXism: "he's earned _____ spurs"
- dir. to Livingston from Austin
- TXism: "would melt the _____ off your molars" (hot chili)
- Ken Paxton title in Texas govt.
- boxing victory (abbr.)
- Friday night kickin' group (2 wds.)
- TX Chester Nimitz final naval rank
- TX Hagman TV series: "_____ of Jeannie"
- "yes" in Mexico
- Bentsen State Park groove-billed bird
- actress Turner of "Peyton Place"
- "_____ night" (sleepless)
- TXism: "attracted like a pig _____"
- actor O'Brien of TX-based 1953 film "Cow Country"
- Buffalo _____, TX
- cable movie chan.
- blackboard cleaners
- "_____ and void"
- horse breed
- TXism: "_____ as a dish rag"
- TXism: "you're buying oats for a _____" (wasted effort)
- horse breed
- TXism: "_____ a bull give milk?" (no)
- "_____ Jones Industrial Average"
- TXism: "gone _____ dogs"
- TX Sam Bass was a _____ robber

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

NIXON-SMILEY

Mustangs blanked by Johnson City

By Louis Decker
The Inquirer

The Johnson City Eagles held the Nixon-Smiley Mustang bats in check, while plating 10 runs on 11 hits to take a run-rule shortened victory Tuesday night, in Johnson City.

The Mustangs had nearly as many errors in the field as they did hits at the plate, as they collected four hits (two by Brayden Martinez) and committed three errors in the field. The Eagles plated four runs in the first inning, on six hits, including three RBI singles. They continued to add to their score with a single run scoring on a wild pitch in the second. Johnson City ended the contest with five runs in the bottom of the fourth, courtesy of four hits, three walks and an error.

Kris Kitchens was the pitcher of record, as he went the distance on the mound, giving up 10 runs (8 earned) on 11 hits, while walking four and striking out five. In addition to Martinez's two hits, Kevin Zavala and Preston Rice each had a hit for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs will take on the Mustangs on Friday night, as Nixon-Smiley will travel to Ingleside for a non-district matchup. First pitch is scheduled for 5pm.

Mustangs win one, drop two at home tourney

By Louis Decker
The Inquirer

It was baseball, baseball and more baseball in Nixon last weekend, as teams descended into Mustang Territory for the Nixon-Smiley baseball tournament. The Mustangs were unable to come away with any hardware, though, as they went 1-2 over the weekend.

The Mustangs split a pair of games on Thursday, as they dropped their opener to the New Braunfels Freshman Team, 16-2, in a game limited to three innings due to time limit, but rebounded to defeat the Three Rivers Bulldogs, 2-1.

In the opener, the Unicorns sent 19 men to the plate, 15 of whom scored. The Mustangs were shut out until the bottom of the third, when they plated both runs. Kris Kitchens started the contest and took the loss. Brayden Martinez and Jeremiah Munoz also saw action on the hill. Orlando Flores and Tyler Barillet had the only hits for the 'Stangs.

Playing back-to-back contests, the Mustangs were able to shake off the earlier loss and got an outstanding performance from Flores, both on the mound and on the basepaths, to knock off the Bulldogs. Flores went three scoreless innings on hill, allowing only four hits while striking out four. He also scored both runs (in the first and third innings) while going 1-for-1 with two walks and four stolen bases. Barillet pitched two scoreless innings to hold Three Rivers in check, while Munoz earned the save with

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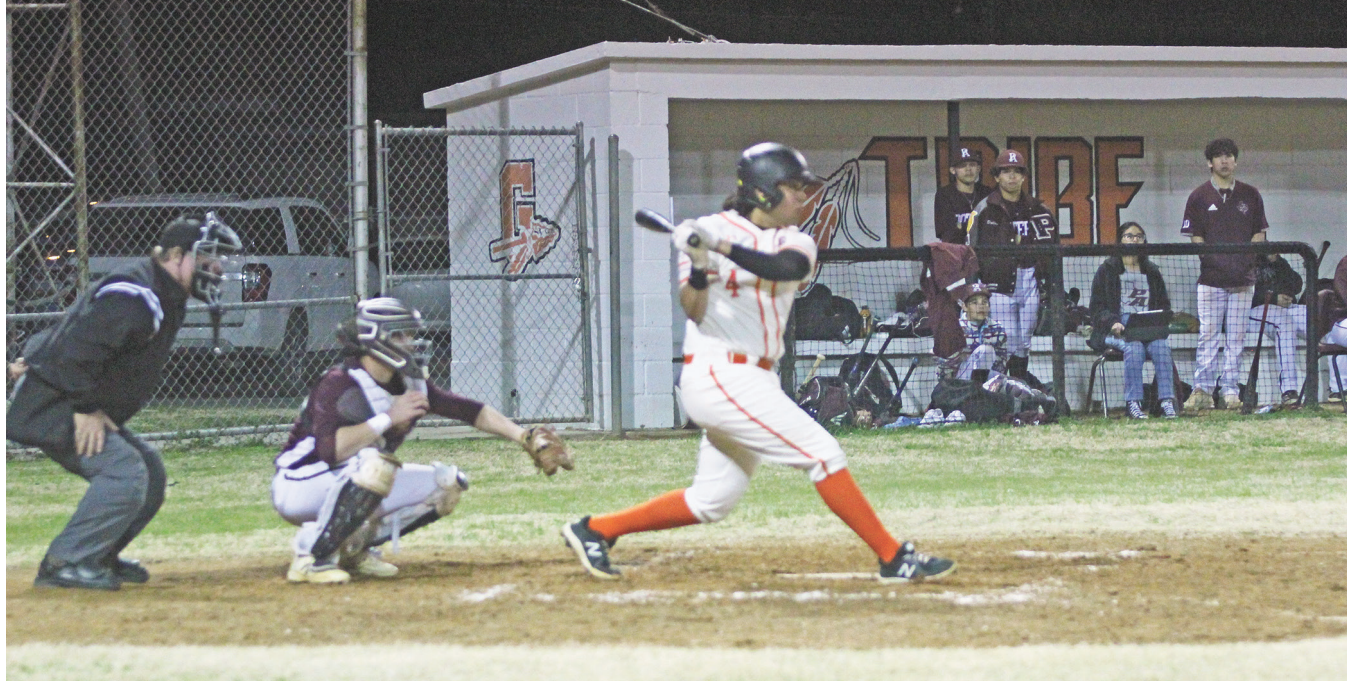
Lady Mustangs power past Somerset, 6-5

By Louis Decker
The Inquirer

The Lady Mustangs only scored in two innings Tuesday night, but they were able to make it hold up for a 6-5 road victory over Somerset.

Nixon-Smiley opened the scoring in the third inning with three runs and scored three more in the seventh inning to secure the victory. The game was not without its thrills, though, as Somerset rallied to tie the game at 3-3 with a run in the bottom of the fourth and two more runs in their half of the fifth inning. The Bulldogs attempted a rally in the bottom of the seventh, as they

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PHOTOS BY LOUIS DECKER

Joe "Mucho" Canales drives a ball up the middle during last week's game against Poteet. Canales reached on the play and came around to score one of the Apaches' nine runs. Gonzales is in action in the Jimmy Appelt Tournament this weekend in Hallettsville.



The 2022 Gonzales Apache varsity baseball team took fifth place in the Best of the Bay Tournament, despite finishing the weekend with a perfect 3-0 record. The Tribe is back in tournament action this weekend in Hallettsville.



Carson Gaytan was a key part of the Apaches' perfect weekend in Rockport. Gaytan finished the tournament with a .444 average and 8 RBI, and combining on a shutout in Saturday's fifth place game.

Best of the Bay?

Apaches go undefeated in Rockport Tournament, but don't come away with trophy

By Louis Decker
The Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches continued to ride a hot streak this weekend, as they went 3-0 in the Best of the Bay Tournament, hosted by Rockport-Fulton High School. The Tribe was denied a chance at the championship, finishing fifth, due to a seeding controversy.

The tournament featured 19 teams, divided into five pools. The Apaches found themselves in the Purple Pool with Aransas Pass and the junior varsity squad from Gregory-Portland with games played at Aransas Pass' campus on Thursday.

Coming off their first win of the season, the Tribe wasted no time collecting their second, as they pounded out 18 hits in defeating the Aransas Pass Panthers, 9-5. The Apaches, as the designated visitors, raced out to a quick 7-0 lead, scoring a single run in both the first and second innings, before exploding for three runs in the third and two runs in the fourth.

The Panthers finally got on the board in their half of the fifth with four runs, but Gonzales put the game away with two more runs in the top of the sixth.

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Lady Apaches gain experience in VISD tourney

By Louis Decker
The Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches hope that the experience gained last weekend in the Victoria ISD Tournament will prove valuable down the road. Wins, however, were hard to come by, as Gonzales went 1-5, facing mainly 5A and 6A squads.

The weekend started off with a bang, Thursday, as Gonzales picked up its lone win by downing Orange Grove, 19-2, in a time-limit shortened game. In the second game on Thursday, the Lady Apaches battled, but came up short against Fort Bend Elkins out of Sugarland, 9-3.

On Friday, the Lady Apache bats went silent in the opener against Weslaco East, as the Wildcats took a 3-0 win. In the afternoon, Gonzales found themselves up against a stout C.E. King Panthers team out of Houston, and dropped a 13-1 decision.

Saturday saw the Lady Apaches missing a couple key players and, as a result, Gonzales was defeated in two mercy-rule contests, losing to Killeen Ellison, 15-5, and Victoria East, 16-2.

Against Weslaco East, the Lady Apaches could only scratch together three hits, as Peyton Springfield, Mary De La Garza and Abbie Villanueva each went 1-for-3 at the plate. De La Garza worked the complete game in the circle, allow-

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LOUIS DECKER

The Gonzales Lady Apache varsity softball team, pictured prior to their game against Giddings, earlier this season. The Lady Apaches dropped a 7-2 decision to Pleasanton on Tuesday night.

Lady Apaches fall to Pleasanton on the road

By Louis Decker
The Inquirer

Pleasanton jumped out to an early lead that proved insurmountable, as the Gonzales Lady Apaches fell on the road, 7-2, on Tuesday night.

The Lady Eagles scored in each of the first three innings, one in the first, two in the second and one in the third inning, to take a 4-0 lead. The Lady Apaches scored both of their runs in their half of

the fourth inning, on a triple by Dakota Schmidt, to plate Mary De La Garza and Peyton Springfield. Schmidt also tried to score on the play, but was denied the inside-the-park home run when she was tagged out at the plate.

From there, Pleasanton tacked on two runs in the bottom of the fifth, and a run in the bottom of the sixth, to close out the scoring.

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Apaches struggle with speed in 6-3 loss to Beeville

By Louis Decker
The Inquirer

The Beeville Trojans came to Apache Field and ran through and past the Gonzales Apaches, Tuesday night, as the Tribe fell, 6-3, in a game dominated by the Trojans' legs.

"Our offense came out sluggish and our defense was non-existent at the beginning of the game," surmised Coach Billy Holfield. The Apaches gave up four goals within the first 20 minutes of the first half, which proved insurmountable.

But Gonzales did not go down without a fight, as the Tribe was able to put the ball on-goal twice in the latter stages of the first half to cut the lead to 4-2 at halftime. They got within one goal, at 4-3, early in the

second half, but defensive miscues reared their head again, as Beeville netted a pair of goals to put the match away.

Offensively, Gonzales was led by Jonathan Tejada, Clemente Govea, and Jesus Huerta, who each scored a goal. Alan Orduna and Tristan Gomez were each credited with an assist in the match.

The Tribe currently sits in fourth place in District 28-4A with a district record of 3-5 and an overall mark of 8-11. Two games remain in the regular season and the Tribe will be on the road Saturday afternoon in Palacios, looking to avenge an earlier loss to the Sharks. The match is scheduled for a 12 noon start. The regular season finale is next Tuesday at home against Rockport-Fulton.



Submitted photo
The senior members of the Gonzales Lady Apache soccer team were recognized, prior to last Friday night's match against Yoakum. Pictured (from L to R) are: Brittney Villegas, Marisol Hernandez, Emma Hernandez, Paola Perez, Cassidy Leal, Briana Duenez, Trinity Barr, Jazmin Izaguirre and Priscilla Cardenas

Lady Apaches rack up win on Senior Night

By Louis Decker
The Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches checked two items off their list on Friday night at Apache Field – First, they honored their senior players, and, second, they evened their district record with a 2-0 shutout of the Yoakum Lady Bulldogs.

Prior to the match, seniors

Brittney Villegas, Marisol Hernandez, Emma Hernandez, Paola Perez, Cassidy Leal, Briana Duenez, Trinity Barr, Jazmin Izaguirre and Priscilla Cardenas were honored, then the Lady Apaches turned their attention to the Lady Bulldogs.

Goal keeper Carlee Ramos was a stone wall, protecting the Gonzales net from the Yoakum attackers, earning another shutout in net.

Meanwhile, the Lady Apaches broke through the Lady Bulldog defense in the first half with a goal from Perez. Izaguirre provided an insurance goal in the second half to push the Lady Apaches to the win.

The win moved the Gonzales ladies to 6-4-5 on the season and 3-3-1 in District 28-4A play, with three matches left to play.

Lady Apaches drop road match to Beeville

By Louis Decker
The Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches' playoff hopes are still alive, but the road to the playoffs got a lot harder, after they were shut out by the district-leading, and unbeaten, Jones Trojans, 3-0, Tuesday night, on the road in Beeville.

The Trojans were able to keep the

Gonzales offense off-balance, and off the scoreboard, while putting home a goal in the first half to take a 1-0 lead at halftime. Beeville added two more goals in the second half to put the contest out of reach.

The Lady Apaches are now 6-5-5 on the season, and 3-4-1 in District 28-4A play, which puts them in third place currently. Gonzales has two more games to improve their

playoff standing, beginning with their final home game on Friday night against the Palacios Sharks, a team the Lady Apaches battled to a scoreless tie earlier in the district campaign.

JV will get underway at 5:30pm with the varsity to follow at 7pm. The Lady Apaches will close out the regular season on the road in Rockport, Tuesday night.



Gonzales' Duran Mendoza goes up to head the ball against a Calhoun player in Tuesday's home district game. The Apaches lost the contest, 2-0.

LOUIS DECKER

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Aransas Pass plated one more run in the bottom of the seventh to close out the scoring, but it was not enough.

Jarren Johnson picked up the complete game victory, giving up five runs (only one earned) on five hits while striking out 11 Panther batters. Johnson also led the hit parade with four hits, all doubles, and four RBI and a run scored. Joe Canales, Jr. also had four hits, to go with two runs scored. Jared Cook, Carson Gaytan and Sam De La Garza also had multi-hit games, with three, two and two hits, respectively. Paul DeLeon, Weston Ruddock and Dakota DuBose each collected a hit, as well. Gaytan also had a multi-RBI game,

with 2.

The Apaches followed up by downing Gregory-Portland JV, 11-1, in a game called after four innings, due to time limit. Kason Tieken picked up the complete game victory, allowing one run on three hits over four innings. Tieken and Gaytan led the 10-hit attack with three and two hits, apiece. T. J. Riojas, Brady Barfield, Canales, Cook and Johnson also collected hits.

Following Friday's games, the teams were ranked based on their winning percentage, and the Apaches just missed the semifinals, being seeded fifth. Despite not playing for the tournament championship, the Tribe completed an

undefeated weekend by downing the Taft Greyhounds, 4-0, in Ingleside.

The Tribe plated a run in the first, two more in the second, and capped the scoring with a run in the fourth, while keeping Taft off the scoreboard for all six innings. The game was shortened due to time limit.

Gaytan and Canales combined on the shutout, with Canales picking up the win. Gaytan worked four scoreless innings, allowing only one hit, while walking three and striking out six. Canales gave up two hits in two innings, and struck out three. Canales and Cook each collected two hits to lead the six-hit attack. DuBose and Johnson each had a

hit as well.

The tournament was won by Santa Gertrudis Academy, who went a perfect 5-0 with wins over Orange Grove, Ben Bolt and Taft in pool play, Port Aransas in the semifinal and Ingleside in the finals.

The Apaches were scheduled to play in Sealy on Tuesday night, but the game was canceled due to the weather. The Tribe will be in action this weekend in Hallettsville in the Jimmy Appelt Classic. Gonzales will play a pair of games Thursday evening, against Schulenburg and Hallettsville, before returning to action on Friday against Killeen Shoemaker and Saturday against the Shiner Comanches.

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scored two runs to trim the deficit to one run, but were unable to score the equalizer.

The Lady Mustangs pounded out nine hits in the victory. Mady Velasquez and Kendall Amaya were both 2-for-4 in the contest, with each scoring a run. Velasquez had a single RBI, while Amaya drove in two. Haile Houseton, Carlee Cano, Emily Granados, and Haven Davis were all 1-for-3 in the contest, while Mary Kate Garcia went 1-for-4.

Amaya went the distance in the circle to pick up the win. She allowed five runs (three earned) on seven hits, walked three and struck out four. Her record on the season is 1-2.

The Lady Mustangs are 4-9 on the season. They are back in action on Friday night, hosting an inter-county showdown against the Gonzales Lady Apaches. The action gets underway with JV at 5pm, followed by the varsity teams at around 7pm.

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ing three runs (all earned) on six hits, walking three and striking out seven.

Springfield scored the lone run for Gonzales against King, as she went 2-for-2 at the plate. De La Garza, Josslynn Estrada and Sydney McCray also tallied hits in the game. De La Garza was tagged with the loss after only working into the second inning. Sarah Padilla and Springfield also saw time in the circle.

The Lady Apaches had some success at the plate against Ellison, tallying seven hits, led by Kelly Breitschopf and Estrada, who had two hits each. Springfield, Padilla and Villanueva had a hit each, while Springfield drove in two runners. Estrada and McCray each had an RBI. Springfield was the pitcher of record against the Eagles.

Springfield and Haley Bairrington each had a hit and scored a run against Victoria East. Dakota Schmidt collected a hit and drove in both runs, while Estrada had the only other hit of the game for Gonzales.



Louis Decker
Amaya Rodriguez waits on a pitch in a game earlier this season against Giddings. The Lady Apaches look to snap a six-game losing streak on Friday, when they travel to Nixon to face the Lady Mustangs.

GONZALES

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Despite collecting 13 hits in the game, the Lady Apaches were unable to string those hits together to produce more runs. Gonzales got multi-hit games from Springfield, who was 3-for-3, De La Garza, and Sarah Padilla, both 2-for-4,

and Abbie Villanueva, who was 2-for-3. Schmidt was 1-for-3, Amaya Rodriguez was 1-for-2 and Josslynn Estrada was 1-for-4. De La Garza pitched the complete game and took the loss, despite striking out 11 Lady Eagle hitters.

The Lady Apaches, now 7-9 on the season, will travel to Nixon on Friday night, to face in-county rival Nixon-Smiley. The Lady Apaches won the previous matchup between the teams, 12-2, back in February at the Lehman Tournament.

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two innings of work, allowing the lone run. Barillet had the only other hit of the night for the Mustangs with a double in the third inning.

In Saturday's game, the Mustangs let a lead slip away late, as the Yorktown Wildcats took advantage of three errors in a six-run sixth inning, en route to a 9-6 victory. The teams exchanged the lead four times and were tied three other occasions in the back-in-forth contest, as Nixon-Smiley scored single runs in the first, third and fourth innings, while Yorktown scored single markers in the second, third and fourth. The Mustangs took a short-lived lead in the bottom of the fifth with a three-run outburst before Yorktown rallied in the top of the sixth.

Five different Mustang pitchers took the hill in the contest. Flores started the game before being relieved in the second inning by Barillet. Kitchens came on in relief in the fourth, before giving way to Munoz to start the sixth. Munoz was saddled with the loss before giving way to Martinez, who closed out the game. Martinez had two hits and scored two runs to lead the way at the plate. Kitchens and Sebastian Ortiz each had a hit and scored a run as the 'Stangs managed only four hits in the game.

GJHS ROUNDUP

Boys track

The seventh and eighth grade Gonzales Junior High boys track team competed at the Cuero Track Meet on March 7.

The seventh grade boys finished third overall:

- 4 x 100 Relay: 1st place- Darian Cardoza, James Sanchez, Brodi Ramos, Keath White Jr.
- 2400m: 1st place- Christopher Gonzales
- Long Jump: 3rd place- Brodi Ramos
- 100m: 1st place- Keath White Jr.
- 110m Hurdles: 2nd place- Jesus Maldonado
- Shotput: 2nd place- Keath White Jr.
- 800m: 1st place- Christopher Gonzales
- Long Jump: 2nd Place- Darian Cardoza
- High Jump: Tie 3rd place- Tommy Barnes, James Sanchez
- 4 x 200 Relay: 4th place- Darian Cardoza, James Sanchez, Brodi Ramos, Keath White Jr.
- 300m Hurdles: 4th place- Damian Hunt
- 800m: 4th place- Damian Orduna
- 4 x 400 Relay: 5th place- James Meeh, Eduardo Grifaldo, Christopher Gonzales, Damian Orduna
- 300m Hurdles: 5th place- John Rios
- 110m Hurdles: 5th place- Isaac Leon
- 300m Hurdles: 6th place- Isaac Leon
- 100m: 6th place- James Sanchez

The eighth grade boys finished in fourth place overall:

- 1600m: 2nd place- Christopher Ramos
- 2400m: 2nd place- Christopher Ramos
- Shotput- 2nd place- Jayden Balderas
- 4 x 200 Relay: 3rd place- Lanom Rhoades, Daevien Pitts, Martin Cantu, Travis Malveaux
- 4 x 100 Relay: 3rd place- Lanom Rhoades, Daevien Pitts, Martin Cantu, Travis Malveaux
- 100m: 3rd place- Martin Cantu
- 110m Hurdles: 3rd place- Cody Hall
- 300m Hurdles: 3rd place- Cody Hall
- Long Jump: 4th Place- Daevien Pitts
- 1600m: 4th Place- Kevin Reyna
- Discus: 6th place- Lanom Rhoades
- 2400m: 5th place- Cain Cardoza
- 4 x 400 Relay: 5th place- Cody Hall, Carlos Almaguer, Travis Malveaux, Bill Greathoust

The seventh and eighth grade boys also competed at the Navarro Track Meet on March 2.

The seventh grade boys placed second overall:

- 100m- 1st place: Keath White Jr. 4th place: James Sanchez
- 200m- 6th place: Damian Orduna
- 400m- 2nd place: Darian Cardoza
- 800m- 3rd place: Christopher Gonzales 4th place: Damian Orduna
- 2400m- 1st place: Christopher Gonzales
- 300m Hurdles: 2nd place: Damian Hunt
- 4x100 Relay: 2nd place: Keath White Jr., James Sanchez, Darian Cardoza, Brodi Ramos
- 4x200 Relay: 2nd place: Keath White Jr., James Sanchez, Darian Cardoza, Brodi Ramos
- 4x400 Relay: 3rd place: Damian Orduna, Christopher Gonzales, Tyler Griffin, Eduardo Grifaldo

- Long Jump: 2nd place: Darian Cardoza
- Shotput: 1st place: Keath White Jr.
- Discus: 3rd place: Bryce Eleby, 4th place: Anthony Rosales, 6th place: Keath White Jr.
- Triple Jump: 5th place: Brealien Jones
- High Jump: 1st place: Tommy Barnes, 3rd place: James Sanchez, 4th place: Brealien Jones

The eighth grade boys finished in fourth place overall:

- 100m: 1st place- David Clack, 4th place- R.J. Stewart, 6th place- Martin Cantu
- 400m: 3rd place- Travis Malveaux
- 1600m: 2nd place- Christopher Ramos
- 2400m: 2nd place- Christopher Ramos 5th place- Ty Behlen
- 110m Hurdles: 3rd place- Cody Hall
- 4x100 Relay: 3rd place- David Clack, Daevien Pitts, Lanom Rhoades, Martin Cantu
- 4x200 Relay: 1st place- David Clack, Daevien Pitts, Lanom Rhoades, Martin Cantu
- 4x400 Relay: 5th place- Cody Hall, Rylan Condell, R.J. Stewart, Travis Malveaux
- Long Jump: 5th place- Daevien Pitts
- Shotput: 2nd place- Jayden Balderas
- Discus: 2nd place- Marcus Lampkin 5th place- Lanom Rhoades
- Triple Jump: 6th place: Travis Malveaux
- High Jump: 1st place- R.J. Stewart 2nd place- David Clack

Girls track

The seventh and eighth grade girls also competed at the Cuero Track Meet:

7th Grade Girls

- 100m dash- Alize Miller (1st place)
- 200m dash- Kaylen Gonzales (2nd place)
- 800m run- Jordyn Gonzales (3rd place), Alaina Valle (2nd Place)
- 2400m run- Jordyn Gonzales (3rd place)
- 300m Hurdles- Alaina Valle (3rd place)
- 400m relay- Paisley Gibson, Kaylen Gonzales, Alize Miller, Shakayden Clack (3rd place)
- 800m Relay- Kaylen Gonzales, Alize Miller, Shakayden Clack, Paisley Gibson (3rd place)
- Shotput- KeaAnna White (1st place)
- Discus- Kieryah Greathouse (3rd place), KeaAnna White (1st place)
- Triple Jump- Alize Miller (2nd place)

8th Grade Girls

- 100m dash- Jayda Glass (1st place)
- 800m run- Yesi Melchor (2nd place), Marianelly Martinez (1st place)
- 1600m run- Marianelly Martinez (3rd place)
- 2400m run- Marianelly Martinez (2nd place)
- 300m Hurdles- Aubrey Lindemann (3rd place)
- 400m Relay- Jayda Glass, Tenley Matias, Addie Escobedo, Paige Kuntschik (2nd place)
- 1600m Relay- Jayda Glass, Yesi Melchor, Addie Escobedo, Paige Kuntschik (3rd place)
- Long Jump- Jayda Glass (3rd place)
- Triple Jump- Jayda Glass (2nd place)
- Shotput- Isabella Ikard (3rd place)
- Discus- Serenity Smith (1st place)
- High Jump- Maddie Blackwell (2nd place), Tenley Matias (1st place)



Participants display their work at Gonzales Stock Show on Sat. at J.B. Wells show barn.



Robotics team makes concessions available during the Gonzales stock show in order to help pay for the team to buy supplies and travel to competitions.

GONZALES STOCK SHOW DRAWS A CROWD



Brayden Davis and Dalton Pape show off their BBQ pit at the stock show in Gonzales, above. Left, Emery and Gracyn Kennedy show rabbits at the J.B. Wells show barn.



Ahren Hattenbach takes multiple prizes in bake show for his flourless chocolate cake.



Colton Krueger takes first place in the heavyweight division.



Laramie Mills gets ready to show for her second year in the bucket calf program.



Ellie Lester exhibits at the stock show in Gonzales.

GHS places five players on All-District hoops squad

From staff reports

All five starting Gonzales Apache basketball players were named to an All-District team recently.

Senior Jeremiah Hastings was named the District 27-4A Co-Defensive Player of

the Year, while senior Xavier Aguayo and junior Angel Martinez were named to the first team All-District.

Senior Brady Barfield received second team honors, and senior Alex Escobedo was named honorable mention.



ALAMO REMEMBRANCE

Young Texians give a performance at the Gonzales Memorial Museum and participate in a ceremony honoring those who fought and died at the Alamo.



FLOAT FEST 2022 LINEUP



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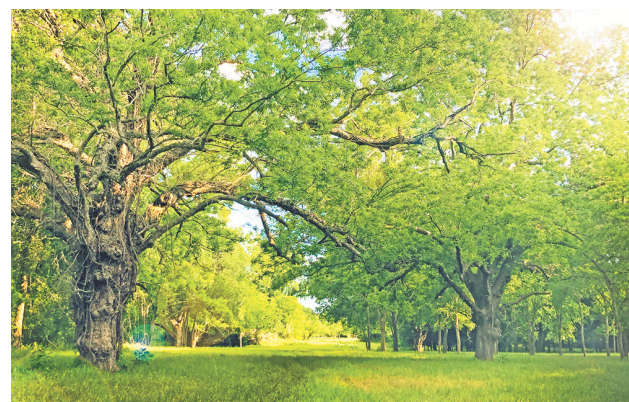
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“Our Float fam’ can expect an unparalleled summer experience that celebrates our roots as the first and only Texas music festival centered around floating the river and camping – true Texas traditions,” said Marcus Federman, Float Fest Founder. “Our lineup, experiential offering and new, pristine Ranch location make this a can’t miss event.”

The festival will be held on a 765-acre private ranch in Gonzales, situated right off of major highway US 183. Daily shuttles will be offered from major cities, including San Marcos to and from the ranch, and are available for purchase on the Float Fest website.

The location is adjacent to the city center of Gonzales, providing access to grocery stores, retailers, hotels, restaurants, and more. The ranch is three times the size of the previous Float Fest venue and offers a multitude of benefits to festival goers.

With more than 450 acres of natural trees creating shaded canopies around a majority of camping sites, fans attending will have their pick of excellent options to stay on site. The Pecan Forest — named for the 100-200 foot tall natural pecan trees that encompass the area — and The Grove both have general and preferred camping locations which of-



Fans attending Float Fest will have their pick of excellent options to stay on site. The Pecan Forest and The Grove both have general and preferred camping locations.

fer the closest proximity to main festival grounds and tubing entry point.

VIP Music ticket holders have the option to purchase a VIP Camping pass which offers the closest proximity to the main festival grounds and tubing entry, exclusive showers and amenities. Prices vary per location and each camping spot is 20 feet x 20 feet, which is good for 1 vehicle and/or tent(s) — depending on the size.

Attendees must have a music wristband to access the camping grounds, and separate camping pass must be purchased per vehicle and/or tent(s).

The Float Fest ranch also offers a completely enhanced, two-mile tubing experience. With the Guadalupe River forming a horseshoe shape around the entire festival site, the river entry and exit points are conveniently located within walking distance. Guests will have access to a new Draft Beer Bar at the tubing entry point to fill up their own container and eliminate the need for lugging a heavy cooler.

Coca-Cola will be the presenting sponsor of the event in support of the brand’s summer campaign, launching this May. The company plans to offer several promotions in the leadup to the event and will have numerous activations on-site to

engage attendees and help them make the most of their summer and festival experience.

“Float Fest is the perfect way to bring summer alive for Coca-Cola fans in Texas and the surrounding states,” said Ryan Keen, Senior Marketing Manager, Central Zone, for The Coca-Cola Company. “As presenting sponsor, we have some big plans to share in the coming months to refresh, engage and entertain the Float Fest fam.”

For a limited time only, guests can purchase a discounted weekend GA Music and Tubing bundle, which includes access to all music programming and tubing on Saturday and Sunday. Those seeking a more deluxe offering can spring for a limited quantity, VIP Premium Weekend pass, which offers access to all music programming, side stage viewing with direct access to a private backstage bar and lounge located behind the stage, VIP-only air-conditioned indoor area, weekend tubing pass, exclusive merch package (\$50 value) and more.

Festival goers can begin arriving as soon as noon Friday, July 22 and those with weekend passes will have access to an exclusive Float Fest kick-off party on Friday night. Entertainment will be announced at a later date.

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DAWN RISES OVER THE ALAMO



Members of the local Sons of the Republic of Texas chapter brought the Immortal 32 wreath from Gonzales to be laid at the Alamo for the Dawn of the Alamo observance on Sunday, March 6.



The Sons of the Republic of Texas hold lit candles during a silent moment at the Dawn at the Alamo observance.



Descendants of the Immortal 32 and members of the Young Texians placed a wreath with the Come and Take It flag and 41 white roses at the Alamo to honor the 41 men from Gonzales who lost their lives when the Alamo fell to the Mexican Army on March 6, 1836.



A musket volley is fired off in memory of those who lost their lives at the Alamo during Sunday's observance.



CPS Investigator Ashley Molina and Administrative Assistant Jeannie Padilla give a glimpse into the types of supplies that are kept for children in the Rainbow Room.



New children's books and clothing are stored in the CPS Rainbow Room for children in need.

RAINBOW

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drive, which earned money to buy the playpens."

A Rainbow Room is a place where toys and essential items like blankets and baby bottles are stored for children and families who need them. Cleaning products and brooms, sheets and bedding, toothbrushes, car seats, cribs, and other necessities are collected and kept there to help when a family cannot afford them. Games and toys can also help comfort children who are going through a difficult time.

Special Investigator Daniel Beyer said that CPS relies on donations to keep the local Rainbow Room stocked. Administrative Assistant Jeannie Padilla pointed out a small stack of diapers that might last one family about a week.

"We need donations year-round," Padilla said, "we need all sizes and wipes. Toys are welcome, too."

"Toys can be given to children for birthdays and Christmas. Some families don't have Christmas at all. They also provide a coping mechanism when children are being placed because they come here with nothing," said CPS Investigator Ashley Molina.

Things like new shoes and clothes, highchairs and hygiene products are often needed, though food and formula are hard to keep stored because they expire. Gift cards can be donated for items like that. To make a donation, contact (830) 672-6561.



Gary Luinstra of the San Antonio Living History Association gets ready to play Santa Anna during the Dawn at the Alamo observance on Sunday, March 6.



I am very humbled and blessed with everyone's support throughout my campaign. Thank you for voting for me, supporting me, providing encouragement, helping distribute signs, and everything else it takes to run a successful campaign. It truly takes a village, or in this instance a County. I appreciate the voters for giving me the opportunity to continue serving as your County Judge, it is an honor.

I will continue to work hard to make Gonzales County the best place to live and raise a family. My door is always open. Please feel free to contact me at any time, if you should have questions or concerns regarding our County.

*Thank you again and God Bless us All,
Patrick C Davis, County Judge*

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, May 7, 2022

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of property taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled in order to reflect any statutory reduction in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the person's homestead from the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from property taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."