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## FOGAS not renewing cat shelter contract

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS**  
The Gonzales Inquirer

After 18 years of service, The Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter will not renew its contract with the city of Gonzales as a cat shelter. During its 18 years of service, the non-profit organization has run as a “no-kill” facility, and no cats were killed to make space for new intakes, according to a FOGAS press release.

“This was achieved largely through grants providing just over \$500,000 in new funds from outside our community,” the press release stated. “These funds were mainly for spay/neuter of dogs and cats owned by county residents and trap/neuter/return to field for community owned cats.” Due to old age, three of the FOGAS’s most active volunteers are in their 80s and dealing with health

challenges. “We, like 70% of animal rescue groups, will not be operating a shelter. We’ll revert to being a foster care network and seek out additional spay/neuter grants as we always have,” the press release continued. FOGAS member Chris Weaver said the shelter has a lot property, equipment, and possessions that a

“ We, like 70% of animal rescue groups, will not be operating a shelter. We’ll revert to being a foster care network and seek out additional spay/neuter grants as we always have.”

—Friends of Gonzales Animal Shelter

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CONTRIBUTED

2022 Texas Better Newspaper contest sweepstakes winners are (from left) Victoria Advocate in Division 2, Keith Kohn; Uvalde Leader-News in Division 3, Meghann Garcia; The Nacogdoches Sentinel, in Division 4, Rick Craig; Taylor Press in Division 5, Jason Hennington; Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post in Division 6, Ken Cooke; Gonzales Inquirer in Division 7, Lew Cohn; Pilot Point Post Signal in Division 8, Abigail Allen; and Vernon Daily Record in Division 9, Daniel and Elinor Walker. The Walkers are also displaying the Division 10 sweepstakes for the Clarendon Enterprise. The awards were presented at the closing event of the 2023 Texas Press Association Convention and Trade Show in Round Rock.

## Oldest (and best) weekly newspaper in Texas! Inquirer wins Sweepstakes at Texas Press Association contest

**BY LEW K. COHN**  
Inquirer Publisher

“We are the champions!” The seminal Queen song applies to the Gonzales Inquirer — and by extension, the entire Gonzales County community — as your hometown newspaper was

crowned the Sweepstakes winner for Division 7 at the 2022 Texas Press Association Better Newspaper Contest this past weekend. The Inquirer collected a trophy case full of hardware with first-place plaques in nine categories: Public Notice, Advertising, Editorial, Feature Photography, Gener-

al Excellence, News Photography, Page Design, Sports Coverage and Sports Photography. Add to that second-place finishes in Feature Writing and News Writing, a third place in Column Writing and fourth-place finishes

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## Texas Water Safari returns to Gonzales to celebrate 60 years

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

For 60 years, organizers have called it the “world’s toughest canoe race.” And this weekend, Texas Water Safari again will have one of its checkpoints in Gonzales. The 60th Texas Water Safari shoves off from the Texas State University Meadows Center for Water and the Environment in San Marcos (the former Aquare-

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## KEYS TO THE CITY



Nixon City Manager Harold Rice presents a “key to the city” to Jarrod and Jen Birmingham at the regular city council meeting on Monday, June 5. Jarrod Birmingham was the headline act for the Feather Fest on Cinco de Mayo the city held last month. He praised the city for the work they did to put the festival together. Birmingham was giving a shout out to other members of the council and the Feather Fest committee.

LEW K. COHN

NIXON

## Council establishes parameters for new Tourism Board

**BY LEW K. COHN**  
Inquirer Publisher

The Nixon City Council voted Monday, June 5 to establish the terms and requirements for the new Tourism and Development Board and approved the leadership of that advisory board as well.

However, the council voted not to change the name of the board to the Municipal Development District on the advice of City Attorney Eddie Escobedo due to the ramifications such a move could have on the city’s budget.

Monday’s meeting saw the swearing in of new City Council members Patsy Vigil Scherrer and Melissa Mendez Pompa, both of whom took their seats on the council

dias and participated in the decision-making process. It also saw appreciation plaques being given to the family of the late Mary Ann Fatheree, who served on the council until her death in January, and to Jarrod and Jen Birmingham after Jarrod Birmingham was the headline performer at last month’s Feather Fest on Cinco de Mayo.

On a motion by Justin La Fleur, the council adopted a motion that members of the Tourism and Development Board would be appointed by the council for a term of two years from the date of appointment and “shall not be convicted felons or previously convicted of a crime of

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## GEDC hires Sankey as new economic development director

**SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER**

The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation is touting the hiring of its newest economic development director, who has 20 years of experience in the non-profit sector with an extensive background.

The City of Gonzales and the Gonzales Economic Development Board announced Tues-

day, June 6, that Susan Sankey has accepted the position as Economic Development Director for Gonzales.

The position plans, organizes, and directs economic development for the city through the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, strengthening local tax base, and improving the economic environment

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Sankey



## Gonzales County jobless rate falls to 3.2 percent

**BY LEW K. COHN**  
Inquirer Publisher

Unemployment in Gonzales County fell by three-tenths

of a percent in April 2023, according to state Labor Market Information (LMI) figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

While unemployment in the county did fall to 3.2 percent from the previous 3.5 percent in March, Gonzales County did not have the low-

est jobless rate of the seven counties which comprise the Golden Crescent Workforce

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# Adult dancers integral part of 'The Sleeping Beauty'

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Three adult dancers will be an integral part of the troupe that will perform in Come and Take It Dance's upcoming "The Sleeping Beauty," to be staged at the Crystal Theatre in Gonzales this weekend.

Performances will be at noon and 7 p.m. June 10 and 2 p.m. June 11 at the Crystal Theatre. Tickets can only be purchased online at [comeandtakeitdance.com](http://comeandtakeitdance.com) for \$30 per person and there will be assigned seating.

### JONAH GOODWIN

Jonah Goodwin, a dynamic 22-year-old, has found purpose as a Rehab Educator at Rehab Without Walls. In this role, Jonah provides care and support to individuals suffering from traumatic and acquired brain injuries. His work involves teaching them essential communication skills and life abilities, empowering them to regain independence and rebuild their lives after experiencing significant losses. Concurrently, Jonah is pursuing his education at Texas State University, majoring in Communication Studies while pursuing minors in Business

Administration and Philosophy. Although dance entered Jonah's life relatively recently, in July of the previous year, it has since become an integral part of his journey. The catalyst for his dance adventure was his mother, Brandy Low, who had been attending dance classes at Come and Take It Dance. Encouraged by her, Jonah joined a hip-hop class taught by Rubi de Leon. It was during these classes that he crossed paths with Gary Franco, who would soon become a pivotal figure in Jonah's dance endeavors. Despite initial hesitation, Jonah was convinced to try a barre ballet class, which turned out to be a physically demanding and challenging experience. Yet, the difficulty of the art form inspired him to persevere, and under Gary's guidance, Jonah found a means to express himself through dance. Gary's graceful movements and dedication inspired Jonah to strive for excellence in all aspects of his life. Jonah credits him with not only teaching him the art of dance but also pushing him to reach his full potential. A significant milestone for Jonah was his participation in the Nutcracker, where he had the opportunity to perform as the Russian. This experience stood out as one of



Goodwin

the most profound moments in his life, allowing him to share the beauty of dance with the community of Gonzales. The supportive network of individuals he encountered, including Gary, Guy, and fellow dancers, reinforced Jonah's belief in the power of art and provided him with unwavering encouragement to pursue his passion for dance. Jonah considers himself incredibly fortunate to have met these influential figures who continue to inspire him along his dance journey.

### KAYLAUNI FALKS

KayLauni Falks, a 27-year-old personal trainer from a small town, has rekindled her passion for dance. At the age of 12



Falks

to 14, she took Hip-Hop and Jazz classes at a studio in Gonzales and briefly continued her dance journey in California. Throughout junior high and high school, KayLauni shifted her focus towards acting in Theatre Arts, with dance taking a back seat.

However, about two years ago, KayLauni reignited her love for dance by starting private Hip-Hop lessons with Rubi DeLeon. In November,

she ventured into ballet under the guidance of Gary Franco at Come and Take It Dance, where she also participated in the production of the Nutcracker. The experience was truly phenomenal as Gary brought in four professional ballerinas he had worked with or taught in the past. Their exceptional talent and artistry ignited KayLauni's interest in ballet even further. She eagerly looks forward to continuing her journey with them and is excited about the possibility of meeting new dancers along the way.

Having always cherished dancing, KayLauni is grateful to have returned to the art form and is delighted to be immersed in it once again.

### RUBI DE LEON

Rubi de Leon, a talented 30-year-old, wears multiple hats as a cosmetologist, dancer, HALARA brand ambassador, and MK sales beauty agent. She feels honored to dance alongside professional ballet dancers and be part of ballet productions.

Rubi's journey in dance began at the age of 6 when she discovered her natural gift. Her first talent show victory solidi-

fied her passion for dance, and she pursued her dream of becoming a professional dancer. During her high school days, Rubi excelled in breakdancing and even competed in the University of Houston breakdance prelims. In 2009, she was accepted into the International Performing Arts Academy, where she further honed her skills in acting and modeling.

In 2010, Rubi started teaching hip-hop dance and choreographing performances for quinceañeras, sweet 16s, and other street dance styles like electro dance. In 2019, she became part of RAW Natural Born ARTIST and had the opportunity to perform at the House of Blues in Houston, Texas, showcasing her flow-art props such as hula hoop dance and silk fans dance.

In October 2022, Rubi embarked on a new journey by learning ballet at Come and Take It Dance, culminating in her participation in the Nutcracker production. This experience marked a significant milestone in her dance career.

Rubi's diverse range of talents and her dedication to her craft have allowed her to excel in various artistic pursuits. She continues to embrace new opportunities and challenges, bringing her unique flair and passion to each endeavor.

## NIXON HONORS LATE COUNCIL MEMBER MARY ANN FATHEREE



LEW K. COHN

Delores Perales, right, is overcome with emotion on Monday, June 5, as Nixon Mayor Dorothy Riojas presents her with a plaque honoring her late sister Mary Ann Fatherree, who served as a Nixon City Council member until her passing in January 2023.

## CORRECTION

An incorrect photo was used for 2023 Gonzales High School graduate Colby Webb in the Inquirer's graduation section which came out on June 1. This is the correct photo for Webb, who graduated with his class on Friday, May 26, at Apache Field. The Inquirer regrets the error.



Colby Webb

# What happened to the June Concert Series?

## Gonzales Main Street redirects efforts to create community engagement

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

For 14 years, Gonzales Main Street has held a concert on the square every weekend in June. Since 2008, Gonzales has been host to hundreds of bands. Names like Austin Meed, Chris Ryback, LC Rocks, Magnifico Siete and many others have graced our stage and community over the years.

The primary goal of the June Concert Series was to bring the community together to enjoy downtown Gonzales. Unfortunately, the turnout for the 2022 June Concert Series was truly lacking. Whether it was the heat, the scheduling, the end of the pandemic, or something else, it's hard to say. But if the goal is community engagement, it appears as though the event had run its course.

After the end of the 2022 June Concert Series, the Gonzales Main Street Board voted to do away with it in favor of hosting multiple events throughout the year.

"Rather than focusing all our energy and resources on one month

of community events, we would like to promote our downtown all year long," said Board President Britney Jones-Caka. "Bringing our community together by offering multiple events throughout the year allows us to partner with various organizations and create ongoing community engagement in our downtown area."

This year, Gonzales Main Street brought back the City-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, April 15, 2023; and Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 6, 2023. They also organized a new event, Main Street Round-up, during the TJHRA State Finals to encourage Rodeo attendees to shop Main Street. They also host quarterly Main Street Business Roundtables.

Upcoming events for 2023 include:

- Saturday, June 17 @ Independence Square – Juneteenth Concert, Celebration & Lighted Parade
- Thursday, June 22 @ Downtown Businesses – 4th Thursday on Main (businesses open late, traveling musician at various businesses)
- Tuesday, July 4 @ Independence Square – Star Spangled Spectacular Concert, Fireworks and more
- Thursday, July 27 @ Downtown Businesses – 4th Thursday on Main (businesses open late, traveling musician at various businesses)
- Saturday, August 5 @

Independence Square – Back-to-School Bash & Meet the Apache Night

- Thursday, August 24 @ Downtown Businesses – 4th Thursday on Main (businesses open late, traveling musician at various businesses)

- Saturday, September 23 @ Come & Take It Dance Studio – Royal Prince & Princess Ball for all ages

- Saturday, October 28 @ Downtown Squares – Happy Fall Y'all, Trunk-R-Treat, and Old Jail Tours

- Saturday, November 25 @ Downtown Businesses – Sip, Shop, Savor-Shop Small Business Saturday

- Saturday, December

2 @ Downtown Squares – Gonzales Annual Winterfest Celebration & Lighted Christmas Parade

"We want to see our community come out and enjoy one another and enjoy our downtown offerings. We encourage everyone to join us. The more support we have from the community, the more we are able to do" says Main Street Director Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla. "Follow us on Facebook, subscribe to the newspaper, find us on the city website or look for our event posters in our downtown business. We want to get the word out that we are doing more with your support."

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## Celebrations

### Birthdays

<p><b>June 8th</b> Barbara Koricanek Helen Malatek Omar Torres</p> <p><b>June 9th</b> Phyllis Meredith Jeanette Pekar</p> <p><b>June 10th</b> Liz Adams Brenda Caldwell John Zavadil</p> <p><b>June 11th</b> Cora Brown Christy Day</p>	<p><b>June 12th</b> Angela Hood Seaborn Rountree Elizabeth Steemer Dean Vinklerek</p> <p><b>June 12th</b> Tristan Barta Yvonne Lopez Karen Martinez Christina Molina Julio Torres</p> <p><b>June 14th</b> Leslie Bowden Ethan Edwards Darlene Fortune Connie Kacir Dean Wyman</p>
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## Gonzales Weather

	<b>June 8</b> 88°/68°	A thunderstorm in spots 45% chance of rain • RealFeel 102
	<b>June 9</b> 90°/71°	Cloudy with a stray t-storm 43% chance of rain • RealFeel 93
	<b>June 10</b> 93°/73°	Mostly sunny with a t-storm 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 98
	<b>June 11</b> 94°/73°	Partly sunny 2% chance of rain • RealFeel 99
	<b>June 12</b> 94°/73°	Mostly sunny 2% chance of rain • RealFeel 97
	<b>June 13</b> 95°/73°	Mostly sunny 3% chance of rain • RealFeel 104
	<b>June 14</b> 95°/74°	Sunny 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 98

# Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

June 8th – South Texas Tour

June 10th-11th – S Productions

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## USDA extends deadline for Organic Market Development Grants

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the deadline for the Organic Market Development Grants (OMDG) Request for Applications (RFA) to August 8, 2023.

Through OMDG, USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will issue up to \$75 million in competitive grants. Eligible entities include businesses that produce or handle organic foods, non-profit organizations, tribal governments, and state and local government entities to fund projects designed to expand and improve markets for domestically produced organic products. OMDG is intended to increase the consumption of domestic agricultural commodities by aiding in the expansion of markets or development of new markets, marketing facilities, and uses for such commodities. For example, applicants may seek funding to develop and launch new consumer products using rotational grains or invest in infrastructure like processing equipment to give producers better access to markets.

AMS encourages applications that serve smaller farms and ranches, new and beginning farmers and ranchers, underserved producers, veteran producers and underserved communities.

Applications must be submitted through [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by August 8, 2023.



METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

## Garden Q&A

with CALVIN FINCH



## Preventing blossom end rot, keeping algae out of bird baths and more

**Q. What causes blossom end rot of tomatoes? Can I prevent it?**

A. Blossom End Rot is caused by a break in the calcium availability to the plant because water availability is not steady. It does not usually reduce Blossom End Rot by adding calcium, but it helps to make sure the tomatoes don't dry out between watering. Weather is an important factor too. If the plant is growing aggressively in response to weather modifications, it is more likely to contribute to causing blossom end rot. Some tomato varieties are also more likely to be susceptible to blossom end rot and growing the plants in small containers also seems to contribute. To the problem.

**Q. We have several bird baths in place, and they are heavily used by many species of birds. Is it a problem if algae grow in the birdbaths or do we need to clean it out every day?**

A. It is best in the long run if the algae population is controlled by rinsing and occasional treatment with vinegar, but it is not a major issue. My bird baths grow algae but just like yours the birds still seem to relish the water that is available.

**Q. We have used tatuma squash this spring instead of regular summer squash to prevent attacks by the vine borers. It is working great. I have related the success to my local nursery, but he still does not offer Tatuma on his seed rack. Why is he so stubborn, does he not believe the results?**

A. Gardeners like regular sum-

mer squash even if it is susceptible to vine borers and it is not always easy to add new seed selections to the rack especially if the addition is only sought in a small area of a wholesaler's sales area. We will just have to keep buying the Tatuma seed from computer sales outlets until demand is high enough for our local retailers to connect with a willing wholesale supplier.

**Q. It took us awhile because of the freezes last winter to get our sweet peas to grow but they are wonderful now with the bright colors and fragrance. How long will they last this summer?**

A. Depending how fast the weather turns hot they will probably last through June. Have you been able to use them for cut flowers in addition to being displayed in the flower garden?

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## LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

### GONZALES LIVESTOCK

June 3  
 Cattle: 1319  
 Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold steady. Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 272-285; 300-400 lbs., 265-270; 400-500 lbs., 235-261; 500-600 lbs., 225-231; 600-700 lbs., 205-215; 700-800 lbs., 178-201. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 80-115. Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 245-260; 300-400 lbs., 237-241; 400-500 lbs., 211-230; 500-600 lbs., 205-209; 600-700 lbs., 175-198. Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 78-88; Cutters, 94-103; Canners, 52-77; High yielding fat cows, 88-95. Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 108-120; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 97-105. Stockers Cows: \$750 to \$1,700.

Pairs: \$1,100 to \$1,900.

### NIXON LIVESTOCK

June 5  
 Cattle – 1267  
 Steers:  
 200-300 lbs - \$255-265-335  
 300-400 lbs - \$267-277-325  
 400-500 lbs - \$233-243-305  
 500-600 lbs - \$215-225-325  
 600-700 lbs - \$198-208-249  
 700-800 lbs - \$183-193-219  
 Heifers:  
 200-300 lbs - \$265-275-340  
 300-400 lbs - \$230-240-285  
 400-500 lbs - \$213-223-275  
 500-600 lbs - \$197-207-290  
 600-700 lbs - \$184-194-275  
 700-800 lbs - \$166-176-193  
 Slaughter Cows - \$41-106  
 Slaughter Bulls - \$90-126  
 Stocker Cows - \$600-1175  
 Pairs: \$1200-1825  
 We will be closed on July 3, 2023!

### CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

June 2, 2023  
 Number of head 1,222  
 There were 112 cows and 15 bulls. The packer market on cows and bulls was fully steady with last week's levels. Demand

continues very strong keeping prices high. The calf market was much higher on weights under 600 pounds. Heavier weights were a little higher meaning all classes ended up higher. The per head value was over \$16/cwt higher resulting in over \$60 per head more value!  
 Packer bulls: 110.00-127.00  
 Packer cows:  
 canners & cutters 80.00-103.00  
 poor & weak 30.00-50.00  
 Palpated: 5 BRED 95.00-105.00  
 PAIRS: 4 \$1,300  
 Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)  
 Under 200 lbs. 260.00-300.00  
 200-249 lbs. 260.00-290.00  
 250-299 lbs. 269.00-297.00  
 300-350 lbs. 210.00-282.00  
 350-400 lbs. 265.00-304.00  
 400-450 lbs. 256.00-300.00  
 450-500 lbs. 236.00-284.00  
 500-550 lbs. 229.00-256.00  
 550-600 lbs. 225.00-256.00  
 600-700 lbs. 206.00-229.00  
 700-800 lbs. 187.00-210.00  
 Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)  
 Under 250lbs 270.00-298.00  
 250-300 lbs. 228.00-286.00  
 300-350 lbs. 248.00-302.00  
 350-400 lbs. 246.00-298.00  
 400-450 lbs. 239.00-298.00  
 450-500 lbs. 226.00-288.00  
 500-550 lbs. 222.00-244.00  
 550-600 lbs. 206.00-234.00  
 600-700 lbs. 200.00-227.00  
 Over 700 lbs. 184.00-218.00  
 Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)  
 under 200 lbs. 249.00-292.50  
 200-250 lbs. 250.00-282.00  
 250-300 lbs. 226.00-270.00  
 300-350 lbs. 228.00-290.00  
 350-400 lbs. 227.00-296.00  
 400-450 lbs. 226.00-254.00  
 450-500 lbs. 220.00-250.00  
 500-550 lbs. 210.00-254.00  
 550-600 lbs. 209.00-262.00  
 600-700 lbs. 196.00-219.00  
 Over 700 lbs. 159.00-206.00

### HALLETTSVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC.

Sale date: May 30  
 Cattle on hand: 1098  
 Packer Cows:  
 Canner and Cutter Cows: \$76-102  
 Utility & Fat Cows: \$72-98  
 Low dressing canner cows: \$55-75  
 Poor/Weak: \$48-60  
 Packer Bulls:  
 Heavyweight Bulls: \$115-130  
 Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$104-116  
 Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$48-60  
 Stocker Cows:  
 Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: 3 HEAD \$1900-2000  
 Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1050-1425  
 Good Cow & Calf Pairs: \$2250-

2900  
 Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1400-2000  
 Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:  
 Number 1 steer & bull calves:  
 Under 200 lbs.: \$230-315  
 200-300 lbs.: \$245-295  
 300-400 lbs.: \$225-290  
 400-500 lbs.: \$20-280  
 500-600 lbs.: \$205-257.50  
 600-700 lbs.: \$192-230  
 700-800 lbs.: \$180-215  
 Number 1 heifer calves:  
 Under 200 lbs.: \$210-295  
 200-300 lbs.: \$215-285  
 300-400 lbs.: \$215-270  
 400-500 lbs.: \$210-260  
 500-600 lbs.: \$195-245  
 600-700 lbs.: \$188-220  
 700-800 lbs.: \$170-200  
 Replacement Heifers:  
 350-750 lbs.: \$220-290  
 The Calf market was strong again with all classes selling strong to higher. Demand is extremely good. Packer cows & bulls sold strong on a supply of approximately 200 head. Pairs & bred cows continue very active particularly on the better kind.

### SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

May 31  
 Market steady all the way through. No change on all classes with packer cows & bulls steady.  
 Cattle – 697  
 Sheep & goats – 602  
 Medium & large frame #1 Steers:  
 200-300 lb. .90-1.92-2.95  
 300-400 lb. .65-2.09-2.80  
 400-500 lb. .50-2.01-2.74  
 500-600 lb. .50-1.92-2.48  
 600-700 lb. .75-1.66-2.40  
 700-850 lb. .90-1.46-1.96  
 Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:  
 200-300 lb. 1.10-1.80-2.42  
 300-400 lb. .80-1.92-2.39  
 400-500 lb. .55-1.86-2.75  
 500-600 lb. .50-1.68-2.20  
 600-750 lb. .90-1.52-2.00  
 Cows:  
 Utility & commercial – .75-.91-1.11  
 Cutters – 365-.73-.82  
 Canners – .58-.66-.75  
 Palpated cow – NONE  
 Cow/Calf Pairs – 1350-1850  
 Bulls:  
 Heavy High Yielding – 1.10-1.28  
 Light & Low Yielding – .80-1.09  
 Sheep & Goats:  
 Nannies – 80-300  
 Kid Goats (Fat) – 2.30-3.45  
 Wethers -1.45-3.50  
 Billies – 1.40-2.25  
 Dorp. Ewes - 80-162  
 Dorp. Lambs (Fat) – 1.80-2.35  
 Woolled Ewes – 90-130  
 Woolled Bucks – 1.35-1.85  
 Lambs – 1.00-1.95  
 Barb. Bucks – NONE

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## Legislature approves open government bills in session's final days

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Major transparency initiatives shoring up the Texas Public Information Act won approval in the state Legislature before the session's final day Monday, May 29. The legislation now heads to Gov. Greg Abbott.

A measure by Rep. Joe Moody, D-El Paso, that won final passage Sunday night would close a legal loophole used by some police departments to withhold records when a person dies in police custody or in other interactions with law enforcement. House Bill 30, which had been debated in previous sessions, took on additional urgency after the mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde and the lack of transparency afterward by law enforcement and public officials.

Moody tweeted that closing the loophole was about policy and people, saying, "I worked this for six years, but Uvalde elevated the issue for the last one, and I'm so proud to finally deliver a path to the answers the people deserve."

"This is a huge step in protecting the public's right to know. We look forward to the governor signing this important bill," added Kelley Shannon, executive director of the nonprofit Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

Another significant and successful open government measure this session defines "business days" in the Public Information Act to ensure consistency in how the law is carried out. It is included in House Bill 3033 by Rep. Brooks Landgraf, R-Odessa, and sponsored by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, in the Senate.

Like the Moody legislation closing the law enforcement loophole, which was sponsored by Sen. Phil King, R-Weatherford, in the Senate, the Public Information Act legislation by Landgraf and Zaffirini was a bipartisan effort involving multiple lawmakers.

"We have had the pleasure of working with stakeholders and lawmakers from both sides of the aisle this session and are thrilled to see the Texas Legislature prioritizing increasing government transparency by closing off loopholes in the law and ensuring consistent application of the Texas Public Information Act in the future," said First Amendment attorney Laura Prather, legislative committee co-chair of the FOI Foundation of Texas.

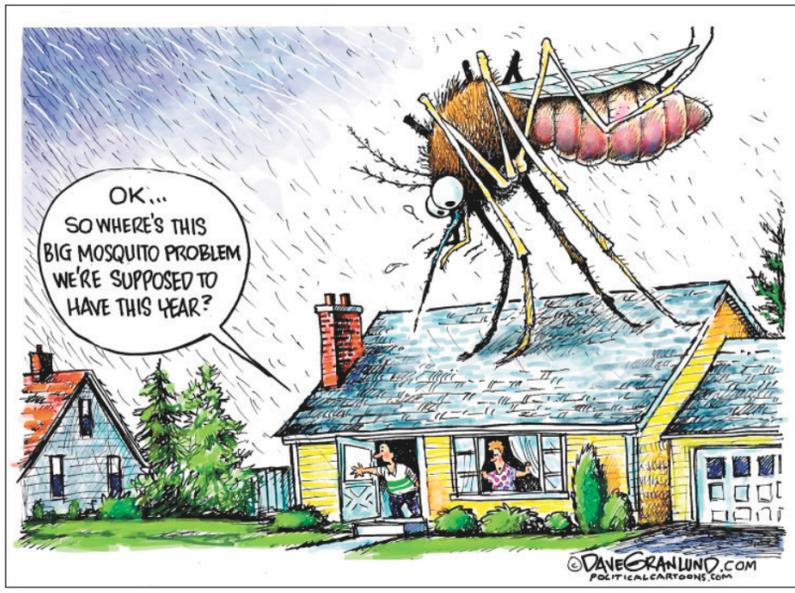
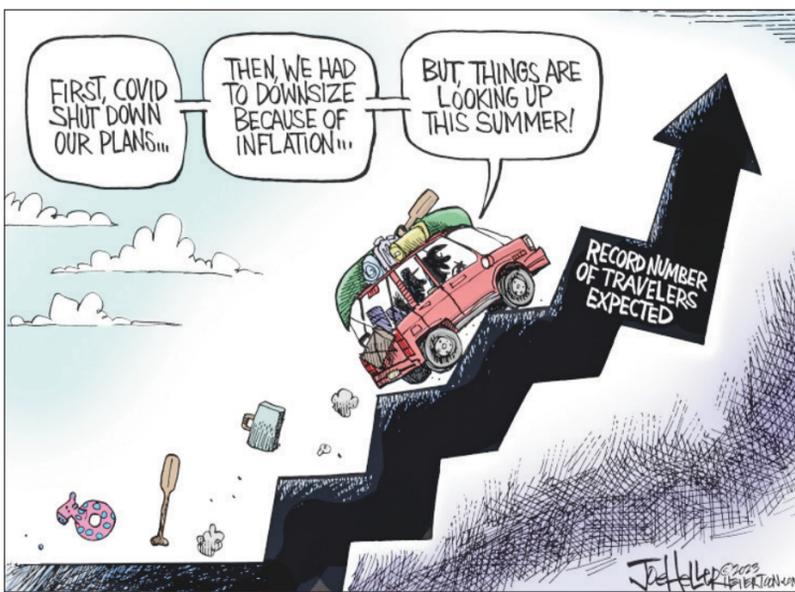
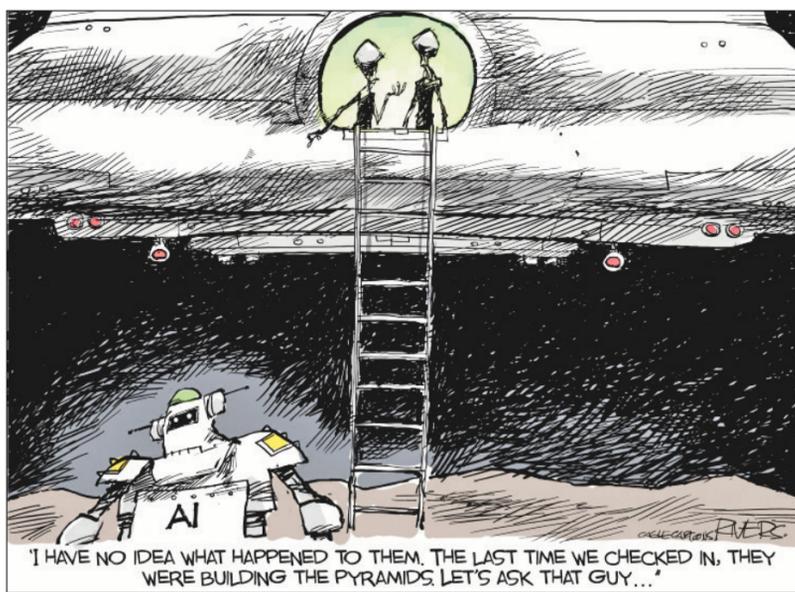
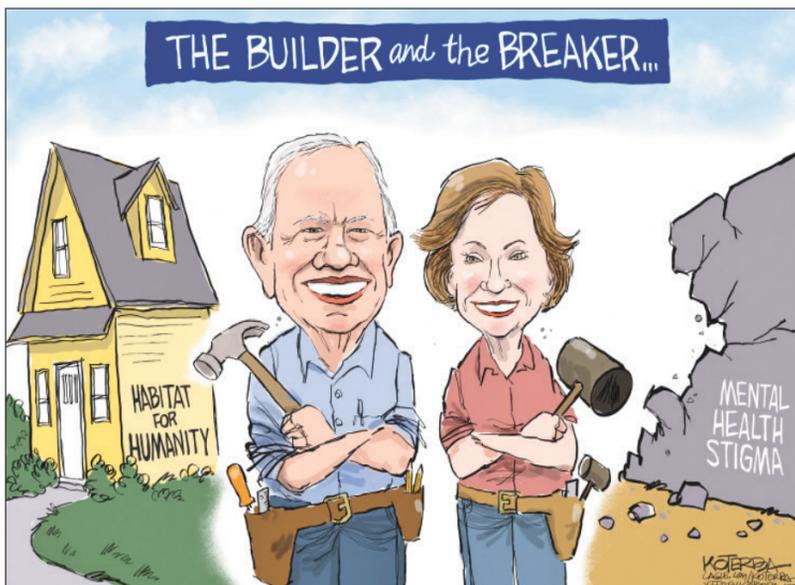
This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Texas Public Information Act. The FOI Foundation joined more than a dozen other organizations in forming the Texas Sunshine Coalition, a diverse group spanning the policy and political spectrum that aims to protect and improve the landmark law.

The "business days" legislation will ensure uniformity in the timelines for how governments across Texas respond to Public Information Act requests. Currently, many governments come up with their own rules for what constitutes a business day by declaring that days don't count if an office's physical doors are closed on work-from-home days or self-declared "skeleton crew" days. This problem intensified during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Rep. Terry Canales, D-Edinburg, filed the reform bill as stand-alone legislation in the House then worked with Landgraf to amend it to House Bill 3033. It was a leading initiative of the Texas Sunshine Coalition.

The base bill by Landgraf calls for the prompt release of basic government information to those requesting it and requires improved communication by the governmental body to requestors. In a separate amendment to the bill, Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, added a section protecting requestors' rights amid the temporary withholding of records related to settlement negotiations in big lawsuits waged by the Texas Attorney General's Office.

Moody also shepherded an amendment to help governments deal with repeat requestors who use large amounts of government staff time and are suspected of using pseudonyms to get around time limits in the law. Moody worked with



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## Skunks in low places...

Far-out occurrences often are illuminated through the miracle of the Internet, sometimes resulting in findings that may, uh, need additional study.

Such occurred recently in Dallas, where a homeowner was troubled by skunks who had burrowed their way under the foundation. Then, frustrations increased when the little varmints proceeded to make unwelcome noise with their under-the-floor activities.

Thankfully, he saw a short account in an obscure publication. It claimed that radios — placed under homes and left playing on medium volume — would rid homes of skunks...

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The man thought it might be worth a shot, and far more humane than, well, a shot.

He crawled under the house, following directions explicitly. Surprisingly, the only signal coming in clearly was from Dallas' municipally operated WRR, a radio station featuring classical music 24 hours daily. Sure enough, the skunks vamoosed to parts unknown.

Pleased that the task was accomplished so easily, the man wondered if skunks are the only rodents who don't like classical music. What if they'd come running back upon hearing strains of Willie Nelson, George Strait or Elvis Presley? He might — as they say — be better served to let well enough alone...

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Our country is awash in commencement exercises, some for kindergartners entering first grade, others for graduates completing eighth grade, high school, and colleges and universities.

Often, the "pomp and circumstance" desired at such ceremonies is best accomplished by the five-year-olds.

At one Metroplex graduation, a recipient face-planted after accepting his diploma. Platform members, ready to render aid, were relieved when he immediately jumped up and left the stage. Authorities "smelled a mouse," and their suspicions later were confirmed. It turned out that a fellow graduate issued a \$300 dare for his friend to perform the stunt...

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Years ago, a graduate at Texas A&M University was the first of the doctoral degree recipients to cross the stage.

He failed to pay attention during rehearsal and wasn't sure what to do about a small platform at center stage. He figured it was his to stand on, perhaps to emphasize his academic achievement. He was wrong. After mounting it, he towered high above the dean, who was short enough to be a magazine centerfold...in Reader's Digest.

"The platform is for me," the dean whispered, so they swapped places. The dean was thus able to place the doctoral stole around the recipient's neck...

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Other "accidental stunts" — so to speak — sometimes occur in church pulpits. They usually are harmless and warmly remembered. Often, they are the result of scrambled words that simply come out wrong.

My friend Danny Andrews, whose memory is razor sharp, remembers many times when his pastor, the late Carlos McLeod, uttered verbal zingers, some planned, some not.

Andrews said McLeod claimed to know a woman of critical spirit who was "born in the objective case and lived in the kickative mood." (Okay, I admit it. The preacher could just as easily have been describing a man.)...

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Two truly great Americans departed this life during a 48-hour period recently, both at age 84. Both were my friends, a claim that is made by many others.

Congressman Charles Stenholm, serving his West Texas district for 13 terms in Washington, died suddenly at his home in Granbury, and Dr. Frankie Rainey died following an illness in Abilene. Dr. Rainey was pastor at seven Texas churches and was a longtime respected theology professor at Howard Payne University. During most of his "retirement years," he was on the faculty of Canadian Baptist Theological Seminary and College.

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## GONZALES LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS COMPETE IN TOURNAMENT



The Gonzales Little League 8s baseball and softball teams recently competed in a Special East Zone Tournament in Cuero. Congratulations to both teams on a great season!

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# Patteson Memorial Golf Tourney benefits NSCISD

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The JB Patteson Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, June 24, at Starcke Park in Seguin. Tee time for this four-person scramble is 8:30 a.m.

All proceeds from this tournament go to scholarships at Nixon-Smiley Consolidated Independent School District.

There will be a putting contest for \$10,000 as well as hole-in-one prizes (including a 2023 Ford vehicle). There will also be prize giveaways for the longest drive

and closest to the pin.

Cash prizes will be available for first through third places. There will also be a players pool with food and drinks provided.

The entry fee is \$60 per player (\$75 per player in the players pool). Mulligans are \$5 per player with a one mulligan per golfer max. A two-person team may enter if their handicap is above 10.

Sponsorships are available for \$500 for gold; \$250 for silver and \$150 for bronze. Current gold sponsors are Caraway Ford of

Nixon, Janicek Insurance and River City Excavation. Current silver sponsors are John and Sherry Robinson.

Checks are payable to Nixon Golf Association, c/o Blake Janicek, PO Box 130, Nixon, TX 78140.

For more information about the tournament, contact Jeffery Patteson at 830-534-8665; Blake Janicek at 830-857-5283; T.J. Dougherty at 210-912-7476; Reid Tausch at 956-500-6173; Reagan Springs at 979-575-6654; or Reed Borchardt at 830-391-5982.

## ALL-STAR SHOWCASE



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Nixon-Smiley High School softball players Kendall Amaya and Mary Kate Garcia played in the Texas Select All-Star Showcase Softball game at Cornerstone Christian Schools in San Antonio on Sunday, June 4.

## MENDEZ REPRESENTS NIXON-SMILEY



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Natalee Mendez represented Nixon-Smiley High School in the Lace Em Up Basketball Game played Saturday, June 3, in Schulenburg. Mendez's team won 46-27.

## GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



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The winning team from the May 24 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Bill Kessler, Zach Reed, Ron Darilek and Billy Hyman.



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The second-place team from the May 24 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Brian Petters, Randall Dupree, Ryan Lee, David Meredith and Robert Camarillo.

# LCRA board approves business, capital plans

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The LCRA Board of Directors on Wednesday, May 24, approved a business plan of about \$565 million and authorized capital investments of about \$1.17 billion for energy, water and public service projects to support Texas in fiscal year 2024.

The Lower Colorado River Authority is the primary wholesale provider of electricity in Central Texas and manages the lower Colorado River and six Highland Lakes. LCRA Transmission Services Corporation is one of the largest electric transmission service providers in Texas.

As one of the largest public power providers in the state, LCRA is helping to meet the increasing need for power in Texas. LCRA provides power for cooperatives and small towns in Central Texas by selling wholesale electricity through long-

term contracts with retail utilities.

In January, LCRA announced it is building a new natural gas-fired peaker power plant in Central Texas to provide an additional 190 megawatts of dispatchable power to the Texas power grid. A peaker plant typically is used for brief periods when the demand for power approaches or surpasses the amount of power available. LCRA's capital budget includes the new plant, which is expected to be operational in 2025.

LCRA TSC plans to invest about \$3 billion in the next five years to build new transmission facilities and improve existing ones. LCRA TSC will undertake numerous projects to increase reliability, meet existing and projected needs for electricity, and connect new electric generators to the grid.

LCRA also continues to make

investments to increase regional water supplies and will continue to maintain and invest in its system of dams, which are critical to protect water supplies and continue flood management.

Over the next five years, LCRA plans to invest about \$159 million in development of new water supply projects and more than \$38 million in rehabilitation projects to help ensure the dams continue to operate safely and effectively, meeting all state regulations for dam safety.

LCRA does not receive state appropriations or have the ability to levy taxes. LCRA is funded by the revenues its businesses generate.

The LCRA 2024 fiscal year begins July 1. The FY 2024 LCRA business and capital plans are available at [www.lcra.org/about/financial-highlights/business-plan](http://www.lcra.org/about/financial-highlights/business-plan).

## CLASS OF '58 MEETS UP



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The Class of 1958 met for their 50th reunion in 2008 and, in an effort to stay in touch, a monthly luncheon was planned. For fifteen years (other than the "Covid" years) the class has met almost every month for lunch and socializing. This month they celebrated their 65th class reunion! Seated are Clyde Lee Hinton, Doris Ann Wroblesky Baros, and Carolyn Burnett Grau. Standing are Brenda May Laird, Vicki Eberle Frenzel, Mike Darilek, Melvin Carley, Janice Baker Menking, and Bea Van Beveran Maddox.

## OBITUARIES

### ROY WHITEHEAD

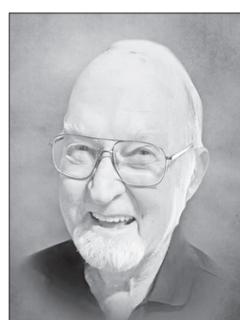


On May 31, 2023, Roy Whitehead of Smiley, Texas passed away peacefully at home at the age of 81. Roy was born the youngest of 10 children to James Edward Whitehead, Sr. and Viola Mae (Parker) Whitehead who have preceded him in death along with his sister, Edna Mae Whitehead; and brothers, Otis Whitehead, Chester Whitehead, James Whitehead, Jr., Vernon Whitehead, and Barney Whitehead. Roy went all 12 years of school in Smiley, Texas. He graduated as the salutatorian of the Class of 59. After graduation Roy spent a short time at North Texas State University before following all of his brothers into the military. Roy joined the Army in 1964 and was sent to Fort Polk Louisiana before ending up at Fort Benning Georgia. Roy ended his military stint in 1966 and came back home to Smiley where he started dating Kathy. He asked her to marry him in the fall of 1966. Roy worked a few different odd jobs around the Smiley area when he got the opportunity to go to work for Brown & Root in Bay City, Texas. This opportunity would turn into a career. Roy worked for Brown & Root for the next 30 years. After working 30 years for Brown & Root, Roy worked another

15 years on and off for various construction companies. Roy started out as a pipefitter helper and worked his way up to Project Manager. In 1979 Brown & Root chose Roy to be the face of the company by running an ad featuring him in several national publications. For most of Roy's career he was able to keep the family in Smiley. He had to drive a long distance to work for many years, but it kept the family in one place for a long time. After Smiley, Roy and family moved to Springerville, Arizona where they would spend the next 8 years. Roy loved traveling, camping, golf, but most of all he loved music. Roy came from a family that loved music. Roy was playing guitar at an early age and always had a guitar within arm's reach. Roy played in a band in his younger days and passed his love of music, and more specifically,

the guitar, down to both of his sons. In his later years, Roy liked nothing more than sitting around playing guitars with his 2 sons. Many people are described as "loved by everyone", but Roy truly was loved by all. Roy is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Kathy (Glasco) Whitehead; sons, Jeff Whitehead (Kelly), and Bobby Whitehead (Linh); grandchildren, Drew Smith, Brooke Smith, Erin Whitehead, Payton Whitehead, and Jasper Whitehead; great-grandchildren, Chloe Smith, Riley Smith, Sabrina Smith, and Diesel Smith; sisters, Frances Krause, Anna Rose Kolb (Doug), and Pauline Kuecker; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family and friends. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023, 4:00pm-7:00pm, at Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon, Texas. A Chapel Service will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023, 10:00am, at Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon. Burial will follow at Smiley Baptist Cemetery. Reverend Marvin Miles will officiate the services. If desired, donations may be made in Roy's name to the Smiley Baptist Cemetery, or to the Dementia Society at <https://www.dementia.org/donate>, or mailed to PO Box 600 - Doylestown, PA 18901.

### JERRY WAYNE BIVINS



Jerry Wayne Bivins, 90, of Gonzales, passed away Monday, May 29, 2023. He was born June 17, 1932 in Coleman, Texas, the son of George and Katie White-side Bivins. As a young man, Jerry was an Eagle Scout and very active in high school playing football, basketball and baseball. He received a scholarship to play baseball for Texas Lutheran College in 1950 where he played until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952. His service with the Army led him to Japan, Manilla in the Philippines and Hawaii. He married Laura Lee Wilson on December 20, 1953 in Gonzales.

After his military service he returned to finish his degree at Southwest Texas State, where he graduated in 1957. Jerry started his 27 year career with Gonzales ISD as a high school coach and teacher, he retired in 1985 as the athletic director. After retirement he taught at I.S.F. for 10 years which enabled numerous people to earn their GED.

He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church and served on several councils for the church. Coaching was his passion, he touched so many lives and was beloved by his athletes. He and Laura were at every sports event, theatre play,

birthday party and assembly that their grandchildren and great-grandchildren were involved in. They were definitely his biggest fans. He loved to play golf and cards, was active in Gonzales Little League, the Lions Club and taught drivers education in the summer.

Jerry was a coach, a father, Papa and everyone's friend. His life leaves countless treasured memories for those that he leaves behind and is an example of love for those to pursue.

He is survived by his daughter Peggy Lyn Swierc of Floresville; son David W. Bivins and wife Mona of Gonzales; sister Nelda Walls of Houston; grandchildren: Coleman Swierc and wife Jennifer, Nikki

Pena and husband Jacob, Jerret Swierc, Ashley Brunston and husband Bryan, Crystal Gray and husband Tim and Bailey Bozka and husband Landon. Also surviving are 14 great-grandchildren. He was preceded by his parents, wife Laura and son-in-law Sam Swierc.

Visitation will be held Monday, June 5 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at the Gonzales Presbyterian Church with Reverend Cheryl Homsher and Reverend Jacob Pena officiating. Interment will follow at the Gonzales I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Pallbearers include Jerret Swierc, Coleman Swierc, Landon Bozka, Tim Gray, Tim Eckols, Mel Scruggs, Will Hodges and John Walls. Memorials in memory of Jerry may be made to The Presbyterian Church.

Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.seydler-hillfuneralhome.com](http://www.seydler-hillfuneralhome.com).

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



### ROSEMARY GARCIA

Rosemary Garcia was born November 15, 1960, in Gonzales, Texas.

Rosemary was a loving Mother, Wife, Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, and friend to all that knew her. She loved her cats, Daisy and Cody. She was employed by Cuero Home Health.

She is preceded in death by her parents; Joe Garcia and Dionicia Wesch. One brother Bartolo Garcia, and two sisters Lupe Alvarez, and Felipa Molina.

Rosemary is survived by her husband Wesley Hunt, her children daughter Sandra Martinez (Matthew), Sons: Jo Angel Leon, Mark Prado (Oriana), and Naomi Ifeanyichukwu. Grandchildren: Jady Prado, Aliyah Prado, Sophia Martinez, Jeremiah Martinez. Siblings: Jose Garcia, Manuel Garcia (Naomi), Anthony Garcia, (Maryhelen), Raymond Garcia, Johnny Garcia (Mary), Jesusa Evangelista (Frank), Denise De LaGarza, Thomasa Hawkins, Martina Garcia, host of nieces and nephews, friends that she loved like her own.

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The June Board Meeting was moved from June 19, 2023 to June 27, 2023 and will be held in the Waelder Cafeteria at 6 p.m.

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c/o JEAN PETEREK BURNS  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 827  
1606 N. Sarah DeWitt Drive  
Gonzales, TX 78629

Dated the 2 day of June, 2023.



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## NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS, AND FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

06/08/2023

These notices shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Gonzales.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 26, 2023, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) will authorize the City of Gonzales (City) to submit a request to HUD for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as City of Gonzales Flood and Drainage Improvements (Project).

The City is proposing to replace storm sewer culverts, replace a low water crossing, and excavate and grade an existing channel to increase resiliency to future flooding events and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters. Construction shall take place within and adjacent to a portion of Tinsley Creek approximately 200 feet north of the intersection of Johnson Street and St. Andrew Street and approximately 100 feet north of the intersection of Johnson Street and St. Andrew Street. These activities would benefit 7,130 people of whom 4,085 (57.29%) are of low to moderate income. \$403,365.40 of the project will be funded through the CDBG-MIT Program under HUD Grant Number B-18-DP-48-0002; the amount of funding to come from the City of Gonzales is currently undetermined.

### FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

This is to give notice that the City has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment.

A review of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel 48177C0240D, effective on 01/22/2020, shows 0.89 acres of the site is located within the Regulatory Floodway (Zone AE Floodway), less than 0.01 acres occur within the 100-floodplain (Zone AE), and approximately 0.13 acres of the Project is located within the Tinsley Creek riverine wetland feature. Construction of the project is considered a functionally dependent activity.

The City has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: 1) different box culvert size and elevation, 2) locations outside of the floodplain, and 3) the no action alternative. An evaluation of Alternative 1 determined that setting the culverts at a higher elevation in order to minimize excavation within the floodplain and wetland was not practicable because of rising flood elevation concerns. The chosen culvert size and elevation will be needed to improve flood water conveyance and reduce risk to area residents. Regarding Alternative 2, as all Tinsley Creek culverts and low water crossing are located in the floodway, there are no alternative project locations outside of the floodplain. The project site selected was determined to provide the maximum benefit to residents living in the Project area. The no action Alternative 3 would prevent the project area culverts and low water crossing from being replaced, leaving area residents at greater risk for flood damage to their homes and businesses should another disaster. The no action alternative therefore fails to address the need for improved resilience against floods.

Construction of the Project was the preferred alternative because it is not anticipated to aggravate current hazards to floodplains or permanently disrupt floodplain or wetland

values. Based on the environmental review, the project as proposed, with the adapted best management practices, would not pose any significant hazards or adverse conditions for people, habitat, or the community at this location. The City will require adherence to Federal, State, and Local regulations and permitting practices. These include, but are not limited to, restriction of vehicle and material staging in floodplain and wetland areas and protecting floodplains and wetland features through silt fencing and appropriate management of construction waste and debris.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Gonzales City Hall, 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 9 A.M to 5 P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Gonzales or HUD Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division. Comments may be submitted to Mr. Tim Crow, Gonzales City Manager, via 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629 or by email to [tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov). All comments received by June 23, 2023, will be considered by the City of Gonzales prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Gonzales certifies to HUD that Tim Crow in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Gonzales to use Program funds for the project.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Gonzales; (b) the City of Gonzales has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, 451 7th Street SW, Room 7272, Washington, DC 20410 or email [DisasterRecovery@hud.gov](mailto:DisasterRecovery@hud.gov). Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tim Crow, City Manager, City of Gonzales

## AVISO DE CONCLUSIÓN DE IMPACTO NO SIGNIFICATIVO, AVISO DE INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITAR ENTREGA DE FONDOS Y AVISO FINAL Y EXPLICACIÓN PÚBLICA DE UNA ACTIVIDAD PROPUESTA EN UNA LLANURA ALUVIAL CENTENARIA Y HUMEDALES

06/08/2023

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### SOLICITUD DE ENTREGA DE FONDOS

El 26 de junio de 2023 o alrededor de esa fecha, la Oficina General de Tierras de Texas (GLO) autorizará a la Ciudad de Gonzales (Ciudad) a presentar una solicitud al HUD para la entrega de fondos del Programa de Subvención en Bloque para Desarrollo Comunitario – Mitigación (CDBG-MIT) en virtud del Título I de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo de la Comunidad de 1974 y sus enmiendas, para emprender un proyecto conocido como Mejoras del Drenaje y para Inundaciones de la Ciudad de Gonzales (Proyecto).

La Ciudad propone reemplazar alcantarillas de drenaje pluvial, reemplazar vados y excavar y aplanar un canal existente para aumentar la resiliencia ante futuros casos de inundaciones y reducir o eliminar el riesgo de pérdida de vida a largo plazo, las lesiones, los daños y las pérdidas materiales y el sufrimiento y las adversidades, mediante la atenuación del impacto de futuras catástrofes. La construcción se producirá dentro de una parte del Arroyo Tinsley y adyacente a ella, de aproximadamente 200 pies al norte del cruce de las calles Johnson Street y St. Andrew Street y aproximadamente 100 pies al norte del cruce de las calles Johnson Street y St. Andrew Street. Estas actividades beneficiarían a 7,130 personas, de las cuales 4,085 (57.29%) tienen ingresos bajos a moderados. Se financiarán \$403,365.40 del proyecto a través del Programa de CDBG-MIT con el Número de Subvención del HUD B-18-DP-48-0002; la cantidad de fondos que provendrán de la Ciudad de Gonzales actualmente está sin determinar.

### AVISO FINAL Y REVISIÓN PÚBLICA DE UNA ACTIVIDAD PROPUESTA EN UNA LLANURA ALUVIAL CENTENARIA Y HUMEDALES

Por el presente, se notifica que la Ciudad ha realizado una evaluación según lo requerido por la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y 11990, en conformidad con las normativas del HUD de la Subparte C: Procedimientos para tomar decisiones sobre gestión de llanuras aluviales y protección de humedales del 24 CFR 55.20, para determinar el efecto potencial que su actividad en la llanura aluvial y el humedal tendrá sobre el ambiente humano.

Una revisión del Mapa de Tasas del Seguro contra Inundaciones de FEMA, Panel Comunitario 48177C0240D, vigente desde el 22 de enero de 2020, muestra que 0.89 acres del predio se ubican dentro del Aliviadero Controlado (Aliviadero Zona AE), menos de 0.01 acres están dentro de la llanura aluvial centenaria (Zona AE) y aproximadamente 0.13 acres del Proyecto se ubican dentro del humedal ribereño del Arroyo Tinsley. La construcción del proyecto se considera una actividad dependiente en términos funcionales.

La Ciudad ha analizado la implementación de las siguientes alternativas y medidas de mitigación para minimizar los efectos perjudiciales y para recuperar y preservar los valores naturales y beneficiosos: 1) alcantarillas de diferentes tamaños y elevaciones, 2) ubicaciones fuera de la llanura aluvial y 3) la alternativa de no actuar. Con la evaluación de la alternativa 1 se determinó que colocar las alcantarillas a una mayor elevación para minimizar la excavación dentro de la llanura aluvial y el humedal no era viable debido a los problemas de elevación de la inundación. El tamaño y la elevación de la alcantarilla elegidos serán necesarios para mejorar la conducción del agua de las inundaciones y reducir el riesgo a los residentes de la zona. Respecto de la alternativa 2, dado que todas las alcantarillas y vados del Arroyo Tinsley se ubican en el aliviadero, no hay ubicaciones alternativas para el proyecto fuera de la llanura aluvial. Se determinó que el predio del proyecto seleccionado proveerá el máximo beneficio a los residentes que viven en la zona del Proyecto. La alternativa 3 relativa a no actuar evitaría el reemplazo de las alcantarillas y vados de la zona del proyecto, lo que ocasionaría que los residentes de la zona corrieran un mayor riesgo de daños por inundación en sus casas y comercios, si hubiera otra catástrofe. Por consiguiente, la alternativa de no actuar no aborda la necesidad de mejorar la resistencia contra las inundaciones.

La construcción del Proyecto fue la alternativa preferida porque no se prevé que agrave los

riesgos actuales para las llanuras aluviales o que altere de forma permanente los valores de la llanura aluvial o del humedal. En función de la revisión ambiental, el proyecto en su versión propuesta, con las prácticas óptimas de gestión adaptadas, no plantearía ningún riesgo significativo o condiciones adversas para las personas, el hábitat o la comunidad en esta ubicación. La Ciudad requerirá acatamiento de las normativas y prácticas de habilitación federales, estatales y locales. Estas incluyen, a título enunciativo pero no limitativo, la restricción de la colocación de vehículos y materiales en las zonas de llanura aluvial y humedal, y la protección de las llanuras aluviales y humedales mediante la colocación de cercas contra cieno y la gestión adecuada de los desperdicios y escombros de la construcción.

El presente aviso tiene tres objetivos principales. En primer lugar, las personas que pueden verse afectadas por las actividades en llanuras aluviales y humedales y aquellas interesadas en la protección del medio ambiente natural deberían recibir una oportunidad para expresar sus inquietudes y proveer información sobre estas zonas. En segundo lugar, un programa adecuado de aviso público puede ser una herramienta educativa para el público. La diseminación de información sobre llanuras aluviales y humedales puede facilitar y mejorar las campañas federales para reducir los riesgos asociados con la ocupación y la modificación de estas zonas particulares. En tercer lugar, como una cuestión de imparcialidad, cuando el gobierno federal decide que participará en medidas que se llevan a cabo en llanuras aluviales o humedales, debe informar a quienes podrían correr riesgos más grandes o continuos.

### CONCLUSIÓN DE IMPACTO NO SIGNIFICATIVO

La Ciudad determinó que el proyecto no tendrá un impacto significativo en el ambiente humano. Por consiguiente, no se requiere la Declaración de Impacto Ambiental en virtud de la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental de 1969 (NEPA). El Expediente de Revisión Ambiental (ERR), archivado en Gonzales City Hall, 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629, contiene información adicional del proyecto. El expediente está disponible para consultas, y es posible examinarlo u obtener copias los días laborables entre las 9 a.m. y las 5 p.m.

### COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO

Cualquier persona, grupo o agencia puede enviar comentarios escritos sobre el ERR a la Ciudad de Gonzales o a la División de Asuntos Especiales y Recuperación por desastre del HUD. Los comentarios pueden dirigirse al Sr. Tim Crow, Administrador de la Ciudad de Gonzales, a través de 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629 o escribiendo un correo electrónico a [tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov). La Ciudad de Gonzales tendrá en cuenta todos los comentarios recibidos antes del 23 de junio de 2023 antes de autorizar la presentación de una solicitud de entrega de fondos. Los comentarios deberían especificar el Aviso al que hacen referencia.

### CERTIFICACIÓN AMBIENTAL

La Ciudad de Gonzales certifica al HUD que Tim Crow en carácter de Administrador de la Ciudad está de acuerdo en aceptar la jurisdicción de los Tribunales Federales si se presentare una acción para exigir responsabilidades vinculadas con el proceso de revisión ambiental y que dichas responsabilidades han sido satisfechas. La aprobación del HUD de la certificación satisface sus responsabilidades bajo la NEPA y leyes y autoridades vinculadas y le permite a la Ciudad de Gonzales usar fondos del Programa para el proyecto.

### OBJECIONES A LA ENTREGA DE FONDOS

El HUD aceptará objeciones a su entrega de fondos y la certificación de la Ciudad por un periodo de quince días siguientes a la fecha de presentación prevista o su recibo real de la solicitud (lo que ocurra más tarde), únicamente si existiere uno de los siguientes motivos: (a) la certificación no estaba firmada por el Funcionario de Certificación de la Ciudad de Gonzales; (b) la Ciudad de Gonzales omitió un paso o no tomó una decisión o no llegó a la conclusión requerida por las normativas del HUD en la parte 58 del 24 CFR; (c) el subvencionado u otros participantes en el proceso de desarrollo han comprometido fondos, incurrido en gastos o emprendido actividades no autorizados por la Parte 58 del 24 CFR antes de la aprobación de una entrega de fondos del HUD; o (d) otra agencia federal que actúa en virtud de la Parte 1504 del 40 CFR ha presentado una conclusión escrita de que el proyecto es insatisfactorio desde el punto de vista de la calidad ambiental. Las objeciones deben ser preparadas y presentadas en conformidad con los procedimientos requeridos (Sec. 58.76 de la Parte 58 del 24 CFR) y deberán remitirse a la División de Asuntos Especiales y Recuperación por desastres del HUD a 451 7th Street SW, Sala 7272, Washington, DC 20410 o por correo electrónico a [DisasterRecovery@hud.gov](mailto:DisasterRecovery@hud.gov). Objetantes potenciales deberían comunicarse con el HUD para verificar el último día real del periodo de objeción.

Tim Crow, Administrador de la Ciudad de la Ciudad de Gonzales

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# COOKING WITH PARIND

## Cardamom and saffron rice pudding

Hello everyone. My name is Parind Vora. I'm the chef/owner of Gonzales Bistro. In this column we talk cooking, tricks to cooking, and sometimes eating.

What to make with this crazy weather. If you plan on the rainy then it's hot. If you plan on a nice day, it's cold and windy.

So, Let's chat a bit about what dish we can make that will work in both instances.

I've been craving a dessert that is hot, toothsome but rich....rice pudding. I can top it with whatever suits my mood AND the weather.

There is a trick to rice pudding so it does not become gruel.

That trick is to use a semifino rice. Like arborio or other risotto rice like Vialone Nano. They will hold their structure and absorb a lot of flavour. We will use a warming spice like cardamom and saffron to add exotic aroma and flavour but still keep all the stick to your rib rice 'puddingness'.

So ahora mismo!

**Ingredients:**

- ½ cup of water
- 1 cup of arborio rice
- 4 tablespoons of butter
- 8 -10 cardamom seeds (1-2 green cardamom pods seeded)
- 1 small pinch saffron threads
- 1 can of sweet and condensed milk
- 1 cup of whole milk
- Tiny pinch of salt
- Small pinch of ultra-fine black pepper

Put the butter, cardamom, saffron, salt & pepper in a heavy bottomed pan that will hold at least 3 liters.

Add all of the arborio rice. Melt the butter slowly as the rice and the spices toast. Add the water once the butter is frothy and add both the milk. Cook slowly stirring often until the rice is cooked. Add water a little at a time as needed to keep it from drying out.

Serve this dish hot if it is rainy outside and cold if hot. You can serve it "family style" in a bowl or individually in sherbet glasses. Garnish with toasted



shelled pistachios or serve "as is". Pay attention to its texture. Make sure its creamy and not dry regardless of hot or cold.

I would serve this with a slightly chilled French Quarts de Chaume chenin blanc or a fruity syrah from Australia called Shiraz.

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# The Band-Aid Effect

Hey there y'all, I hope life's treating you well. It seems nearly impossible that just a short week ago (7 days, or 168 hours, or 10,080 minutes, or 604,800 seconds, depending on how you look at it), I was sitting at this computer warming up my typing finger, hoping to somehow encourage you to forge ahead, finding peace, comfort and enjoyment out of everyday life here on earth. Funny thing: apparently my typing finger went walk-about and misspelled impossible, ending up as imppoible. Now there's a word you don't hear everyday (or at all), but I have to assume it'd probably refer to constipation of mind, body, and/or spirit. Removing "poo" from my system has never been a big problem for me, as you can probably tell from my unorthodox attempts at imparting the limited wisdom I've managed to acquire along the way in these short, weekly blurps. Please bear with me, it's 5 a.m. ...

"Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom (Psalm 90:12, NLT). Yep, whether relaxing in calm seas, or trying to stay afloat during a hurricane, it's steady as she goes, hence today's title. If it ain't broke - don't try to fix it, if you can prop it up or put a band-aid on

**ERIC ESTES**  
Love, Eric and Eloise



it to extend it's life or usefulness - do so, but if not, learn to let go and do your very best to try and move on. This week

marks the loss of my favorite dog, and emotional support animal, Taffy, six months ago. She was literally a Godsend, helping me through the loss of my father (7 months ago this week), as well as Eloise, my wife, best friend and muse (5 years ago this week). I must have hugged and kissed that dog twenty times a day, as she was a much needed and appreciated part of my life...thank you Lord. I found a touching and inspirational video on youtube called "Wally the Alligator just wants to cuddle with you", check it out, it'll put a smile on your face. This gator loves people and has given hugs to small children, elderly folks, disabled people, and even been a ring bearer in a wedding, giving them comfort and joy along the way. It's unusual, but encouragement sometimes comes from the most unexpected places!

Outside of the clattering from the weird assortment of characters in my head, the Estes household is fairly quiet these days. Picture the image of the person with an angel on one

shoulder, and the devil on the other, as good and evil lives in all of us. However, in my version the angel's surrounded by a comical group of misfits, trying to come together for the common good, while the devil rolls his eyes in disgust, as he realizes he'll never convince them to join his side, but is constantly tormented, having to put up with their constant optimism. And all that time Eloise just thought I was talking to myself, guess I had her fooled!

Continuing with my home maintenance projects, I spent yesterday repainting several pieces of outdoor furniture, as time and weather had rendered them old and ugly looking, but still functional. Seems we may have a lot in common. I'm big on using the band-aid approach to get the most bang for the buck out of anything and everything, and it seems that with the way things have been going lately, more folks are taking on this approach as well. I find that this concept applies to most areas of life, inanimate objects like houses, cars, equipment etc., as well as health, finance and relationships. So whether your (God gifted) band-aid comes in the form of new paint or an emotional support system, use what's currently at your disposal to get on down the road.

Love you guys, Eric.



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# 1864 Gonzales Provisional envelope hits auction block

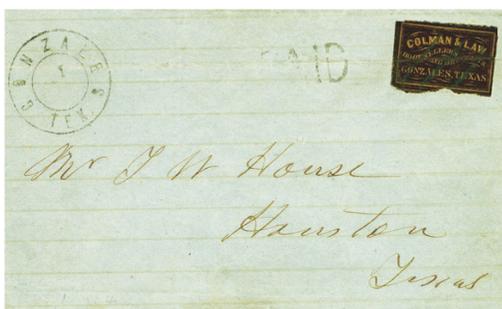
## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

An envelope sent from Gonzales to Houston in the latter days of the Civil War should fetch a nice price when it goes to auction later this month.

On June 21, 2023, H.R. Harmer Fine Stamp Auctions will be offering at public auction the ninth of ten installments of the “Erivan” Collection of United and Confederate States Postal History.

This collection represents one of the most comprehensive and important holdings of American postage stamps ever assembled, and its appearance at auction marks a watershed moment for the hobby of philately.

Highlights from the past few years include an envelope



One of just three envelopes carrying the genuine Gonzales Provisional stamp will go to auction later this month.

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carried by Pony Express to Abraham Lincoln, which sold for \$330,000, and the famous “Blue Boy” stamp of Alexandria, Virginia, which realized an impressive \$1.18 million.

This upcoming sale includes an 1864 envelope from Gonzales, Texas to Houston Texas that was sent near the end of the Civil War.

When the Civil War broke

out, the newly-formed Confederate States of America was left trying to figure out how to set up their own postal service. The Confederate government was not initially focused on producing postage stamps, as resources were being directed towards more pressing matters. Consequently, some Southern postmasters began creating their own stamps and stamped

envelopes in lieu of federally issued stamps.

This “stamp” is actually an advertising label for the firm of Coleman & Law that the town used in place of postage stamps. John V. Law was the postmaster at the time and used his own labels presumably as a form of free advertising. There are only three genuine envelopes with the Gonzales Provisional stamp. This envelope has not been offered at auction since 1999 and is expected to bring in far more than the \$5,000 starting price, according to experts in the industry.

“This Gonzales provisional represents a very rare instance of a postmaster’s ingenuity in a time of need,” remarks Charles Epting, CEO of H.R. Harmer Fine Stamp Auctions. “It also gives you an

appreciation of how the Civil War affected every corner of people’s lives, including how they communicated with each other.”

The value of this item cannot be measured in merely monetary terms — it is a key piece of Americana and Texas history.

Erivan Haub (1932-2018), a German businessman and philanthropist with a love for American history, spent decades curating a collection of United States stamps and postal history that documents the rise of America in the 19th Century and beyond.

Haub preserved some of the most precious artifacts from America’s past, and this coming June this extraordinary Gonzales envelope will once again have a chance to make history on the auction block.

## SAFARI

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na Springs) on Spring Lake this Saturday, June 10 at 9 a.m.

Some 161 teams from all over the globe have signed up for this year’s race, which traverses the San Marcos River to the Guadalupe River (the confluence of the two is in Gonzales) to Guadalupe Bay and then San Antonio Bay with a finish line some 260 miles away in Seadrift. The teams have until 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 14, to cross the finish line at Bill Sanders Memorial Park — just 100 hours total.

The primary requirement is a boat powered only by human muscle. Racers must take all equipment needed with them, receiving only water, ice and food along the way.

“Its reputation has grown worldwide. It’s kind of on the bucket list for people to do, and so it’s a very unique race,” said TWS President Allen Spelce.

And because this is the 60th Texas Water Safari, the TWS board will be giving out one-time awards during the banquet to the 60th boat to finish, the 60th person to finish, the boat that finishes closest to 60 hours, the 1st 60-year-old man and woman to finish the race and possible others. Because, why not?

The Texas Water Safari is not just the race that takes place every year on the second weekend in June, but also includes a seminar in February, the Texas Water Marathon race in May and the Texas Jr. Water Safari in September.

Once again, heat and low waters will propose a challenge for paddlers this year, according to Spelce.

“If you haven’t maintained your body that day, Saturday and Saturday night by getting proper, you know, hydration, electrolytes, food calories. Teams will typically start to crater or drop out Sunday morning, Sunday afternoon,” Spelce said.

Checkpoint 4, which for a long time was the Gonzales gravel bar (mile 85.79) to the Gonzales dam (mile 84.46). Paddlers have until 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11 to make this checkpoint. They will have a mandatory left portage at the dam to the checkpoint to be signed through by their crews. Boats will exit the river above the dam, take the portage and head down the path to put in below the dam.

“There is a cable strung 15-20 feet above the water 500 yards above the dam with a warning sign on it. Generating building on left side of the dam is usually well lit at night,”



VANDY VAN EPPS

Paddlers rested under the Texas 183 bridge in Gonzales as they traveled the Guadalupe River for the 59th annual Texas Water Safari in 2022. This year’s race starts Saturday, June 10, in San Marcos and ends Wednesday, June 14, in Seadrift.

### CHECKPOINTS

Staples Dam FM 1977	Saturday	15:00
Luling 90	Saturday	20:00
Palmetto Bridge & Park	Sunday	8:00
Gonzales Dam	Sunday	16:00
Hochheim Hwy 183	Monday	7:00
Cheapside Bridge (766)	Monday	14:00
Cuero 236	Monday	19:00
Victoria City Park Boat Ramp	Tuesday	9:00
Swinging’ Bridge (off Canal Road)	Tuesday	20:00
Hwy 35 Bridge (RV Park)	Wednesday	7:00
Seadrift – Bill Sander Memorial Park	Wednesday	13:00

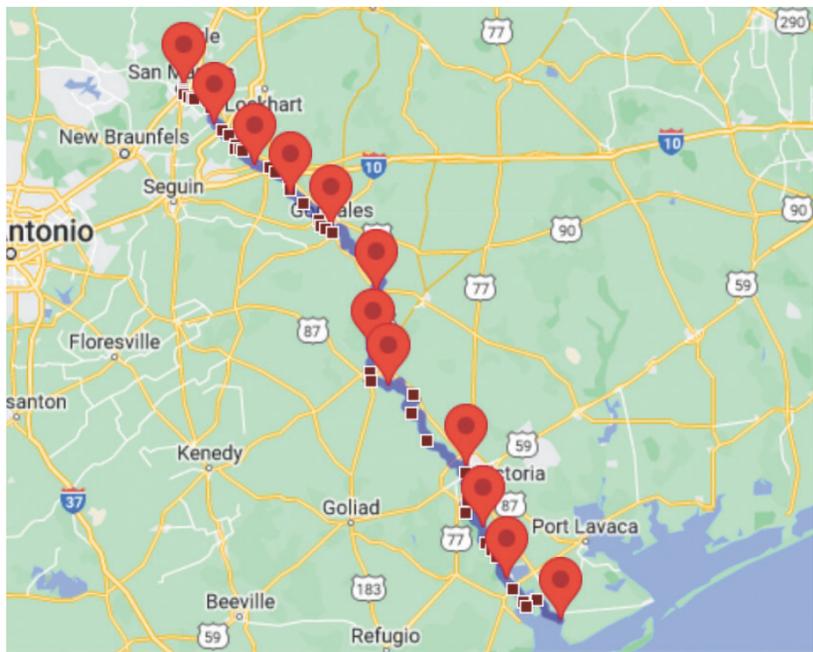
course notes state. “Must portage on Left hand side. Take out at ramp. Carry up to access road. Turn in to gate on right. Follow trail to the river. There is quite a bit of rip rap, so exercise caution.

“The next road crossing is 39 miles and this is the longest section on the

race course. Make sure to have plenty of water. The dam is not conducive to team pulling over to sleep. Suggest going to Gravel Bar if planning to sleep.”

### HOW TWS STARTED

The following information comes from



the Texas Water Safari website:

Legend has it that in 1962, Frank Brown and Bill “Big Willie” George decided to take their V-bottom boat, without a motor, from San Marcos to Corpus Christi. They accomplished their mission in about thirty days and decided that other people should have the opportunity to experience the same journey. So, in 1963 they set up the first Texas Water Safari.

Today the Safari is a long, tough, non-stop marathon canoe-racing adventure, traversing 260 miles of challenging

ivers and bay. Many participants enter the race with no intention of winning, but with the goal of joining the elite group of finishers and earning the coveted Texas Water Safari finisher’s patch.

Entrants must have all provisions, equipment, and items of repair in their possession at the start of the race.

Nothing may be purchased by, or delivered to, a team during the race except water and/or ice. Each team must have a team captain (18 years old, or older) whose responsibility it is to follow the team by vehicle (car,

truck, or bicycle) to keep track of their location and condition and to give them water and/or ice.

During the Safari, teams may not receive any assistance of any kind, except verbal. Teams must be prepared to travel day and night, nonstop, to be competitive but teams who occasionally stop for sleep have been able to reach mandatory checkpoint cutoff times and cross the finish line by the 100-hour deadline.

For more information about the Texas Water Safari, check out [texaswatersafari.org](http://texaswatersafari.org).

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The Gonzales Inquirer will be closed on  
**Tuesday, July 4, 2023**  
in observance of Independence Day.

The deadline for all advertising and editorial copy in the **July 6 edition** is **Noon on Monday, July 3.**

Have a safe and happy holiday from The Gonzales Inquirer staff!

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## NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED



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Officers of the Gonzales Chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas stand on the front porch of the historic J B Wells Home. They were installed at the June 3 meeting and will serve two year terms. DRT is a lineal organization that educates, researches, preserves, and protects the history of the Republic of Texas for future generations. It was founded in 1891, the oldest patriotic woman's organization in Texas and one of the oldest in the US. Josephine Henry Wells was a charter member of the Gonzales Chapter when it was chartered in 1903. Her son, J B Wells Jr gave the home to DRT to honor her and her pride in her ancestry. Tours of the home are given by appointment and during the Come & Take It celebration and the Historic Homes Tour. Pictured from left are Marge Kacir, president; Melanie Petru, vice president; Brenda Benes, secretary; Lynette Schlenker, treasurer; Kristi Posey Coale, registrar; and Jan Lindemann, chaplain.



## DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

Gloria Finch Elder holds her certificate of membership in Daughters of the Republic of Texas after receiving it from registrar Kristi Posey Coale at the Gonzales Chapter meeting on Saturday, June 3. Gloria submitted official records that show she is a descendant of Eliza Ann Jessup Runnels, a loyal citizen of the Republic of Texas. Texas was an independent republic from 1836 - 1846 until it became a state. Gonzales Chapter meets in the beautiful, historic home given to DRT by J B Wells, Jr in honor of his mother Josephine Henry Wells, a charter member of the chapter.

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## Sam Houston State University Spring graduates

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The following area students received degrees during the 2023 Spring semester at Sam Houston State University:

#### GONZALES

- Rosalind Hallmark, Master of Arts, History
- Juan Jordan, Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology
- Katelyn Ostby, Bachelor of Business Admin, Human Resource Management, Magna Cum

#### Laude, Honors/Honors College

- Josie Stowers, Master of Business Admin, Business Administration

#### WAELDER

- Brejhai' Montgomery, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice

# VC to offer Active Listening, Conflict Resolution courses

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College is offering two new business courses this summer, including an Active Listening Lunch & Learn and a Conflict Resolution course.

The Active Listening Lunch & Learn will cover techniques for becoming an active listener and learning specific communication behaviors that enhance the capacity to listen and empower participants to be fully present in conversations by giving verbal and nonverbal feedback that encourages positive feedback. The course will be facilitated by Woodrow Wilson Wagner and will be offered on June 13, 27, and July 11 from 11:30



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VC to offer Active Listening, Conflict Resolution courses to be held at VC's Emerging Technology Complex.

a.m. - 1 p.m. The course fee is \$85 and includes all materials and lunch.

Conflict Resolution will be facilitated by Geoffrey Tordt and will cover how differences of opinion can quickly escalate into an out-and-out battle. This course will provide strategies to move from conflict to collaboration, including effectively neutralizing negativity, hostility, passiveness, and aggression. Participants will learn to

utilize their natural skills to develop techniques that work for them. The course will be held June 21-29 on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The course fee is \$115 and includes all materials.

The deadline to register for either course is Monday, June 5 at noon. The courses will take place in the Conference and Education Center, Room 302, of VC's Emerging Technology Complex.

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

# Shigellosis outbreak traced to restaurant in Hallettsville

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Houston lawyer has filed a lawsuit against a Hallettsville restaurant, accusing them of being responsible for an outbreak of shigellosis that may have gotten more than 100 people sick during pre-graduation meals.

The Texas Department of State Health Services Public Health Region 8 (DSHS PHR 8) confirmed it is currently investigating an outbreak of shigellosis in Lavaca County dating back a day or two before the Memorial Day weekend.

This was just before graduation at a number of area high schools in Lavaca County, as well as neighboring Gonzales, DeWitt, Fayette and Colorado counties.

"DSHS PHR 8 is working to identify the source of the outbreak by interviewing individuals who have become sick and collecting food samples from a location where multiple individuals have eaten before becoming sick," DSHS announced in a press release.

Houston-based Jory Lange of Lange Law Firm

### COMMON SYMPTOMS OF SHIGELLOSIS

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea, which may contain blood and/or mucus
- Stomach Pain
- Fever
- Urge to pass stool but bowels are empty

Symptoms usually start 1-2 days after infection and last 7 days. In some cases, the frequency and consistency of stool do not return to normal for several months.

said he is filing suit on behalf of his client, who was diagnosed with shigellosis after eating at Los Cabos San Lucas Mexican Grill in Hallettsville. At least two more lawsuits have been filed and others may be expected with dozens of people having gotten sick.

The restaurant put out a statement to the public following the outbreak.

"We would like to offer our apologies to our customers affected by last Thursday's dinner service," the statement read. "We have been working closely with our food suppliers, employees, and health inspectors on fixing the problem. The owner, Mr. Sanchez, voluntarily closed on Monday May 31, 2023 and immediately contacted health inspectors. Mr. Sanchez remained

closed and did not feel comfortable operating while not knowing what was causing the illness.

"On Thursday June 1, 2023 health inspectors arrived at 9 a.m. and did a complete investigation. They inspected the entire facility top to bottom. As an extra precaution Mr. Sanchez disposed and discarded all food products and will be receiving all new food products early Friday morning June 2, 2023. This will allow his staff to prepare all food products fresh from scratch and be ready to reopen Friday, June 2, 2023 at 5 p.m.

"To the city of Hallettsville we thank you very much for your support and will continue working on maintaining great food safety standards at all of our establishments."

Shigellosis is an infection caused by ingesting shigella bacteria. The bacteria spread easily, and people can become infected by eating food prepared by someone with shigellosis, swallowing water while swimming in a lake or improperly treated swimming pool, or touching surfaces or items contaminated with the bacteria from someone with an infection.

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# Victoria College honors Associate Degree Nursing graduates



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Pictured are Dr. Jennifer Kent, VC President, Darla Strother, VC's Dean of Allied Health, Cindy Buchholz, Executive Vice President-Chief Academic Officer with Lori Gomez, Marina Escalon, Angela Ramos, and Robby Pourciaux-Owens; VC ADN program students recognized with highest GPA

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College's Associate Degree Nursing Program honored 46 Spring 2023 graduates during a Pinning Ceremony on May 11 at VC's Emerging Technology Complex.

The graduates received their pins during the ceremony with family and friends were in attendance.

Robby Pourciaux Owens of La Grange, Angela Ramos of Ganado, Lori Gomez of Victoria, and Marina Escalon of Victoria were recognized for the highest GPAs.

Other graduates included Kayla Pinon of Bloomington; Tywanisa Adams, D'Aundra Eldridge, and True Trevino of Cuero; Emily Bubela and Monica Hernandez of Ganado; Emily Von Dohlen of Goliad; Monica Matamoros of Gonzales; Bethany Moon and Cassidy Sandhop of Inez; Shannon Hare and Chelsea Lopez of Luling; Charity Nguten of Palacios; Wah Paw and Harley Snider of Port Lavaca,

Chaelee Mejia of Smiley; Jade Alvarado, Skylar Broughton, Courtney Brown, Sydney Burns, Daniela Camacho, Alina Cervantes, Maritza Cruz, K'Liyah Cunningham, Sarah Dinh, Samantha Gaona, Daniela Herrera, Dylan Kneisel, and Shantal Noel of Victoria; and Haleigh Meyer of Yoakum.

Victoria College's two-year Associate of Applied Science degree in nursing is fully approved by the Texas Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.

Successful completion of the ADN Program enables graduates to apply for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. Satisfactory achievement on the exam qualifies graduates for licensure as a registered nurse.

For more information on Victoria College's nursing programs, call (361) 573-3291 or visit [VictoriaCollege.edu/HealthCareers](http://VictoriaCollege.edu/HealthCareers).

## QUILTERS PREP FOR BEGINNERS YOUTH CLASS



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Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild members, from left, Beni Gerdes, Janet Zbransky, Mary Shafer, Rose Mary Havlik, Irene Cerny, Debbie Novasad, and Tara Raskob are busy preparing kits for the Beginners Youth Quilting Class for ages 10-16 on June 26-28 from 9 a.m. to noon and June 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Shiner Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Students must bring a sewing machine in good working order, instructions for the machine and a small scissors. The Guild will provide fabric and essential items. Enrollment is limited to 7. The deadline to enroll is Wednesday, June 21. Students need to attend all four sessions. For information log onto [www.shinerheritagequilters.org](http://www.shinerheritagequilters.org). To enroll or ask questions please call: Mary Shafer (713) 530-2975.

## GONZALES LODGE PRESENTS AWARDS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Gonzales Lodge #38 presented awards at the Gonzales Junior High School 8th grade awards program on May 24, 2023. From left are Karen Perez GJHS Principal; students Tacaira Sylvester and Tommy Barnes; and Lodge members Larry Mercer & Michael Mercer.



Gonzales Lodge #38 presented awards to seventh graders at Gonzales Junior High School on May 18, 2023. Pictured from left are Lodge member JoAnn Mercer, students Grayson Ramirez and Brooklyn Juarez; and Lodge member Larry Mercer.



Gonzales Lodge #38 presented scholarships to Gonzales High School recipients for 2023. From left are Lodge member JoAnn Mercer and graduates Brendon Mercer, Cole Boothe and Kristyn Baker.

## Woman's Study Club meets up for tour of member's garden

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Woman's Study Club met in the home of member Jean Ollum on Wednesday, May 10 at 4 p.m. Part of the day's program was a tour of Ollum's beautiful garden which was a featured garden on the recent Garden Tour sponsored by several local organizations, the Master Gardeners, Historic Home Association, and Spade and Trowel Garden Club. Seventeen members were present.

After the meeting was called to order by President Jeanette Mayer and

the collect was read, the minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and the library report. A note from the Friends of the Library was read thanking the club for the \$200.00 donation it had given.

Other business was discussed and acted on. A library book will be purchased in memory of deceased member Susie Vrana.

The program consisted of members sharing Show and Tell items or memories. The variety of items ranged from a beautifully hand crafted quilt from a husband's neckties and amazing

stained glass door inserts and a hand painted umbrella to family heirlooms like a Victorian calling card, a picture of a family who survived the 1900 hurricane in Galveston and meaningful paintings to special family gifts and announcements and celebrations of birthdays, impending births and the list goes on. A very entertaining program!

After the meeting adjourned, the group enjoyed refreshments, visiting, and touring the lovely garden of Jean and Merle Ollum. The group looks forward to resuming their meetings in September.

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# WIN

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in Community Service and Special Section and the oldest weekly newspaper in Texas closed out the TPA Convention at Kalahari Resorts in Round Rock as the most decorated newspaper in the Lone Star State — regardless of size.

The Inquirer collected a total of 1,000 Sweepstakes points, the only newspaper in the state of Texas to hit that threshold and had more points than the next three newspapers in Division 7 combined.

In doing so, the Inquirer made good on an aspiration that I had the moment last year's convention in San Marcos ended. I even made the prediction in our Aug. 5, 2022, edition.

"The Gonzales Inquirer will be celebrating its 170th anniversary next year as the oldest continuously published weekly newspaper in the state," Cohn said in 2022. "Our goal for next year's Texas Press Association contest is to win the Sweepstakes Award and build off the success we had this year."

What makes this win even more impressive is that it was achieved by a skeleton crew of employees who put their hearts and souls into producing the best newspaper in Texas, despite the devastating loss of our beloved advertising sales executive and sports writer Louis Decker last July. Some of Decker's final work with the Inquirer was part of the entries which won first place for Sports Coverage and first place in Advertising.

The judges from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association had plenty of great things to say about the Inquirer.

The judges praised the Inquirer for its Editorial Writing, which included entries about the newspaper's political coverage policies and an editorial explaining county property tax increases.

"Readers may disagree with the newspaper's polices on political coverage, but it's smart and good to show those boundaries. And explaining property taxes and the like is not easy, but this is well done," the judges wrote.

Feature photography included Vandy Van Epps' spectacular work in showcasing Float Fest as well as the newspaper's graduation photo pages, which judges called "lovely. Nice emotion and some nice light."

In General Excellence, the judges found the Inquirer to be "visually very pleasing. Nice photos (looks like there's a lot of reader buy in, i.e. back to school, but just lots of faces all the way through), good variety of content. Really nice page design overall."

That Page Design, which is performed by Marissa Ferreira, was lauded for its "good incorporation of photos into stylized headlines."

When it comes to News Photography,

## Sweepstakes

### Longview News-Journal

**DIVISION 2 - Dailies**  
 Longview News-Journal - 700 points  
 Galveston, The Daily News - 625 points  
 Tyler Morning Telegraph - 425 points  
 Victoria Advocate - 375 points

### TAYLOR PRESS

**DIVISION 5 Semiweeklies**  
 Taylor Press - 700 points  
 Panola Watchman, Carthage - 625 points  
 Kilgore News Herald - 450 points  
 Weatherford Democrat - 400 points

### THE POST-SIGNAL

**DIVISION 8 Weeklies**  
 Post Signal, Pilot Point - 800 points  
 Hamilton Herald News - 650 points  
 Mineral Wood County Monitor - 375 points  
 Palacios Beacon - 350 points

### Uvalde Leader-News

**DIVISION 3 - Semiweeklies**  
 Uvalde Leader-News - 925 points  
 Lufkin Daily News - 700 points  
 Hood County News - 500 points  
 Wise County Messenger - 200 points

### Fredericksburg Standard

**DIVISION 6 Weeklies**  
 Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post - 900 points  
 Kerrville, Hill Country Community Journal - 525 points  
 Pleasanton Express - 475 points  
 Port Aransas South Jetty - 425 points

### THE VERNON DAILY RECORD

**DIVISION 9 Weeklies**  
 Vernon Record - 625 points  
 The Texas Spur - 475 points  
 Floyd County Hesperian Beacon - 450 points  
 Double Mountain Chronicle, Rotan - 350 points

### The Daily Sentinel

**DIVISION 4 Semiweeklies**  
 The Daily Sentinel, Nacogdoches - 550 points  
 The Messenger, Grapeland - 525 points  
 El Campo Leader-News - 400 points  
 Wharton Journal-Spectator - 350 points

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**DIVISION 7 Weeklies**  
 Gonzales Inquirer - 1,000 points  
 Port Lavaca Wave - 325 points  
 Mercedes Enterprise - 300 points  
 The Vindicator, Liberty - 250 points

### THE CLARENDON ENTERPRISE

**DIVISION 10 Weeklies**  
 Clarendon Enterprise - 725 points  
 Caprock Courier, Silverton - 400 points  
 Archer County News - 400 points  
 Flatonia Argus - 350 points

**Sweepstakes Tiebreakers:**  
 If a tie should arise in a Sweepstakes category, the newspaper with the most points in the General Excellence category will be declared the

winner. If neither newspaper has won a General Excellence award, the newspaper with the most first place awards overall will be declared the winner.

If the score remains tied, the newspaper with the most second place awards will be declared the winner.

**“The Gonzales Inquirer will be celebrating its 170th anniversary next year as the oldest continuously published weekly newspaper in the state. Our goal for next year's Texas Press Association contest is to win the Sweepstakes Award and build off the success we had this year.”**

—Lew K. Cohn, Publisher, in 2022

the Inquirer wowed the judges. "Great Stations of the Cross photo! Interesting shot of the color run," they wrote.

The Discover magazine, produced by the Inquirer, led judges to comment, "Interesting Texas history here. Well packaged and presented with great photos."

The Inquirer entry for Community Service included its February 2022 candidate forum, co-sponsored with the Gonzales County Republican Party. Judges provided constructive criticism: "This forum and coverage provides lots of important information to voters in the community. I enjoyed the coverage of the event, but would have liked to see the Q & A style section broken up some more, the large blocks of text are hard to stay engaged with."

Finally, in the Public Notice Division, judges appreciated how the newspaper used a public notice about water wells to keep readers informed with continuing coverage.

"Excellent follow-up after a public notice about a permit application for public supply wells, with multiple stories

about public hearings and concerns," the judges wrote.

The 2022 Texas Better Newspaper Contest featured 18 categories. Participating newspapers were invited to submit entries from work published during the calendar year 2022. This year, 99 newspapers submitted 920 entries in the contest.

Division 1 was reserved for the five metro dailies with the highest circulation in Texas, which complete only in the General Excellence category. Division 2 is designated for dailies; Divisions 3, 4 and 5 for semiweeklies (newspapers publishing two or three times per week) and Divisions 6 through 10 for weeklies.

This year, eight dailies competed in Division 2; 31 semiweekly newspapers competed in Divisions 3, 4 and 5; and 53 weekly newspapers competed in divisions 6 through 10.

Competitions were divided into divisions in which newspapers competed against publications of similar circulation.

TPA member newspapers competing in each division had the opportunity to

submit entries in 12 sweepstakes contest categories and six non-sweepstakes contest categories.

In the sweepstakes contest categories, awards were presented in all eight circulation divisions.

In the non-sweepstakes categories, divisions were determined by the number of entries from dailies, semiweeklies and weeklies. This year there were three divisions in the Community Service, Best Website, Online Coverage, Best Magazine and Public Notice competition categories; and five divisions in the Special Section category.

Entries were judged this year by members of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association while Texas Press Association member volunteers judged entries in the ONPA contest.

First place winners and sweepstakes winners receive plaques and certificates are awarded in first through fourth places.

Sweepstakes points are earned for each division (except Division 1) based on point accumulation in the 12 sweepstakes categories: 100 points for each first-place award, 75 points for each second-place award, 50 points for each third-place award and 25 points for each fourth-place award.

Awards were presented on June 3, at the 2023 TPA Convention & Trade Show in Round Rock.

# SHELTER

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new group can use.

Weaver added when they started the shelter, they did all the cleaning, before the city did it, and that it was a massive job taking care of the kittens.

"In this part of the world, we have two kitten

seasons, because we'll have an influx. Right now, we're in the thick of the kitten season, and then we'll have another kitten season in September. It's a big job to take care of strays," Weaver said. Finding volunteers

has been challenge for FOGAS, and Weaver said the organization has been doing that on a daily basis, but most people want a salary.

"It probably has to be people that are retired that can do this just

because their hearts in it. And it's a pretty thankless job and an unending job," Weaver said.

In 2022, FOGAS reported that 500 plus cats were rescued by fostering, adoption, Barn Tiger Program and TNR Rehoming; 90 dogs and 135 cats in community-owned areas were neutered at no cost.

Weaver said there are some in the community who think cats should not be part of the community, but she added if you live in a community with neighbors, the cat are part of it.

"It is part of living in a community that there will be stray cats. And a lot of people don't like

that. But you would be trapping hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of animals every year to eliminate cats in a community and with this climate that we live in, you're not gonna stop it," Weaver said.

FOGAS hopes that a new contractor will be another rescue group, and stated whoever it is, they are committed to provide the support they can make for a smooth transition.

Gonzales City Manager Tim Crow said they appreciated FOGAS and their work for many years.

"They've done some really wonderful things with the animals. And,

they're going to be missed and they had a positive impact for the cat community in our in our area," Crow said.

With the group not renewing its contract with the city, Crow is looking at different possibilities for the cat shelter; options include adding an animal control officer to help facilitate the cat shelter or have another non-profit group to make a proposal, he said.

"We're in the very early stages of planning for that; this change will happen at the end of September, beginning of October. And so we're just in the very beginning steps of putting that plan together," Crow said.

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# GEDC

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of the community. Previously, Sankey worked with the Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program and at the Kansas State Fair. She is a 20-year veteran of the non-profit sector with experience in rural community engagement, healthcare philanthropy and strategic growth, and a corporate background with Cargill and Seaboard Foods in quality assurance, research and development, food safety, and compliance. Sankey is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in agricultural education and has a background in fundraising, organization management, and leadership. The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation is a Texas non-profit economic development corporation, acting in accordance with the Development Corporation Act, chapters 501 to 505 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended. The GEDC Board is comprised of seven directors, each of whom are appointed by the Gonzales City Council. For more information about GEDC, contact 830-672-2815 or [GEDC@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:GEDC@gonzales.texas.gov) or visit the website at [www.gonzalesedc.org](http://www.gonzalesedc.org).

# JOBS

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Development Area. For the entire Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, the unemployment rate for April 2023 was 3.4 percent, a drop of four-tenths of a percent and lower than the state average of 3.7 percent. This represented a total of 3,167 residents in Gonzales, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria counties seeking employment out of a total workforce of 92,351 people. The counties in the Golden Crescent with the lowest unemployment rate were DeWitt and Calhoun at 3.0 percent each, followed by Jackson County at 3.1 percent, both Gonzales and Lavaca counties at 3.2 percent, with Goliad County at 3.6 percent and Victoria County bringing up the rear at 3.8 percent. For April 2023, there were 303 individuals in Gonzales County seeking employment out of a workforce of 9,559 with 9,256 reported as employed. Unemployment rates since April 2021 for Gonzales County are:

- April 2021, 4.7 percent.
- May 2021, 4.5 percent.
- June 2021, 5.1 percent.
- July 2021, 4.3 percent.
- August 2021, 3.9 percent.
- September 2021, 3.8 percent.
- October 2021, 3.6 percent.
- November 2021, 3.5 percent.
- December 2021, 3.2 percent.
- January 2022, 3.6 percent.
- February 2022, 3.4 percent.
- March 2022, 2.7 percent.
- April 2022, 2.6 percent.
- May 2022, 2.9 percent.
- June 2022, 3.5 percent.
- July 2022, 3.2 percent.
- August 2022, 3.2 percent.
- September 2022, 3.1 percent.
- October 2022, 3.1 percent.
- November 2022, 3.1 percent.
- December 2022, 2.7 percent.
- January 2023, 3.7 percent.
- February 2023, 4.0 percent.
- March 2023, 3.5 percent.
- April 2023, 3.2 percent.

# NIXON

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moral turpitude.” “All members shall be registered voters of the city of Nixon, having primary or secondary residence within the city limits of the city of Nixon,” La Fleur said. “All current appointed members must comply within six months, and all future members must meet requirements to be considered for the position at the time of appointment. “We have one proposed member and one current member that we’re going to give them time to comply with their residency issue. And going forward, those will be the residency requirements.”

The council approved the elected officers of Chairman Travis Hansen, Vice Chairman Briana Dominguez, Secretary Pablo Aguirre, Treasurer Nina Hernandez and Sergeant-at-Arms Mark Soto. When it came time to discuss whether the name of the board should be changed, however, Escobedo told council members that using the name district would essentially create a separate taxing entity that would take away money from the city.

“When a district is created, it’s its own taxing entity,” Escobedo said. “So, it would impose such taxes, you know, on the citizens as well. Basically, the way that is done is a percentage of the tax income that’s received by the city is taken away and put in for funding for the district. And again, that would potentially affect the budget.”

The issue of creating an economic development district (EDC) has come up previously, but because of the city’s limited budget and sales tax income,



PHOTOS BY LEW K. COHN  
Nixon Municipal Judge and Precinct 4 JP Darryl Becker administers the oath of office to incoming City Council member Patsy Vigil Scherrer as she keeps her hand on a family Bible on Monday, June 5. Scherrer was elected last month and took her place on the council dais.



With her husband Mark Pompa beside her, incoming Nixon City Council member Melissa Mendez Pompa recites the oath of office as directed by Nixon Municipal Judge and Precinct 4 JP Darryl Becker at the regular council meeting on Monday, June 5. Pompa was elected last month.

it was not approved. Escobedo said for an EDC to be approved, it would have to go before the voters.

“The reason for that is because of the taxation issue,” Escobedo said. “Any board

that’s created that has the word district in it is creating its own taxing entity and that affects the citizens and affects the budget of the city. So therefore, we have to get basically a majority of vote on yes or no, on an election

to be able to do that. And it has to be held in a regularly scheduled election date.”

Escobedo said the intent of the city was not to create a district, but to “create and advisory board so that way, the city council still maintains control of what’s recommended by the board.”

“If it’s a district, that control is essentially lost,” he continued. “The only control that city council would have, according to the code, is to select who the board members are and that’s it. And again, the reason that it’s advisory in nature is because it’s basically a volunteer-type position to give advice to city council on making decisions moving forward. Ultimately, the intent was to keep the control of decisions regarding that particular board here in city council.”

Hansen responded by saying that none of the members of the board want to take control over the decision-making process.

“I think we wanted to keep our hands out of that,” Hansen said. “We just want to take some of the legwork off and bring ideas to y’all. And y’all can either shoot them down or say, yeah, keep getting after it. It’s not our job to make decisions on behalf of the city.”

Council members then voted unanimously to keep the name of the group as the Tourism and Development Board as they were created to be advisory in nature.

The council also had discussions with the board about the proposed veterans park that would be built next to City Hall. A full story on that portion of the meeting will appear in next week’s Inquirer.

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