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Commissioners approve \$10 million grant request to restore Courthouse

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County Commissioners adopted a resolution Wednesday, May 1, to support a grant application for up to \$10 million in funding from the Texas Historical Commission to restore the Gonzales County

Courthouse. Commissioners also approved making the grant funding request for the full amount of \$10 million and pledged to commit \$3.808 million in local funds to support restoration efforts for the building, which has a number of identified areas of concern which need

to be addressed in order to preserve its structural integrity and functionality. Commissioners do not know yet where the matching funds will come from. In other action, commissioners granted a preservation easement to the THC if they are awarded a grant from the Texas

Historic Courthouse Preservation Program (THCPP). At this time, until the city presents a resolution to convey an easement for the use of Block 25, which includes the Courthouse, to the county, that item has been tabled. The county has until 5 p.m. Monday, May 13, to submit a

THCPP application under the 2024-25 Round XIII grant cycle. The 88th Texas Legislature allocated just \$45 million for the cycle and counties may receive up to \$10 million to go for full restoration construction, the development of architectural

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BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS



VANDY VAN EPPS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches hold their bi-district championship banner after beating Wimberley in three games Saturday, April 27. For more sports coverage, see pages 5 & 6.

Shooting victim's family wants someone held accountable for his death

Family want 'Brandon O'Quinn Rasberry' law passed for young, violent juvenile offenders

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Family members of Brandon O'Quinn Rasberry gathered together in Old Davy, near Yorktown, this past weekend for the first time since learning his 2022 shooting death was at the hands of a child who didn't even know him.

His mother, Charlene Hadley; brother and sister-in-law, Jonathan and Emily Fojtik; grandmother Pam Mueller and aunt Laura Fontenot spoke exclusively with the Gonzales Inquirer by phone about their desire to see someone held accountable for Brandon's death and that state and/or federal laws be changed to take into account juvenile offenders who commit horrific acts of violence.

They especially wanted to also send a message of love and support to a Nixon-Smiley CISD student who was threatened while riding the bus by the same now 10-year-old male who killed Brandon.

That one act — not letting bullying behavior stand — eventually led inves-

See RASBERRY, page 7

Gonzales PD talks updated animal ordinance

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales City Council recently approved changes to the animal control ordinance in their Thursday, April 14 meeting.

Gonzales Police Chief Gayle Autry spoke to the Gonzales Inquirer about the changes that were made in the ordinance.

Autry said the changes were made to help Kingdom Rescue run their "Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate and Release program" for the cats in Gonzales.

"We put it in definitions for TNVR. Let's see, we had one thing that we had to take out of the nuisance clause was the cats running

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Lee County murder, robbery suspect arrested in Gonzales

FROM STAFF, PUBLISHED REPORTS

A suspect in a March 5 Lee County robbery-homicide was arrested last week without incident by Gonzales police.

Atlantic Anthony Eredia-Johnson, 27, was picked up by the Gonzales Police Department after an arrest affidavit revealed he was one of three suspects Lee County Sheriff's Office investigators believe took part in the robbery and shooting death of Carlos Ramone Greene.

Greene, 36, was shot multiple times at



Eredia-Johnson



Medearis



Williams

an RV he was staying at in the 1100 block County Road 123 near North Orange Street not far from Ledbetter.

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Unemployment rate decreases to 3.7 percent in Gonzales County

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Unemployment in Gonzales County decreased to 3.7 percent in March 2024, with the county continuing to place the third-highest of the seven counties which comprise the Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area.

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Two Gonzales ISD departments to receive pay bump following board approval

SPECIAL TO INQUIRER

During a special board meeting on Monday, April 22, the Gonzales Independent School District

(GISD) board of trustees unanimously approved compensation adjustments for non-exempt bus drivers and child nutrition employees. The

changes, which aim to address pay equity, are effective immediately. As salaries increased

See GISD, page 16

Commissioners look at high PACE utility bills

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

The Gonzales Master Gardeners PACE Building has been generating

more than just excitement about spring planting. Unfortunately, it has also been growing some large utility bills, County Judge Pat Davis said last week.

Davis and county maintenance officer Brian Kloesel updated commissioners about

See PACE, page 15



Rodriguez selected for induction into Texas Lions Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales Lion Andy Rodriguez was selected to be inducted into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame at the 2024 Texas Lions State Convention in Amarillo.

Elevation of Lions into the Texas Lions Hall of Fame bestows an honor upon one who has been outstanding in using their time, talents, and resources to further the cause of humanitarian services.

Past District Governor Andy Rodriguez has been a member of the Gonzales Noon Lions Club in Gonzales, Texas for 39 years. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a Texas Lions Fellow, a Jack Wiech Fellow, a Life Member of the Texas Lions Camp, a Life Member of the Lone Star Lions Eye Bank, a member of the Order of the Silver Cane at World Services for the Blind, a recipient of the Ed Flood Award presented on



Rodriguez

behalf of the Texas Lions Foundation and the E.B. 'Tex' Mayer Award presented for exemplary service by Lions of District 2-S5.

He has received many community and Lions service awards; most notably, he has achieved the Lions Grand Master Key Membership Award for sponsoring over 50 members into Lionism and he is the recipient of several Lions International President's Leadership awards and many International President's certificates of appreciation.

Cherished by Andy, he has received the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award and in 2022 he was honored with the prestigious David B. Walshak Lifetime Achievement

Award.

He has served on the District 2-S5 Cabinet since 2001 in the positions of District Governor, Zone Chairman, Retention Chairman, Membership Chairman, Leadership Chairman, World Services for the Blind Chairman, ALERT Chairman and District Chaplain.

He is best known for his work in developing and supporting a successful district leadership training team because he believes training is the key to club success. He and the District 2-S5 Training Team have delivered training to Lions of all 16 districts in Texas. He has been recognized for developing the Texas Lions Trainer Development program that trains Lions how to be trainers and for 16 years was a presenter at the Texas Lions Leadership Forum and Lions Clubs International Regional Lions Leadership Institute.



CONTRIBUTED

Gonzales High School senior Grace Frederick recently received a 2024 GVEC Scholarship. Frederick was one of 20 awardees to receive a scholarship from GVEC. She plans to attend Texas A&M University this fall.

Gonzales High School student earns GVEC scholarship

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Grace Frederick of Gonzales High School recently received a \$2,500 scholarship from GVEC. This year, GVEC awarded \$50,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors in an effort to support them as they move on to higher education.

More than 230 exceptional students from throughout GVEC's service area submitted applications. Frederick was among 20 recipients selected for their outstanding academics, extracurricular involvement, community service and the desire to continue their education after high school.

"The dedication and hard work of these students are evident in their accomplishments," said GVEC General Manager and CEO Darren Schauer. "They have participated in extracurricular activities, volunteered in their communities, held part-time jobs and excelled in academics. We want to recognize these outstanding individuals for their commitment to their schools and communities."

The Cooperative recently honored all 2024 GVEC Scholarship winners, their families and school administrators at a luncheon held at The Venue at GG's in Gonzales.

Each spring, GVEC awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to high school seniors seeking to further their education. Students will receive half of their \$2,500 scholarships at the start of the 2024 fall semester at their chosen university, college or technical school. They will receive the remaining half at the start of the 2025 spring semester.

The GVEC Scholarship program is open to all high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are GVEC members. Applications and requirements for the 2025 GVEC Scholarship will be available in the fall of 2024 at gvec.org.

GVEC awards 10 more Power Up grants

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Power Up community grant program continues to grow, with ten more nonprofit organizations receiving nearly \$171,000 in grants. These grants, which provide funding assistance for community projects, are made possible by the generous donations of GVEC members supporting the charitable Power Up program.

Since the first grant distribution in 2012, more than \$3.8 million in grants have helped fund 239 community projects benefiting GVEC members and citizens in communities GVEC serves. These projects range from the purchase of life-saving equipment for first responders and medical facilities to the renovation of local museums, parks, historic places and community meeting spaces.

In the most recent round of distributions, Gonzales County Veterans Memorial Association in Gonzales received a Power Up grant for \$20,000; Nixon Methodist Church, Nixon, received a Power Up grant for \$20,000; and the Thompsonville Cemetery Association, Thompsonville, received a Power Up grant for \$19,461:

- Gonzales County Veterans Memorial Associations in Gonzales will use their funds for the construction of a veteran's memorial with granite walls of honor and 5-point star, and flag poles in the center to display the American flag, Texas flag and the POW/MIA flag.
- The Nixon Methodist Church is utilizing its funds for the community-based food pantry and resale shop in Nixon known as "God's Storehouse." The construction



The Nixon Methodist Church, Nixon, accepts a GVEC Power Up grant for \$20,000. The grant will be used for the expansion of the food pantry and resale shop in "God's Storehouse." Pictured L to R: Shop Coordinator Maria Tristan, New Building Coordinator Johnny Hewell, Co-Founder and Special Outreach Co-Coordinator Gladys Finch, Weekly Food Distribution Assistant Coordinator Rosita Limón Weekly Food Distribution Coordinator Leonor Mendolia, Coordinator Angela Alexander, Donor and representing his late wife Virginia Wynne, Co-Founder Sidney Wynne, and GVEC Board of Directors Secretary/Treasurer Morris Harvey.



The Gonzales County Veterans Memorial Association, Gonzales, accepts a GVEC Power Up grant for \$20,000. The grant will be used for the construction of a veterans memorial in Gonzales. Pictured L to R: Treasurer Bill Kessler, Vice President Glenda Kessler, Director Steve Willman, Director Elgin Heinemeyer, GVEC Power Up Board Member Crissy Filla, Director Barbara Hand, Director Steve Ehrig, President Larry J. Mercer, GVEC Board Vice President Henry Schmidt, Jr., and GVEC Board of Directors Secretary/Treasurer Morris Harvey.

of a finished-out metal building complete with shelving and refrigeration will be a better resource to continue to serve those in need.

- Thompsonville Cemetery Association located in Thompsonville will improve its active community center with the grant funds by making better use of its outdoor covered patio space. Installing drop-down patio coverings, ceiling fans and

space heaters will expand their indoor space to accommodate the growing community and the many events and gatherings held at the public community center.

Other Power Up grants awarded during this cycle include: \$18,283 to Ander-Weser Volunteer Fire Department, Goliad,

for bunker gear washer/extractor and drying cabinet; \$20,000 to the City of New Berlin for a walking track in the city park; \$2,183.98 to Goliad County EMS, Goliad, for pediatric transport restraint system; \$14,763 to Lifegate Christian School, Seguin, for ventilation improvements for the main gym; \$20,000 to Meyersville ISD, Meyersville, for exterior LED lighting of the Meyersville school campus; \$20,000 to Yoakum ISD, Yoakum, for Yoakum high school beautification project; and \$16,236.84 to York Creek VFD, Staples, for firefighter personal protective equipment.

"The program is designed to ensure the funded projects have a meaningful impact on the membership. We're pleased to see organizations utilize the grant funds to enhance public spaces and services that also promote safety, social and education initiatives," says Christine Presley, GVEC Community Relations Representative. "We hope to continue spreading the word to the organizations in our area in need of financial support. It is a competitive process, but we are here to answer your questions, assist you with the application process and ensure your application packet is complete."

The next application deadline for the Power Up community grant program is August 15, 2024. For program qualifications and an application, visit gvec.org, or call Presley at 830.857.3424 for assistance. Grant applications are also available at GVEC's five area offices.

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The Thompsonville Cemetery Association, Thompsonville, accepts a GVEC Power Up grant for \$19,461. The grant will be used to improve their multi-purpose Community Center. Pictured L to R: Thompsonville Ladies Club Secretary Tessa Goodman, Thompsonville Cemetery Association President LaVerne Davis, Thompsonville Cemetery Association Board of Directors Larry Hamm, GVEC External Review Committee Member Crissy Filla, Thompsonville Cemetery Association Board of Directors Nanette Monaghan, Thompsonville Cemetery Association Treasurer Betty Schroeder, and Thompsonville Ladies Club Member Cheri Willard.

Celebrations

Birthdays

May 2nd Brenda Brown Veronica Tieken	May 6th Karen Fougerat Rose Kistler
May 3rd Weston Davis	May 7th Trey Hendershot Terry Zella Johnson Jackie Kridler Jackie Williamson
May 4th Beth Carter Kamryn Harkey Shelby Stamport Shawn Stamport	May 8th Dorothy Granados Khloeanann Granados Brenda Harkey
May 5th Sheila Elstner	

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Gonzales Weather

	May 2 85°/70°	Mostly cloudy; a thundershower in spots in the morning followed by a couple of thundershowers in the afternoon 72% chance of rain • RealFeel 88
	May 3 84°/69°	Times of clouds and sun; a morning shower in spots followed by a couple of thundershowers in the afternoon 65% chance of rain • RealFeel 91
	May 4 88°/70°	Cloudy and warm with a couple of thundershowers 63% chance of rain • RealFeel 91
	May 5 88°/70°	Watch for a strong thunderstorm in the morning; mostly cloudy and warm 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 88
	May 6 86°/70°	Mostly cloudy 13% chance of rain • RealFeel 87
	May 7 88°/69°	Cloudy and warm with a strong thunderstorm in spots 39% chance of rain • RealFeel 94
	May 8 87°/71°	A blend of sun and clouds; watch for a strong morning thunderstorm followed by a couple of thundershowers in the afternoon 68% chance of rain • RealFeel 96

Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

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Garden Q&A with CALVIN FINCH



Q. Is it possible to control mosquitoes without killing butterflies and other desirable insects?

A. Yes, there are mosquito control procedures that rely on delivery of breeding control chemicals that are carried by other mosquitoes that do not affect other insects. Damage to butterfly populations can even be limited if application of controls such as Bt are limited to plants that are only of interest to insects such as cabbage loopers and they must consume the treated foliage. There are more and more options being developed.

Q. Why don't gardeners use four-o'clock plants more in their landscapes. We do and they are easy to grow produce colorful flowers, some of which have a fragrance, are drought tolerant, are pest free, grow in sun or shade, and are even deer proof?

A. Four-o'clocks have a tendency to take over the landscape. With their



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deep growing root system once they are established they often expand but rarely retreat, even when they are worked on by a gardener wanting the space back!

Q. I know you recommend the use of annual sunflowers as a seed and nectar source for birds and butterflies. Do you have any special techniques to use to control them from taking over the yard?

A. I have to admit that the sunflowers are often a challenge to control but believe they are worth it. Each year set a boundary

for a patch and then place the seeds (flower heads work) within the patch. Remove any plants that germinate outside the patch for the current year.

Q. Do you still recommend the use of Round-up with all the lawsuits? How do we know whether it is dangerous or not to use. I just used some for removing the weeds in a new garden patch I am creating. I had forgotten how well it works!

A. I agree with you that it is very useful and easy to use. It is up to each of us to decide if we are comfortable using the product. It should only be used by gardeners willing to follow the label instructions, of course. If the ongoing research reveals new rules for its use we all need to stay alert and comply with the changes.

Texas Ag Commissioner addresses concerns about HPAI in milk

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller addressed growing concerns following the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) discovery of HPAI (highly pathogenic avian influenza) particles in commercial grocery milk samples.

While this development is significant, the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), FDA, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) confirmed that the commercial milk supply is safe.

"There is no reason for consumers to panic," noted Commissioner Miller. "Milk and dairy products remain safe for consumption. Milk from affected cows is discarded before it can enter the supply chain. In the rare event that contaminated milk does enter the supply chain, pasteurization effectively kills viruses even if traces of the virus remain detectable."

For more than a century, pasteurization has secured the safety of dairy products worldwide. The pasteurization process is a crucial step in dairy production. To effectively kill harmful bacteria and viruses, the milk is heated to around 161°F (71.7°C) for 15 to 30 seconds. Even in cases where raw milk may contain a virus, pasteurization consistently kills pathogens to levels that pose no risk to consumer health.

"Nearly all commercial milk in the U.S. originates from the Grade 'A' milk program," Commissioner Miller stated. "That is another way to maintain industry-wide safety and quality standards."

The USDA has confirmed the presence of the HPAI virus at 33 dairy

cattle facilities across 8 states, including Kansas, Idaho, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, and Texas. Additionally, infections have been verified at eight poultry facilities spanning five states including Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, and Texas.

Effective Monday, April 29, 2024, the USDA will require the following biosecurity mandates for dairy producers and animal health professionals:

- Dairy cattle are required to receive a negative test for influenza A virus at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) facility before interstate movement.

- Owners of herds in which dairy cattle test positive for interstate movement will be required to provide epidemiological information, including animal movement tracing.

- Dairy cattle moving interstate must adhere to conditions specified by the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

- These steps will immediately be required for lactating dairy cattle. These requirements for other classes of dairy cattle will be based on scientific factors concerning the virus and its evolving risk profile.

- Laboratories and state veterinarians must report positive influenza A nucleic acid detection diagnostic results (e.g., PCR or genetic sequencing) and positive influenza A serology diagnostic results in livestock to APHIS.

"Even with USDA's recent restrictions on cattle movement, I remain confident that we won't see milk shortages or substantial price hikes," Miller added.

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

April 27th, 2024

Cattle - 668
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., 325-525; 300-400 lbs., 265-415; 400-500 lbs., 255-315; 500-600 lbs., 230-295; 600-700 lbs., 195-250; 700-800 lbs., 195-237. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 90-155. Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 285-375; 300-400 lbs., 265-320; 400-500 lbs., 245-280; 500-600 lbs., 210-270; 600-700 lbs.,

201-237. Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 109-121; Cutters, 126-134; Canners, 85-100; High yielding fat cows, 120-128. Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 141-148; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 124-138. Stocker Cows: \$900 to \$2,400. Pairs: \$1,800 to \$3,200.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

April 29th, 2024

Cattle - 639
Steers: 200-300 lbs - \$341-385
300-400 lbs - \$272-400
400-500 lbs - \$265-335
500-600 lbs - \$252-300
600-700 lbs - \$233-264
700-800 lbs - \$224-253

Heifers: 200-300 lbs - \$248-355
300-400 lbs - \$257-355
400-500 lbs - \$252-315
500-600 lbs - \$235-276
600-700 lbs - \$224-261
700-800 lbs - \$218-237
Slaughter Cows - \$95-136
Slaughter Bulls - \$110-147
Stocker Cows - \$850-1875
Pairs: \$1275-2400

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Sale date: April 123rd

Cattle on hand: 1779
Packer Cows: High Dressing: \$120-143
Medium Dressing: \$110-123
Low Dressing: \$100-116
Poor/Weak Cows: \$80-95
Packer Bulls: High Dressing Bulls: \$144-155
Medium Dressing Bulls: \$122-145
Low Dressing Bulls: \$103-123
Stocker Cows: Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$1900-3000
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1250-1850
Good Cow & Calf Pairs: \$2500-3900
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1750-2450
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings: Number 1 steer & bull calves: Under 200 lbs.: \$340-450
200-300 lbs.: \$310-405
300-400 lbs.: \$300-400
400-500 lbs.: \$280-325
500-600 lbs.: \$250-310
600-700 lbs.: \$225-287.50
700-800 lbs.: \$210-262.50
Number 1 heifer calves: Under 200 lbs.: \$320-410
200-300 lbs.: \$270-345
300-400 lbs.: \$265-335
400-500 lbs.: \$255-315
500-600 lbs.: \$230-275
600-700 lbs.: \$210-265
700-800 lbs.: \$185-240
Replacement Heifers: 350-700 lbs.: \$275-335
The calf market was higher this week. #1 classes sold \$3 to \$7 higher. #2 kinds sold steady/strong. Demand extremely good!! Packer cows sold fully steady with last weeks strong sale on a supply of 225 head. Stocker cows & pairs sold extremely good and to a lot of demand on a supply of 300 head.

Heifers: 200-300 lb. 1.55-2.49-3.13
300-400 lb. .50-2.22-3.20
400-500 lb. .75-2.72-2.85
500-600 lb. .70-2.15-2.64
600-750 lb. .80-1.87-2.30

Cows: Utility & commercial - 1.12-1.27-1.39
Cutters - .90-1.08-1.27
Canners. - .65-.77-.89
Palpated cows - 900-1450
Cow/Calf Pairs - NONE
Bulls: Heavy High Yielding - 1.44-1.56
Light & Low Yielding - 1.32-1.43
Sheep & Goats: Nannies - 40-245
Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.80-3.27
Wethers - 1.95-2.90
Billies - 1.30-2.15
Dorp. Ewes - 75-165
Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 2.40-2095
Woolled Ewes - NONE
Woolled Bucks - 1.35-1.85
Lambs - 1.40-2.22
Barb. Bucks - NONE

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

April 26, 2024

Number of head 1,266
There were 203 cows and 28 bulls. Packer cows and bulls finally hit a point where a correction was needed that lowered past levels. Packer bulls were off \$3/cwt to \$155, while cows were same at \$131/cwt. Each week had seen prices at or near all-time highs, but this week prices were steady. Demand continues to be very strong. The calf market continued to improve as calves were over \$3.30/cwt higher. The negative impact of the bird flu in dairy cattle continues to diminish. The market was active and demand was strong.
Packer bulls: All Weights 90.00-155.00
Packer cows: canners & cutters 85.00-131.00
poor & weak 30.00-57.00
Palpated: 12 bred \$1,700-\$1,800
PAIRS: 2 \$1,500 & \$2,500
Steer/Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 200 lbs. 330.00-435.00
200-250 lbs. 287.00-350.50
250-299 lbs. 297.00-390.50
300-350 lbs. 311.00-385.00
350-400 lbs. 299.00-345.00
400-450 lbs. 295.00-330.00
450-500 lbs. 286.00-322.00
500-550 lbs. 277.00-320.00
550-600 lbs. 260.00-304.00
600-700 lbs. 243.00-286.00
700-800 lbs. 211.00-254.00
Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
under 200 lbs. 355.00-425.00
200-250 lbs. 326.00-350.00
250-300 lbs. 302.00-360.00
300-350 lbs. 305.00-330.00
350-400 lbs. 294.00-330.00
400-450 lbs. 272.00-324.00
450-500 lbs. 260.00-280.00
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400-500 lb. 1.35- 2.50-3.02
500-600 lb. .90-2.37-2.86
600-700 lb. .92-2.11-2.74
700-850 lb. 1.13-2.03-2.42
Medium & large frame #1

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,
I am urging residents of Gonzales County to please get out and vote in the May 4 election.
The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (GCUWCD) has a race for District 4 and District 5. The GCUWCD board members make decisions that impact our underground water, both quantity and quality. The impact extends to the local aquifers, city water, county water, surface water, local streams, rivers and lakes. It is extremely important for everyone to vote on May 4!
Thank you,
Sally Ploeger
Gonzales

Editor's Note: The Inquirer will run letters to the editor encouraging public participation in voting. The newspaper will not run letters which support or oppose a particular candidate or political entity or advocate for a position on a particular topic.

GONZALES CO. HISTORY

- 1718 – May 1, San Antonio de Valero Mission (the Alamo) was founded by the Spanish.
- 1846 – May 13, war between Mexico and USA breaks out
- 1875 - May 23 the first Presbyterian Church building in the county was dedicated, debt free.
- 1904 - May 15, Lutheran Church organized. Began meeting on the second floor of 525 St. Joseph Street.
- 1909 - May 6, J.S. White, the barber, has installed a new electric massage machine in order to "serve his patrons in a twentieth century manner."
-May 20, Captain W.D. Green, manager of the Sunset Brick & Tile Company reports that they have made 3,529,720 bricks since January 1 of this year and have another 1,066,000 on the fire now. Many are being shipped to El Paso.
- 1910 - May 16, Halley's comet was visible
- 1916 - May 8, weathervane (T41 steer) moved from Houston home to top of Randle-Rather Building (called the Randle-DuBose Building in this article)
- 1939 - May 5, San Marcos River banks are lined with dead fish. A recent rise in the level of water caused salt water and slush from oil fields above to be released into water, thus killing fish
-May 12, Stahl Brothers Poultry business will have shipped out 2.5 million pounds of eggs by the end of the season on June 1. Eggs are cracked, put in cans, and frozen; some with all yolks, some with all whites, and some mixed. Eighty-six people are employed, with 64 of them being women. The Stahls also sent out five railroad cars of old roosters, twenty cars of fowls, and seventy-five cars of turkeys this year. Daily out-put of turkeys - approximately 10,000.
-May 30, J.B. Wells, Jr. camp house on Santa Anna mound was opened.
- 1986 - May 29, after months of work and preparation, Pioneer Village will open its gates to the public on June 21 & 22.

Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters of 400 words or less will be published unless they contain language or content that the editors feel is inappropriate.
Letters must either be about Gonzales County, from a resident of Gonzales County, or in response to a story that appears in print or online in The Inquirer.
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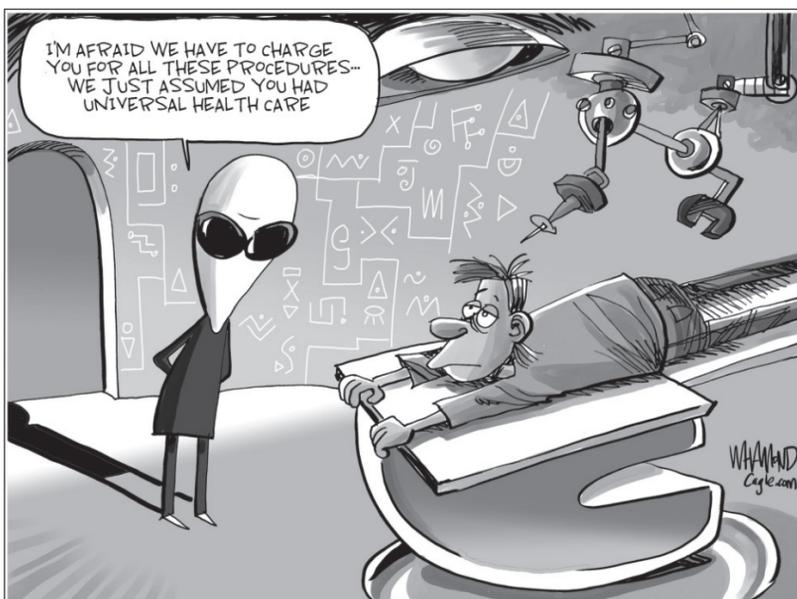
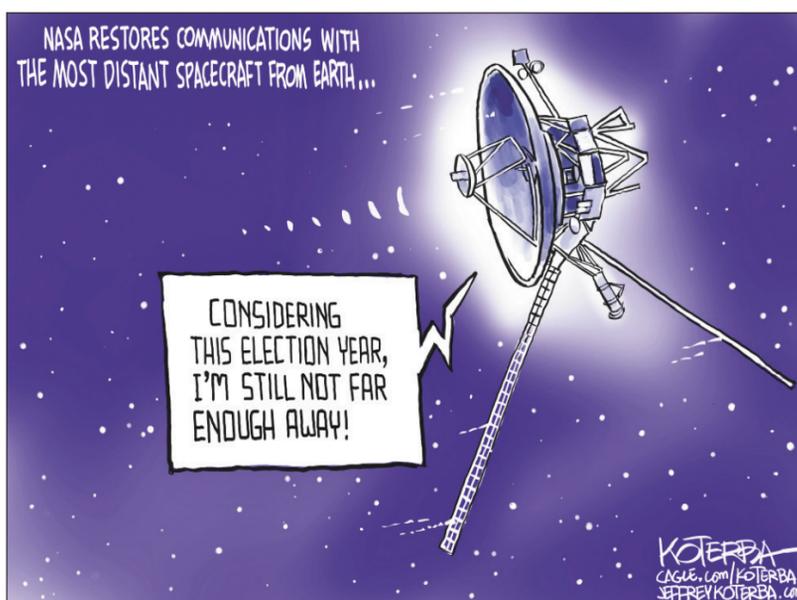
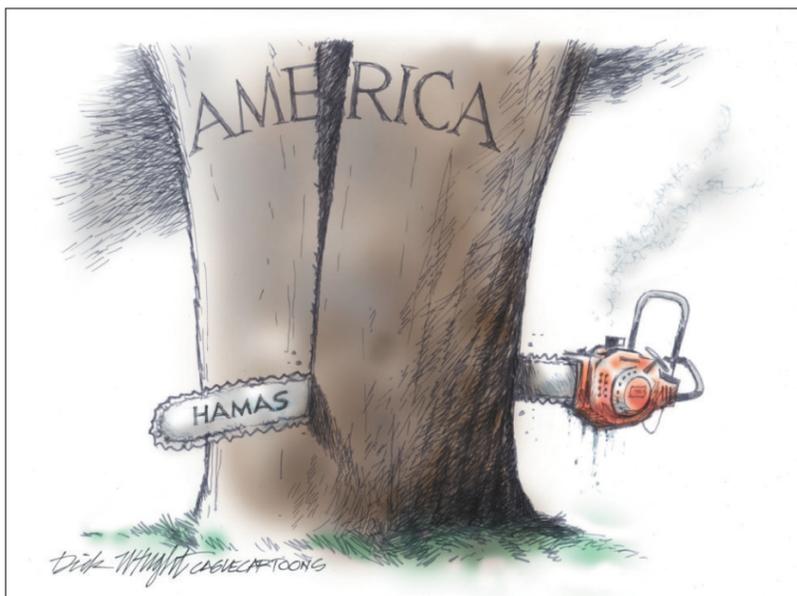
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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Left-handers and Aggies...

The Good Book's Chapter 6 of Matthew provides challenging specifics on living the good life, but verse three seems most daunting. It concerns the importance of maintaining a chasm between the works of the left and right hands, perhaps as far as the east is from the west.
In essence, God knows, and that's what counts. As my old mother would often say, "Don't go around 'showing out.'"
Maybe I was drawn to that verse early on, what with my being left-handed. From time to time, I still gaze at a now frayed certificate I received at graduation in 1956 at Early High School. It decreed--by vote of my 25 fellow students--that I was "most likely to remain left-handed." Needless to say, all graduates were voted most likely to be something....

Anyways, in this space the other day, I wrote of the current paucity of Aggie jokes. Most of us lament this omission, and--down deep--I think most Aggies do.
One of 'em--a respected veterinarian who has practiced since 1965 and is still at it part time--called me with a new take on an old joke I've repeated hundreds of times over the past half century.
I've told it because it is a "can't miss" joke that invariably draws hearty laughter, even if some of it is muffled, perhaps even gratuitous. It's about an Aggie who allegedly studied both veterinary medicine and taxidermy at Texas A&M. Upon graduation, his business card read, "Either way, you get your dog back"....

I have meant no ill by it. As old Foghorn Leghorn used to say in the movie cartoons, "It's a joke, son."
My friend wisely chooses anonymity. Probably he's not the only one who doesn't want others to know he reads my columns.
"I've heard that joke countless times, often from you," my friend began. "Most of my colleagues have heard it, too, and still laugh, even if out of courtesy"....

His primary purpose for calling was to let me know that upon his classmate's completion of vet studies, he was indeed both a veterinarian AND a taxidermist. At first, I thought he was teasing. Or, maybe he was setting me up for another Aggie joke.
No sirree, he was hand-on-the-Bible serious. "He was an older student, and he brought his taxidermy skills with him to vet school," my friend said. "What I most remember is that he slept through most sessions of a dairy course. Admittedly, it was a course that few of us were interested in, since most of us were more interested in small animal practices. His sleeping in class didn't set well with the prof, so he had to repeat his senior year."
His call set me to wondering. Reckon the doctor/taxidermist had a card advertising both services? Was he ever asked to turn a prized pet into a mounted den trophy? Finally, my mind flitted back to Matthew 6:30, about "each hand minding its own business"....

On the matter of serving two masters, Dr. Kenneth Ashworth, former Commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, could well have been kidded unmercifully if details of his part time teaching in retirement had been widely known.
He taught graduate classes in higher education at two locations--in the same semester. One was at Texas A&M University in College Station, the other at The University of Texas in Austin. His business card was printed in maroon on one side and orange on the other.
The 92-year-old educator has written numerous books. Two of my friend's titles are Horns of a Dilemma: Coping with Politics at the University of Texas and Caught Between the Dog and the Fireplug. Bright and witty, Dr. Ashworth served Texas boldly and masterfully. No doubt his "fireplug" book helped him to decompress after dealing adroitly with both governmental and educational politics....

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BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS!

Lady Apaches beat Wimberley in three games

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches softball squad continued to make history, snapping a 19-year bi-district drought in a three-game series (11-8, 0-3, 9-5) win over Wimberley Saturday, April 27.

The Lady Apaches rallied from behind in both games one and three against the Lady Texans to secure a bi-district title for the first time since the 2005 season.

Lady Apaches head softball coach Michelle Uribe and the Lady Apaches are no stranger to coming back from behind and fighting to the end in their 2024 season.

"This team has been coming back from behind all year, so they've just got so much fight in them and it has been so fun, like just amazing for the team, the community, everyone wants to be bi-district champions," Uribe said.

The community rallied behind the Lady Apaches in Wimberley, packing the visitor side to max capacity.

"When we're the visiting team and we have twice as many fans as the home team, that just speaks volumes about the girls that you are coaching in the community that you live in, and it feels amazing to have that kind of support," Uribe said.

The Lady Apaches trailed, 2-1, entering the fifth inning, but sophomore second baseman Ava Carrizales (2-RBI double) and senior catcher Sydney McCray (RBI sacrifice) got RBIs on board in the bottom of the fifth.

The Lady Texans would quickly answer back, retaking the lead in the top of the sixth at 5-4.

With the bi-district title on the line, the Lady Apaches responded with five runs, getting RBI by sophomore Gyzelle Guevara (RBI single), junior center fielder Sarah



Lady Apaches senior catcher Sydney McCray (3) catches a pitch from pitcher Dixie Rae Lester (10).
PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



Lady Apaches senior outfielder Kelly Breitschopf (24) at bat for Gonzales in game two in the Wimberley bi-district series.



Lady Apaches freshman pitcher Dixie Rae Lester (10) hugs senior catcher Sydney McCray (3) in celebration of Gonzales first bi-district title since 2005.

Padilla (2-RBI double) and McCray (2-RBI sacrifice).

"It's amazing. We really came together worked with the team and you know, we're making history out here and it's a great feeling," Padilla said.

"We haven't done this in I don't know how long and it just feels great for us to end our senior year like this," McCray said.

On defense, freshman pitcher Dixie Rae Lester stuck

out a combined 25 batters in all three games against Wimberley.

Lester was excited to throw throughout the series and was glad the defense secured the bi-district win.

"That really showed me that I know they have my back. And I have their back and we can work as a team really good," Lester said.

The Lady Apaches head to the area round for a single-

elimination matchup against the Needville Lady Bluejays, winners of District 25-4A, Thursday, May 2 in Caldwell, and Uribe and the Lady Apaches are ready for the next challenge.

"It's gonna be a little tougher challenge that we're gonna have to watch some film who we're going to come up against and really try to prepare practice what we see in the game," Uribe said.

HIGH SCHOOL
SOFTBALL

Lady Apaches get ready for area round

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches return to the area round against the Needville Lady Bluejays Thursday, May 2.

The Lady Apaches have made it to the second round of the playoffs for the first time since the 2005 season.

In the bi-district round, the Lady Apaches took on the Wimberley Lady Texans in a best of three-series; both teams fought through all three games, but at the end, Gonzales rallied in game three to secure the bi-district title.

In all three games, the Lady Apaches recorded a combined 21 hits, 15 RBIs and scored 20 runs against Wimberley.

Junior outfielder Sarah Padilla and senior catcher Sydney McCray lead the postseason with four RBIs each; Padilla leads the team with five hits.

Pitching, freshman pitcher Dixie Rae Lester recorded 25 strikeouts in the Wimberley series.

The Needville Lady Blue Jays, winners of District 25-4A, took care of business on other side of the bracket with a 10-0 single elimination game win over the Bay City Lady Blackcats.

The Bluejays recorded seven hits and 10 runs in the win and held Bay City to one hit in the bi-district match.

Needville finished its district with an undefeated 12-0 record; and eight of their 12 district games were shutout victories for Needville.

The Lady Apaches will meet Needville Thursday, May 2 at Caldwell High School for the second round of the 4A UIL Softball playoffs.

First pitch is set for 8 p.m.

Lady Mustangs softball earns top honors in All-District

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smilely Lady Mustangs finished the season as bi-district finalist for their 2024 softball season.

The Lady Mustangs earned top honors in District 26-3A All-District.

Junior Haliee Houseton was named Offensive Player of the Year for her 25 hits, 30 RBIs and six home runs and was

named Academic All-District

Senior Kendall Amaya was named Pitcher of the Year for District 26 and was named Academic All-District.

First Team All-District: Senior infielder Nichole Ivey, junior infielder Emiley Granados (Academic All-District), freshman outfielder Grace Gomez, sophomore utility player Tyra Ortiz (Academic All-District).

Second Team All-District: Freshman infielder Marysol Granados (Academic All-District), junior outfielder Brooke Crisp, freshman utility player Kaelyn Mendiola.

Honorable Mentions: Sophomore Coralie Barilett (Academic All-District), sophomore Sadie Walden

Academic All-District: Senior Skyllie Kitchens

Yoakum ends Lady Mustangs' season in Bi-District

STAFF REPORT

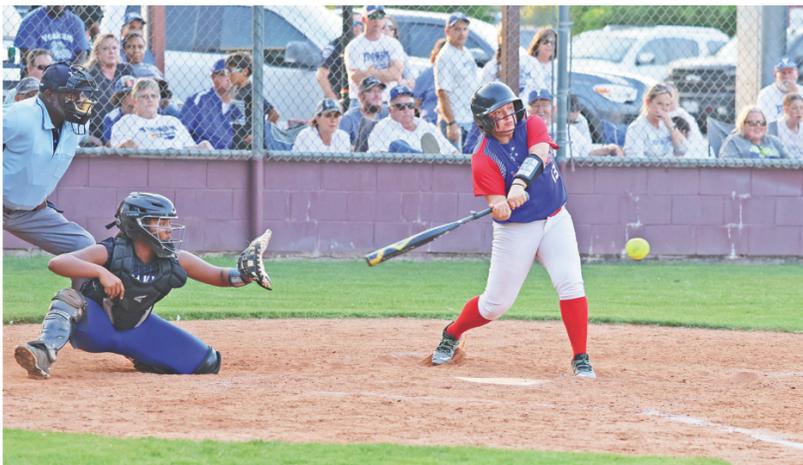
The Nixon-Smilely Lady Mustangs season came to an end in Flatonia in a 12-2 single-elimination bi-district loss to the Yoakum Lady Bulldogs in the 3A UIL Softball playoffs.

The Lady Mustangs and Lady Bulldogs kept the match close with Nixon-Smilely trailing, 2-1, into three innings.

Yoakum would score 10 of the next 11 runs to knock out the Lady Mustangs from the first round of the playoffs. It was the second time in three years Nixon-Smilely had lost to Yoakum in the playoffs.

The Lady Mustangs finished the season with 10-16 record with a 6-2 second place finish in District 26-3A and were named bi-district finalist for the second year in a row.

The Lady Mustangs will return to the softball field in Spring 2025.



Above: Lady Mustangs Kaelynn Mendiola (13) swings at a pitch in the bi-district match against Yoakum. Right: Nixon-Smilely head softball coach Jodie Vaughn speaks to her players in the pitcher mound in bi-district match against Yoakum in Flatonia.

PAUL PRAUSE, COURTESY OF THE FLATONIA ARGUS



PAUL PRAUSE, COURTESY OF THE FLATONIA ARGUS
Nixon-Smilely pitcher Kendall Amaya (6) throws a pitch in the bi-district match against Yoakum Friday, April 26.



VANDY VAN EPPS

Mustangs senior powerlifter Jesus Espino signs his letter to Midland University in Fremont, Neb. Monday, April 29 in the Nixon-Smiley High School gym.

Gonzales soccer receives postseason honors

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches and Lady Apaches soccer teams received postseason honors for the 2024 season.

APACHES

First Team All-District: Senior forward Alan Orduna.
Second Team All-District: Senior Midfielder Jesus Huerta and senior goalkeeper Miguel Moreno (All-District Academic and All-State Academic)
All-District Honorable Mentions: Midfielder Emiliano Lopez, defender Sergio Alamaguer and midfielder Youahi Huerta, Freshman forward Brandon Duenez, and freshman defender Damian Orduna.

LADY APACHES

First Team All-District: Bella Aguero (All-District Academic), Yazmin Barrientos, Cassandra Mendez (All-District Academic) and Yaritza Angel (All-District Academic)
Second Team All-District: Abby Reyna (All-District Academic), Christie Reyna (All-District Academic), and Dakota Navejar (All-District Academic)
All-District Honorable Mentions: Cassandra Matamoros (All-District Academic), Marleny Rodriguez Martinez, Eva Moreno (All-District Academic), and Natalia Martinez
All-District Academic: Emily Nino, Mia Guerra, EmmaJeanne Riojas, Marely Romo, and Mariela Grifaldo

Mustangs powerlifter Jesus Espino signs with Midland University

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

Nixon-Smiley High School hosted a signing day for their senior powerlifters Monday, April 29.

Senior Jesus Espino received a \$25,000 scholarship for Midland University in Fremont, Neb., to attend school and join their powerlifting team.

Espino was excited to continue his powerlifting career at the college level.

"I'm so glad for God helping me get here. I struggled a lot with losing my dad my freshman year. That really just made me focus on this and really gave me some-

thing to put all my energy into. So it's just amazing that I can get to do this," Espino said.

Mustangs head powerlifting coach Eliseo Cano was proud of Espino continuing his powerlifting career at the next level.

"No one in this school works harder than him. Since he was a sophomore when we got here, he was working out in the morning at 6 a.m. He worked out during lunch, during athletics and then after school, and you know, he also works a job to support his family after he lost his dad and it's just the feeling that it overwhelms me," Cano said.

"We built this program and we're one of the best programs in South Texas and in all of Texas. So, look forward to great things coming ahead," Cano added.

Mustangs former powerlifting coach Paul Kirby attended the signing ceremony and was proud to see Espino headed to college.

"Jesus is one of those kids you have to sweep out of the weight room, and he's there waiting for you when you open up in the morning. He's usually the first to be there and the last to leave. For Jesus, he's been more than just a student athlete for me. He's been like a son to me. It's just one of those kids that

just you can't help but help," Kirby said.

"He's always there for you and he expects that in return. So he just one of those guys that I know it's gonna be successful at the collegiate level, because he's gonna do the work in the classroom. He's going to be on time and he's going to bust his butt. I guarantee I," Kirby added.

Cano and Kirby had the same message for Espino: "Never give up. Keep working. And great things will come," Kirby said.

"My message to him is to keep doing great and never give up and remember that failure is not an option," Cano said.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



CONTRIBUTED

The winning team from the April 24 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Chris Law, Billy Hyman, Jackie Waldrip, Manuel Maguellanez, Ricky Lindstedt and Rick Lindstedt.



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The second-place team from the April 24 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Mike Higginbotham, Ronnie Dubose, Dee Sandelovick, Bill Kessler, Billy Ploetz and Ryan Bickham.



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at large. In other words, for a cat to be a nuisance now, it's got to do more than just be walking around," Autry said.

For the changes regarding dogs, Autry said there has been a change to included home quarantining; in the previous ordinance, it forbade home quarantine.

"If you got bitten by a dog, even if it's your own dog, it required the dog to go to be quarantined. Back then we didn't have a home quarantine in our ordinances," Autry said.

Autry added without that ordinance, it didn't allow them to quarantine at home. Instead, pets had to go immediately to the vet and it was costing people money.

"I had one gentleman whose dogs got in a fight. He was trying to break them up. Well, he was bit and it broke the skin and he had to go to the hospital. We got called. And what a lot of people were doing was it was cheaper for them to pay the citation [then pay the vet]," Autry added.

As of right now, the city is working getting the updated ordinances onto the website so residents can look them, Autry said.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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This decrease ends a trend of unemployment rates rising for the county for the current year, according to state Labor Market Information (LMI) figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

For the entire Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, the unemployment rate for March 2024 was 3.7 percent, lower than the state average of 4.1 percent. This represented a total of 3,766 residents in Gonzales, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria counties seeking employment out of a total workforce of 92,098 people.

The counties reporting in lower than Gonzales County are Lavaca County, with the lowest unemployment rate at 3.1 percent, followed by Dewitt County at 3.2 percent, Calhoun County at 3.4 percent, and

Jackson County following at 3.6 percent. Gonzales follows with 3.7 percent, with Goliad and Victoria County closing in the highest position(s) at 4.1 percent.

For March 2024, there were 357 individuals in Gonzales County seeking employment out of a workforce of 9,572 with 8,720 reported as employed. In February 2024, there were 386 people seeking work in Gonzales County out of an employment force of 9,627 for a total unemployment rate of 4.0 percent.

In March 2023, Gonzales County had an unemployment rate of 3.4 percent. The 3.2 percent unadjusted unemployment rate for April 2023 was the lowest seen in Gonzales County since it was reported at 2.7 percent in March 2022.

Unemployment rates since February 2022 for Gonzales

County are:

- April 2022, 2.6 percent
- May 2022, 2.7 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
- May 2023, 3.5 percent
- June 2023, 3.7 percent
- July 2023, 4.0 percent
- August 2023, 4.0 percent
- September 2023, 3.5 percent
- October 2023, 3.3 percent
- November 2023, 3.1 percent
- January 2024, 3.7 percent
- February 2024, 4.0 percent
- March 2024, 3.7 percent

RASBERRY

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tigators to solve the two-year-old homicide case when the suspect admitted under questioning his involvement in Brandon's death.

"Our family wants to send prayers to the family of the child that was threatened," Fontenot said. "Hold your child tight, because our family lost our loved one to a senseless act and we can't hold him again. This child is our hero for speaking out and speaking up."

They also allowed — with his mother's blessing — Brandon's eldest son, Tyler, the opportunity to speak on the record for the first time about his father.

"I didn't really get to see him as much as I'd like growing up, but he would act goofy sometimes," Tyler said. "He

always liked to be funny and to see people smile."

Tyler, who turns 14 on May 21 and is currently a junior high student, remembered riding on a tractor with his father, fishing, going to McDonald's and — importantly — how his father made sure to teach him right from wrong.

Tyler admits he was pretty angry when he found out it was a child who took his father's life, but then displayed remarkable maturity in discussing the situation.

"I wish (the juvenile suspect) the best and I hope he gets the help he needs," Tyler said. "I don't want him to get out of jail and do something like this again. I really hope he gets the help he needs, but I also want to see someone held accountable."

His brother, Bradley, 11, is still processing his emotions about the news — especially that a boy who is only a year younger than him committed the crime. His family call Bradley "the quiet one" and say he is the "spitting image" of his father, Brandon.

They are also having a hard time dealing with the fact that a young man not only admitted to killing Brandon, but admitted he didn't even know their loved one and had no animosity towards him; he was just the unfortunate person who the boy chose as his target.

"I have a granddaughter that's seven right now and I can't imagine her ever doing something like this," Hadley said. "And now his seven-year-old niece will not grow up to ever remember her

Uncle B."

The way Texas state law is written, unfortunately, the juvenile suspect cannot be charged under the Texas Penal Code 8.07 for murder because he was under the age of 10 at the time he committed the atrocious act. He is currently being held by the Gonzales Juvenile Probation Department on a charge of terroristic threat for his actions on the school bus that eventually led to his apprehension.

"Our emotions are still out there, the way we feel," Fontenot added. "Our two agendas are to change a law in B's name and for someone to be held accountable."

"We'd like to see this prevented from happening again to anyone ever," Jonathan Fojtik said. "If a juvenile offender commits a violent crime, they should be able to be tried the same as an adult."

"And let it be called Brandon O'Quinn Raspberry's law," Fontenot added.

The family members believe there must be some accountability for the fact that the juvenile — who was just a week shy of eight at the time — was able to easily go to glove compartment of his grandfather's truck on Jan. 16, 2022, take out a loaded gun, go into Brandon's RV, shoot him while he was sleeping, fire off another shot into the couch and casually put the gun back into the truck without anything to impede him from doing so.

"I feel like there was very much negligence on the way the weapon was stored and the acknowledgement of it being in a vehicle within a child's reach, loaded, no gun trigger lock on there," Jonathan Fojtik said. "I feel like that was a bad

part on the grandfather for himself.

"If that was taken care of properly, it would have been harder for this boy to act out on whatever wishes he was choosing to do or his curiosity or anything of that nature. If that gun was in the proper state, where it should have been, this child would not have had the opportunity to do what he did with it. I personally feel like yes, the grandfather should have had some sort of accountability for that."

"He had easy access to it," Hadley added. He knew it was in his grandfather's truck. He knew where it was. He had seen it there and he took the opportunity to get it and put it back.

"I want to see justice because my son has two boys of his own that deserve to have this law passed, as well as any future children in America. I mean, all you see nowadays is killings online and in the news. Some of the people who do it are older, but some are very young."

Family members said they are looking for any attorney who would be willing to help take up the case pro bono to help represent them in court and to push for a change in law.

"The two or three attorneys we've reached out to want more money than any of us could ever get together," Fontenot said. "We don't understand why do you want all that money from us if you're going to get all of this attention on the news and free publicity that would help you too?"

"This is Brandon's family right here," Jonathan Fojtik said. "We are his voice. We have always been in his life from day one and we always will be in his life."

Jonathan spoke lovingly of his brother as "the type of person that could come into the room and make friends with anybody."

"He was silly. He was goofy," Fojtik said. "He had a great time with everybody. You would never hear anything negative about Brandon; it was always positive. He was the type of person that will give the shirt off his back for you and would go out of his way to make sure you were okay. He just truly a loving person."

Brandon loved country music and "a little Jelly Roll, too." He also loved to shoot pool and enter tournaments — not always placing, but always having a good time.

Right before moving to Nixon, he was living with his mother near Yorktown, Hadley said.

"He was living with me and his buddy that was working with him told him about this place, the Lazy J RV Ranch. And he ended up moving out there closer for work," Hadley said. "I had seen him that Friday night because he dropped my car off. He was heading home and that's the last time I had seen him."

"I talked to him eight days before (he was killed). It was my birthday and I had brought some of my mom's belongings going to storage down and he helped me unload them and that's the last time I talked to him," Fontenot said.

"I lost my coffee maker," Mueller said. "He always knocked on my door to tell me the coffee was made. And I asked him, 'Would it be strong? He said, 'Yes. It's strong enough for me to walk to New York.' I said, 'How would I get back?' and he would say, 'Grandma, I'll go get you.'"



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- Intermediate Sanction Facility - Gonzales, Texas

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All interested applicants are required to submit an Application for Employment which can be found at 2nd25thprobation.com and a resume with cover letter to the attention of: Traci Darilek, Director at tdarilek@gonzales-county.net; in person at the Lavaca CSCD office located at 412 North Texana, Hallettsville, Texas 77964 or via U.S. Mail to the 2nd 25th Judicial District, P.O. Box 330, Hallettsville, Texas 77964 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2024.

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Employee Hiring Notice

Position: Part-Time Field Technician
Immediate Supervisor: General Manager
Effective Date: March 12, 2024

The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (GCUWCD) is seeking to hire a part-time Field Technician responsible for assisting with well registrations, well mitigation, measuring water levels, collecting water samples, and other field related activities.

Requisite Skills/Requirements
• High School Diploma or GED
• Ability to work courteously and professionally with well owners and co-workers
• Ability to follow directions
• Ability to work with minimal supervision
• Must be willing and able to work outdoors in all weather conditions
• Solid written and verbal communication skills
• Must be mechanically inclined with experience operating and troubleshooting tools and equipment
• Ability to lift at least 50 pounds
• Valid Driver's License with a clean DMV record
• Reliable transportation
• Ability to read maps

Work Hours/Compensation
The Field Technician must be able to work at least two to three days per week during normal business hours from 8:00 - 5:00 Monday through Friday. The Field Technician position is paid at a salaried rate not to exceed \$25,000 per year. Position is opened until filled. Resumes may be submitted by email to generalmanager@gcuwcd.org; admin@gcuwcd.org or mailed to:

Gonzales County UWCD
522 Saint Matthew Street
P.O. Box 1919
Gonzales, Texas 78629

For additional information contact the Gonzales County UWCD District Manager at 830-672-1047. The Gonzales County UWCD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses received under this notice.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Linda Lee McGill, Deceased, were issued on April 24, 2024, in Cause No. PW24-0338, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Kevin Lee McGill.

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

c/o: **Robert W. Bland**
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 119
GONZALES, TX 78629

Dated the 25 day of April, 2024.

Robert W. Bland
Attorney for Kevin Lee McGill
State Bar No: 24044756
P.O. Box 119
GONZALES, TX 78629
Telephone: (830) 672-2437
Facsimile: (830) 672-2439
E-mail: rbland@gvec.net

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL RECLAMATION FACILITY PERMIT

On March 29, 2024, Blackrock Gathering LLC, P.O. Box 711, Waelder, Texas 78959 filed an application with the Railroad Commission of Texas for a new commercial surface reclamation facility permit to recycle wellbore fluids for reuse.

The proposed reclamation site is located 4 miles south of Waelder, Texas in the Gifford, R. Survey, Abstract 240, Gonzales County. The proposed site is located on real property owned by Rodney Lee and Kathy Purswell.

Affected persons may protest this application. Protests must be in writing and must be received by the 15th day after the last publication of this notice. The last date of publication of this notice is expected to be May 2, 2024 which means protests should be received by May 17, 2024. Protests must be sent to:

Technical Permitting Section
Oil and Gas Division
Railroad Commission of Texas
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711

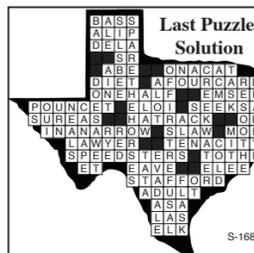
(Telephone 512-463-3840)

Pubic Notice

Nixon-Smiley CISD is accepting formal bids on gasoline, diesel, and propane for the 2024-25 school year. Bids are to be received in the Nixon-Smiley CISD administration office located at 800 North Rancho Road, Nixon, Texas by June 3, 2024, at 1:00 PM. Bids will be tabulated and presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on June 10, 2024. Envelopes are to be clearly marked "BIDS". The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids based on comparison of each individual item. Please contact Jeff Van Auken (830) 582-1536 ext 102 for additional information.

April 25 Puzzle Answers

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01 ORDENANZA NRO. 2024-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS ORDERING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 1 AND COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT 2; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

UNA ORDENANZA DE LA CIUDAD DE GONZALES, TEXAS, QUE ORDENA QUE SE CELEBRE UNA ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL GENERAL EL 4 DE MAYO DE 2024, CON EL PROPÓSITO DE ELEGIR A UN INDIVIDUO PARA EL CARGO DE MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DISTRITO 1 Y MIEMBRO DEL CONSEJO DISTRITO 2; QUE DISPONE LA VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA; QUE DISPONE OTROS ASUNTOS RELATIVOS A LA ELECCIÓN; Y QUE DISPONE UNA FECHA DE ENTRADA EN VIGENCIA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS:

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, EL CONSEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE GONZALES, TEXAS, ORDENA:

Section 1. That a May 4, 2024 regular election for the purpose of electing an individual to the office of Council Member District 1, and Council Member District 2 is hereby Ordered.

This Order of Election is to be posted at the Gonzales Municipal Building on the Bulletin Board used for posting notices of the meetings of the City Council.

Sección 1. Que se ordena por la presente una elección regular para el 4 de mayo de 2024 con el propósito de elegir a un individuo para el cargo de Miembro del Consejo Distrito 1 y Miembro del Consejo Distrito 2.

Esta Orden de Elección se publicará en el Tablero de Anuncios del Edificio Municipal de Gonzales que se utiliza para publicar avisos de las asambleas del Consejo Municipal.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Gonzales finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and interest to conduct a joint election with Gonzales County for the May 4, 2024 election requiring the use of polling locations and early voting hours as determined by Gonzales County.

Sección 2. El Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Gonzales halla que es en el mejor interés de la a salud, la seguridad y el interés público celebrar una elección conjunta con el Condado de Gonzales para la elección del 4 de mayo de 2024 que requiera del uso de los lugares de votación y los horarios de votación anticipada que el Condado de Gonzales determine.

Section 3. The Election Administrator for Gonzales County shall serve as early voting clerk; the appointment of a deputy clerk or clerks for early voting by the Election Administrator shall be in accordance with the law.

Sección 3. El Administrador de Elecciones del Condado de Gonzales actuará como oficial de votación anticipada; la designación de un suboficial o suboficiales para la votación anticipada por el Administrador del Condado se hará en conformidad con la ley.

Section 4. On Election Day, May 4, 2024, the polls shall be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., at the locations established by Gonzales County on the dates and times as follows, or as may be amended by Gonzales County, per the contract.

Gonzales County Election Precinct Pct. 1, 2, 3, 12	Voting Location Randle Rather Bldg, 427 St. George, STE 100, Gonzales, TX 78629
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Sección 4. El Día de Elección, el 4 de mayo de 2024, las casillas abriran en el horario de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., en los lugares de votación establecidos por el Condado de Gonzales en las siguientes fechas y horarios o según el Condado de Gonzales los modifique en virtud del contrato.

Precinto electoral del Condado de Gonzales Precinto 1, 2, 3, 12	Lugar de Votacion Randle Rather Bldg, 427 St. George, STE 100, Gonzales, TX 78629
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Section 5. Early Voting by personal appearance shall commence on April 22, 2024 and continue through April 30, 2024, at the locations established by Gonzales County on the dates and times as follows, or as may be amended by Gonzales County, per the contract.

Main Early Voting Location:
Randle-Rather Building - EV Election Room
427 St. George, Gonzales, Texas 78629

April 22nd-April 26th	Monday - Friday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
April 29th-April 30th	Monday-Tuesday	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Additionally, early voting locations will be identified in the contract executed with Gonzales County.

Sección 5. La votación anticipada en persona empezará el 22 de abril de 2024 y continuará hasta el 30 de abril de 2024, inclusive, en los lugares de votación establecidos por el Condado de Gonzales en las siguientes fechas y horarios o según el Condado de Gonzales los modifique en virtud del contrato.

Lugar principal de votación anticipada:
Randle-Rather Building - Sala de elección de votación anticipada
427 St. George, Gonzales, Texas 78629

22 de abril al 26 de abril	Lunes a viernes	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
29 de abril y 30 de abril	Lunes y martes	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Además, los lugares de votación anticipada serán identificados en el contrato firmado con el Condado de Gonzales.

Section 6. Applications for ballot by mail shall be received by the Gonzales Election Administrator at 427 St. George, Ste 306, Gonzales, Texas 78629 no later than close of business on April 23, 2024.

Sección 6. Las solicitudes de boletas por correo serán recibidas por el Administrador de Elecciones de Gonzales en 427 St. George, Ste 306, Gonzales, Texas 78629 hasta el cierre de operaciones el 23 de abril de 2024.

Section 7. This election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Election Code, and all resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote in the election. The City Secretary and Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Sección 7. Esta elección se celebrará en conformidad con la Constitución del Estado de Texas y el Código Electoral, y todos los votantes habilitados residentes de la Ciudad serán elegibles para votar en la elección. Por la presente, se autoriza e instruye a la Secretaria de la Ciudad y al Alcalde a que tomen todas y cada una de las medidas necesarias para cumplir con las disposiciones del Código para realizar y celebrar la elección, sean expresamente autorizadas en la presente o no.

Section 8. The Mayor and/or the City Secretary of the City of Gonzales are hereby authorized to execute and/or issue, for and on behalf of the City, such orders, documents, and forms as may, from time to time, be promulgated by the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in conjunction with the election herein ordained.

Sección 8. Por la presente, se autoriza al Alcalde y/o la Secretaria de la Ciudad de la Ciudad de Gonzales a firmar y/o expedir para la Ciudad y en su nombre, ciertas órdenes, documentos y formas como pueda, periódicamente, promulgar la Secretaria del Estado de Texas en conjunto con la elección ordenada en este documento.

Section 9. Said election shall be held in accordance with Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

Sección 9. Dicha Elección se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con el Código Electoral de Texas y la Ley Federal de Derecho al Voto de 1965 y sus enmiendas.

Section 10. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Sección 10. Por la presente, se declara que es intención del Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad que las frases, cláusulas, oraciones, párrafos y secciones de esta Ordenanza sean divisibles, y si cualquier frase, cláusula, oración, párrafo o sección de esta Ordenanza fuera declarado inconstitucional por el fallo o decreto válido de cualquier tribunal con competencia jurisdiccional, dicha inconstitucionalidad no afectará ninguna de las frases, cláusulas, oraciones, párrafos o secciones restantes de esta Ordenanza, debido a que la misma hubiera sido promulgada por el Consejo Municipal sin la incorporación en esta Ordenanza de cualquiera de esas frases, cláusulas, oraciones, párrafos o secciones inconstitucionales.

Section 11. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

Sección 11. Por la presente, se halla y se determina oficialmente que la asamblea en la cual esta Ordenanza fue adoptada estuvo abierta al público y que se dio aviso público de la hora, el lugar y el propósito de dicha asamblea según lo exige la Ley de Asambleas Públicas en el Capitulo 551 del Código de Gobierno de Texas y sus enmiendas.

Section 12. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Sección 12. Esta ordenanza entrará en vigencia inmediatamente después su aprobación.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of January, 2024.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA el 8 de enero de 2024.

Mayor (Alcalde), S.H. Sucher

ATTEST (ATESTIGUA):

Kristina Vega, City Secretary (Secretaria de la Ciudad)

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Gonzales, by this instrument, notifies the public of PUBLIC HEARING on the following project:

The properties located at 1600 and 1700 Block of Huisache are currently zoned as SF-6, Single Family 6 District and the City of Gonzales is requesting to rezone to MF-Multi-Family District.

- 1) An amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gonzales for the properties commonly known as the 1600 and 1700 Block of Huisache, said properties being currently zoned as SF-6, Single Family 6 District and the City is seeking to rezone to MF-Multi-Family District.

PROPERTY OWNER: Gonzales ISD Trustee
LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: 1-5 9 Davidson Hill and 1-5 8 Davidson Hill
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1600 and 1700 Block of Huisache
PARCELS: 11476 and 11474

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing on May 6, 2024 at the Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph St. at 5:15 p.m.**, to allow public comment on a possible amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gonzales for the listed property. After consideration and recommendation by Planning & Zoning Commission and Public Hearing, the amendments will be presented to **City Council for a Public Hearing and possible approval on May 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph St.**

The City Council encourages citizens to participate in the public comment and public hearing process for all applications for zoning or rezoning before the City Council. Citizens unable to attend meetings may submit their views to Kristina Vega, City Secretary for the City of Gonzales, by mailing them to P.O. Drawer 547, Gonzales, TX 78629. For additional information, contact the City Secretary office at (830)-672-2815.

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Executor for the Estate of NANCY JO COOK, Deceased, were issued on April 4, 2024, in Cause No. PW24-0335, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: JOHN L. COOK, Independent Executor of the Estate of NANCY JO COOK.

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

JOHN L. COOK,
 Independent Executor, Estate of NANCY JO COOK, Deceased
 c/o SUE C. ORTMAN
 403 St. George
 Gonzales, Texas 78629

Dated the 4 day of April, 2024.



SUE C. ORTMAN
 Law Offices of Sue C. Ortman
 Attorney for: JOHN L. COOK
 Independent Executor, Estate of NANCY JO COOK, Deceased
 State Bar No.: 15324425
 403 St. George
 Gonzales, Texas 78629
 Tel: (830) 672-9535
 Fax: (830) 672-8654

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Executor for the Estate of HOOT C. FAIRCHILD, Deceased, were issued on April 4, 2024, in Cause No. PW24-0314, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: ACE V. FAIRCHILD, Independent Executor of the Estate of HOOT C. FAIRCHILD.

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

ACE V. FAIRCHILD,
 Independent Executor, Estate of HOOT C. FAIRCHILD, Deceased
 c/o SUE C. ORTMAN
 403 St. George
 Gonzales, Texas 78629

Dated the 24 day of April, 2024.



SUE C. ORTMAN
 Law Offices of Sue C. Ortman
 Attorney for: ACE V. FAIRCHILD
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The first Evangelical Lutheran Church and Gonzales Presbyterian Church have announced the dates for their combined Vacation Bible School.

Mark your calendars for June 4-6, 2024. The Lutheran Church will host the VBS in their building, 1206 St. Joseph Street, and the hours will be 9 a.m. until noon. All children from kindergarten through sixth grade are welcome.

Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock! There will be time for singing, Bible stories, arts and crafts, games, and of course refreshments. All activities will be centered around the theme of Breaker Rock Beach and that God's truth never changes.

You can early register by telephone, First Evangelical Lutheran Church (830-672-2057) or Gonzales Presbyterian Church (830-672-3521), or by picking up a registration form in their offices. Register now to secure your spot at Breaker Rock Beach.

Safely back to earth

Howdy y'all. This week, I pray that the "attitude of gratitude" will be at the forefront of everything you say and do. If you'll keep this thought in mind as you go through your daily activities, I can pretty much guarantee that you'll have a happier, more productive and less stressful go of it. It seems to have had a great impact on my life over the years, and may do wonders for those of you on the more pessimistic side of life.

As most of us have probably realized by now, life definitely comes with an abundance of challenges, sometimes small, sometimes large, sometimes a minute inconvenient irritant with an easy solution, sometimes a catastrophic event completely out of our control. Whether dealing with the small to medium everyday challenges we face, or surviving the sometimes brutal realities life brings, it's a top priority (in my opinion), to always keep God (your creator and loving father) at the helm, so that we may successfully navigate the storms when they come. And in a world that seems to be unravelling as we speak, having God in your corner is as important as it's ever been. So, I know I say it a lot, but if you haven't made the decision to allow Christ into your life, it seems like a great time to really consider it...just sayin'!

As a general rule, upon awaking I try to make the first words out of my mouth, "This is the day the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). I continue praying for the health and safety of my family members, neighbors, our country, and people of the world as a whole, and that the enemy (satan) would become ineffective in the manipulation of the minds of those in power, as well as individuals like ourselves. It's way too easy to forget that we're all caught up in a spiritual power struggle,



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

and that prayer is our strongest weapon by far. By beginning my day this way, it helps me to get started on the right foot, remembering to be grateful for what I do have, knowing that God will be there to help me through (and ease my mind) when challenges do arise. I've been doing this for decades and so far, so good. I highly recommend you give it a try, you just may be surprised by the results.

I've always kinda looked at God's covering as somewhat like a parachute. Whether you jump, fall, or are pushed out of a fast moving plane thousands of feet above the earth's surface, without that chute you'll most likely splatter and die unless you're made of rubber and bounce back into the plane, smacking the snout out of the pilot for convincing you that this was a good idea and would be fun. After that first step out of the plane, I imagine the thought that "what if my chute fails?" is a pretty common concern, often causing uncontrollable screaming and soiling of those parachute pants you just bought, until the chute opens, just in time to lower you safely back into the comfy life you possibly forsake when you decided to jump out of a perfectly good airplane with the equivalent of a fancy bed sheet attached to your back. Yep, the human mind (mine included) will probably always be a bit of an unsolved mystery. Like the time as a child I decided to jump from a tree using a garbage bag as a parachute...yep, epic fail! I soon realized what the Wright Brothers must've been thinking at Kitty Hawk: hey Orville, you think this thing will fly? Well Wilber, let's give it a shot and find out. As for me, my days as a test pilot are over, I'll just stick with God, thank you very much!

Love you guys, Eric.

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Gaslight Theatre to hold auditions for student roles

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The summer play at the Gaslight Theatre is "In Praise of Miss Brown" by Pat Cook, a heartwarming comedy about a high school teacher, Constance Brown, and her students in a small town in the early 1960s. The director is Bill Matthys. High school students, grab this opportunity to be on stage as there are roles for three males and two females, all within the ages of 14-19! Auditions

for the student roles will be Tuesday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 15 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the theater, located at 207 E. 7th St. in Shiner. There will be two rehearsals per week beginning the week of May 26 and continuing through July 17. Performances are July 19-21, July 24, July 26-28 and Aug. 2-4. Questions about the play may be directed to the director, Bill Matthys at billandpam.matthys@gmail.com.

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via the Pirate Portal any time registration is open. Students can also schedule an in-person or virtual meeting with an advisor by visiting VictoriaCollege.edu/Advising. Victoria College has simplified the process for students attending another institution who wish to enroll in classes at VC while home for the summer. Most admissions requirements are satisfied through partnership between the student's home institution and VC. Beginning the week of May 12, VC offices will be closed on Fridays as well as on Memorial Day (May 27). For more information, visit VictoriaCollege.edu/ClassSchedule or call Victoria College at (361) 573-3291.



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Juanita Jane Baker Iley, 75, of Gonzales, passed away Monday, April 15, 2024. She was born in Gonzales on April 6, 1949 to Zilmon J and Florence Townsend Baker.

Juanita enjoyed tending her plants and taking care of her beloved dog Boots. She was an avid reader and had filled several Kindles with books she loved. She loved to cook and was forever making certain that everyone was fed and cared for. Juanita adored her grandchildren who called her Nanny. She was a loving and dotting wife to Kenneth for nearly 52 years.



Juanita is survived by her loving family, husband, Kenneth Wayne Iley, daughter, April Michelle Iley (Bennie Lerma), grandchildren, Sara and James Jalufka,

and sister, Elizabeth Ann Baker. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson, Brendon Wayne Iley, brother, Buford R Baker, and sisters, Evelyn Jo Pfuhl and Allie Baker Valenta.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydler-hillfuneralhome.com. Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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

LEZA JEANETTE "JAN" HAYES DUNKIN

Jan was born in Sandy Ridge, Virginia on August 18, 1938 to Lonza Lee Hayes and Ruby Alice Kiser; and walked into the arms of Jesus on April 9th, 2024.

Jan married Virgil Lavon "Boone" Dunkin March 2, 1953 when he was an airman in the United States Air Force. Jan and Boone welcomed son Dayle in 1954 and another son David in 1960. When this marriage ended, Jan married Robert Marvin "Bob" Scott in 1964 and welcomed a son Steve in 1965. During this time, Jan and Bob started taking in foster children. When this marriage ended, Jan married T Jae Reinier in 1972. One of the foster children was adopted by Jan and T Jae. That's when Frances Reinier was added as a bonus daughter. Another foster daughter, Linda Kushner was added to the family in 1974. Jan and T Jae then welcomed a son, Christopher "Chip" to the family in 1975.

Jan was a very active mom. She attended all the PTA meetings and was a great supporter of the girl scouts. She was very involved in boy scouts as a den leader. After her children got older, she decided it was time for a change. She graduated cosmetology school and began a hair styling career.

After relocating to Gonzales, Texas, she worked at Shear Designs until she decided to take a career turn that no one was expecting. She announced that she



was going to work at the Gonzales County Sheriff's office as a dispatcher. She then attended the police academy and took a job as a jailer. It wasn't long until Judge Berger asked her to clerk for him and then, after some experience, to fill the remainder of his term until he retired. She ran and won her own election for Justice of the Peace where she served her constituents in Waelder, TX until her retirement.

After her and T Jae's marriage ended, she started communicating with Boone Dunkin and over time, their romance was rekindled. She called the Secretary of State's office with a strange request, and on September 20, 1991, Jan and Boone remarried in a private ceremony at Garner State Park, in Uvalde Texas, where she presided over the ceremony herself, as judge!

Always reinventing herself, she joined her sons Steve and Chip in a petroleum landman career until she stepped away from working altogether to enjoy her "golden years" as she called them. She once said, "for golden

years, there sure is a lot of rust".

Jan, or Nan as she was affectionately known after the birth of her grandchildren, was known for always having a smile, giving the best hugs and her kind words for everyone. Her greatest hope was that God would give her a job in heaven in the nursery rocking the little babies.

Jan was preceded in death by her father and mother, Lonza and Ruby Hayes; her brothers, Jim and Les Hayes; and her loving husband, Boone Dunkin. She is survived by her children: Dayle Dunkin, David (Sharon) Dunkin, Fran Reinier, Linda (Eric) Warshawsky, Steven (Stacy) Scott, Chip (Sarah) Reinier; her grandchildren: Phillip Henkels, Tamara Henkels, Elisha Henkels Polk; Sally (Andy) Bashe; Jenny Whitlatch, Shannon (Steven) Merchant; Ryder (Caitlin) Reinier, A'Lora Reinier, Kaeden Reinier; Steven "Bobby" Scott, Jr., Jacob Scott; and great-grandchildren, Evangeline, Bethany, Nathan, Jocelyn, Steven, Brooklyn, Ava, Bentley, Carson and Declan.

There will be a private service at a later date. Donations can be made in remembrance to the Two Rivers Bible Church Benevolence Fund.

Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydler-hillfuneralhome.com

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

RAMONA LYNN SRUBAR SAMPLE

Ramona Lynn Srubar Sample, 66, of Wrightsboro went home to be with her Heavenly Father Saturday, April 27, 2024. Ramona was born November 9, 1957, in Victoria, Texas to the late Leon and Agnes Srubar. Ramona married the love of her life Layton Edward Sample on August 26, 1978, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Yorktown Texas.

Ramona was a devout Catholic and a longtime member of St. Aloysius Mission Catholic Church in Westhoff where she served as a lector, Altar Society officer, led the CCD program and Eucharistic Minister offering countless hours of service during her lifetime. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, great aunt, cousin and friend. She had a 30 year career in nursing as an RN. She worked at the Victoria & Cuero hospitals and served 17 years in school nursing between Nixon-Smiley CISD and



Gonzales ISD. She loved fishing, crafting, gardening, cooking delicious treats and spending quality time with her family.

Ramona is survived by her husband Layton Sample of Wrightsboro; children Erin (James) McCray of Wrightsboro and Cole (Gina) Sample of Wrightsboro; grandchildren Sydney and Dayton McCray, and Emersyn, Stetson and Levi Sample. Ramona is also survived by her siblings Christi (Mark) Kalinowski of Victoria, Monica (John) Sauer of Houston, James (Julie) Srubar of Houston and Dennis Srubar of

Meyersville and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents Leon & Agnes Srubar of Westhoff.

Pallbearers will be Justin Kalinowski, Brandon Jewell, Shea Pinder, Brian Sample, Keith Borrer, Chad Taylor, Joey Taylor & Luke Bishop.

A visitation was held Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 10 a.m. -11 a.m. at St. Aloysius Mission Catholic Church in Westhoff, Texas with a Funeral Mass following at 11 a.m. officiated by Fr Richard Bediako. Interment followed at Floyd Chapel Cemetery in Wrightsboro.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of South Texas or St. Aloysius Mission Catholic Church in Westhoff.

Friends and family may leave their condolences online by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com

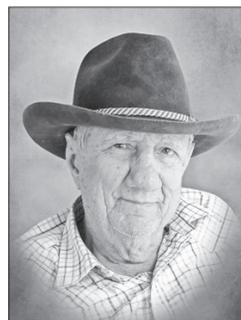
All services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

JAMES THIBODEAUX

James Thibodeaux, 93, a loving husband and father, peacefully passed away, Sunday, April 28, 2024, surrounded by loved ones on his family farm in Shiner, TX. James, the sixth child of seven siblings, was born to Ellen Ledet and Caesar Tucker Thibodeaux in Port Arthur, TX, on May 15, 1930.

After graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur, in 1949. He joined the Army and served in the Korean War from 1951-53. After the war, James went to college and graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelors and Masters in Agricultural Sciences and certifications in Chemistry. James started his teaching career in the Houston area.

On June 5, 1965, James married his sweetheart and fellow teacher, Marilyn K. McCullough, in Channelview, Texas. James and Marilyn purchased land and moved with their son, Christopher (Bubba), to the country in Shiner, Texas in 1970. In 1971, to James, Marilyn, and Bubba's



surprise, had the first and only set of triplets born at the Shiner Hospital. James had a passion for animals, including horses, dogs, snakes, milk goats, cattle, and bucking bulls.

James retired from teaching high school chemistry for Yoakum High School. James served as the Lavaca County Democratic Party Chairman for many years. James served as Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 231 in Shiner, Texas. James was an active member in the Shiner Chamber of Commerce and members of St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church, the VFW, the Shiner Masonic Lodge and Knights of Columbus.

James is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Marilyn and their four children, Christopher Carter Thibodeaux and wife Amy, James Todd Thibodeaux and wife Carey, Anne Clarice, and husband Steven Butler, and Rebecca Oliver-Bromenshenkel and husband Gregory Bromenshenkel. And his 11 grandchildren, Grant, Micheala, Henry,

and Addison Butler, Sadie, Travis, and Audrey Thibodeaux, Lexie and Lilie Oliver, Drew, and Todd Bromenshenkel. And many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers - Chuck Thibodeaux, Henry "Suddy" Thibodeaux, and sisters, Myrtis Laemmle, Pearl Abshire, Jeanette Kemp, and Mary Dell Thibodeaux.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., with prayers of the holy rosary to be recited at 7 p.m. followed by a Eulogy at 7:30 p.m. all at Shiner Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at SS. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church. A burial will follow at the Moulton City Cemetery in Moulton, TX. The family would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to Dr. Wilkinson, the staff at Hallettsville Rehabilitation and Nursing Home, Crown Hospice, and Natalie Mesa for the love and care they showed James.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Crown Hospice, 1406 E. Red River St, Victoria, TX, 77901, or Shiner Catholic Schools, 424 S St Ludmila St, Shiner, TX 77984. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.shinerfuneralhome.com.

Services are under the care and direction of Shiner Funeral Home.

Gaslight Theatre gives out awards for 'Accommodations'

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Shiner Gaslight Theatre Board of Directors congratulates the cast and crew of the 2024 Spring production, "Accommodations," for their entertaining performances in this hilarious comedy of miscommunication and confused identities.

Jim Winkenwerder

(lights and sound) and Elaine Berkovsky (backstage crew) shared the honor of winning the Lamplighter Backstage Award. Jodi Adamek received the Sister Michele Excellence Award for her portrayal of an aspiring actress who was never out of character.

A special surprise appearance by Michelle Schraub, previously Sister Michelle Belto,

was the highlight of the afternoon. She was invited to present the award in her name to Jodi Adamek. In 1975, as a local nun and drama teacher, Michelle realized the beauty and potential of the old building and through her effort and the citizenry of Shiner and surrounding towns, the Gaslight Theatre was born and the rest is history!

Tornado watch or tornado warning? Big difference

A tornado watch is not the same as a tornado warning. The big differences:

- A tornado watch tells you to keep an eye out for a possible tornado. Pay close attention to local sources of weather information.
- A tornado warning means a tornado's been recently spotted in your area.

Warning
If you hear a tornado warning, immediately take cover. If you're in a car, truck, trailer, or mobile home, get out and enter the closest building. If you're driving, don't stop under bridges or overpasses. They don't protect you from winds or flying debris. If you're caught outside and can't get to a building, lie flat and face down in the nearest ditch or depression. Cover your head with your hands. If you're in a house or other building, go to an interior room, bathroom, or closet on the lowest level. Cover yourself with blankets, towels, or a mattress. Don't open windows; it doesn't help equalize pressure. Also, shut all your doors; this could reduce the chances of your roof blowing off.

Watch
If you hear a tornado watch, tune in to your local weather report to keep track. Get ready to move to a safe space. A tornado watch area is often large. It can include multiple counties, even whole states.

Under a tornado watch:

- Review your emergency plans.
- Bring in or secure outdoor objects that could blow around.
- Check supplies such as batteries, flashlights, water, nonperishable food, and medicines.
- Identify your safe room.

Summing up: A tornado watch means get ready. A warning means move — now — to safety.

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Victoria College to hold commencement ceremony on May 11

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

A total of 257 students are expected to participate in Victoria College's 99th annual commencement exercises at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 11 at the Victoria Fine Arts Center.

An invocation will be led by Aaron Joseph Holochwost, who will deliver the invocation in English, and Rosalba Carrera, who will deliver it in Spanish. The student speakers will be Lasley Davis and

Rosalba Carrera.

Tickets are required to attend. Each graduate is allotted four tickets. A livestream of the ceremony will also be available at VictoriaCollege.edu.

The Victoria Fine Arts Center is located at 1002 Sam Houston Drive.

For more information on VC's graduation ceremony or how to purchase commencement photos, call (361) 573-3291 or visit VictoriaCollege.edu/Graduation.



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VC President Dr. Jennifer Kent presents a diploma to Jodi Yancey-Sandoval at the 2023 commencement exercises.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office 04/14/2024 – 04/20/2024

- 04/14/24**
- Dasilva, Brandy Nicole, Age: 43, Cuero: Other Agency Hold – Poss Marij <2oz, Released - \$2,000 Bond
 - Rodenberg, Jessica Annette, Age: 30, Gonzales: Other Agency Hold – Theft Prop >=\$2,500 <\$30K, Released – Transfer
 - Wieczorek, Seth Everett, Age: 18, Daingerfield: Warrantless/On-View – Poss CS PG 2<1G, Released - \$1,500 Bond
 - De La Cruz, Alejandro, Age: 20, Daingerfield: Warrantless/On-View – Poss Marij <2oz, Released - \$1,000 Bond

- 04/15/24**
- Barnes, Steven Kyle, Age: 19, Bastrop: Local Warrant – Unauth use of Vehicle, Requires \$100,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

- 04/16/24**
- Leos, Lijah Aaron, Age: 26, San Antonio: Local Warrant – Burglary of Habitation, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Theft of Firearm, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Theft of Firearm, 1 Bond all Counts; Other Agency Hold – Stalking, Requires \$25,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Assault causes Bodily Injury Family Member, Requires \$10,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Interfere w/ Emergency Req for Assistance, Requires \$5,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Unlawful Restraint, Requires \$5,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Duty on Striking Fixture/Hwy Landscape >=\$200, Requires \$5,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

- 04/17/24**
- Arocha, Lucio Antonio, Age: 49, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Man Del CS PG 1>=1G<4g, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Man Del CS PG 1>=1G<4G, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

- 04/18/24**
- Hasting, Dustin DeWayne, Age: 34, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Man Del CS PG1>=4G<200G, Requires \$50,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

- 04/19/24**
- Sanchez-Vazquez, Adan, Age: 30, Nixon: Local Warrant – Fleeing Police Officer, Released \$15,000 Bond
 - Saucedo, Faustino Estrada, Age: 53, Houston: Commitment/Sentence – Driving while Intoxicated 3rd or more IAT, Released – Weekender
 - Sutton, Ben Joseph, Age: 46, Cost : Other Agency Hold – Poss CS PG 1/1- B >=4G<200G, Requires \$50,000 Bond, Released
 - Padron, Billy Lopez, Age: 43, San Marcos: Local Warrant – Engage in Organized Criminal Activity, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Engage in Organized Criminal Activity, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Burglary of Habitation, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Theft Pro >=\$100<\$750, Requires \$1,600 Bond, Remains in Custody

- 04/20/24**
- Hackle, Jonathan, Age: 38, Houston: Warrantless/On – View – Unauth use of Vehicle, Requires \$5,000 Bond; Warrantless/On-View – Poss Marij <2oz, Requires \$200 Bond, Released

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

GCSO	13
DPS	12
GPD	06
WPD	01
NPD	03
GISD	00
SMO	00
Constable 1	00
Constable 3	00
Constable 4	00
DWCSO	00
DEA	00
TPW	00
GCAI	00
Rangers	00
Other	00
Total	35

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office 04/21/24 – 04/27/24

- 04/21/24**
- Reyna, Roger Alexander, Age: 26, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Agg Assault Causes Serious Bodily Inj, Requires \$75,000 Bond, Released
 - Zetka, Clayton Lee, Age: 33, Bebe: Warrantless/On-View – Assault Causes bodily injury Family Member, Requires \$3,500 Bond, Warrantless/On-View – Resist Arrest Search or Transport, Requires \$3,500 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Poss CS PG 1<1G DFZ IAT, Remains in Custody

- 04/23/24**
- Curlee, Monica Michell, Age:41, Luling: Local Warrant – Poss CS PG 1 >=4G<200G, Requires \$100,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Man Del CS PG 1 >=1G<4G, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Man Del CS PG 1>=1G<4G, 1 Bond all Counts, Remains in Custody

- 04/24/24**
- Sanchez, Hilary Ann, Age:35, Victoria: Warrantless/On-View - Poss CS PG 2 >=1G<4G, Requires \$6,500 Bond; Warrantless/On-View- Poss Marij <2 oz, Requires \$800 Bond, Released
 - Obregon, Johnny III, Age:28, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Theft Prop >=\$2,500 <30K, Remains in Custody
 - Bosquez, Conrad Xavier, Age: 35, Yoakum: Commitment/Sentence – Poss CS PF 1>=1G<4G, Other Agency Hold – Criminal Mischief, Requires \$1,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

- 04/26/24**
- Chick, Deborah Lynn, Age:63, Helotes: Commitment/Sentence – Driving while Intoxicated 3rd or more IAT,Released – Weekender
 - Saucedo, Faustino Estrada, Age: 53, Houston: Commitment/Sentence - Driving while Intoxicated 3rd or more IAT, Released – Weekender
 - Gibson, Lachelle Sinead, Age:32,

- Austin: Local Warrant – Injury Child/ Elderly/Disable w/Int Bodily Inj, Requires \$50,000 Bond, Released
- Gonzales, Amanda Diamond, Age: 37, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Criminal Mischief Imprint PUB Service <\$30,000, Remains in Custody
 - Voigt, Courtney Jena, Age: 29, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Poss CS PG 1>=4G<200G, Remains in Custody
 - Hernandez, Isabel Marie, Age:38, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Theft Prop >=\$2,500 <\$30K, Remains in Custody
 - Polk Beatrice Nicole, Age: 34, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Poss CS PG 1/1 – B < 1G, Released – Weekender

- 04/27/24**
- Richards, Christine Marie, Age: 57, Cost: Local Warrant – Poss Dangerous Drug, Requires \$1,500 Bond, Released
 - Staton, Clyde Douglas, Age: 48, Portales: Local Warrant – Stalking, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Viol Bond/Protective order 2+ times w/1 12 mo PC, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Stalking, Local Warrant – Viol Bond/Protective order 2+ times W/1 12 mo PC; Remains in Custody

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

GCSO	16
DPS	00
GPD	02
WPD	01
NPD	04
GISD	00
SMO	00
Constable 1	00
Constable 3	00
Constable 4	00
DWCSO	00
DEA	00
TPW	00
GCAI	00
Rangers	00
Other	00
Total	23



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- Texas ____ has a star of five points
- "French Legation State Historic ____"
- "Lake ____ Pines"
- billards stick
- regulator of DFW Airport (abbr.)
- TXism: "plain ____ nose on your face"
- Texas has made ____ into controlling litter
- TXism: "don't change horses in the middle of the ____"
- meeting items lists
- TX Ginger's "Heart-beat" with Jean-____ Aumont
- Gov. Greg ____
- TXism: "he has short arms and ____ pockets" (frugal)
- most Texas soldiers in the Civil War
- tackle, Mark, who helped Cowboys win 3 Super Bowls
- Luke Bryan country hit: "Down ____"
- shorthand writer, for short
- Texas-based 1960 film: "____ Hill"
- defamed someone's character
- "W" of Texas crime "DWI"

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DOWN

- "Sheriffs' ____ Texas"
- "New Braunfels Herald-____"
- TXism: "____ up" (mad)
- Gen. Robert ____
- TX Buddy Holly's "Not ____ Away"
- Texas epic "Giant" was ____ novel by Edna Ferber
- biblical donkey
- Egyptian cobra
- TXism: "that's ____ different color"
- one under par in golf
- this program brought women into the USAF from 1948 to 1976
- speech sound uttered with breath, not voice
- golf gadget (2 wds.)
- ____ Green County
- Dallas-born "Usher" 1999 film: "____ All That"
- TXism "so many you couldn't ____ a stick"
- pecan is the state ____ in Texas
- this Williams played for the Mavericks (1989-92)
- TXism: "he's plumb weak north of the ____" (dumb)
- golf achievement: hole in ____
- TX Strait's "I Think She Still Loves ____"
- TXism: "chompin' ____ the bit" (eager)
- Dallas-based Greyhound transport
- TXism: "ain't worth two ____" (useless)
- "____ for all" (same legal system for everyone)
- TX Nimitz was a Navy rear ____
- TXism: "nah"
- TXism: "____ earned his spurs" (merited)
- rocks with gold, e.g.
- "take ____ to the ball game . . ."
- ____ Rivers, Texas
- cow skins
- UT grad, Wallach
- ____ Pepper
- boot width
- TX Nimitz was a Navy rear ____
- Abilene's Dyess Air Force ____
- gambling, e.g.

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

GPD vehicle involved in crash at US 183 and Sarah DeWitt

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Gonzales police vehicle was involved in two-vehicle crash at the intersection of US 183 and Sarah DeWitt Drive (US 90A) at about 7:21 p.m. Sunday, April 21.

“On Sunday, April 21, 2024, Sergeant Carrera was working traffic enforcement on 183 and 90. He and another party were involved in collision at that intersection,” Lt. Jason Montoya said. “There were no injuries to the parties involved. Details about the collision can be obtained from the Texas Department of Public Safety, who conducted the

crash investigation.” According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, which investigated the crash due to GPD being a party to the collision, a 2024 Toyota Camry driven by Jesus DeLeon, 19, of Gonzales, was driving south on US 183 just north of the intersection with Sarah DeWitt Drive.

There were four other passengers in the vehicle with DeLeon — an 11-year-old male, two 12-year-old females and a 10-year-old female. Names of the juveniles are being withheld.

A Chevrolet Tahoe Gonzales Police Department vehicle, being driven by

Sgt. Alberto Carrerra, 36, of Gonzales, was driving northbound and approached the intersection. The Toyota Camry slowed down and attempted to turn left onto Sarah DeWitt as the Tahoe entered the intersection.

“As it tried to turn, (the Toyota) failed to yield the right of way and crashed into the driver’s door of (the Tahoe). (The Toyota) was issued a citation for failure to yield the right of way,” the report stated.

Two of the minor females were treated for non-life threatening injuries, according to the report.

Road conditions were reportedly dry and clear.

Rice becomes first Nixon-Smiley FFA American Degree recipient

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Nixon-Smiley FFA graduate Madisyn Rice is believed to be the first person in the history of the Nixon-Smiley FFA to receive the American FFA Degree.

Madisyn, the daughter of Harold and Loyce Rice, is currently attending Blinn College-Bryan Campus and is studying Animal Science.

Considered to be “the gold standard” as the highest degree achievable in the National FFA Organization, the American FFA Degree shows an FFA member’s dedication to his or her chapter and state FFA association. It demonstrates the effort FFA members apply toward their supervised agricultural experience and the outstanding leadership abilities and community involvement they exhibited through their FFA career.

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Rice

The requirements to earn the American FFA Degree are set forth in the National FFA Constitution. To be eligible to receive the American FFA Degree, members

must meet qualifications such as receiving a State FFA Degree, holding active membership for the past three years, completing secondary instruction in an agricultural education program and operating an outstanding supervised agricultural experience program. Community service, leadership abilities and outstanding scholastic achievement are also required.

All applications are submitted to the National FFA Organization after approval of a member’s state association. After review by national staff, the National FFA Board of Directors approve qualified candidates to receive the American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention & Expo.

NIXON-SMILEY SENIOR EARNS NATIONAL FFA SCHOLARSHIP



CONTRIBUTED

Nixon-Smiley FFA senior Lizbeth Serratos is now a National FFA Scholarship Recipient. Lizbeth plans to attend Texas A&M-Kingsville, major in Animal Science and become a large animal geneticist.

PACE

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the PACE (Plantarium A Center for Exploration) building at 623 N. Fair St., which houses not only the Master Gardeners but now the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office after they had to move out of the Gonzales County Annex Building due to concerns about that building’s structural integrity.

The PACE Building is owned by Gonzales Independent School District, but leased to the county with the understanding that the county would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep on the property as well as paying any utility costs.

Davis said one recent utility bill for the PACE Building was a whopping \$800 for the month, which was a cause for concern especially with the anticipated heat wave the county always gets in the summer months.

“We went over there and checked out the AC unit and made sure it was all working properly,” Kloesel said. “From what we’ve gathered, this AC unit has electric heat. During the winter, we run pretty much dead short, which is pulling about 70 amps. Not to mention, they run space heaters, too, so our electric bill over there was going to go sky high. Remember, it was cold.”

Options to remedy the problem include bringing in another AC unit from the annex building and having it set up as a heating and cooling zone for the AgriLife Extension side of the building as well as sealing windows and fixing doors where there are signs of rot and

gaps in them. “We can bring in one from the annex that is no longer being used from an area that is shut off and we can set it up,” Kloesel said. “When we do leave the building, we take it out with us, so it’s not like we’re out the money permanently. We’re just using a resource we had; it would just take some time to set it up and rearrange things. Because you’d be zoning it out instead of running the whole building on one big unit, you’ll be able to control their area more.”

Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski asked about the possibility of setting up a partition or blocking off the sliding doors that lead to the Master Gardeners’ portion of the building. However, Kloesel said at night or evenings, the Master Gardeners will open those sliding doors and “with that open there’s a tremendous amount of space that is being air conditioned.”

Kloesel also said that having the units switched off at night would mean having to “play catch up” the following day when the AgriLife Extension office reopens in order to get the building to a satisfactory temperature.

The cost of moving the AC unit from the annex to the PACE Building is about \$1,200 to \$1,500, Kloesel said. Commissioners approved the expenditure and authorized Kloesel to fix any doors and check for any lost airflow due to leaks or gaps that can be sealed.

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BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

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Golden Crescent Aging and Community Services every month for assistance with Medicare, community resources, and more.

Join them every third Wednesday, on a first-come first-serve basis, with no RSVPs taken for the event. The dates are May 15, June 19, July 17,

Aug. 21, and Sept. 18 at the library in Gonzales, located at 301 St. Joseph St. If unable to attend these events in person, please con-

tact the Golden Crescent Aging and Community Services at (361) 578-1587, ext. 200. All who are in need of these services are welcome.

GISD

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over the last several years for staff retention and attraction, school districts across the state addressed pay equity disparities, particularly as new hires often receive higher wages than tenured employees in similar roles.

In response, and in an effort to tackle wage compression, Gonzales ISD is actively working with the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) on a pay study for the district. Although the estimated completion of the report is projected to be released in late-May, and after receiving two new federal funding sources for the two departments, the district presented the following compensation changes to the board of trustees. The pay bump reflects the current 2023-2024 auxiliary pay plan:

BUS DRIVERS

The pay increase for ACE bus drivers will raise their compensation to \$20.25 per hour.

CHILD NUTRITION

Child Nutrition Manager: The starting pay for this position will be \$14.57 per hour.

Child Nutrition Cafeteria II Lead: The starting pay for this role is \$12.65 per hour.

Child Nutrition Cafeteria I: Employees in this category will begin with a starting pay of \$11.25 per hour.

The implementation of these compensation adjustments is projected to have an annual total budgetary impact of \$46,143.91 for child nutrition and \$42,091.99 for the transportation department.

The federally funded food service monies are expected to continue as long as the program continues in GISD. The second funding revenue source is from the federally funded ACE program. Gonzales ISD is currently in year one of a five-year grant cycle. Funding for drivers not participating in ACE stems from the Gonzales ISD general operating funds.

COURTHOUSE

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construction documents, or to address critical needs that endanger the building or its occupants.

Grant applications will be scored by the Texas Historical Commission and then awards announced at the Friday, July 26, THC quarterly meeting.

Gonzales County contracted with Tere O'Connell of O'Connell Architecture LLC for \$219,000 to create a master plan for the Courthouse, a final draft of which had to be submitted to THC by April 5 in order to be eligible to apply for grant funding. O'Connell was present Wednesday to go over the master plan and grant application. She said the master plan has been accepted by THC.

Working with O'Connell Architecture on the Gonzales County Courthouse project are WJE Engineering, which will be responsible for structural engineering and waterproofing services, and HMG Engineering, which will be responsible for mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering.

Among the problems with the Courthouse that were documented by the team were leaking fenestrations, wood frame deterioration, standing water that will not drain in the basement and masonry issues, along with challenges to add HVAC to the building due to the wrought-iron interior structure.

The county did not previously have an official "master plan" for the Courthouse. A plan created by John Volz of Volz & Associates in 1993 only addressed immediate structural deficiencies in the Courthouse tower and was not truly a "master plan," said O'Connell, who was part of the Volz team that helped design the late-1990s restoration of the Gonzales County Courthouse prior to the creation of the THCPP by the Texas Legislature.

The current red brick with white limestone trim Gonzales County Courthouse was designed by famed architect J. Riely Gordon and was completed in 1896 at a cost of \$64,450 after the original burned down December 3, 1893 — more

than 130 years ago. Gordon used a Romanesque Revival design that featured a Greek cross layout complete with corner entrances and a rotunda. A new roof was put on the building in 1958. It is believed to be the oldest J. Riely Gordon-designed courthouse to not have been restored under a THCPP grant.

The Gonzales County Courthouse was designated a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1966 and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.

To date, the THCPP has funded the restoration of 77 Texas courthouses and another 26 courthouses have received emergency or planning grants. Another 45 courthouses have approved master plans or master plans pending approval from THC.

That leaves 97 counties, including Gonzales County, which have historic courthouses eligible to participate in the program and another nine which are either not 50 years old or are not owned by the county or city and thus are ineligible.

Gonzales has the 12th oldest courthouse of those which have not yet been renovated through THCPP, behind Concho, Bastrop, Pecos, Clay, Bell, Coleman, Brewster, Jasper, Hill, Haskell and Medina. Of those, only Pecos, Jasper and Haskell did not already have approved master plans on file with THC.

Commissioners also heard from O'Connell Architecture regarding recommendations to address structural failures at the county annex building on Sarah DeWitt Drive, which had to be vacated in December 2023 due to concerns about structural stability. Because this 43-year-old building is not old enough to qualify as a historic building, the county has less hoops to jump through when it comes to fixing the issues at that structure than addressing needs at the Courthouse.

Due to press time, the Inquirer will have a larger story on the meeting and what changes could be expected to take place at the Courthouse if the grant is awarded in the May 9 edition.

MURDER

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The slaying was caught on video and showed that on March 5, two suspects walked past a home on the property directly to the RV, according to published reports.

The two suspects, who were later identified as Jayden D'Angelo Medearis, 18, and Tavion Malique Williams, 19, talked briefly to Greene before one of the men shot him in the face and the other shot him in the back, according to reports. The video showed the two men walking inside the RV and coming out with a bag. Before they left, one of the men shot Greene again in the head from behind, according to reports.

The two men left the scene in a vehicle driven by Eredia-Johnson, who is also believed to have provided the guns used in the robbery-homicide. One of the weapons was recovered at a pawn shop after Eredia-Johnson allegedly paid someone to get rid of it for him.

Investigators later received a tip that the men had planned the robbery and intended to target Greene, but the slaying may have been a last-minute decision. Medearis and Williams were caught on a recording discussing the killing, according to authorities.

On Monday, April 22, investigators filed probable cause affidavits with Lee County Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Michael York. While Eredia-Johnson has a listed home address in Giddings, he also has ties to Gonzales and it was there that he was arrested on murder and aggravated robbery charges on Tuesday, April 23, before he was transported back to Lee County. Eredia-Johnson is being held in lieu

of \$1.25 million bond — \$750,000 on the murder charge and \$500,000 on the aggravated robbery charge.

Meanwhile, Midland police located Medearis at a Midland residence on Monday, April 22, and he was arrested by the Midland Police SWAT team and charged with capital murder and transported back to the Lee County Jail by Lee County Precinct 2 Constable A.J. Gonzales. Medearis is being held in lieu of \$750,000 bond.

Williams was also believed to be in the Midland area and a search continued for him. At about 10 p.m. Thursday, April 25, the U.S. Marshal's Service notified Midland police and told them Williams had contacted them and advised he was at a store in Midland and wanted to surrender to police. He was taken into custody without incident and transported back to Lee County. Williams is being held in lieu of \$750,000 bond.

"I want to extend our appreciation to our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners for their assistance in locating our homicide suspects," Lee County Sheriff Garrett Durrenberger said. "Again, the outcome of this investigation is a testament to the dedication and persistence of our criminal investigations team."

"I want to be abundantly clear: If you engage in committing a heinous crime in Lee County, we are going to conduct our investigation and then we are coming for you. We will work tirelessly to uphold law and order, and we will not tolerate the actions of those who victimize our citizens."

This report includes information compiled from reports by Fox 7 Austin, the Midland Reporter-Telegram and the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

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