

Divided commissioners to seek tower bid approval

LCRA was sole bidder; Motorola and VCS protested bid process

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

After a very tempestuous discussion, the Gonzales County Commissioners

Court voted 3-2 to submit a letter from Hanson Professional Services and Langford Community Management Services to the General Land Office, asking GLO to accept a sole bid by LCRA for the county’s emergency radio tower project. Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski, Precinct 3 Commissioner Kevin La Fleur and Precinct 1 Commissioner K.O. “Dell” Whiddon agreed to sign the letter before it is sent to the

GLO. County Judge Pat Davis and Precinct 4 Commissioner Collie Boatright voted against sending the letter, stating they believed the county should rebid the project due to protests raised by potential bidders Motorola and Victoria Communications Systems about incorrect information within the bidding notice and a lack of time given to properly prepare tower specifications. Gonzales County opened bids

Monday, April 15, for the project, which is being paid for through a \$6,071,588.57 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the General Land Office Mitigation Funding cycle as a result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey in 2017. The county received just one bid from LCRA and two notices of intent to no-bid and protest from

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Voters choose Schoolcraft, Matias in GOP runoff

BY LEW K. COHN
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Gonzales County residents cast their ballots in the May 28 Republican Primary Run-off Election and chose Anton “Tony” Matias to be the new Gonzales County Precinct 1 Commissioner and former state Rep. Alan Schoolcraft to be the next Texas House District 44 Representative, defeating incumbent John Kuempel in complete but unofficial returns.

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Matias won the runoff by 81 votes over fellow candidate Ryan Mills, outgaining the latter by a total of 633-552. Without a

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Community groups work to beautify Gonzales

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Beautification Committee, in partnership with the Main Street Advisory Board and Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, have been busy making the city of Gonzales beautiful. Gonzales Main Street Director Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla recently talked about things that are happening in the city. “We are refurbishing all of the handrails that you see in the downtown area, many of them have some peeling paint and rust, so the Streets Department and the city is working with us to remove those handrails, get them powdercoated, painted black and reinstalled. We’re then going to

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VANDY VAN EPPS

Senior Ainsley Holub gives the valedictorian speech for the Gonzales High School graduating class of 2024 at Apache Field Friday, May 24.

From seniors to alumni

Gonzales High School Class of 2024 graduates at Apache Field

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales High School Class of 2024 took the stage at Apache Field for one last time for the class graduation ceremony Friday, May 24. Two-hundred and two seniors re-

ceived their high school diplomas at the ceremony and this year’s class received more than \$260,000 scholarships; that is \$40,000 more than last year.

“Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed faculty, proud parents, most importantly, the remarkable graduating class of 2024. As I stand before you today, I’m filled with a mixture of emotions, joy, pride, and a hint of sadness as I bid farewell to a group of individuals who not only left their mark on our school,

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Remembering the fallen

Nixon American Legion Post 547 hosts Memorial Day ceremony

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

Around the United States, many organizations are honoring the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, including in Nixon. The American Legion Post 547 hosted its Memorial Day ceremony at the Aphne Pattillo Nixon Public Library on Monday, May 27. “On behalf of American Legion as an organization as well as the post here in Nixon, it’s important for us to welcome those of you that are here supporting us, to remember those people that served and died for the freedoms that we have today,” Post Commander and retired Army veteran Navidad Ruiz said. Memorial Day is a federal holiday that is held on the last Monday of May in honor of the service men and women who died in the line of duty. “There’s also other people, service members, that did not perish, but they spent time and they sacrificed as well and we give thanks to them as well. This is an opportunity for

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TJHRA FINALS



Emme Albert, of Gonzales, ties down a goat for the girls goat tying competition at the TJHRA Finals at JB Wells Monday, May 27.

VANDY VAN EPPS

Buc-ee’s will open new Luling superstore on June 10

FROM STAFF, WIRE REPORTS

Hang on to your beaver nuggets, because the largest Buc-ee’s ever built will soon open in Luling — just up the road from Gonzales. The company announced it will

unveil its newest travel center in Luling on Monday, June 10. Doors will open to the public at 6 a.m. and a ribbon-cutting ceremony will follow at noon. The new Buc-ee’s Luling will

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Guerra family selling restaurant to longtime employee

Parra’s Grill & Catering will have same feel, same menu as predecessor

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

If you are going to Guerra’s Grill & Catering after this Thursday to get your fajita taco fix or to get a lotta enchiladas, you’ll actually find yourself partaking at Parra’s Grill & Catering instead, partner! That’s because Martha Jo and Robert Guerra, who have owned and operated Guerra’s at 1303 Saint Lawrence St., Gonzales, since 2004, are selling the restaurant to longtime employee Joann Parra, with the deal becoming final Thursday, May 30. “We purchased the restaurant in 2004, 20 years ago, and it’s been a blessing,” Martha Jo Guerra said. “It’s been a great thing for our family and a lot of hard work, blood, sweat and tears, but it’s been a blessing to us.

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Local residents graduate from Victoria College

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College awarded degrees and certificates to 278 graduates at the end of the Spring 2024 semester, bringing the total number of graduates for the 2023-24 academic year to 551.

Following are the Victoria College graduates grouped by their cities of residence with their degrees, certificates and honors listed.

- COST**
- Betsy Roder, AAS-Instrumentation, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate, Instrumentation Certificate
- CUERO**
- Victoria Clark, EMT Advanced Certificate, Paramedic Certificate
 - Kelsey Martin, AAS-Nursing
 - Jillian Perez, Office Management Certificate
 - Trace Reed, AAS-Instrumentation
 - Kiley Vasquez, Associate of Arts

- GONZALES**
- Asia Adams, AAS-Nursing
 - Joshua Massey, Associate of Science
 - Sebastian Mendoza, Instrumentation Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
 - Yesenia Perez, Associate of Science
 - Brenden Rodriguez, Associate of Science
 - Catherine Stakes, AAS-Business Management

- HALLETTSVILLE**
- Roberto Arellano, Instrumentation Certificate
 - Madelyn Bishop, AAS-Emergency Medical Services, Cum Laude
 - Cole Bujnoch, Process Technology Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
 - William Harper, Instrumentation Certificate
 - Miranda Hartl, AAS-Nursing
 - Quade Henneke, Instrumentation Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
 - Bowen Higgins, Instrumentation Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
 - Luke Hinton, EMT Advanced Certificate
 - Hunter Laqua, AAS-Instrumentation, Instrumentation Certificate
 - Cameron Rice, Associate of Science, Summa Cum Laude
 - Kylee Starns, AAS-Physical Therapist Assistant

- LULING**
- Marylou Hernandez, Associate of Science
 - Joy Johnson, AAS-Nursing

- NIXON**
- Oscar Galicia, Instrumentation Certificate
 - Yesenia Limon, Associate of Science
 - Jake Torres, AAS-Business Management

- SEGUIN**
- Maria Ruiz, AAS-Business Management

- SHINER**
- Sean Berger, Associate of Arts
 - John Rudd, EMT Advanced Certificate, Paramedic Certificate

- YOAKUM**
- Jaccarri Hights, AAS-Nursing
 - Leslie Jimenez, AAS-Emergency Medical Services
 - Dylan Lauer, AAS-Instrumentation
 - Diana Moreno Amaya, Associate of Science
 - Abigail Perez Arredondo, Associate of Arts

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH



Gonzales County commissioners signed a proclamation on Tuesday, May 28, declaring June 2024 to be Elder Abuse Awareness Month. According to the proclamation, abuse of older adults and people with disabilities is a community concern, affecting thousands of people across Texas and abuse affected more than 120,069 older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2023.

LEW K. COHN

LCRA board of directors approves business, capital investment plans for fiscal year 2025

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The LCRA Board of Directors on Wednesday approved a business plan of about \$577 million and authorized capital investments of about \$1.32 billion for energy, water and public service projects to support Texas in fiscal year 2025.

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

“Our business and capital plans uphold LCRA’s commitment to invest in Texas’ future by helping to build the power, water and communications infrastructure critical for our state’s continued success,” said Timothy Timmerman, chair of the LCRA Board of Directors. “LCRA’s investments support a growing region in Texas and supply the services essential for maintaining healthy economies and businesses within our communities and our state.”

As one of the largest public power providers in the state, LCRA provides power for electric cooperatives and small towns in Central Texas by selling wholesale electric-

ity through long-term contracts with retail utilities.

One of LCRA’s largest capital projects is a new two-unit peaker power plant under construction in Caldwell County. The new natural gas-fired Timmerman Power Plant, named after the chair of the LCRA Board of Directors, will help meet the state’s increasing need for reliable power and support the Texas energy grid by providing dispatchable power when demand approaches or surpasses the amount of power available from other sources.

Each of the plant’s two units will be able to supply up to 190 megawatts of dispatchable power. When operating at full capacity, the Timmerman plant will be able to supply enough electricity to power more than 100,000 homes during periods of peak demand. The first unit is expected to be operational in 2025, and the second unit is scheduled to come online in 2026.

This year marks LCRA’s 90th anniversary. In 1934, Gov. Miriam A. “Ma” Ferguson signed legislation creating LCRA to improve the quality of life of people living in a region challenged by floods, droughts and limited access to electricity.

“We electrified the Hill Country in the 1930s and ’40s, and now we are taking a lead role in investing in dispatchable generation that can

be called upon quickly when needed,” LCRA General Manager Phil Wilson said. “We are well positioned to serve Texans and our customers for many years to come because while LCRA’s services have evolved over the past 90 years, we continue to help Texans respond to significant population growth by staying true to our mission to enhance the quality of life of the people we serve through water stewardship, energy and community service.”

LCRA TSC plans to invest more than \$3.9 billion over the next five years to build new transmission facilities and improve existing ones. LCRA TSC will undertake numerous projects to increase reliability, meet existing and projected needs for electricity, and connect new electric generators to the grid.

LCRA is working to enhance the information age in its Texas service area, investing about \$146 million over the next five years to greatly increase the amount of data that can be sent over LCRA’s radio system to facilitate smart technologies. LCRA also is using

its fiber capacity as the middle mile – the highway to which last-mile providers can connect – to help provide broadband services that are essential to the continued success of communities in the region.

Additionally, LCRA continues to make investments to increase regional water supplies. LCRA is completing the new Arbuckle Reservoir and plans to invest about \$174 million over the next five years for other new water supply projects. LCRA also will continue to maintain and invest in its system of dams, which are critical to protect water supplies and provide flood management, and will invest more than \$38 million in rehabilitation projects over the next five years to help ensure the dams continue to operate safely.

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

The LCRA 2025 fiscal year begins July 1. The FY 2025 LCRA business and capital plans are available at www.lcra.org/about/financial-highlights/business-plan.

Program seeks volunteers to be long-term care ombudsmen

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Golden Crescent Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is seeking volunteers in Calhoun, Dewitt, Jackson, Lavaca, Goliad, Gonzales and Victoria counties to advocate for residents living in nursing and assisted living facilities.

Volunteer ombudsmen visit residents, identify, and investigate complaints, and educate residents, families, and facility staff on protecting the health, safety, welfare, and rights of individuals living in long-term care settings.

Ombudsman services are free and confidential. Volunteers must be at least 18-years old and complete a free, 36-hour training course that includes classroom, self-study, and in-facility training.

No prior experience is required. Hours are flexible and determined by each volunteer.

Training starts soon. Registration is required. If you have an hour a week to make a difference in someone’s life, please contact Christina Guajardo, MLO at 361-578-1587 X 217 or 361-920-1400 or christinag@gcrpc.org for more information.

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Celebrations

Birthdays

May 30th

Erin Etheridge

Scott Rhodes

Judy Watts Thomason

May 31st

Naomi Brown

Mary Helen Douglas

Amanda Garza

Jim Russell

Courtney Voigt

June 1st

Corie Connell

Carol Daniel

Herb Karnau

Charlie Rochester

June 2nd

Chyenenne Hutton

Tress Lester

Jarrold Scott

June 3rd

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June 4th

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Gonzales Weather



PARTLY SUNNY

May 30

96°/76°

A thunderstorm in spots in the morning; otherwise, remaining very warm with intervals of clouds and sunshine 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 96



PARTLY SUNNY

May 31

93°/72°

Watch for a strong morning thunderstorm; partial sunshine 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 93



PARTLY CLOUDY

June 1

91°/75°

Sun giving way to increasing clouds 5% chance of rain • RealFeel 93



MOSTLY CLOUDY

June 2

93°/74°

Mostly cloudy with a strong thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 99



CLOUDY

June 3

95°/76°

Turning cloudy and very warm 11% chance of rain • RealFeel 100



PARTLY SUNNY

June 4

96°/75°

Very warm with times of clouds and sun; a couple of afternoon showers 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 104



MOSTLY SUNNY

June 5

92°/71°

Sunshine and patchy clouds 10% chance of rain • RealFeel 101

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Garden Q&A with CALVIN FINCH



Q. What are those large grubs that live in the edge of my compost pile. Should we destroy them?

A. No, do not harm them . The grubs eat decaying material and become the rhinoceros beetles that consume sap, fruit and nectar. They reportedly fight with each other but do not bite humans and are considered a desirable insect.

Q. How do you control that weed that has leaves like clover and lives in the lawn? They are yard to control.

A. It sounds like you are describing oxalis which is a tough summer perennial that looks like clover. Look for a herbicide that lists oxalis on its label as one of the weeds it controls. It is best to try and control it now when it is young and tender rather than to wait until it becomes harder to control.

Q. Why don't more gardeners grow four-o'clocks for their blooms than to treat it like a weed? There are a number of different colored flowers and some even have a fragrance plus the deer do not eat them.

A. Four-o'clocks do have some desirable characteristics including those you mentioned plus they are very drought tolerant and compete successfully with other weeds. Four-o'clocks have a tendency to take over large



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areas through the spreading of their deep , hard to control, root systems which makes them undesirable in some situations.

Q. You have been talking about the disease hypoxylon on your radio show. You have mentioned red oaks, elms, bur oaks, post oaks, and even Monterey oaks as being most susceptible in our area. Which shade trees are least susceptible?

A. That is a difficult question because it appears that any species that grows in high stress situations such as hillsides, thin soils, and dry soils is susceptible. That being said in my experience live oaks seem pretty resistant.



JUNE GARDENING CALENDAR

In May after you have mowed your real grass (St Augustine, Zoysia, or Bermuda) twice is the best time to fertilize the lawn but if the real grass has finally become dominant go ahead and fertilize it now. Use a slow release lawn fertilizer like 19-05-09 if it is available so half the nitrogen is released immediately after it rains or you get the opportunity to irrigate it. The rest of the nitrogen will become available to the grass over the 4 months of summer.

Mow St Augustine grass 3.5 inches tall, Zoysia 2 inches tall and Bermuda 1.5 inches high. A reel mower works best for Zoysia grass but a rotary mower will work if you keep it sharp. Quite often St Augustine grass will show some iron chlorosis when it first greens up but it will grow out of it bur the green up can be speeded up if you apply some chelated iron or even dissolved iron sulfate.

Apply an insecticide for grubs in your lawn in June if you had experience with them in past years and witnessed June bugs in your porch lights this year. Don't wait until the grubs do their damage. It is also time to apply an insecticide to New Gold lantana if the lace bugs

eliminated the blooms in past years.

In the vegetable garden early June is still the time to plant peppers, eggplant, and okra. If you planted the recommended determinate tomatoes in late March or early April they should be producing harvestable fruit now. If spider mites show up harvest the remaining fruit and remove the infested plants. We plant new tomatoes in July.

The snapdragons lasted quite a long season this year but now they should be replaced with zinnias. If you have trouble with mildew on Dreamland zinnias this year because of the high humidity, try the Profusion selection. The flowers are smaller but the colors are just as bright and they are less susceptible to mildew. Pentas are a good choice for containers in limited sun. Whopper begonias can tolerate even more shade. Use Vinca for sunny locations . The deer do not eat them.

If you want to provide nectar and egg laying sites to help maintain the declining populations of Monarch Butterflies, plant mist flower, lantana, porter weed and milkweed along with your zinnias. The migrating Monarchs pass through San Antonio in September and October.

Registration opens for Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course

BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE
Special to the Inquirer

The 70th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course on Aug. 5-7 in Bryan-College Station is open for registration. The event is hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Animal Science.

The event is the largest beef cattle educational event in the world, with an expected crowd of 2,000 producers attending, said Jason Cleere, Ph.D., conference coordinator and AgriLife Extension

statewide beef cattle specialist in the Department of Animal Science, Bryan-College Station.

From the Cattleman's College to the Texas Aggie Prime Rib Dinner, the nationally and internationally recognized three-day event offers producers more than 50 hours of training across 20 courses covering basic ranching practices, new technologies and hot topics in beef cattle production.

It also offers attendees access to over 150 agriculture-related businesses and trade show exhibitors and continuing education units for both pesticide license holders and

veterinarians.

Cleere said the event includes the standard sessions it is famous for, as well as the technology session added last year. This year, the youth track for high school students will return for the first time since 2019.

Both in-person and virtual attendance are offered. The cost is \$300 for in-person attendance, \$160 for virtual registration and \$150 for youth. A \$40 fee will be charged for late registration after July 27. Go online for registration, or contact 979-314-8507 or beef-cattleshortcourse@gmail.com for more information.

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

May 25, 2024

Cattle – 480

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., 275-375; 400-500 lbs., 255-305; 500-600 lbs., 230-275; 600-700 lbs., 195-216; 700-800 lbs., 221-255. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 90-155.

Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 285-375; 300-400 lbs., 265-305; 400-500 lbs., 245-295; 500-600 lbs., 210-265; 600-700 lbs., 205-230.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 119-127;

Cutters, 129-138; Canners, 95-110; High yielding fat cows, 125-138.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 145-155; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 124-141.

Stocker Cows: \$900 to \$1,900.

Pairs: \$1,800 to \$2,500.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

May 27th , 2024 - CLOSED

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Sale date: May 21

Cattle on hand: 1130

Packer Cows:

High Dressing: \$126-146

Medium Dressing: \$116-131

Low Dressing: \$105-120

Poor/Weak Cows: \$85-103

Packer Bulls:

High Dressing Bulls: \$148-168

Medium Dressing Bulls: \$125-152

Low Dressing Bulls: \$105-125

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers:

\$1750-2050

Medium Stocker Cows &

Heifers: \$1300-1750

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: \$2450-

2550

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs:

\$1450-2250

Stocker & Feeder Calves &

Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$330-425

200-300 lbs.: \$310-410

300-400 lbs.: \$305-375

400-500 lbs.: \$285-345

500-600 lbs.: \$255-305

600-700 lbs.: \$230-280

700-800 lbs.: \$210-260

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs: \$310-410

200-300 lbs.: \$280-370

300-400 lbs.: \$275-340

400-500 lbs.: \$260-330

500-600 lbs.: \$235-295

600-700 lbs.: \$210-260

700-800 lbs: \$190-235

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: \$275-335

The calf market continued very strong. Calves sold fully steady with last week's higher market on very good demand. Market is very good for this time of year as calves are fleshier every week. Packer cows and bulls sold \$2 to \$3 higher on a supply of 175 head. Stocker cow demands continues strong.

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May 22

Market Trend: Market remains steady. Seeing improvement on heifers. Packer cows & bulls steady.

Cattle – 622

Sheep & goats – 1339

Medium & large frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb. 1.30-2.10-3.40

300-400 lb. .40-2.50-3.75

400-500 lb. .80- 2.53-3.45

500-600 lb. .75-2.25-3.06

600-700 lb. 1.00-2.12-2.64

700-850 lb. 1.30-2.08-2.45

Medium & large frame #1

Heifers:

200-300 lb. 1.25-2.38-3.25

300-400 lb. 1.10-2.56-3.20

400-500 lb. .70-2.27-3.20

500-600 lb. .90-2.19-2.77

600-750 lb. .80-1.98-2.61

Cows:

Utility & commercial – 1.00-1.20-

1.40

Cutters – .94-1.07-1.20

Canners. – .80-.89-.98

Palpated cows – 1000-1950

Cow/Calf Pairs – 1750-2100

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding – 1.42-1.56

Light & Low Yielding – 1.32-1.46

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies – 65-375

Kid Goats (Fat) – 2.10-3.75

Wethers -2.40-3.95

Billies – 1.80-2.55

Dorp. Ewes - 40-155

Dorp. Lambs (Fat) – 2.00-2.85

Wooled Ewes – .90-1.10

Wooled Bucks – .80-1.68

Lambs – 1.40-2.85

Barb. Bucks – 225-535

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

May 24, 2024

Number of head 1,266

There were 167 cows and 25 bulls. Packer cows and bulls sold to another week of strong demand. Packer bulls were up \$6 at \$168, while cows were also up \$5/cwt to \$145. Each week continues to see prices at or near all-time highs. Demand continues to be very strong. The calf market was steady across the board as demand is growing. Light calves were in high demand and were much higher. Heavier weights were steady with last few weeks.

Packer bulls: All Weights 90.00-168.00

Packer cows:

canners & cutters 85.00-145.00

poor & weak 30.00-57.00

Palpated: 25 bred \$900-\$2,100

PAIRS: 2 \$1,200 - \$2,100

Steer/Bull Calves: (AVG-

HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. 314.00-435.50

200-250 lbs. 365.00-400.00

250-299 lbs 322.00-390.00

300-350 lbs. 305.00-380.00

350-400 lbs. 319.00-355.00

400-450 lbs. 295.00-342.00

450-500 lbs. 283.00-322.00

500-550 lbs 266.00-297.00

550-600 lbs. 255.00-274.00

600-700 lbs 238.00-269.00

700-800 lbs 230.00-245.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

under 200 lbs. 349.00-445.00

200-250 lbs 321.00-321.00

250-300 lbs 289.00-375.00

300-350 lbs. 311.00-385.00

350-400 lbs. 287.00-345.00

400-450 lbs. 260.00-334.00

450-500 lbs 257.00-375.00*

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550-600 lbs 231.00-270.00

600-700 lbs 208.00-255.00

Over 700 lbs 178.00-256.00

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Resident reminded of late cousin during Pearl Harbor attack anniversary

Editor's Note: The following is a reprint of an article from the Dec. 8, 2022, edition of the Gonzales Inquirer.

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2023 marked the 82nd anniversary of the surprise attack by the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service on the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii.

It also brought to the forefront memories for Gonzales resident and retired pastor Jo Ann Leifeste of her late cousin, Seaman Jack La Fayette McBride, who was stationed on the USS Oklahoma, which sunk along with three other battleships that day.

"Jack was my second cousin," Leifeste said. "He was 18 years old and on the Oklahoma, which was hit, but he survived until the next year. He was aboard the USS San Francisco when it was hit in the Solomon Islands."

McBride was a 1939 graduate of Kearney High School and had been in the Navy for nearly two years, stationed at Pearl Harbor.

On Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, the Oklahoma was moored on Battleship Row alongside the Maryland when she came under attack by torpedo-bombers from two Japanese aircraft carriers, getting hit almost immediately by three torpedoes between 7:50 a.m. and 8 a.m. PDT. It is believed that as many as eight torpedoes eventually struck the ship, causing it to capsize to port side. The attack killed 429 of the crew of 1,398 officers and enlisted personnel.

McBride and others survived by either jumping off the ship 50 feet below into water that was burning hot with ignited fuel or by scurrying across the mooring lines that still connected the Oklahoma to the Maryland. Others were rescued when holes were drilled into the hull or into hatches to save them before they drowned.

McBride would later join the crew of the USS San Francisco, which found itself in the midst of the Naval Battle of Guadalcanal (also known as the Battle of the Solomons) on Nov. 13, 1942. Engaging against the Japanese battleship Hiei, the San Francisco came under heavy fire from other warships. The ship took a total of 45 hits but never sank.

Sadly, direct hits to the navigation bridge and other stations on the New Orleans-class cruiser killed 77

See **MCBRIDE**, page 13

"Remember Pearl Harbor"

BY RUBIE O. ROBINSON
SNAPP FRAZIER

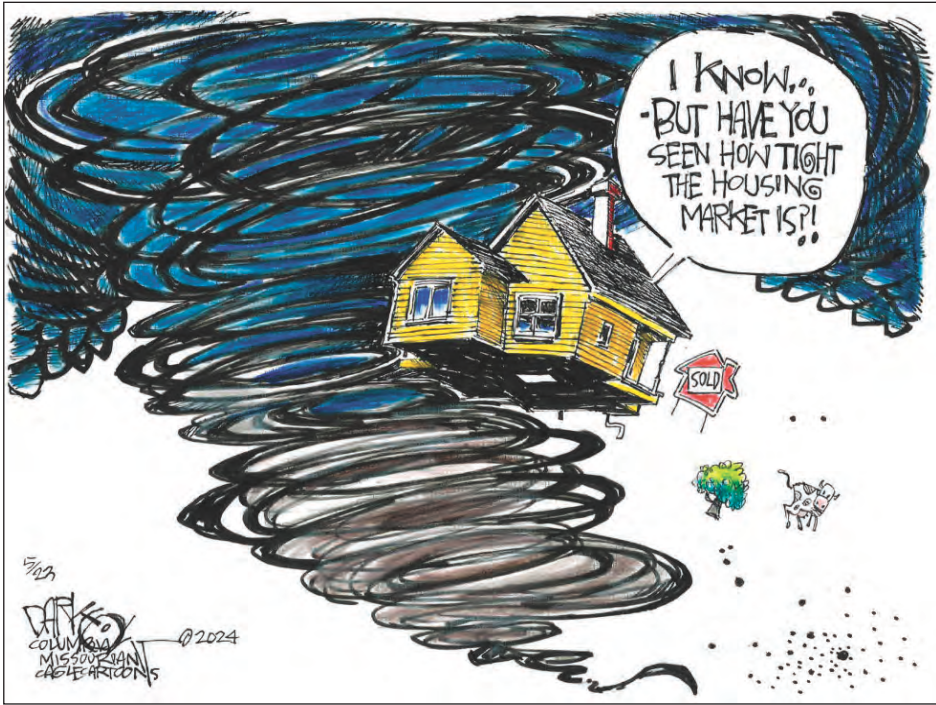
Remember Pearl Harbor! Is the slogan we hear,
Since the attack of the "Rising Sun,"
On December the seventh at seven thirty five,
In the year of forty one.
As I listened to my radio that Sunday afternoon,
I had no thought of worry or of care,
When in the midst of the music there was silence,
And these words came over the air.

"We interrupt this program now, That a special bulletin may be read,
The Island of Oahu has been bombed,"
Was what the announcer said. I held my breath as I listened,
And he continued to say, "Our Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Was raided from the air today."

"Our bomber base at Hickam Field, Was attacked by planes in the sky, But the reason for this outrage, I cannot tell you why.

See **PEARL HARBOR**, page 13

Opinion



DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

A life well-ordered...

The old hymn declares that we are marching to higher ground. Our prevailing culture, however, suggests otherwise.

Consider a joke making the rounds at the turn of the century when the internet was beginning to take hold. A couple of 10-year-olds were chatting aimlessly during summer doldrums. Something about Washington, DC came up. "What does the 'DC' stand for?" one asked.

"I'm not sure," the other responded. "Maybe Dot Com?"...

Now, let's fast-forward to the here and now. A new set of kids ponders the same question.

"I think I know," one responded, "Maybe Den of Confusion." The other chimed in, "It might be District of Conflict, District of Chaos, or even Dire Consequences." Perhaps we all need to search again for DC's original intent....

For the masses, things seem upside down. We are confounded by multiple challenges leading to much head-scratching. Sometimes I find news accounts confounding and often trivial. For example, I read the other day that hundreds of species of fish are getting smaller. This is purportedly true; you can look it up.

Scientists claim that warming temperatures and loss of oxygen in the sea are inducing shrinkage of such fish as tunas, groupers and salmon, notably since 1960. It started near the Arctic Circle. Now, nearly three-fourths of marine fish populations sampled worldwide have seen substantial decrease in body weight, as much as 16% in 64 years....

Should such diminishment continue, some changes seem to be inevitable. Future fishing hooks and grills may be smaller. Game wardens may have to change the length of fish deemed legal to take home.

Tellers of fish tales--and there are many--may have to shorten the distance of outstretched hands used to describe the length of trophy catches. One day they may even brag about catching one "this short," with hands barely separated!

For folks usually seeing fish only in grocery store meat sections, this "news" may seem trivial. For true fishermen, however, most "fishy" topics can find their way into stories worthy of hearing....

One such sportsman was the late David Gilley. His was a well-ordered



Gilley

life. He and Marijane, his wife of some 54 years, raised two sons, Lance and Blake, who became the center of their parents' universe. David, a Cleburne High School graduate who aimed for the stars

early on, not only excelled in football, but also was winner of the Kiwanis Club's Sportsmanship Award in 1966.

Each season of life brought new blessings for the Gilleys, who jointly majored in doing "all things family." He coached his sons in both YMCA football and Little League baseball, and was a board member for years of Western Little League. Later, he and Marijane supported both sons in junior high school and at San Angelo Central High School, both on and off the playing fields.

And did they ever value summers, immersed in water sports. He taught his sons (and numerous others) how to water ski and was a proud member of the Concho Bass Club. In 1998, David caught a Lake Nasworthy bass that weighed in at 12.43 pounds, a record catch....

All this to say that this Christian gentleman, with a 41-year Santa Fe Railroad career, learned early on what was important, always treading the trail of giving back. That's what he did for his wife and family, including five grandchildren and legions of others he guided and befriended.

A true sportsman, he shared the story of his prized fish catch many times, gesturing it to be "this long!" Now, here's ironclad proof of his love for both family and fishing. He bragged that his record fish was bigger than his first grandbaby who was born three months later!

Kiwanians recognized this true sportsman nearly 60 years ago. Thousands of others he taught along the way fully agree....

Dr. Newbury is a longtime public speaker and former university president who is Texas' longest-running syndicated columnist, now in his 23rd year.

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TEXAS JUNIOR HIGH RODEO ASSOCIATION FINALS

RODEO RIDES IN

The Texas Junior High Rodeo Association Finals are back in Gonzales Sunday, May 26 through Saturday, June 1. The TJHRA Finalists showcased their talents in the barrel racing, chute dogging, goat tying, breakaway, ribbon roping, goat tying, pole bending and team roping in hopes of making it to nationals in Des Moines, Iowa Sunday, June 23.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



HONORING THE FALLEN ON MEMORIAL DAY



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Above: Retired United States Air Force Lt. Col and member of the Nixon Fire Department Starr Smith was the guest speaker for the 2024 Nixon Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 27. Left: Retired United States Army Master Sgt. and American Legion Post Commander Navidad Ruiz salutes the veteran's memorial at the Nixon library Monday, May 27.



(From left) Retired United States Air Force Lt. Col Starr Smith and Retired United States Army Master Sgt. and American Legion Post Commander Navidad Ruiz take the Gold Star wreath to the memorial gravestone of Marine Cpl. John Longoria.

A wreath with gold stars in honor of the Gold Star Family of Marine Cpl. John Longoria who died in Iraq in 2005 in service of his country.

Retired United States Army Master Sgt. and American Legion Post Commander Navidad Ruiz speaks at the Memorial Day ceremony Monday, May 27 at the Nixon Library.



LEW K. COHN
Above: Veteran and American Legion member David Tacy reads aloud names of those from Gonzales County who perished serving their country in the Armed Forces. Below: Gonzales Boy Scout Troop 262 lowers the flags to half-staff for the playing of Taps.



Veterans put their hands over their heart or saluted the flag during the Pledge of Allegiance.



Citizens, including Gonzales Mayor Steve Sucher, stand in silence for the flag.



Gonzales Police Department was out in support of Memorial Day.



Above: John DuBose III speaks about how the poppy came to be a symbol of Memorial Day. Below: Members of the JROTC served as the flag corps.



A good crowd attended the ceremony despite its 7:30 a.m. start time.



Boy Scouts salute the flag



Gonzales County EMS were present to observe and to help anyone overcome by sweltering humidity.



The empty table is a symbol of veterans who haven't come home.



John Brumme gives an invocation at the memorial service.



The Republican Women of the Yoakum Area, Gonzales County Republican Party and Gonzales Main Street set out wreaths of remembrance.

OBITUARIES

VIRGINIA RUTH CARMICHAEL HALLMARK

Virginia Ruth Carmichael Hallmark, daughter of John Reid Carmichael and Verdie Rasor Carmichael, was born near Thompsonville, Gonzales County Texas. She attended early years at the Thompsonville schools until they were consolidated into the Waelder school district. She often reminisced about picking peaches, watermelons, and pecans as she grew up on her family farm. She was valedictorian of her high school class in 1949. After several years at San Antonio College, she went to work for the civil service. She worked with the the Army Nurse Corps at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. She joined the Travis Park United Methodist Church in 1951 in San Antonio when she chose to be baptized. She and Bill were married at this church in 1955 after Bill courted her with gifts and letters from Japan during the Korean War. She changed her middle name to Carmichael in pride of her family name. They moved to Austin where she worked for the department of the Army, 8th Corps, as a records management analyst from 1955 to 1961. Virginia had her son “Billy” in 1961 when she devoted her time and talents to her family and church. She loved singing with the choir as a first soprano at Memorial Methodist church in Austin, Texas. She taught third grade Sunday school for years and served on the board of the church preschool. She enjoyed being the Circle chairwoman of the United Methodist Women. She was the organizer of several groups for the church including the book review and needlework and quilting groups.



She frequently said that her idea of heaven would be a United Methodist Women’s dinner with endless tables of home cooked casseroles and cakes with all of her friends and family. Virginia loved cooking, especially dinner with one meat, two vegetables, iced tea, and cake, cookies or bread. She used to say that her homemade bread was as good as cake and indeed it was. She sewed clothes for her daughter, her daughter’s dolls, and herself, sometimes all matching in velvet for Christmas. Virginia had many interests starting with American and Texas history, genealogy, bridge, music, cooking, quilting, traveling, and reading. She was a proud member of the Republican party. Her guilty pleasure was watching “As the World Turns” every weekday. She would tell anyone that the highlight of her life was when her daughter took her and Bill to England where she stood in John Wesley’s pulpit in England and stood on the Isle of Mull in Scotland where her ancestors lived. After returning with her husband to Gonzales as their home county near her favorite brother Hugh Carmichael, she volunteered at the library at the First United Methodist Church of Gon-

zales and enjoyed playing bridge and dominoes. After Bill’s passing in 2017, Virginia went to live with her daughter and enjoyed singing hymns at the First Methodist Church in Giddings for some years. She liked to sit outside on her daughter’s back porch to remember her life on “the farm.” She enjoyed the simple pleasures of life on the back porch such as watching the breeze in trees and looking for birds and squirrels with the family dogs on her lap and the cats zipping around the yard. Her blue eyes twinkled when she sang along with Elvis. Every morning before her daughter went to work, she often provided some sage advice: “Have a good day and have fun.” She has joined her son Billy, husband Bill, and her brothers and sisters in heaven. No doubt, she is singing soprano at the top of her lungs and celebrating with her family and friends at the heavenly buffet of all the Methodist casseroles and cakes with God smiling at the head of the table. Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with Deacon Linda Duke officiating. Interment will follow at the Thompsonville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The First Methodist Church Scholarship Fund at 279 Monroe St., Giddings, TX 78942 Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, 906 St. Paul St., Gonzales, TX.

FRANCISCO “FRANK” ROSALES



Francisco “Frank” Rosales, 73, of Gonzales, passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, in San Antonio, Texas surrounded by his loving family. He was born on November 16, 1950, to his parents Jose U. and Porfiria Rosales in Yoakum, Texas. Frank had a sociable personality, and he was quick to make strangers into friends. He often made his rounds at the local coffee spots in Gonzales. However, his favorite was Mi Lupita’s Taco House and they enjoyed him too with a good conversation over coffee and a taco. He was a hard worker and he loved providing for his family. Frank enjoyed watching western movies, mystery, and detective shows. He made his health a priority so he worked out at Thrive and he would also walk at the track. He loved his Tejano and conjunto music and he loved to dance. He loved to drive his truck with the windows down. He would also give his friends a ride to the store. Frank collected pocket-knives; he always carried one in his pocket. Frank was also a jokester and had a very suave charm to him. He also had a relationship with God. Most of all Frank loved his family. He enjoyed spending time with his grandkids and great grandkids. He loved his children and was proud of all their accomplish-

ments, especially for his son Christopher for making detective sergeant and his grandson for making detective in Victoria. He was also proud of his grandson Jordan that served in military. He always looked forward to his facetime calls with his granddaughters in Pennsylvania and he loved driving to his daughter Michelle’s house to spend time with her family having dinner, drinking coffee, and watching movies. He enjoyed many moments like this with his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. He leaves behind lots of memories and laughs for his family and friends to remember him by. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Janie Rosales, his son Christopher Rosales (Veronica Serna), his daughters Cynthia Sanchez (Raul) and Michelle Cantu (Bobby) and his brother Johnny Rosales. He is also survived by his grandchildren Desiree Garcia

(Roberto), Jordan Salinas, Ayeli Salinas, Jeremiah Cantu (Amanda Gonzalez), Romy Cantu, Justus Cantu, and Jesiah Cantu, and his great grandchildren Kyren Alina Garcia, Catalaya Garcia, Kylan Salinas and Jeremiah Cantu, Jr. He is preceded in death by his parents Jose U. and Porifira Rosales, his son Francisco “Frank” Rosales Jr., his great-grandson Kyrie Salinas, his sisters Carmen Garza, Sophia Garcia, Delfina Montes, and Rosa Rosales, and his brothers Trinidad Rosales, Joe Rosales, Oscar Ramos, Santos Ramos and his nephew Oscar Ramos, Jr. A visitation will take place on Friday, May 31, 2024, at Seydler– Hill Funeral Home from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, with a Celebration of Life at 6 pm and a rosary being recited at 7:00pm. A mass of the resurrection will take place at St. James Catholic Church on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 10:00am. Interment will take place at Guadalupe Cemetery in Hochheim, Tx. Pallbearers will include Christopher Rosales, Jeremiah Cantu, Justus Cantu, Bobby Cantu, Jordan Salinas, and Raul Sanchez. 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.

KATHEY JOE BARNHILL



Kathey Joe Barnhill, 71 of Gillett, passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 in Floresville, Texas. She was born on October 28, 1952, in Nixon to Frieda Beth “Betty” Barlow and Bennie Louis York. Although her most cherished occupation was undoubtedly loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, she worked as a tax assessor and later the tax appraiser for Karnes County. Kathey is survived by her loving husband Marvin; children Traci Barnhill (Edward Favors) and John Barnhill(Priscilla); grandchildren Keegan Favors, Justin Barnhill,

Michelle Barnhill and Katharine Barnhill; great grandchildren Presley Barnhill, Whitlee Barnhill and Ryver Barnhill; siblings, Penny Cardwell, Tina Yaws, Jodi York, Bennie York, Jr. (Tammy),

and James York (Laurie); and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sisters, Linda Collins and Lisa Montgomery. A visitation will be held on Friday, May 24, 2024, from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon, Texas. Funeral service will be held Saturday, May 25, 2024, 10:00am at Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon, Texas. Interment to follow at Gillett Cemetery. Friends and family may leave their condolences and sign the guestbook by visiting www.finchfuneralchapels.com.

Angelo State University announces graduates

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Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, conferred 844 undergraduate

and graduate degrees on 824 graduates during spring commencement exercises May 10-11 at the ASU Junell Center/Stephens Arena.

Graduates include Presley Belsher of Gonzales, Texas, who graduated with a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Interdisciplinary Studies. A full list of the spring graduates is available on the ASU website at angelo.edu/commencement.

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Feel the Difference

GMH Auxiliary discusses gift shop, nominates new officers

BY ELIZABETH BRELSFORD BENNETT
Special to the Inquirer

The Gonzales Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met

April 30 at Thrive at 2 p.m. President Betty Neubauer called the meeting to order. Barbara Koricanek read the minutes of the March meeting. The Treasurers’ report was read. The Scholarship Fund was given. Gift Shop Report: there’s lots of new inventory and a flower cooler due for fresh flower sales. Grand opening Friday, May 3. In the Memorial Committee report, cards are needed to mail. The Scrapbook will be completed by the end of July. Does anyone have pictures to add? Some prospective new members were named. The new officers nominated for the coming year are: President, Cathey Crawley; Vice President, Linda Vaclavik; Secretary, Olivia Bostick; Treasurer, Dyna DuBose; Parliamentarian, Barbara Koricanek. A motion to adjourn was made by Irene Oakes and seconded by Betty Fink. The motion passed. A new year begins in June. It will be greeted with high hopes to serve the community with many new names and faces. Please visit the Gift Shop. What helps them, helps the Hospital, Hospital helps YOU! Have a happy, but warm summer.

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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Francisco Gonzales, Deceased, were issued on May 20, 2024, in Cause No. PW24-0329, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Maria C. Gonzales.

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.

**Maria C. Gonzales.
c/o: Diane R. Kliem
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Dated the 20th day of May, 2024.

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The City of Gonzales (the City) will be accepting proposals for professional auditing services relating to the annual financial audit for fiscal year(s) ending September 30, 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Sealed proposals will be accepted until 3 p.m., June 25, 2024 at the City's offices located at 820 N. St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629. Request for Proposal instructions and information may be obtained from the City of Gonzales website at: **www.gonzales.texas.gov**. It is the responsibility of the firm to ensure that the proposal is received by the City by the date and time specified above. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received. Only proposals received at the location desired and in the time-frame given will be considered. Any questions regarding the proposal should be directed to Laura Zella, Finance Director, at 830-672-2815 or lzella@gonzales.texas.gov.

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Gonzales ISD News Release

The Gonzales Independent School District is participating in the 2024 Seamless Summer Option (SSO). Meals will be provided to all children 18 and younger without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals must be consumed on-site. Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

Gonzales Junior High School – Open Site
426 North College St., Gonzales, TX 78629
Breakfast: 07:30 am – 8:00 am
Lunch: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm
May 28 – May 31, 2024 (Tuesday – Friday)

Gonzales High School – Open Site
1801 North Sarah DeWitt Dr., Gonzales, TX 78629
Breakfast: 07:00 am – 8:00 am
Lunch: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
June 3 – June 27, 2024 (Monday – Thursday)

Gonzales Elementary – Open Site
1600 Saint Andrew St, Gonzales, TX 78629
Breakfast: 07:00 am – 08:15 am
Lunch: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm
June 3 - June 28, 2024 (Monday – Friday)

City of Gonzales Summer Youth Program – Independence Park – Open Site
820 St. Joseph St, Gonzales, TX 78629 – Independence Park is located on Hwy 183 & 197
Breakfast: 8:00 – 8:30 (FRIDAYS ONLY)
June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28
Lunch: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm
June 3 – June 28, 2024 (Monday – Friday)

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El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gonzales está participando en el 2024 Seamless Summer Option (SSO). Las comidas se proporcionarán a todos los niños menores de 18 años sin cargo y son las mismas para todos los niños, independientemente de su raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad o discapacidad, y no habrá discriminación en el curso del servicio de comidas. Las comidas deben consumirse en el lugar. Las comidas se proporcionarán en los sitios y horarios de la siguiente manera:

Gonzales Junior High School – Sitio Abierto
426 North College St., Gonzales, TX 78629
Desayuno: 07:30 am – 8:00 am
Almuerzo: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm
28 -31 de Mayo de 2024 (Martes – Viernes)

Gonzales High School – Sitio Abierto
1801 North Sarah DeWitt Dr., Gonzales, TX 78629
Desayuno: 07:00 am – 8:00 am
Almuerzo: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
3 – 27 de Junio de 2024 (Lunes – Jueves)

Gonzales Elementary – Sitio Abierto
1600 Saint Andrew St, Gonzales, TX 78629
Desayuno: 07:00 am – 08:15 am
Almuerzo: 11:00 am – 12:15 pm
3 - 28 de Junio de 2024 (Lunes – Viernes)

City of Gonzales Summer Youth Program – Independence Park – Sitio Abierto
820 St. Joseph St, Gonzales, TX 78629 – **El parque queda por las carreteras 183 y la 197**
Desayuno: 8:00 – 8:30 (SOLAMENTE VIERNES)
7, 14, 21, 28 de Junio 2024
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HOMER WILLIAMS, JANET IN THE DISTRICT COURT
ANTWINE, AND JOHNIE
RICHARDSON, ET AL
PLAINTIFFS

V 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

RACHEL BARFIELD, ET AL GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 23A.006 AND NOTICE OF COTENANT BUYOUT PURSUANT TO SECTION 23A.007 OF THE TEXAS PROPERTY CODE

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO THE PARTIES that the court determined that the fair market value of the Property based on appraisal is \$1,116,000.00 in accordance with Section 23A.006.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN TO THE PARTIES that any one or more of the cotenants, except a cotenant that requested partition by sale, may buy all interest of the cotenants that requested partition by sale in accordance with Section 23A.007 of the Texas Property Code.

Attorney for Plaintiff

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Clerk of the Court:
Janice Sutton
414 St. Joseph St., Ste. 300
Gonzales County, Texas

By *K. Alarum* Deputy

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114

THE STATE OF TEXAS: Cause No. 28,790

Pat Mosher IN THE DISTRICT COURT

V 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Kenneth Vester Mosher, III GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: Kenneth Vester Mosher, III and his respective unknown heirs

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

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition for Sale Pursuant to Chapter 23A Texas Property Code at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Gonzales County, at the Courthouse in said County in Gonzales, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Original Petition for Sale Pursuant to Chapter 23A Texas Property Code was filed in said court on 04/23/2024 in the above entitled cause.

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gonzales Texas this 2nd day of May, 2024.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF GONZALES
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
& CITY COUNCIL

The City of Gonzales, by this instrument, notifies the public of PUBLIC HEARINGS on the following projects:

- 1) An amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gonzales for the property commonly known as 1007 St. Andrew Street, said property being currently zoned as C-1, Light Commercial District and seeking to be rezoned SF-6, Single Family 6 District.

PROPERTY OWNER: Felipe & Lupe Silva
LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: PT 1 RANGE III
PARCEL: 12331
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1007 St. Andrew Street

- 2) An amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gonzales for the property commonly known as 1607 St. Joseph Street, said property being currently zoned as C-1, Light Commercial District and seeking to be rezoned SF-6, Single Family 6 District.

PROPERTY OWNER: Gary and Amiee Casper
LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: 4 Juengermann
PARCELS: 12961
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1607 St. Joseph Street

- 3) An amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gonzales for the property commonly known as 802 Seydler Street, said property being currently zoned as C-2, Heavy Commercial District and seeking to be rezoned SF-6, Single Family 6 District.

PROPERTY OWNER: Charles "Curt" Pish
LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS: PT 1 Range VII
PARCELS: 12483
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 802 Seydler Street

- 4) Proposal to rezone the properties listed below from LI, Light Industrial to HI, Heavy Industrial.

The following properties within an area generally bounded by Church Street on the west, E Sarah Dewitt Drive on the north, Robertson and Johnson Streets on the east, and approximately 1,200 feet north of Saint Andrew Street on the south:

Parcel IDs: 682, 762, 782, 783, 823, 870, 889, 913, 914, 918, 950, 951, 1005, 1012, 1020, 1034, 1091, 1229, 12416, 17027, 17036, 20031, 21558, 21559, 21561, 21562, 21829, 21873, 24451, 24462, 24519, 26061, 26062, 26063, 26064, 26207, 26746, 26865, 27078, 27079

The following properties within an area generally bounded by FM 794 on the west, E Sarah Dewitt Drive on the south, the eastern boundary of the properties adjacent to and east of the railroad right-of-way on the east, and approximately 2,400 feet north of Delago Road on the north:

Parcel IDs: 17119, 17131, 22305, and 22306

- 5) A request to rezone two properties located at 2004 Church Street (property IDs 872 and 17048) from the LI, Light Industrial District to a Planned Development District (PDD).

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing on June 3, 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 June 13, 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.



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The winning team from the May 22 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Bill Kessler, Eldon Farek, David Smith, Billy Hyman and Roy Staton.



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The second-place team from the May 22 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Dee Sandelovic, Tim Cleveland, Mike Turk, Randall Dupree and Frank Ingram.

Heritage Quilters Guild to play Quilt Bingo

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

It's "All Fun and Games" at the Tuesday, June 4, meeting of the Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild. The meeting is held at the Shiner Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Quilt Bingo will be played, and the winners will be awarded great craft

prizes! Get your fabric bingo cards ready for an evening of fun! Please note this change: The meeting begins at 6 p.m. with socializing from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information log onto www.shinerheritagequilters.org.

QUILT DONATION



CONTRIBUTED
The Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild has donated 10 quilts to Norma's House, Children's Advocacy Center. Pictured from the left are Program Director/ Forensic Interviewer Emily Cook, and Guild member Laura Kaspar. Norma's House is in Gonzales and Hallettsville and serves the communities in Gonzales and Lavaca counties.

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As I sat on the porch before daybreak this morning psyching up to write this article, coffee in hand while feeding my cat and one of my favorite racoons, I couldn’t help but to ponder how God has had my back at every turn since I made the decision to allow him into my life. A decision that didn’t come particularly easy at that point, as my pride and rebellion were at an all time high. However, that same pride and rebellion had caused a myriad of bad decisions and failures, leaving me with the not so humble opinion that “My” way was apparently...the wrong way. Today I can honestly say that it was by far, the smartest and most important decision I’ve ever made. My sister-in-law recently reminded me of a scripture in Lamentations (3:23) which states that the Lord’s faithfulness is great and that his mercies are new every morning. I for one, appreciate those mercies as he’s propped me up through life’s trials on many different occa-

sions, things I wouldn’t have been able to handle on my own...thank you Lord!

This week marks the sixth anniversary of Eloise’s passing. I can honestly say that loosing your best friend, the love of your life, and the coolest person you’ve ever known, will rock your world to the core, leaving you a broken and soggy mess, trying desperately to figure out how to move on from, survive, and then thrive, through such a devastating trauma. That’s where God’s mercy comes in, without which this article may have never been written. Again...thank you Lord.

As I continue repainting the exterior of the house I literally built myself, board by board (through broken ribs and other medical episodes) for our family, I often see Eloise’s smiling / beaming face as she exclaimed many times “I love this house!” And yes, it was an exercise in laborious tenacity, as I was still working full time also, but was worth every drop of blood, sweat, and tears, as I was so appreciative of the family God put in my life, that it was the least I could do, and wish I could have done even more. While still having porches and outbuildings to go, today I should be done painting the house itself, the last time being eleven years ago. Eloise and I would always say “love you too much” which eventu-



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

ally got shortened to just “too much.” More than once we were accused of having an affair while out in public because we talked and laughed together so much, while a neighbor said they’d noticed that even after twenty years of marriage we were constantly flirting with each other. Why would you do anything else with your best friend and love of your life? Besides, she was my furry little pet...still missing you honey. I know, we were so cute together it sometimes even made me want to puke!

During the last repainting I wrote my version of a love letter with “too much” on one end of the house, and “way too much” on the other, which is barely visible now... kinda sad. I’ve decided that I’ll repaint it, with the “T” being a cross, in remembrance of God’s mercy, and life-altering gift of Eloise. God has definitely been way better to me than I deserve. So in case I don’t say it often enough Lord, I absolutely do love you “Way Too Much”!

Have a great week, love you guys, Eric.

Gonzales Area Parkinson’s Support Group to meet June 6

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Area Parkinson’s Support Group will hold their regular monthly meeting on June 6, 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Gonzales Presbyterian Church. Receive the latest information on the disease, join in a time of sharing your Parkinson’s journey with those who are fellow Parkies, and ask questions pertaining to the disease and how it is affecting you. You can speak freely with complete confidence that things said in the group, stay in the group.

Bring family members or friends who might be interested in learning more about Parkinson’s, its symptoms, medicines that help the symptoms, and help you can receive through exercises, speech therapy, physical therapy, etc. It will be good for the patient and the caregiver.

Hope to see you there on June 6, 2024 at 6 p.m. The group is open to all those with Parkinson’s or have an interest in learning more about the disease.

Evangelical Lutheran/Gonzales Presbyterian VBS starts June 4

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The First Evangelical Lutheran/Gonzales Presbyterian Churches Vacation Bible School (dates June 4-6, 2024) is finally going to happen. Have you signed up your children yet? There is still time to call the churches, First Lutheran, 830-672-2057, or Presbyterian 830-672-3521, to register for free fun, learning, singing, and much more.

This is the first VBS of the summer. Ages that are eligible to come are kindergarten through finished grade 5, and the times are 9 a.m. until noon. There will be a closing program for parents to attend at noon on Thursday, June 6, followed by lunch for parents, guests, and VBS attendees. If your child would like to wear a shirt the color of the theme each day, the schedule is Tuesday – green; Wednesday – red; Thursday – blue. See you there on Breaking Rock Beach (First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1206 St. Joseph Street).

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The attack was swift and sudden
It came with a stunning surprise,
It's believed that the Japanese,
Were the raiders from the skies."

"It's reported that may are wounded,
How many are dead it's unknown,
But our soldiers and sailors in Hawaii,
Have proved they can hold their own.
For over three hours the battle wages,
But the enemy was put to flight,
That's all for now, but keep tuned in,
There'll be more news tonight."

In a moment there came on the air as before,
The music as lilting and as gay,
As tho' the announcer had never said,
"Pearl Harbor was bombed today,"
But the thoughts I'd been thinking,
Had quickly turned their trend,
For I had on the island of Oahu
A dear American friend.

I thought of the brother of a Sergeant I know
Who is serving his country there there,
He's stationed now at Schofield Barracks,
And I'm sure he's doing his share.
I thought of one of my own flesh and blood,
Whom I never again may meet,
For his ship was the Oklahoma,
Which belonged to the US Fleet.

I tho't of brothers and sisters,
And of mothers and fathers at home,
Who would suffer a heart breaking loss,
from the burst of the Nipponese bomb.
I thought of others who were waiting,
Of the sweethearts and the wives,
Of little children made orphans,
By that aerial attack from the skies.

Remember Pearl Harbor they tell us,
We're reminded day by day,
of the furious attack without warning,
That came on that quiet Sabbath day.
Remember Pearl Harbor? We'll never forget,
Nor do we intend to quit,
Until they're put down in utter defeat,
And our enemies have been licked.

*Written Dec. 14, 1941, one week to the day
and the hour that the attack on Pearl Harbor
was broadcast in the United States.*

MCBRIDE

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men, including Rear Admiral Daniel J. Cal-
laghan, Capt. Cassin Young, and Jack Mc-
Bride.
His family would receive a telegram from
the Navy, advising of his death. Until then, he
had been writing to his parents weekly.
"I have a letter he wrote to my mom, Rubie,
the last one before he died," Leifeste recalled.
"He had a loving relationship with his grand-
mother and aunts due to his parents divorc-
ing and his father being out west, seeking his
fortune and becoming a millionaire, but he
never had a real relationship with any of his
family."
Leifeste's mother, Rubie O. Robinson Snapp
Frazier, wrote a poem to commemorate the
Pearl Harbor attack. The poem makes refer-
ence to Jack McBride being upon the Okla-
homa at the time.

TOWER

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Motorola and VCS.
Davis said he was told that "the
GLO would air on the side of cau-
tion and will make the county go out
for bids again to make this as fair as
possible."
"Since the county only received
one bid initially, GLO stated they
would require a rebid to try to get
more bids," Davis said. "It also stated
that it would be beneficial for the
county attorney to review these bids
and no-bid protest to make recom-
mendations to the court on how to
proceed."
"We recommend that the county
reject the bids and that all bidders
come present to commissioners
court and to go for bid again. This
would show due diligence and then
the county provided a fair and open
bidding process to all the bidders."
Davis said he had spoken to Shan-
non Longoria, a representative of
the GLO, who expressed to Davis
concerns that HUD could come back
in and audit the project five years
down the line and find the county
responsible for repaying the money
"if we would proceed with this not
having more than one bid, not being
fair to the vendors ... especially since
the advertisement was actually wrong
in the paper."
"It would be a shame if we would
have to pay money back because of
something that we didn't do," Davis
said Longoria told him.
County Attorney Paul Watkins said
his opinion of the matter has not
changed and "it was not a fair bid-
ding process."
"If you were in bidding, and the bid
was noticed as Precinct two, but it
was Precinct Three, is that a fair bid?"
Watkins asked. "That's exactly what's
happening here. The parties didn't
get fair notice as to what this was."
In reading the letter from Hanson
and Langford, Brzozowski said the
county "is asking for GLO to approve
and accept a single bid in the case
due to the difficulty and the lack of
contractors that provide this service."
"There are too limited vendors
that provide tower communications
infrastructure and going out to bid
for a second time would most likely
not provide a different outcome for
bidders," Brzozowski read. "It would
however delay construction, creat-
ing an increase in the cost for the
county."
Brzozowski said state law specifies
that before a contract is awarded, a
bidder must give written notice to
the officer authorized to open bids
if the bidder intends to protest the
award of the contract. He stated the
protests received from Motorola and
VCS "were not from bidders because
both Motorola and VCS stated their
intent not to bid and do not appear to
be eligible to submit a protest under
this section."
The commissioner said the options
available to Gonzales County would
be either to award the contract to
LCRA as the bidder who submitted
the lowest and most qualified bid, or



LEW K. COHN
Anita Scoggins of Victoria Communication Systems (VCS) tells Gonzales County commissioners the emergency communications tower project should be rebid and that her company had properly filed a protest. VCS claims the county would not give enough time to properly draw up bid specifications after questions were raised and that the bid notice in the Inquirer contained incorrect information.

to reject all bids and republish the
notice in the Inquirer.
"The likelihood of receiving only
one bid or potentially two bids were
the expectations since the project's
conception," Brzozowski read. "This
is due to the lack of contractors per-
forming this type of communication
work. Rebidding and further out-
reach efforts may provide additional
potential subprime contractors to the
prime bidder, however, would not be
expected to expand the number of
communication systems frequently
available in the area."
Brzozowski said the incorrect
information on the notice could be
considered "a formality that could
be waived" as the use of the Civicast
website could be determined to be "a
convenience above and beyond the
required notification."
He dismissed claims that there was
not enough turnaround time for bid-
ders to bid on the project or that the
county had cherry-picked a system,
stating the court had chosen to go
with a 700-800 MHz system and that
while "vendors who currently oper-
ate 700-800 MHz systems in close
proximity to the county may be able
to provide some components more
efficiently from their existing infra-
structure, this does not prevent other
vendors from bidding."
"I think we've covered all our tracks
on this," Brzozowski said. "It's going
to cost us money to go back. The only
thing that can happen is they'll say
'no we want you to go out again,' or
they'll say, 'yes, it's good.'"
Davis said when he received the
initial copy of the letter read by Brzo-
zowski, he was shocked to find it was
made to look as if he had written it
and was intended for him to sign.
"I don't agree with it, so I didn't
want to sign it," Davis said. "I know
we had a meeting with GLO to clarify
that we are handling this correctly,
and I don't ever remember saying
that we're going to have a letter to do
that."

"I'm not signing it because I don't
agree with it. I don't want in five
years, when your are retired and
gone, to have to come back on this.
They requested that the court go out
for rebid. It specifically states in the
letter they suggested that the court
reject the bid, be fair, go back out for
bid again.
"Whoever gets it gets it, just do it
right," Davis added. "I didn't come
into this job to do things wrong.
And apparently, if y'all want to do it
wrong, you have the right to do so."
"You can't tell us if we're doing
some right and wrong. You've only
got one vote just like the rest of us!"
Brzozowski retorted. "There's two im-
portant words that you need to learn
as a judge. You know 'me' but there's
another word called 'we.' When you
learn that word, then we'll all get the
job done. Not 'me,' but 'we.'"
VCS representative Anita Scog-
gins told the court she wanted a
"fair opportunity to bid" and said
she had submitted her concerns in
writing about the bid process and
turnaround time in the online portal
Hanson and Langford were using.
"Who received the questions that
were submitted on the portal?"
Scoggins asked. "That to me is notice
that there is something I don't feel
capable of doing. I asked that there
be more time. I submitted that in the
portal and it was my understanding
you received it.
"I asked for a minimum of three
months. You said proper notice was
not provided to you that I was going
to submit a letter of protest, but it was
on your portal."
Brzozowski responded to Scoggins,
saying "it's your fault, not ours, that
you couldn't give us a bid. We're not
worried if you have the time to do it.
We put it out there and you bid on it.
That's not our problem. That's yours."
"It is not practical," Scoggins said.
"You had tower crews that were on
site that day that would not bid it
because it was not enough time to
design towers for you and bid them.
You want towers that are not going
to be properly engineered? You did
not give me enough time to properly
engineer towers. Since five years ago,
when this was initially started, you
moved the tower site and we didn't
have any of that information until you
put this bid packet out."
Scoggins said she is trying to be
"diligent with being your best advoca-
cate, because all I want is your people
in this area to have what they need
the right way."
"We have been here and we have
helped as much as we possibly can,"
Scoggins said. "My goal is to take care
of you and be a good bidder for you.
But I cannot build a tower or design
a tower or engineer a tower or climb
a tower myself, so I rely on that to be
properly done by the right people,
which there was no tower crew that
could effectively engineer those tow-
ers for you in that time period — un-
less somebody had that information
beforehand."



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6 person living in a
certain historical age
7 Yo ____ Digo Creek
8 TXism: "that ____
won't hunt"
9 in NE Dallas County
15 TX McMurttry's
"Lonesome Dove"
was TV ____-series
16 TXism: "as welcome
as a skunk ____ _
____"
19 across the Rio
Grande from McAllen
21 "____ hear
it" (disappointing)
22 tiled designs
27 TXism: "take a stab
_____" (attempt)
28 cowboy mounts
29 TXism: "stands on
his ____ ____ feet"
30 TXism: "a ____
____ do you do"
32 ____ Hamlin
created "Alley Oop"
in Iraan, Texas
33 TX Nolan Ryan
feats (hyph.)
36 cut with a saw
37 Texans like it iced
38 TXism: "he'd have
____ up to
be a half-wit"
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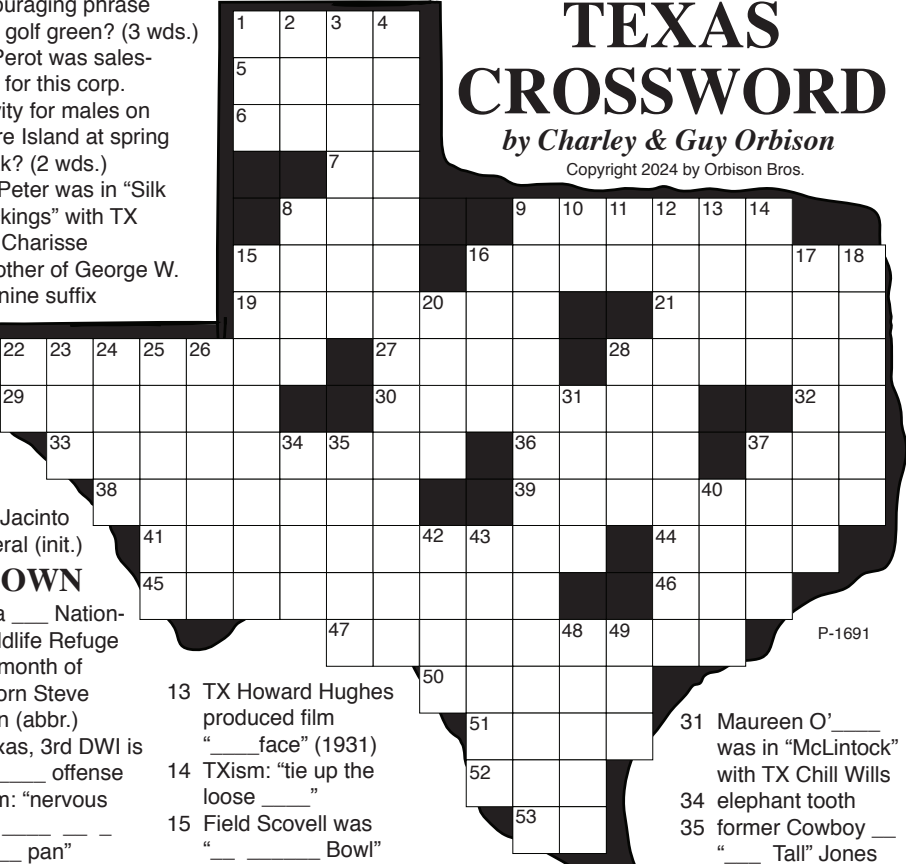
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on a golf green? (3 wds.)
46 TX Perot was sales-
man for this corp.
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Padre Island at spring
break? (2 wds.)
50 this Peter was in "Silk
Stockings" with TX
Cyd Charisse
51 a brother of George W.
52 feminine suffix
53 San Jacinto
general (init.)

13 TX Howard Hughes
produced film
"____ face" (1931)
14 TXism: "tie up the
loose ____"
15 Field Scovell was
"____ Bowl"
16 "a ____ apple"
17 "I dream of ____
____ night"
18 12-time Olympic
host, Bob
20 this Redding and
TX Janis were in
film "Monterey Pop"
22 birth state of TX
Belle Starr (abbr.)
23 you're on your ____

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

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The Gonzales High School Class of 2024 received their diplomas Friday, May 24 at Apache Field. 202 seniors walked the stage at Apache field and \$260,000 combined scholarships were earned by the Class of 2024.





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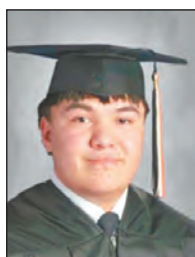
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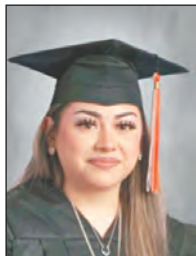
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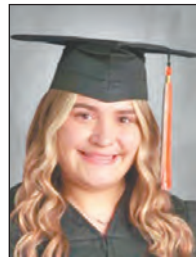
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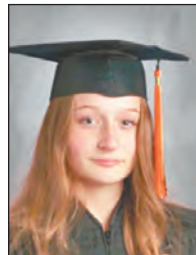
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BEAUTIFY

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work on the trash cans so the trash cans will get a similar upgrade,” Hutchinson-Padilla said.

The EDC approved funding to Main Street for the purchase of additional trash cans in the public squares.

Hutchinson-Padilla said Main Street will be ordering four foot benches to be put in the retail shopping area, so people can sit down in between store hopping.

“I’m also excited about the pressure washer that was just approved through the city, because we’re going to be able to pressure wash the sidewalks, and it has a sanitation feature on it, so they can sanitize our playground equipment,” Hutchinson-Padilla said.

Hard work has been put into beautifying Gonzales and it has been several months to put things into place, Hutchinson-Padilla said.

“We are seeing additional community involvement with our push for the Keep Texas Beautiful affiliation. The citywide cleanup was helpful with that, but we want to keep that momentum going. We’ll be working with the Streets Department to identify some of the street signs that need some attention or some replacement,” Hutchinson-Padilla said.

Keep Texas Beautiful is a non-profit group that inspires communities to keep them beautiful and clean.

“Once you become an affiliate, then you qualify for additional support and even possibly grant funds. So what we have to do is identify areas of need in our city, which the Beautification Committee has done by doing a litter survey, and then we submit that to Keep Texas Beautiful. We showed them before and after pictures of cleanups we had just out at the JB Wells. We had the 4-H Club out there. picking up litter just two days ago,” Hutchinson-Padilla said.

Businesses in Gonzales have been doing their part in helping to keep Gonzales beautiful and clean, and Hutchinson-Padilla appreciates their support.

“I think it just adds to the pride that we feel in the community and I think civic pride starts with what’s right in front of you, whether that’s the neighborhoods cleaning up their curbs, whether it’s businesses washing their windows, or putting out plants. I think all of it adds to it,” Hutchinson-Padilla said.

“For instance, Grace Academy had their children paint rocks and lay down a rock snake over at the butterfly garden. That is super cute. We’ve had community members ask if they could adopt areas that they might be able to help with any cleanup and plantings,” Hutchinson-Padilla added.

One on the latest projects up next is launching a memorial bench program that’ll allow people to purchase a bench and put a plaque on it, Hutchinson-Padilla said.

“Those benches will be placed in several of the public squares, including Courthouse Square, the museum square and possibly our two downtown squares. Those benches will last between 10 to 15 even up to 20 years. There’ll be metal benches, so we’ll be replacing some of the broken wooden ones that you may have seen in Courthouse Square. That project will launch in the next several months,” Hutchinson-Padilla said.

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WORLD WAR I

Frank Maloch
Milton J. Brice
John A. Kalinac
Bryan J. Robinson
John Edgar Freeman
Dr. Walter A. Schlick
John Abner Bartlett
Ferdinand F. Quitta
Abern Jones Partain
Cleburne H. Foster
Arthur A. Caraway
Thomas R. Hopkins
Gustavus Robinson
Ross Holmes Alley
Robert A. Davis
Alfred G. Ticken
Frank Brelsford
Robert F. Brown
George R. Ryan
Alfred W. Reed
Rufus Gillespie
Lacy R. Langley
Alva Rutledge
Walter F. Rueter
Steve Darnak
Wells Meyers
Arnie (Ollie) Mahan
Theafield Dylla
M. Phillipus
Pleas Weber
Henry Drake
Doran Vernor
George Cook
Arthur Pinn
Willie Leck
Jesse J. Long
Henry Numa Keck
Alvin Tolle
Willie and/or Daniel L. Ham
Dan Wiley
Ben A. Ehrig
Otto Cook
Willie Hill
Guy Goss
Winston D. Bower

WORLD WAR II

Lester A. Bailey
Joy V. Baker
Edmund W. Bielefeld
John B. Blackmon
Laval D. Brown, Jr.
Paulie C. Buss
Glenn E. Campbell
Leslie M. Caraway
James R. Collins
Clyde C. Crozier
Earl Daniels
Felix Delgado
Horace K. Duncan
Raymond H. Ehrig
Robert C. Farmer
Frank U. Flores
Martin P. Garcia
Guy D. Glass
C.P. Goodwin, Jr.
J.J. Halliburton
Harper W. Harris
James A. M. Helms
Clyde S. Henley
Arthur W. Hunter
Lynwood Logan
Henry W. Malatek
Frank G. Martin
Felipe C. Martinez
Victor I. May
Braxton McKinney
Quillian H. McMichen
James L. Miller
Chester R. Nagel
James E. Newberry, Jr.
Henry P. Olivarez
David K. Ollre
Boyce Penrod, Jr.
Joseph N. Phelps
Elido A. Quintero
Robert S. Rentz
John B. Rightmer
Chester T. Robinson
Vidal M. Salaz

LOUIE SCHELLENBERG

James H. Scholl
Wayne Patterson
Roy L. Mudd
Edward H. Sellers
Martin J. Sessions
Horace L. Sherry
Cruz Soto
Juan Soto
Carl E. Spieckerman
M. M. Spieckerman
Henry J. Stehle
Jack K. Swearingen
Juan H. Tovar
Lee C. Trevino
Ignacio G. Vasquez
Joe M. Velasquez
Charlie J. Vlasak
Louis F. Wagner
Calvin W. Warren
Ferd West
John H. Steemer
Loye J. Lauraine, Jr.
Humbert Martinez Galindo
David Pruett Mahan
Jack W. Mang
Huey Irvin Mercer
Charles Darnell Parker
James Wayne Patterson
Fred Henry Hoermann
Sam Scrap Fairchild

KOREAN WAR

None known at this time.

VIETNAM WAR

Robert Franklin Asher
Billy Ray Baker
Carl Eugene Bolden
Thomas Dudley Chenault
Louis L. Schautteet, Jr.
David Ray Tomas
Jimmie Tuch

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“Greater love has no man that this, that a man lay down his life for his friend.”
— John 15:13

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 44								
County	Precinct Reporting	JOHN KUEMPEL (I)		ALAN SCHOOLCRAFT		Total Votes	Total Voters	Turnout
		Early Votes	Total Votes	Early Votes	Total Votes			
ALL COUNTIES	93 of 93 precinct reporting	4,781	7,129	5,869	8,898	16,027	138,588	11.56%
GONZALES	16 of 16 precinct reporting	687	931	871	1,202	2,133	12,980	16.43%
GUADALUPE	77 of 77 precinct reporting	4,094	6,198	4,998	7,696	13,894	125,608	11.06%

RUNOFF

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Democratic opponent in the November general election, Matias is set to take over the duties of the job on Jan. 1, 2025.

He will succeed incumbent Precinct 1 Commissioner K.O. “Dell” Whiddon, who did not seek re-election. Matias has been the supervisor for six years under Whiddon’s Precinct 1 Road and Bridge crew.

Matias said he was very pleased with both the end result and the turnout, which saw a little over 17 percent of the county’s eligible voters go to the polls. Of the county’s 13,0002 registered voters, 2,235 cast ballots, which includes 1,531 during early voting and 594 on election day. Of those total ballots, 1,185 came from Precinct 1 alone.

“First of all, I would like to thank God and my voters for coming out on their busy schedules,” Matias said. “And most of all, all my family and friends. I want to say,

from the bottom of my heart, thank you, and God bless. I am going to work hard for the taxpayers’ money. Like I said, my phone is always on. See you at the polls in November, and in four years, I will run again.”

“Although this journey did not have the outcome we had hoped for, I can honestly say I wanted the best for Gonzales,” Mills said. “A lot was learned and, throughout it all, we, as a family, maintained the high road and ran our campaign with integrity.

“I would like to say thank you to everyone that asked for a sign, offered and gave support, and most importantly went out and voted. We are grateful and humbled by the support that was shown.”

HOUSE DISTRICT 44

Schoolcraft won Gonzales County by 271 votes, 1,202 to 931, and was leading Guadalupe County by a total of

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RUNOFF				
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 44				
	TOTAL	ABSENTEE	EARLY	ELECTION DAY
Alan Schoolcraft	1,202	57	814	331
John Kuempel	931	50	637	244

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1				
	TOTAL	ABSENTEE	EARLY	ELECTION DAY
Anton W ‘Tony’ Matias	633	27	451	155
Ryan W Mills	552	25	415	112

827 votes, 5,477 to 4,650, with 27 of 32 precincts reporting. There did not appear enough votes left for Kuempel to claim a victory.

The challenger is a former state representative who was supported by several top Republicans, including Gov. Greg Abbott and Attorney General Ken Paxton, both of whom had targeted Kuempel due to the incumbent’s votes against Abbott’s school voucher plan and for his vote to impeach Paxton last year.

“I am grateful to the voters of HD-44 and for the support I’ve received from countless conservative champions and

state leaders including President Donald Trump, Governor Greg Abbott, and Senator Ted Cruz,” said Schoolcraft.

“There is nothing more important tonight than the future of conservative values for our district and for Texas. I am looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and getting to work for the people of this district on closing the border, empowering parents, and protecting family values.”

Schoolcraft isn’t elected just yet, however. He will now face the sole Democrat candidate, Eric Norman, in the November general election.

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GRADUATION

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but have also deeply impacted my life over the last three years,” Gonzales High Principal Jon Basha said.

“The graduating class of 2024: You are not just a group of students; you are a family. And as your principal, it has been an absolute privilege to witness your growth, your achievements, and the countless memories we’ve shared together,” Basha added.

Ainsley Holub was named valedictorian of the class of 2024; and Macey Pena was named the salutatorian.

Vice president of the class of the Christie Reyna gave the opening remarks at the ceremony.

“I want to start by welcoming you all to this exciting occasion, where we not only celebrate each other’s years of hard work and dedication, as well as the beginning of new journeys, and an infinite amount of possibilities,” Reyna said.

“High school has been an unforgettable journey that has prepared us for the future, however that may look for you. In this four-year journey, we have all created different memories and experiences that will impact our lives forever,” Reyna added.

The class of the 2024 went through many events from tornado shelter in kindergarten, Snowmageddon in 2021, Hurricane Harvey, the COVID-19 pandemic and the reason they had Chromebooks for four years, Pena said.

“Looking back at time, I think

there’s something beautiful about living in a small town. Most of us were able to attend school together from kindergarten to senior year. We have all had the privilege of growing up with one another, which many students do not get to experience. We have all made unforgettable memories in school,” Pena said.

Holub honored and remembered fellow classmate Katelyn Cater, who would’ve been part of the graduation class.

“About two years ago, we lost a valued member of our class, Katelyn Carter, who’s absence is deeply felt, but whose spirit lives on in our memories and hearts. Her presence may be physically absent, but her impact on our lives will forever remain. Let us take a moment to honor and remember Katie and cherish the time we shared with her,” Holub said.

Gonzales High School senior Angel Gallegos closed out the graduation ceremony.

“As we stand on this threshold of new beginnings I want to express my gratitude to everyone who has been part of the incredible journey: our teachers, who guided us with wavering dedication; our families’ support has been our foundation, from the beginning, unforgettable, and my fellow graduates,” Gallegos said.

The ceremony closed out with the tradition of the throwing of the caps and the Gonzales High School fight song.

MEMORIAL DAY DISPLAY



United States flags on display at the Victoria College Gonzales Center and the former Gonzales National Guard Armory for Memorial Day. The college in partner with the Gonzales Rotary Club displayed the flags in honor of those in the community who made the ultimate sacrifice. Former National Guard Hilario Camarillo set the flag display and served in the armory before becoming a college.

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Joann Parra, left, is buying Guerra’s Grill & Catering from Martha Jo Guerra, right, and her husband Robert after the Guerra family ran the restaurant for 20 years. A longtime employee, Parra is not changing anything except the name of the restaurant and says the family atmosphere will stay the same at Parra’s Grill & Catering.

RESTAURANT

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“It’s just time to start a new chapter in life and one of my employees is actually going to buy it from me, so I know it’s going to be in good hands. I’m going to be stepping out and she’s going to be stepping in.”

“I’m very excited to be taking over the restaurant and thankful for the opportunity that Martha gave me,” Parra added.

Parra said the closeness of restaurant staff and patrons “feels like family” and that is something she will make sure does not change when she assumes control of the restaurant. She has loved working the past eight years for the Guerra family and hopes to continue to serve Gonzales residents for many more years to come.

Signage will not require much change — just swapping out the letters “Gue” in “Guerra” for the letters “Pa” in “Parra.” And other than that and the restaurant being under new ownership, nothing else is changing at the locally beloved restaurant, which serves breakfast and lunch from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

“She’s (Joann) going to keep everything the same,” Martha Jo Guerra said. “The only thing she’s going to change

is longer hours in the day — she will be open more in the evenings. Not right away, but eventually, and then maybe a Saturday on a weekend. That’s the only thing she’s changing. She’s still going to deliver and she’s still going to cater.”

The menu won’t be changing, either, and you can still get some of the best breakfast tacos, hamburgers, chicken fried steak, chili, French fries and hot sauce in Gonzales — as previously voted on Gonzales Inquirer readers in our 2024 Readers’ Choice awards.

As for the Guerras, not everything is changing. Robert still works at BYK as he has for the past 42 years. Martha Jo says she is going to “take a few months off and see what it is I want to do.”

“I don’t know what I want to be when I grow up,” Martha Jo joked. “I have grandchildren that I can take care of and that’ll keep me occupied for a while.”

Before the Guerra family opened their restaurant, the former occupant was named Good Ol’ Days. Well, the good ol’ days at Guerra’s Grill & Catering are expected to continue on — they’ll just continue under the new name “Parra’s Grill & Catering.”

BUC-EE’S

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be the largest Buc-ee’s location in the country, bringing the largest Buc-ee’s back where the legend began. Occupying more than 75,000 square feet, the updated Buc-ee’s Luling will replace the city’s current Buc-ee’s store, which was the brand’s first family travel center, built in 2003.

Located at 10070 I-10, Buc-ee’s Luling will offer 120 fueling positions just outside its store with thousands of snack, meal and drink options for travelers on the go. Buc-ee’s favorites including Texas barbecue, homemade fudge, kolaches, Beaver Nuggets, jerky and fresh pastries will all be available.

Local leaders attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony will include local leaders, including Mayor CJ Watts of Luling, former Mayor Mike Hendricks of Luling, Caldwell County Judge Hoppy Haden, and Luling City Manager Mark Mayo.

After the opening of Buc-ee’s Luling, Buc-ee’s will operate 50

stores across Texas and the South. Since beginning its multi-state expansion in 2019, Buc-ee’s has opened travel centers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Tennessee, Missouri, and Colorado. Buc-ee’s broke ground on the first Virginia and Mississippi locations earlier this year.

“We are thrilled to open the doors to the world’s largest Buc-ee’s travel center right here in the Great State of Texas,” said Buc-ee’s Director of Real Estate and Development Stan Beard. “It’s particularly exciting, considering this is the Buc-ee’s that started it all, so we are really looking forward to celebrating with the incredible people of Luling.”

Buc-ee’s Luling will add even more jobs to the area, employing at least 200 team members, with starting pay beginning well above minimum wage, full benefits, a 6 percent matching 401K, and three weeks of paid vacation.



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