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Commissioners discuss Randle-Rather Annex damage

Consultant presents findings; scaffolding to be erected around south side

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners voted Tuesday, Oct. 15, to put up scaffolding around the Randle-Rather building as they decide how they wish to address damage to the building's south-facing limestone façade.

Commissioners also approved having Cangelosi Stone Fabrication of Missouri City grind back some of the stone on the third floor closest to the adjacent building as a "mock-up" or test run to determine what a full treatment of the building would look like.

Last month, commissioners had hired Ken Bownds of Curtainwall Design Consulting to come do a field study of the limestone façade delamination and failures at the Randle-

See **ANNEX,** page 15

County commissioners approve emergency burn ban

BY LEW K. COHN
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Gonzales County commissioners approved an emergency ban on outdoor burning at their regular meeting Tuesday, Oct. 15.

The ban is effective at midnight Friday, Oct. 18, and will remain in place for 90 days or "until such drought conditions no longer exist and this order is hereby lifted by authority of the County Judge."

County Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshal Jimmy Harless told commissioners the county continues to suffer from dry and hot weather, especially with lower humidity, which has created a high risk for wildfires. He noted there had been more than 30 grass fires reported in the past two weeks alone and he sees no major relief in the immediate future.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS), which monitors wildfire conditions for the state, uses the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) for determination

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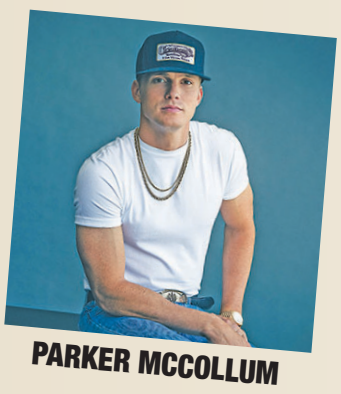

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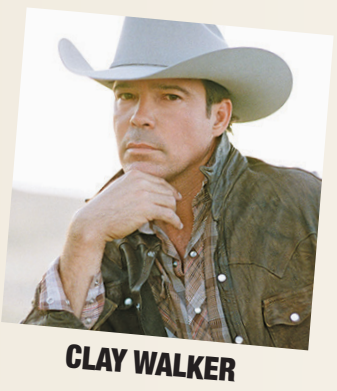


CLAY WALKER

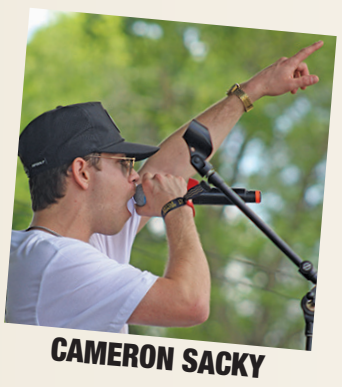
announces 2025 lineup

Parker McCollum, Tanya Tucker, Clint Black, Clay Walker and more set to perform

TANYA TUCKER

SOPHIA SCOTT

CLINT BLACK



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SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Cattle Country Festival, returning for its second year, is set for April 10-12, 2025, and promises to be bigger and better in celebration of the bicentennial of Gonzales, Texas.

Tickets are officially on sale Wednesday, Oct. 16, as the music and camping festival reveals its highly anticipated 2025 lineup including Parker McCollum, Tanya Tucker, Clint Black, Wyatt Flores, Chase Rice, Clay Walker, Reckless Kelly, Aaron Watson, Pecos & The Rooftops, 49 Winchester, Drake White, Shenandoah, Wade Bowen, Ty Myers, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Giovannie & The Hired Guns, Sophia Scott, Cameron Sacky Band, Tyler Halverson, Josh Ward, Black Pistol Fire, Logan Mize, late night sets by Ghostland Observatory and more, with additional acts to be announced later this year.

"On behalf of the vibrant community of Gonzales, Texas, we extend a heartfelt welcome to all guests of the Cattle Country Festival," said Susan Sankey, interim director of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. "This is especially fun as we celebrate our town's 200th birthday in 2025. The economic impact from the festival's inaugural year was

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Early voting begins Oct. 21 for Nov. 5 general election

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Early voting for the Nov. 5 general election begins this coming Monday, Oct. 21 and will continue through Friday, Nov. 1.

There are three main locations for early voting in Gonzales County. The primary location is the Randle-Rather Building, 427 St. George St., Gonzales. Additional locations include Nixon Community Building, 302 E. Central, Nixon, and Waelder City Hall, 300 Highway 90 W., Waelder.

Early voting locations will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 21-25. Extended hours are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. During the last week of early voting, from Oct. 28-Nov. 1, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Election Day voting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at various locations throughout Gonzales County. Those locations can be found on Page 11.

GONZALES COUNTY RACES

The only contested county race on the ballot is for Gonzales County Sheriff, where incumbent Keith Schmidt, a Republican, will face off against challenger and former chief deputy Clay Allen, a Democrat.

All other county races feature unopposed Republican candidates, including 25th District Judge (Bill Old), 2nd 25th District Judge (Jessica Richard Crawford), County Attorney (Eduardo "Eddie" Xavier Escobar), County Tax Assessor-Collector (Crystal Cedillo), Precinct 1 County Commissioner (Anton W. "Tony" Matias), Precinct 3 County Commissioner (Roy A. Staton), Precinct 1 Constable (Johnnie Hall), Precinct 3 Constable (Derek Johnson) and Precinct 4 Constable (John J. Moreno).

There is also a special Voter Approval Tax Rate Election (VATRE) being held for voters in Yoakum ISD (for the portion which comes into Gonzales County) to approve the ad valorem tax rate because the adopted rate exceeds the YISD Voter-Approval Tax Rate.

The county is seeking to set an ad valorem tax rate of $1.00059 for the current year, which will result in a 1.66 percent increase in the maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for an additional $857,208. If the

See **EARLY VOTING,** page 11

Man sentenced to 20 years in 'Justice for Phoenix' case for burning, torturing dog

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Nixon man accused of burning and torturing a small dog the community renamed "Phoenix" earlier this year was sentenced Tuesday, Oct. 15, to a maximum of 20 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division for his actions.

Villanueva

Michael Villanueva, 28, will have to serve a minimum of five years, or one-fourth of his sentence, before he becomes eligible for parole after being sentenced by 25th District Judge William D. Old III.

In addition to a third-degree felony charge of cruelty to non-livestock animals, Villanueva also was facing charges for assault family violence for assaulting a former girlfriend and for failure to register as a sex offender.

Villanueva allegedly doused the dog, originally named "Cutie," with a flammable accelerant and deliberately set the animal on fire on or around Feb.

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Sales tax allocations up again for Gonzales County cities

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Sales tax allocations for Gonzales County were up more than $18,400 for the month of October 2024, an increase of just under six percent from the amount received for October one year ago, according to figures released by Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar's office.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts $1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for October, 1.2 percent less than in October 2023.

These allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

Combined sales tax allocations for the month of October 2024 for all four municipalities were $326,575.28 — up $18,442.94 or 5.99 percent above the $308,132.34 received in October 2023 and an increase of $1,815.15 from September's combined sales tax allocation of $324,760.13.

For the year, Gonzales County municipalities have received a combined total of $3,090,072.33, down $52,203.21 or 1.66 percent from the $3,142,275.54 received as of this point last year.

Every one of the four municipalities in Gonzales County saw an increase in sales tax allocations this month. Gonzales saw a 4.69 percent increase, or $12,454.94 more, in sales tax allocations for October 2024. The largest city in the county, which generates the lion's share of sales tax revenue, received $277,684.45, compared to $265,229.51 in October 2023. This is $4,802.66 more than the $272,881.79 received in September 2024.

For the year, the city has received $2,613,047.86, down 1.87 percent or $50,036.59 from the $2,663,084.45 Gonzales had received at this point in 2023.

Sales tax receipts also were up for Nixon, which received $34,191.96, up $3,787.06 or 12.45 percent more than the $30,404.90 received in October 2023. For the year, the city has received $336,575.44, just 1.43 percent or $4,749.26 more than the $331,826.18 received through this

See **SALES TAX,** page 7

Trio of Halloween events promise fun for boys and ghouls in Gonzales

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gonzales residents have not one, but three opportunities to have spooky fun for Halloween as separate events will be held at the Gonzales Memorial Museum, the JB Wells Expo Center and in downtown Gonzales.

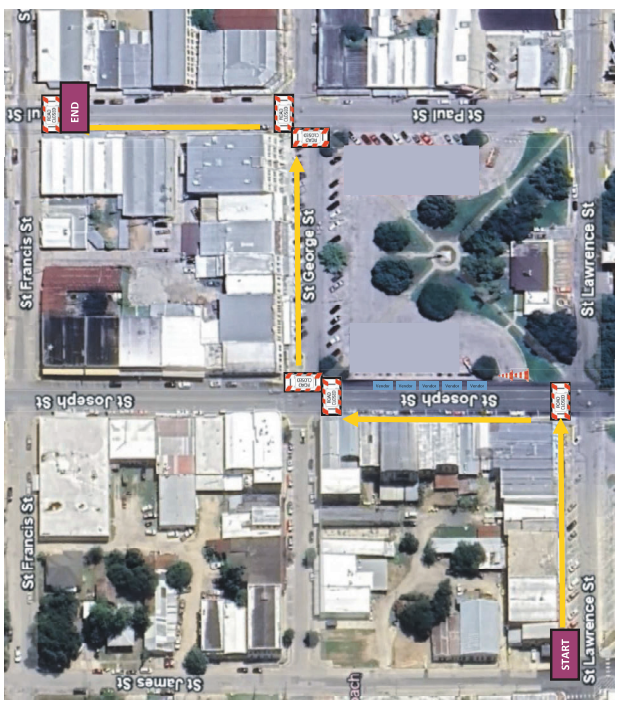
On Friday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. will be Movie Night at the Museum, featuring the 2012 Tim Burton 3D stop-motion animated science fiction classic, "Frankenweenie." Bring your family, friends and lawn chairs for this special movie night, which has free entry to the public. Snacks will be available for purchase to benefit the museum.

The second annual Spooky Trails at JB Wells will be held Saturday, Oct. 26, from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the JB Wells Expo Center parking lot. Admission is $10 per person, cash only. This walking experience, which was first held in 2022, is guaranteed to give the scare of a lifetime.

Last year's event was canceled due to inclement weather, but so far, the weather on Oct. 26 is predicted to be a few clouds from time to time with winds at 5 to 10 mph and only a 19 percent chance of rain and a low of 68. For more information or questions about this event, contact 830-672-6558.

Finally, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, will be the Downtown Spooktacular, which will offer some spine-tingling family fun! Hosted by the women-owned businesses of downtown Gonzales, start off at the Gonzales EDC office and follow the Trick or Treat Trail to collect sweet surprises as you stroll along the haunted path in a festive, fun atmosphere.

Show off your spookiest or silliest outfit for a chance to win fang-tastic prizes in the Costume Contest and explore wickedly awesome vendors, crafts and more at the Street Fair. There will be games and activities to keep the fun going, so bring your family and friends and enjoy a boo-tiful evening!



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Downtown Spooktacular Trick or Treat trail starts at GEDC on Saint Lawrence and goes to Saint Paul by the Gonzales Inquirer.

Leesville Fall Festival promises spooky good fun

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Leesville Community Center will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m.

There will be door prizes, a costume contest, a pumpkin carving contest, a drawing, cake walk, a live auction, concessions and hay rides.

This festival is a fundraiser for the community's benefit, so come out and join in on the fun, while helping the community center continue to grow and enhance available resources for the all residents.

SMILEY NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

CONTRIBUTED/GCSO AND SMILEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Smiley Marshal's Office and the Precinct 4 Gonzales County Constable's Office co-sponsored National Night Out 2024 on Monday, Oct. 14 at the Smiley Fire Station. The event featured free food, music, games and first responders visiting and meeting their neighbors. There were a number of door prizes given out and everyone seemed to have a great time.

Yo-ho-ho! Main Street Rum Run returns!

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Bruce Springsteen sings about being "born to run" in his signature song from the 1970s, but there is an event coming up in Gonzales for those who are "born to rum."

The third annual Gonzales Main Street Rum Run will take place this Saturday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event helps revitalize and support Main Street Gonzales and is back by popular demand.

You can register for this event at https://www.eventeny.com/events/rum-run-2024-14208. Check-in begins at 11 a.m. and continues through 1 p.m. For $25, rummers will get a rum cup and a commemorative T-shirt.

They can start the run at 11 a.m. or go eat brunch at one of the downtown restaurants first, because as someone who previously had a hangover once said, "the most important meal is the one you eat before drinking."

Participants visit downtown merchants and enjoy rum and other libations as they make their way through the Main Street footprint. Local businesses will be offering exclusive drink tastings, great deals, and a whole lot of fun. There is no set time limit and rummers are encouraged to travel downtown at their own pace to enjoy all Gonzales has to offer.

While the Rum Run 2024 "officially" ends at 5 p.m., there will be specials being offered by downtown restaurants and other hot spots throughout the day, so you don't have to leave the area right away. And most importantly, remember — don't drink and drive and please drink responsibly!

The Gonzales Main Street program aims to create an experience-rich environment while preserving the beautiful historic features of the city's downtown. Main Street's vision is for Gonzales to become a destination for those seeking a unique, friendly small-town atmosphere and keeping our role in Texas history alive.

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PROCLAMATION

LEW K. COHN

Staff of the Thriving Hearts Crisis Center (formerly Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter) were present as the Gonzales County Commissioners Court signed a proclamation declaring October to be Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. The shelter answered 1,025 crisis calls and provided 8,431 services to survivors from September 2023 to August 2024. The proclamation calls on all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our effort to prevent domestic violence, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Celebrations

Birthdays

October 17th
Christopher Irle
Matthew James
Sarah Menking
Mallory Ramos

October 18th
Stephen Hahn
JoAnn Ibarra
James Koehler
Eric Lipsey
Darren Parker
Richard Pfuhl
Ashlynn Stewart
Albertha Vannall
Lorrell Wright

October 19th
Carol Villareal
Brent Wilke

October 20th
Wayne Ashenbeck
Tyree LaFleur
Harry Lorton
Lisa Malik
Karli McCowan
Bill Nichols
Haley Pirkle

October 21st
Lauren Campion
Elijah Clark
Pat Davis
Shelly Davis
Adrien Masek
Suzanne Richardson
Martha Saliger
Marsha Thanheiser
Ryan Tharp
Caitlyn Weathers

October 22nd
James Barborak
Van Johnson
Rachel Menking
Willie Simper
Kyleigh Tieken
Miranda Vinklarek

October 23rd
Jacob Clack
Jon Cox
DJ Gonzales
Luis Guzman
Sara Holton
Byron Lester
Linda Rathmann
Sharon Tenberg
Michael Thiele
Paul Watkins Jr.

Anniversary

October 23rd
Daniel & Lisa Hernandez

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Gonzales Weather

SUNNY	October 17 83°/61°	Plenty of sunshine 1% chance of rain ● RealFeel 82
PARTLY SUNNY	October 18 82°/65°	A morning shower in places; otherwise, some sun 41% chance of rain ● RealFeel 82
SHOWERS	October 19 87°/67°	Mostly cloudy and warm; a couple of afternoon showers and a thunderstorm 63% chance of rain ● RealFeel 86
MOSTLY CLOUDY	October 20 90°/61°	Mainly cloudy and very warm 0% chance of rain ● RealFeel 92
SHOWERS	October 21 91°/61°	Very warm with considerable cloudiness; a little morning rain followed by a shower in spots in the afternoon 55% chance of rain ● RealFeel 90
MOSTLY SUNNY	October 22 89°/59°	Mostly sunny and remaining warm 6% chance of rain ● RealFeel 88
SUNNY	October 23 80°/57°	Sunshine 10% chance of rain ● RealFeel 84

Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

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Garden Q&A with CALVIN FINCH

Q. Do deer eat nandina shrubs? A friend of mine says they don't but it seems like back in the old days they did.

A. I am with you thinking that in the not so far past the deer did eat nandina. I believe it was a case of preferences of the deer in a particular neighborhood and how desperate they are. Supporting your neighbors claim however the deer in my neighborhood have not eaten at any of the nandina for a number of years. If you decide to test their inclination to eat nandina keep in mind that young plants directly from the nursery are probably more likely to be eaten than old established plants. Spray the new addition to the landscape with a product like "Liquid Fence" once per week for 6 weeks to discourage any curious deer from tasting them.

Q. A friend at our Garden Club reports that on your radio show recently you interviewed two authors that had written books about Monarch Butterflies. The books sound fascinating. Please repeat the names of the books and the authors, so I can check them out. Thanks

A. Monika Maeckle is the author of "The Monarch Butterfly Migration, Its Rise and Fall" and Wendy Williams is the author of "The Language of Butterflies".

Q. What are some vegetables we can plant by seed this winter? Transplants are wonderful to use but my grandmother who lives with us enjoys growing vegetables by seed like the old days!

A. English peas are a good vegetable to grow by seed. Soak the seed overnight and plant it against a tomato cage or other trellis for support. Other vegetables that work well to grow from seed are radishes, turnips, beets, rutabagas and lettuce. Onions and spinach are tougher to grow from seed, but it works if the timing is right, and the weather cooperates. Plant your seeds now.

Q. How long does a Bt insecticide stay potent? I sprayed my cabbage and broccoli with a Dipel that is at least 5 years old. It didn't seem to work to control the loopers.

A. Bt products do have a limited life. I try not to have any over 3 years old. I take it that the product worked in past years. Yes, I recommend you obtain a new container.

Gardening Calendar for November 2024

Fertilize your lawn with a "winterizer" fertilizer such as 18-06-12. Our lawn grass changes its chemistry in the autumn and instead of using all available nutrients to grow more foliage, a good part of the nutrients are stored for the plants use for spring growth. Since the "winterizer" formula is all in fast source form, it lends itself better to the lawn grass' current needs.

November 1 is also the time to apply a copper hydroxide product such as Kocide to your peach trees to help them combat bacterial diseases. The copper hydroxide should be applied as per the label instructions and the remaining leaves will fall off. The bare branches also make it convenient to identify any scale insects on the stems and trunks so you can apply horticultural oil to suffocate them and relieve the tree of their feeding on the plant liquids. It is too late to apply fertilizer to the fruit trees for the fall but make a note to apply a slow-release fertilizer such as 19-05-09 in February if the trees did not put at least 2 feet of growth on this summer.

The winter greens can still be planted in November and the weather should be cool enough to plant spinach and onions. I like to plant spinach plants with 1.5 feet in between the plants. If you allow 4 inches in between the onion transplants you can harvest the middle two plants through the row as green onions and allow the remaining 3rd plant to reach full size by about June 1. The onions and greens like spinach, broccoli, and kale are high nitrogen users. Prepare the planting site with 10 cups of high nitrogen fertilizer like 19-05-09 before planting and then side dress each 8 ft row with one cup of the same fertilizer every month.

In the vegetable garden stay alert to cabbage looper infestations on your cabbage related greens. Apply a Bt product such as Dipel or Bio Worm Killer as soon as you see any foliage damage from the caterpillars feeding.

Butterflies are often still active in November but it is best if the Monarchs concentrate on filling up with nectar to be able to complete their migration to their Mexican Wintering grounds. Towards that end cut back the tropical and other exotic milkweed foliage plants on the first of the month to discourage further egg-laying. Mist flower, zinnias, pentas, fall asters, lantana, porter weed, and salvia are favored nectar plants.

In the flower garden until the first freeze arrives you will still have zinnias and other warm weather annuals blooming but it is also a good time to plant the winter annuals such as snapdragons, stocks, calendula, dianthus, pansies, and alyssum by transplants.

Plant sweet peas by seed, it works well to use your largest tomato cages as trellis. Soak the seed overnight before planting. They are temperamental about both cold and heat so be prepared to replant if the temperatures are extreme in either direction.

Speaking of severe temperatures, November is usually when San Antonio experiences it's first freeze of the year so be prepared to protect your citrus and other sensitive plants with fabric coverings and heat sources. Move the tropical hibiscus, bougainvillea, and other cold sensitive plants growing in containers into shelter as soon as the temperatures start reaching 40 degrees.

LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORT

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET
October 12th, 2024
Cattle – 1593
Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold with a weaker undertone. Less quality calves and yearlings sold lower. Packer cows and bulls sold 2.00 higher.
Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 310-450; 300-400 lbs., 260-315; 400-500 lbs., 240-277; 500-600 lbs., 220-245; 600-700 lbs., 210-235; 700-800 lbs., 207-223.
Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 155-190.
Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 275-375; 300-400 lbs., 237-287; 400-500 lbs., 215-245; 500-600 lbs., 203-235; 600-700 lbs., 197-207.
Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 105-118; Cutters, 117-123; Canners, 85-108; High yielding fat cows, 106-114.
Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 130-142; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 125-132.
Stocker Cows: $900 to $1,800.
Pairs: $1,500 to $2,300.

Nixon Livestock
October 14th , 2024
Cattle – 1307
Steers:
200-300 lbs - $297-360
300-400 lbs - $271-355
400-500 lbs - $244-320
500-600 lbs - $223-263
600-700 lbs - $210-246
700-800 lbs - $203-226
Heifers:
200-300 lbs - $249-335
300-400 lbs - $249-335
400-500 lbs - $240-320
500-600 lbs - $220-360
600-700 lbs - $206-240
700-800 lbs - $200-300
Slaughter Cows - $86-120
Slaughter Bulls - $100-142
Stocker Cows – None
Pairs: $1950-2125

Hallettsville Livestock Commission Co., Inc.
Sale date: October 8th
Cattle on hand: 2013
Packer Cows:
High Dressing: $118-131
Medium Dressing: $112-124
Low Dressing: $98-110
Poor/Weak Cows: $80-95
Packer Bulls:
High Dressing: $152-162
Medium Dressing: $136-150
Low Dressing: $120-132
Stocker Cows:
Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: $1900-2500
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: $1300-1750
Good Cow & Calf Pairs: 1 pair - $2650
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: 1 pair - $2100
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:
Number 1 steer & bull calves:
Under 200 lbs.: $390-470
200-300 lbs.: $320-460
300-400 lbs.: $290-355
400-500 lbs.: $255-325
500-600 lbs.: $225-280
600-700 lbs.: $215-247.50
700-800 lbs.: $205-237.50
Number 1 heifer calves:
Under 200 lbs.: $375-470
200-300 lbs.: $265-330
300-400 lbs.: $245-305
400-500 lbs.: $230-272.50
500-600 lbs.: $215-262.50
600-700 lbs.: $200-226
700-800 lbs.: $190-221
Replacement Heifers:
350-700 lbs.: $245-295
The calf market this week was about quality. No. 1 kinds in all weights continue strong and very active. No. 2 and plainer kinds were weaker. Lack of grazing demand causing some weakness. Overall market continues good. Packer cows and bulls sold $2 to $3 higher on a supply of 225 head.

Seguin Cattle Co. Market Report
October 9TH
Quality Overall good stocker cattle 5.00 softer with packer cows & bulls off 3.00.
Cattle – 585
Sheep & goats – 1039
Medium & large frame #1 Steers:
200-300 lb. 1.45-2.48-3.45
300-400 lb. 1.30-2.51-3.40
400-500 lb. 1.00- 2.37-3.15
500-600 lb. 1.50-2.23-2.64
600-700 lb. 1.95-2.20-2.48
700-850 lb. 1.35-1.98-2.26
Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:
200-300 lb. 2.00-2.23-2.60
300-400 lb. 1.60-2.29-2.95
400-500 lb. 1.65-2.11-2.38
500-600 lb. 1.40-2.05-2.30
600-750 lb. 1.57-1.98-2.30
Cows:
Utility & commercial – .50-1.07-1.19
Cutters – 1.05-.84-1.05
Canners. - .52-.84-1.00
Palpated cows – 950-1700
Cow/Calf Pairs – None
Bulls:
Heavy High Yielding – 1.35-1.49
Light & Low Yielding – .60-1.34
Sheep & Goats:
Nannies – 35-155
Kid Goats (Fat) – 2.20-3.10
Wethers - 1.95-3.35
Billies – 1.00-1.80
Dorp. Ewes - 30-170
Dorp. Lambs (Fat) – 1.50-2.65
Wooled Ewes – 90-110
Wooled Bucks – 1.12-1.50
Lambs – 1.85-1.90
Barb. Bucks – 460-1050

Cuero Livestock Market Report
October 11, 2024
Number of Head: 1,555
There were 170 cows and 37 bulls. Packer market on cows and bulls were higher after a couple of weeks declining value. Tops on packer bulls were up at $8 to $167/cwt, while tops on cows was at $125/cwt. The calf market was steady and the demand is still strong leading to a very active market. Calves over 500 pounds were a little higher while the rest of classes were fully steady. The fundamentals of supply and demand continue to point to a continued high market. The dry conditions are putting stress on sellers and buyers. We truly appreciate our sellers and buyers.

Packer bulls:	129.00-167.00
Packer cows:	
canners & cutters	115.00-150.00
poor & weak	62.00-110.00
Palpated: 35 bred	$800-1,450
PAIRS: 3	$1,800-1950
Steer/Bull Calves:	**(AVG-HIGH)**
Under 200 lbs. 2 hd	$300 & $330
200-250 lbs	274.00-315.00
250-299 lbs	280.00-322.00
300-350 lbs.	278.00-320.00
350-400 lbs.	278.00-306.00
400-450 lbs.	261.00-300.00
450-500 lbs.	256.00-280.00

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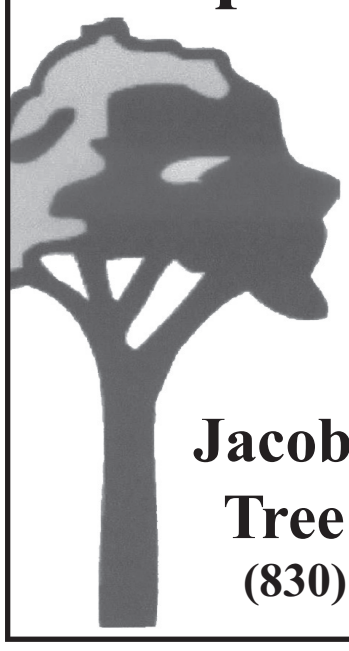

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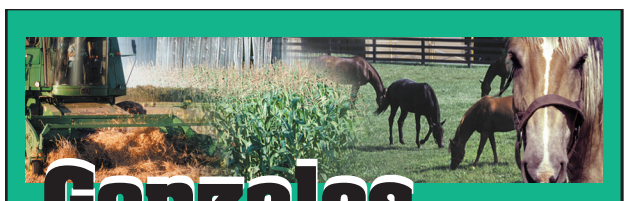

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the Texas Department of Emergency Management, Public Works Response Team and TCEQ for providing resources, experience, personnel, and guidance as we navigated this crisis.

We also need to thank our neighbors in Nixon for allowing their utility director, Jeremy Bustos, to come over and assist us for three straight days as we started to identify the problem.

A special thank you also goes out to the Production Supervisor Larry Bishop at Niagara Water for donating 12 pallets of water to the city so residents and Nixon-Smiley ISD could have potable water.

Scott Jewett
Smiley City Secretary

The U.S. Bill Of Rights

The following text is a transcription of the enrolled original of the Joint Resolution of Congress proposing the Bill of Rights, which is on permanent display in the Rotunda at the National Archives Museum. The spelling and punctuation reflects the original.

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Amendment VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII

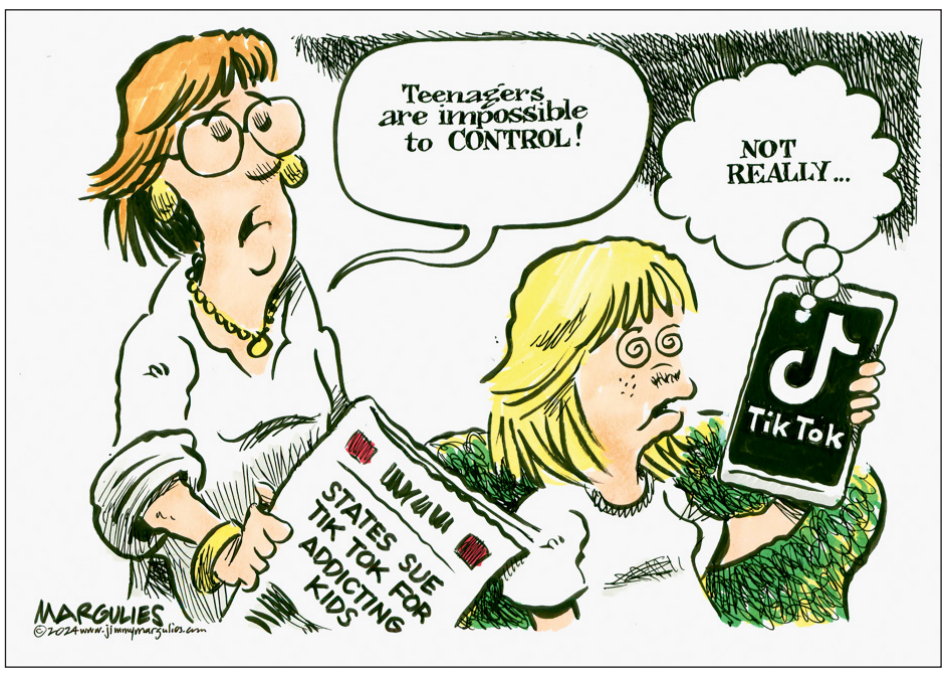
Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

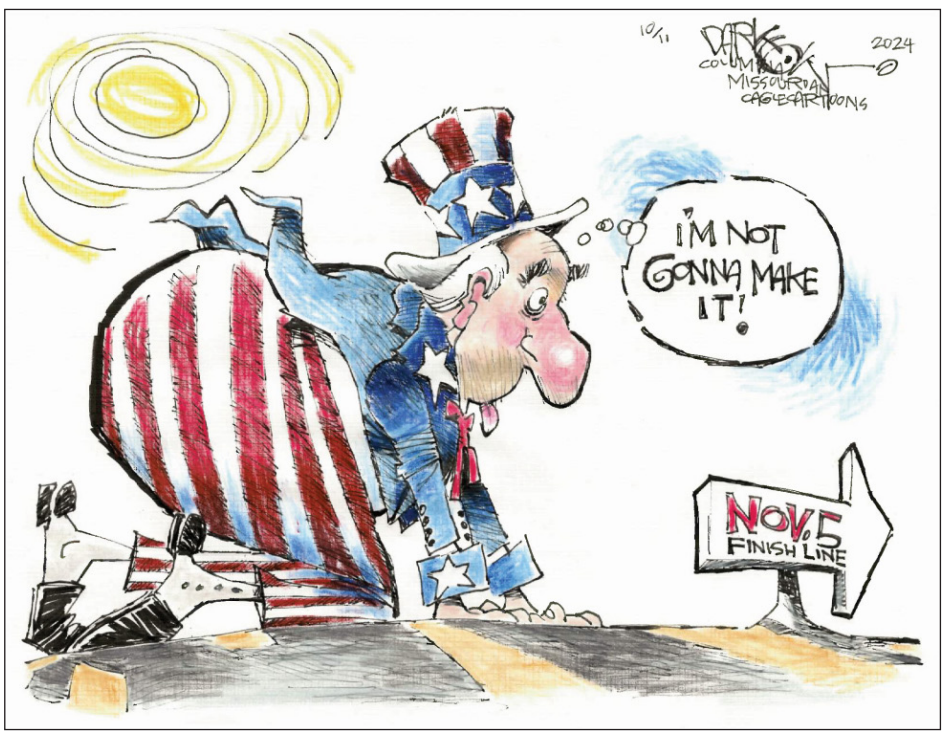
Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.





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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Away From It All…

If we weren't totally "away from it all," we were on the outskirts, kind of like the characters in the delightful 1953 Broadway musical "Brigadoon."

Only the long of tooth remember the tale of two New York guys stumbling across a delightful village in the highlands of Scotland that came alive for only one day each century and very much alive it was with love, music and goodwill.

That was the atmosphere our church group of 40 senior adults found in Branson, MO, where we enjoyed four blissful days, opting to let the rest of the world deal with its many problems….

Oh, the outing--called "Meet You in Branson"--didn't start out well. Our soon-separated "convoy" may well have traversed four states at various times on the 465-mile trek.

Smiles and good cheer abounded, though, and we were Lord-favored by perfect weather, grand entertainment, delightful hosts at the smallish Carriage House Inn and even hints of approaching fall. Crisp mornings seemed tailor-made for strolls, even if short ones.

There were scant signs of leaves abandoning green for flaming colors of red, orange and yellow. Even without the breathtaking foliage soon to envelope the Ozarks, there still were enough "trip highlights" to illuminate an airport runway….

For Randy Brooks , it was nothing short of a homecoming. Now living in the Metroplex-- the man who played the original role of Jesus in "The Promise," a long-running pageant in Glen Rose, TX--thrilled us in song.

During our Sunday visit to the College of the Ozarks, he warmed many hearts with a hymn-sing in the beautiful Williams Chapel that was built by students over a 12-year period in the 1940s-1950s. (Following Glen Rose, Randy played the Jesus role in Branson for several years, winding up with another long run in New York City before COVID spelled the end of the pageant in Europe. He felt it was time to end the 30-year run, but still sings for various groups. He does so without solicitation, and at age 71, is ever popular.)….

We dined at COFO's Keeter Center, where culinary students are trained to prepare sumptuous meals. It was a stunning buffet, with the dozens of student servers pausing to sing "The Doxology" for our mealtime prayer.

Speaking of food, all was supergood We particularly enjoyed Pickin' Porch Grill and Danna's BBQ….

Pickin' Porch is tucked away at the back of the Branson Craft Mall, a place known for its gigantic rocking chair in front. We cast our vote with locals who claim its hamburgers to be THE BEST. Coupled with uniquely-flavored French fries, the combo is incomparable….

"Queen Esther" was worth the trip. We saw the 670th performance of its nine-month, 679-show run. More than 6,000 attended sold-out performances for five shows during the final full weekend.

"David," called master poet, fearless warrior and anointed king, opens March 8, 2025, running through January 3, 2026. The Sight and Sound Theater continues to set the standard for bible-based productions, having done so since opening in Branson in 2008.

Our bunch loved SIX, a half-dozen brothers whose "production" of instrument-like sounds is as impres-

See **NEWBURY,** page 7

Randy Brooks
…Back in Branson after hanging from the cross in role of Jesus in "The Promise." He starred for 30 years in Glen Rose, Branson and New York and Europe.

Apaches fall to Lago Vista Vikings

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches traveled to Lago Vista Friday, Oct. 11 for their second district game against the Vikings.

The Apaches lost to the Vikings, 36-16.

Gonzales recorded 174 yards total on 54 plays against the Vikings.

Junior running back David Clack III rushed for 95 yards and one touchdown on nine carries; Clack led the team with 28 yards on a single pass completion to Jermane Upshaw in the game.

Upshaw led the team in receiving with 28 yards and one catch; and led the team with 11 total tackles.

Junior cornerback Daevien Pitts recorded a pick-six against Lago Vista.

The Apaches will return home Friday, Oct. 18 for a district game against the Navarro Panthers.

This is the seventh time these two teams have squared off against each other; the Apaches met Navarro in 2014 and this first match up since 2019.

The Panthers lead the series 6-0 over the Apaches; Gonzales in the last meet they lost by one point, 17-16.

Kick off set for 7:30 p.m. at Apache Stadium.

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Apaches running back David Clack III (2) runs down the sideline against Lago Vista.

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Apaches sophomore Brandon Duenez (14) kicks off the ball in the Lago Vista after a touchdown.

STATS

OFFENSE:

Passing:
D. Clack III: 1/1 for 28 yards passing
Tyler Hoffman: 4/14 for 26 yards and one interception

Rushing:
D. Clack III: nine carries for 95 yards and one touchdown
Ayden Ramirez: eight carries for six yards
Brayden Hoffman: one carry for one yard

Receiving:
J. Upshaw: one reception for 28 yards
Damion Hunt: one reception for 10 yards
D. Clack III: two reception for nine yards
B. Hoffman: one reception for seven yards

DEFENSE:

Tackles:
D. Clack III and Isaac Gonzales: seven total tackles
J. Upshaw: 11 total tackles
John Izaguirre: six total tackles
Christian Jurek, Omar Borjon and Brealien Jones: five total tackles
Luis Zuniga Jr.: four total tackles
D. Hunt: three total tackles
D. Pitts and Gary Lewis III: two total tackles
River VanKirk, Hector Reyna, Travis Malveaux III, Bryce Eleby, B. Hoffman, Keath White and Lanom Rhoades: one total tackle

Sacks:
J. Upshaw and B. Eleby: one sack

Tackles for loss:
J. Upshaw, B. Jones and B. Eleby: one tackle for loss

Interception:
D. Pitts: one interception

Fumble recovery:
L. Rhoades: one fumble recovery

Defensive touchdown:
D. Pitts: one pick-six

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The Gonzales Apaches defensive line battles the Lago Vista Vikings offensive line in the second district game of the season.

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Apaches fall to La Vernia in three sets

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches hosted the La Vernia Lady Bears Tuesday, Oct. 15 for the second half of district volleyball.

The Lady Apaches fell to La Vernia in three sets (8-25, 8-25, 13-25).

Gonzales drops to 2-3 in district play.

The Lady Apaches will travel to Cuero Friday, Oct. 18 for rivalry match against the Lady Gobblers

Gonzales will host the San Antonio JFK Lady Rockets for the final home game of the season Tuesday, Oct. 22; the Lady Apaches will clinch a playoff berth if they beat JFK.

The JFK match starts at 6:15 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Apaches sweep Memorial to even district record

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches hosted San Antonio Memorial to close out the first half of district play Friday, Oct. 11.

The Lady Apaches swept San Antonio Memorial in three sets (25-8, 25-14, 25-17) to improve to 2-2 in district play.

Junior Isabella Ikard recorded team 17 kills and two blocks in the win over Memorial; junior Aubrey Lindemann led the team with five aces and 19 assists; and sophomores Blakely Mercer and Alaina Valle recorded digs.

The Lady Apaches need to season sweep either Memorial or San Antonio JFK to clinch a playoff berth; sweeping both Memorial and JFK would secure third place in the district.

Gonzales hosted La Vernia Tuesday, Oct. 15 to kick off the second half of district play.

The Lady Apaches will go on the road Friday, Oct 18 for a district match against Cuero.

The Cuero match starts at 5 p.m.

VANDY VAN EPPS

Lady Apaches middle hitter Isabella Ikard (15) jumps and spikes the ball in the air in the district match against San Antonio Memorial.

VANDY VAN EPPS

Lady Apaches freshman middle hitter Lyndie Blackwell (11) spikes the ball in the air against San Antonio Memorial.

STATS

KILLS:
I. Ikard: 17 kills
A. Lindemann: eight kills
Jordyn Gonzales and Gabriella Torres: six kills
Parker Petras and Lyndie Blackwell: two kills

ACES:
A. Lindemann: five aces
Dixie Lester: three aces
J. Gonzales: two aces
Blakely Mercer and A. Valle: one ace

BLOCKS:
I. Ikard: two blocks
J. Gonzales: one block

DIGS:
B. Mercer and A. Valle: eight digs
Carsyn Carrizales: seven digs
Shykayden Clack: six digs
A. Lindemann and G. Torres: five digs
D. Lester: three digs
Alexzis Hernandez, J. Gonzales, L. Blackwell and I. Ikard: two digs
P. Petras: one dig

ASSISTS:
A. Lindemann: 19 assists
S. Clack: 16 assists
P. Petras, I. Ikard and C. Carrizales: one assist

Mustangs roll past Natalia for first district win

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs returned home for a district game against Natalia Friday, Oct. 11.

The Mustangs earned their first district win by beating Natalia, 45-20.

The Nixon-Smiley defense shut out Natalia's offense in the first half.

"We've got some bad dudes on the line. We just give it our all. We're tough. We're the toughest team in our district. I feel like we could take it all the way," sophomore defensive Jaylun Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez was one of five Mustangs that recorded double-digit tackles; the defense recorded 103 total tackles against Natalia.

Senior linebacker John Garza recorded 10 tackles in the win over Natalia and he was thrilled that his defense played great.

"We did pretty good on defense. We shut them out at first in the first half; we didn't let them score at all. The next time they scored about 20, but we still did good. We did our job," Garza said.

The offense scored six total touchdowns: four rushing and two passing.

Sophomore running back Garet Gonzales rushed for 98 yards on 10 carries and scored three touchdowns; two from the ground and one from the air.

Gonzales gave credit to his offensive line for his performance against Natalia

"I've said before in Flatonia we had a great line, and I still think we've still got the best back room in the district. You know, we went to Poth last week, and might not have got the win, but we had some good yardage all around. And I just want to thank my line for that," Gonzales said

Mustangs quarterback Eric Rodriguez completed three out of four passes for 53 yards and two touchdowns.

"We executed their practice. It was the most focused practice of the week. We just executed first. The first half was rough. It was only 16-0, which could have been way more, but we came out for the second half ready to play," Rodriguez said.

Mustangs head coach Paul Kirby was proud of how his team performed against Natalia.

"We executed accordingly. We did exactly we wanted to do, offensively and defensively. They had some parts from Natalia that scared us a little bit, and we've got some guys playing in different positions, and they stepped up for us. It was really good to see that again, this team's really smart, and they are able to adjust well for us anytime we ask," Kirby said.

The Mustangs will go on the road Friday, Oct. 18 against the YMLA Lions at Alamo Stadium.

"It's a week by week thing, and we've talked about this with them. We've kind of mapped it out, the road to victory, the road to season three, and it's one week at a time. We know how athletic YMLA is. We know. I know that Coach Green over there was a heck of a ball player in his day. We actually played against each other in high school. I don't know if he knows that, but we're expecting a tough ball game with them," Kirby said.

Kick off against YMLA is set for 7 p.m.

VANDY VAN EPPS

Mustangs middle linebacker Ryan Paez (54) celebrates a tackle against Natalia Friday, Oct. 11.

VANDY VAN EPPS

Mustangs sophomore running back Garet Gonzales (14) runs into the endzone for his second touchdown of the night.

STATS

OFFENSE:

Passing:
E. Rodriguez: 3 / 4 completions for 53 yards and two touchdowns
Rushing:
G. Gonzales: 10 carries for 98 yards and two touchdowns
Khali Jantes: three carries for 59 yards
Joe White: 11 carries for 55 yards and one touchdown
Juliana Amaya: 10 carries for 30 yards and one touchdown
E. Rodriguez: three carries for 11 yards
Tristen Mikesh: one carry for 11 yards
J. Garza: two carries for six yards
Noe Hernandez: one carry for two yards
Receiving:
G. Gonzales: one reception for 32 yards and one touchdown
T. Mikesh: one reception for 21 yards and one touchdown

DEFENSE:

Tackles:
Ryan Paez and Timothy McGlothine: 12 total tackles
J. Rodriguez: 11 total tackles
J. Garza and Jaydin Munoz: 10 total tackles
Davian Ramos: nine total tackles
K. Jantes: seven total tackles
J. Amaya: six total tackles
N. Hernandez: five total tackles
E. Rodriguez, Nicholas Martinez and Karson Rhodes: four total tackles
Adrian Zamora: three total tackles
T. Mikesh and Henry Benavidez: two total tackles
Jose Olvera and Tyler Barrientez: one total tackle
Sacks:
R. Paez and J. Rodriguez: 0.5 sacks
QB Hurries:
R. Paez: three QB hurries
D. Ramos, J. Garza, and J. Rodriguez: two QB hurries
N. Hernandez, J. Amaya and T. McGlothine one QB hurry
Interceptions:
J. White and J. Garza: one interception
Cause Fumble:
T. McGlothine: one cause fumble
Fumble Recovers:
D. Ramos and K. Jantes: one fumble recover
Tackles for loss:
J. Rodriguez: two tackles for losses
J. Amaya and R. Paez: one tackle for loss

CROSS COUNTRY

Nixon-Smiley cross country competes in district meet

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley country country teams competed in the district meet in Luling Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Cross country coach Trevor Johnson was proud of all the teams that competed in the final day of season.

"Although we did not have any runners advance to regionals, we competed well and even brought home some hardware! We brought home two District Championships, as our JV Boys and 8th Grade Boys dominated their respective divisions. We also had 12 individual runners receive medals for their top 10 finishes. I am very proud of these kids and the effort they put in this season. Please, if you see these kids tell them great job on a successful season and encourage them to keep working. We have bigger goals coming next year," Johnson said.

The Nixon-Smiley cross country teams will return in Fall 2025.

RESULTS

Varsity Girls (2 Miles)- 4th Place

Gabriela Castillo Limon	13th	13:41
Stephanie Avila	17th	14:32
Olivia Jackson	20th	14:45
Ruby Mendez	28th	15:52
Tyra Ortiz	31st	17:32
Alize Davila	33rd	19:02

JV Girls (2 Miles)

Jocelyn Vasquez	11th	18:37
Jaqueline Lopez	12th	19:09

Varsity Boys (5K)- 5th Place

Dennison Keen	19th	20:06
Jayven Robles	21st	20:09
Elias Villasana	28th	21:47
Khali Jantes	30th	21:58
Oscar Gamez	32nd	22:18
Zechariah Munoz	33rd	22:44

JV Boys (5K)- 1st Place

Francisco Acosta	6th	22:43
Christopher Stansel	8th	23:28
Angel Jacobo	9th	23:38
Gabriel Acosta	12th	24:53
Waylon Croft	14th	26:01
Layne Stewart	15th	27:30
Julian Casas	16th	27:41

8th Grade Girls (2 Miles)

Laramie Birdwell	12th	15:40
Anayeli Hernandez	14th	16:12
Kynzli Munoz	17th	17:24
Kylie Munoz	20th	18:36

7th Grade Girls (2 Miles)

Ahtziry Espino	6th	15:20
Mia Rodriguez	7th	15:45

8th Grade Boys (2 Miles)- 1st Place

Jedidiah Alvarez	3rd	12:19
Reagan Ramirez	4th	12:20
Kyzick Jantes	7th	12:39
Case Martin	9th	12:55
Cristian Ordonez Lopez	14th	14:14
Jayden Avila	15th	14:26
Nathan Ordonez	16th	14:31
Brayden Trigo	20th	16:18
Alejandro Olalde	24th	19:28
Armando Olalde	25th	22:08

7th Grade Boys (2 Miles)

Cayden Gonzales	3rd	13:34
Brayden Gordon	8th	14:26
Hayden Gordon	9th	14:30
Christopher Trigo	26th	23:39

VOLLEYBALL

Poth season sweeps Lady Mustangs

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs kicked off the second half of district volleyball at home against the Poth Lady Pirates Tuesday, Oct. 15.

The Lady Mustangs fell to Poth in three sets (10-25, 14-25, 10-25).

Nixon-Smiley head volleyball coach Loraine Yates knew Poth was going to be a competitive team to face this season, she said.

"I just gotta give them credit. They're good all around teams. So we just gotta make a little bit better adjustments to some certain things and see some of their offensive plays a little bit sooner, but just comes with a little bit more experience from some of our younger players," Yates said.

VANDY VAN EPPS

Lady Mustangs Marysol Granados receives a serve by Poth in the district match Tuesday, Oct. 15.

The Lady Mustangs made a little adjustments in the second set making the game a lot close by cutting Poth's lead to five points early in the set.

"Try to make a few changes to some of my back row players, just to see if we could get some more passes up in serve-receive that were more effective to be able to produce some type of attack out of out of our offensive players. So making a couple of those back row adjustments helped," Yates said.

The Lady Mustangs will hit the road against the Luling Lady Eagles Friday, Oct. 15; Luling won the first meet of the season and Yates and team will prepare for round two.

"We just gotta go out there and compete we've already beat them preseason so it's just a matter of us, knowing that we can beat them and then actually going out and execute," Yates said.

The Luling match starts at 5 p.m.

Lady Mustangs fall to fifth-ranked Goliad

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs hosted the fifth-ranked Goliad Lady Tigers in the fifth district match of the season Friday, Oct 11.

The Lady Mustangs fell to Goliad in three sets (7-25, 1-25, 6-25); Nixon-Smiley scored 14 total points in the loss to Goliad.

Nixon-Smiley drops to 0-5 in district play.

The Lady Mustangs kicked off the second half of district against Poth Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Nixon-Smiley will go on the road against the Luling Lady Eagles Friday, Oct. 18.

The Luling game starts at 5 p.m.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS

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The winning team from the Oct. 9 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Ryan Bickham, Steve Lopez, Barton Wynn, Mike VanNorman, Matt Deluna and San Juan Garcia.

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The second-place teams from the Oct. 9 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Gary Schroeder, Spencer Breitschopf, David Hernandez, Grayson Downey and Dalton Downey.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office

10/06/24 – 10/12/24

10/05/24

• Alanis, Yoselyn Corina, Age: 17, Gonzales: Warrantless/ On-View – Disorderly Conduct; Released - Order to appear GMC

• Gonzales, Amanda Diamond, Age: 37, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Driving w/lic Inv w/Prev Conv/Sup/w/o/ Fin Res, Requires - $1,500 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Theft Prop >=$100<$750, Requires - $6,000 Bond

Warrantless/On- View – Disorderly Conduct; Order to appear JP1, Commitment/Sentence – Criminal Mischief Imp/Int Pub Service <$30,000, Remains in Custody

10/07/24

• Austin, Mark Anthony, Age: 36 Refugio: Local Warrant – Assault Fam/House Mem Impede Breath/Circulat, Requires - $75,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Unl Poss Firearm by Felon, Requires - $25,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Evading Arrest Detention, Requires - $1,500 Bond; Local Warrant – Assault Family/Household Member w/Prev Conv, 1 Bond all Counts; Local Warrant – Bail Jumping and Fail to Appear Felony, Requires - $100,000 Bond; Local Warrant – TDCJ Detainer; Local Warrant – Assault Fam/House Mem Impede Breath/Circulat, Requires - $100,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Unl Poss Firearm by Felon, 1 Bond all Counts, Remains in Custody

10/08/24

• Groom, Amber Ray, Age: 40, Uvalde: Local Warrant – Poss CS PG 1/1-B<1G, Requires - $100,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

• Medel, Aiden Luis, Age: 18, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Poss CS PG 2<1G, Requires - $100,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

• Wyatt, Coltin Kincaid, Age: 31 Gonzales: Warrantless/ On- View – Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member, Requires - $5,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

10/09/24

• Mosquera Urdaneta, Jose, Age: 29, Magnolia: Other Agency Hold – Ill Dump Light Lit/Waste <500Lbs or <100CFT, Requires - $100 Bond, Released

10/10/24

• Ramos, Michael Monico, Age: 37, Gonzales: Other Agency Hold – Viol Bond/ Protective Order 2+ times W/I 12 mo PC, Remains in Custody

• Hansen, Natalie Kara, Age: 32, Bastrop: Commitment/Sentence – Burglary of Habitation, Weekender time not Completed, Commitment/Sentence – Burglary of Building, Weekender time not Completed, Released

10/11/24

• Smallwood, Thomas Jerome, Age: 40, Kyle: Commitment/Sentence – Poss Marij, Weekender time Completed, Released

Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processings:

GCSO	15
DPS	07
GPD	05
WPD	00
NPD	00
GISD	00
SMO	00
Constable 1	00
Constable 3	00
Constable 4	00
DWCSO	00
DEA	00
TPW	00
GCAI	00
Rangers	00
Other	00
Total	27

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JUSTICE

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7, 2024. The animal suffered extensive burn injuries, including ones from trying to escape the blaze, before it was found on Nixon Power Plant Road (10th Street) by a concerned citizen.

The dog was taken in by Passion for Paws Memorial Animal Shelter, which then got 4 Little Paws Rescue and their director, Ashley Book, involved in helping care for the pup, which was renamed Phoenix. Thousands of dollars were raised locally to help pay for the dog's medical treatments.

Nixon Police Chief Miguel Cruz Cantu said an extensive investigation yielded information which led to the arrest of Villanueva, who was served with the warrant at the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office, where he was already awaiting a court date after being arrested Feb. 24 on an "on view" charge of assault of a family or house member impeding breath or circulation.

Phoenix was present with Book and Passion for Paws director and Nixon City Council member Patsy Vigil Scherrer for Villanueva's sentencing at the Gonzales County Courthouse.

CONTRIBUTED

Nixon City Council member and Passion for Paws founder Patsy Vigil Scherrer, left, and 4 Little Paws Rescue director Ashley Book took "Phoenix" to the Gonzales County Courthouse on Tuesday, Oct. 15 to see that Michael Villanueva was brought to justice for burning and torturing the dog, who has been recovering from her severe injuries.

SALES TAX

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time last year. Nixon is the only city in the black for the year at this time.

Waelder received a total of $12,314.15, an increase of $2,017.27, or 19.59 percent, above the $10,296.88 received in October 2023. For the year, Waelder has received a total of $109,604.75, down 5.29 percent or $6,127.38 less than the $115,732.13 the city had received through this time last year — a year in which Waelder received an all-time high in sales tax allocations.

Finally, Smiley's sales tax receipts were $2,384.72, up $183.67 or 8.34 percent above the $2,201.05 received in October 2023. For the year, Smiley has received $30,844.28, or 2.49 percent less than the $31,632.78 received through the first 10 months of 2023.

Three cities in Gonzales County — Gonzales, Nixon and Waelder — collect a 1.5 percent sales tax rate, while Smiley collects a 1 percent sales tax, but is considering asking voters to adopt a 1.5 percent sales tax rate.

Gonzales County itself also receives a 0.5 percent sales and use tax and for the month of October 2024, the county received $2189,816.58, or 15.75 percent less than the $225,303.10 received in October 2023. For the year, the county has received $2,494,820.68 or 13.52 percent more than the $2,197,587.13 received through this point last year.

County	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gonzales	0.500%	$189,816.58	$225,303.10	-15.75%	$2,494,820.68	$2,197,587.13	13.52%

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gonzales	Gonzales	1.500%	$277,684.45	$265,229.51	4.69%	$2,613,047.86	$2,663,084.45	-1.87%
Gonzales	Nixon	1.500%	$34,191.96	$30,404.90	12.45%	$336,575.44	$331,826.18	1.43%
Gonzales	Smiley	1.000%	$2,384.72	$2,201.05	8.34%	$30,844.28	$31,632.78	-2.49%
Gonzales	Waelder	1.500%	$12,314.15	$10,296.88	19.59%	$109,604.75	$115,732.13	-5.29%

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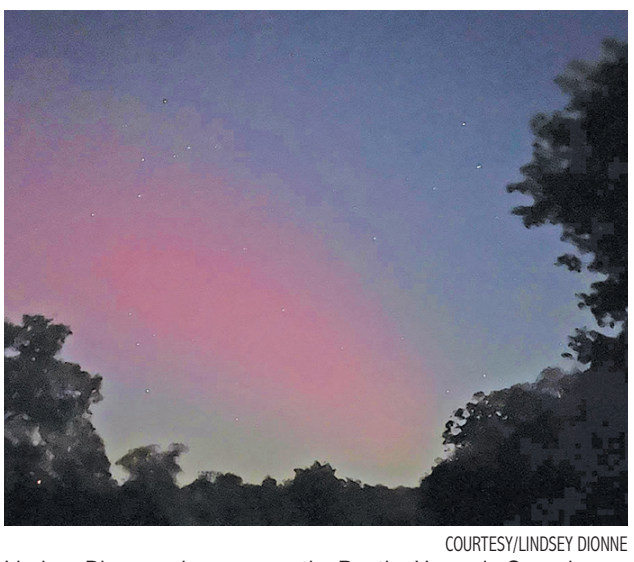

COURTESY/LINDSEY DIONNE

Lindsey Dionne, who co-owns the Boothe House in Gonzales, took a photo of the Aurora Borealis(Northern Lights) when it was visible at Palmetto State Park near Ottine on Thursday, Oct. 10.Atmospheric conditions, including strong solar storms, made viewing the lights, which occur due todisturbances in the Earth's magnetosphere, possible as far south as South Texas.

NEWBURY

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impressive as their grand voices. They also raved about Pierce Arrow's Decades Show, Nashville Roadhouse and acrobats of China….

Motel management turned over the lobby to us for Brooks' mini-concert on our final night.

We crowded chairs into the small lobby to enjoy Randy's songs. This tied a ribbon on our trip. When the songs ended, the motel staff served ice cream and cake to our group!

There were no accidents, reports of sickness or disharmony of any kind. Friendships were strengthened and new ones made. I didn't hear the word "politics" one time. One guy did lose his comb, though. He didn't need it, anyway, but maybe he liked to carry it as a reminder of that long-ago time when he had a good stand of hair….

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, is one of the nation's longest-running syndicated humor columns. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.

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Gonzales Economic Development Corporation

In accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Section 505.160 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, a Type B economic development corporation, is publishing this notice of the intent to undertake the following project: provide economic development assistance to Adams Extract & Spice, LLC, a Texas limited liability company in an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand and No/100 Dollars ($200,000.00) for retention and expansion to their property at 3217 Johnson Road Gonzales, Texas.

050 GARAGE SALES

MOVING SALE, SATURDAY, October 19, 8am-2pm, 7111 Hwy. 90A W, Gonzales. 2005 John Deer tractor w/implements, 16 ft. utility trailer w/ramps, 2019 Big Bend 24 ft. stock/horse trailer, w/tack room, various tools, stock panels, lightweight, Carousel Pony, various items.

JOHNSON ESTATE SALE, 3779 Mule Creek Road, Harwood, Texas. Oct. 18, 19, 20, 8:00 - 5:00. Cash only! Rain or Shine.

YARD SALE: FRIDAY, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th from 8:00 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. 128 Reid St. in Gonzales. Clothes, shoes, a little bit of everything.

GARAGE SALE: FRIDAY, October 18th and Saturday, October 19th from 8:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. 41 Park Place Dr., in Gonzales. Small furniture, clothes, toys & misc.

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GONZALES COUNTY PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING NOTICE

Gonzales County and the Cities of Gonzales, Nixon, Waelder, and Smiley seek community-wide feedback as they review and update the 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Public input will help the local planning team to identify and analyze potential hazards affecting residents and properties, recommend possible actions to reduce their impact throughout the Gonzales County planning area.

A Community Open House will be held on Tuesday, October 29, from 6 pm – 7:30 pm at the Gonzales County Courthouse, located at 414 N St Joseph St, Gonzales, TX 78629. An online survey is available to the public by using the QR code below.

The planners from Langford Community Management Services will be present along with County leaders and leaders from the Cities of Gonzales, Nixon, Waelder, and Smiley.

Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires communities to develop a mitigation plan to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards. Communities with a FEMA-approved plan are eligible for specific grant funding under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program and your feedback will help ensure that a plan is developed that will best prepare the area and its residents for future hazards.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION – TRC 109

THE STATE OF TEXAS: Cause No. 28,790

Pat Mosher	§	**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**
PLAINTIFF	§	
	§	
V.	§	**25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
Kenneth Vester Mosher, III	§	
DEFENDANT	§	
	§	**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 TRACT 1 is $163,500.00, TRACT 2 is $40,130.00, TRACT 3 is $15,990.00, 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

Christie Ortman Fullilove
403 St. George
Gonzales, Texas 78629
830-672-9535

DISTRICT COURT OF GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

Clerk of the Court:
Janice Sutton
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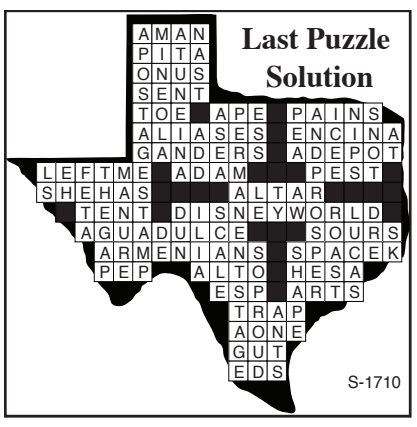
Gonzales County, Texas

By K. Alarcon Deputy

October 10 Puzzle Answers



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EMERGENCY ORDER
GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, as amended, a state of disaster has been declared based on the imminent threat of disaster from wildfire; and

WHEREAS, declaration of such disaster authorized the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires;

BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Gonzales County, Texas, for the duration of the above mentioned declaration;

1. Actions prohibited: A person violates this order if he/she burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames or sparks or orders such burning by others.
2. Enforcement:
   (a) Upon notification of suspected outdoor burning, the fire department assigned to the location of the fire shall respond to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire;
   (b) As soon as possible, a duly commissioned peace officer shall be sent to the scene to to investigate the nature of the fire;
3. Violation of this order: At the discretion of a peace officer and the Fire Chief or Fire Incident Commander, it shall be determined if a violation of this order has occurred. A citation may be issued and the cited party may be prosecuted in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing misdemeanors. (In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081(h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed $500.00)

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that the non-commercial preparation of food and the burning of prickly pear for livestock feed are exempt from this order.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that the order does not prohibit prescribed fires conducted in compliance with guidelines set forth by federal or state natural resource agencies and burned under a burn plan approved by such agencies. Prior to a burn, a plan shall be filed in the County Judge's office and notice given to the local Volunteer Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office.

BE IT ALSO ORDERED that this order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer and that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above statue and order.

THIS ORDER shall remain in effect for 90 days or until such drought conditions no longer exist and this order is hereby lifted by authority of the County Judge.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that this state of disaster is hereby declared this 15th day of October, 2024, with said burn ban to go into effect, Friday, October 18th, 2024 at 12:00 a.m.

ABSENT
Patrick C. Davis
County Judge

Kenneth O. "Dell" Whiddon
Commissioner Precinct #1

Kevin T. La Fleur
Commissioner Precinct #3

Donnie R. Brzozowski
Commissioner Precinct #2

Collie Boatright, Jr.
Commissioner Precinct #4

Attest: Deputy Clerk
Lona Ackman, County Clerk

Public Service Annoucement: Fair Housing, It's the Law

To promote fair housing practices, The City of Smiley encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the Texas Workforce Commission at (888) 452-4778 or (512) 463-2642 TTY: 512-371-7473.

Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability

The City of Smiley does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. The Mayor has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8).

Citizen Participation & Grievance Procedures Notice

The City of Smiley has adopted complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Texas Community Development Block Grant Programs (TxCDBG). Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at 207 Steele Street Smiley, TX, 78159-0189 during regular business hours. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling the Mayor, Civil Rights Officer at (830) 587-6220. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if s/he wishes to file a complaint or grievance about TxCDBG activities. A person who has a complaint or grievance about any services or activities with respect to the TxCDBG project, may during regular business hours submit such complaint or grievance, in writing to the Mayor, at P.O. Box 189, Smiley, TX 78159-0189 or may call (830) 587-6220. The City of Smiley will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within fifteen (15) working days where practicable.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

The City of Smiley does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

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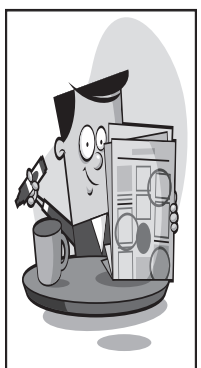
La Ciudad de City of Smiley no discrimina por motivos de discapacidad en la admisión, el acceso o el empleo en sus programas o actividades con asistencia federal. Mayor ha sido designado para coordinar el cumplimiento de los requisitos de no discriminación contenidos en los reglamentos del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) que implementan la Sección 504 (24 CFR Parte 8).

Participación Ciudadana y Procedimientos de Quejas Aviso

La Ciudad de City of Smiley ha adoptado procedimientos de quejas y reclamos relacionados con sus programas de Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). Los ciudadanos pueden obtener una copia de estos procedimientos escritos en 207 Steele Street, City of Smiley, TX, 78159-0189 durante el horario comercial habitual. Los ciudadanos también pueden solicitar que se les envían los procedimientos por correo llamando al Mayor, Oficial de Derechos Civiles, en (830) 587-6220. Estos procedimientos describen los pasos que debe seguir un ciudadano si desea presentar una queja o reclamo sobre las actividades de TxCDBG. Una persona que tenga una queja o reclamo sobre cualquier servicio o actividad relacionada con un proyecto del programa TxCDBG, puede presentar dicha queja o reclamo durante el horario comercial habitual, o por escrito a Mayor, a P.O. Box 189, City of Smiley, TX 78159-0189 o puede llamar a (830) 587-6220. La Ciudad de City of Smiley hará todo lo posible para responder con plenitud a las quejas dentro de los quince (15) días hábiles cuando sea posible.

Declaración de Igualdad de Oportunidades de Empleo

La Ciudad de City of Smiley no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, identidad de género u origen nacional.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Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about various offerings available at college and universities across Texas without having to travel to their physical locations. Representatives from more than 25 institutions will answer questions and share information on admissions, financial aid, campus life, areas of study, and extracurricular activities.

The event is free and open to the public, and several high schools will bus their students to the event.

Representatives from the following institutions are scheduled to be in attendance:

- Grand Canyon University
- Lincoln Tech
- Prairie View A&M University
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Tips for voting at the polls in person during the 2024 general election

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What form of ID do I need to bring?

You'll need one of seven types of valid photo ID to vote in Texas:

- A state driver's license (issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety)
- A Texas election identification certificate (issued by DPS)
- A Texas personal identification card (issued by DPS)
- A Texas license to carry a handgun (issued by DPS)
- A U.S. military ID card with a personal photo
- A U.S. citizenship certificate with a personal photo
- A U.S. passport

Despite a recent state policy change blocking transgender Texans from updating the sex listed on their ID, a poll worker is not required to check to see if the sex on a voter's registration matches their state ID or driver's license, according to election officials. The name of the voter on the registration and their photo ID, however, must be "substantially similar." So it's important voters make sure the names match, KERA News reported.

What if I don't have a valid photo ID?

Voters can still cast votes if they sign a form swearing that they have a "reasonable impediment" from obtaining a proper photo ID. However, those voters will also have to present one of the following types of supporting identification documents:

- A valid voter registration certificate
- A certified birth certificate
- A document confirming birth admissible in a court of law that establishes your identity (which may include a foreign birth document)
- A copy of or an original current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other document that shows the voter's name and address (Any government document that contains a voter's photo must be an original.)

If you have a valid photo ID but forgot it, you can cast a provisional ballot. You will have to visit the local voter registrar's office within six days of the election to present an acceptable ID or documentation in order for the ballot to be counted. A registered voter without a valid photo ID or any of the supporting documents can also cast a provisional ballot.

ARE THERE RULES AT THE POLLS?

Cellphones, cameras, computers and other devices that can record sound or images cannot be used within 100 feet of voting stations (where ballots are marked). There are usually traffic cones or signs indicating this. Campaigning, including wearing clothing or other items that publicize candidates, political parties or measures on the ballot, is also banned beyond this point.

Voters are allowed to use written notes to cast their ballot at the discretion of election officers, who may determine if the material counts as campaigning.

Firearms, including handguns, are also prohibited at polling places, according to Texas law.

What are my rights as a voter?

If a registered voter's name does not appear on the list of registered voters because of an administrative issue, they have the right to cast a provisional ballot. Voters are entitled to get written instructions about how to cast a ballot or to ask a polling place officer or worker (but not about who or what to vote for). If a voter makes a mistake while marking their ballot, they have a right to use up to two additional ballots to make corrections. Voters generally have the right to cast their ballots in secret and should not be subject to intimidation.

Voters with disabilities or limited English proficiency can also get interpretation, assistance or accommodations to vote. A state law passed in 2023 also allows voters with disabilities or mobility problems to skip the line at their polling location and requires each polling location to have a designated parking spot for curbside voting. Read more in our guide for voters with disabilities.

Texas law says voters have the right to vote during work hours without being penalized or losing pay, but this may not apply if a worker has two hours before or after work to go vote.

On Election Day, voters have the right to cast their ballot as long as they're in line by 7 p.m. At the polls, voters can talk to election officers or poll workers if they run into issues.

The secretary of state's office has a helpline at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683) that voters and election officials can use to reach state attorneys to assist them with questions.

A coalition of voting rights groups runs voter protection hotlines in several languages. Disability Rights Texas also offers a helpline for people with disabilities.

What if I was planning to vote in person, but I got sick or injured?

If you get injured or sick, such as with COVID-19 or are exhibiting symptoms, consider requesting an emergency early voting ballot or using curbside voting.

Emergency ballot: These ballots can be requested if you become sick or disabled close to an election and are unable to go to a polling place on Election Day. To qualify, you must designate a representative to submit an application in person on your behalf and have a certified doctor's note. The application must be received by your county's early voting clerk before 5 p.m. on Election Day.

Your ballot must be returned to the same designated representative before 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Contact your county elections office for more details about receiving an emergency early-voting ballot due to sickness or disability.

Curbside voting: You can also contact your county elections office to determine if you're eligible for curbside voting, which must be made available at every polling place for voters with disabilities that are unable to enter a polling location.

EARLY VOTING

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election fails, the district must quickly convene a school board meeting to adopt a tax rate that aligns with the voter-approval tax rate and amend the budget accordingly.

STATE RACES (REGIONAL)

The House District 44 State Representative race will feature Republican Alan Schoolcraft against Democrat Eric Norman. Schoolcraft unseated incumbent Rep. John Kuempel in a hotly contested runoff earlier this year.

The 13th Court of Appeals, which oversees cases in Gonzales County, has four races on the ballot. For Chief Justice, Republican Jaime Tijerina will face off against Democrat Gina Benavides to succeed incumbent Dori Contreras. Tijerina is currently the Place 4 Justice while Benavides is the Place 5 Justice. As such, both of their seats are up for grabs this year.

In Place 4, Republican Ysmael D. Fonseca will face off against Democrat Joe Martinez, while in Place 5, Republican Jon West will battle Democrat Regi Compian Richardson. In Place 2, Republican Jenny Cron is challenging incumbent Democrat Nora Longoria.

Finally, on the State Board of Education, incumbent Democrat Marisa B. Perez-Diaz is running unopposed for her District 3 seat.

STATEWIDE RACES

One statewide race with multiple candidates is for Railroad Commissioner. Incumbent Republican Christi Craddick will square off against Democrat Katherine Culbert, Libertarian Hawk Dunlap and Green candidate Eddie Espinoza.

Place 2 Supreme Court Justice incumbent Republican Jimmy Blacklock will be challenged by Democrat DeSean Jones. In Place 4, incumbent Supreme Court justice and Republican John Devine will be challenged by Christine Vinh Weems. In Place 5, incumbent Supreme Court justice and Republican Jane Bland faces off against Democrat Bonnie Lee Goldstein.

There will be three new judges on the Court of Criminal Appeals this year, including Chief Justice, where David J. Schenck, the Republican, faces off against Democrat Holly Taylor. Place 7 on the Court sees Republican Gina Parker facing off against Democrat Nancy Mulder. Place 8 has Republican Lee Finley against Democrat Chika Anyiam. All three incumbents were unseated in the GOP Primary.

FEDERAL RACES

The top federal race has to be for President and Vice President. On the Texas ballot, Republican Donald J. Trump (and J.D. Vance) will face Democrat Kamala Harrris (and Tim Walz). Also in the field are Libertarian Chase Oliver (and Mike ter Maat) and Green candidate Jill Stein (and Rudolph Ware).

The U.S. Senate race has incumbent Republican Sen. Ted Cruz being challenged by Democrat Colin Allred and Libertarian Ted Brown.

Finally, the U.S. House District 27 race has incumbent Rep. Michael Cloud, a Republican, facing off against challenger Tanya Lloyd, a Democrat.

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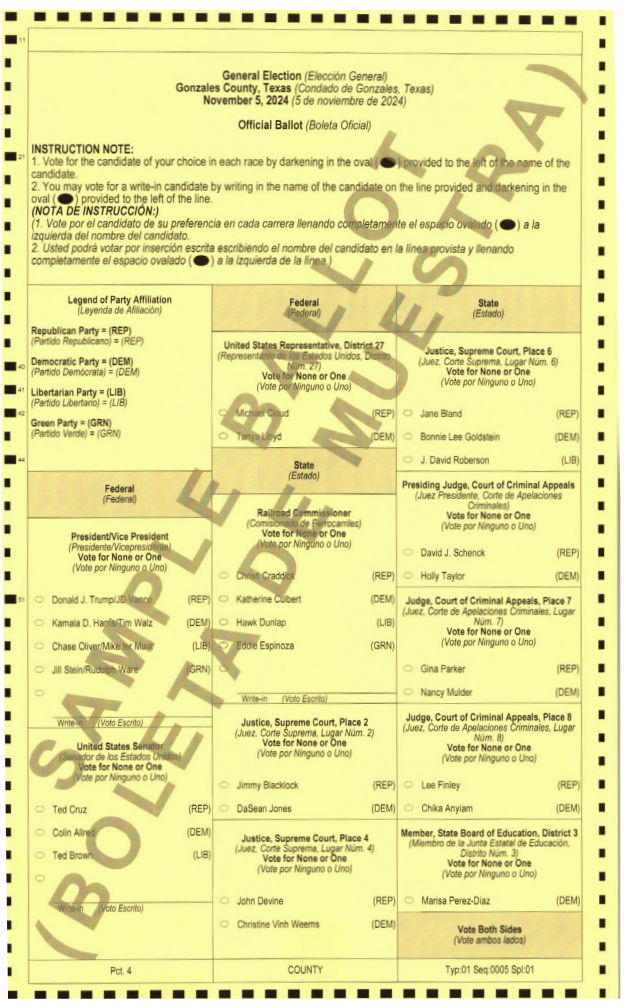

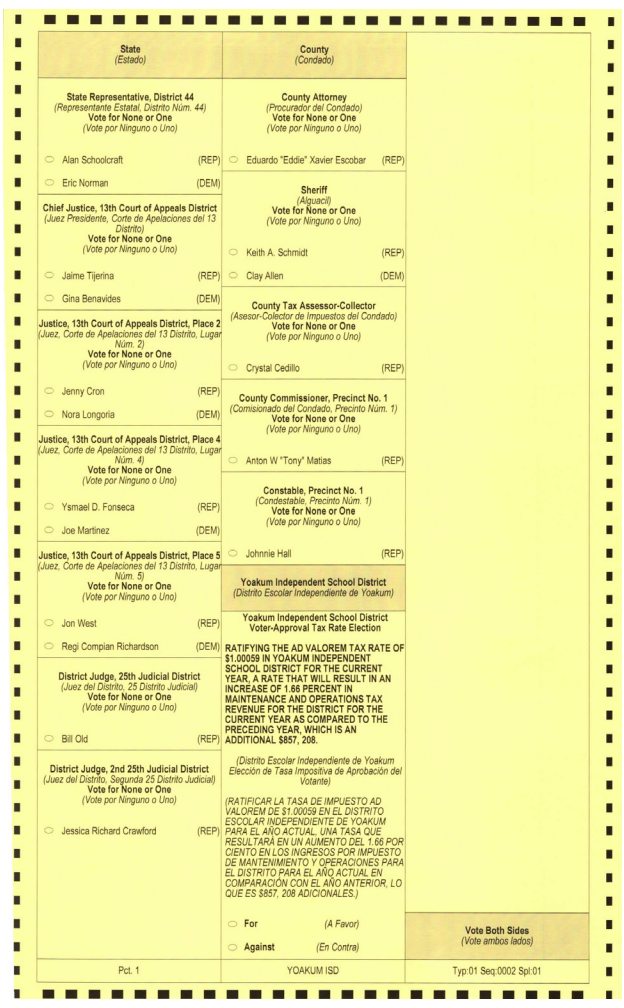

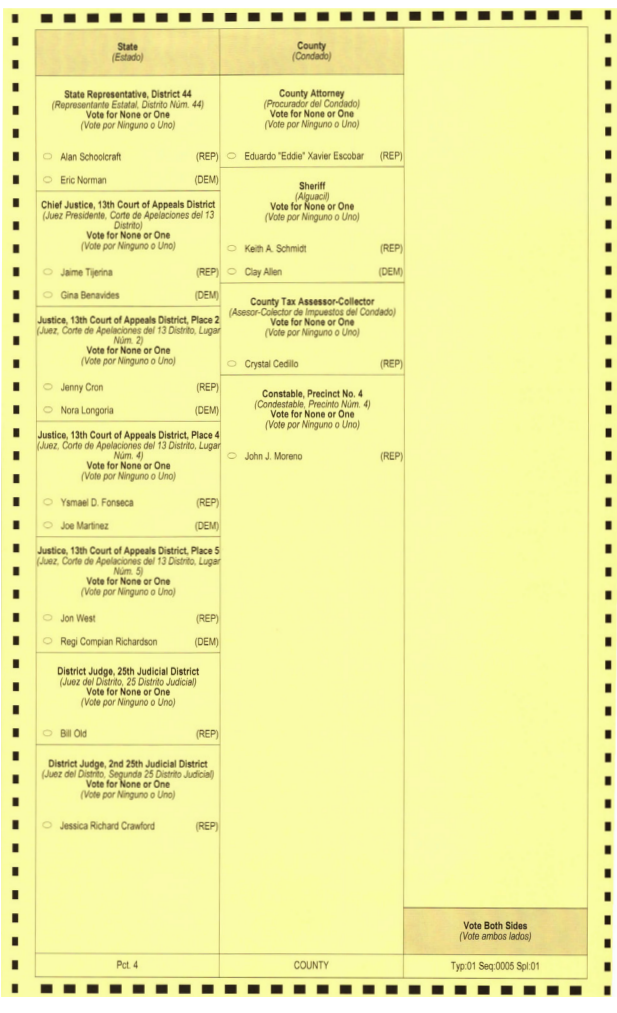

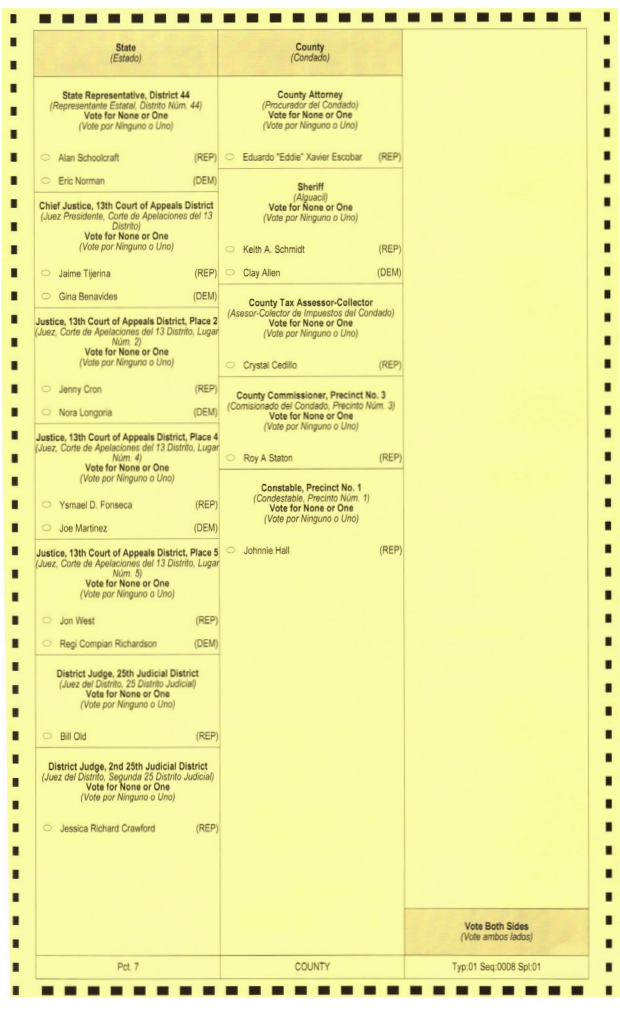

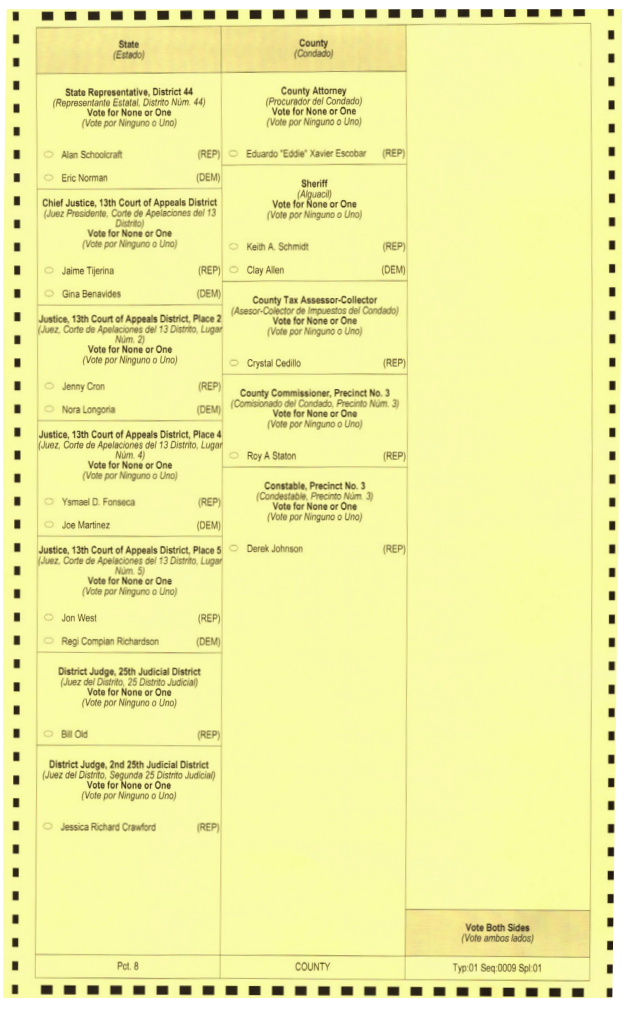

The Sands of Time

ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

So, how are we doing today? I hope everything is going really well for you, regardless of which stage of life you find yourself in. It seems that each stage we go through comes with its own set of highs and lows, positives and negatives, rewards and challenges. It's how we handle, view, and respond to each that sets us apart from others, and ultimately determines the course of our earthly existence. As we've been reminded many times by the theme of a very popular soap opera , "Like sands through the hourglass, so are the days of our lives." It's just too bad that we don't get to flip the hourglass over again, so that all of our acquired knowledge and wisdom can actually be used with greater effectiveness, now that we've finally graduated the learning curve. Fortunately, we have the opportunity to share it with those who are to follow, hoping they'll learn at least something from our mistakes and won't have to make the same ones themselves. I know that in the majority of cases this is just wishful thinking, but a few along the way may actually get it, and that's the best we can hope for.

Recently while browsing the internet, I ran across an interesting video on YouTube that got me to thinking. The channel was named Golden Years, and the video was entitled "Things they don't tell you about living alone as an older person", in case you care to watch it for yourself. Out of curiosity, I wanted to see how many things I could personally identify with, and share my experience and thoughts on the subject. This will probably end up being a short series on this topic, as limited space won't allow full coverage of it.

After we're born, we are constantly learning how to navigate, survive, and thrive each stage of life in real time as it unfolds. Hopefully we'll learn from those who've gone before us, but mostly we learn through experimentation and taking notes as we go. In real life, the shortest route between point A & B is seldom a straight line. Like any good graph, the line is quite jagged, having many peaks and valleys along the way, and navigating senior citizendom is definitely no different. For most people it seems that this particular stage of life catches us completely off guard. One minute we're a young whipper snapper, then we slowly transform into a mature adult, them BLAM!... we're Old! Seeing as halloween is just around the corner, I'm still trying to figure out whether my bathroom is actually haunted, or it's just my reflection in the mirror. Either way the screams and squeals are freaking out my new kitten...

As for many of us (like myself), the kids have grown up and are off living their best lives (hopefully), and whether through divorce or death of our spouse, we find ourselves in unfamiliar territory wondering how to cope. Yep, just when you think you've figured a few things out, life throws you a whole new learning curve. In the six plus years since my wife and best friend Eloise passed away, my emotional status and mental perspective has gone through many mutations over time, none of which I had previously imagined. The video I mentioned reinforced many things I've noticed, while bringing a few new things to mind as well. The first article I wrote was entitled "The New Norm", and I'm just now starting to really figure out what that actually is, and as always, it may change again. Even the fourth quarter of life is a learning process and takes time and practice to master. Next week I'll get into some of the things the video mentioned and how I've been able to adapt and cope, so stay tuned, and have a great week.

Love you guys, Eric.

'Arsenic and Old Lace' coming to Gaslight

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Be sure to get your tickets for "Arsenic and Old Lace," the fall production at the Shiner Gaslight Dinner Theatre! This farcical comedy, directed by Veronica Johnson, revolves around Mortimer Brewster, a writer, who discovers that his beloved spinster aunts, Abby and Martha, are serial murderers who have been poisoning lonely old men for years!

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday performances are Nov. 8-10, 15-17 and 22-24. A Wednesday performance is Nov. 13. All are in the evening except for Sunday matinees. A meal is served before the play.

Please call 361-594-2079 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays to reserve. All tickets must be reserved. For more information log onto www.shinergaslight.org.

Saturn Homecoming 2024 held

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On Sunday, Oct. 13, the 68th Saturn Homecoming was held. Forty-two people met at the Saturn Community Building and enjoyed fellowship, food, and the live auction. Thank you to all the donors and buyers that supported the live auction. Loved ones were recognized since the last gathering in 2023.

In addition the following were recognized:

- Longest married couple - Norm & Cathy Wismer
- Most recently married couple: Tyler & Alexis Carter
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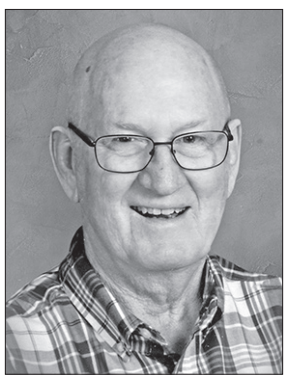
Charles Roy Pankey



Charles Roy Pankey, Jr., 82, of Gonzales, passed away on October 5, 2024, in San Antonio, Texas, surrounded by his family. He was born on September 11, 1942, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Loretta Marie Rowe and Charles Roy Pankey, Sr.

Charles grew up in the St. Louis area. He enjoyed running cross-country in high school, and he stayed in touch with many of his high school friends back in St. Louis over the years. After Charles graduated high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he served a 20-year career as an entomology technician, rising to the rank of Master Sergeant. He came from a big family, and after his parents passed away, he became the patriarch of the family.

He was first stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX. Next, he was stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, TX, where he met the love of his life, Christe Maydell Weathersby. They married on December 18, 1962. Bergstrom was also where their daughter Bonnie Lynn was born at the base hospital. Charles got to experience traveling with his family while serving in the Air Force, and Japan was next on the map: Wakkanai Air Station in Wakkanai, Hokkaido Island, Japan. Their son John Charles was born at Misawa AFB on Honshu Island.

The Pankeys made their way back to the U.S. for a brief time to Chanute, Illinois, but Charles was assigned to Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand. His family lived in Gonzales to wait for his return. When Charles got back to the United States, he was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio again. From there, he and his family went to Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, TX. For the final part of his Air Force career, the family served at Plattsburgh Air Force Base in Plattsburgh, NY. Charles retired from the Air Force in Plattsburgh with 20 years and 17 days of service to our nation. He thought it was interesting that, with the exception of Lackland AFB, he was always on the team that stayed to perform the duties to close an Air Force base permanently and officially.

Charles Roy Pankey, Jr., dutifully earned and was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, NCO Academy Graduate Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Recognition, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

After his retirement, Charles decided to move to Gonzales with his family. For the remainder of his career, he worked for the Sweet Sue plant in Gonzales where they canned chicken, at Bergstrom AFB in Austin as a civilian before it was turned into an airport, at Kent Foods in Gonzales, and finally for the City of Gonzales for over 10 years. In addition to other duties, he served as the maintenance manager for the city parks and as the swimming pool manager. Charles was a member of the First Methodist Church in Gonzales, and he loved church dinners every fifth Sunday with his family and the congregation. He was not shy to be first in line to grab a plate, and he was also known to select his dessert first because "you never know." He enjoyed a good game of dominoes, and he often played with his friends at the Independence Park golf course clubhouse. Charles was also a sports fan, particularly softball and golf. He even coached. He taught the children in Japan how to play softball, and although they never won a game, they surely had good parties afterwards. As we look back on his life, we can agree that his time on earth was full of adventure, faith, and love. His love for God was abundant, and he is now resting with his Lord and Savior, free of pain.

He is survived by his wife of 61+ years Christe Maydell Pankey, his daughter Bonnie Lynn Shumate (Richard), his son John Charles Pankey (Rachelle Hallmark), his grandchildren Amanda Marie Moon, Robyn Denise Garza (Rolando), Josiah Daniel Pankey, and Keren Eve Pankey, his great-grandchild Benjamin Charles Garza, his sister Mary Sue Cawood (Ted), his brothers Dennis Pankey (Debbie), Bruce Pankey, and James Pankey. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Loretta Marie Rowe Pankey and Charles Roy Pankey, Sr.

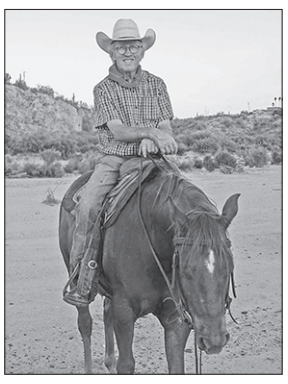
A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 2:00 pm at First Methodist Church in Gonzales with Dr. Matt Pennington officiating and Christina Menking as the organist. Please join the family afterwards at the fellowship hall for refreshments.

Honorary pallbearers will include William and Carolyn McGuire, Ronnie and Christina Menking, Margaret Plunkett, Roger and Dot Eberle, and Robert Remschel.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the First Methodist Church of Gonzales. 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 of Gonzales, TX.

Marion Goodall Wootton Jr



Marion Goodall Wootton Jr. or better known as Butch was a Cowboy of many hats. He was a cherished friend, avid team roper, respected horseman, innovative businessman, beloved father and son but most of all a cowboy.

God came down and visited Butch the morning of September 27th, 2024 and said "The Cows are out! We've got work to do" so he saddled up his horse and rode on!

Butch was born in Gonzales, Texas on May 16th, 1957. He graduated from Gonzales High School in 1977 and later would go on to be involved in the community by being a business owner. When Butch was 19 years old he was the youngest hired hand at The King Ranch. Butch lived a life to remember as a True American Cowboy. His passions were deeply imbedded in the western way of life but most importantly to him he loved spending time with his family. He will be dearly missed by friends and family and so many other individuals in the team roping community.

The family will be hosting a celebration of life for Butch in the near future and will publicly share the details when it is time.

Proceeded in Death by:

Father, Marion Goodall Wootton Sr. Grandparents Goodall Wootton, Ida Wootton, Alice Pirkle and Stephen O. Pirkle.

Survived By:

Mother, Betty Pirkle Wootton

Children, Samantha Wootton, Harleigh Bonner, Courtney Wootton Dean and Cory Wootton.

Sisters, Betty Jane Wehlmann husband Steven, Allyson Jean Cole husband Michael and Carolyn Jo Smith.

TxDOT asks drivers to be cautious, alert for pedestrians

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

While fall and winter give Texans a much-needed reprieve from the summer heat, the change in seasons also brings fewer daylight hours, making it harder for drivers to see pedestrians and keep them safe.

October was the deadliest month for pedestrians last year, with 80 pedestrians dying in Texas traffic crashes. It was also the month that Lisa Torry Smith was killed in a crash in 2017 as she was walking her 6-year-old son to kindergarten in Missouri City. A motorist drove through a crosswalk, hitting Lisa and leaving her son with a broken leg and fractured pelvis—and without a mother.

A new law in her honor now requires drivers to stop and yield the right of way to pedestrians in crosswalks. Lisa's sister, Gina Torry, is now advocating for pedestrian safety.

Sadly, Lisa's story is just one of many. Over the last five years, pedestrian traffic fatalities in Texas increased 22%, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is reminding everyone to be extra cautious and alert.

"As the fall and winter months usher in shorter days and less light, pedestrians are at increased risk on our roads," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "Drivers may struggle to see pedestrians in lower-light conditions and must stay alert to avoid preventable collisions. Likewise, pedestrians can take extra precautions to be seen by drivers when walking after dark."

TxDOT is taking to the streets with its "Be Safe. Drive Smart" campaign during October's National Pedestrian Safety Month, reminding drivers to slow down and watch for people walking.

TxDOT's educational campaign includes TV and radio spots, billboards and digital advertising. TxDOT will also bring 34 street teams — walking billboards wearing safety messages — to areas that saw the greatest number of pedestrian fatalities last year. The street teams will be deployed in places where motorists and pedestrians share the road.

TxDOT encourages everyone to follow the safety tips below to prevent a deadly crash.

For drivers:

- Stop and yield for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- When turning, yield the right of way to pedestrians.
- Put your phone away before you begin driving and pay attention so you're prepared if pedestrians enter your path.
- Be cautious when passing stopped buses or other vehicles that can block your view of pedestrians.
- Follow the posted speed limit and drive to conditions.

For people walking:

- Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks. Look left, right, then left again before crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing. Don't assume traffic will stop for you.
- Follow all traffic and crosswalk signals.
- When walking, put away electronic devices that take your attention off the road.
- Stay visible. Wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

"Be Safe. Drive Smart" is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

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Golf tourney raises funds in memory of Chenault, McGinty

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

This year's Come & Take It Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by the Community Foundation of the Gonzales Area (CFGA) and the Gonzales High School Class of 1964 was quite a success on many levels.

During a short yet solemn opening ceremony, the JROTC from Gonzales High School posted the colors, Gonzales alumnus Angela Witzkoske sang the National Anthem, Gonzales HS student Noe Llamas played Taps, and Bill Storey offered the prayer before the JROTC retired the colors. Glenn Preuss, another GHS grad, was photographer for the event.

Noe Llamas

Approximately 25 two-man teams participated in the tournament. All players were offered breakfast sausage wraps and free drinks were delivered during the game. While the golfers waited on the naming of the winners, they were treated to a BBQ lunch, an auction in memory of Bobby Scheske, and a raffle of various items.

Tournament winning teams were the following: First Place-Butch Jackson and Bryan Jackson; Second Place-Richard Orsak and Justin Orsak; Third Place-Don Watts and James Shows; and Fourth Place-Tim Cooper and Allen Gillam. Other winners were Justin Orsak for the longest drive, and Shane Gair for Closest to the Pin.

The CFGA greatly appreciates the sponsors, the donors, the players, the Gonzales Inquirer, and the Shiner Gazette, who support this worthy effort. The CFGA members work year-round to be able to financially assist area students in reaching their academic or vocational goals.

The Come & Take It Memorial Golf Tournament may be over, but there's always time to make a difference in students' lives. The real winners will be the students in Waelder, Shiner, Moulton, Nixon, and Gonzales who become recipients of the Tommy Chenault and Kenny McGinty Scholarships. Anyone wishing to donate may send a check made out to CFGA to PO Box 1536, Gonzales, TX 78629.

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From Left to right: Seaman Brayden Ramirez, Petty Officer Michael Brummee, Seaman Brida Tovar, and Seaman Makayla Gonzales.

DIAMOND GYMNASTICS SCORES AT MEET

COURTESY PHOTOS

Pictured are Kinzley Valdez, Sofia Juarez, Peyton Ontiveros, Harper Patterson, Bentlie Barnett and Avery Molina.

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Pictured are Grace Pennington, Harper Fullilove and Kimber Fehner.

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ACROSS

1 Mustang Island, e.g.
5 TXism: "she's ____ ringed" (engaged)
6 TXism: "suits __ __ a fare-thee-well"
7 San Antonio private college (abbr.)
8 TXism: "___ rat" (toddler)
9 Sinatra of 1963 film "4 for Texas"
14 TXism: "sitting in high cotton"
15 TX J. King Fisher is buried in Uvalde's _____ Cemetery
17 TX Clint Black's "_ _____ Man"
19 Coleman paper: Chronicle & Democrat-____
22 SMU's James Cronin won 1980 Nobel Prize in this
27 TXism: "feeling his ____" (frisky)
28 actor Jack of "JFK"
29 historic B&B in New Braunfels: "_____ Mansion Inn"
30 "Baby Boomers" are _____ babies of WWII
32 Dallas actress Darnell (init.)
33 "___ _____ Blancas" (The White Islands)
36 TXism: "skinny as a ____"
37 Texas-based "Steak and ___" eateries
38 square dance move
39 TX Audie Murphy film: "Ride _ _____ Trail"
41 Yoko ___
42 once housed at Carswell AFB: B-52 _____fortress
45 oil-producing org.
46 ex-Ranger pitcher Robb
47 TXism: "wouldn't ____ a flea" (tame dog)
48 once an FM in Taylor, TX
49 WWII atomic bomb plane (2 wds.)
52 conjecture
53 state buildings: ___-smoking
54 two singers
55 Texas-sized phone company

DOWN

1 TX Perot was a salesman for ___
2 TXism: "take a look ___"
3 taco veggie
4 TXism: "got _____ __ ___ ___ Bill of Rights" (rich)
8 barbecue favorite: beef short ____
9 TXism: "_____ _____ ___ of the box"
10 Texas singer, Orbison (init.)
11 TXism: "got __ itchy trigger finger"
12 TXism: "_____ ____ _ gift horse in the mouth"
13 Mesquite FM radio
14 TX George Jones' "The ____ __ __"
15 dogs or cats
16 top edge of Palo Duro Canyon
18 where some Texans ski in New Mexico
20 amass sports cards
21 TXism: "fizzled out"
22 former U.S. Senator, Gramm (init.)
23 Astro or Ranger "four bagger" (abbr.)
24 Brynner of "The Magnificent Seven"
25 TX Gene Tierney 1951 film: "The Mating _____"
26 TXism: "plumb loco"
28 lion's "casa"
31 home of Baylor University
34 winning general at San Jacinto (init.)
35 Rio Grande's first name: Rio de ___ Palmas
37 what frat guys tap at a party (2 wds.)
40 Grand Ole ____
43 TXism: "top ____ on the ladder" (best)
44 TXism: "scarce as grass _____ _ hog trough"
50 TXism: "likely __ ___" (probable)
51 this TX Gale was "My Little Margie" (init.)

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

ANNEX

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Rather Annex after pieces of exterior from upper floors previously had crumbled and fallen off, creating a potential hazard for those trying to go into and out of the building.

Bownds spent the day on Sept. 17 and Sept. 18 in a lift with county maintenance employee Brian Kloesel, making observations of the masonry and found limestone accent elements in varying stages of deterioration and both limestone and brick support elements showing bearing cracking.

Bownds met Tuesday morning online with commissioners as well as representatives from Cangelosi during the regular commissioners court meeting to present his findings and recommendations.

In his report to commissioners, Bownds said that while ground observations of the other three faces of the building (east, north and west) do not appear to show signs of limestone distress, the limestone elements on the south side are at a point that needs to be addressed "to limit further deterioration and risk of falling pieces."

"It is CDC's opinion that the south possess an immediate overhead risk from falling limestone pieces being 'shed' from the base element due to deterioration/delamination and overhead protection should be in place," Bownds said, referring to placing of scaffolding around the south side of the building.

Bownds said the limestone elements of the building appear to extend as far as a foot to 15 inches back into the brick masonry mass wall, which would make it cost-prohibitive and difficult to remove and replace those features.

Instead, he recommends cutting back on the projecting sections of limestone and using an epoxy injection to fill any remaining cracks and putting on a new limestone profile to the front where necessary.

"What we're proposing for Cangelosi to do is to come back in and try to shave back some of these elements to see at what point the cracking stops," Bownds said while pointing to the limestone bases under the second-floor granite half columns. "Hopefully, the cracking will stop somewhere inside this bearing area, because there's a lot of force coming down on these and the delamination appears to be happening out at the fragile edges."

Bownds said the second and third floor window sills are showing signs of deterioration along with the pilaster base shapes. However, the window headers on the second and third floors both appear to be in good shape with minor deterioriation.

One area in need of serious attention are the limestone handrails and balustrades on the second and third floors, directly above the main entrance. In fact, it was a piece of the second-floor handrail that came off and fell, prompting the building survey, Bownds said.

Bownds suggested removing the handrails and balustrades as they are heavily deteriorated, adding they are in no way incorporated into the façade.

He also noted excessive delamination at the base accent band of the penthouse region and signs of cracking in the penthouse capitols and cap stones. The ground floor center arch has a bearing crack that is starting to develop and needs to be addressed. Also, on the second floor balcony, a bearing crack has formed on the west side of the brick pilaster supporting the steel beam which supports the third floor balcony. This will need to be epoxy pinned to prevent further cracking and failures.

In all, Bownds presented seven steps he saw as necessary for façade renovation:

- Exfoliate all loose stone.
- Remove/shave areas of excessive cracking flush with the face of brick. Observe for cracking in the limestone back beyond the brick line of the wall.
- Epoxy cracks extending beyond face of brick line as best as possible.
- Dowel pin NEW limestone face into existing shaved profile if acceptable to commissioners.
- Alternate – Shave full elevation back to face of brick where possible to match previous shaved work or shave back to an acceptable profile similar to previous remediation work.
- Window sills are independent of load bearing wall and can be fully replaced. Windows will have to be removed. Window head has a lintel angle above window with will carry weight of brick above windows. Window joint sealant to limestone has reached the end of its life and failed in numerous locations.
- Balustrades can be removed and not replaced since glass handrail is present.

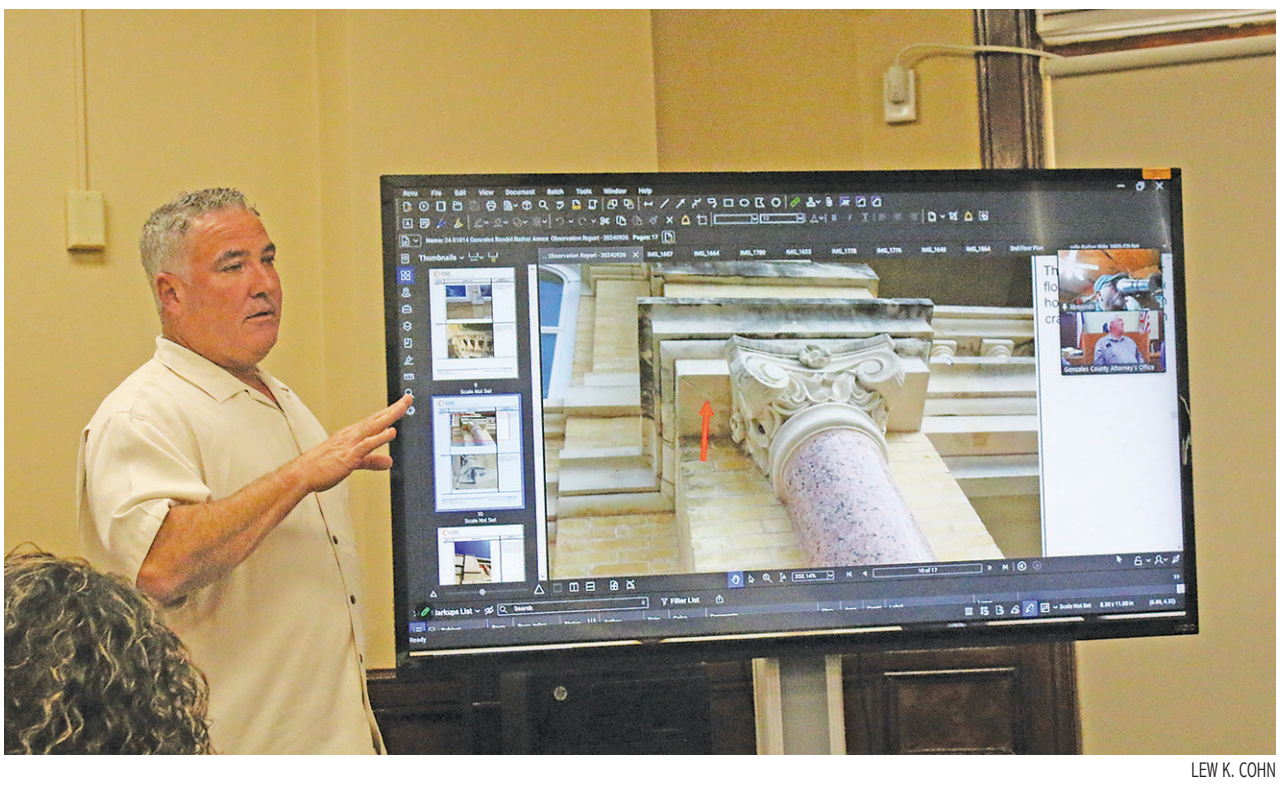
Chris Cangelosi of Cangelosi Stone Fabrication told commissioners work to repair the items Bownds found could take as long as six months and he recommended getting the scaffolding up as soon as possible, even though early voting is scheduled to begin this Monday, Oct. 21.

"It's a pretty serious scaffold that will have a protective walkway in front of the building," Cangelosi said. "What we've got planned is that I'm going to need the front of the building — the full access. We're going to have to have a dumpster up there. We're going to have a forklift to be able to move things in and out as we're shaving and cutting these pieces off of the wall.

"We're going to have these big chunks that we're going to have to lower those down and get those into the dumpsters. So I'm going to need to crews up on the scaffold as well as we're going to have to crews on the ground, handling these pieces."

Cangelosi said his crews would need to be working 40-hour weeks, but could do four 10-hour days in order to have Fridays be a day without construction going on during the work week. Cost to erect and dismantle the scaffolding alone is between $29,000 to $32,000 with a rental cost of about $2,900 per month and it will take about five days to get the scaffolding here in Gonzales and erected.

Total cost for performing the restoration work will depend on what commissioners choose to do, which is why Bownds suggested using the two stones on the third floor next to 419 St. George Street as a test run so commissioners can make an informed decision.



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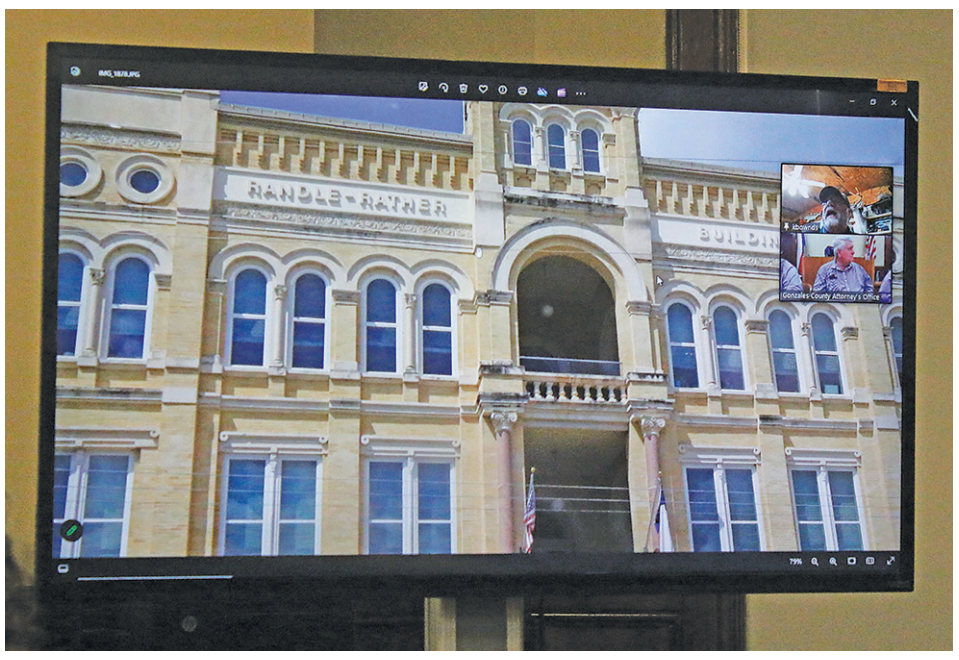
Chris Cangelosi of Cangelosi Stone Fabrication discusses the granite half columns on the Randle-Rather Annex during a meeting with Gonzales County commissioners on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The granite is in great shape, but the limestone capitols and bases are cracking and delaminating and must be addressed.



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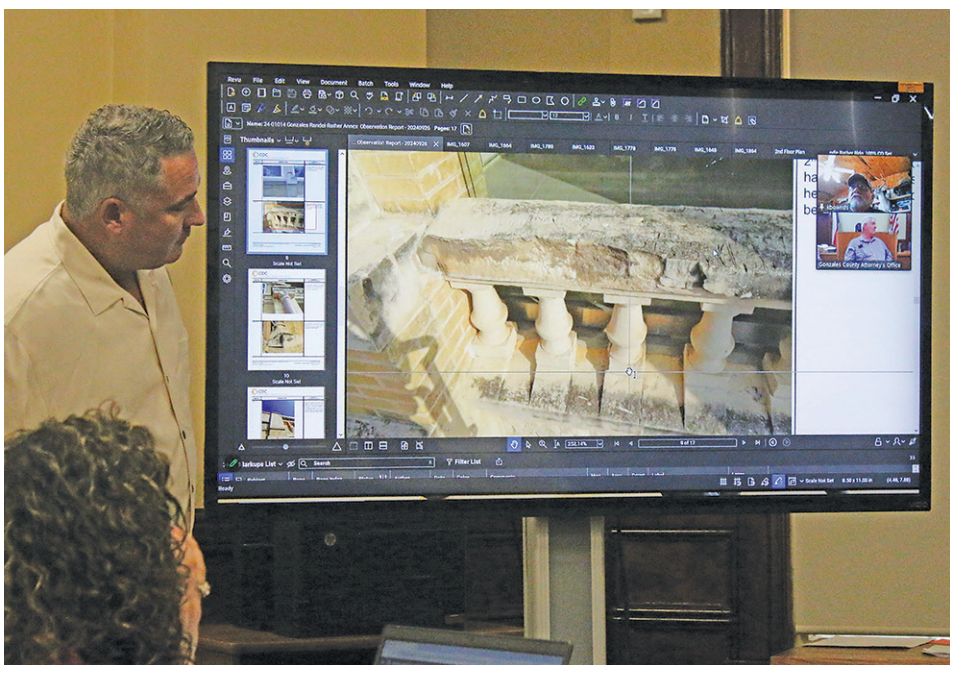
Curtainwall Design Consulting's Ken Bownds discusses the front façade of the Randle-Rather Building with members of the Gonzales County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Bownds surveyed the building with county maintenance employees in September.



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Chris Cangelosi points out the deterioriation on the second-floor handrail and balustrades at the Randle-Rather Annex. It was a piece of this limestone handrail that fell off the building and got commissioners concerned about the integrity of the building's façade.

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BURN BAN

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of drought conditions within the State of Texas. KBDI was developed by John L. Keetch and George Byram with the US Forest Service Southeastern Research Station to correlate the effects of drought on wildfire potential.

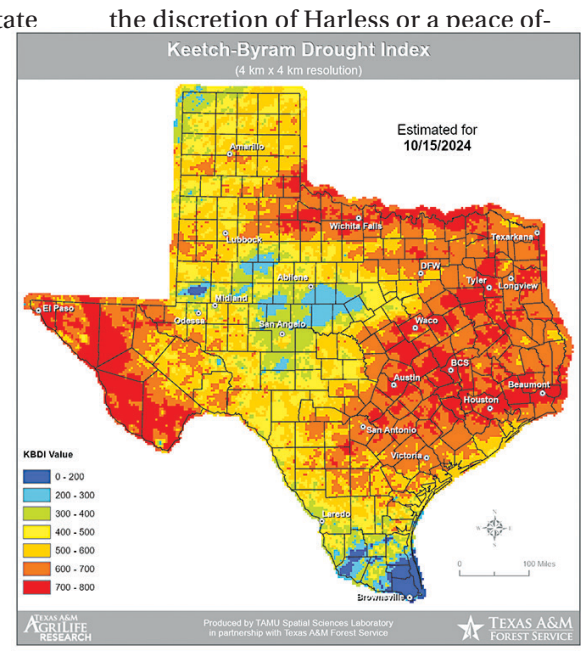
The KBDI is based on a daily water balance, where a drought factor is balanced with precipitation and soil moisture (assumed to have a maximum storage capacity of eight inches) and is expressed in hundredths of an inch of soil moisture depletion.

The KBDI attempts to measure the amount of precipitation necessary to return the soil to full field capacity. It is a closed system ranging from 0 to 800, where 0 represents a saturated soil, and 800 an absolutely dry soil. At any point along the scale, the KBDI value indicates the amount of precipitation it would take to bring the moisture level back to zero, or saturation.

As of Oct. 15, the county had a KBDI average of 686, which includes a high of 735 near the Lavaca County line, the DeWitt County line, the Caldwell County line and near Nixon and a low of 632 near Ottine and Smiley. This represents an increase of 55 points since Tuesday, Oct. 1 and an increase of 200 points over the average of 486 reported on Sept. 1.

When the KDBI falls between 600-800, this is often associated with more severe drought with increased wildfire occurrence. Intense, deep-burning fires with extreme intensities can be expected. Live fuels can also be expected to burn actively at these levels.

Anyone who violates the burn ban by burning any combustible material outside of an enclosure can be cited at the discretion of Harless or a peace officer for a Class C misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of up to $500.



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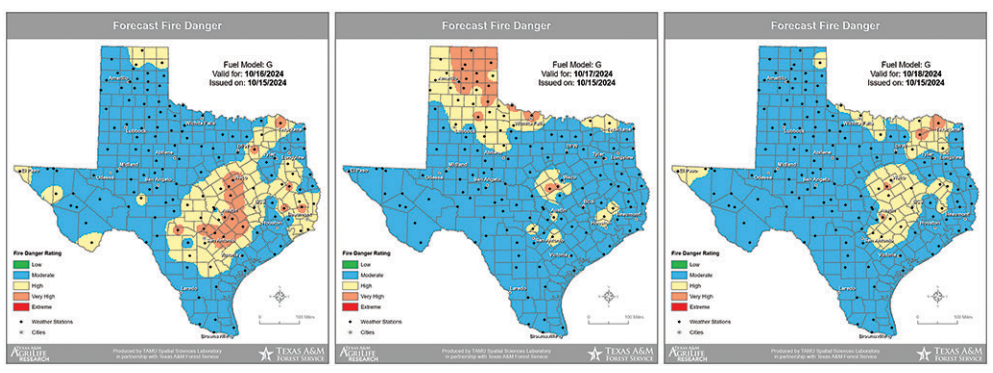
The Keetch-Byram Drought Index shows the fire danger throughout the state of Texas due to hot, dry conditions with low humidity and no precipitation.

However, there are exemptions in place for non-commercial preparation of food or burning of prickly pear for livestock feed, as well as wildfire mitigation or "prescribed fires conducted in compliance with guidelines set forth by federal or state natural resource agencies and burned under a burn plan approved by such agencies. Prior to a burn, a plan shall be filed in the County Judge's office and notice given to the local Volunteer Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office."

Every county surrounding Gonzales with the exception of Karnes County has already approved a burn ban. Tuesday's action by the court now means that 156 of 254 Texas counties have established a burn ban.



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A fire danger forecast has Gonzales County at a high level of alert for the remainder of this week.

FESTIVAL

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purely remarkable and prosperous for Gonzales and its presence enriches our town and brings our shared love for music and culture to life. We appreciate Cattle Country fans for celebrating with us in this remarkable milestone bicentennial year, and we look forward to creating unforgettable memories together."

The music and camping festival will once again take place on the sprawling 400-acre ranch in Gonzales, Texas, dubbed "The Boot" along the Guadalupe River and located conveniently just an hour from three major cities: Austin, San Antonio, and Houston. The Boot boasts more than 150 acres of Texas pecan trees, creating shaded groves along the riverbank, a perfect natural backdrop for the festival-goers to relax and immerse themselves in the serene surroundings.

Back by popular demand, the festival will offer more GA and VIP camping areas, additional tents in the luxurious Glamping Village with a private glamping lounge, as well as more RV spaces and on-site amenities for those staying on the grounds.

Adding to the charm, The Boot offers several inviting swimming areas, aptly named Cowboy Coves, where attendees can cool off and enjoy the festival's refreshing waterside experience. The festival grounds will also feature Texas' best food, wine, spirits, brews and shopping with the participating vendors to be announced at a later date.

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Proven in its first year, the ranch will once again transform into a weekend oasis, fostering an unmatched sense of camaraderie among attendees, with many of the musicians joining in on the fun too. From tailgating to playing games to fishing and floating on the Guadalupe River, the festivities begin before the first act takes the stage and continue after the headliner's final bow.

Passes for the 2025 Cattle Country Festival, including camping, RV, and glamping passes, are now on sale at www.CattleCountryFest.com.

Stay in the know with announcements and updates by following on Instagram and Facebook, as well as subscribing to the Cattle Country newsletter at www.cattlecountryfest.com. Further updates will also be carried on the Gonzales Inquirer Facebook page.

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