



MR. BERGER(S) GOES TO WASHINGTON

Editor's Note: The following story was written by the late Terry Fitzwater and originally ran in the Inquirer in October 2018. After the recent death of William Berger, who was a longtime DPS trooper and justice of the peace for Gonzales County, we thought it appropriate to run again in his memory.



BY TERRY FITZWATER
Gonzales Inquirer

It was a trip over 70 years in the making. Two weekends ago, World War II veteran William Berger and his Vietnam veteran son Bobby got to go to Washington DC to see the memorials and other monuments that they proudly served for. The trip was created and planned shortly after their stories appeared in past editions of the Gonzales Inquirer, and the newspaper and area citizens chipped in to help send the two veterans to Washington DC for the weekend.

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A stranger stops to thank William Berger for his service in Vietnam.

Yackel leaving SCS at end of school year; search begins for new principal

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Shiner Catholic School is seeking a new principal for the 2025-26 school year after Principal Neely Yackel announced she will be leaving at the end of this current term.

“I’m leaving at the end of the school year and going into educational consulting. After 17 years of leading SCS, it’s definitely bittersweet,” Yackel told the Inquirer.

Yackel was first named principal of Shiner Catholic School (St. Ludmila Elementary School and St. Paul High School) in May 2010 by Father Bob Knippenberg, who at the time was pastor of SS. Cyril and

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National Bikers Roundup will bring thousands of cycle enthusiasts to JB Wells

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

As many as 30,000 to 40,000 motorcycle and camping enthusiasts will call the JB Wells Arena, Park and Expo in Gonzales home for six days this summer when the 48th National Bikers Roundup convenes on July 29 through Aug. 3, 2025.

National Bikers Roundup is the largest camping motorcycle rally held in the United States each year and is organized by several primarily African-American motorcycle clubs. There are strict rules that all attendees must follow: no weapons; no ATVs; no drones; no four-wheelers and no glass containers allowed. More than 1,000 motorcycle clubs attend the event each year, and African-American women make up close to half of the participants.

Last year, the roundup was held in Springfield, Illinois, and included a special “Ride for Justice for Sonya Massey,” a 36-year-old African-American woman who was shot and killed in her home by Sean Grayson, a deputy with the Sangamon County Sheriff’s Office in Woodside Township, near Springfield.

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Tickets on sale for 2025 Neon Casino Night fundraiser

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales ISD Education Foundation is hoping you will bet big on the bright futures of their students at the 2025 Neon Casino Night, which will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 at the JB Wells Expo Center, 1653 CR 197, Gonzales.

The Foundation’s goal is to exceed prior years’ annual campaigns, to raise more than \$30,000 through this event. The

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Gonzales County Youth Show returns for 71st year

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales County Youth Show is back for a 71st year of providing opportunities to county youth to earn thousands of dollars in scholarship money, in addition to valuable lessons about life and hard work since 1955.

The show will be held this year from Feb. 27 through March 1 at the JB Wells Expo Center, 2301 CR 197, Gonzales. It is sponsored by the Gonzales County Youth Show Association.

More than 140 exhibitors are expected to participate in one or more of the 15 project areas that include multiple

animal projects, a bake show, and an agricultural mechanics show. Students have spent anywhere from eight weeks to a full calendar year on these projects and are ready to showcase them to the community.

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January sales tax allocations show declining November 2024 sales

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

November sales tax receipts were down in 2024, meaning sales tax allocations for Gonzales County municipalities for January 2025 were down more than \$12,900, a decrease of nearly 4.1 percent less than cities received last January, according to figures released by Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar’s office.

Hegar announced he has sent cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for January, 0.3 percent more than in January 2024. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

Combined sales tax allocations for the month

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Ottine Mineral Springs announces restoration, rebirth of wellness retreat

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Ottine Mineral Springs announces the transformation and redevelopment of the 40-acre site formerly known as Warm Springs. Inspired by the venue’s therapeutic origins, private investors are dedicated to renovating the space and developing amenities that will position Ottine Mineral Springs as a premier destination for wellness seekers.

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Victoria College allows members to give their ALL with lifelong learning

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Victoria College Academy of Lifelong Learning (ALL) is a member-driven organization for active adults, offering classes and social activities for continued intellectual and personal growth. Participants can:

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diverse group of people

- Be part of a collective voice of active adults in the community.

The annual membership fees for ALL-Gonzales are \$50 and renew each September. Membership entitles you to participate in any of the ALL-Gonzales activities offered during the fall and spring semesters at no additional charge, with the exception to a few activities that have a supply or travel fee. These are noted in the schedule.

For more information, contact Melissa Robinson in Gonzales: Local: (830) 672-6251 Toll Free: (877) 843-4369 Melissa.Robinson@VictoriaCollege.edu

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Stella’s Refuge to hold open house Feb. 5

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Stella’s Refuge will hold an open house celebration at their facility at 728 Saint James in

Gonzales from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5.

This is a Christian transitional home for women seeking a safe halfway house while recovering

from alcohol, substance abuse addiction, sex trafficking or prostitution. Stella’s House provides a caring, supportive community in a tranquil environment.

Free tax filing service available on IRS.gov

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Internal Revenue Service announced that the IRS Free File Guided Tax Software is now available for taxpayers ahead of the official start of tax season later this month.

IRS Free File is now accepting individual tax returns. Millions of taxpayers nationwide can access free software tools offered by trusted IRS Free File partners by visiting IRS.gov.

Entering its 23rd filing season, IRS Free File is just one of many free options available to taxpayers for filing their tax returns, whether online or in person. This service is made possible through a public-private partnership between the IRS and Free File Inc. (formerly the Free File Alliance). As part of this partnership, tax preparation and filing software partners offer their online products to eligible taxpayers for free. To access these free tools, taxpayers must start from the IRS Free File page on IRS.gov.

This year, eight private-sector partners will provide online guided tax software products for taxpayers with an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$84,000 or less in 2024. Additionally, one partner will offer a product in Spanish.

Although the IRS official tax filing season begins later this month, IRS Free File providers will allow taxpayers to prepare and file returns now and hold them until they can be electronically filed on that date. Many other software companies offer a similar option.

Taxpayers with an AGI above \$84,000 can use the Free File Fillable Forms (FFEF) starting January 27. These electronic versions of IRS paper forms are ideal for individuals who are comfortable preparing their own taxes using IRS instructions and publications.

UNDERSTANDING IRS FREE FILE

Each IRS Free File trusted partner establishes its own eligibility criteria based on age, income, state residency and military status.

Taxpayers with an AGI of \$84,000 or less in 2024 can find an IRS Free File product; some providers include free state tax return preparation and filing. All partners offer active-duty military personnel with an AGI of \$84,000 or less in 2024, free tax preparation and filing using IRS Free File.

USE IRS FREE FILE TO CLAIM VALUABLE TAX CREDITS IF ELIGIBLE

IRS Free File offers a simple, no-cost way for taxpayers to claim the full amount of tax benefits for which they’re eligible, including the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), the Child Tax Credit and other valuable credits. The EITC is available to qualified taxpayers with earned income under \$66,819. The EITC Assistant, available in English and seven other languages, can help taxpayers determine if they qualify.

The EITC is just one of several refundable tax credits related to family and dependent care that individuals without a filing requirement may still be eligible to claim. Refundable tax credits allow taxpayers to receive a refund even if they owe no tax, or refundable credits can reduce the amount of tax owed, potentially leading to a refund. For more details on the EITC and other tax credits, visit Earned Income Tax Credit.

HOW TO FIND THE RIGHT IRS FREE FILE PRODUCT

Taxpayers are responsible for determining their eligibility for a free federal tax return from the list of trusted partners.

- Go to IRS.gov/freefile,

- Click on Explore Free Guided Tax Software button. Then select the Find a Trusted Partner tool for help in finding the right product, or
- Use the Browse All Trusted Partners tool to review each offer,
- Select the desired product, and
- Follow the links to the trusted partner’s website to begin their tax return.

No computer? No problem. IRS Free File products support mobile phone access. Taxpayers can do their taxes on their smart phone or tablet.

IRS FREE FILE PARTICIPANTS

For 2025, the

following trusted partners are participating in IRS Free File:

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- 2.Drake (1040.com)
- 3.ezTaxReturn.com
- 4.FileYourTaxes.com
- 5.On-Line Taxes
- 6.TaxAct
- 7.TaxHawk (FreeTax-USA)
- 8.TaxSlayer

For 2025, ezTaxReturn.com will provide an IRS Free File product in Spanish.

IRS Free File helps taxpayers save money and file their taxes quickly and easily.

For more information or to get started on a tax return today, visit IRS Free File: Do your taxes for free.



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Regional economic partners unite to host first regional job fair of 2025

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Seguin Economic Development Corporation, Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, Cibolo Economic Development Corporation, and Schertz Economic Development Corporation, are proud to announce their collaborative effort in hosting the first Regional Job Fair of 2025.

This event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seguin Coliseum (950 S. Austin St., Seguin) and will feature more than 60 employers from the cities of Cibolo, New Braunfels, Schertz, and Seguin.

“We are proud to host the first regional job fair of 2025 in Seguin, Texas, a collaborative effort that highlights our region’s commitment to driving economic development and strengthening workforce opportunities. This event serves as a platform for connecting local talent with leading employers in our region. We look forward to seeing job seekers and businesses come together to build a stronger, more vibrant regional economy,” said Josh Schneuker, Executive Director of Economic Development, Seguin Economic Development Corporation.

“We’re excited to host this regional job fair, bringing together talented job seekers and dynamic employers to strengthen our local economy. This event is a testament to our commitment to fostering economic growth and creating opportunities for our communities,” said Isabella Ellis, Economic Development Specialist, City of Cibolo.

To ensure a positive first-impression, job seekers are encouraged to dress in business casual attire and arrive equipped with multiple copies of their updated resumes. Notably, many participating employers may conduct on-site interviews and extend employment offers during the event.

Job seekers can anticipate a wealth of opportunities encompassing entry-level, intermediate, and advanced positions across a diverse spectrum of industries. These industries span manufacturing, government, non-profit administration, technology, entertainment, public education, and beyond. The collective efforts of Seguin, New Braunfels, Cibolo, and Schertz cultivate an environment where job seekers and employers can effortlessly come together to network and find opportunities that meet their needs.

The Winter Regional Job Fair stands as a testament to the collaborative spirit driving economic progress in the region. For the latest updates and additional information, please visit the Regional Job Fair February 6th Info Page.

For more information, please follow the Seguin EDC, Cibolo EDC, New Braunfels Chamber, and/or Schertz EDC on social media.

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 January 31 64°/41° RAIN	Still cloudy 80% chance of rain • RealFeel 60
 February 1 64°/46° SUNNY	Plenty of sun 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 66
 February 2 67°/46° SUNNY	Plenty of sunshine 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 68
 February 3 71°/54° SUNNY	Plenty of sunshine 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 74
 February 4 70°/50° SUNNY	Plenty of sunshine 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 68
 February 5 64°/42° PARTLY SUNNY	Clouds to start, then sunshine returns 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 65

And that was then...

BY BOB BURCHARD
Special to The Inquirer

It is interesting how history appears to be headed in one direction, and then is sent in another by a seemingly unimportant event, or occurrence, of routine significance. Such is the case in the history of Texas, about three years after Green DeWitt's Colony had been founded.

In 1828, the president of the Republic of Mexico commissioned a scientific and boundary expedition across Texas to accomplish the following purposes:

First: Observe the Indians, and the natural resources of the area;

Second: Determine the location of the boundary between Mexico and the United States along the Sabine River and the Red River; and

Third: Discover the number of Americans living in the area, and the attitude of these settlers relative to becoming citizens of the Republic of Mexico.

The leader of this scientific expedition was Rafael Teran, General in the Mexican army.

His college training was in mathematics and engineering. The expedition was well staffed - there was a mineralogist, a botanist, a zoologist, an artist, and a cartographer.

The expedition came through Gonzales in March of 1828. General Teran seemed to be more interested in the attitudes of the Texans than in his other responsibilities as expedition leader. While on the expedition, General Teran viewed the Texans as misplaced Americans, not citizens of Mexico. He noted they possessed strong attitudes on individual freedom, and did not respect the laws of the Republic of Mexico.

Upon his return to Mexico, General Teran's report recommended that strong measures be taken to stop the influence of the United States on the residents of Texas. This report was incorporated into the Law of April 6, 1830, adopted by the Congress of the Republic of Mexico, which made it illegal for Americans to come to Texas. This law was the turning point in the relationship between Texas and Mexico. It introduced doubt and mistrust between the colonists and the Mexican government. For the first time, the colonists started to question the sincerity of the government of the Republic of Mexico. This doubt and mistrust would continue to grow, and augmented by other events, would climax in the start of the Texas Revolution here in Gonzales on October 2, 1835.

An event as harmless as a scientific expedition to study plants and minerals resulted in a harsh law that literally turned history around, and pushed the colonists toward revolution and independence from Mexico.

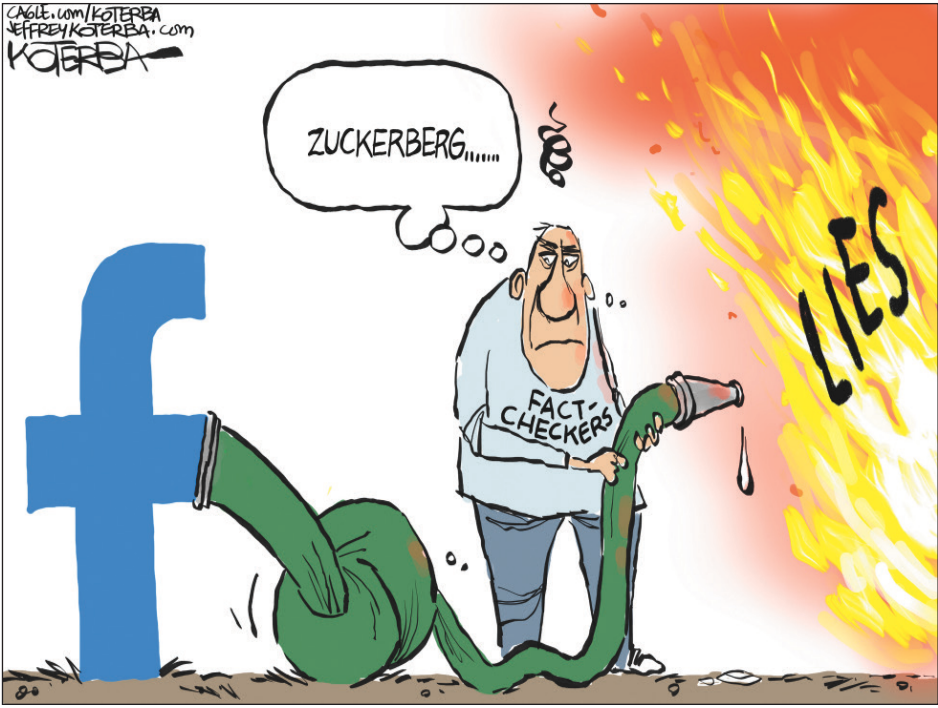
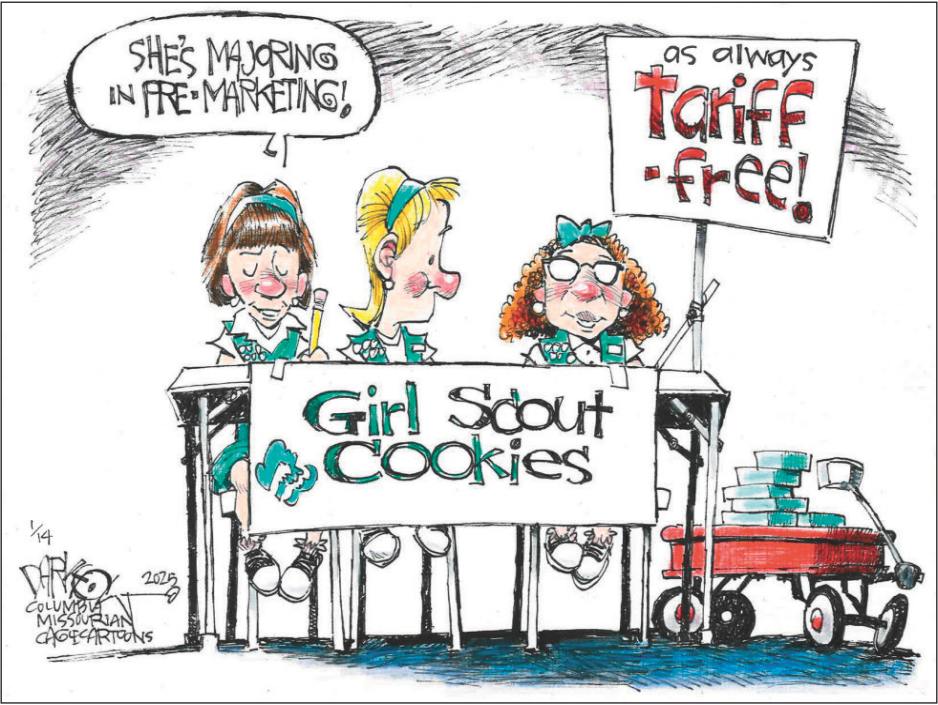
So, we might ask this question: If the scientific expedition into Texas in 1828 had been led by someone whose views of the colonists were not as rigid as those held by General Teran, would the Congress of the Republic of Mexico have passed the hated law of 1830?

And keep in mind, this was the law that separated fathers from their children, and husbands from their wives by prohibiting Americans from coming to Texas.

And, to speculate further, if General Teran's recommendations had not become law, would all of Green DeWitt's Colony, which includes Shiner, Hallettsville, Yoakum, Cuero, Seguin, Luling and Lockhart, be part of the Republic of Mexico today?

We may only ponder that, but isn't it interesting how history turns on seemingly small and harmless events - a scientific expedition to study plants and minerals, and locate boundaries - ends up changing the history, and destiny, of two countries, the Republic of Mexico and the United States of America.

And that is part of our history, the history of Gonzales. Gonzales, Texas, is the birthplace of your Texas Freedom.



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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Another New Year...

Relax. This is NOT going to be another one of those "promise pieces" about helpful resolutions that might elevate life for me in 2025. I leave that to others.

In fact, were I to make a New Year's resolution, it would be the determination to avoid making annual resolutions in the future.

My aged Uncle Mort also sneers at the many absurdities committed by millions of people each year. Most resolutions are broken quickly, the majority before the arrival of January 31....

"I'll follow my usual protocol, committing to maintain an exercise regimen for yet another year," he claimed.

Regrettably, I failed to change the subject, so he rambled on about muscle development in his fingers, wrist and arm. Unthinkingly, I then asked him why he's limiting attention to a small part of his body.

"Glad you asked, Nephew," he chorled. "Merely lifting my cup of coffee every morning requires 14 muscles in these appendages. So, if I want to double my exercise, I have a second cup of coffee. Then, if there's a cup left in the pot for the afternoon, I may even have three exercise sessions."...

Good measure, pressed down, Mort and I are blessed by our occasional phone conversations, and we do have much in common.

For example, we both hope for the best in conversations with others, but often grow weary of hearing about what most folks are falsely promising. At this time of year, we yawn at boasts made by a few folks who reach the top of their resolution ladder and the wails of others stumbling in efforts to reach the second rung.

Ending his comments, Mort said he doesn't want others to think that his exercise is limited to lifting coffee cups. "I never jog, but get full-body exercise serving as a pallbearer for my friends who jog."...

A segue is welcome, so let's change the subject. How about considering the ups and downs of the coaching carousel?

The most prominent these days is the search owner Jerry Jones has mounted to find the Cowboys' tenth coach during his almost 40 years of ownership.

He's likely to milk the media cow dry, and speculation is wild, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. My only observation is that fans who are most vocal about his insistence to remain general manager could just as well spend their time whistling toward the fiercest wind ever blown in from the north....

Metropolis observations of fans from Ohio State University for the NCAA semi-final game against the University of Texas at AT&T Stadium included high marks for their friendly comportment.

Cynics, however, say that their friendliness came easy for them, since they seemed certain that they were going to take the measure of UT. (Though the Longhorns had a chance to tie or go ahead toward game's end, even UT fans generally agree that the Buckeyes deserved to win.)

Laughing among themselves that schools, government offices and several other entities shut down during what they considered mild winter weather, the Ohioans even offered to drive UT fans to and from the game. (I don't know the stats about how many such offers were actually made, or how many accepted.)....

I do wish to make one observation to begin the new year, and that's my appreciation for Texas Monthly, a magazine like none other. Featuring great writing, it artfully combines current news topics with you're-not-going-to-believe-stories of both the unusual and unknown.

At this writing, I'll deal with the latter, admitting that had I learned in time, I would have been sure to glance skyward at least once during the two recent weeks to see a new comet discovered in April of 2024. Called Comet ATLAS (C/2024 G3), it'll surely miss my gaze when it next appears.

Texas Monthly claims that it is visible to the naked eye every 80,000 years....

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

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Further questions may be directed to Publisher Lew Cohn, 830-672-2861.

Gonzales Powerlifting teams compete in Navarro meet

STAFF REPORT

It was another big meet day for Gonzales powerlifting this past Saturday at Geronimo Navarro. The Lady Apaches continued to lift strong as individuals and as a team, finishing as team runner-ups for the 2nd straight week while the Apaches brought some fresh faces for their first action of the season. Madison Sampleton highlighted the day, winning her third gold medal of the season in the 220s, along with the best overall heavyweight lifter of the meet. Jazlin Juarez also stood at the top of her weight class, winning gold in the 242 pound weight class. Additionally,

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CONTRIBUTED
Lady Apaches senior Madison Sampleton holds her best lifter plaque from the Navarro meet.

Apaches FC roll past Luling

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches FC traveled to Luling for their second district game of the season against Eagles Tuesday, Jan. 28. The Apaches beat Luling, 5-0, and it is the first time since 2020 that the Apaches kicked off district 2-0. Gonzales will take on a familiar foe in the La Vernia Bears Friday, Jan. 31 on the road; the Apaches are looking to beat La Vernia for the first time since 2020. The Apaches will hit hit road Tuesday, Feb. 4 for a match against the San Antonio Memorial Minutemen. The La Vernia game kicks off at 6:45 p.m. and the Memorial game at 7 p.m.

La Vernia season sweeps Apaches

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches traveled to La Vernia for the start of the second half of district play against the Bears Tuesday, Jan. 28. The Apaches fell to La Vernia, 60-46, and were handed the season sweep from La Vernia. The Apaches playoff chances are good heading into the second half of district; Gonzales needs to beat either San Antonio Memorial or San Antonio JFK to secure a playoff berth; and to secure third place overall the Apaches will need to season sweep both San Antonio schools. The Apaches hit the road to Cuero for their final meet against the Gobblers Friday, Jan. 31. The Cuero game tips off at 7:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Apaches sophomore Damian Orduna (13) kicks the ball towards San Antonio JFK's goal in the district opener Friday, Jan 24.

Apaches FC win district opener over Rockets

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches FC open up district on the road against the San Antonio JFK Rockets Friday, Jan. 24 at Edgewood ISD Stadium. The Apaches and Rockets were in a back and forth game with both teams exchanging goals in the first half. Gonzales shutdown the Rockets in the second half allowing them one goal on

the Apaches. The Apaches secure the, 6-3, win over JFK and kicked off district with a 1-0 record. Apaches head soccer coach Shea Seip was happy on how his team performed against the Rockets in the district opener. "One game at a time, it feels great. but it's not over all." Seip said. The Apaches are in much bigger soccer district this

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Lady Apaches Viviana Barrientos (11) and a JFK player follows the ball near the Lady Rockets' goal in the district opener.
PHOTO BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Lady Apaches FC roll past JFK in district opener

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches FC open up district on the road against the San Antonio JFK Lady Rockets Friday, Jan. 24.

The Lady Apaches defense shut out the Lady Rockets with a, 3-0, win and kicking off district with a 1-0 record. Last season the Lady Apaches open up open up district play against JFK but ended in a 1-1 tie, and head soccer coach Shantael Trimm was glad to

have a different outcome this season. "It makes me feel like our team is strong. They work together. It took us a minute to get some goals on the board, but in the end, we did it. We

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PHOTO BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Lady Apaches sophomore point guard Jordyn Gonzales (1) moves the basketball down court with a JFK defender in front of her.

Lady Apaches clinch playoff berth in JFK win

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches closed out their final home game Tuesday, Jan. 28 with a, 47-38, win over the San Anto-

nio JFK Lady Rockets. The Lady Apaches began the game at slow start trailing, 7-2, against the Lady Rockets, but quickly turned everything

See **BASKETBALL**, page 6

Apaches roll past Minutemen

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches hosted the San Antonio Memorial Minutemen Friday, Jan. 24 to close out the first half of district play. The Apaches secured their second district win of the season in the, 67-39, win over Memorial. The Apaches can clinch a playoff berth for the first time since the 2021-22 basketball season with the following scenarios; if they beat Memorial or San Antonio JFK the Apaches are in the playoffs and if they season sweep both San Antonio schools, they'll secure third place. The Apaches opened up the second half of district against the La Vernia Bears Tuesday, Jan. 28. The Apaches will hit back on the road Friday, Jan. 31 for a game against the Cuero Lady Gobblers. The Cuero game tips off at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Apaches FC shuts out Luling

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches FC hit the road Tuesday, Jan. 28 for a match against the Luling Lady Eagles. The Lady Apaches shut out the Lady Eagles, 3-0, and improved to 2-0 in district play and it's the first time they kicked off district 2-0. Gonzales improved to 6-2-2 for the season and will hit the road Friday, Jan. 31 for match against the La Vernia Lady Bears and will take on Memorial in San Antonio Tuesday, Feb. 4. The Lady Apaches are looking for their first win against La Vernia in the programs history. The La Vernia and Memorial games kick off at 5 p.m.

Cuero season sweeps Lady Apaches on the road

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches played their second to last road game against their rivals the Cuero Lady Gobblers Friday, Jan 24. The Lady Apaches were handed a season sweep by Cuero in a, 68-33, loss. Cuero shutdown the Lady Apach-

es' offense keeping them to single digits in three out of four quarters. The Lady Apaches can clinch a playoff spot with two scenarios; if the Gonzales beats either San Antonio JFK or San Antonio Memorial and they can secure third place with a season sweep of both San Antonio schools. The Lady Apaches hosted the JFK

Lady Rockets Tuesday, Jan. 28 for the final home game of the 2024-25 season. The Lady Apaches will hit the road Tuesday, Feb 4, for their final regularly scheduled season against the San Antonio Memorial Minutewomen. The Memorial game tips off at 6:30 p.m.

Mustangs beat Tigers in close game

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs traveled to Goliad for a game against the Goliad Tigers Friday, Jan. 24.

The Mustangs returned home

with a, 45-43, win over Goliad and approved to 2-3 in district.

Nixon-Smiley currently sits in a fourth place tie with Karnes City and Goliad for the final playoff spot as the first half of district concludes.

The Mustangs' playoff hopes are alive with the following scenarios needed to clinch a play-off berth; Nixon-Smiley needs to season sweep Stockdale, season sweep Goliad, and beat Karnes City for a play-in scenario.

The Mustangs hosted the Stockdale Brahmas Tuesday, Jan. 28 and will hit the road Friday, Jan 31 for the second meet against the Luling Eagles.

The Luling game tips off at 8 p.m.

Lady Mustangs fall to Goliad

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs traveled Friday, Jan, 24 for the second meet against the Goliad Lady Tigers.

The Lady Mustangs fell to Goliad, 49-37, dropped to 2-5 in district and are sitting in fourth place in 3A District 26.

The Lady Mustangs can clinch a playoff berth if they beat Karnes City with a season sweep, but if the Nixon-Smiley loses to Karnes City and beats Luling then a tie breaker game will be decided.

The Lady Mustangs hosted Stockdale Tuesday, Jan. 28 for their season match against the Lady Brahmas.

Nixon-Smiley will play its final road game against the Luling Lady Eagles Friday, Jan. 31.

The Luling game tips off at 6:30 p.m.



Lady Mustangs senior Kaylie Morin (3) defends a Luling defender in the first half of district.

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put them away. It's our first time in two years where we started off our season with a winning game." Trimm said.

The Lady Apaches have a bigger district this season with additions from San Antonio Cole and Luling and Trimm said it was important to get the first district win off the bat to gain momentum moving forward.

"It's definitely started us off that way builds their confidence, and it gives them something to aspire to continue," Trimm said.

The Lady Apaches faced off against Luling Tuesday, Jan. 28 and have faced them pre-district.

"We played them pre-district, so we actually played them last week. And so we kind of know what we're walking into. They have a they have a good, strong team this year. There was a lot of improvement from last year. And so it's definitely not a give me game, so we're ready. We've been working hard." Trimm said.

The Lady Apaches will hit the road Friday, Jan. 31 for a match against the La Vernia Lady Bears.

The La Vernia game kicks off at 7 p.m.

Mustangs fall to Stockdale at home

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs open the second half of district play at home against the Stockdale Brahmas Tuesday, Jan. 28.

The Mustangs beat the Brahmas in the district opener earlier, but Stockdale turned the tables on Nixon-Smiley for round two.

The Mustangs fell to Stockdale, 44-36, dropping to 2-4 in district and hurting their playoff chances.

The Mustangs are tied with Karnes City and Goliad with the same district record; Nixon-Smiley needs to season sweep Goliad and beat Karnes City to force a play-in with the Badgers for the fourth and final

playoff spot.

The Mustangs will hit the road Friday, Jan. 31 in Luling; Nixon-Smiley fell to the Eagles in the first meet in district and are looking to rebound from that loss.

The Mustangs will host Karnes City at home Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Both games tip off at 8 p.m.

Lady Mustangs stun Stockdale in close game

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs earned their third district win of the season with a, 51-48, win over their rivals the Stockdale Lady Brahmas Tuesday, Jan. 28.

The Lady Mustangs improved to 3-5 in district play and increased their playoff chances heading into the final two games of the season.

Nixon-Smiley can clinch a playoff berth with a season sweeps of Luling and Karnes City.

The Lady Mustangs will hit the road Friday, Jan. 31 for their final meeting against Luling Lady Eagles and will close out the season at home against Karnes City Tuesday, Feb. 4.

Both games tip off at 6:30 p.m.



Apaches head soccer coach Shea Seip speaks with his players after the district win over San Antonio JFK at Edgewood ISD Stadium.

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season with Luling and Cole in the mix in 4A District 27.

"Points is our goal every time we come out, we're going for points," Seip said.

The Apaches traveled to Luling for a match against the Eagles Tuesday, Jan. 28.

The Apaches will travel to La Vernia Friday, Jan. 31 for their third district match.

The game kicks off at 7 p.m.

LIFTING

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winning medals, and points, for the Lady Apaches were Alize Miller (2nd Place, 181s), Midaya Cantu (2nd Place, 165s), Marilyn Ramirez (3rd Place, 165s), Teigan Jefferson (4th Place, 148s), and Maritza Perez (5th Place, 148s).

"It was a good meet with some good teams today. Despite the great amount of tough competition, we performed very well. I am proud of all the girls and I feel like they are starting to really see their hard work pay off. This meet is always tough but it seems to bring out the best in us" said Head Coach Saul Hinojosa. Apache Head Powerlifting Coach Cubit added, "It was a meet with many positive things happening. A lot of first time lifters who, not only surprised themselves, but surprised us coaches with the results and the weight they were able to move. It was an exciting experience for our young lifters"

Gary Lewis III and Charles Haufler were the high points for the Apache powerlifting team, winning 2nd and 4th places respectively. As a team, the Apache finished 10th in the team standings. As mentioned earlier, a lot of new faces competed in their first meet Saturday for Gonzales, and they will look to improve as the season progresses.

Both the Lady Apaches and Apaches will look to defend their territory this upcoming Thursday, January 30th, as they host the Roll Tribe Powerlifting Invitational at Vic Salazar Gym in Gonzales. The meet is scheduled to begin at 4PM.

Keith Cubit encourages all to attend, saying "If you haven't been to a powerlifting meet before, Thursday will be a great day to experience something you won't forget. We are asking Apache Nation to come out and support our Apaches and Lady Apaches powerlifters".

Official Results

Lifter-Place-Weight Class

Girls	
Teigan Jefferson	4th-148
Maritza Perez	5th-148
Sophia Palacios	DNF-148
Midaya Cantu	2nd-165
Marilyn Ramirez	3rd-165
Alize Miller	2nd-181
Madison Sampleton	1st-220
Jazlin Juarez	1st-242
Boys	
Logan Wyman	6th-114
Hector Reyna	6th-123
Romauldo Falcon	7th-123
Kevin Garcia	13th-148
Isaak Ibarra	9th-165
Pedro Borjon	11th-165
Roland Nino	DNF-181
Francisco Aguayo	13th-220
Gary Lewis	2nd-242
Kevin Veliz	DNF-242
Charles Haufler	4th-308

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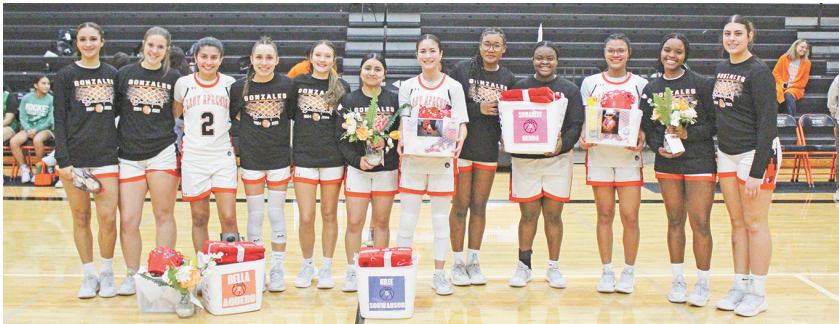
around in the next three quarters.

"It's just kind of one of those things. It was senior night the kids were playing a lot on nerves. And plus, we always play on nerves. Anytime that we play home again, we normally wait for them to kind of tire themselves out a little bit, and then that's when they kind of settle down and able to play the game the way we like." Lady Apaches head basketball coach Mark Belford said.

The Lady Apaches say goodbye to their three seniors Bella Aguero, Skcarlett Cerda and Kilee Schwausch for senior night and they really proud how much they accomplished with the program.

"It's very important feel like us three as seniors have had a very big impact on what this team has done in the past two years and what it will continue to do. I think we've left our mark for sure." Aguero said.

"It's good to know that I'm leav-



The Lady Apaches celebrate and say goodbye to their three seniors on the team Bella Aguero (2), Kilee Schwausch (5) and Skcarlett Cerda (3) at the last home game of the season.

ing with just leaving this with other people that I feel like that will lead very well and do very successful without us." Schwausch said.

Cerda said she was side and excited at the same time to play her final home game as a member of the Lady Apaches basketball team.

Belford in his second years was proud to coach these three seniors and their impact on the team.

"Those three seniors the epitome of what our program has been, you know, just kids that have come in. They work hard, they give us everything they have. And you know,

without those three, you know, the program wouldn't be where it's going. And so we're definitely thankful to have had them for the years that we had them here in this program." Belford said.

The Lady Apaches clinched a playoff berth for the second year in a row and Belford said it'll come down between Crystal City and Devine on who they'll take on in the first round.

The Lady Apaches will close out the season against San Antonio Memorial Tuesday, Feb. 4.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Gonzales, Texas is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from experienced legal firms for the purpose of providing City Attorney/ Legal Services to the City of Gonzales. The selected firm shall be licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and be in good standing with the Texas Bar. Experience working with Texas home rule municipalities and knowledge of municipal law including but not limited to municipal finance, land use and development/regulations, parliamentary procedure, personnel law, utility law, election law, and the Texas Open Meetings and Public Information Acts, are **required**.

The RFQ packet is available on the City's website at <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/government/bidrfp>. All inquiries regarding the RFQ should be directed to City Manager, Timothy L. Crow via email at tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov or by telephone at (830)672-2815.

All submissions must be clearly marked **“CITY ATTORNEY RFQ”** and mailed/delivered to the City of Gonzales, City Manager, PO Box 547, 820 N. St. Joseph Street, TX 78629, by **Friday, February 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** CST, at which time they will be publicly opened and acknowledged in the City Hall Council Chambers (820 N. St. Joseph Street, Texas 78629). No late statements will be accepted. The City of Gonzales reserves the right to reject any or all submissions and to waive any and all formalities, as deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

Interested firms should submit two copies of their sealed statement of qualifications to:

City of Gonzales, Texas
Timothy L. Crow, City Manager
820 Saint Joseph St., PO Box 547, Gonzales, TX 78629

GONZALES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024					
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	60 ESSER-III FUND Capital Projects Fund	98 Other Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds	
REVENUES					
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 21,747,985	\$ -	\$ 610,162	\$ 2,914,359	\$ 25,272,506
5800 State Program Revenues	8,743,698	-	-	456,492	9,200,190
5900 Federal Program Revenues	858,950	2,148,894	-	4,762,140	7,769,984
5020 Total Revenues	31,350,633	2,148,894	610,162	8,132,991	42,242,680
EXPENDITURES					
0011 Instruction	15,398,173	1,600,568	-	1,935,543	18,934,284
0012 Instructional Resources & Media Services	316,413	2,059	-	-	318,472
0013 Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	607,433	151,216	-	259,040	1,017,689
0021 Instructional Leadership	516,733	-	-	277,309	794,042
0023 School Leadership	1,930,363	117,442	-	23,531	2,071,336
0031 Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	870,942	78,926	-	476,514	1,426,382
0032 Social Work Services	89,155	1,029	-	-	90,184
0033 Health Services	421,187	9,408	-	-	430,595
0034 Student Transportation	1,276,295	30,758	-	191	1,307,244
0035 Food Services	7,993	583	-	2,260,420	2,268,996
0036 Extracurricular Activities	1,230,057	-	-	199,973	1,430,030
0041 General Administration	1,658,599	11,697	-	2,128	1,672,424
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	3,871,016	65,386	17,000	-	3,953,402
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	900,969	3,672	-	138,106	1,042,747
0053 Data Processing Services	903,333	8,849	-	9,265	921,447
0061 Community Services	10,570	67,301	-	-	77,871
0071 Debt Service - Principal	694,669	-	-	840,000	1,534,669
0072 Debt Service - Interest	83,559	-	-	997,731	1,081,290
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Costs	-	-	-	483,365	483,365
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	448,900	-	3,342,972	-	3,791,872
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	496,197	-	-	-	496,197
6030 Total Expenditures	31,732,556	2,148,894	3,359,972	7,903,116	45,144,538
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(381,923)	-	(2,749,810)	229,875	(2,901,858)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
7911 Capital-Related Debt Issued	-	-	48,170,000	-	48,170,000
7915 Transfers In	-	-	-	20	20
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	-	2,430,000	787,700	3,217,700
8911 Transfers Out	(20)	-	-	-	(20)
8949 Other (Uses)	-	-	-	(1,046,243)	(1,046,243)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(20)	-	50,600,000	(258,523)	50,341,457
1200 Net Change in Fund Balance	(381,943)	-	47,850,190	(28,648)	47,439,599
0100 Fund Balance - Beginning	17,270,521	-	83	1,782,205	19,052,809
3000 Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 16,888,578	\$ -	\$ 47,850,273	\$ 1,753,557	\$ 66,492,408
The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.					

NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024					
Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 14,090,626	\$ 7,990,240	\$ 1,153,730	\$ 806,576	\$ 24,041,172
5800 State Program Revenues	1,433,004	152,398	-	241,185	1,826,587
5900 Federal Program Revenues	97,865	-	-	2,034,362	2,132,227
5020 Total Revenues	15,621,495	8,142,638	1,153,730	3,082,123	27,999,986
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	8,877,606	-	-	1,265,981	10,143,587
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	50,917	-	-	-	50,917
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	88,864	-	-	66,228	155,092
0021 Instructional Leadership	379,869	-	-	-	379,869
0023 School Leadership	772,155	-	-	165,915	938,070
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	327,713	-	-	-	327,713
0032 Social Work Services	33,518	-	-	34,970	68,488
0033 Health Services	279,002	-	-	-	279,002
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	610,500	-	419,154	-	1,029,654
0035 Food Services	-	-	-	1,286,642	1,286,642
0036 Extracurricular Activities	382,757	-	-	48,975	431,732
0041 General Administration	606,482	-	-	-	606,482
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,537,606	-	68,553	33,784	1,639,943
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	63,546	-	-	27,360	90,906
0053 Data Processing Services	252,983	-	-	-	252,983
0061 Community Services	118,514	-	-	-	118,514
Debt Service:					
0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities	46,834	6,120,500	-	-	6,167,334
0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities	16,830	1,233,180	-	-	1,250,010
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	2,500	-	-	2,500
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	-	3,790,238	-	3,790,238
Intergovernmental:					
0091 Contracted Instructional Services	-	-	-	-	-
Between Schools	335,285	-	-	-	335,285
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	495,883	-	-	-	495,883
6030 Total Expenditures	15,276,864	7,356,180	4,277,945	2,929,855	29,840,844
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	344,631	786,458	(3,124,215)	152,268	(1,840,858)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	6,500	-	-	-	6,500
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	351,131	786,458	(3,124,215)	152,268	(1,834,358)
0100 Fund Balance – September 1 (Beginning)	24,876,172	2,662,167	22,664,566	807,409	51,010,314
3000 Fund Balance – August 31 (Ending)	\$ 25,227,303	\$ 3,448,625	\$ 19,540,351	\$ 959,677	\$ 49,175,956
The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.					

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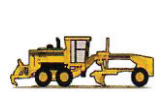
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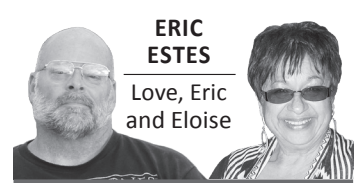
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Never a Dull Moment

Hey there y'all, are we having fun yet? I've always realized that life is surely one weird puppy, and it has yet to disappoint. I've made it through this winter, including our recent snow day, without any frozen water pipes so far. After what we went through four years ago, intermittent electricity, going without water for a week and several burst pipes, frozen pipes are now a bigger priority than they used to be. Waking up last week to a blanket of white, though beautiful, literally sent chills down my spine, wondering if I was somehow back in Chicago. I had to take a second to calm down my inner child as he was screaming uncontrollably. However, after we managed to sled down my ramp, sanity was restored.

This morning I got up, brushed my teeth, drank some water, then the water stopped running? After getting dressed in warm work clothes, I headed out to walk the property in search of leaks. Fortunately none were found, but did get my main cut-off cleaned out, something I had planned on anyway. By the time I walked back in at 7:30, the water was running just fine. Life is definitely full of unexpected adventures...

If you've read past articles it's no secret that I'm now enjoying the company of a new kitten. My son and daughter-



in-law brought her to me after she was abandoned. Mothers will sometimes do that if they sense there's something wrong. She's now five months old, beautiful and healthy. However, I'm sensing she could be a little mentally off, probably why we get along so well. As I sit here typing, she's laying behind my computer monitor and reaching underneath, swatting my fingers and occasionally typing a bit of her own story. Can't quite get the gist of what she's trying to say, but she does spell better than I do.

Being young and having the energy of a nuclear plant, if I make any sudden movements, I'm sure to get attacked. Once, while walking by the Christmas tree I spied two eyes staring me down from on high, next thing I know I'm donning a feline scarf with teeth. Yesterday, wondering what to wear, I had to dig a little deeper into my "jean pool", finally deciding on the black levi 501's with the pre-stressed rips in the thighs. While tucking my shirt in I suddenly feel the sting of claws in my backside and began twirling to shake her off. No worries though,

thick jeans and tuff bum managed to keep bleeding to a minimum. I've had to break out my drill and install my paper towel holder several feet higher, as any paper she can reach is soon to be completely shredded. She has apparently also found my stash of plastic HEB and Walmart bags, as I walked in to find them strewn throughout three different rooms. Enamored with my dripping faucets on cold nights, she'll swat at the water for hours. At four in the morning I was awakened to the sound of thunderous paws before she launched herself onto the bed, squarely landing on my face with wet paws...can't help but laugh as she's a never ending source of entertainment!

And why do I put up with her? 'Cause when she's in cuddle mode, it makes it all worthwhile. She constantly licks my nose and ears while pressing her cheek against mine, and there's definitely worse things in life than a tongue in your eye. Kinda reminds me of the good old days with Eloise. It seems like God knows what we need before we do. "Three things will last forever - faith, hope, and love - and the greatest of these is love", 1 Cor 13:13. Yep, sometimes we just need to accept the love, wherever it may come from!

Have a great week, love you guys, Eric.

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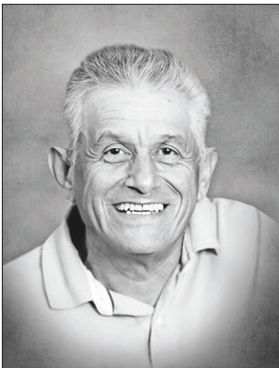
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DOMINGO GONZALES

Domingo Gonzales,74, of Gonzales, peacefully passed away Thursday, January 23, 2025 lovingly surrounded by his family. He was born June 25, 1950 in Luling the son of Rodrigo and Francisca Gonzales.

Mingo, as he was known to all, was a carpenter by trade all his life and worked for Kelco Construction for 35 years. Mingo followed most sporting events but was an avid football and golf fan and never missed games or tournaments with his favorite teams, the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Longhorns and Alabama Crimson Tide or his favorite golfer Jordan Spieth. If he wasn’t watching sports, it was Gunsmoke or Andy Griffith with his loyal Chaweenie of 12 years, Molly, by his side. When the weather was nice, his favorite pastime was cooking steaks on the grill while listening to his favorite Tejano tunes and drinking a cold one.

He is survived by his wife Debra Rickman of Gonzales; daughters Angie



Kessler of Gonzales and Stephanie Hyzak and husband Mike of Austin; grandchildren Katie Hyzak, Mason Kessler, Sophie Hyzak, Ryan Kessler and Matthew Hyzak; Stepchildren Michael Russell, Jeffery Russell, Kelly Strong and husband Ryan, Brett Southern and wife Shani and Kristi Southern along with numerous step-grandchildren; sister Adela Bernal of Luling; brothers Rodrigo Gonzales Jr. of Gonzales and Raymond Gonzales and wife Alice of Luling. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews and special friends including his very special friend “Molly”.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Maria Moreno.

Honorary pallbearers include Mark Kelley, Bruddy Brown, Jesse Martinez, Mike Hyzak, Ryan Strong, Brett Southern, Ryan Kessler, Mason Kessler and Matthew Hyzak.

Visitation will be 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, February 6, 2025 at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with the Rosary being recited at 7 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday, February 7 at St. James Catholic Church with Reverend Jason Martini officiating. Interment will follow at St. James Cemetery.

Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com.

Donations in memory of Mingo may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.

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

ANITA HORNUNG



COST: Anita Hornung, age 90, passed away at home on Sunday, January 26, 2025.

She was born April 27, 1934 in Niagara Falls, New York to Harvey and Mildred Walters Moore.

She attended Niagara Falls High School and then worked at National Carbon for years to earn money for college. She attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, majoring in missionary nursing. She then attended Mount Sinai School of Nursing in Chicago, graduating in 1962. In 1972 Anita studied for and worked as an Intensive Care Nurse at Orange County Medical Center in California. Later she studied to become a School Nurse Practitioner at the University of Colorado in 1984 and the following year studied to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. In 1996, she studied in San Antonio to become a massage therapist,

and subsequently worked in Kerrville. She worked as a nurse at hospitals in Chicago, Dallas, Austin, Pasadena and El Campo. She was a school nurse at UT in Austin, at SMU, Gonzales and Edinburg. She was a Methodist Wesley Nurse in Kerrville from 1997 to 2005.

Her hobbies included camping, snow skiing, dancing, ice skating, roller skating, oil painting, writing, and reading.

Survivors: husband, Pastor Warren Hornung;

sons, John Hornung and Billy Hornung (Karri); grandchildren, Laura Hornung, David Hornung (Aly), William Hornung and Abigail Hornung; sisters, Edith Cotton, Iris Aughtman and Donna Martin.

Preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Ralph Moore.

A Memorial Service will be held at First United Methodist Church of Yoakum at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 31, 2025. Interment of her remains will be at Monthalia Methodist Church Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to First United Methodist Church of Yoakum.

On-line guest book may be signed at www.thielecooper.com.

Arrangements by Thiele-Cooper Funeral Home in Yoakum 361-293-5656.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office

01/05/2025 – 01/11/2025

01/07/25

• Evans, Decorryan Jash, 28, Hallettsville: Local Warrant – Assault Fam/house mem Impede Breath/Circulat, Requires - \$75,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Robbery, Requires - \$25,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Assault Fam/House Mem Impede Breath/ Circulat, Requires \$20,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Tamp/Fabricate Phys Evid w/Inten to Impair, Requires \$13,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – False STMTTO PO/SP Inv/Law Enf Empl/Corr Off, Requires \$2,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

01/08/24

• Windwehen, Alvin Douglas, 50 Gonzales: Local Warrant – Criminal Mischief >=\$2,500 <\$30k, Requires \$10,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Assault Family/ Household Member w/Prev Conv, Requires \$75,000 Bond;

Local Warrant – Continuous Violence Against Family, 1 Bond all Counts, Local Warrant – Assault Family/ Household Member w/ Prev Conv, 1 Bond all Counts, Locale Warrant – Assault Family/Household Member w/Prev Conv, 1 Bond all Counts , Local Warrant – Assault Family/ Household Member w/ Prev Conv, 1 Bond all Counts; Released

• Juarez, Alejandro Granados, 46, Gonzales: Warrantless/On-View – Poss CS PG 1>=1G<4G, Requires \$8,000 Bond, Released

01/09/25

• Carrington, Shauntel, 36, Pflugerville: Local Warrant – Theft Prop <\$2,500 2/more Prev Conv, Requires \$10,000 Bond; Released

• Ramirez, Stephanie, 40, San Antonio: Local Warrant – Harassment, Requires \$1,500 Bond, Remains in Custody

• Moreno, Carlos Orlando, 34, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Continuous Violence Against Family, Requires

\$50,000 Bond, Released

01/10/25

• Finch, Matthew Ryan, 30, Nixon: Commitment/Sentence – Evading Arrest Det w/ Veh, Remains in Custody

• Barrett, Ronald Dean, 48, Kerrville: Commitment/Sentence – Poss CS PG 1 <1G, Remains in Custody

• Vera, Ricardo, JR, 24, Harwood: Commitment/Sentence – Agg Assault w/Deadly Weapon

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

GCSO	09
DPS	00
GPD	04
WPD	01
NPD	01
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	15

JAMES LUKE MORGAN

On December 21, 2024, our precious husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend, James Luke Morgan was all at once in the presence of his Savior, Jesus Christ.

Luke leaves behind his most loved wife, Cathyren (Cathy) Morgan; his parents, Susan and BF Williams of Gonzales, Texas; father, Skip Morgan of Phoenix, Arizona; his Mamaw, Mabel Marrou Gray of Gonzales, Texas; sister, Michelle and husband, Wade Airheart, of Albuquerque, New Mexico; nephew, Coleman James Airheart and wife, Reagan, and their daughter, his great niece, Arden Gray Airheart of Grand Prairie, Texas, niece, Bailey Travis and husband, Cole Travis, of Aubrey, Texas; stepbrother, Brian Williams of Corrigan, Texas; stepsister, Mandi Clark and husband, Kevin, of Kirbyville, Texas and their daughter, Harper; niece, Cheyenne Williams of Corrigan, Texas and her son, Brian Casey Williams. He also leaves behind a multitude of



family and friends, whom he loved. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Lawrence (Buck) Gray and paternal grandparents, Ralph and Wanda Iltis.

Luke was born April 2, 1975, in Seguin, Texas. Luke graduated from La Cueva High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1993, following high school he attended college at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He spent his career in communications and cyber security and traveled the world doing what he loved. He was known as an expert in his field. Luke was

loved for his humor and wit. He is defined by his strong loyalty and love for those he knew. Since Luke was young, people loved talking about his escapades and adventures. He is dearly loved, and we know beyond a shadow of a doubt that he knew that. If you knew Luke, you had a Luke story that would always make you laugh.

Cremation arrangements for Mr. Morgan were handled through Broussard’s Crematorium under the direction of Broussard’s, 1605 North Major Drive, Beaumont.

A memorial service for Mr. Morgan will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 15, 2025, at Faith Family Church, 1820 East Sarah DeWitt Drive, Gonzales.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial be sent to Faith Family Church, 1820 East Sarah DeWitt Drive, Gonzales, Texas 78629 give online; Folds of Honor, Department #13, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74182 give online; or the American Suppressor Association.

Community Resource Center plans ribbon cutting

FROM STAFF REPORTS

We are excited to share the news about the upcoming grand opening of the Community Resource Center (CRC) in Gonzales.

Conveniently located at 228 Saint George St., within the same building as the Gonzales Community Health Center, the CRC will serve as a vital

hub dedicated to supporting the health and wellness of individuals and families in our community.

The community is invited to a ribbon-cutting

ceremony on Feb. 6 at 11 a.m., followed by an open house from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This event will celebrate this milestone and explore the valuable resources available at the center.

The CRC will be home to several key organizations, including the Gonzales Wesley Nurse, GCAM food pantry, and CASA, with additional partners expected to join soon. These organizations will offer essential services such as healthcare, education, and family support—making the CRC a comprehensive resource for residents of Gonzales County and the surrounding areas.

The Community Resource Center’s mission is to empower communities through trusted resources, education, and support, fostering lasting wellness. This new center is a critical step in addressing the challenges faced by rural communities and ensuring that families have access to the tools and support they need to thrive.

For more information about the CRC or the grand opening event, contact Project Manager Ashali Garcia directly at 830-672-6511 ext. 2240 or on her cell at 737-373-5154.



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GVTC introduces Customer Dividend Program to reward loyal customers

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

GVTC Communications announces the launch of the Customer Dividend Program (CDP). Starting Jan. 1, 2025, this innovative initiative rewards loyal customers with a monthly dividend of 20% on qualifying GVTC services. The CDP complements GVTC's Member Dividend Program (MDP), an initiative that has delivered value to GVTC members.

This program highlights GVTC's commitment to recognizing customer loyalty and delivering unmatched value and savings across essential communication services, including internet, TV, telephone, and smart security.

The CDP dividend is calculated as a percentage of the monthly charges for qualifying services, excluding certain fees and taxes. It is subject to taxation in accordance with IRS rules. The GVTC Board of Directors reviews the dividend monthly to ensure it is fair and aligned with the range of services customers subscribe to. This proportional approach ensures that all customers can benefit from substantial savings tailored to their service plans.

"Our Customer Dividend



Program represents a significant milestone in our journey to reward the unwavering loyalty of our customers," said President and CEO Josh Pettiette. "At GVTC, we strive to deliver the best in technology and customer experience, and this program allows us

to share our success directly with the community. We're proud to offer meaningful cost savings as a token of our appreciation."

GVTC encourages customers to contact support or visit GVTC.com for detailed information about the program.

Small town journalism documentary For the Record to screen at Lyric Theater

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The League of Women Voters of South Central Texas will host a free screening of the documentary For the Record on Sunday, February 2, at 3:00 PM at the Lyric Theater (120 E. South Main Street, Flatonia). The event includes a post-screening panel discussion with local newspaper editors and publishers about the future of community journalism.

For the Record offers an intimate 35-minute look inside The Canadian Record, a century-old newspaper serving Canadian, a Texas panhandle town about the size of Schulenburg. The documentary chronicles how this family-owned, small-town publication confronted growing economic challenges and a rapidly changing media environment before ultimately deciding to cease printing. This screening comes at a crucial time when many small-town newspapers face similar challenges to those depicted in the film; more than

“When a local newspaper closes, communities lose their watchdog, their connector, and often their sense of identity. The Canadian Record's story illustrates what's at stake — and why it's so important to preserve these vital institutions.”

— Janis Richardson, President of The League of Women Voters of South Central Texas

2,500 local newspapers have disappeared since 2005, leaving one in five Americans living in “news deserts” without access to local reporting.

“This film serves as both a warning and a call to action,” says League President Janis Richardson. “When a local newspaper closes, communities lose their watchdog, their connector, and often their sense of identity. The Canadian Record's story illustrates what's at stake - and why it's so important to preserve these vital institutions.”

The post-screening panel discussion will explore practical solutions for sustaining indepen-

dent local journalism, including ways community members can support their local news organizations.

This event aligns with the League's mission of promoting informed civic engagement across its five-county service area (Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Gonzales, and Lavaca Counties).

The screening and panel discussion are free and open to the public. No registration required.

For more information, please contact Janis Richardson, President of the League of Women Voters of South Central Texas, at president@lwvsouthcentraltx.org or 361-772-3228.

Gonzales ISD among finalists in 2025 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—Today, H-E-B announced five early childhood facilities, five public school boards, and eight school districts throughout Texas as finalists in the 2025 H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards program.

This year, H-E-B will award \$90,000 to the 18 finalists (\$5,000 each). All finalists will go on to compete for even greater prizes at the statewide level in May. To determine the winners, a panel of judges will tour each finalist's campus to engage with administration, staff, parents, and community members. Winners will be announced at the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards ceremony on Sunday, May 4 at the Hilton Austin.

If selected, one early childhood facility will receive \$25,000; one or more school boards will receive up to \$25,000; one large school district will receive \$100,000; and one small school district will receive \$50,000.

Additionally, 50 Texas teacher, counselor, and principal finalists will be announced between January and March during a series of surprise visits to schools and classrooms

across the state.

The 2025 early childhood facility, school board, and school district finalists are:

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Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild to meet Feb. 4

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild will meet on Tuesday evening, Feb. 4 at the Shiner Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Members gather around 5:30 p.m. to socialize and enjoy refreshments. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

A special “Show and Tell” has been planned. It will feature quilted items that members have made through the years. Come to be inspired!

Visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information log onto www.shiner-heritagequilters.org and click on “Newsletters” for current information.

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ACROSS

1 Oldham County seat

5 TXism: “got _ ____ of arrows in his quiver” (capable)

6 African river

7 TXism: “big biscuit ____ the pan” (boss)

8 TXism: “limp as a dish ____”

9 wanderers

15 very small amount

16 popular Texas beer bottles

19 carries something heavy or awkward

21 it's created by the Texas sun

22 ____ Bend, TX in Kaufman County

27 song by TX Henley's Eagles: “Life in the Fast ____”

28 British dish: “ ____ the hole”

29 TX Meat Loaf album: “Bat Out ____ ____”

30 alternative energies: wind ____

32 Astro's Jeremy Pena pos.

33 what a tornado siren does

36 TXism: “ ____ _ lick of” (none)

37 “give ____ _ rest” (stop talking)

38 to corrupt morals

39 TX Orbison posthumous hit (3 wds.)

41 ____beans are a major Texas crop

42 TXism: “likely ____” (probable)

45 TXism: “six ____ ____, half a dozen of the other”

46 Texas tribe “Eyeish” was also known as this

47 biblical “you”

48 former governor, Richards

49 Christmas venture: “ ____ ____ grandma's house”

52 Texas river transports

53 kids' game

54 ____-friendly (not harmful to the environment)

55 TXism: “ ____ in cement” (permanent)

DOWN

1 ____ Alstyne, TX

2 actor and UT alumnus, Wallach

3 Philistine giant downed by David

4 Texas cowboy head covering (4 wds.)

8 “Enchanted ____ State Natural Area”

9 TXism: “plain as the ____”

10 TX Willie's “ ____ the Road Again”

11 he owned Gilley's Club in Texas (init.)

12 Texas has most of this mohair-producer in the U.S. (2 wds.)

13 French explorer Sieur ____ Salle died in Texas

14 as a plural, a great number or quantity

15 TXism: “his porch light ____ burning” (friendly)

16 licensed practical nurses (abbr.)

17 soap opera “Dallas” character, Shepard

18 perceived by the senses

20 TXism: “still wet behind the ____”

22 O'Brien of “The Over-the-Hill Gang” about aging Texas Rangers (init.)

23 Malak ____, TX

24 a horse with shoes

25 Catholic nun and saint, Mother ____

26 “good ____” (he's one of us)

28 Texas Outlaws coach (soccer)

31 pirates' booty

34 gold chem. symbol

35 former Aggie coach ____ Slocum

37 TXism: “put ____ _ the back burner”

40 “what part ____ _ don't you get?”

43 ____-Pei dog breed

44 writes music using accepted symbols

50 “ ____ me thinking”

51 40th Texas governor, Preston (init.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

OTTINE

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The resort is planning a soft opening to the community in early March, and more information will be forthcoming on how to reserve a spot. “Ottine has long been revered as a sanctuary for healing and well-being,” says DeDe Gibson DeStefano, Ottine Mineral Springs General Manager and 1986 graduate of Gonzales High School. “Preserving the sanctity of our therapeutic waters and fostering wellness experiences remain at the forefront of our mission. Ottine is more than a destination; it’s a cherished part of our community’s heritage, devoted to renewal and rejuvenation.” Ottine Mineral Springs has retained the majority of the original structures, blending them with new elements to preserve their historic charm. After opening to the community in March, Ottine Mineral Springs will continue to build in phases that will include a full-service restaurant and bar, a steam room, extensive hydrotherapy experiences, additional private pools, a yoga room, and lodging. A larger spa will be built offering amenities such as facials and body wraps, along with massage therapy. Additional experiences will include outdoor activities such as hike and bike trails along the San Marcos River, outdoor yoga structures, and more. Dating back to 1909, Ottine’s healing journey began with the discovery of the 105-degree artesian springs at a depth of 1,550 feet while drilling for oil. Following a period of dormancy, the springs gained prominence during the polio epidemic, when the newly established Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation raised funds for a hospital designed to treat those with polio, despite their race, religion or ability to pay. Throughout the years, the foundation continued to raise funds and open facilities as polio cases increased. After the invention of the Salk vaccine and the decline in polio cases, Warm Springs continued to serve as rehabilitation for those suffering from disabilities such as head and neck injuries and Multiple Sclerosis.

The water’s source, yielding mineral waters at a rate of 200,000 gallons per day, stands as a testament to Ottine’s enduring heritage. The soft mineral waters originate from the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer and are considered the best of their kind in the country. Part of a rare class of alkaline waters found mostly in Texas, Ottine has been compared to the enriched waters of Karlovy Vary in eastern Europe.

TAX

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of January 2025 for all four municipalities were \$305,212.56 — down \$12,951.34 below the \$318,163.90 received in January 2024 and a decrease of \$14,071.12 from December’s combined sales tax allocation of \$319,283.68, which was based on October 2024 sales. As November is traditionally the start of the Christmas shopping season, this decrease seems to track with a survey performed by WalletHub, in which 68 percent of respondents said Santa will be less generous in 2024 because of inflation, while about a third of respondents said they’ll spend less on holiday shopping in 2024 compared with 2023. Three of the four municipalities in Gonzales County — Gonzales, Waelder and Smiley — saw a decrease in sales tax allocations this month. Gonzales saw a 4.36 percent decrease, or \$11,838.83 less, in

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gonzales	Gonzales	1.500%	\$259,493.32	\$271,332.15	-4.36%	\$259,493.32	\$271,332.15	-4.36%
Gonzales	Nixon	1.500%	\$33,943.26	\$31,190.75	8.82%	\$33,943.26	\$31,190.75	8.82%
Gonzales	Smiley	1.000%	\$2,869.60	\$4,728.83	-39.31%	\$2,869.60	\$4,728.83	-39.31%
Gonzales	Waelder	1.500%	\$8,906.38	\$10,912.17	-18.38%	\$8,906.38	\$10,912.17	-18.38%

County	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gonzales	0.500%	\$173,903.80	\$210,053.34	-17.20%	\$173,903.80	\$210,053.34	-17.20%

sales tax allocations for January 2025. The largest city in the county, which generates the lion’s share of sales tax revenue, received \$259,493.32, compared to \$271,332.15 in January 2024. This is \$22,112.96 less than the \$281,606.28 received in December 2024. Sales tax receipts were up for Nixon, which received \$33,943.26, up \$2,752.51 or 8.82 percent more than the \$31,190.75 received in January 2024. However, it is down from the \$39,005.01 the city received in December 2024. Last year,

Nixon was the only city to be in the black (have a positive increase) for sales tax allocations in the county. Waelder received a total of \$8,906.38, a decrease of \$2,005.79, or 18.38 percent, less than the \$10,912.17 received in January 2024 and \$2,506.25 less than the \$11,412.63 received in December 2024. Finally, Smiley’s sales tax receipts were \$2,869.60, down \$1,859.23 or 39.31 percent, below the \$4,728.83 received in January 2024. However, this is up from the \$2,559.09 the city

received in December 2024. 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. Gonzales County itself also receives a 0.5 percent sales and use tax and for the month of January 2025, the county received \$173,903.80, which is \$36,149.54, or 17.2 percent, less than the \$210,053.34 received in January 2024 and \$27,631.49 less than the \$201,535.29 received in December 2024.

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majority of these funds are awarded to GISD classrooms and campuses through the Foundation’s Innovative Teaching grant program. There are many options available to donate with High Roller Tables, VIP tables, and General Public Admission tickets available. Don’t wait too long, though, because this is one of those yearly events which sells out quickly. The website to purchase tickets is https://gonzalesisdeducationfoundation-bloom.kindful.com/e/2025-casino-night-fundraiser. Doors open at 5 p.m., with a cocktail hour and mingling until dinner is served at 6 p.m. Gaming tables open at 7 p.m., and a cash bar will be open throughout the evening. All tickets are pre-sale only. High Roller Table (\$3,000 donation) includes a reserved sponsor table, 10 entry tickets, 10 drink tokens, table charcuterie, meal for each guest, recognition signage, a gift, and \$20,000 in chips. There are a limited number of these tickets. VIP table (\$1,000 donation) includes admission for 10, a reserved table, meal for each guest, recognition signage, and \$10,000 in chips. There are a limited number of VIP tables. General admission tickets (\$75 donation per person) also include meal, cash bar, and \$1,000 in chips for use at all gaming tables.

SHOW

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For the past four years, the community has raised more than \$700,000 each year in scholarships for exhibitors. In order to take part in the county show, an exhibitor must be a FFA or 4-H member in Gonzales County as of 5 p.m. Nov. 1, 2024. The exhibitor also must have a homestead in Gonzales County or attend a school in Gonzales County at the time of club registration and the animals must be housed in Gonzales County unless permission is otherwise granted. An exhibitor must also be enrolled in school and passing all subjects as of the most recent completed grading period and he or she may show in only one community/local/county show during the year. Categories include steers, breeding heifers, market swine (barrow and gilts), breeding swine (gilts), market lambs (wethers and ewes), breeding lambs (ewes), market goats (wethers and does), breeding goats (does), market rabbits (pen of three), breeding rabbits (does), market broilers (pen of three), bucket calves, baked goods and ag mechanics. Gonzales County Youth Show Association directors include Mitchell Hardcastle, Kate Richter, Renee Rathmann, Cynthia Pape, Will Lamprecht, Liz Davis Zella, Bubba Ehrig, Steven Evans, Dillon Brown, Sequoya Janacek, Erin Lindemann-LaBuhn and John Hahn.

It’s stock show time in Gonzales!



Gonzales County Youth Show 2025 Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 27th, 2025

Arrive - Check-In - Weigh-In
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Swine
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Commercial Heifers (health papers required at check-in)

Friday, February 28th, 2025

Arrive – Check-in – Weigh-in
7:00 am - 8:00 am Goats and Lambs
9:00 am - 10:00 am Agriculture Mechanics
10:00 am - 11:00 am Rabbits
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Steers and Heifers (may be unloaded and stalled prior to weigh-in)
Judging
8:00 am Swine
9:00 am Herdsman Interviews (in the predetermined order)
10:00 am Commercial Heifers (exhibitors need not be present during judging)
10:00 am LAMBS |GOATS | RABBITS
Goats - will begin 10 minutes after completion of Lamb Show
Rabbits - will begin 10 minutes after completion of Goat Show
6:00 pm - Commercial Heifer Awards with Sale to Follow (JB Wells Arena)

Saturday, March 1st, 2025

Arrive – Check-in
7:00 - 7:30 am Broilers
8:00 - 8:45 am Baked Goods
8:30 - 9:00 am Bucket Calves
Judging
8:00 am Broilers
9:00 am Baked Goods
9:00 am Steers; followed by Halter Heifers
Bucket Calves - will begin 20 minutes after completion of Cattle Show
9:00 am Agriculture Mechanics
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (or when maximum bid is reached) Silent Auction of Baked Goods
SILENT AUCTION OF AGRICULTURE MECHANICS PROJECTS will end at 7:00 pm
4:30 - 6:00 pm - Buyers Meal and Social Hour (Buyers, please be registered by 5:00 pm and have add-ons delivered to office by 5:30 pm)
6:00 pm - Sale of Market Animals
If anyone has questions feel free to contact a board member

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