

The



Inquirer

OUR 172ND YEAR

SERVING GONZALES COUNTY

\$1.00

GONZALESINQUIRER.COM

 /GONZALESINQUIRER

ESTABLISHED IN 1853

GONZALES, TEXAS: HOME OF F.A. BLUNDELL



LEW K. COHN

Debbie Tieken (center) and her husband Greg Tieken (back right) were both awarded the David B. Walshak Award for Lifetime Achievement by the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture at the annual banquet Thursday, Feb. 6 at JB Wells Expo Center. They were joined onstage by family members. Both Debbie and Greg have been active within a number of important community organizations and boards.

Chamber gives Walshak awards to Debbie, Greg Tieken

Attoyac Energy recognized as Community Impact Award winner

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Debbie and Greg Tieken were honored for their years of service to the community by the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture with the David B. Walshak Lifetime Achievement Award during the annual Chamber Excellence Gala Thursday, Feb. 6, at the JB Wells Expo Center.

See **CHAMBER**, page 6



LEW K. COHN

Attoyac Energy Services received the Community Impact Award from the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Thursday, Feb. 6, at the annual banquet at JB Wells Expo Center. Attoyac was recognized for always lending a hand whenever community organizations are in need.

Nixon tables discussion on mobile concession trailer variance for Pink Mobile Snacks LLC

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Nixon City Council members tabled a discussion Monday, Feb. 10, on granting a variance to the Pink Mobile Snacks LLC food truck to operate as a mobile concessions trailer rather than as

a food truck. Operating as a food truck would require the business not only to comply with Texas Food Establishment Rules the city adopted formally Monday night, but also to pay a mobile food vendor permit of \$225 per month, which the owners of the business com-

plained was too high compared to with what other cities charge them. They were seeking a break with fees of just \$300 per year if possible. City Administrator Darryl Becker said a truck can be consid-

See **NIXON**, page 14

Commissioners hire bond counsel, financial advisor for annex funding

County could consider tax notes, COs or general obligation bond election

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners voted unanimously Monday, Feb. 10, to approve contingent fee professional services contracts with an Austin law firm for bond counsel services and a Houston global investment services company for financial advisory services in regards to a potential \$11.5 million renovation of the Gonzales County Annex building. The county would only pay Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP (BHDA) if the firm provides “necessary legal services as bond counsel in connection with the authorization, issuance, and delivery of” either certificates of obligation (COs) or general obligation bonds, the latter of which requires voter approval during an election. Attorneys from BHDA would prepare all necessary documents for the obligations, including the election call if the county decides to issue general obligation bonds. They would also be responsible for submitting bond transcripts to the Texas Attorney General’s office for approval.

See **ANNEX**, page 13

Deputies work Operation Border Star to great success in Gonzales County

FROM STAFF REPORTS

It was a successful week for Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office deputies working Operation Border Star activities throughout the county as there were several arrests made due to the diligent work of law enforcement. Operation Border Star (OBS) is a federally funded grant which is designed to target the apprehension of wanted people, illegal aliens, firearms smuggling, human smuggling, currency smuggling, narcotics smuggling and the recovery of stolen vehicles. This grant is utilized by current staff members to provide additional man-power within Gonzales County, while providing GCSO staff with additional

See **BORDER**, page 13

United Way awards 3 grants

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Three Gonzales County organizations were recipients of a 2025 Rural Grant from the United Way of the Crossroads, which recently completed a rural grantmaking process for the first time.

See **GRANTS**, page 14

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER RIBBON CUTTING



The Community Health Center of South Central Texas at 228 Saint George St. in Gonzales held a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, Feb. 6 for a new Community Resource Center at the facility. The CRC is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Fridays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to noon.

LEW K. COHN

1 SECTION
14 PAGES



0 94922 91882 6

AIRPLANES AND AIRPORTS!



Gonzales Pre-K students came to the Gonzales Airport on Feb. 3-4 as Transportation is their current study. A field trip for 160 students was arranged by Steve Dixon with the help of Ralph Camarillo, City of Gonzales, and the Gonzales Noon Lions and their branch club, The Flying Lions. The students were taught the basics of aircraft, allowed to see and sit in airplanes, given a flight demonstration and a working wooden airplane kit to take home.

The Alcalde Hotel: A century of history and hospitality in Gonzales

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Nestled in the heart of downtown Gonzales, the Alcalde Hotel stands as a testament to the city's rich history and enduring charm. As the Main Street Business of the Month, this historic landmark is more than just a place to stay — it's a living piece of Texas history, preparing for its 100-year anniversary in March 2026. In honor of this milestone, a grand celebration is set for March 28, 2026, marking a century of hospitality, transformation, and legendary guests.

A LEGACY BUILT BY PIONEERS

The Alcalde Hotel first opened its doors in 1926, built by Aref and Helen Droupy, immigrants from Beirut, Syria, who sought to create a welcoming haven in Gonzales. The name "Alcalde," derived from the Spanish word for mayor or leader, also held historical significance as it was used to refer to the ruling officers of DeWitt's Colony, Gonzales' early settlers.

After the 183 bypass was put in, the hotel saw a rapid decline in visitors and closed its doors to guests in the late 1990s. The Droupy family maintained ownership of the hotel for an impressive 87 years, until it changed hands in 2013.

Over the years, the hotel has served various purposes, including a fitness center and offices. However, its heart has always remained in hospitality. In 2013, the Green family purchased the property, investing \$1.68 million in an extensive renovation that breathed new life into the establishment.

One unique aspect of the renovation was the furnishing — pieces were acquired from the prestigious Gaylord, adding a touch of luxury to its historic charm. In 2014, the Alcalde Hotel officially reopened, reclaiming its place as a staple in downtown Gonzales.

A RENAISSANCE UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP

Today, the Alcalde Hotel is undergoing yet another revitalization under the direction of Maggie Wills. With a passion for hospitality and a keen eye for detail, Mrs. Wills — alongside the hotel's interior designer and dedicated staff — is leading exciting renovations.



Gonzales Main Street has recognized the Alcalde Hotel as its Business of the Month for February 2025. The hotel, which was built by the Droupy family, first opened its doors in 1926 and will celebrate 100 years of memories on March 28, 2026. The hotel is currently owned by the Green family and managed by Maggie Wills.

Each of the 18 rooms is being meticulously redecorated, including two spacious two-bedroom suites that accommodate up to six guests and two one-bedroom suites overlooking the historic downtown. As part of this transformation, select rooms will be redesigned as themed suites, paying tribute to the hotel's most famous guests.

LEGENDS AND LORE: THE ALCALDE'S FAMOUS GUESTS

The Alcalde Hotel has hosted a variety of notable guests, from film crews and oil field workers to attorneys and families visiting Gonzales' historic sites. However, two of its most infamous residents were none other than Bonnie and Clyde. According to local legend, the outlaw duo stayed at the hotel in January 1934, just months before their dramatic demise. As the story goes, a local nine-year-old boy recognized them from a wanted poster and alerted authorities. When law enforcement stormed the hotel, Bonnie and Clyde escaped by jumping from a second-story window, disappearing into the Texas night.

Another legendary visitor was Elvis Presley. In August 1955, the King of Rock and Roll checked into the Alcalde to take a nap before his concert in Gonzales. Later that day, he was seen relaxing in the lobby, perhaps soaking in the town's charm before taking the stage. It was also recently discovered that country music legend George Jones once stayed at the

hotel, further cementing its place in Texas history.

A PERFECT BLEND OF PAST AND PRESENT

Beyond its storied past, the Alcalde Hotel remains a premier destination in Gonzales, perfectly positioned in the city center. Guests enjoy private parking, a prime location within walking distance of local attractions, and now, the return of a beloved coffee shop inside the hotel.

The addition of this coffee shop is a nod to the hotel's early days, when a coffee shop was always part of the Alcalde experience. Now, visitors and locals alike can enjoy a warm cup of coffee in a setting steeped in history.

LOOKING AHEAD: FUTURE OF THE ALCALDE HOTEL

As the 100-year anniversary approaches, the Alcalde Hotel is not just celebrating its past but also looking toward the future. With ongoing renovations, themed rooms, and new amenities, it continues to be a beacon of Gonzales' historic charm and hospitality. Whether you're a history buff, a traveler seeking unique stays, or a local looking for a glimpse into the past, the Alcalde Hotel offers a truly unforgettable experience.

Mark your calendars for March 28, 2026, as Gonzales comes together to honor a century of memories, legends, and hospitality at the Alcalde Hotel. Until then, stop by, grab a coffee, and immerse yourself in the history of one of Texas' most legendary hotels.

Suburban Hotel Truck Rental is Gonzales' newest U-Haul dealer

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

U-Haul Co. of Texas is pleased to announce that Suburban Hotel Truck Rental LLC signed on as a U-Haul® neighborhood dealer to serve the Gonzales community.

Suburban Hotel Truck Rental, owned by Sal Bhatti, at 2669 Water Street will offer essential services like U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, and moving supplies.

Suburban Hotel Truck Rental is open 24 hours, seven days a week. Reserve U-Haul products at this dealer location by calling (830) 263-7021 or visiting uhaul.com.

OAP to hold performances of 'David's Mother'

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales High School One Act Play will be starting performances of their competition piece, "David's Mother," at the Gonzales Junior High Auditorium.

"David's Mother," written by Bob Randall, is a tragically beautiful exploration of love, sacrifice, and the complexities of family. Sally, a single mother, is devoted to her nonverbal autistic son, David, shaping her entire life around his care. But as her relationships with others begin to fray, Sally faces difficult questions about the cost of her choices and what the future holds for both her and David.

Gonzales HS OAP Presents:



Tuesday, February 25th at 7 PM
Saturday, March 1st at 7 PM
Sunday, March 2nd at 2 PM

District Competition:
Friday, February 28th at La Vernia HS
Plays start at 2 PM

David's Mother is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

Poignant, powerful, and deeply moving, "David's Mother" is a testament to the strength and heartbreak of unconditional love. Cast and crew include Ainsley Pope, Emily Hull, River Van Kirk, Autumn Hataway, Luhana Wells, Anahi Meza, Aubree Tovar, Austin Valenta, Nicholas Gonzales, Brett Needham, Alejandro Ordonez, Lily Reeves, Rocco Mastronadi, and Gavin Lekgega. The show is directed by Madi Pope and Lisa Kahanek.

Performances are on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m., March 1 at 7 p.m., and March 2 at 2 p.m. District competition is at La Vernia High School on Feb. 28. Plays start at 2 p.m. and Gonzales will be the first to perform.

Residential property owners must confirm homestead exemption

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Residential property owners who are receiving a Homestead Exemption are now required to confirm that they still qualify for the exemption. This requirement was passed by the 88th Legislature in 2023 and is codified in Section 11.42 (h-1) of the Texas Property Tax Code.

A letter will be mailed out to approximately 20 percent of these property owners yearly. The letter has specific instructions that must be followed if you are to continue receiving the Homestead Exemptions.

A copy of this letter is available on the website: www.gonzalescad.org.

Weather Sponsored by



Sage Capital Bank








Financial Wisdom. Texas Roots.

www.sagecapitalbank.com

830-672-8585

Member FDIC

Gonzales Weather

	February 13 54°/45°	Cloudy and cooler with a couple of showers, mainly early in the day 57% chance of rain • RealFeel 55
	February 14 65°/52°	A shower in spots in the morning; otherwise, warmer with variable cloudiness 45% chance of rain • RealFeel 63
	February 15 70°/54°	Sun and clouds 6% chance of rain • RealFeel 69
	February 16 66°/46°	Plenty of sunshine 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 67
	February 17 69°/54°	A little rain in the morning; otherwise, mostly cloudy 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 69
	February 18 66°/44°	Mostly cloudy 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 66
	February 19 58°/38°	Cloudy and cooler 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 56

Celebrations

Birthdays		
February 13th Laura Adams Bird Barbara Brzozowski Ken Calloway Michelle Fernandez Kathryn Lewis Rudy Martinez Gerry Stamps Andrew Stewart Tammy Turner	February 15th Alrene Ramos	Daisy Villareal Beverly Wegener
February 16th Denise Jones Langston Michael Meeh Efrain Perez Jr. Walter Ray Sampleton Emily Tisinger Ovella Tumlinson	February 18th Jennifer Condel Almaguer Mia Lampkin Mark Lube Fred Mitchell Elisa Molina Dandi Opiela	
February 14th Cathy DuBose Eric Linebrink Mary Ara McNabb Zachary Zella	February 17th Rachel Arellano Garza Stephanie Scaff	February 19th Lois Gracey Kylee Helms Jenna O'Neal
Anniversary February 14th Paula & Jesus Yanez		
brought to you by		
STOREY JEWELERS FINE DIAMONDS SINCE 1903		
1606 N Sarah Dewitt Drive, Gonzales, Texas (830) 672-2402 • www.storeyjewelers.com		

Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

February 13th
South Texas Tour

February 15th – 16th
South Texas Tour

Proudly brought to you by:
Fehner & Son Grain
830-672-3710
1922 Co. Road 197, Gonzales, TX 78629



f/GonzalesInquirer

GONZALESINQUIRER.COM • THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

3

Head out to the wild horse and burro event in Seguin

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a two-day wild horse and burro event in Seguin, Texas, Feb. 21-22, at the Seguin Events Center. The two-day event, featuring 120 wild horses and burros, will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 21.

Adoptions will be held from noon-6 p.m. on Feb. 21, and from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Feb. 22. Animals are eligible for adoption. Inquire with BLM staff onsite for more information.

As part of our efforts to find every horse and burro a good home, the BLM now offers up to \$1,000 to adopt an untrained animal. This adoption incentive will be offered for every animal in Seguin.

On July 26, 2021, the BLM announced additional steps it will take to secure the health and safety of adopted animals, including conducting an inspection of wild horses and burros adopted through the Adoption Incentive Program within six months of adoption date, rather than twelve months.

The animals offered at the event are adult and yearling horses and

burros that once roamed free on public lands in the West. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to maintain healthy herds and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption program is essential for achieving these important management goals. Since 1971, the BLM has placed more than 280,000 of these animals in approved homes across the country.

BLM staff will approve applications onsite. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18 years old, with no record of animal abuse. Qualified homes must have a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with access to food, water and shelter. A six-foot corral fence is required for adult horses; five feet for yearlings; and four-and-a-half feet for burros. All animals must be loaded in covered, stock-type trailers with swing gates and sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on hand to assist with the short application process.

The Seguin Events Complex is located at 950 South Austin St., Seguin, Texas. For more information, call 866-468-7826 or visit www.blm.gov.

Garden
Q&A with
CALVIN FINCH



Q. Is dog urine bad for the lawn? We have many neighbors that walk their dogs and let them urinate on the lawns along the way.

A. If dogs urinate in the same spot several times a day the result could be a dead area, but the good news is that in our soils, grass varieties, and rain levels it is unusual. In my experience it is more likely to kill a spot if the dog does its urinating in the yard at the same spot each day. Walking dogs on leashes is desirable exercise for the human and the pet without hurting landscapes, especially if he or she fulfill their responsibility to pick up the dog poop!

Q I was at a neighbors for a cup of coffee and she was bragging about blue curl as a wildflower. Can you tell me more about it?

A. Yes, blue curl (*Phacelia congesta*) is a wildflower that grows in the sun or shade up to 3 feet tall in good soil and is shorter in thin soil or dry soil on a slope. The blooms start early, are attractive and look like blue curls just like their name. They are a favorite nectar source for butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators. Collect seed from your neighbor's plants or contact Native American Seed Co in Junction (325 446-3600) on the internet to purchase some.

Q. What is the advantage of Oscar okra? Where can you obtain the seed?

A. Oscar okra produces high quality okra pods on relatively short (7 ft) plants. The pods in my experience remain worthy of harvest and cooking for a longer period on the plant than other okra varieties. In the Central and South Texas area watch for availability of the seed at garden club and Master Gardener events. Once you obtain some seed and plant it, eat most of the pods but save enough seed for the next season.

Q. In past years I had a strong population of purple martins raising young in my aluminum houses. In the last 3 years, however, the martins have visited but not stayed. Have you got any ideas about restoring the nesting activity?

A. Has the nature of your landscape changed? Martins do not seem to like landscapes dominated by shade or even low-growing plants like wildflowers. They seem to require open flying lanes and mowed lawns. The weather over the last 3 years has also been strange with the record cold and late freezes. Obtain a purple martin resource book such as the Stokes Purple Martin Book and review the timing of your placing the houses up. It might also be possible to confer with a gardener that has been successful with martins over the last 3 years and see what he thinks the problem is. Good luck!

LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK REPORT

February 8, 2025

Cattle: 1158

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold very active and steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold very active. Packer cows and bulls sold steady.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame: No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 400-545; 300-400 lbs., 325-490; 400-500 lbs., 285-435; 500-600 lbs., 265-353; 600-700 lbs., 255-331; 700-800 lbs, 245-295. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs, 175-215.

Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large-fram: No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 320-415; 300-400 lbs., 285-370; 400-500 lbs., 285-385; 500-600 lbs., 245-305; 600-700 lbs., 285-295.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 118-126; Cutters, 131-142; Canners, 75-110; High yielding fat cows, 124-134.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 140-152; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 126-139. Stockers Cows: \$900 to \$3,100. Pairs: \$1,800 to \$3,600.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

February 10, 2025

Cattle - 979

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$345-480
300-400 lbs - \$361-480
400-500 lbs - \$315-445
500-600 lbs - \$287-331
600-700 lbs - \$266-317
700-800 lbs - \$240-259

Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$288-410
300-400 lbs - \$307-480

400-500 lbs - \$282-350
500-600 lbs - \$261-395
600-700 lbs - \$240-285
700-800 lbs - \$228-245
Slaughter Cows - \$103-136
Slaughter Bulls - \$120-154
Stocker Cows - \$1425-2100
Pairs: \$1700-2400

HALLETTVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC.

Sale date: February 4, 2025

Cattle on hand: 2332

Packer Cows:

High Dressing: \$126-145
Medium Dressing: \$112-125
Low Dressing: \$98-115

Poor/Weak Cows: \$70-95

Packer Bulls:

High Dressing Bulls: \$158-171
Medium Dressing Bulls: \$138-160

Low Dressing Bulls: \$125-140

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: 1 - \$2350
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1300-1850

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves: Under 200 lbs.: \$410-550
200-300 lbs.: \$400-495
300-400 lbs.: \$390-480
400-500 lbs.: \$360-465
500-600 lbs.: \$290-372.50
600-700 lbs.: \$265-316
700-800 lbs.: \$245-282.50

Over 800 lbs.: \$225-258
Number 1 heifer calves: Under 200 lbs: \$390-540
200-300 lbs.: \$340-440
300-400 lbs.: \$340-410
400-500 lbs.: \$290-395
500-600 lbs.: \$265-325
600-700 lbs.: \$240-285
700-800 lbs: \$210-252

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: NONE

The calf market was strong again. Demand is exceptional. Heavier weights sold steady while the light weights were higher again. Packer cows and bulls sold strong to \$2 higher, supply of 320 head.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

February 5, 2025

Quality overall very good.

Demand for replacement cows.

Stocker cattle \$5.00 softer with packer cows & bulls \$5.00 better.

Cattle - 707

Sheep & goats - 669

Medium & large frame #1

Steers:

200-300 lb. 2.60-3.45-4.25
300-400 lb. 1.75-3.40-4.75
400-500 lb. 2.10- 3.17-4.18
500-600 lb. 1.55-2.91-3.35
600-700 lb. 2.02-2.72-3.14
700-850 lb. 1.66-2.42-2.70

Medium & large frame #1

Heifers:

200-300 lb. 2.25-3.65-4.70
300-400 lb. 1.70-3.08-3.58
400-500 lb. 1.55-2.90-3.65
500-600 lb. 1.75-2.64-3.10
600-750 lb. 2.32-2.53-2.94

Cows:

Utility & commercial - .60-1.28-1.40

Cutters - .40-1.00-1.20

Canners - .60-.75-.90

Palpated cows - 1000-2600

Cow/Calf Pairs - 1300-1700

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding - 1.50-1.70
Light & Low Yielding -.60-1.44

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies - 55-225

Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.20-3.60

Wethers - 1.30-3.30

Billies - 1.30-2.50

Dorp. Ewes - 55-175

Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 2.00-3.10

Woolled Ewes -None

Woolled Bucks - .92-1.80
Lambs - 1.25-2.20
Barb. Bucks - 250-775

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

February 7, 2025

Number of Head: 1824

There were 258 cows, 33 bulls, 1 horse and 3 goats. The packer market was \$10-12/cwt higher on cows and bulls. The calf market, after weeks of record highs, finally saw a lull. The futures board took a big hit with the opening of the Mexican border after being closed for 3 months. However, the market is still good. We appreciate our sellers and buyers, and if we can help in any way, give us a call. Thank you!

Packer bulls: 127.00-182.00

Packer cows:

Canners & Cutters 140.00-158.00

Poor & Weak 65.00-139.00

Palpated: 15 Bred \$1500- \$2650

Pairs: 4 pr \$1500-\$2500

Steer/Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

200-250 lbs 363.00-490.00

250-299 lbs 385.00-485.00

300-350 lbs 379.00-465.00

350-400 lbs 350.00-422.00

400-450 lbs 330.00-430.00

450-500 lbs 308.00-380.00

500-550 lbs 304.00-325.00

550-600 lbs 291.00-315.00

600-700 lbs 268.00-300.00

700-800 lbs 242.00-280.00

Over 800 lbs 213.00-245.00

Heifer Calves:(AVG-HIGH)

200-250 lbs 346.00-485.00

250-300 lbs 325.00-465.00

300-350 lbs 332.00-416.00

350-400 lbs 309.00-435.00

400-450 lbs 298.00-400.00

450-500 lbs 276.00-330.00

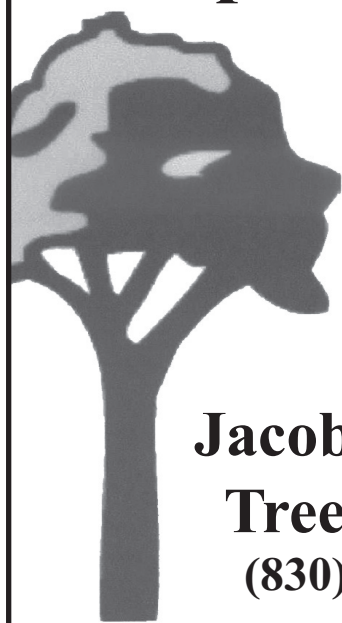
500-550 lbs 268.00-300.00

550-600 lbs 259.00-310.00

600-700 lbs 245.00-306.00

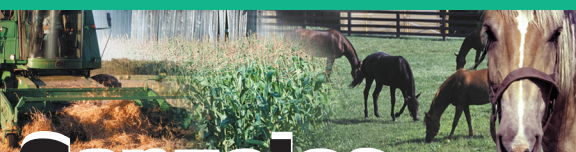
Over 700 lbs 207.00-229.00

Tree Trimming, Removal & Stump Grinding



Insured
for
your
safety

Jacob Sanders
Tree Service
(830) 857.4188



Gonzales Livestock Market, Inc.

Working hard to ensure quality service for all our customers.

David Shelton
830-857-5394

Mike Brzozowski
830-857-3900

Sales every Saturday starting at 10 am

Hwy 90A • Gonzales • 830-672-2845
Live Broadcast • www.cattleusa.com

Nixon Livestock Commission, Inc

SALE
Every Monday-10:30am
1924 US Highway 87 E, Nixon, TX
830-582-1561 or 830-582-1562
All Livestock Insured and Bonded

Gary Butler
830-857-4330

Rodney Butler
361-645-5002

THE HEIGHTS®

REHABILITATION & LONG TERM CARE

The Heights of Gonzales

701 North Sarah DeWitt Gonzales, Texas 78629



At The Heights of Gonzales®, patients receive premier health care from experienced professionals dedicated to maximizing their independence in a homelike atmosphere.

Special Features Include:

- Large Private & Semi-Private Rooms
- Safe & Secure Specialty Memory Care Wing
- Flat-screen Cable TVs & Phones (Available)
- Private Family Dining Room
- Salon On-Site
- Wi-Fi Services
- State-of-the-Art Rehabilitation Gym
- Short-Term Rehab Area Offering Private Dining & Living Spaces
- Outdoor Courtyards with Covered Patios
- Interactive Sensory Gardens in Two Courtyards

Support Services Include:

- Physician Services
- PM&R
- Dialysis Transportation
- Advanced Wound Care Physician
- Board Certified Geriatricians
- Transitional / Social Services
- Cardiology
- Pulmonology
- Registered Dietitian

We currently have rooms available. Call me for a tour!

Roger Dyer (830) 672-4530

701 NORTH SARAH DEWITT | GONZALES, TX | 78629
830.672.4530 | THEHEIGHTSGONZALES.COM



Public school students should not be worth less

BY HECTOR O. DOMINGUEZ JR.
Runge ISD superintendent

The debate over school vouchers has become one of the most polarizing issues in education today. Proponents argue that vouchers give parents the ability to choose the best educational setting for their children, while opponents contend that diverting public funds to private institutions undermines the very foundation of public education. At the heart of this debate is a simple yet profound question: Should public school students be worth less than their private or charter school counterparts?

Public, private, and charter schools all have a place in the educational landscape, and parents deserve the right to choose what is best for their children. However, if taxpayer dollars are funding student education in private and charter schools, these institutions should be held to the same academic and financial accountability standards as public schools.

ENSURING EQUAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Public schools operate under strict state and federal accountability systems. From standardized testing to financial audits, public schools are required to demonstrate student progress, justify their spending, and comply with rigorous transparency standards. However, private schools receiving public funds through vouchers are not always subject to the same level of scrutiny.

If public money follows a student to a private or charter school, those institutions should be required to administer the same state assessments and adhere to the same academic standards as public schools. This ensures that all students — regardless of where they attend school — are held to equitable educational expectations.

THE IMPACT ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

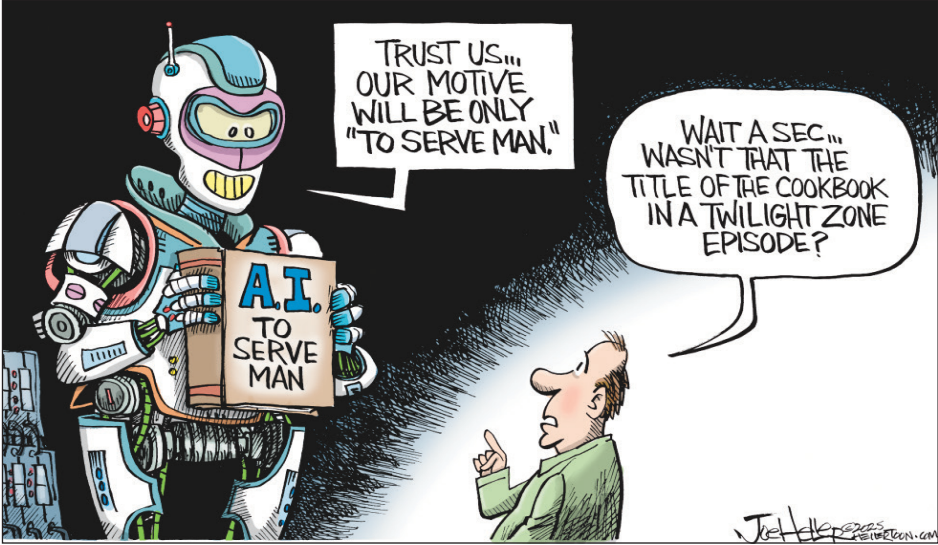
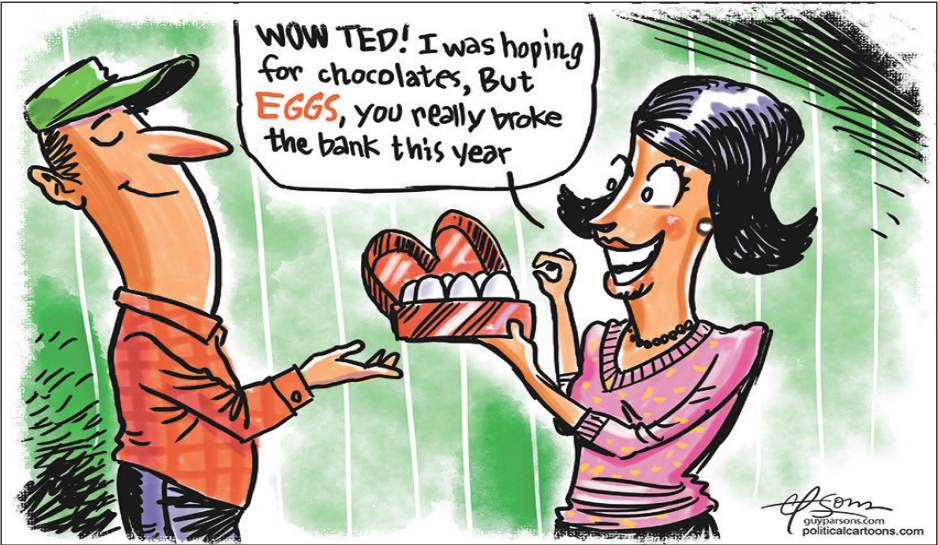
Public schools serve the vast majority of students in our communities, including those with special needs, English learners, and economically disadvantaged students. Diverting taxpayer funds from public schools through vouchers inevitably reduces resources for these students. In rural areas, where private school options are scarce, voucher programs offer little to no benefit to families while still pulling funds from already underfunded public schools.

Voucher proponents often argue that competition will improve education. But for competition to be fair, all schools should operate under the same rules. Public schools cannot deny admission based on a student's academic performance, behavior history, or special needs. Many private schools, however, can and do. This creates an uneven playing field where public schools are left serving the highest-need students with fewer resources.

A PATH FORWARD

Rather than dismantling public education through inequitable voucher programs, we should focus on strengthening all schools to ensure every child — regardless of their ZIP code — receives a high-quality education. If private and charter schools receive taxpayer funds, they must operate under the same accountability measures as public schools.

Public school students should not be worth less than their private and charter school peers. If education funding is to follow the student, then all students should be subject to the same rigorous educational and financial oversight. The future of our children and our public education system depends on ensuring that every school — public, private, or charter — meets the same high standards of excellence.



And that was then ...

Gonzales men go to war to pay price of freedom

BY BOB BURCHARD
Special to the Inquirer

He stood there on the sidewalk outside Michelson's Café in Gonzales. The letter from the Army said the bus would pick him up at 10:00 this morning. He glanced at the courthouse clock across the street - 9:15. He had been standing here almost an hour. It was better to wait here though than at the house. His mother was very upset. She had been crying off and on for several days. So, he had said goodbye, and came on to the

bus stop at Michelson's. His dad had brought him in the pickup, and now his dad and other dads, and a few moms, were visiting there on the sidewalk a few feet away. It was difficult saying goodbye to his mother his morning. She was crying so hard that it made Little Sister start crying. Little Sister was just two years old - she did not know what was happening. Bubba was five, be six next month. I will have to remember to send him something, he thought.

See **HISTORY**, page 12



DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Tears of a Tragedy...

Tears of millions of Americans have scarcely dried since the tragic mid-air collision of a passenger airliner with a military helicopter on January 29 in the icy waters of the Potomac River in Washington, DC.

A total of 70 victims--64 passengers, a crew of three and three in the helicopter--lost their lives a handful of seconds and a few hundred feet short of the Ronald Reagan National Airport runway, some 1,200 miles from Wichita, KS, where the flight originated some three hours earlier.

We've always heard that such tragedies "come in threes." Prayers abound for all who perished, as well as for all who lost loved ones. May this calamity be isolated, far more removed from the next one....

Upon hearing the news, millions of Americans' thoughts reverted to another river scene almost exactly 16 years ago. That's when an Airbus A320 airliner was skillfully "landed" on the Hudson River in New York City, some 200 miles from DC.

It was 5,858 days earlier--to be exact--when Captain Chesley (Sully) Sullenberger became a national hero. When the plane sustained a bird strike only minutes after take-off from NYC's LaGuardia Airport en route to Charlotte, NC, Sullenberger guided the aircraft toward the river. The waters were icy there, too, but the plane remained afloat long enough for all 150 passengers and a crew of five to be rescued. No one died, and just one passenger was injured.

Truly, it was a "Miracle on the Hudson," occurring in January 2009, just a couple of weeks before the nation's last major commercial airline crash near Buffalo, NY, where 50 persons perished....

Numerous ironies are associated with the current tragedy. There always are, with many known only by those whose losses are up close and personal.

One, about half of the passengers were figure skaters and their entourage.

Largely ignored by major media were two interesting facts. About 24 hours before the crash, there was a close call between a commercial airliner and a military helicopter near the same DC airport, and about 24 hours later, one of the world's most recognized figure skaters died.

Dick Button, five-time world champion and twice an Olympic gold winner, dying at age 95 of natural causes....

The current crash involved a military Blackhawk helicopter colliding with a Bombardier CRJ700 regional jet.

Manufactured in Canada, it was considered one of the true "workhorses" of commercial aviation, never experiencing a mid-air emergency.

The last CRJ700 plane was manufactured four years ago....

Back in 1959, there was another airline calamity involving Buffalo, but this time, not in New York state.

It occurred near Buffalo, TX, where 28 passengers and a crew of six perished. Downed by mechanical failure in a thunderstorm, the Lockheed L-188 Electra had been in service only 11 days for 132 flight hours.

It was a Braniff flight, one of the company's first of many setbacks preceding its bankruptcy in 1982....

Many of Braniff's challenges were unavoidable, but at least one advertising debacle was among the worst on record--for any company.

If memory serves--and sometimes it doesn't--the Buffalo crash occurred during Braniff's trumpeting of its "we're-going-to-be-on-time" campaign. If flights were an hour late, passengers were handed silver dollars upon deplaning, along with promises to do better. The Braniff folks even placed large clocks at cabin entries as reminders of their promise.

The Buffalo crash underscored the prevailing preference of arrival on time being more important than safe arrival. The campaign abruptly ended, of course, and the clocks came down....

See **NEWBURY**, page 11

The Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Inquirer, 622 St. Paul, Gonzales, TX 78629 is a periodical postage paid at Gonzales, Texas and additional mailing offices.

Postmaster: For change of address, notify **The Gonzales Inquirer**, P.O. Box 616, Gonzales, TX 78629-0616

Mail Subscription Rates	
Payable in advance	
In county	
One year	\$48
Six months	\$36
Three months	\$28
Out of county	
One year	\$60
Six months	\$48
Three months	\$38
E-Edition	
One year	\$40
Six months	\$25
Three months	\$20

You can reach us at:
830-672-2861
OR
publisher@gonzalesinquirer.com

Affiliations:
National Newspaper Association

South Texas Press Association

Texas Gulf Coast Press Association

Staff

PUBLISHER
Lew Cohn

STAFF WRITER
Vandy Van Epps

CONTRIBUTING
Betty Cohn

BOOKKEEPER
Sanya Simmons

The Gonzales Inquirer is published every Thursday by Guadalupe Valley Publishing Co.
USPS 221-740 • ISSN 1059-7158 • 622 St. Paul St., P.O. Box 616 • Gonzales, TX 78629

© 2025 Gonzales Inquirer. All rights reserved. Material may not be reproduced without written permission.

Letters to the Editor

Please send Letters to the Editor:

- Email: publisher@gonzalesinquirer.com
 - U.S. Mail: The Inquirer, P.O. Box 616, Gonzales, Texas, 78629
 - In person: The Inquirer, 622 St. Paul Street, Gonzales, Texas, 78629 (Please bring in a digital format, if possible).
- Further questions may be directed to Publisher Lew Cohn, 830-672-2861.

SPORTS

Apaches clinch basketball playoff berth with win over JFK

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Apaches appear to be a lock for second-place in District 28-4A and clinched a basketball playoff berth after they defeated the JFK Rockets, 54-42, at home Tuesday, Feb. 4.

The Apaches are now 4-3 in district (13-17 overall) with one game remaining against San Antonio Memorial Minutemen, who are winless in district and 2-21 overall. A win would clinch second place overall in dis-

trict behind La Vernia.

Gonzales is already penciled in to play a team from District 27-4A in the bi-district round of the playoffs for Class 4A Division II. Since La Vernia will play in Division I, Gonzales gets the top seed from the district for Division II and would likely play the Devine Warhorses, the fourth-place team in District 27-4A, which would be get the second seed for that district in Division II.

Gametime and location have not been announced yet.

Apache FC plays to ties against Memorial, Yoakum

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Apaches FC played hard-fought contests against both San Antonio Memorial and Yoakum last week, earning ties in both matches.

On Tuesday, Feb. 4, the Apaches (4-4-4 overall, 2-1-2 in district) were on the road at Memorial. Both teams scored once in each half, resulting in a 2-2 tie in a district contest.

Then, on Friday, Feb. 7, Gonzales hosted Yoakum at Apache Field and the teams battled to a 1-1 draw. It was the first time the Bulldogs, who were 0-8 going into the match, did not lose a game this season.

On Tuesday, Feb. 11, the Apaches were to host San Antonio Cole, the second-place squad in district, in the final match of the first round of district play.

Lady Apaches FC improves to 5-1 in district play with win

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches FC finished the first round of district play with a 3-2 home soccer win over the Cole Lady Cougars at Apache Field.

A soggy night didn't stop the Lady Apaches from knocking in three goals to improve their district mark

to 5-1 and their overall record to 9-3-2. Gonzales is 3-1-2 in games at Apache Field, 3-2 in road games and 3-0 in neutral site contests.

The Lady Apaches will begin the second round of district play on Tuesday, Feb. 18, by hosting the JFK Lady Rockets at 7 p.m. They beat JFK, 3-0, on Jan. 24 in the first round.



COURTESY PHOTO BY SYLVIA SCHWAUSCH

Senior guard Kilee Schwausch (5) looks to dish off a pass to a teammate as she draws double coverage while sophomore Kea'anna White (12) and junior Isabella Ikard wait for an opportunity against the Devine Arabians in a bi-district playoff game Tuesday, Feb. 11 in Von Ormy.

Lady Apaches end season with bi-district loss to Devine

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches' basketball season came to an end Tuesday, Feb. 11, following a 71-32 bi-district loss to the Devine Arabians at Southwest Legacy High School in Von Ormy.

The Lady Apaches finished the 2024-25 season with a 14-18 overall record after going 4-4 in district play and finishing in third place in District 28-4A. It was the second straight year Gonzales made the playoffs as they also finished third in 2023-24 with a 7-5 district record and a 12-20 overall mark.

Going into the game, Gonzales knew stopping Devine, the co-district champion of District 27-4A, would be a tall

Lady Apaches defeat Yoakum, 4-0

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches FC kept a strong hold on second place in district play Friday, Feb. 7, by defeating the Yoakum Lady Bulldogs, 4-0, at home at Apache Field.

The win improved Gonzales to 4-1 in district play and 8-3-2 overall. It was their second straight victory after an early district loss to first-place La Vernia. The Lady Apaches were set to play Cole in the first round district finale on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at home. Cole was in third place in district with a 1-0-3 record and 8-2-4 overall.

order. The Arabians came into the game with a 24-10 overall record and a 11-1 district mark.

The Lady Apaches now will be bidding farewell to a senior class that made the playoffs in consecutive seasons and restored a tradition of postseason play on the hardwood court. Seniors include Bella Aguero, Kilee Schwausch, Skcarlet Cerda and Kaylie Ramirez.

Lady Mustangs fall in bi-district play to Columbus

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs saw their 2024-25 season come to an end Tuesday, Feb. 11, after they fell in the bi-district round to the Columbus Lady Cardinals, 64-42, at Victoria West High School.

The Lady Mustangs close out their season with an overall record of 14-20 after finishing 5-5 in District 26-3A. It is the second time in three seasons the Lady Mustangs lost a bi-district matchup with Columbus, which has been ranked in the Top 20 in Class 3A. Nixon-Smiley has made the playoffs for the past five consecutive seasons.

They will bid farewell to a senior class which includes Madison Yanes, Brooke Crisp, Janaelyn White, Kaylie Morin, Ayanna Corpus and Juliana Kendrick.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Nixon-Smiley beats Karnes City, falls to Poth

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs finished the week 1-1 in district play as they came from behind to defeat the Karnes City Badgers, 50-47, in overtime Tuesday, Feb. 4, and fell to the Poth Pirates on the road, 64-39, on Friday, Feb. 7.

Against the Badgers,

the Mustangs were down at halftime, 26-21, but trimmed their deficit to 30-27 at the end of the third period before tying the game up at the end of regulation, 40-40. In OT, Nixon-Smiley outscored Karnes City, 10-7, to seal the win.

The Mustangs were scheduled to play the Goliad

Tigers in the district finale Tuesday, Feb. 11, on the road.

A win would give the Mustangs a chance to claim the final playoff spot in district. The Mustangs also had a chance to finish either a tie with Stockdale and/or Karnes City for the final spot, leading to the need for play-in games.

Lady Mustangs beat Lady Badgers to clinch playoff spot

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs finished basketball district play Tuesday, Feb. 4, with a 61-50 home win over the Karnes City Lady Badgers.

The win helped the Lady Mustangs clinch the fourth and final playoff spot for District 26-3A. A loss would have created a tie with

Karnes City and the need for a play-in game between the Lady Mustangs and Lady Badgers.

Nixon-Smiley, which finished 5-5 in district play, is 14-19 overall and was to travel to Victoria West High School Tuesday, Feb. 11, to play the Columbus Lady Cardinals, in the bi-district round of the Class 3A Division I playoffs.



When it comes to protecting Texas property, Roeber Insurance Agency understands your needs. We live in the same communities & share the same concerns as our neighbors.

We offer Auto, Property, Farm & Ranch, Poultry Houses, Farm & Personal Liability, Recreational Lines, & Life.

Gonzales Office: 830-437-5682

La Vernia Office: 830-779-2428

Give us a call for a quote!

Roeber
Insurance Agency



Beta Sigma Phi was awarded the Beautification Award by the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.



LEW K. COHN

CHAMBER

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Meanwhile, Attoyac Energy Services was recognized as the Community Impact Award winner, while other awards were given to Brittany Jones Caka (President’s Award), Beta Sigma Phi (Beautification Award), Kasey Rhodes (Commerce Award) and Connie Dolezal (Volunteer Work Award).

The theme of this year’s banquet, “Legacy of Freedom,” also served to honor the upcoming bicentennial of the founding of Gonzales in 1825.

Debbie Ticken was recognized for her leadership on Gonzales Main Street, during which she helped the program receive state certification, as well as on the Gonzales ISD Board of Trustees, during which the district completed an expansion of the North Avenue Intermediate campus and the construction of a new Gonzales Elementary School.

She also was a founding member of the Gonzales ISD Education Foundation, a former Gonzales Chamber board member and a former president of the Gonzales Central Appraisal District while also volunteering with the Gonzales Youth Center and the San Antonio Livestock Show.

Greg Ticken was recognized for his leadership as vice president of the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Board of Directors and as president of the Gonzales County Water Supply Corporation, having served on the board of that organization since 1986.

He served as president of First National Bank of Gonzales and First Commercial Bank of Seguin in a banking career that spanned 36 years and held positions on committees with the Independent Bankers Association of Texas as well as the national board of The Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders.

Greg Ticken also was a former Gonzales City Council member and has held positions with the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, Gonzales Noon Lions Club, Gonzales Little League and other organizations.

The David B. Walshak Lifetime Achievement Award is given in memory of Walshak, a prominent banker who served as a shining example of achievement in winning the Chamber’s “Citizen of the Year” award during a career of service to the community.

The Community Impact Award, won by Attoyac Energy Services, recognizes “individuals or organizations that exemplify the spirit of community engagement, generosity and profound commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.”

The company supported the local Boy Scouts of America troop and purchased them new equipment while helping foster members’ leadership skills development and a spirit of community service. When the GHS band was in urgent

need, Attoyac stepped up to pull the band’s trailer to events so there would be no disruption.

Attoyac also has supported the Gonzales Shooting Team and funded meals for Gonzales senior citizens every Valentine’s Day and delivered flowers to residents at local nursing homes. As the first “Immortal 32” Sponsor of the Come and Take It Celebration, they have not only supported the event financially but put muscle where the money is and volunteered labor to assist with moving stages and addressing other last-minute needs for the event.

“Their dedication to supporting local organizations, enriching the lives of residents and addressing critical needs has left an engraved mark on our community,” Chamber board member Allison Davis said. “They have demonstrated time and time again that true leadership is not just about words, but about action, compassion and steadfast commitment to the well being of others.”

Caka, who is the incoming Gonzales Chamber board treasurer, was honored for her leadership of the Gonzales Noon Lions Club Foundation, which built the splash pad and the all-inclusive playground at East Avenue Lions Park. She has also been the entertainment chair for the Come and Take It Celebration for more than 11 years, a former president of the Gonzales Main Street Board and a vital member of the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation board.

Beta Sigma Phi won the Beautification Award for its work in transforming the butterfly garden at the intersection of Saint Louis and Saint Paul streets into a charming, vibrant and cherished spot within the community with meticulously planted flora that was chosen specifically to attract butterflies and birds and has become a source of community pride.

Rhodes was recognized for her entrepreneurial spirit, having started four separate businesses that serve the community, including a consignment shop, estate sale business and cleaning service, all of which promote the reuse of goods and sustainable practices while supporting the local economy. She has worked with the workforce program at Gonzales High School to hire students and help them gain job experience while also supporting organizations like Little League and the Come and Take It Celebration.

Dolezal has served more than 10 years on the Main Street Board and helped contribute to events such as Winterfest and Happy Fall Y’all. She has planted flowers in the downtown square and picked up trash and as a member of Beta Sigma Phi was instrumental as an advocate for the butterfly garden downtown.



Above, from top left clockwise, Connie Dolezal won the Volunteer Work Award; Kasey Rhodes won the Commerce Award; Naomi Brown was thanked for her service as a board member; Brittany Jones Caka won the President’s Award. They were joined for photos by Chamber board members Allison Davis and Crissy Filla.



Speaking at the Chamber banquet were, from top left, new Chamber executive director Melissa Taylor, Chamber board member Crissy Filla, emcee Eric McCowan and former Chamber interim executive director Susan Sankey. Also, JROTC Cadet Alexis Almaguer Almaguer was honored for her service to that organization.

Looking for last minute Valentine Gifts?
Come see us here at
Fehner & Son Grain and Fehner Firearms.
We have what you need!



830-672-3710

1922 Co. Road 197, Gonzales, TX 78629

Hours: Mon – Fri. 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. / Sat. 7 a.m. – 1 p.m. / Closed Sunday

For your Firearms needs contact Brandon or Stephanie

Fehner Firearms is closed on Mondays

HALLETTSVILLE LIVESTOCK

FEMALE

REPLACEMENT SPECIAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 • NOON

OFFICE 361-798-4336

KIM HAGAN 361-293-4720

MARK HAGAN 361-293-8116

MIKE HELLER 361-293-4949

DAVID HELLER 979-743-0436

25 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Cows (2nd Calf) – Pairs & Hvy. Bred Angus

25 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Cows (2nd Calf) – Pairs & Hvy. Bred Red Angus

30 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Heifers – Pairs & Hvy. Bred Angus

13 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Heifers – Pairs & Hvy. Bred Angus

12 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Heifers - Pairs Angus

10 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford heifers – Pairs Angus

10 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Heifers – Pairs & Hvy. Bred Angus

10 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Heifers – Pairs Hereford

10 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Heifers – Pairs Simangus

15 F-1 Braunvieh/Brahman Heifers – Pairs & Hvy. Bred Simangus

15 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Heifers – Bred Polled Hereford

10 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Heifers – Bred Angus

12 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Heifers (Open 750#)

10 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Heifers (Open 750#)

15 F-1 Tiger Stripe Braford Heifers (Open 750#)

8 F-1 Braford Heifers – Bred Angus

30 Black Brangus Heifers – Pairs Angus

25 Black Brangus Heifers – Pairs & Hvy. Bred Angus

20 Black Brangus Heifers – Pairs Angus

15 F-1 Brangus Heifers – Pairs Angus

15 Black & Black Baldie Brangus Heifers – Pairs & Hvy. Bred Red Angus

25 Black Brangus & Angus Plus Heifers – Bred Black Bulls

15 Black Brangus Heifers – (Open - 750#)

6 Black Brangus Baldie Heifers (Open)

10 Brangus/Beefmaster Cross Heifers – Bred Angus

4 Black MF Baldie Heifers – Bred Red Angus or Hereford

5 3/4 Hereford 1/4 Brahman Red Baldie Heifers – Pairs & Bred Blk. Brangus

25 Beefmaster Cross Cows (2nd Calf) – Pairs & Hvy. Bred Red Angus

5 Horned Hereford Heifers – Pairs Angus

4 Hereford Cows (5 Yrs) Bred Brahman

8 Reg Grey Brahman Heifers – Bred Reg Brahman or Reg Hereford

3 Grey Brahman Heifers – Pairs Hereford

~~ SALE EVERY TUESDAY ~~ EXPECTING ABOUT 600 HEAD

CLASSIFIEDS

HOW TO PLACE AN AD

You can place ads online at www.gonzalesinquirer.com or call **(830) 672-2861** and/or email ads@gonzalesinquirer.com

All rates are net cash with order until credit is approved. We accept Mastercard, VISA, American Express and Discover or payment can be made in person with cash or check.

622 St. Paul or PO Box 616, Gonzales, TX 78629
(830)672-2861 • (800)210-5909 • Fax (830)217-8924

www.gonzalesinquirer.com

CLASSIFIED WORD AD RATES

\$10 PER RUN UP TO 20 WORDS

Pre-paid, private party ads.
40¢ for each additional word.

4 runs for \$30

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR CONSECUTIVE RUNS

\$15.00 Garage Sale Packages

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES

The deadline to place an ad in the paper is Tuesday by Noon.

ERRORS

The Gonzales Inquirer is responsible for the first incorrect insertion of an ad only. Call (830) 672-2861 to notify of a needed correction.

CALL TODAY

830-672-2861

040 AUCTIONS	040 AUCTIONS	040 AUCTIONS	670 APARTMENTS FOR RENT OR LEASE	670 APARTMENTS FOR RENT OR LEASE	850 HELP WANTED	850 HELP WANTED	850 HELP WANTED	850 HELP WANTED
--------------	--------------	--------------	----------------------------------	----------------------------------	-----------------	-----------------	-----------------	-----------------

Estate/Consignment Auction

Sunday, February 16, 10:00 AM
801 CR 488 Gonzales, TX 78629

www.IntegrityAuctions.biz

Ford 9N Tractor, Shredder, 6x12 Trailer
Antiques, Furniture, Church Pews, Nice Artwork, Coins, Morgan Silver Dollars, Costume Jewelry, Power Tools, Pocket Knives, Dewalt Tool Set, Crocks, Pyrex Bowls, Oil Lamps, Lanterns, Ladies Leather Jackets, Purses, Luggage, Wood Frame Screens, Man Cave Tin Signs, Lite Neon, Small Appliances, 38 Revolver, Yeti, Bicycles, Yard Art, Planters, Box Lots & more!

15% BP, Cash, Check, or Credit Cards
James Molnoskey Auctioneer #15091
512-557-3333



LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?

Find it in the **Gonzales Inquirer**

www.gonzalesinquirer.com
830-672-2861

PARKWOOD APARTMENTS

114 West 10th
Nixon, TX 78140

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays – 9:00am to 3:00pm
PHONE: 830-582-1343

3BR Apartments Available
Rates Based on Income

Rental Assistance For Qualified Families of very-low, low, and moderate income applicants.

CENTRAL HEAT & AIR
ENERGY EFFICIENT
LAUNDRY ROOM
WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE PAID
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE UNITS

Individuals with a disability wishing to request a reasonable accommodation to complete the application process should contact the apartment manager at 830-582-1343.

Para solicitar un apartamento favor llamar a manager al siguiente numero 830-582-1343. Para solicitar una adaptacion o modificacion razonable, favor llamar manager al siguiente numero 830-582-1343.

Personas que hablan espanol y requieren un interprete, favor llamar a manager al siguiente numero 830-582-1343.


 "This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer."



Part-time ITV/WebEx Proctors needed to teach at Victoria College's Gonzales Center. For more information and to apply go to www.victoriacollege.edu and click on Jobs@VC. Victoria College is an Equal Opportunity Institution.

The Gonzales Central Appraisal District

Gonzales Central Appraisal District is accepting applications for the position of Clerk. Must be a high school graduate or possess a GED and be able to attend out of town training. Good mathematical and computer skills required. Must possess the ability to work well with others and the general public. Reliable transportation, a valid Texas driver's license, an acceptable driving record and proof of liability insurance required. Must be able to work comp time when requested. It is the Appraisal District's policy to provide employment opportunities to all qualified persons without regard to race, age, color, sex, religion, national origin or disability. Applications will be accepted until position filled at 301 N. Saint Joseph Street, Suite A, Gonzales, Texas 78629 (830)672-2879.



The Division of Allied Health is hiring part-time Adjunct Instructors for the for the clinical setting of the ADN and VN Nursing Programs. Adjunct Instructors are needed at our Victoria campus as well as in the Gonzales, Cuero, and Hallettsville locations. For more information and to apply go to www.victoriacollege.edu and click on Jobs@VC.

Victoria College is an Equal Opportunity Institution.

SCHULENBURG LIVESTOCK AUCTION, INC.

SPRING REPLACEMENT SALE

Saturday, February 15 @ 12:00 Noon

COWS

(Cows will be aged & palpated)

20 – Middle age Brangus & Angus plus cows (breds & pairs)
50 – Crossbred middle age cows (medium to heavy bred to Charolais & Brangus Bulls)

BRED HEIFERS

WA Cattle: 20 –Brangus, Braford's & Crossbred Heifers (6-8 mo. Bred to low birth weight ACE Bulls)
SWT: 20 –Brangus Heifers (bred to low birth weight ACE Bulls, some will be pairs)
Strunk Brothers: 20 – Brangus Heifers (heavy bred to low birth weight Brangus/Angus Bulls)
Strunk Brothers: 6 – 1st calf Brangus Pairs

BULLS

(Fertility & Trich tested or Guaranteed to test)

4 – Charolais Bulls (2 years old)
2 – Hereford Bull (4 years old)
2 – Brangus Bulls

**Sale Barn located @
746 E US Highway 90
Schulenburg, Tx 78956**
(approx. 1 mile East of Schulenburg)
To inquire call (210) 241-6392 (Armour) or (979) 732-0534 (Butch)


LOW INCOME APARTMENTS

for rent. 1, 2, 3, 4 bedrooms. No electric deposit required. Apply at 410 Village Drive. Gonzales 830-672-3419.

Apartments For Elderly, Low Income

Rent based on Income
Water, Sewer, and Trash Paid

Country Village Square
1800 Waelder Rd.
Gonzales, TX 78629
830.672.2877
countryvillagesquare@voatz.org
www.voatz.org



740 WANTED TO RENT

I AM LOOKING for a deer lease for 5-6 responsible hunters in Gonzales or surrounding counties. Amenities would be welcome. I can answer any questions or concerns. Don Lee, 713-962-4608 donjr1770@outlook.com.

850 HELP WANTED

850 HELP WANTED

W.E. HAYDEN LEASE SERVICE, INC. is looking for:Backhoe/Trackhoe Operator – Must have oilfield experience, valid Class A CDL license and pass DOT drug test. We offer a retirement plan, health insurance and uniforms. Please apply at 281 Hwy 172, Ganado, Texas, (361) 771-3684.

GENERAL FARM LABOR.

Benefits include: Vacation, Sick leave, Hosp. Ins., Dental, Vision, 401K, ESOP. Apply in person: Cal-Maine Foods Inc., 1680 CR 431, Waelder, TX 78959. Monday-Friday 7-4.

Follow us on Facebook for easy access to **The Gonzales Inquirer!**

 **GONZALESINQUIRER**

W.B. FARM AND RANCH SUPPLY

Is now hiring for Yard Hand

Forklift experience required.
Must be dependable.
Benefits Package & Overtime available.

Apply in Person
2031 Water St., Gonzales, TX
No phone calls

CLASSIFIEDS WORK!

CALL TODAY - 830-672-2861

900 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

900 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

900 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

900 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

TexSCAN

TexSCAN Week of Feb. 9-15, 2025

ENERGY

Backup power — peace of mind. Get a standard warranty of 7 years, \$849 value. Call 888-925-0261, Briggs & Stratton Energy Solutions.

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-855-704-8579 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Jim's Metal Roof Coatings — Roof coating: leak repair, bin tops, roofing (metal/galvanized); painting: metal building (steel or aluminum), house (exterior). 325-436-4039.

Jacuzzi Bath Remodel can install a new, custom bath or shower in as little as one day. For a limited time, waiving ALL installation costs! (Additional terms apply. Subject to change and vary by dealer. (Offer ends 3/30/25.) Call 1-855-965-0841.

CELLULAR PHONE SERVICE

Consumer Cellular - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For more information, call 1-855-493-3803.

Texas Press Statewide Classified Network

200 Participating Texas Newspapers • Regional Ads
Start At \$250 • Email ads@texaspress.com

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop.

MEDICAL

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 866-747-9983.

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-855-901-0467 [#6258](http://www.dental50plus.com/txpress)

OIL & GAS RIGHTS

We buy oil, gas & mineral rights. Both non-producing and producing including Non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI). Provide us your desired price for an offer evaluation. Call today: 806-620-1422. Lobo Minerals, LLC, PO Box 1800, Lubbock, TX 79408-1800, LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com.

WATER DAMAGE

WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-877-727-3027. Have zip code of service location ready when you call!

055 ESTATE SALES

Thornton Street Estate Sale

Saturday 2/15 & Sunday 2/16 from 9a-3p
226 Thornton Street in Gonzales, TX 78629

No early birds, prices given prior OR presales!

Follow:
www.facebook.com/comeandorganizeit for updates and photos or www.estatesales.net and search Come and Organize It.

A little bit of EVERYTHING! Couch & Loveseat, Recliners, TV's, TV Stands, Buffet, Hutches, Desks, Dresser, End Tables, Beds, Kitchen Items, Shelves, Patio Table, Bench, Dog Crates, Holiday, Quilts & Blankets, Clothes, Electronics, and SOOO MUCH MORE!

400 DIRT, GRAVEL

WE HAVE SAND, select fill, wash rock and common fill for sale. Call 830-857-4442 or Randall, 361-243-6908. Durrett Sand & Gravel.

520 SEED, FEED, HAY

HAY FOR SALE: Square hay bales. Fertilized coastal. \$9 each. Shiner area. This year's cutting. 361-293-8758


ADVERTISE YOUR GARAGE SALE HERE

Call 830-672-2861

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE: All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777.

The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.





Victoria College's Workforce & Continuing Education Department is hiring for the following part-time positions:

Electrical Instructor

Welding Instructor

For more information go to www.victoriacollege.edu and click on Jobs@VC. Equal-Opportunity Institution

W.B. FARM AND RANCH SUPPLY

Is now hiring for LOCAL DELIVERY DRIVER

Class A or B, CDL Required
Forklift Experience Needed

Apply in Person
2031 Water St., Gonzales, TX
No phone calls

Kingdom Rescue, GPAC to host Kitten Care 101 workshop

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Join Kingdom Rescue and the Gonzales Pet Adoption Center for a Kitten Care 101 Workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gonzales Public Library.

This free community event will help community members gain essential skills on what to do when they find newborn kittens during kitten season.

Kingdom Rescue will also showcase their new “Kitten Kit” sets that will be available to community members who may unexpectedly find kittens or a pregnant mom this season.

You do not need to be an animal expert to attend this workshop. Please RSVP at info@kingdomrescue.org.

Thompsonville Community Church is spreading the JOY!

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Do you have JOY? Where do you find JOY? How can you experience JOY everyday?

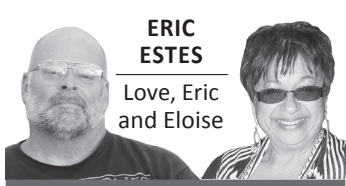
The Ladies of Thompsonville Community Church are excited to extend an invitation to our 2025 Ladies Bible Conference. Finding JOY in a Broken World: A Walk Through the Book of Philippians.

The conference will be held 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1 at the Thompsonville Community Church, 2494 County Road 423, Waelder.

For more conference details, guest speakers, schedule of events, and to RSVP visit the event website at: <https://TCCBibleConference2025.rsvpify.com> or contact Event Coordinator, Sarah Nunes, sarahwnunes@gmail.com, 830-203-0478.

Hello again, I hope everything in your neck of the woods is going better than expected. Speaking of necks, mine has gotten a bit softer and rounder over the last couple of months. Too many holiday treats, coupled with a longer recovery period than expected, trying to finally get over this creeping crud many of us has had to deal with this winter. During the rare instance when I’ve managed to contract a cold, flu or infection of some sort, diet and exercise takes a back seat. Fortunately, I’m now recovered and back in the saddle again...thank you Lord.

To be honest, watching what and how much I eat has never come natural to me. Why can’t they just make low calorie, vitamin fortified junk food that taste great, as if we’d be so lucky. In their defense, they’ve taken quite a stab at it, but no cigar. Kale chips and low-carb tortillas, no thanks, there’s plenty of cardboard boxes laying around. I particularly enjoy the pizza box with the picture on the front, but you can only lie to yourself for so long before it’s time to bite the bullet (not very tasty either), suck it up and deny ourselves some temporary pleasure for healthy long term gain. Definitely easier said than done or weight loss drugs wouldn’t need to exist. But a word of caution, every artificial means comes with unforeseen side



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

effects and consequences attached, of which they’re just starting to uncover, so please be careful. As for me, I’ll just stick to what works: meat, vegetables, and limited fruits and grains. Throw in some resistance training, a little cardio, some old school disco dancing in my afro wig, polyester shirts, gold chains (shining through a thicket of manly chest hair) all elevated atop my platform shoes with goldfish in the heels, and all is well. Yep, still unable to shake off that recurring... Saturday Night Fever!

The good news is that not all body fat is the enemy. According to a recent article in SciTechDaily, scientists from UC San Francisco have discovered a way to starve cancer cells by modifying beige and brown fat cells. Our bodies apparently contain white fat cells, responsible for storing calories for energy reserves, making those jowls and muffin tops we’ve worked so hard for, nothing more than giggly batteries. We also sport brown fat cells which rapidly consumes nutrients to burn energy and keep our body temperature regulated. Beige fat cells are a combination of the two, stored throughout our bodies, and now can be extracted via lipo-

suction, modified, then placed where needed. This is done through a DNA gene editing tool known as CRISPR. Yep, I had an uncle named Gene and we tried to modify him from mean and ornery to something more calm and user friendly, but to no avail. I guess the early hillbilly gene editing tool didn’t hold a candle to today’s technology.

This study shows that when these modified brown and beige fat cells are reintroduced into the body, they quickly upload massive amounts of nutrients, leaving the cancer cells little to feed on. So far the results, through repeated trials have been very successful with most of the cancer cells dying off. Not only can this be a viable therapy for breast, colon, pancreatic and prostate cancers, but looks promising for even blood and brain cancers, as the modified cells seem to have the same effect even when not deposited close to the cancer cells. An added bonus is that different cancer cells use different nutrients, and the fat cells can be modified to upload specific nutrients depending on the cancer targeted!

God has given us all we need to thrive here on earth, now science (also a gift from God) just has to figure it out, and it fortunately seems as though we’re getting there!

Until next time, love you guys, Eric.

T-Electric
(830) 857-4390
Serving Gonzales County for over 30 years.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

This Directory and Devotional is Made Possible By These Businesses
Who Encourage All of Us To Attend Worship Services:

Delivering more.™
800.223.4832 | gvec.org

Gloria Haug, D.D.S.
Family Dentistry of Gonzales
Gentle, Quality Care

606 St. Louis Gonzales
Office: 830-672-8664
Fax: 830-672-8665

Fehner & Son Grain Co., LP
1922 Co. Road 197, Gonzales, TX 78629

- CATTLE FEEDS & CUBES
- HORSE PELLETS & FEEDS
- DEER PROTEIN
- LIQUID FEED
- LIQUID FERTILIZER & WEED SPRAYING
- PET & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

(830) 672-3710

Scott Dierlam, Agent
1212 E Sarah Dewitt Dr
Gonzales, TX 78629
Bus: 830-672-9661
scott.dierlam.rhcp@statefarm.com

State Farm®
Providing Insurance and Financial Services • Home Office, Bloomington, IL 61710

Quality Auto Tire & Repair
205 W 90A Gonzales
830-672-3565

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET, INC.
830-672-2845
Hwy 90A • Gonzales, Texas
Sale every Saturday at 10 a.m.

HARDING PUMP & SUPPLY INC.
392 Johnston
Gonzales, Texas 78629
Phone: 830-672-2889
Fax: 830-672-2880

Hydraulic Hoses • Pipe • Valves • Fittings

LINDEMANN FERTILIZER SERVICE, INC.
Cost, Texas

Liquid Fertilizer Weedspraying
Feed Tubs Liquid Feed
Agricultural Supplies

WE HAVE A BETTER SOLUTION
830-437-2269

Vaz Urgent Care Clinic
The Vaz Clinic, P.A.
Family Practice
830-672-2424
1103 N. Sarah DeWitt Drive
Gonzales, TX 78629

- All Insurances & VA Insurance Accepted
- New Patients & Walk-Ins Welcomed
- Wellness Physicals

Mon – Fri & Holidays: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Our Specialty Is You!
Visit website: thevazclinicpa.com for additional info.

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD Gateway Fellowship Church 424 St. Peter St.	Providence Missionary Baptist Church 1020 St. Andrew, Gonzales	EVANGELICAL La Vos del Evangelio, Mision Capilla del Pueblo W. Central at Hwy. 87, Nixon	Cowboy Church of Gonzales County J.B. Wells Show Barn
First Assembly of God 509 E. 3rd St., Nixon	Stratton Primitive Baptist FM 1447, 9 miles east of Cuero	FULL GOSPEL Camp Valley Full Gospel Hwy 80, 7 mi. north of Nixon	El Centro Cristiano “Agua Viva” 403 Highway 90 W, Waelder
BAPTIST Clark Baptist Church FM 794, Gonzales	St. James Baptist Church Hwy 80, north of Belmont.	Full Gospel Church 1426 Fisher, Gonzales	Emmanuel Fellowship 1817 St. Lawrence, Gonzales
Country Baptist Church Highway 87, Smiley	St. Paul Baptist Church SE 2nd Street, Waelder	JEWISH Adat Haderech, a Messianic shul HashemYeshua1 @yahoo.com	Encouraging Word Christian Fellowship Highway 80, Leesville
Eastside Baptist Church Seydler Street, Gonzales	Shiner Baptist Church	LUTHERAN First Evangelical Lutheran 1206 St. Joseph, Gonzales	Lighthouse Church of Our Lord 1805 Weimar, Gonzales
Efeso Iglesia Bautista Highway 87, Smiley	Union Lea Baptist Church St. Andrew St., Gonzales	Abiding Word Lutheran Church LCMS 1020 St. Louis St., Gonzales	New Life Temple for Jesus Christ 16214 US 90 W, Harwood
Elm Grove Baptist Church 4337 FM 1115 Waelder, TX, 78959	Union Valley Baptist Church FM 1681, NW of Nixon	METHODIST Belmont Methodist Highway 90A, Belmont	River of Life Christian Fellowship 207 Steele St., Smiley
First Baptist Church 422 St. Paul, Gonzales	Sacred Heart Catholic Church St. John St., Gonzales	Dewville United Methodist West of FM 1117 on CR 121	Thompsonville Community Church CR 423, Thompsonville Between Harwood & Waelder off old Hwy. 90
First Baptist Church 403 N. Texas, Nixon	St. Joseph Catholic Church 207 S. Washington, Nixon	First Methodist 426 St. Paul, Gonzales	Two Rivers Bible Church 1600 Sarah DeWitt Dr., Suite 210, Gonzales
First Baptist Church Highway 108 N., Smiley	St. Patrick Catholic Church Waelder	First United Methodist 410 N. Franklin, Nixon	INTER-DENOMINATIONAL Faith Family Church 1812 Cartwheel Dr., Gonzales
First Baptist Church 406 N. Avenue E, Waelder	St. Phillip Catholic Church Highway 87, Smiley	Flatonia United Methodist	Living Waters Fellowship 306 St. Paul, Gonzales
Greater Palestine Baptist Church S. of 90A (sign on Hwy 80)	CHRISTIAN First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 712 Crockett, Luling	Harris Chapel United Methodist S. Liberty St., Nixon	PENTECOSTAL Faith Temple Hwy. 80 (N. Nixon Ave.), Nixon
Greater Rising Star Baptist Church	CHURCHES OF CHRIST Church of Christ 1323 Seydler St., Gonzales	Harwood Methodist Church Harwood	Holy Temple of Jesus Christ No. 2 1515 Dallas, Gonzales
Harwood Baptist Church North of Post Office, Harwood	Church of Christ (Iglesia de Cristo) 201 E. Second St. Nixon	Henson Chapel United Methodist 1113 St. Andrew, Gonzales	Iglesia Pentecostes Filadelfia 893 S. Magnolia Ave., Luling
Iglesia Bautista Macedonia 201 S. Congress, Nixon	Church of Christ E. 3rd & Texas, Nixon	Monthalia Methodist CR 112 off Highway 97	Temple Bethel Pentecostal 1104 S. Paul, Gonzales
Iglesia Bautista Memorial Highway 97, Waelder	Church of Christ, Belmont	Smiley Methodist Church 1 blk. S. of Hwy. 87, Smiley	Life Changing Church of Gonzales 3.3 miles north on Hwy 183, right on CR 235, then right on CR 236
Leesville Baptist Church E. of Highway 80 on CR 121	CHURCHES OF GOD Community Church of God 1020 St. Louis, Gonzales	Webster Chapel A.M.E. 1027 Church St., Gonzales	PRESBYTERIAN Pilgrim Presbyterian Church CR 210 off FM 1116
Memorial Heights Baptist Church 1330 N. College, Gonzales	Gonzales Memorial Church of God in Christ 1113 Hastings, Gonzales	NON-DENOMINATIONAL Agape Ministries 512 St. James, Gonzales Bread of Life Ministries 613 St. Joseph, Gonzales	Presbyterian Church of Gonzales 414 St. Louis, Gonzales
Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church 100 Capes, Gonzales	New Beginnings 1020 St. Louis, Gonzales	Christ the King Church 1262 U.S. Highway 77 South Hallettsville	Cheapside Presbyterian Church, Cuero
Oak Valley Baptist Church Highway 97, Bebe	Episcopal Episcopal Church of the Messiah 721 S. Louis, Gonzales		

TO UPDATE OR CHANGE A CHURCH LISTING, CALL THE GONZALES INQUIRER AT 830-672-2861

EDWARDS FURNITURE CO., INC
Your Hometown Furniture Store
703 St. Paul Gonzales, Texas 78629
830-672-2911

Guadalupe Valley Veterinary Clinic
672-8676
2004 Church St. • Gonzales, TX 78629

EHRIG BROTHERS AG, LLC
“HELPING AGRICULTURE GROW”

Dry Fertilizer
Custom Application & Soil Testing
STEVE EHRIG
830-263-1233
P.O. Box 1826 Morgan Mills
Gonzales, TX 78629 830-857-4086

Steele Auto Group Luling
CHEVY-BUICK-GMC
830-875-5425
1-800-299-5425
Fax (830) 875-5513
1088 E. Pierce Luling, TX 78648

Harris Funeral Home
The place for a perfect tribute!
127 Hwy. 90A, Gonzales, Texas 78629
830-672-1075
www.harrisfamilymortuary.com

TBS
TEXAS BENEFIT SOLUTIONS, INC.
1525 WATER STREET
GONZALES, TEXAS 78629
(830) 672-0000

Seydler - Hill Funeral Home
“Proudly Serving the Gonzales Area Since 1914”
906 St. Paul • Gonzales
830-672-3232

LEGACY
Insurance Agency

Legacy Insurance Agency
826 Sarah DeWitt Dr. • 830-672-9581

Want more customers?
Call 830-672-2861 for help
with your marketing plan.

A. C. Collision Center
2505 Church Street - Gonzales, TX, 78629
Phone: 830-672-7303 - Fax: 830-672-7465
Monday-Friday 8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.
Angel & Abigail Casares
Owners

ROBERT'S STEAKHOUSE
1241 North State Hwy 95 | Flatonia
361-865-3099
HOURS: 11:00 AM TO 10:00 PM 7 DAYS A WEEK

FCCLA members compete in Corpus Christi events

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is unique among youth organizations because its programs are planned and run by members. It is the only career and technical in-school student organization with family as its central focus. Participation in national programs and chapter activities helps members become strong leaders in their families, careers, and communities.

This past weekend we took 22 FCCLA members to Corpus Christi to attend and compete in our Region V Leadership Conference and STAR Events Competition. Each of the projects took numerous hours of time, planning, and practice to make them ready for the competition.

Events included: Investigating Neonatal Nursing with interviews at the Gonzales Healthcare Systems, Special Hearts for the Arts: art supply drive, Christmas clothing Drive for Legacy Ranch, Tutoring after-school students, spending over 100 hours with residents at the Country Village Square doing activities and having fun, Collecting and donating over 70 toys for the CPS Rainbow Room, Repurposing and redesigning over 200 plastic soda bottles into a planter bench, Collecting and creating planters and coasters from plastic plarn and water bottles to be used in the Adopt-a-plant project, learning the ins-and-outs of having a business in the hospitality industry, and also learning how to work and serve people in a restaurant setting.

We had 17 members advance to State competition which will be held in Dallas the 2nd weekend of April.

25 members took a Family Consumer Science Assessment in different topics.

We had 5 Gold medals who placed with a score of 90 or above: Anahi Meza, Manuel Nava, Kayelynn Sutton, Aubree Tovar, Austin Valenta ...

2 Silver with a score of 80-89 and 4 Bronze with a score of 70-79.



CONTRIBUTED
We have an FCCLA Region V Officer: Aubrey Tovar, who has the titles of VP of Projects and VP of Community Service. She will be busy planning the next year's conference and competition with the other Region Officers.



CONTRIBUTED
Placing 5th: Jennifer Araujo, Chapter Service Project Display: Level 2.



CONTRIBUTED
Placing 3rd in Chapter Service Project Portfolio: L2 Clayton Echols & Katherine Cruz.



CONTRIBUTED
Francisco Aguayo and Joshlyn Mendoza placed 2nd in Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation: Level 2.



CONTRIBUTED
Jaelyn Ramos, Olivia Shi, and Romauldo Falcon placed 5th in the National Programs in Action/Community Service Level 2 event.



CONTRIBUTED
Placing 2nd in National Programs in Action/Community Service Level 3 are: Anahi Meza, Kylee Bairrington, Kayelynn Sutton.



CONTRIBUTED
In the Sustainability Challenge Level 3 event, Marianelly Martinez, Austin Valenta, and Paulina Venegas placed 2nd.



CONTRIBUTED
Riley Gray who entered Our Spotlight on Projects in Community Service placed 1st.



CONTRIBUTED
In the Texas Proficiency Event: Serving Up Success, Aurelius Garza placed 1st.

HERE'S MY CARD

Advertising You Can Use

Office: 830-672-3057

Mobile: 830-857-4006

• Residential & Commercial

• Septic System

A&A Contracting, Inc.

DBA / WALKER PLUMBING

Sales & Service ML# M-8953

123 Bright Street Gonzales, Texas 78629

wwalker0522@gmail.com

HACKNEY & TORRES



TREE SERVICE

Service Residential, Ranch and Commercial Properties

FULLY INSURED

FREE ESTIMATES!

Call Larry at 361-649-4527

Call Jimmy at 361-564-8976

Services Include:

• Pruning • Stump Grinding • Cabling

• Trimming • Cavity Work • 100 ft Crane Svc

• Tree Removal

DENNIS MRAZ



LUMBER CO., INC.

MRAZ LUMBER CO., INC.

BUILDING CONTRACTORS

361-594-3853

686 Hwy. 95 South

P.O. Box 1122 | Shiner, TX 77984-1122

Fehner & Son Firearms

Gun Shop • Safes • Hunting Supplies

For Assistance Call

Brandon or Stephanie Fehner

830-672-3710

fehnerandson@gmail.com

1922 CR 197, Gonzales, Tx 78629

M-F 7am - 6pm • Sat - 7am - 1pm • Sun - CLOSED

FREE ESTIMATES



LEO MILLER & SONS

ROOFING

512-398-6961

30 YRS EXPERIENCE

DELTA ARMATURE and MOTOR WORKS

Family Owned Since 1930

FOREIGN & DOMESTIC

RE WINDING PAIRING BUILDING

NEW ELECTRIC MOTORS IN STOCK, LG&SM, SINGLE PHASE & 3 PHASE - COMMERCIAL GENERATORS - PUMPS - REWINDING & REBUILDING - NEW AND REBUILT MOTORS

PHONE: 361-293-2213 • 1-800-752-2581

AFTER HOURS: 361-293-8979 • 361-293-8253

406 Forest St. • Yoakum, Texas 77995



WEST MOTORS

Sale • Service • 24 Hr Towing

1701 Sara Dewitt • Gonzales, TX 78629

830-672-7323 • 24hr 830-351-1152

www.westmotors.com

Sales: Mon-Thurs 9-6, Fri 9-5, Sat 9-1

Service Center: Mon-Fri 8-5, Sat - Closed

GONZALES LAWN PRO



(830) 339-1236

www.gonzaleslawnpro.com

Landscape Irrigation Privacy Fence

Maintenance Installation

Jacob Carter

LI#0026605

FRIEDEL DRILLING CO.

361-293-5545

Complete Water Well Service

Residential – Oilfield – Municipal

Licensed Drillers & Pump Installers

Located in Hochheim, Texas

Email us – fdc@friedeldrilling.com

Call for free estimates



FIRST SHOT LIQUOR

730 Seydler St, Gonzales • 830-672-3107

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-9pm

ELSTNER DOZER SERVICE LLC

KEITH & SHEILA ELSTNER

830-857-4719

elstnerdozer.com

RANCH TYPE FENCING

LAND CLEARING

STOCK PONDS

HOUSE AND BARN PADS



Arrowhead Fabrications

Professional Welding and Fabrication

Jakob Humphrey

Cell: 713-838-5518

Website: ArrowheadFabrications.com

Email: ArrowheadFabrications@gmail.com



TEXAS COOL ONE

Serving Gonzales and surrounding cities

• Air & Heating

• Repair & Replacement

• Maintenance Plans

"We Bring the Comfort"

License Number: TACL60045C



TOOTIE'S LIQUOR STORE

102 West Wallace St. Gonzales, TX 78629

830-672-9477

Lori "Tootie" DuPree

Owner

Your Business Is Greatly Appreciated!

Follow Us on Facebook & Instagram

Roger Dyer

Administrator

701 N Sarah DeWitt

Gonzales, Texas 78629

Office: 830-672-4530

Cell: 830-857-4724

Fax: 830-224-6982

Email: go.administrator@theheightsgonzales.com

TheHeightsGonzales.com

THE HEIGHTS® OF GONZALES



GLZ

LAWN & IRRIGATION SERVICES

830-263-8683

Systems for commercial and residential

Fully Licensed & Insured

Irrigation System Repairs

Sprinkler Repairs & Installation

Landscape Maintenance

Check us out on Facebook

glzservices20@gmail.com

The Gonzales Inquirer

Call Sanya at 830-672-2861

sanya.simmons@gonzalesinquirer.com

The Gonzales Inquirer

Mulching Services and Land Management



Michael Durrett

830-857-4442

LADIES VFW AUXILLARY MEETS



The Ladies VFW Auxillary met Feb. 4 at the VFW Hall. A new slate of officers along with other members discussed the upcoming calendar of events.

CONTRIBUTED

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office
02/02/25 – 02/08/25

02/03/25

- Romero – Castillo, Fernando, 52, San Antonio: Warrantless/ On-View – No Drivers License Issued, Order to Appear JP3, Other Agency Hold – Immigration Detainer, Released – Picked up by ICE
- Montantes, Misty Lee, 30, Poth: Local Warrant – Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member, Requires - \$1,500 Bond, Released
- Sullivan, Aricy, JR, 56, Waelder: Local Warrant – Driving While Intoxicated, Requires - \$1,500 Bond, Released
- Salazar, Nora, 40, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Poss CS PG 1 >=1G<4G, Requires - \$25,000 Bond, Released

02/05/25

- Dovalis, Nicholas Alexander, 32, San Antonio: Local Warrant – Intoxication Assault w/ Vehicle SBI, Requires - \$100,000 Bond, Released
- Vargas, Felipe Camilo, 47, Nixon: Local Warrant – Agg Sexual Assault, Requires - \$100,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Immigration Detainer, Remains in Custody

02/06/25

- Mendez, Edward,

49, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Fraud Use/ Poss Ident Info #Items <5Elderly, Requires - \$25,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

- Sanchez, Adrian Antonio, 35, San Antonio: Warrantless/On-View – Poss CS PG 1/1-B>=4G<200G, Requires - \$15,000 Bond; Warrantless On- View – Poss Marij <2oz, Requires - \$1,500 Bond; Released
- Gonzalez, Jasmine Nichole, 36, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Robbery, Requires - \$50,000 Bond, Remains in Custody
- Wisdom, David Wayne, 56, Houston: Local Warrant – Driving while Intoxicated, Requires - \$25,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Detainer, Remains in Custody

02/07/25

- Lopez, Samuel J, 38, Sa • n Antonio: Local Warrant – Poss CS PG 2<1G, Requires - \$100,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – TDCJ Detainer, Remains in Custody
- Nicoletti, Bruce Evan, JR, 37, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Agg Assault w/Deadly Weapon, Released – Weekender
- Cooper, Brian Jay, 43, New Braunfels: Local Warrant – Interfere w/ Public Duties, Requires - \$1,500 Bond, Released

- Segoviano-Castillo, Jesus Antonio, 30, Gonzales: Commitment/ Sentence – Sexual Assault Child, Commitment/Sentence – Sexual Assault Child, Released – Weekender
- Todd, Matthew Aaron, 53, San Marcos: Warrantless/On-View – Evading Arrest Det w/ Veh, Requires - \$10,000 Bond; Warrantless/ On-View – Unl Poss Firearm by Felon, Requires - \$10,000 Bond; Warrantless/On-View – Evading Arrest Detention, Requires - \$5,000 Bond; Warrantless/On-View – Unl Carrying Weapon, Requires - \$5,000 Bond; Warrantless/On-View – Criminal Mischief >=\$100 <\$750, Requires - \$2,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – Poss CS PF 1/1-B>=1G<4G, Requires - \$25,000 Bond;’ Remains in Custody
- Martinez, Gianni Zachery, 20, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Poss Marij <2oz, Released – Weekender
- Mehic, Elvir, 30, Mesquite: Commitment/ Sentence – Theft of Firearm, Released - Weekender

Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processing’s:	
GCSO	17
DPS	05
GPD	08
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	32



BRITNEY JONES CAKA
LUTCF, FSCP, CLU
Agent

1731 Seydler St.
Gonzales, TX 78629

o 830-672-7518
M 830-857-6296
E bcaka@txfb-ins.com

FARM&RANCH / ANNUITIES / MEDSUP



OBITUARIES

LINDA POLK-BRAZIL



Linda Polk – Brazil, was born on April 28, 1950 to the late Beatrice and Joe S. Polk in Gonzales, TX, where she was also raised. After graduating from Edwards High School in Gonzales, TX, she then moved to Huntsville, TX. During her stay, she was employed at the Texas State Penitentiary for many years until her Retirement.

Linda would go on to meet and later marry the love of her life, Mr. Freddie Brazil on December 12, 1978, in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. To this union, came a blended family; Kinnard Cray III, Barbra Ann Cray (Preceded in Death); Janice Denise Cray, (Preceded in Death) and Gordon Mack, Jr. (Champ).Sis. Linda Brazil was a faithful and active member of Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church of Gonzales, Texas for over 40 Years. under the leadership of Rev. C.A Roaches. She served in various capacities, Deaconess Board, Choir and Pastor’s Aide Committee. After the passing of her husband, she later would go on and join Providence Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Gary Lynn Clack. She thoroughly enjoyed hearing the word, often crying out “Yes sir!” during the preaching. She also found joy hearing the choir sing her favorite song “I Got A New Home Over In Zion”. “Can’t nobody do me like Jesus. Her Favorite scripture: Jesus says, “I come that you may have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10.10)Linda

was also the epitome of the meaning “Sunday go to meeting clothes” from her “Sunday Suits” and “ Church Hats”. Sis. Linda was a lady of class, prim and proper when it came to dressing up on Sundays. The “Diva” that she was she loved Glitz glam and diamonds According to scripture, 2 Cor 9” 6-7 which states “God Loves a cheerful giver,” she was one. She also didn’t mind lending out a helping hand, what was hers, was yours, her home was your home. She was often affectionately called the community Auntie “Aunt Sue” by those who loved her.

If you knew Linda, along with her husband, her grandchildren were her pride and joy! She loved spoiling each one of them and had an individual bond with each one. Always ensuring that never went without - She loved taking her Grandchildren to church, even her young Nieces and Nephew – she saw that they knew who Jesus was. She really loved her family and loved family gatherings. She last stated that her best memory was of her 74th birthday

party that her sons and daughter-in-love threw for her. She couldn’t stop saying “This was the best birthday EVER!”, “Y’all did this for me?”, “Y’all really do love your Momma & MiMi!” Lovingly stating “Hurry up next year and come!”, simply just loving the love of her loved ones not only put a smile on her face it made her heart smile!

Sis. Linda Brazil was preceded in death by her husband Freddie Brazil, her parents Beatrice and Joe S. Polk, daughters Barbra Ann and Janice Denise Cray. Siblings, Jean Greathouse (preceded in death), Bobby Joe Polk (preceded in death), Barbra Cartwright (preceded in death), Barry Brown (preceded in death).

Sis. Brazil is survived by her sons Kinnard Cray III, Gordon Mack Jr. (Champ) and Kimberly Mack (Daughter-in-law). Beloved grandchildren, Kendrick Smith, Evangelist Keenen Mack, Gerryck Williams, Keewaun Mack, Rheya A.K. Cray, Kynesha Mack and Kyrese Mack. She is also survived by her siblings: Clarence Polk, Doris Hysaw, Joyclyn Moss, Micheal Polk, Bryan Polk , Syble Kline. Special friends, Pastor William Denman & Co Pastor Ruby Denman and Evangelist Bernice Smith.

There are a host of family members and friends who will forever cherish her memories, also a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, coworkers, classmates.

Services provided by Harris Funeral Home.

LOUIS HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ



Louis Hernandez Martinez, 75, of Gonzales, passed away on Wednesday, February 05, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas surrounded by his family. He was born on September 24, 1949, in Smiley, Texas to his parents Francisco Martinez and Juanita Hernandez Martinez.

Louis was a truck driver, he hauled cattle for over 55 years. He was a dedicated employee of the auction barn here in Gonzales, and he was an exemplary provider for his family. He worked hard to give them the best of everything.

As a hobby, Louis enjoyed gardening and took pride in his harvests. He adored the company of his dogs. His children have fond memories of him taking them to Astro World in Houston every summer, and trips to Lake Bastrop where they camped and barbecued. Louis collected Stetson

hats and boots, and he always dressed up for the right occasions. He favored a good steak dinner and enjoyed the time he had with family and friends. His efforts to provide and love his family did not go unnoticed, and his family remembers the joy he brought into their lives.

Louis is survived by his children Lisa Salinas, Lucy Casares (Sastones), Lillian Martinez and Joseph Martinez (Tiffany), his siblings Margaret Seitz, Tommie

Martinez, George Martinez, Robert Martinez, and Raymond Martinez, along with his 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents Juanita and Francisco Martinez, his brothers Arturo Martinez, Carlos Martinez, Anselmo Martinez and Francisco Martinez, his grandson Nolan Casares, and his life partner Santos Juarez.

A visitation will be held at Seydler – Hill Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, with a Funeral Service beginning at 2:00pm officiated by Pastor Jesse Elizondo.

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 in Gonzales, Texas.

Political commentator Rodriguez to speak to GCRW

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

On Thursday, Febr. 27 at 11:30 a.m. the Guadalupe County Republican Women will present George H. Rodriguez, El Conservador political commentator and radio talk show host of KLUP 930 AM.

George was a White House appointee in the Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush administrations. He is a blogger and guest contributor on Fox News, Univision, and other national TV and radio networks. In 2011, he became president of the San Antonio Tea Party and has been a conservative activist.

He frequently speaks about the border crisis, police/community relations, and the “fake news.” George is not politically correct: He will tell it as he sees it.

The luncheon/meeting will be held at the Seguin Silver Center at 510 East Court Street. Meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please make reservations with Glenda Partain by calling or texting 830-391-3979 or silvercenter@sbcglobal.net. The program is free but if you plan on enjoying a delicious lunch, the cost is \$15. Please join us for an informative program. More information is available at <https://www.guadalupe-county-rw.com>.

NEWBURY

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Coming to mind is the 1992 funeral service of a pilot friend whose instruments failed in a Colorado mountain range, where Tim Williamson and five friends had planned to ski--not perish.

One sentence of the funeral tribute described what may have been my

friend’s last words.

“Hello, Denver Control. Hello, Jesus...”

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.

COLORADO VALLEY QUILT GUILD

PRESENTS THE 27th ANNUAL

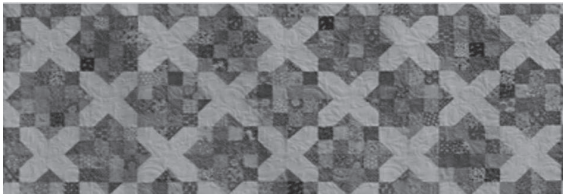
“BEST LITTLE QUILT SHOW IN TEXAS”

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025 10 am to 5pm
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 10 am to 4pm

Admission \$10

LA GRANGE COMMUNITY CENTER (K C HALL)
190 S. BROWN STREET
LA GRANGE, TX 78945

QUILTS, VENDOR SHOPPING, BASKETS, FREE BOOKS AND MAGAZINES



DONATION QUILT DRAWING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22nd
“Vintage Diamonds”
Pieced by CVQG members, and quilted by Kathi Babcock

www.coloradovalleyqg.com
cvquiltguildtx@gmail.com

RESERVE A ROOM AND SAY “QUILTS”



Heritage Quilters collect quilts for Norma’s House, nursing home residents

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Feb. 4 Shiner Heritage Quilters meeting featured delicious refreshments provided by the hostesses: Carolyn Whitmire, Brenda Fisseler, Wanda Williams, Betty Kloesel and Bernadette Kresta. Quilts for Norma’s House and area nursing homes were collected and those who

participated in the Block of the Month showed their completed blocks. After the business meeting everyone was entertained with a “Big Show and Tell” program featuring special quilts that members displayed. The meeting adjourned after the door prize drawings. The next meeting is March 4. Log onto www.shinerheritagequilters.org.



Shiner Heritage Quilters member Mary Ann Matussek is pictured filling her plate with delicious refreshments.

Updated property tax information available for taxpayers

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Gonzales Central Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons age 65 or older. “Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it’s important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws,” said John Liford, Chief Appraiser of the Gonzales Central Appraisal District. “You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you.” This includes information about the following programs. • Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans — The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by disabled veterans or surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. Another partial exemption is for homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead’s market value to disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and

surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The deadline for applying is April 30. • Property Tax Exemptions — Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their local appraisal district by a specific date. Child-care facilities; medical or biomedical property; businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the freeport exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions. The deadline for applying is April 30. • Rendering Taxable Property — If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer’s equipment used for farming. The deadline for rendering is April 15th. A penalty may be imposed for a late-filed rendition. A written request must be filed with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to request an extension. • Appraisal Notices — Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local ap-

praisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district’s value to set property taxes for the coming year. • Taxpayer Assistance Pamphlet — This Comptroller publication explains in detail the functions of a taxpayer liaison officer, how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option to request limited binding arbitration to compel the ARB or chief appraiser to comply with a procedural requirement and the options of taking a taxpayer’s case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or regular binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing. • Homestead Exemptions — A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner’s principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A person who acquires property after Jan. 1 may receive the residence homestead exemption for the applicable portion of that tax year immediately on qualification for the exemption if the preceding owner did not receive the same exemption for that tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the home’s appraised value and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local appraisal district. • Productivity Appraisal — Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They

See **TAX**, page 13



QUILTERS DONATE TO NORMA’S HOUSE

Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild has donated eleven quilts to Norma’s House Children’s Advocacy Center. Pictured from the left are Laisha Rangel, Laura Kaspar (guild member) and Erika Anderson. Norma’s House is in Gonzales and Hallettsville and serves the communities in Gonzales, Lavaca, and DeWitt counties.

CONTRIBUTED

ACROSS

1 TXism: “mobile mouse ____” (cat)

5 TX George Strait’s “Ace in the ____”

6 TX Strait’s “All My ____ Live in Texas” (var.)

7 TX Don Henley co-wrote “Take ____ the Limit” (1975)

8 TXism: “ ____ gut” (liquor)

9 TX Bill Paxton was in this epic film about a 1912 disaster

16 close-fitting jeans

18 TX Cindy wrote this empty pages book: “Everything Men ____ Women”

21 Lynda Bird Johnson wed this Robb (init.)

22 a cable car

23 state org. for nurses

24 beauty treatment

30 TXism for “observant” (hyph.)

34 birth state of TX Goodnight (abbr.)

35 TXism: “he’s got more on his plate ____ can say grace over”

36 Texas-based “ ____ 1 Imports Online”

37 give a speech

39 TXism: “busy ____ on ____ pay day”

43 Texas pitcher, Ryan

44 TX Martha Hyer 1965 film: “ ____ of Katie Elder”

45 TXism: “want it ____ bad I could spit”

46 benign skin growth

47 Texan who can vote

49 dictatorship

52 to fall asleep after a chicken fried steak meal, e.g.: ____ off

53 Santa ____, Texas

54 what TX A.J. Foyt did

55 Tex Ritter: “America’s Most ____ Cowboy”

58 TX Willie 1986 film: “ ____ coach”

59 a color

60 make a mistake

61 corporate area in Irving: ____ Colinas

DOWN

1 TX Willie album: “ ____ Tapes”

2 in Lamar County on FM 137 & 38

3 TXism: “so green he could hide in ____ patch” (rookie)

4 100 centavos in Mexico

9 TX Tom who won 1992 U.S. Open in golf (init.)

10 extra money paid for a loan

11 ripped up

12 TXism: “salt some ____” (save)

13 TX Audie Murphy 1959 film: “No ____ house”

14 he wrote the songs in TX Ginger Rogers 1935 “Top Hat” (init.)

15 Alamo bed for Col. Jim Bowie

17 the Joads traveled through Texas in “The ____ Wrath”

19 single, uniform

20 natural skill

24 ____ Worth (abbr.)

25 TX Dale Evans wrote “ ____, San Antonio”

26 toss a fishin’ line

27 TXism: “active as a fox ____ house”

28 founder of Dallas Morning News (init. + last name)

29 rented

31 Eli Whitney invention: cotton ____

32 modern light

33 TXism: “wet as a ____ rat”

38 ____ trust conserves Texas acres

40 giant mythical bird

41 an explosive

42 husband of Texas-born Dale Evans (2 wds.)

48 Texans in the Civil War

50 TX Buddy Holly’s “ ____ On”

51 “ ____ in the hole”

56 singer with a powerful voice, Merman

57 George W.’s wife

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

Copyright 2025 by Orbison Bros.

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30

31

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40

41

42

43

44

45

46

47

48

49

50

51

52

53

54

55

56

57

58

59

60

61

P-1728

SUDOKU

			7		3		2	
			8	6	1		3	
	7				8		6	4
	1							2
				4	9			
4				5				
6		9			2			
				3				
7		5			8			

Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Answers found in next week’s Classifieds.

TAX

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

may apply to their local appraisal district for an agricultural special appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on production, versus market value. The deadline for applying is April 30. A penalty for a late-filed application may be imposed.

- **Residence Homestead Tax Deferral** — Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year’s appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The deferral postpones the remaining taxes, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year but does not cancel them.
- **Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older and Disabled Homeowners** — Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, or who qualify for a disabled veteran exemption may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes

by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue at 5 percent per year on the unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

- **Protesting Property Appraisal Values** — Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district’s appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to

their county’s ARB.

- **Informal Meetings** — Property owners can request an informal meeting with appraisal district staff to try and resolve their disputes prior to attending ARB hearings.

For more information about these programs, contact Gonzales Central Appraisal District at P.O. Box 867, 301 St. Joseph Street, Suite A, Gonzales, Texas 78629 -Telephone (830)672-2879. Information is also available on the Comptroller’s Property Tax Assistance Division’s website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax.

BORDER

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

overtime opportunities without a cost to Gonzales County taxpayers.

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, a deputy assigned to OBS, working with a Nixon Police Department sergeant, executed an arrest warrant in the 200 block of South Congress Avenue in Nixon. Federico Vargas, 47, was taken into custody for an indictment warrant for Aggravated Sexual Assault and is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bond. U.S. Customs and Immigration will be contacted for a detainer as the suspect was in the United States illegally.

During the overnight hours on Thursday, Feb. 6, deputies assigned to OBS executed two arrest warrants for individuals wanted out of Gonzales County. Edward Mendez, 49, of Gonzales was arrested for Fraudulent Use/Possession of Identifying Information, while Jazmine Gonzalez, 36, of Gonzales was arrested for Probation Violation for Robbery.

Both were booked into the Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office Jail. Mendez remains jailed in lieu of \$25,000 bond, while

Gonzalez is jailed in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

At about 10:15 a.m. Feb. 6, deputies assigned to Operation Border Star received information from OnStar regarding a potential stolen vehicle on the northern side Gonzales County. Deputies were able to canvas the area, where the stolen vehicle was recovered.

The Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office continues to establish relationships amongst other sheriff’s offices throughout the state of Texas and state of Louisiana in order to prevent the theft of motor vehicles while also apprehending the offenders that commit these thefts.

Hours later, at about 4:32 p.m. Feb. 6, deputies assigned to Operation Border Star were monitoring traffic on Interstate 10 when they observed a white Nissan truck being drawn by another vehicle.

When deputies performed registration checks on the two vehicles, it was revealed the Nissan was reported as stolen from Galveston County and the vehicle had been used to smuggle illegal aliens along the

southern border of Texas, according to information revealed during the investigation.

On Friday, Feb. 7, deputies assigned to Operation Border Star conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of US-90A West in Gonzales, where they executed an arrest warrant on the driver of the vehicle. Brian Cooper of New Braunfels was taken into custody for an outstanding warrant, Failure To Appear for Interfering With Public Duties.

Finally, at about 9:38 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, a Gonzales County Sheriff’s deputy observed a black Ford F-150 commit several traffic violations within the 16000 block of SH-80. The deputy initiated a traffic stop on the violator vehicle; however, the driver had other plans.

The violator continued north before traveling west on FM 466, where the driver exited the vehicle and began shouting obscenities at the deputy. The deputy gave verbal commands to the violator to surrender; however, the violator returned to the vehicle and continued the pursuit. The vehicle turned around, now heading east on FM 466 and

then north on SH-80.

The vehicle continued north, where the driver exited the vehicle while still in motion and ran into the wooded area, west of this area.

Deputies assigned to Operation Border Star, as well as a member of the Gonzales County Sheriff’s office Unmanned Aircraft Team (drone), responded to assist.

With the assistance of the unmanned aircraft, Texas Department of Public Safety and several deputies, the male was located and swiftly apprehended after he was removed from the tree he attempted to conceal in, approximately 15 feet above ground level.

Matthew Todd of Corpus Christi was booked into the Gonzales County Jail where he was charged with Evading Arrest/Detention W/ Vehicle, Evading Arrest/Detention, Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon, Unlawful Carry Weapons, Criminal Mischief >=\$100<\$750 and Evading Arrest/Detention (Enhanced Felony 3 Warrant from Comal County).

ANNEX

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

In return the county would have to pay the law firm \$13,000 for the first \$1 million in obligations and an additional \$1 for each additional \$1,000 in obligations above that \$1 million. For an \$11.5 million bond issuance, the county would pay BHDA a total of \$23,500, which would be taken from the top of any bond proceeds during closing.

Meanwhile, the county would only pay RBC Capital Markets for financial advisory services if it has a successful issuance of either COs or general obligation bonds. The county would be required to pay RBC Capital Markets a base fee of \$41,500 plus 85 cents per \$1,000 for all obligations over \$10,000,000 for a total fee of \$42,775.



Commissioners discussed the possibility of either calling a bond election or issuing COs or tax notes, neither of which require voter approval, to fund the renovation of the annex during their Jan. 27 meeting. Tax notes are generally only allowed for up to seven years and if the county were to issue the full \$11.5 million as tax notes, it would add about 2.8 cents to the tax rate each year for debt service, according to Chris Allen with RBC Capital Markets.

If the county were to issue COs at either 15 or 25 years amortization, the tax rate would be increased by between 1.1 to 1.5 cents for debt service, assuming current interest rates and a conservative amount of growth in the county’s tax base, Allen said.

Tax notes cost less over the life of the note because they are amortized for a shorter amount of time, but result in a larger increase in the tax rate since they must be paid in a shorter term than COs or general obligation bonds. However, they also require less in the way of advertising through public notices and would be less likely to jeopardize the county’s attempt to complete financing and construction of the annex project before the county would need to vacate the Courthouse should it successfully get a grant from the Texas Historical Commission to renovate the nearly 130-year-old historic structure.

If the county chooses to go with a CO, it has to post a description of the project to be financed in the Inquirer at least twice with the first coming more than 30 days before the commissioners court would vote on the CO issuance and the second a week after the initial posting. However, unlike a bond election, the COs would not require voter approval unless at least five percent of qualified voters in the county petitioned for one.

While a tax note is limited to just seven years for repayment, COs and general obligation bonds can be issued with maturity extending up to 40 years past the date of issuance, which allows the county to spread out the impact the debt would have on the tax rate.



February is American Heart Month.

February is recognized as American Heart Month. During this month, we raise awareness about heart disease and in turn, encourage healthy lifestyle choices that support heart health.

What can you do?

Talk to your doctor. Discuss heart disease prevention, and learn ways to keep this disease at bay.

Eat healthier. Work towards a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins,

Exercise. Commit to regular physical activity daily. Physical activity is also a great way to help manage stress.

Regular Screenings. Get regular health check-ups to monitor blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and other key health markers.

We encourage you to take care of your ticker so it continues to take care of you!

1110 N. Sarah Dewitt Drive
Gonzales, Texas 78629

830.672.7581
GonzalesHealthcare.com

The Classifieds:
Your Ticket to Local Finds



SECTION	GA
ROW	GA
TICKET	\$25
DATE	02/13/25
TIME	06:00

**CLASSIFIEDS**
www.gonzalesinquirer.com • 830-672-2861

NIXON

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ered a mobile concession stand and not a food truck “as long as there was no hot food.”

“As long as it was like ice cream or Coke, candy bars, chips and single deals like that, it can be considered, as most of them do, an ice cream truck,” Becker said. “But if you serve anything hot, it’s going to fall under the food truck category, that’s basically what we have that ordinance for.”

Pink Mobile Snacks LLC sells not only ice cream, snow cones, drinks and candies, but also elote (street corn in a cup); nachos with hot cheese sauce; chicharrones (prepared pork skins); and Frito pies — items which would make it fall under being a food truck rather than just being a mobile concession business.

The owners of the business asked if they could possibly sell the elote cold rather than hot, but City Attorney Eddie Escobar said the “bottom line is that the food is prepared, even if it was a corn cup that was cold.”

Mayor Ellie Dominguez said in order to qualify as a mobile concession stand and a lower permit fee, Pink Mobile Snacks LLC would “have to stop selling prepared food for it to be a concession stand.”

“They want everything out of a package, even your ice cream, to be individually wrapped — nothing scooped out that you would be actually handling,” Dominguez explained. “If you’re going to keep your full menu just like you are, then you have to pay the \$225 a month or park at the post office (where the city has established a zone and time for food truck vendors to operate without paying a fee).”

Council member Patsy Vigil Scherrer said the city is trying to protect its citizens, especially if a food truck were to sell tainted food that made individuals sick, by making sure food truck vendors meet similar quality standards and restrictions that must be met by restaurants and other establishments serving prepared food.

Dominguez asked that the issue be tabled for a month in order to give Escobar time to do more research into whether there was any other way for the truck to qualify as being a mobile concession stand rather than a food truck vendor.

In other action, the council voted unanimously to call for a general election to be held May 3 for three at-large council positions and to contract with Gonzales County Elections Administration to run the election. The last day to file for a place on the ballot is Friday, Feb. 14, at 5 p.m., while the last day to file as a write-in candidate is Feb. 18. Early voting will be held April 22-25 and April 28-29 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Nixon Community Center. Election Day voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 3 at the Community Center.

The last day to register to vote to be eligible for the May 3 election is April 3. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail (received and postmarked) is April 22. For more information, please contact the City Secretary Tanya Torres at 830-582-1924.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Crystal Theater (Gonzales County) received \$3,000 for youth programming. Pictured is Crystal Theater director and founder Barbara Crozier along with Crystal Theater board members and UWC executive director Bethany Castro.



Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association (Gonzales County) received \$3,000 for senior meals. Pictured from left to right is Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association executive director Kari Breitschopf, UWC executive director Bethany Castro, TDECU Cares Foundation executive director Crystal Harris, and TDECU community development manager Kristina Booth.



Gonzales Christian Assistance Ministry- GCAM (Gonzales County) received \$3,000 for food purchases. Pictured from left to right is TDECU Cares Foundation executive director Crystal Harris, GCAM executive director Michelle Tucker, GCAM board treasurer Lupe Saldaña and TDECU community development manager Kristina Booth.

GRANTS

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

United Way of the Crossroads covers DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, and Victoria counties. Typically, United Way funded partner agencies have been based in Victoria County and serve the surrounding rural areas. But, out of the 18 local nonprofits who were given grants for 2024-2025, just two of those organizations have dedicated programming outside of Victoria County.

This year, the United Way of the Crossroads Board of Directors and executive staff decided to invest directly in their rural coverage areas by removing the costly “recent audit requirement” of their normal grantees and completing this focused grantmaking process for smaller, rural-based organizations.

TDECU Cares Foundation generously matched the funds United Way of the Crossroads set aside for this process for organizations that also fit the TDECU Cares Foundation’s giving criteria.

Eight organizations were granted funds from through this process:

- C.A.M.A.L. House (DeWitt County) \$1,000 for food purchases
- Connection Café- Yorktown (DeWitt County) \$1,000 for senior meals
- Crystal Theater (Gonzales County) \$3,000 for youth programming
- Goliad County Outreach (Goliad County) \$3,000 for food purchases
- Goliad County Senior Center (Goliad County) \$3,000 for senior meals
- Gonzales Christian Assistance Ministry- GCAM (Gonzales County) \$3,000 for food purchases
- Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association (Gonzales County) \$3,000 for senior meals
- Shiner Food Pantry (Lavaca County) \$3,000 for food purchases

Fast fiber internet is within reach!

GVTC’s fiber lets you do it all!

With 500 Mbps fiber, you can work, game and stream all at the same time. We even have up to 1 Gig available!

500 MBPS DOWNLOAD

and

250 MBPS UPLOAD

For only \$47⁹⁶*/month

^Includes 20% Dividend