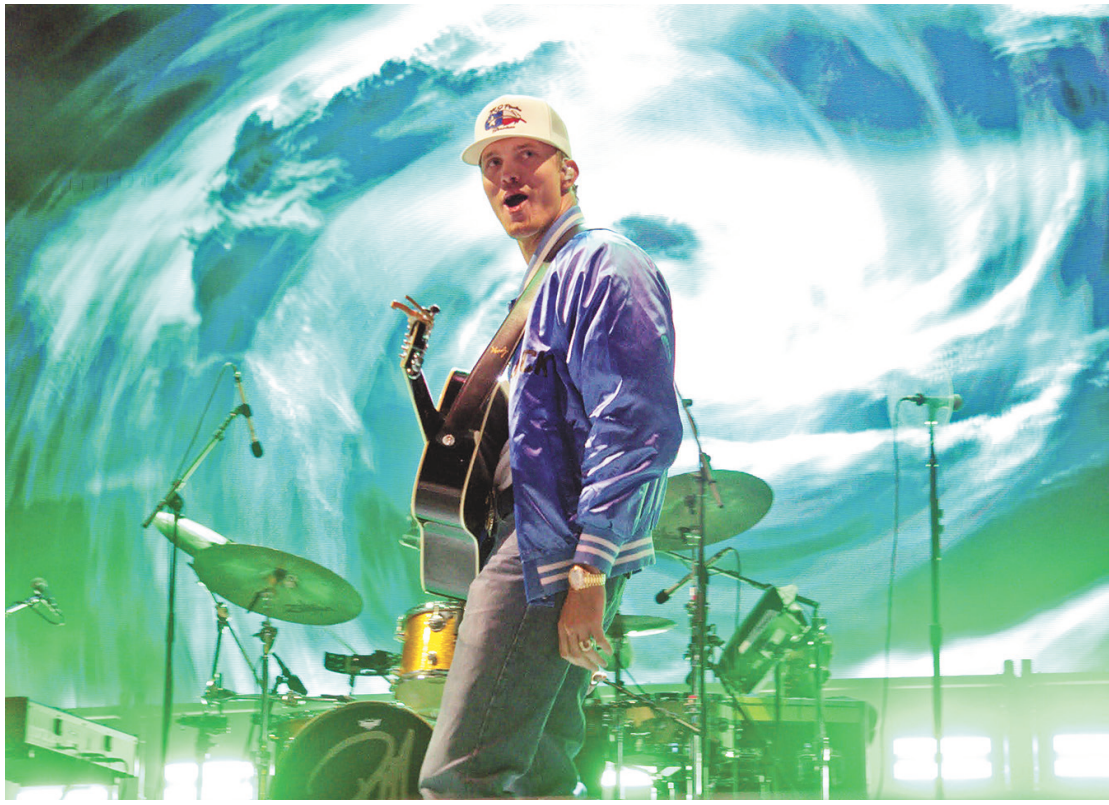


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Country superstar Parker McCollum is delighted at the enthusiasm of a crowd of thousands during his Saturday, April 12, set at the Cattle Country Festival in Gonzales.

Cattle Country Festival delivers with star-studded lineup as thousands attend

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Thousands of people got their money’s worth and then some when country, rock and red dirt music came together at the Cattle Country Festival in Gonzales this past week-

end, April 10-12. A lineup led by heavy hitters like Parker McCollum, Nickelback, Tanya Tucker, Clint Black, Clay Walker, Midland, Gretchen Wilson, Aaron Watson and others made for a symphony for the senses for those lucky enough to get

tickets. The festival, held at an iconic ranch at 1630 County Road 348 known as “The Boot” for its unique shape with three miles of Guadalupe River frontage, celebrated three

See **FESTIVAL**, page 7

Early voting begins Tuesday, April 22, for city, school board elections

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Early voting begins Tuesday, April 22, and continues through Tuesday, April 29 for the May 3 municipal and school board elections throughout Gonzales County. Sites for early voting include the Randle Rather Building, 427 St. George St., Gonzales; the Nixon Community Center, 302 E Central St., Nixon; and the Waelder City Hall, 300 US Hwy 90 W, Waelder. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays during that time. The deadline to apply for a ballot by mail (received and not postmarked) is April 22. Election day voting will be held at the same locations on Saturday, May 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Gonzales County Elections

Administrator Gwen Schaefer is reminding all voters that, per Election Law 61.010, a person may not wear a badge, insignia, emblem, or other similar communicative device relating to a candidate, measure, or political party appearing on the ballot, or to the conduct of the election, in the polling place or within 100 feet of any outside door through which a voter may enter the building in which the polling place is located. Examples of what can’t be worn: •Anything with the mascot for Gonzales, Nixon, Smiley, and Waelder (it’s the same as the elephant or donkey for Republican and Democrat party), so no Apache apparel

See **VOTING**, page 15

BBB brings in \$65K for Norma’s House

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

The 12th annual Bingo, Bags and Badges on Friday, April 4, at JB Wells Expo Center was bigger than ever and it raised more money than ever before as well, Norma’s House executive director Deane Parsley said. “We still have some funds trickling in, but we surpassed \$65,000! Whoo hoo!” Parsley told the Inquirer. “Norma’s House staff and board of directors would like to recognize the community, donors, corporate sponsors, first responders and volunteers who made our fundraiser a huge success.” The amount breaks the previous record set at last year’s event. This year’s BBB also set a record with 750 tickets sold. Designer purses with brand names like Louis Vuitton, Michael Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, HOB0 and others were prizes for winning cards — donated to the event by many generous local business and community members — while door prizes were drawn and other prizes were raffled, including another Louis Vuitton purse, a Ruger rifle, a portable hot tub and other fabulous

See **BBB**, page 12

County to increase tax notes to fund Randle-Rather work

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County will increase its upcoming tax note sale by \$700,000 from \$11.5 million to \$12.2 million in order to generate enough funds to fix the dete-

riorating facade of the Randle-Rather building. Commissioners voted unanimously Monday, April 14, at their regular meeting to use the \$700,000 to make the building safe enough that a scaffolding which is protecting visitors and staff can

be removed. “What that does is it gives us an amount to ideally take care of the make safe of the Randle-Rather building,” said John Duke with CPM Texas, the project

See **COUNTY**, page 16

Gonzales man killed in collision with tractor-trailer on US 183

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

A Gonzales man was killed Thursday, April 10, when his vehicle was struck by a tractor-trailer on US 183 about six miles south of Gonzales. A Texas Department of Public Safety report stated that a 2006 red Kenworth truck, pulling a 2017 black Travis trailer, was being driven southbound in the 7500 block of US 183 by Jorge Cata of Katy at about 4:45 p.m. A 2010 gold Volkswagen, driven by Michael Lancaster

See **WRECK**, page 12



An 18-wheeler that collided with a Volkswagen on US 183 six miles south of Gonzales ended up in a pasture across the east side of the highway Thursday, April 10. Unfortunately, Michael Lancaster, the driver of the Volkswagen, not pictured, was killed in the accident, which happened when his car turned in front of the tractor-trailer, according to a DPS report.

New playground equipment purchased for GE, GNA elementary school campuses

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Students at Gonzales Elementary and Gonzales North Avenue schools will have new playground equipment to enjoy after the Gonzales ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously Monday, April 14 to purchase equipment from

the KYA Group. The cost of the new equipment is expected to be \$538,383, which includes a \$40,000 contingency, and the entire project is being paid for through the proceeds of the district’s 2023 bond election and issuance.

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GISD locks in guaranteed price for district security camera overhaul

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales ISD board members voted Monday, April 14 to lock in a guaranteed maximum price (GMP) of \$1,615,911 for a project that will install more than 400 new security cameras on the district’s six campuses and its operations, maintenance and transportation buildings as well as putting up numbering and identification lettering on campus buildings. Casey Sledge of Sledge Engineering/ESC 13 said this is the first phase of the district-wide safety and communications improvements that were approved under the 2023 bond program. There will be a total of three phases under this portion of the bond, with work on vestibules and security doors coming in later phases. A total of 441 new, state-of-the-art cameras which utilize advanced artificial intelligence, or AI, for surveillance, motion alerts, night vision and facial recognition abilities will

See **CAMERAS**, page 16



Heart attack believed to be cause for woman’s sudden death Friday

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

A 64-year-old woman who was attending Cattle Country Festival in Gonzales died from what is believed to have been a possible heart attack Friday, April 11.

The female, whose name had not been released, was brought to the medical area for assistance by a male companion on Friday evening when she collapsed. First responders on scene immediately began emergency protocols and an ambulance on site transported the woman to Gonzales Memorial Hospital’s emergency room.

ER personnel tried for some time to revive the woman, but she was later pronounced deceased (unattended by primary care physician) in accordance with state law.

Due to the nature of the death and a lack of available medical history for the deceased, Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Deidra Voigt ordered an autopsy be performed to determine the

“The Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office sends condolences to the family for the loss of their loved one as a result of a medical emergency at Cattle Country Fest. Medical first responders on site did everything they possibly could for the individual, but they were unable to revive her.”

—Keith Schmidt, Gonzales County Sheriff

cause and manner of death. The next of kin for the individual has been notified.

Preliminary findings indicate the woman possibly suffered a fatal severe heart attack. Sheriff Keith Schmidt indicated Monday, April 14, there appeared to be no foul play involved and the death was not as a result of anything caused by the festival.

“The Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office sends condolences to the family for the loss of their loved one as a result of a medical emergency at Cattle Country Fest,” Schmidt said in a statement. “Medical first responders on

site did everything they possibly could for the individual, but they were unable to revive her.”

County Judge Pat Davis said Monday that Paula La Fleur, a licensed nurse, was near the individual when she suffered the medical emergency.

“With her background and experience of being a nurse, (La Fleur) immediately went into action and I just wanted to thank her for her assistance,” Davis said during a commissioners court meeting. “She was pretty shook up over it all, but she did everything that she could.”

RIBBON CUTTING



The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture helped Sips and Grins celebrate its opening with a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, April 9. This internet cafe and beverage bar features creative sodas, smoothies, shakes, fresh juice and coffee at 342 Saint George St., Gonzales.

Waelder man arrested by deputies for assault

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Waelder man was arrested on assault charges early Saturday morning, April 12 at a residence there.

At approximately 8:12 a.m., Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office Deputies responded to the 900 block North Avenue D, Waelder, for

a reported disturbance between a boyfriend and girlfriend.

The initial investigation revealed an assault occurred. The male suspect returned to his home and discharged a firearm outside the residence multiple times. The suspect made comments of committing self-harm and returned inside his residence alone.

Multiple attempts to make contact with the suspect were attempted without success. Deputies made entry into the residence and located the suspect, asleep in his bed. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and transported to Gonzales County Jail. The name of the individual was not immediately available.

Victoria College seeking 100 success stories in honor of 100th anniversary

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College is seeking 100 success stories from students, alumni, employees, retirees and community members in honor of its 100th anniversary.

The search for success stories coincides with Community College Month, which is recognized every April. The annual celebration recognizes the vital role community colleges play in providing accessible, high-quality education.

The milestone is especially significant this year as VC marks its 100th anniversary. As one of the oldest community colleges in Texas, VC has seen generations of students pass through its halls on their way to a brighter future.

“Victoria College’s 100-year legacy is built on the successes of our community,” said Dr. Jennifer Kent, VC President. “I’ve had the privilege to hear countless stories of the positive impact VC has had on residents, and these stories inspire us to continue our vision of improving lives and strengthening communities as we prepare for our second century.”

In honor of VC’s 100th year, the Marketing and Communications Department will be sharing 100 stories highlighting the impact that VC has had on its students, alumni, employees and the community.

VC wants to hear from former and current Pirates. Visit VictoriaCollege.edu/ShareYourStory to submit a success story.

Celebrations Birthdays

April 17th Anita Dement Becky Lowery Roosevelt Merriweather Jr. Sadie Ybarbo	April 21st Michelle Dolezal Ann Marie Othold
April 18th Sandi Huber O.B. Porter	April 22nd Cindy Breitschopf-Davis Rebecca Bujnoch Chase Nesloney
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CRIME STOPPERS

The Gonzales Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying these male suspects regarding a theft case that occurred on March 26, 2024. If you recognize these subjects please contact Gonzales County Crime Stoppers 830-672-8477(TIPS) or call the Gonzales Police Department at (830)672-8686 and ask to speak to Investigator Eric Long #108.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Gonzales Police Department is seeking your assistance in identifying these male suspects regarding a theft case that occurred on April 14, 2024. If you recognize this person, please contact Gonzales County Crime Stoppers 830-672-8477Z(TIPS) or call the Gonzales Police Department at (830)672-8686 and ask to speak to Investigator Eric Long #108.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Gonzales Police Department is seeking your assistance in identifying this male suspect (wearing the ball cap) regarding a theft case that occurred on March 30, 2024. If you recognize this person or the person with him, please contact Gonzales County Crime Stoppers 830-672-8477(TIPS) or call the Gonzales Police Department at (830)672-8686 and ask to speak to Investigator Eric Long #108.

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	April 17 92°/65°	Very warm with plenty of sunshine 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 95
	April 18 91°/66°	Very warm with a blend of sun and clouds 3% chance of rain • RealFeel 95
	April 19 88°/68°	Remaining warm with clouds giving way to some sun 3% chance of rain • RealFeel 87
	April 20 83°/60°	Variable clouds with a thunderstorm possible; windy 30% chance of rain • RealFeel 81
	April 21 89°/67°	Very warm with intervals of clouds and sunshine 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 87
	April 22 88°/66°	Mostly sunny and warm 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 86
	April 23 89°/69°	A stray morning shower; otherwise, remaining warm with times of clouds and sun 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 86

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Garden Q&A with CALVIN FINCH



Q. How can you say that ball moss does not have a negative impact on live oak trees when it seems to replace the leaves on the interior of large trees?

A. The leaves have already begun their decline when the ball moss appears. The leaf decline arises because there is not enough light and other growth factors available to support the leaves in the given conditions. The easiest proof of a lack of a parasitic relationship is provided when the ball moss grows on fence and utility lines in low areas where there is not much wind but there is relatively high humidity. The ball moss is a plant that obtains its moisture and nutrients from the air not from within the tree.

Q. We visited a friend who lives in the Medical Center area of San Antonio last week, we saw some of the tall ornamental pomegranates with beautiful orange blooms that you described in a column last week. There was also a vine with spectacular yellow flowers. It was growing on the fences and over the top of trees. Do you know what it is? Can it be grown in other locations?

A. I believe you are describing “cat’s claw vine”. The flowers are beautiful, but the vine is invasive and unmanageable. In addition to growing high into the trees and on the buildings, it will grow across the lawn. It is not as sensitive to cold weather as coral vine but luckily it

dies back with freezing temperatures in the 20’s. It has thorns but but they are usually described as “sticky” rather than sharp.

Q. What is the squash that you recommend to replace summer squash if we are plagued by vine borers and don’t get a decent harvest from the summer squash. Where can we get the seed? My nurseryman said he didn’t know what I was talking about.

A. The squash that works well in the same recipes as summer squash and is resistant to squash vine borers is tatami, also called Mexican squash or calabacita. The seed is quite often available at your garden club plant exchange or from a neighbor with a vegetable garden. It is also easy to find on the internet, plant it now.

Q. My lawn has finally started to grow. Should I use the combination of herbicide and fertilizer, or do you have another recommendation?

A. The use of the combination herbicide and fertilizer is not appropriate to use in this area; the timing is not right. A preemergent herbicide should have been applied a month ago before the summer weeds emerged and the fertilizer works best on our lawn grasses if it is applied after “real” grass has been mowed twice, usually about May 1. Use a slow-release lawn fertilizer such as 19-05-09 for best growth and environmental results.

TDHCA awards \$7.6 million in funding for weatherization contracts

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has announced the allocation of approximately \$7.6 million for weatherization contracts to 21 subgrantees which collectively cover all 254 counties throughout the state.

The funding is made available through the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) from the US Department of Energy (DOE), which allows for the installation of energy saving materials, such as caulking, weather-stripping, ceiling, wall and floor insulation, and the repair or replacement of energy inefficient heating and cooling systems to help low-income households control their energy costs.

“TDHCA’s Weatherization

Program is a crucial instrument in helping low-income Texans permanently reduce energy bills,” said Bobby Wilkinson, TDHCA’s executive director. “Since its inception, WAP has invested millions of dollars to improve the homes and lives of the elderly, those with disabilities, and families with young children.”

WAP funds are made available through the U.S. Department of Energy. Eligibility is calculated at 200% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

Income limits can be found at <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/weatherization-assistance-program-wap-program-guidance>. More information about WAP can be found at <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/weatherization-assistance-program>.

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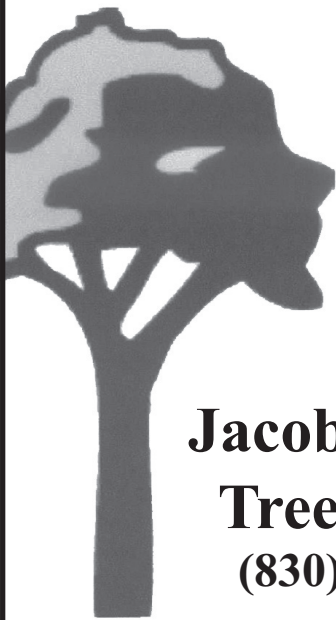
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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK REPORT

Sale Date: April 12, 2025

Cattle on hand: 1155

Compared to our last sale:

Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold fully steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows and bulls sold fully steady to 2.00 higher. Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 400.00-525.00; 300-400 lbs., 325.00-445.00; 400-500 lbs., 285.00-405.00; 500-600 lbs., 265.00-375.00; 600-700 lbs., 250.00-315.00; 700-800 lbs., 245.00-255.00.

Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 175.00-215.00. Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 320.00-415.00; 300-400 lbs., 285.00-370.00; 400-500 lbs., 285.00-345.00; 500-600 lbs., 245.00-295.00; 600-700 lbs., 245.00-275.00.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 124.00-135.00; Cutters, 138.00-155.00; Canners, 75.00-115.00; High yielding fat cows, 135.00-150.00.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 153.00-175.00; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 135.00-148.00. Stockers Cows: \$900.00-\$2100.00.

Pairs: \$1800.00 to \$3000.00.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

April 14, 2025

Cattle – 907

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$394-424-490
300-400 lbs - \$353-383-445
400-500 lbs - \$317-347-430
500-600 lbs - \$285-315-385
600-700 lbs - \$268-298-320
700-800 lbs - \$238-258-270

Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$348-378-430
300-400 lbs - \$331-361-395

400-500 lbs - \$299-329-385
500-600 lbs - \$260-290-350
600-700 lbs - \$238-258-293
700-800 lbs - \$212-242-260
Slaughter Cows - \$96-155
Slaughter Bulls - \$110-176
Stocker Cows – \$1000-2200
Pairs: \$1600-2500
We will be closed on April 21, 2025! Happy Easter!

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Sale date: April 8, 2025

Cattle on hand: 1150

Packer Cows:

High Dressing: \$134-158

Medium Dressing: \$118-138

Low Dressing: \$100-120

Poor/Weak Cows: \$80-105

Packer Bulls:

High Dressing Bulls: \$168-182

Medium Dressing Bulls: \$148-168

Low Dressing Bulls: \$125-148

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers:

NONE

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1500-2650

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$440-620

200-300 lbs.: \$440-500

300-400 lbs.: \$390-500

400-500 lbs.: \$350-420

500-600 lbs.: \$315-382.50

600-700 lbs.: \$270-332

700-800 lbs.: \$245-310

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs: \$420-610

200-300 lbs.: \$380-440

300-400 lbs.: \$340-430

400-500 lbs.: \$315-375

500-600 lbs.: \$275-340

600-700 lbs.: \$255-288

700-800 lbs: \$215-255

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: NONE

The calf market was once again

very strong. Better quality & better conditioned kinds sold fully steady & strong. Some of the very fleshy new crop calves sold steady to \$5 lower which is seasonal. Overall another very strong sale. Packer cows & bulls sold \$3 higher on a supply of 150 head.

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300-400 lb. 3.35-3.72-4.25

400-500 lb. 1.55- 3.30-3.78

500-600 lb. 1.55-3.01-3.60

600-700 lb. 1.75-2.54-3.00

700-850 lb. 2.15-2.40-2.75

Medium & large frame #1

Heifers:

200-300 lb. 2.20-3.42-3.80

300-400 lb. 2.00-3.31-3.80

400-500 lb. 1.85-3.05-3.60

500-600 lb. 1.35-2.68-3.25

600-750 lb. 2.20-2.48-2.70

Cows:

Utility & commercial – 1.05-1.31-1.43

Cutters – .74-1.02-1.28

Canners – .85-.94-1.03

Palpated cows – 800-1950

Cow/Calf Pairs – 1100-2500

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding – 1.60-1.71

Light & Low Yielding –1.15-1.59

Sheep & Goats

Nannies – 50-225

Kid Goats (Fat) – 2.80-3.45

Wethers -1.40-3.05

Billies – 1.30-1.97

Dorp. Ewes – 45-145

Dorp. Lambs (Fat) – 2.80-2.70

Wooled Ewes –60

Wooled Bucks – 1.50-1.78

Lambs – 1.30-1.80

Barb. Bucks – 250-310

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

April 11, 2025

Number of Head: 1065

There were 180 cows and 20 bulls. The packer cow market sold \$3-\$5 higher this week, and the bulls were steady with last week. This week we had a 3 y/o Charolais bull bring \$7700. The calf market was once again very good. The new crop calves were a little cheaper than the conditioned calves. All in all the market remains great and the average price per calf this week was \$1542. **We will NOT have a sale on Good Friday, April 18, 2025**. We genuinely appreciate all our sellers and buyers. If we can help market your cattle, please give us a call at the barn at (361)275-2329 or Jake at (361)293 4625.

Packer bulls:

Higher Yielding: 155.00-183.00

Lower Yielding: 119.00-153.00

Packer cows:

Canners&Cutters 135.00-173.00

Poor & Weak 80.00-145.00

Palpated: None

Pairs: None

Steer/Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

200-250 lbs 400.00-500.00

250-299 lbs 431.00-520.00

300-350 lbs 400.00-500.00

350-400 lbs 371.00-430.00

400-450 lbs 355.00-400.00

450-500 lbs 348.00-405.00

500-550 lbs 331.00-362.00

550-600 lbs 323.00-350.00

600-700 lbs 285.00-332.00

700-800 lbs 270.00-297.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

200-250 lbs 417.00-525.00

250-300 lbs 377.00-425.00

300-350 lbs 385.00-500.00

350-400 lbs 369.00-410.00

400-450 lbs 330.00-405.00

450-500 lbs 318.00-360.00

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Letters must either be about Gonzales County, from a resident of Gonzales County, or in response to a story that appears in print or online in The Inquirer.

Examples of content that will cause letters to be rejected include the following:

- Confusing or unclear points.
- Crude language.
- Poor taste.
- Disrespectful comments regarding a group's or individual's ethnicity, gender, religion, culture, sexual orientation or race.
- Other incendiary language or remarks.
- Endorsements for or complaints about individually named commercial products or services.

Poetry.

Personal attacks.

“Thank You” letters that go beyond general thanks to the community; attempt to serve as an advertisement for a company, individual or political party; or is submitted in lieu of a paid “Thank You” advertisement.

During periods ahead of an election, The Inquirer does not accept letters to the editor urging voters to vote for or against candidates in local elections. Endorsements should be displayed in political advertising. In light of this policy, we reserve the right to reject or edit letters for references to candidates and whether or not they should be elected. The Inquirer will accept letters expressing views on bond measures, constitutional amendments and other such issues. Letters will not be accepted once early voting has begun.

The Inquirer will not knowingly publish factually incorrect information.

Only letters written exclusively to the newspaper will be published. Letters to a third party or those written to more than one newspaper are not accepted. “Wallpaper” – submissions that are in large part copied-and-pasted from another author or organization – will not be published.

Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand. Discourse should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner. Letters referring to news stories should also mention the headline and date of publication.

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

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

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

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

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

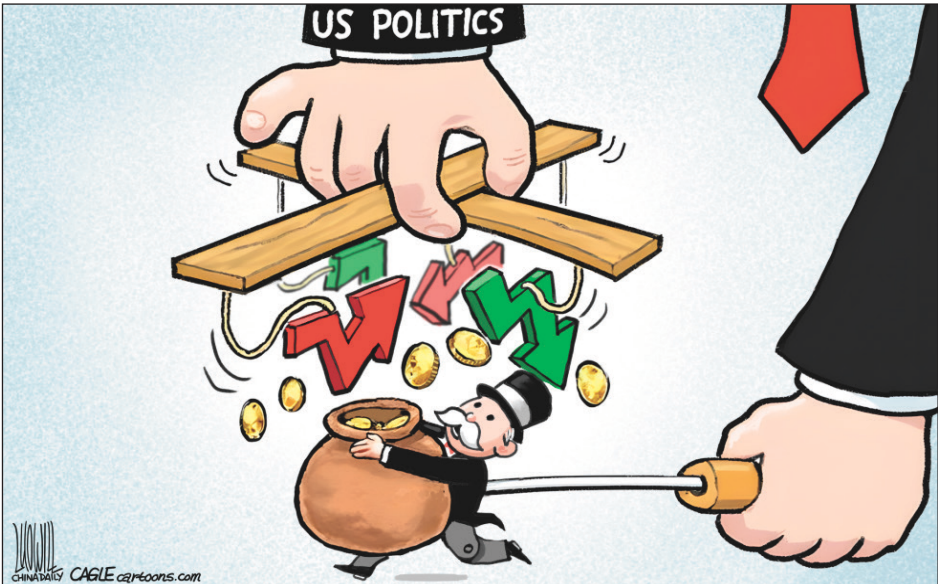
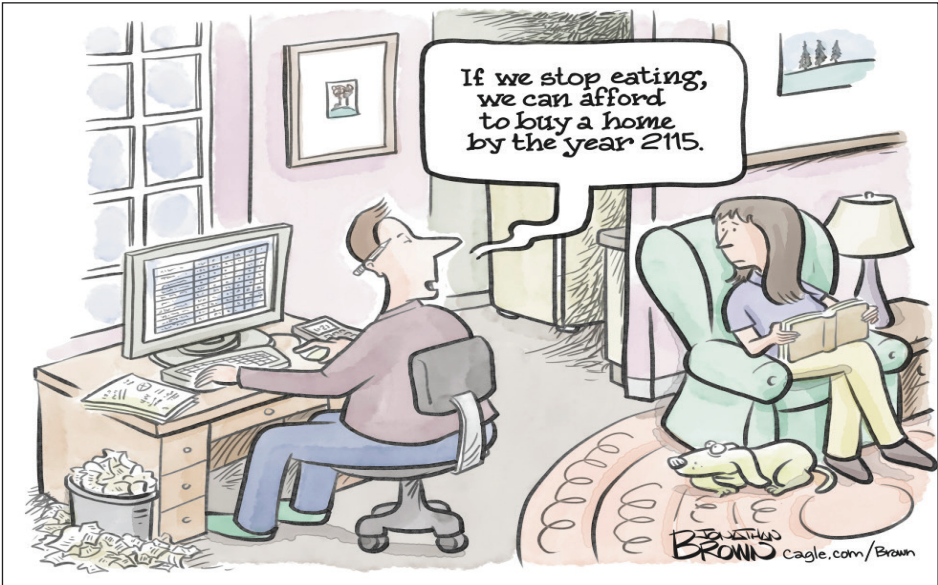
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In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law,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

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

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

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

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



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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Roofers at the ready...

They're as predictable as frantic taxpayers working until the hours are few on April 14 to meet income tax filing deadlines the following midnight. A nomadic bunch, they show up following hailstorms, cell phones in hand with promises to examine roofs. Yep, an unexpected call from an unknown number.

"We just happen to be in the neighborhood, and wonder if you'd like a free assessment," they say. Notice that they don't say your neighborhood; truth to tell, they may be in neighborhoods several time zones away, implying that they're about to ring your doorbell.

I'm just urging caution. TV ads blare of lawyers whose services are free if cases are not won, and government representatives who are "here to help us." Some gift-bearers turn out to be of Greek origin....

Hailstones and dogs "woofing" bring roofs to mind, and a favorite story my Uncle Mort has repeated so many times that it has grown whiskers.

It's about a 1950s neighbor who tried fruitlessly to run his household, his hand clutching his pocketbook. He was said to be so frugal, he'd climb over gates to save the hinges.

Typically, he could put aside pleas from his wife and his children, but when they banded against him, he usually gave in, audibly groaning upon finally reaching for his wallet....

Before television came along, there was the push to get a battery-powered radio. "We ain't doin' it," he'd fume, "It would just lead to something else."

He'd give it his best shot, but soon the family was enjoying its very own radio. Then, they came out with electrically-powered radios that had pull-out record players. Each time, the "head of the house" would trot out the same expression about purchases "leading to something else...."

Mama and the kids, all on bended knees, later begged fervently to purchase a television set. "It could be a Christmas gift for all of us," they whined. Days became weeks, and the old guy--in a weaker moment--agreed to visit the store to get a first-hand look at TV sets.

"We're not buying one, though," he assured. "It would just lead to something else...."

The salesman, warning that Christmas shoppers were depleting their TV inventory, reinforced what appeared to be the winning team--Mama and the kids.

"I'm thinking about buying it, since it will be a gift for all of us," the prospective purchaser finally said, his resistance as depleted as the current stock of TV sets. "But I know it'll just lead to something else."

As they loaded the bulky 17-inch TV, the salesman added, "Of course, you'll need a TV antenna...."

Startled, the reluctant buyer responded, "Need a what?"

Explaining that TV reception in fringe areas required tall antennas, the salesman recommended a 20-foot antenna for placement on the peak of the roof.

"I knew it, I just knew it," the old man whimpered. "Now we've got to get us a roof!...."

Finally, though, the TV brought considerable enjoyment, particularly when weather conditions were right for the reception of both pictures and sound. Often as not, only the sound came through, so at such times, it was no better than radio.

The late Bob Murphey, who spoke "perfect East Texas and fair English," was a world-class storyteller, often speaking to the same audiences repeatedly. And they always urged him to tell about his neighbor buying his family's first TV set....

Jerry Clower, late Mississippi co-median, was on par with Murphey in yarn-spinning. He, too, was asked to relate favorite tales, even if audience members knew them by heart. One concerned his first visit to a "kaffay." (Even then, most patrons called them "restaurants.")

While paying his tab, Jerry extracted a tooth pick from a small glass container, carefully attending to both 'uppers and lowers" while the cashier dispensed his change.

Placing the toothpick back in the holder, Jerry said, "I'll bet you thought I was going to steal that toothpick, didn't you?"....

Dr. Newbury, a speaker in the Metroplex, may be reached at 817-447-3872, email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Audio version of column at www.speakerdoc.com.

Fiddlers frolic for Fiddlers Frolics in Hallettsville

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Every year, fiddlers frolic to Hallettsville to take part in the Fiddlers Frolics, which is always held the fourth weekend in April. This year is no different as it will take place April 25-27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 321 U.S. 77 Hallettsville.

This is the home of the Texas State Championship Contest, where the best fiddlers from in and outside of Texas come to show off their skills in a bid to win the grand prize. However, the devil is not allowed to compete after his disqualification against Johnny in Georgia, so there will be no shiny fiddles made of gold up for grabs this or any other year.

Now in its 55th year, this competition started in 1971 and attracts lots of music lovers: professionals, amateurs, or those looking for some good music and a good time.

2025 FIDDLERS' COMPETITION SCHEDULE		
FRIDAY, April 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tickets for Main Hall events: FREE• Outdoors events: FREE• Jam Session: Bring your instrument of choice and join in the fun! 4:00 p.m., Pavilion.*** FREE ***	\$35 (advance) or \$40 (at the door) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest Craig Freshman Division Fiddle Contest: Participants: 15 years old and younger, 9:00 a.m., Main Hall• Gone To Texas Fiddle Contest: Participants: Residents of states other than Texas, 1:00 p.m., Main Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guitar Accompanist Contest: 9:30 a.m., Main Hall• Senior Division Fiddle Contest: Participants: 65 years and older, 11:30 a.m., Main Hall• Texas State Championship Fiddle Contest: Participants: Texas Residents Only, 1:00 p.m., Main Hall• Cliff & Velda Fryer Championship Play Off: The top 3 contestants in State Championship compete in action packed round robin to determine the championship title. 5:00 p.m., Main Hall
SATURDAY, April 26 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tickets for daytime Main Hall events: \$15• Outdoors events: FREE• Saturday night dance tickets:	SUNDAY, April 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tickets for daytime Main Hall events: \$15• Outdoors events: FREE	

Egg prices fall ahead of Easter demand

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Egg prices have been dropping, and a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert believes a continued downward trend should follow the Easter holiday.

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist and professor in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station, said eggs typically reach a seasonal price peak around Easter, historically followed by price drops at grocery stores.

However, egg prices have already been on a downward trend in recent months. Wholesale prices fell from \$8.51 to \$3.84, or 55%, between March 1 and March 29, Anderson said.

Anderson said he is curious to see how consumer demand plays out leading into the Easter holiday when families typically dye eggs for hunts and bake for gatherings. He is also interested to see how egg prices trend after the holiday, he said.

“For the most part, egg prices have been going down,” he said. “I think the recent downward trend and the previous highs really show the egg market volatility. That’s the nature of the egg market; prices can go up and down really fast.”

For instance, a dozen large eggs that

cost over \$5 in December 2022 had dropped to 84 cents per dozen by May 2023, Anderson said.

Egg prices skyrocketed to record highs as highly pathogenic avian influenza, HPAI, outbreaks in commercial laying flocks impacted supplies. Wholesale prices for large Grade A eggs hit an all-time average high of \$6.14 per dozen in January, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

By comparison, the same dozen eggs in January 2024 cost \$2.52 per dozen. The previous price peak was \$5.38 in December 2022 as the poultry industry grappled with widespread outbreaks of HPAI.

The USDA continues to report “sporadic outbreaks” within commercial meat and egg production flocks.

Anderson attributes the downward price trend to low demand. Falling prices amid low laying hen numbers and, subsequently, low egg supplies signal to him that fewer eggs are being consumed. He suspects consumers are still buying eggs but have cut back on their purchases due to historically high prices. The question is how long before consumers return to their previous purchasing habits?

The Easter holiday could spur a demand spike, but the high cost of eggs could pressure consumers toward other options.

TWC grant bolsters VC’s Process Technology Program

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College has been awarded a Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) totaling \$227,050.

The funds will bolster VC’s Process Technology Program with the purchase of three items: a glass distillation column, an eight-foot caged ladder and a 26-foot caged ladder.

The glass distillation column provides a visual and hands-on experience with a common piece of equipment used in refineries, olefin units and other chemical processes. It also will allow students to experience manipulating variables such as temperature, flow and pressure.

Both ladders will be used to develop essential safety skills as students practice ascending and descending safely. The ladders also help students experience situations which will likely be encountered in process technician roles.

The JET grant supports 95 percent of the total project costs. VC is supporting five percent by supplying \$11,950 to cover the remaining project cost.



A VC Process Technology student stands in front of the new 26-foot ladder.

VC was one of only 60 recipients out of a state-wide pool of more than \$15 million in available funds.

All three items purchased with JET grant funds will better prepare students for work as plant technicians or plant operators.

To learn more about VC’s Process Technology Program, visit Victoria-College.edu/Industrial-Trades.

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Paid for by District Four Petitioners to Recall Council Member Miller



VC recognized with 2025 Exemplar Recognition of Scaling Excellence (ROSE) award.

Student success leads to statewide recognition for Victoria College

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College has been recognized for its commitment to student success with the prestigious 2025 Exemplar Recognition of Scaling Excellence (ROSE) award at the Texas Pathways Institute in Houston.

The Texas Success Center (TSC) selected VC for this honor in recognition of the college’s successful scaling of essential practices across all four foundational pillars of the Talent Strong Texas Pathways strategy. The pillars focus on clarifying paths to student end goals, helping them choose and enter a pathway, providing support to stay on track, and ensuring they are

successful.

“To be named as an exemplar institution is an honor and truly speaks to our college-wide commitment to helping our students successfully complete pathways leading to upward economic mobility,” said Dr. Jennifer Kent, VC President. “Our caring campus culture is an integral part of the framework of VC. This award is a direct reflection of the hard work and dedication of the entire VC family.”

As one of only two institutions in the state to receive the 2025 ROSE award (along with San Jacinto College), VC is considered an exemplar for other colleges in Texas working to implement and scale guided pathways.

Aggie Muster 2025 set

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The annual Aggie Muster will be held Monday, April 21 at the KC Hall, 5454 E Hwy 90A, Gonzales.

Social time begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. with cooks Josh Gray and company. Old Ags stories will be the speaker. Club dues are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple.

Preservation Gonzales seeks help creating digital archive collection

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Glenda Gordon, chairman of Preservation Gonzales, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is asking for help in saving Gonzales County’s Heritage resources. Volunteers are needed.

Digital collections will be housed in the Gonzales County Jail Museum Conference Room at 414 St. Lawrence St. A grand opening will be held during the 2025 Come and Take It Celebration weekend.

For more information, contact Gordon at gf-gordon0@gmail.com.



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TPWD offers paddling safety tips

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

As paddlers take to Texas’ lakes, rivers and coastal waters, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) reminds everyone to prioritize safety while kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding. With warmer weather drawing more outdoor enthusiasts to the water, following essential safety practices can prevent accidents and save lives.

“Paddling is a great way to enjoy Texas’ natural beauty, but preparation is key to staying safe,” said Erika Brooks, TPWD boating education training specialist. “Wearing a properly fitted life jacket, knowing the water conditions and planning ahead can make all the difference.”

Texas law requires all paddlers to have a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket on board, and children under 13 must wear one

at all times while paddling. Paddlers should also check weather forecasts, understand water currents and carry a whistle or other sound-producing device to signal for help if needed.

“Many paddling accidents involve unexpected hazards like strong currents, submerged obstacles, or sudden weather changes,” said Cody Jones, Texas Game Warden assistant commander for marine enforcement. “Being aware of your surroundings and wearing your life jacket can mean the difference between a close call and a tragedy.”

Several recent tragedies serve as a stark reminder that preparation, awareness and proper safety equipment are essential for a day out on the water.

“Over the past few weeks, we’ve seen a concerning rise in paddling-related fatalities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area,” said

Joseph Quintero, Texas Game Warden captain. “These unfortunate incidents highlight the importance of being prepared as conditions on the water can change quickly. No matter your experience level, it’s important to not overestimate your abilities and take the proper precautions.”

Paddlers should also avoid alcohol while on the water, paddle in groups when possible and let someone know their float plan, including their expected return time and location and carry a white light if paddling between sunset and sunrise. As temperatures continue to rise, staying hydrated and using sun protection is also advised.

Additional paddling safety tips can be found at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/boating/paddling-trails/safety>.

April 15 was deadline for filing property tax renditions

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds business owners that April 15 was the deadline to file property tax renditions with their county appraisal districts. Different deadlines apply for certain regulated property.

A rendition is a report that lists a business’ good faith estimate of value for its taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery, equipment and other property owned or managed as of Jan. 1 each year. The appraisal district may use the infor-

mation reported in the rendition to set property values.

A rendition allows property owners to record their opinion of their property’s value and ensures that the appraisal district notifies property owners before changing a recorded value. Exempt property, such as church property and equipment used for farming, is not subject to rendition.

Owners whose property was damaged by storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report, which indicates the property’s condition on Jan. 1,

2025. Filing the decreased value report could lower those owners’ final tax bills for 2025.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from county appraisal district offices statewide and may be downloaded at the Comptroller’s property tax forms webpage.

For more information about property renditions, deadlines, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Comptroller’s Property Tax Assistance Division at 800-252-9121 (press 3) or visit the division online.

Gonzales Healthcare Systems

April 2025

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PoetKen Jones to play Dylan songs in tribute

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

To commemorate National Poetry Month, PoetKen Jones will play songs by Nobel Laureate Bob Dylan on Saturday, April 26, from 6-9 p.m. at San Antonio Distillery, 715 St Paul St, Gonzales, Texas, 78629. An open mike will follow the featured event.

Enjoy homemade Mexican food and locally distilled rum along with the entertainment. FMI: Contact Rosy 830-263-1221.




CROSSWORD THEME: TV SIBLINGS

CLUES ACROSS

- Newton of science
- Over the top, in text
- *Monica Geller’s brother
- Eurasian antelope
- Public health org.
- Add together
- Underground worker
- Put down
- Modify
- *Mitchell Pritchett’s sister Claire
- *Alex P. Keaton’s sister
- Lao-tzu follower
- _____ it like it is
- Banned insecticide
- Wolf, in Mexico
- Ubiquitous deciduous tree
- Nevada’s _____ 51
- Passionate dislike
- What scribes do
- Lime-rich soil
- Rocky ridge
- Flying saucers, acr.
- Certain “razor” creator
- Skier’s aid
- Sicilian mountain
- Activity of the intellect
- Rush job notation, acr.
- Stitch
- Belted out
- Mad Hatter’s beverage of choice
- *Wednesday Addams’ brother
- *Richie Cunningham’s sister
- Palate lobe
- Jersey call
- Notches made by saw
- Olympic 4x4 race, e.g.

CLUES DOWN

- Any doctrine
- “He _____, She Said”
- Hokkaido language
- Actor’s representative
- _____ tunnel
- “_____ the Lonely,” song
- *One “Sister, Sister”
- Bouquet garni ingredient
- Sushi choice
- “The Simpsons” palindrome
- Court petitioner
- Light on one’s feet
- Rendered suet
- Tumult and commotion
- Any high mountain
- Carryall (2 words)
- *Vampire Stefan Salvatore’s brother
- Harry Potter’s antagonist
- 9 a.m. prayer
- *Lisa and Maggie’s naughty brother
- *Phoebe and Piper Halliwell’s sister
- British elevators
- Repent
- Redo, to a carpenter
- “Sad to say ...”
- J.F.K. postings
- Muse of love poetry
- Lose
- Famous frat house letters
- Reached culmination
- Naiad or maenad



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56. Anoint

57. Make like a cat

58. Part of an eye

59. Mouthful, swallowed

60. Fence board

61. Apple co-founder

62. A Flock of Seagulls’ 1982 hit

63. Newts in terrestrial stage

66. Belonging to us

68. Be a witness

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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.

FESTIVAL

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days of great music, camping, cuisine and the beauty of the river in what is the cradle of the Texas Revolution.

Things ran smoothly with Sheriff Keith Schmidt reporting just three public intoxication arrests and a few minor fender benders taking place. Otherwise, the crowd was there not to fight, but to party and hear great music and enjoy great eats inspired by Chef Jason Dady and his crew.

Artists like McCollum and The Ransom Brothers were impressed by what they saw at Cattle Country, too.

“Oh, man, you can’t compare them when they’re in Texas,” McCollum said when asked to compare this festival to others he has played. “It doesn’t matter what it is, if it’s in Texas, it’s probably better than anything else and tonight’s no different.”

Sean McHargue, lead vocalist of The Ransom Brothers noted it was his band’s first time playing a major music festival and called it a “Top 5” experience in his lifetime.

McCollum was surprised to learn the name of the festival comes from the area’s deep connection to the cattle industry, with Graham Cattle serving as a major feed lot for nearly all the animals that appear at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo each year.

That same rodeo saw McCollum performed before 74,000 in attendance — a larger number than Cattle Country, but doubtfully a crowd as eager as the one Saturday night when he headlined the festival’s final night.

McCollum was born in Conroe, but spent a lot of his youth working on ranches with his grandfather, who would sell cattle at the Hockley livestock auction barn in far western Harris County off US 290.

“He ran a big old operation and me and my cousins just grew up kind of lawless, not a lot of supervision, and we spent a lot of time working for him,” McCollum said. “I’ve got a song on my new album coming out that’s a lot about those days and because I miss them very, very much and I know they’re never coming back.”

McCollum said he plans to raise his own child the same way because “I’d like for him to be very, very, very handy. It doesn’t seem to be super common nowadays, so I’d like to try to switch that trend to the other way.”

Familiar with Gonzales from trips through the Golden Crescent to go turkey hunting



FLASHES BY LOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Above, one lucky Cattle Country Festival fan got to be a karaoke “Rockstar” for the night when Nickelback invited him on stage Friday, April 11, to sing their 2005 hit, advising him he couldn’t mess up the words. From the look on lead singer Chad Kroeger’s face, he did just fine.



FLASHES BY LOR PHOTOGRAPHY

Tanya Tucker sings her hit song, “Delta Dawn,” during her Thursday, April 10 set at the Cattle Country Festival in Gonzales. It was the second year in a row Tucker performed at the festival.

near Victoria, McCollum is enchanted with the “pace of life” that living in a small town like Gonzales affords.

“I think that, what I do for a living — and probably any job in the world, any business in the world — if you really have a crazy work ethic and you go, go, go non-stop and you’re relentless in your pursuit of what you want out of your career, it’ll wear you

down, man,” McCollum said. “And that’s where a small town really can be beneficial. And I think naturally, maybe even people that grew up in the city — hyper successful, hyper overachieving people — probably get to a point in their life where they realize how nice the slow pace of life is in a small town. Man, I miss it all the time when I’m on the road.”

McCollum shrugged off comparisons the press has made to Charlie Robison, the country star from Bandera who sadly passed away at the age of 59 in 2023. Robison and his brother, Bruce, would collaborate on projects for each other and infused the sense and sensibility of small-town Texas into their music.

“There’s no comparison,” McCollum quickly said. “I was a massive Charlie and Bruce fan as a kid because my older brother listened to them so much when I was such a little kid and there’s no comparison. Those guys have songwriting abilities that are miles beyond what mine will ever be.

“I looked up to him for a long time. Rest in peace, Charlie. I actually think about him very often. I think it’s very crazy that he’s gone. And I think of Bruce often. Me and my brother also are very close. My brother’s a great songwriter, so we’ve always, in a much less talented way, thought of ourselves like them a little bit. We both had a lot of respect for them growing up. I love their songs. They still take me back to a time in my life that I miss much. I wish I was that good!”

The Ransom Brothers, who opened Day 2 at the festival, formed when McHargue and Daniel “Sal” Solis met in 2019 and played a few frat party gigs in College Station. They actually changed their name

because their original one, Good Springs, was considered “pretty vanilla” and had been inspired by a sign at one of the frat houses.

“Our producer said, ‘You’ve got to get rid of that name because it’s terrible,’” McHargue said. “I went home and was watching ‘The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance.’ It’s a Western and the main protagonist in the movie is named Ransom Stoddard. I thought that was pretty cool, so I called the producer back up and said, ‘How about Ransom Brothers?’ and he said, ‘Sold! Done!’”

Originally, the band was influenced by some of the mainstays of Southern rock, such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, Allman Brothers, Canned Heat, Marshall Tucker Band and others. As they continued to perform, they began adding Little Feat, Grateful Dead and Jackson Browne into their repertoire, McHargue said.

“It’s kind of like a modern country sound and a jam band sound,” McHargue said. “We don’t want to just kind of do the same three minute and 30 second song. We want to have space to jam and we bring that into the mix.”

Band members said they were interested in hearing 49 Winchester, Midland and Ty Myers perform at the festival, with McHargue adding that the eight-year-old version of him “can’t wait for Nickelback.”

VOTE Isaac Anzaldua for Mayor



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Airport Upgrades

- A. Extending the current runway to approximately 4,000ft x60ft.
- B. Replace and upgrade all runway and safety lighting.
- C. Addition of new hangars and adding more above ground fuel tanks, allows for economic growth.

Early Voting

April 22-29, 2025

Long Range Planning Committee (3-5 years)

- A. Composed of 50+ community members (city and county) to discuss ways to increase economic growth, address housing and quality of life issues.
- B. Biannual meetings to set goals and receive updates on projects including planning structure, follow-through and completion.

I humbly ask you to Vote Isaac Anzaldua for Mayor

Gonzales Emergency Center

- A. New Fire/Police Station
- B. Saves the City money by combining the two units.
- C. Allows addition of ladder trucks to better serve Gonzales.
- D. Significant discounts on Home Owners and Commercial Insurance for the Community.

If you have any questions, call me, I'd be happy to speak with you or arrange a visit.

830-203-1035

Martin Luther King Jr. Street Project

- A. Work with the Community and City regarding Resolution 2024-81, renaming of streets.
- B. Work with local organizations to formulate a plan that includes all aspects of the process, but more importantly, including a start and completion date

Election Day

May 3, 2025

Venue Tax

- A. Propose a 2.5% Venue tax. Venue tax does not increase sales tax nor property tax. It is allocated on top of the Hotel Occupancy Tax.
- B. Funds to be used for repairs or modification to city owned venues that would be above and beyond the budgeted maintenance of the facilities.
- C. Opportunity to build new projects now defined as arenas, coliseums or civic center.

PSALM 133:1

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Pol. Adv. paid for by Isaac Anzaldua for Mayor Campaign

Anzaldua announces candidacy for Gonzales mayor

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
(AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL PARA
OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLÍTICAS)

To the registered voters of the County of Gonzales Independent School District, Gonzales, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Distrito escolar independiente de Gonzales, Gonzales, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 3, 2025 for voting in a general election to elect School District Trustees for (3) terms for single-member district 1 & 2.
(Notifíquese por la presente, que los sitios de votación citadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el Mayo 3, 2025 para votar en la elección general para elegir fidei comisarios del Distrito escolar para tres (3) anos para las distritos uninominules 1 y 2.)

On Election Day, voters must vote in the precinct where registered to vote, unless the countywide polling place program is being used in the election.
(El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en el precinto donde estan inscritos para votar, a manos que el programa de sitios de votación del condado se está utilizando en la elección.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places
Include Name of Building and Address
(Sitios de votación el Dia de Elección)
(Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)

Randle Rather Bldg., 427 St. George Street, Ste 100,
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During early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:
(Durante Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de los sitios de votación nombradas abajo.)

Location of Main Early Voting Polling Place
Include Name of Building and Address
(Sitio principal de votación adelantada)
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Gonzales, TX 78629

Locations for Branch Early Voting Polling Places
Include Name of Building and Address
(Sitios sucursal de votación adelantada)
(Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)

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Gonzales

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Gwen Schaefer
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario/a de la Votación Adelantada)

P.O. Box 1753
(Address) (Dirección)

Gonzales, Texas 78629
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Codigo Postal)

830-519-4054
Telephone Number (Número de teléfono)

ea@co.gonzales.tx.us
Email Address (Dirección de Correo Electrónico)

<https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.elections.admin>
Early Voting Clerk's Website (Sitio web del Secretario/a de Votación Adelantada)

Applications for Ballots by Mail (ABBMs) must be received no later than the close of business on:
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04/22/2025

Federal Post Card Applications (FPCAs) must be received no later than the close of business on:
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Issued this 13th day of January, 2025
(Emitida este día 13 de Enero, 2025)

Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Dirigente que Preside)

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Notice of Public Hearing To Adopt 2025 Appraisal Review Board Hearing Procedures For the Gonzales Central Appraisal District

I, John H. Liford, Chief Appraiser for Gonzales Central Appraisal District in accordance with Section 5.103(d) and Section 41.01(a) and (c), Texas Property Tax Code, give notice on behalf of the Appraisal Review Board of the Gonzales Central Appraisal District to hold a public hearing on April 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the appraisal district office located at 301 N. St. Joseph Street, Suite A, Gonzales, Texas, for consideration and adoption of the 2025 Appraisal Review Board Hearing Procedures. A copy is available at the appraisal district office.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF GONZALES

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL

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

1) An amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gonzales for the property commonly known as 1331 St. Joseph Street, said property being currently zoned as C-1, Light Commercial District and seeking to be rezoned SF-6, Single Family 6 District.

PROPERTY OWNER:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

PARCEL:

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

Kari Breitschopf & Rebecca Fisher
PT 6 Range I East
12201
1331 St. Joseph Street

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing on April 21, 2025 at the Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph St. at 5:30 p.m.**, to allow public comment on a possible amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gonzales for the listed property. After consideration and recommendation by Planning & Zoning Commission and Public Hearing, the amendments will be presented to **City Council for a Public Hearing and possible approval on May 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph St.**

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Dorothy E. Kincaid. were issued on April 8, 2025, in Cause No. PW25-0402, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Danna Sue Kincaid and Donald Ray Kincaid.

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

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

Dated the 8th day of April, 2025.

Robert W. Bland

Attorney for Danna Sue Kincaid and Donald Ray Kincaid
State Bar No: 24044756
P.O. Box 119
GONZALES, TX 78629
Telephone: (830) 672-2437
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E-mail: rbland@gvec.net

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF GONZALES

GONZALES, TEXAS

2025 Utility Projects

Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Gonzales (OWNER) clearly labeled "ATTENTION: CITY SECRETARY, 2025 UTILITY PROJECTS" will be received at Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. N. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, until **2:00 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025**, and then publicly opened and read aloud immediately.

This project includes the installation of approximately 500 linear feet of 6-inch waterline, with fittings, fire hydrants, service taps and associated pavement repairs, approximately 1883 linear feet of 6-inch wastewater including manholes wastewater service connections and approximately 970 linear feet of 21-inch wastewater line including manholes, associated pavement repairs, trench safety, traffic control, and installation and removal of temporary erosion controls.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Agreement, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Technical Specifications and Plans, together with any Addenda are available at Doucet & Associates, Inc., 829 N. Saint Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, (512) 583-2672. Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$100.00 or can be provided via e-mail at no charge. Send requests to kschaue@kleinfelder.com.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's check or certified check upon a national or state bank in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total actual bid price payable without recourse to the City of Gonzales, or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute required performance and payment bonds.

The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; however, the right is reserved, as the interests of the OWNER may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality or minor defects in bids received. Bids may be held by the OWNER for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the opening for Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

There will not be a pre-bid conference. Contractors shall make their own individual site inspections and/or investigations to make themselves aware of existing conditions/issues. Failure to make adequate observations, investigations and/or ask questions prior to bidding shall not be grounds for requesting additional work or services. Questions shall be forwarded to J. Keith Schauer, P.E., 829 N. Saint Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, (512) 583-2672, kschaue@kleinfelder.com by **5:00 o'clock p.m., Monday, April 28, 2025.**

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 01

DATE OF ISSUANCE: Apr 15, 2025

NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, May 6, 2025

Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

STATUS/PERMIT NO. 906839

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EOG RESOURCES, INC., [RRC Operator No. 253162] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. , Bk , BATEMAN, S Survey, A-1, EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1) Field, GONZALES County, being 13.4 miles SE direction from GONZALES, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463-6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST **MUST BE RECEIVED** IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY **May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1)

Lease/Unit Name : MESA VERDE C

Lease/Unit Well No. : 3H

Lease/Unit Acres : 1587.59

Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null

Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 439.0

Lease Lines : 2549.0 F nw L, 218.0 F ne L

Survey Lines : 10731.0 F nw L, 238.0 F ne L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1

Penetration Point Location

Lease Lines: 1500.0 F NW L
1235.0 F NE L

Terminus Location

BH County: DE WITT

Section: Block: Abstract: 4

Survey: BATEMAN, S

Lease Lines: 1227.0 F SW L
102.0 F SE L

Survey Lines: 16010.0 F NW L
3014.0 F NE L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1) :

Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.
Optional Rules 330/0, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jeremy Montanez, at (210)730-9432.

April 10

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1
ORDENANZA NRO. 2025-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS ORDERING A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

UNA ORDENANZA DE LA CIUDAD DE GONZALES, TEXAS, QUE ORDENA QUE SE CELEBRE UNA ELECCIÓN MUNICIPAL GENERAL EL 3 DE MAYO DE 2025, CON EL PROPÓSITO DE ELEGIR A UN INDIVIDUO PARA EL CARGO DE ALCALDE; QUE DISPONE LA VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA; QUE DISPONE OTROS ASUNTOS RELATIVOS A LA ELECCIÓN; Y QUE DISPONE UNA FECHA DE ENTRADA EN VIGEN CIA.

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

AHO RA, POR LO T ANTO, EL CONSEJO MUNICIPAL DE LA CIUDAD DE GONZALES, TEXAS, ORDENA:

Section 1.

That a May 3, 2025 regular election for the purpose of electing an individual to the office of Mayor is hereby Ordered.

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

Sección 1.

Que se ordena por la presente una elección regular para el 3 de mayo de 2025 con el fin de elegir a una persona para el cargo de Alcalde.

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

Section 2.

The City Council of the City of Gonzales finds that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety and interest to conduct a joint election with Gonzales County for the May 3, 2025 election requiring the use of polling locations and early voting hours as determined by Gonzales County.

Sección 2.

El Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Gonzales halla que es en el mejor interés de la salud, la seguridad y el interés público celebrar una elección conjunta con el Condado de Gonzales para la elección del 3 de mayo de 2025 que requiera del uso de los lugares de votación y los horarios de votación anticipada que el Condado de Gonzales determine.

Section 3.

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

Sección 3.

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

Section 4.

On Election Day, May 3, 2025, the polls shall be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., at the locations established by Gonzales County on the dates and times as follows, or as may be amended by Gonzales County, per the contract.

Gonzales County Election Precinct

Pct. 1, 2, 3, 12

Voting Location

Randle Rather Bldg, 427 St. George, STE 100, Gonzales, TX 78629

Sección 4.

El Día de Elección, el 3 de mayo de 2025, las casillas abrirán en el horario de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m., en los lugares de votación establecidos por el Condado de Gonzales en las siguientes fechas y horarios o según el Condado de Gonzales los modifique en virtud del contrato.

Precinto electoral del Condado de Gonzales

Precinto 1, 2, 3, 12

Lugar de Votación

Randle Rather Bldg, 427 St. George, STE 100, Gonzales, TX 78629

Section 5.

Early Voting by personal appearance shall commence on April 22, 2025 and continue through April 29, 2025, at the locations established by Gonzales County on the dates and times as follows, or as may be amended by Gonzales County, per the contract.

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

April 22nd-April 25th
April 28th-April 29th

Tuesday - Friday
Monday-Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

Sección 5.

La votación anticipada en persona empezará el 22 de abril de 2025 y continuará hasta el 29 de abril de 2025, inclusive, en los lugares de votación establecidos por el Condado de Gonzales en las siguientes fechas y horarios o según el Condado de Gonzales los modifique en virtud del contrato.

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

22 de abril al 25 de abril

Martes a vienes

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

28 de abril y 29 de abril

Lunes y martes

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

Section 6.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be received by the Gonzales Election Administrator at 427 St. George, Ste 306, Gonzales, Texas 78629 no later than close of business on April 22, 2025.

Sección 6.

Las solicitudes de boletas por correo serán recibidas por el Administrador de Elecciones de Gonzales en 427 St. George, Ste 306, Gonzales, Texas 78629 hasta el cierre de operaciones el 22 de abril de 2025.

Section 7.

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

Sección 7.

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

Section 8.

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

Sección 8.

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

Section 9.

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

Sección 9.

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

Section 10.

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

Sección 10.

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

Section 11.

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

Sección 11.

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

Section 12.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Sección 12.

Esta ordenanza entrará en vigencia inmediatamente después su aprobación.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of January, 2025.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA el 16 de enero de 2025.

Mayor (Alcalde), S.H. Sucher

ATTEST (ATESTIGUA):

Kristina Vega, City Secretary (Secretaria de la Ciudad)

7 from Waelder qualify for area track meet

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Seven Waelder Wildcat boys track team members qualified for the Class A Area Meet, to be held Thursday, April 10, at Runge, after their outstanding performances at the District 30-A meet, also held in Runge, on Thursday, April 3.

Senior Isaiah Whitfield won the 100-meter dash and the high jump, which qualified him for both of those events. Jacob Tovar, a junior, finished second in the 100-meter dash and third in the 200-meter dash to qualify for both of those events.

Julian Sausaita, a senior, finished fourth in the 800-meter run, third in the 1600-meter run and third in the long jump to qualify for three events. Elian Rocha, a junior, also qualified for the 1600-meter run after finishing fourth.

Junior Tinel Weldon finished second in the long jump to qualify for that event, while Christian Garcia, also a junior, finished second in the shot put. Finally, junior Joseph Camarillo finished third in the triple jump.

The Waelder 4x100-meter relay team will also compete in the area meet after finishing first at district.

RESULTS	
Varsity Boys	High Jump
100 Meter Dash	1 Isaiah Whitfield 12 Waelder 6-2
1 Isaiah Whitfield 12 Waelder	
11.83	
2 Jacob Tovar 11 Waelder 11.90	
	Long Jump
200 Meter Dash	2 Tinel Weldon 11 Waelder 19-5
3 Jacob Tovar 11 Waelder 25.38	3 Julian Sausaita 12 Waelder 17-9
5 Tinel Weldon 11 Waelder 26.03	6 Joseph Camarillo 11 Waelder 15-9.5
	Triple Jump
400 Meter Dash	3 Joseph Camarillo 11 Waelder 34-2.5
5 Elian Rocha 11 Waelder 1:07.75	
	Discus
800 Meter Run	6 Jose Carrillo 11 Waelder 95-8
4 Julian Sausaita 12 Waelder 2:27.47	7 Gilbert Herrera 12 Waelder 91-5.5
8 Elian Rocha 11 Waelder 2:38.05	
	Shot Put
1600 Meter Run	2 Christian Garcia 11 Waelder 36-10
3 Julian Sausaita 12 Waelder 6:13.96	5 Gilbert Herrera 12 Waelder 35-0.75
4 Elian Rocha 11 Waelder 6:26.35	
4x100 Meter Relay	
1 Waelder 46.22	

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items.

Gabe Gallardo again served as the emcee for the event, while DJ Randy Tovar spun the music and kept it lively for members of the Gonzales Police Department, Gonzales Fire Department, Gonzales EMS, Gonzales County Sheriff’s Department and the Gonzales County Attorney’s Office modeled the prize purses and shook their groove things for tips from an adoring audience. Bingo was led by caller Robert Bland and other Lions Club members.

Norma’s House has been serving Gonzales County for 27 years and is one of 70 children’s advocacy centers in the state. It is a place where children and families affected by sexual and physical abuse can come for help and hope, tell their stories and receive services to start them on the road to recovery and justice. There is no fee for any of these services charged to families who need them.

“These funds will help Norma’s House identify, understand and address the factors that contribute to crimes against children,” Parsley said. “They will also be used to help children heal from their victimization and educate the community to help prevent child abuse. Together, the community of Gonzales and Norma’s House can make a difference in the lives of our children.”

Direct services provided include forensic interviews, accompaniment to proceedings and hospital visits, post-crisis counseling, information and referrals, coordination of multi-disciplinary investigations and community education and training.

Nationally, 1 in 10 children are sexually abused before their 18th birthday. In fiscal year 2024, Norma’s House served 583 children and provided 896 therapy hours and 101 forensic medical exams while providing education to 4,000 adults and 1,200 children. The most common abuse was sexual abuse at 58 percent, followed by physical (22), neglect (11) and witness (seven). Ninety-nine percent of children knew their abuser personally.

The main office for Norma’s House is at 1604 Saint Paul St., but they also have satellite offices in Hallettsville and Cuero. For more information, go to normashouse.net.

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of Gonzales, was pulling out of a private drive and turning left (northbound) onto US 183 and, according to the DPS report, failed to yield the right of way to the oncoming tractor-trailer.

The investigating trooper reported Cata told him he was unable to stop due to how suddenly the Lancaster vehicle pulled out. The tractor-trailer struck the Volkswa-

gen in its front left side, causing major damage to both vehicles.

The force of the impact caused Cata’s tractor-trailer to continue on south, crossing into the northbound lane and into a pasture on the east side of the road, where it partially caught fire but was quickly extinguished, the report stated.

Lancaster’s Volkswagen spun clockwise and went into the ditch

on the west side of the road before rolling on its left side and coming to rest upside down. Gonzales County Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Deidra Voigt was called to the scene and she pronounced Lancaster dead at 5 p.m. Thursday, according to the report.

There was no other information available on whether Cata was injured in the collision.

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Stations of the Cross set for Good Friday, April 18

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Catholic Community of Gonzales and Waelder will follow the steps of Jesus from condemnation to crucifixion to burial when they re-enact the Stations of the Cross, also known as Via Crucis, at 3 p.m. this Friday, April 18 — Good Friday.

The annual Lenten pilgrimage begins at the Gonzales Memorial Museum, makes its way down Saint Lawrence Street to the Squares and eventually to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church at the corner of Saint Lawrence and Saint John streets, said Deacon Alfonso Moreno.

Christians of all faith are invited to come participate in walking the 14 Stations of the Cross. This deeply spiritual reflection on the journey of Jesus to Calvary, his death and passage to new life, is an invitation to all to walk with him on this journey. In this walk, Christians learn more deeply who God is through the passion and death of Jesus, and learning to accept and embrace the cross in their own lives as Jesus embraced his.

The Stations of the Cross, as experienced today, probably date back about 500 years in the

church, but their roots go much deeper. Church historians trace the origins of this devotion to the earliest times of Christendom. Pilgrims going to Jerusalem in these times would walk the actual path of Jesus to the cross, a path which later came to be known as the Via Dolorosa.

Centuries afterward, the custom arose of erecting images of the significant events in Jesus' journey throughout the known world. People would pass from image to image, making in spirit the pilgrimage to the actual scenes of Jesus sufferings and death. A variety of prayers and reflections were added, and even today there is no standard set of prayers, but many versions to suit the spiritual needs of those who make the Stations.

Use of the Stations did not become widespread till about the end of the seventeenth century, though now they are found in almost every church.

The Stations are an example of the ancient prayer form called “procession,” a prayerful movement from one place to another. As one prays the stations, he or she may move from one station to the next, the movement itself becoming a meditative prayer.

Fish fry set for Good Friday

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Henson Chapel UMC at 1107 St. Andrew will be holding their Annual Good Friday Fish Fry on Friday, April 18.

It will consist of two crispy fried catfish fillets with hush puppies, trimmings, homemade tartar sauce, dessert and drink. \$15.00 per plate, or (2) for \$25.00. They will deliver! Call 830-285-1244.

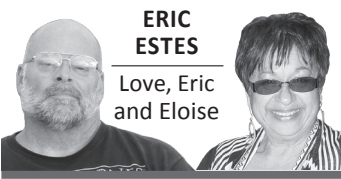
Identity Crisis

What's up y'all? I hope everything's going well, and that you're enjoying this awesome spring weather while it lasts. Temperatures are already starting to rise, and the heat of summer is just around the corner. So, take some time to smell the flowers, as they say, just make sure you don't suck up a bee in the process. Of course the neighbors might just assume you've found a renewed zest for life as you run across the yard punching yourself in the face, I know mine did!

As per today's title, over the years I've noticed that humanity in general has always seemed to have a bit of an identity crisis. We're constantly wondering how we stack up against the competition, often making us question if we're good enough, but this begs the question... good enough for what exactly? This can slowly lead us into the life threatening arena known as the dreaded "inferiority complex". I say arena because it's much like two gladiators going head to head in a dual to the death in front of a blood thirsty cheering crowd. The main problem in this scenario is that we're fighting against ourselves, trying to measure up against a misconceived notion that other people may not accept us for who we are, leading to an internal mental battle that can rage on for years.

Unfortunately, in many cases, there's no conclusive outcome in the end, making for a long and torturous existence. I'm sure this will sound familiar to more folks than would like to admit. Been there myself... as the world famous gladiator "Gluteus Maximus" enters the arena, his focus goes astray wondering, do I look okay in my gladiator costume? Yep, still the "butt" of many jokes, even centuries later!

Have you ever been in a conversation where you're sharing your viewpoint on something, only to have the person you're talking to interrupt, even changing the subject matter? It took me a long time to figure out that most people are so lost in their own thoughts, that they really can't be fully engaged in anything outside of their own mental process. I don't believe that most of the time it's intentionally malicious or disrespectful, it's just that our minds are so full and overworked that our attention span just gets lost in the shuffle. I have been both interrupted, and have interrupted others myself. I've often wished that I had an off, or at least a pause button, as sometimes I'd really enjoy a break from myself, and the constant jabber going on between my ears, especially when I sleep (weird dreams). Maybe I'm wrong and this



isn't a human condition at all, and I'm just off my rocker, if so, please disregard. I don't know how you feel, but if you've read these little tidbits before, I'm sure you realize that my thought processes can be a bit out there. This is where becoming okay with who you are comes in, 'cause at the end of the day, it's been my experience that humanity is a pretty weird creation in and of itself...just sayin'.

I guess the main take-away from today's rambling is: don't worry so much about what others think about you. In all honesty, they're not thinking about you all that much anyway. We all get so caught up in just trying to survive today and the challenges it brings, along with all of the people and situations that are closest to us, there's not much room left for all of the peripherals. Besides, God created the universe and everything in it out of love for us, as weird as we are. On the sixth day, "God created humans in his image and blessed them to multiply and fill the earth, and saw that it was good," What else do we need?

Until next time, love you
guys, Eric.

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SPORTS

Nine from Gonzales qualify individually for regional meet

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Five Gonzales High School Apache track team members and four Lady Apache team members qualified individually for the Region 4-4A Meet Class 4A Area Meet at Javelina Stadium at Texas A&M-Kingsville this Friday, April 18, and Saturday, April 19.

The boys 4x200 relay team also qualified — the only one of six relay teams which competed for the Apaches and Lady Apaches to advance during the Wednesday, April 9, Area Meet in Floresville.

On the boys side, sophomore Damion Hunt continued a dominant season by winning the 200-meter dash. Junior Ckristopher Ramos finished third in the 3200-meter run, while junior Travis Malveaux finished third in the 300-meter hurdles. Senior Jermaine Upshaw finished third in the discus and Marcus Lampkin finished fourth in the shot put.

On the girls side, Jordyn Gonzales qualified for two events, winning the 800-meter run and finishing fourth in the 1600-meter run. Serynity Smith won the discus to advance. Jayda Glass finished second in the triple jump and teammate Alaina Valle finished third.

Area Meet results:

Boys	Girls
100 METER DASH 6 Jermaine Upshaw 12 Gonzales 11.82	100 METER DASH 7 Kaylyn Gonzales 10 Gonzales 13.60
200 METER DASH 1 Damion Hunt 10 Gonzales 22.03	800 METER RUN 1 Jordyn Gonzales 11 Gonzales 2:26.18
400 METER DASH 6 Anthony Castro 12 Gonzales 54.39	1600 METER RUN 4 Jordyn Gonzales 11 Gonzales 5:40.71
1600 METER RUN 5 Ckristopher Ramos 11 Gonzales 4:58.23	3200 METER RUN 7 Yaritza Angel 12 Gonzales 13:37.47
3200 METER RUN 3 Ckristopher Ramos 11 Gonzales 10:32.48	100 METER HURDLES 6 Aubrey Lindemann 11 Gonzales 18.22
6 Homero Ruiz 9 Gonzales 11:05.86	300 METER HURDLES 6 Carson Carrizales 9 Gonzales 51.81
300 METER HURDLES 3 Travis Malveaux 11 Gonzales 42.05	4X100 METER RELAY 7 Gonzales 53.07
4X100 METER RELAY 5 Gonzales 43.73	4X200 METER RELAY 6 Gonzales 1:50.08
4X200 METER RELAY 4 Gonzales 1:31.38	4X400 METER RELAY 7 Gonzales 4:34.03
4X400 METER RELAY 7 Gonzales 3:45.40	TRIPLE JUMP 2 Jayda Glass 11 Gonzales 35-2
TRIPLE JUMP 3 Travis Malveaux 11 Gonzales 41-5.75	3 Alaina Valle 10 Gonzales 33-2.5
DISCUS 3 Jermaine Upshaw 12 Gonzales 135-1	POLE VAULT 8 Hailey Camarillo 10 Gonzales 6-6
7 Omar Borjon 12 Gonzales 119-1	DISCUS 1 Serynity Smith Gonzales 103-10
SHOT PUT 4 Marcus Lampkin 11 Gonzales 41-11	6 KeaAnna White 10 Gonzales 85-5
5 Jermaine Upshaw 12 Gonzales 41-4.5	SHOT PUT 7 KeaAnna White 10 Gonzales 30-5.25
	8 Serynity Smith Gonzales 27-8

Mikesh qualifies for Region 4-3A Meet



CONTRIBUTED

Nixon-Smiley senior Tristen Mikesh.

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

One Nixon-Smiley Mustang track star will be going to the Region 4-3A Track Meet in Seguin this Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19, after qualifying at the Thursday, April 10 area track meet at Altair Consolidated.

Senior Tristen Mikesh will be competing in the triple jump after finishing third in that event and in the 400-meter dash after finishing fourth in that event. Mikesh just missed out on

qualifying in a third event, the long jump, while Jaylun Rodriguez just missed in the shot put. Both finished fifth in those events and the top four places advance to the Region meet.

The Mustangs competed at Altair Rice Consolidated ISD against Altair Rice HS, Edna HS, El Maton Tidehaven HS, Columbus HS, Yoakum HS, Vanderbilt Industrial HS, Hallettsville HS, Palacios HS, Goliad HS, Poth HS, Karnes City HS, Luling HS and Stockdale HS.

FIELD EVENTS

Shot Put: 5th Place - Jaylun Rodriguez - 43'10"
Long Jump: 5th Place - Tristen Mikesh - 19' 7 1/4" & 6th Place - Eric Rodriguez - 19' 1"
Triple Jump: 3rd Place - Tristen Mikesh - 43' 10"

RUNNING EVENTS

4x100 Relay: Girls - 8th Place - 55.22 - Piper Keen, Gabriela Limon, Mariela Limon, Hailee Houseton
4x100 Relay: Boys - 8th Place - 45.91 - Aiden Flores, Eric Rodriguez, Khali Jantes, Jose Romero
4x200 Relay: Boys - 6th Place - 1:33.88 - Joe White, Jose Romero, Eric Rodriguez, Khali Jantes
4x400 Relay: Boys - 8th Place - 3:46.49 - Aiden Flores, Joe White, Khali Jantes, John Garza
400m: Girls - 6th Place - 1:05.89 - Ayanna Corpus & 8th Place - 1:06.43 - Mariela Limon
400m: Boys - 4th Place - 52.00 - Tristen Mikesh
300H: Boys - 8th Place - 44.08 - Aiden Flores
200m: Boys - 7th Place - 23.61 - Eric Rodriguez



COURTESY PHOTOS/WAELDER ISD

The Waelder High School Wildcats track team qualified five individuals and a relay team for the Region 4-A meet, to be held at Seguin Matador Stadium this weekend. Team members include Isaiah Whitfield, Julian Sustaita, Tinel Weldon, Jacob Tovar, Elian Rocha, Joseph Camarillo and Christian Garcia. The 4x100 team won their event (bottom left) and Julian Sustaita (bottom right) stands on the third place podium for his finish in the 1600-meter run. Whitfield was crowned champion in the 100-meter dash and was third in the high jump as well.

Waelder sending five to Region 4-A meet

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Five members of the Waelder Wildcat track and field team qualified for the Region 4-A track meet being held in Seguin this Friday and Saturday, April 18-19, at Matador Stadium.

Senior Isaiah Whitfield won the 100-meter dash and placed third in the high jump to qualify for both events. Fellow senior Julian Sustaita placed third in the 1600-meter run and while junior Tinel Weldon finished third in the long jump. Junior Jacob Tovar finished fourth in the 100-meter dash.

The 4x100 relay team of Whitfield, Tovar, Weldon and junior Elian Rocha won their event and qualified as did junior Joseph Camarillo as an alternate.

Boys	HIGH JUMP
100 METER DASH 1 Isaiah Whitfield 12 Waelder 11.91 4 Jacob Tovar 11 Waelder 12.05	3 Isaiah Whitfield 12 Waelder 6-0
1600 METER RUN 3 Julian Susaita 12 Waelder 5:29.19 7 Elian Rocha 11 Waelder 5:47.93	LONG JUMP 3 Tinel Weldon 11 Waelder 19-1 6 Julian Susaita 12 Waelder 17-8
4X100 METER RELAY 1 Waelder 45.89	TRIPLE JUMP 6 Joseph Camarillo 11 Waelder 34-6.5
	SHOT PUT 5 Christian Garcia 11 Waelder 35-0.25

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The winning team from the April 9 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Derek Grahmann, Ckody Burton, Miguel Cruz, Jacob Bird, Kenny Hernandez and Hector Sanchez.



The second-place team from the April 9 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Jake Barnick, John Leal, Julian Leal, Dee Sanelovic, Chase Kotzebue and Zach Kotzebue.

Lady Mustangs beat Stockdale, 5-4, at home

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs won a district grudge match at home versus Stockdale on Tuesday, April 8,

by a 5-4 margin.

Hailee Houseton was the big bat for the Lady Mustangs as she went 4-for-5 with a double and knocked in three runs. Brooke Crisp had a run

scored with a hit and Tyra Ortiz scored a run as well. Sadie Walden and Kaelynn Mendiola also had hits for Nixon-Smiley, which is fourth in district.

Lady Apaches maintain second place in district

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches remain in second place in District 28-4A in softball with a 5-2 district mark (9-10 overall) despite losing to Cuero on Friday, April 11, because they no-hit San Antonio Memorial, 15-0, on Tuesday, April 8.

Dixie Lester didn't allow a hit in three innings and struck out eight of the 10 batters she faced. Not a single runner got past first base on the night for Memorial. On the flip side, the Lady Apaches scored 15 runs on nine hits as well as three Memorial errors. The big hit came from Alaina Valle, who smashed a home run. She

knocked in three and scored twice

While Sarah Padilla didn't have an official at bat, she walked three times and scored three runs as leadoff batter and stole a base. Alexzis Hernandez went 1-for-1 with two walks, an RBI double and scored two runs. Lester helped her own cause by knocking out two hits in two plate appearances and scoring two runs as well as stealing two bases.

Abrial Reyna had two hits, scored a run and knocked in two with a double. Ava Carrizales scored twice and had a hit, while Blakely Mercer scored once and had an

RBI. Ryah Gonzales had a double and also knocked in three runs while scoring one. Simone Barrera had a hit and scored a run and Shiloh Wright knocked in a run as well.

On Friday, Gonzales fought hard and attempted a valiant comeback, but fell 12-8. The Lady Apaches were up 3-2 after two innings, but Cuero scored 10 runs in the final four innings to mount a 12-3 lead. Gonzales plated five runs in the bottom of the seventh, but couldn't finish the rally.

The Lady Apaches had eight hits but committed four errors in the game. Cuero had 10 hits.

VOTING

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for Gonzales, Mustang apparel for Nixon/Smiley, Wildcat for Waelder.

•Anything that has “city and/ or ISD” involved in an election. A good way to remember and look at it, in this case, the “city and ISD” that is having an elec- tion is the “political party.”

GONZALES CITY

There are two simultaneous elections being held by the City of Gonzales. The first is the regular election for mayor. Incumbent Mayor S.H. “Steve” Sucher will face a challenge from local businessman Isaac Anzaldua.

District 4 voters only also will

have the opportunity to vote on the recall of District 4 Council- member Ronda Miller after a petition was submitted to and accepted by the city.

GONZALES ISD

There are two spots on the ballot for Gonzales ISD in the May 3 election: District 1 and District 2. In District 1, incum- bent trustee Gloria Torres will face a challenge from Alejandra “Ale” Hernandez. In District 2, incumbent trustee Justin Schwausch will be challenged by Rocky Gallegos.

NIXON CITY

Four individuals have signed up to run for the three available



at-large spots on the Nixon City Council. They are incumbents Patsy Scherrer and Patricia Dingler, Jessica Garcia and TJ Lopez.

SMILEY

Three at-large positions on the Smiley City Council are

available on the ballot and there is a large field of candi- dates who signed up to run. In addition to incumbents Lori Price, Daniel Benavides and Diane Moreno, other can- didates running are Wayne Dauer, Michael Mills, Michelle Mills, Michaela Mills and Elisa Douglas.

WAEOLDER

Following the 2024 death of Mayor Roy Tovar, incumbent City Councilmember Mike Harris was appointed mayor pro tem and acting mayor until a special election could be held on May 3. Harris has filed to run to finish out Tovar’s remaining one-year

unexpired term and will face Diana C. Olmos. If Harris wins, the council would appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of his term until May 2026.

The regular election sees three at-large spots for a two- year term that would expire May 2027. In addition to incumbents Martha Melchor, Rachel Vargas Martinez and Marie Ibarra Almaraz, others running include Dora Martinez, Margie Zapata, Curtis Hadnot Jr. and Adam Ibarra.

Elections for Nixon-Smiley CISD and Waelder ISD were canceled due to unopposed candidates.

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CAMERAS

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be installed.

“That’s more than you have now,” Sledge said. “This replaces every old camera and adds new cameras where you don’t have cameras and need them. That’s very significant. These cameras are really impressive and becoming the norm in the industry.”

Sledge said the package also includes software to integrate all the cameras for use across multiple devices throughout the district — including cellphones and laptops — with secure log-ins as well as a 10-year license for use.

“The beauty of this software is it is quite powerful. It can do a lot of things and you have great control over who you want to have access to the cameras,” Sledge said.

Because the district chose Weaver & Jacobs of Cuero as a construction manager at risk (CMAR) for the bond program, Weaver & Jacobs was responsible for seeking bids, which they opened on March 27, Sledge said.

“We got a lot of good bidders and the best group bidding is quite experienced,” Sledge said. “If you award tonight, Weaver & Jacobs will mobilize in May. We’ll be careful not to be disruptive before school is out.

“This work is going to go heavy through the summer and it is possible this will extend throughout the summer and might even go into October for the final implementation of the cameras. We hope that we will have most of our campus work done before the kids are back in school.”

The price includes a \$200,000 owner and contractor contingency for any unforeseen items that will be returned to the district if unused, Sledge said, adding he had already spoken to District Technology Director Chema Chavez about adding a few more cameras in areas not previously identified.

Sledge said there are more redundancies within the system now that also will help with backing up

video surveillance in case of an outage at any campus site or an outage district-wide. The number of false alarms will also be mitigated because cameras will be used as motion detectors instead of using separate motion detecting devices.

The vote for phase 1 was 6-0 with Trustee D’Anna Robinson abstaining as her husband, Wes, works as a project manager for Weaver & Jacobs.

Sledge also gave an update on the district’s bond program so far and told board members a pre-construction meeting on the new CTE/Ag Barn facility on Stieren Road was scheduled for Wednesday, April 16. A groundbreaking ceremony could be held for the CTE/Ag project as soon as May and the board can expect to see a job trailer moved on site and grading and utility work to begin thereafter.

To date, the district has spent \$8,082,148 of the \$50.6 million in bond proceeds, or about 16 percent, leaving a remaining balance of \$42,517,852. Most of that \$8 million went to pay for new roofing and paving and design work, Sledge said.

Sledge and Weaver & Jacobs will have a second GMP for doors/hardware and vestibules brought back to the board in June, followed by a third GMP for remodels after that. Construction will continue up until fall 2026, Sledge added.

Emergency responder radio coverage testing was completed last week so the district now has the correct radio antennas installed at each campus to guarantee the radios will work in case of emergency.

On maintenance projects that are being done in-house by the district, the roofing is awaiting a final material manufacturer inspection and there has been a plan to add discovered repairs that are needed at Gonzales Junior High using cost savings from the bond project, Sledge said.

COUNTY

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management and owners representation firm the county hired to help guide them through renovating the Gonzales County Annex building, on which the original \$11.5 million proposed issuance was to be spent.

“We’re not going into the full restoration of the Randle-Rather building, but trying to remedy the stone that’s cracking and falling off the building. This is basically the minimum amount needed to get the scaffold upon the building.”

By expanding the tax note value and scope to include the make safe of the Randle-Rather building, the county can delay a full restoration while still tackling the more important emergent need of reconstructing the Annex building by next fall, when the county hopes to receive a grant from the Texas Historical Commission to renovate the Courthouse.

Duke said the increase to the tax note impact would only increase from 2.8 cents at \$11.5 million to 2.99 cents of debt service at \$12.2 million, which translates to an extra \$2 for every \$100,000 in value and keeps the county at a goal of no more than roughly three additional cents on a debt service rate.

He also asked commissioners to approve a submitted proposal by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. (WJE) for professional engineering services related to the Randle-Rather Building. WJE is already performing similar services for the Courthouse renovation project.

After pieces of the historic building came off the second floor balcony balustrade, the county had Curtainwall Design Consulting (CDC) look at the building last October to determine how much deterioration had taken place in the limestone accent and brick elements of the building. The county also erected a scaffolding onto the building to shore it up so it could continue to be accessed safely by staff and members of the public.

WJE performed its own site visit in February and noted that while “the brick masonry and adjacent mortar are in generally good condition,” there are continuous crack in is the brick masonry below wall openings; delaminated, cracked and eroded limestone accent units throughout the facade; biologic soiling and atmospheric staining on limestone accent units;

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— John Duke with CPM Texas

blistered and peeled coating and moisture staining at exterior walls and around windows and hairline cracks and isolated areas of exposed insulation board.

WJE wants to perform a visual survey of accessible facade areas to document existing masonry conditions using scaffolding access as well as drone photographs. They will then work up stabilization design documents for repair of problem areas and then assist the county with bid evaluation and stabilization work management during the construction period.

The total cost to the county for this service is expected to be about \$59,500, which also includes an allowance of \$7,500 for O’Connell Architecture to cover costs incurred to date. O’Connell is the historical architectural firm the county hired to oversee the renovation of the courthouse due to its historic status and they were also asked for help in determinations about what to do with the Randle-Rather Building.

Commissioners gave unanimous approval for the WJE proposal as well.

Located at the corner of St. George Street and St. Paul Street, the Randle-Rather Building was constructed between 1896-97 and is listed as a contributing building in the National Register of Historic Places Gonzales Commercial Historic District.

The building was originally constructed as a bank for J.P. Randle and C.T. Rather by San Antonio-based contractor Henry Kane. It was later occupied by various retail establishments and served as meeting place for local social clubs. Today, the county tax assessor occupies a good part of the first floor of the building, while the county clerk occupies much of the second floor. The building is also home to the Elections Administration department and is used for early and election day voting and as the central voter tabulation hub.

SAMPLE BALLOTS

Joint Special and General Election (Elección de Especial y General Conjunta)
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City of Gonzales
(Ciudad de Gonzales)

General Election
(Elección General)

Mayor
(Alcalde)

Vote for None or One
(Vote por Ninguno o Uno)

☐ S.H. "Steve" Sucher

☐ Isaac Anzaldúa

City of Gonzales, District 4
(Ciudad de Gonzales, Distrito 4)

Special Election
(Elección Especial)

Proposition
Shall Ronda Miller be removed from the office of City Council District 4 by recall?
(¿Se deberá remover a Ronda Miller del cargo del Consejo Municipal, Distrito 4, por destitución?)

☐ Yes (Sí)

☐ No (No)

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Joint Election (Elección Conjunta)
City of Gonzales & Gonzales Independent School District (Ciudad de Gonzales, Texas & Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gonzales)
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City of Gonzales
(Ciudad de Gonzales)

General Election
(Elección General)

Mayor
(Alcalde)

Vote for None or One
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Gonzales Independent School District
(Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gonzales)

School Board, District 1
(Junta Escolar, Distrito 1)

Vote for None or One
(Vote por Ninguno o Uno)

☐ Gloria Torres

☐ Alejandra "Ale" Hernandez

CG04&SD1

Typ 01 Seq 0015 Spl 01

General Election (Elección General)
City of Nixon, Texas (Ciudad de Nixon, Texas)
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City of Nixon
(Ciudad de Nixon)

Alderman
(Concejal)

Vote for None, One, Two, or Three
(Vote por Ninguno, Uno, Dos o Tres)

☐ T.J. Lopez

☐ Patsy Scherrer

☐ Jessica "Jae" Garcia

☐ Patricia Dingleir

CNX

Typ 01 Seq 0001 Spl 01

General Election (Elección General)
City of Smiley, Texas (Ciudad de Smiley, Texas)
May 3, 2025 (3 de mayo de 2025)
Official Ballot (Boleta Oficial)

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City of Smiley
(Ciudad de Smiley)

Council Member
(Miembro del Consejo)

Vote for None, One, Two, or Three
(Vote por Ninguno, Uno, Dos o Tres)

☐ Elisa D. Douglas

☐ Michaela Mills

☐ Michelle Alvarez Mills

☐ Mike Mills

☐ Diana P. Moreno

☐ Daniel Benavidez

☐ Lori Price

CBM

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Joint Special and General Election (Elección de Especial y General Conjunta)
City of Waeleider, Texas (Ciudad de Waeleider, Texas)
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City of Waeleider
(Ciudad de Waeleider)

Special Election - To Fill Vacancy
(Elección Especial - Para llenar vacante)

Mayor
(Alcalde)

Vote for None or One
(Vote por Ninguno o Uno)

☐ Diana C. Olmos

☐ Mike Harris

General Election
(Elección General)

Alderman
(Concejal)

Vote for None, One, Two, or Three
(Vote por Ninguno, Uno, Dos o Tres)

☐ Martha Melchor

☐ Dora Martinez

☐ Adam Ibarra

☐ Margie Zapala

☐ Marie Ibarra Almaraz

☐ Rachel Vargas Martinez

☐ Curtis Hadnot Jr.

CWL

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General Election (Elección General)
Gonzales Independent School District (Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gonzales)
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Gonzales Independent School District
(Distrito Escolar Independiente de Gonzales)

School Board, District 1
(Junta Escolar, Distrito 1)

Vote for None or One
(Vote por Ninguno o Uno)

☐ Gloria Torres

☐ Alejandra "Ale" Hernandez

SG01

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CATTLE COUNTRY FESTIVAL 2025



THURSDAY - DAY ONE

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FRIDAY - DAY TWO



SATURDAY - DAY THREE





PLAYGROUND

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Casey Sledge of Sledge Engineering/ESC 13 said the work is expected to begin in June 2025 and be completed in August 2025 in time for students to begin the 2025-26 school year.

At Gonzales Elementary, the cost will be \$278,602 and will include demolishing select old equipment, including the “dino” and the playground on the south side and removal of pea gravel. The new playground unit will be built over newly engineered wood fiber fall protection and will include a new Gaga ball pit, basketball goals, a new coating on the basketball court and a new shade structure. On the west side, new swings will be added and other smaller play equipment.

At North Avenue, the cost will be \$219,781 and will include removing the south side portable and concrete blocks as well as two of the four chain-link backstops and the broken section of the basketball court.

The south end will get new playground equipment with the new engineered wood fiber fall protection, new basketball goals, two new soccer goals, a new Gaga ball pit, a repaired basketball court with a new surface coating and new shade structures, an agility bridge and ADA benches. There won’t be new equipment on the north side, but a new shade structure will be erected.

In other action, the board voted 7-0 to approve an interlocal cooperation agreement with the Nixon-Smiley Consolidated ISD for the cooperative Disciplinary Alternative Education Program campus, or DAEP that Nixon-Smiley operates.

Gonzales ISD is looking to start its own DAEP beginning at the start of the 2026-27 school year, so 2025-26 will be the last cooperative contract the district will sign, Acting Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer Amanda Smith said.

“As you know, renovations for the

buildings on the west side of this campus (GISD Administration) are scheduled to begin this year for an in-house DAEP program that was approved with our 2023 bond,” Smith said. “Those renovations are anticipated to be complete next summer for the 2026-27 school year. Assuming construction stays on schedule, then we will be able to bring this program in-house.”

Smith said the annual cost paid to Nixon-Smiley CISD is \$119,042, which covers 2,848 student days, with a cost of \$55 per student per day for any overage beyond those 2,848 days.

Gonzales ISD also pays transportation cost to bus students to and from Nixon-Smiley, though that amount is offset some by Waelder ISD paying Gonzales ISD for transporting its students as well (Waelder ISD pays \$40 per student per day to GISD, which comes out to about \$5,000 per year). Smith said GISD’s total cost ends up being close to \$250,000 per year in payments to N-SCISD for the DAEP cooperative.

“We’ve spoken with their administration and they are aware that we plan to bring our services in-house, so this won’t be a surprise to them,” Smith said.

Other approvals during the meeting included the following:

- Approved a resolution extending the depository contract with Sage Capital Bank for ISD funds by two years to Aug. 31, 2027, by a 5-0 vote with two abstentions (President Ross Hendershot III and Trustee Naomi Brown both work for the bank). The bank does not charge the district any fees for having an account.
- Approved naming new GISD Superintendent Dr. Dana Arreola, who started work Tuesday, April 15, as a representative for the Lone Star Investment Pool.
- Approved the Gonzales ISD House Bill 3 Board Goals for Literacy, Math, and College Career Military Readiness (CCMR).
- Approved and signed the Gonzales ISD Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials.



Slides at the Gonzales ISD board meeting show the new playground equipment going in at Gonzales Elementary and Gonzales North Avenue schools.

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- your property’s appraised (market) value
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties;
- your property’s inclusion on the appraisal records;
- any exemptions that may apply to you;
- qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal;
- the taxing units taxing your property;
- the property’s ownership;
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal;
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice;
- the denial, modification or cancellation of the circuit breaker limitation on appraised value; or
- any action taken by the appraisal district or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

Gonzales Central Appraisal District
P.O. Box 867,
301 N. Saint Joseph Street, Suite A
Gonzales, TX 78629
Telephone: (830)672-2879

Review by the ARB

If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district, you have the right to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, date, place and subject of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, **Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest**, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may request a copy of the evidence the appraisal district plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your authorized representative and the appraisal district are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB’s hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device must be reviewed.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or your authorized representative may appear in person, by telephone conference or videoconference call or by submission of a written affidavit to present your evidence, facts and argument. You must indicate the type of hearing you request on your written notice of protest filed with the ARB not later than the 10th day before the hearing date and provide your evidence and written affidavit

before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, **Property Owner’s Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board**, to submit evidence for your telephone or video conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the appraisal district representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. In most cases, the appraisal district has the burden of establishing the property’s value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property’s value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

If you believe that the ARB or chief appraiser failed to comply with an ARB procedural requirement, you may file a complaint with the local taxpayer liaison officer. If it is not resolved by the ARB or chief appraiser, you can request limited binding arbitration to compel the ARB or the chief appraiser to comply.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB’s decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through regular binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to district court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB’s order. If you chose to appeal through regular binding arbitration, you must file a request for regular binding arbitration not later than the 60th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. Additional information on how to appeal through regular binding arbitration will be included with the ARB’s order of determination. If you chose to appeal to SOAH, you must file an appeal with the appraisal district not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB’s order. Appeals to district court, regular binding arbitration or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

Tax Payment

You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at

Gonzales Central Appraisal District
P.O. Box 867,
301 N. Saint Joseph Street, Suite A
Gonzales, TX 78629
Telephone: (830)672-2879

You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller’s website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.



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