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GCSO arrests 1 on murder, aggravated assault charges after Harwood shooting

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales County Sheriff's deputies have charged a man with murder and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for a shooting which took place on Sunday, June 1 in Harwood.

According to GCSO, deputies re-

sponded to a residence at about 12:04 p.m. Sunday for a report that two people had been shot during an altercation at the home.

When deputies arrived on scene to begin their investigation, they discovered a 64-year-old male had been shot and was deceased. They also discovered a second individual — a female — on scene suffering from a single gunshot wound to the arm. She was transported by ambulance to Gonzales Healthcare Systems for medical treatment in stable condition.

The man identified as the shooter, Ethardrell Flowers Jr., was still on the

scene and was taken into custody by deputies, who called the GCSO Criminal Investigations Division to the scene as well as the Texas Rangers.

Flowers Jr., whose last known address was in San Marcos, was booked into the

See **SHOOTING**, page 18



Baker Boys BBQ makes Texas Monthly honorable mention list for 2025

BY LEW K. COHN

Inquirer Publisher

The competition to be recognized as one of the "best of the best" Texas barbecue joints by Texas Monthly has heated up faster than a propane grill in Hank Hill's experienced hands.

For the 2025 edition of this quadrennial list, TM barbecue editor Daniel Vaughn and his staff of taste testers went to more restaurants than ever before -319 stands, smokehouses, shacks or pits, to be exact.

See BBQ, page 12

County agrees to spend \$150K to determine Randle-Rather needs

BY LEW K. COHN

Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners have agreed to spend \$150,000 in "soft costs" to determine the full extent of work needed to restore the Randle-Rather Building so it meets requirements as a contributing building to the Gonzales Commer-

cial Historic District. On Tuesday, May 27, John Duke of

See RANDLE-RATHER, page 17





The Gonzales Junior Main Street launched summer into the stratosphere with their inaugural Summer Throwdown on Saturday, May 31. There were bounce houses, water slides, face painting, a petting zoo, a barbecue cookoff, a cornhole tournament and music by the Guitfiddlers, Brad Jenschke and Dj Richter. For more photos, see page 9.

Blessed among Nations

Local Gospel singer releases track, will host new online show

BY LEW K. COHN

Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales-based Christian/Gospel artist Neva Ford Nation is looking to get back on the Billboard charts as she reminds her listeners of the importance of getting "Back to the Ways of God."



Nation

Last month, Nation released her newest single with that same title that she co-wrote with international Christian soul recording artist Sheila Moore Piper, Nation also announced she will be hosting her very own online show, "The Unforgettable Neva

See NATION, page 18



Guest artists Ariana Dewing and Brandon

Forrest will shine in the symbolic roles of Hope and Heroes in the Come and Take It Dance original production "Down by the Guadalupe" this weekend.

'Down by the Guadalupe' will premiere this weekend

Performance is dance tribute to 200 years of Gonzales history

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

This weekend, Come and Take It Dance will bring the powerful story of Gonzales to life through movement, music, and storytelling in their original production, "Down by the Guadalupe." Performances will be held at the historic Crystal Theatre on Saturday, June 7 at noon and 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 8 at 2 p.m.

This sweeping production blends classical ballet with eclectic dance styles to celebrate 200 years of Gonzales history. From conflict and courage to rebirth and celebration, the performance honors the rich legacy of the city and its people.

Each performance will be introduced by local historian Vicki Frenzel, who will provide a brief historical context to deepen the audience's understanding and connection to the events

See DANCE, page 18



OPINION

More water permitting would create undesired future conditions

BY AUTUMN SELMAN, DUNBAR LAW FIRM

Special to the Inquirer

It is by now almost old news that the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District's (GCUWCD, or District) board members are currently considering

the Permit Amendment Application for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) for both an increase in the amount of groundwater it may produce and export out of Gonzales County from the Carrizo

The age of the newsflash is unimportant.

What's important is the consequence of the GCUWCD board's action for the citizens of Gonzales County, the future of those citizens, and their children.

There have been lots of technical data for

See WATER, page 12



Come and Take It: A fun weekend that turns into a 'ripple effect of good'

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

There's something special about a festival where you don't have to pay for parking, walk miles to find a stage, or shell out big bucks just to get inside. While massive events like ACL have their place — if that's your thing — there's a different kind of magic at the Come and Take It Celebration. A magic rooted in family, in community, and in the joy of simply being together.

At our festival, you won't find today's biggest chart-toppers. But you will find musicians who once topped the charts, who still have stories to tell, songs to sing, and the ability to bring a crowd to life. You'll find the heartbeat of a town that has stood the test of time, where people come together to celebrate history, to create new memories, and to keep traditions alive.

It's a place where a dad lifts his child onto his shoulders so they can see the band play. Where a mom dances with her child, waving a plunger in the air to the lively sounds of a polka band. It's where kids get their first taste of festival freedom, running safely through downtown, gripping a funnel cake in one hand and a friend's hand in the other. It's clean, it's safe, and it's welcoming.

But more than that, it's a gathering — a place where old friends reunite, where families pick up right where they left off, and where new friendships begin over shared laughter and the rhythm of a familiar song. It's where out-of-towners step into a world of small-town

charm and find themselves caught up in the magic of a festival that feels like home. It's a place where you can still dance in front of the stage, letting the music take you back to a different time, or create a brand-new memory under the glow of the festival lights.

But Come and Take It is more than just a fun weekend—it's a ripple effect of good. It brings people to our downtown businesses, supporting the local economy. It offers a reason to volunteer, to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

It raises money for nonprofit organizations that, in turn, provide scholarships to kids who have worked hard to earn them, as well as fund community projects that help create a better quality of life. It creates traditions that families come back to year after year.

And at the heart of it all is a dedicated team of volunteerspeople who give their time, energy, and passion to make it all happen. Through every challenge faced, every hurdle overcome, this group continues to push forward for the greater good of the community. Year after year, we return, determined to put on the best little celebration in Texas, because this town, this tradition, and these people are worth it.

If you've never been, I invite you to experience it. If you've come before, you already know why you'll be back. The Come and Take It Celebration is more than an event — it's a feeling, a tradition, a reflection of what makes this town home. And for one weekend every year, it belongs to all of us.

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SLAYDEN BRIDGE INSTALLED AT PIONEER VILLAGE



The 1898 iron and steel high cross bridge was built by the Jersey Steel & Iron Co., agents of E.P. Alsbury & Son of Trenton, New Jersey. It was constructed across the San Marcos River at the little town of Slayden. When it was replaced, this portion of that original bridge was donated by the Gonzales County Commissioners and TxDOT to Gonzales Pioneer Village so that a part of the bridge would be preserved. Ty Tinsley of Tres T Services provided his expertise in designing the way this portion of the old bridge could be utilized to add to the attractiveness of the front entry to Pioneer Village, and Tres T Services did the installation. Preserving a part of the history of Gonzales is a source of pride for the Pioneer Village Board of Directors and the generosity of all those involved is appreciated.

Celebrating Adults with Autism: A day of creativity, community and connection

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The recent Adult Autism Awareness event was a vibrant celebration filled with engaging activities, artistic expression and vital community resources. Hosted with enthusiasm and care, the event brought together participants of all ages for a memorable day of fun and support.

Guests enjoyed a variety of hands-on experiences, including creative art painting provided by the Texas Art League - Luling, innovative pottery design sessions led by Purple Pottery - Gonzales, and therapeutic gardening with Come & Grow It.

Sensory games added to the experience, ensuring that attendees of all sensory preferences felt included and engaged. There was a photo booth by #Foto Fun - Joe

A strong lineup of local organizations was on hand to offer resources and services. The Gonzales Community Health Center conducted essential health screenings, while representatives from CHCSCT, Bluebonnet Trails Community Services, the Lions Noon Club of Gonzales, and Arbors of Allen Day Care Services - Gonzales provided valuable information and support to families and individuals alike.

The entertainment continued with a lively dance performance from the Come and Take It Dance Team, delighting the audience with





their energy and talent.

Volunteers from New Generation GTX were instrumental in ensuring the event ran smoothly, assisting with table management and helping to maintain a welcoming, clean environment throughout the day.

Outside, guests were treated to a "Hot Diggity" time with delicious food and refreshments. Hot dogs, generously donated by the COPE committee, nachos from Eri's Snacks Y Mas, and refreshing lemonade served by the always-popular Shelton Boyz Lemonade stand added the

perfect flavor to the festivities. The excitement built to-

ward the event's grand finale: a raffle drawing for an array of incredible prizes. Lucky winners took home items including a 55-inch screen TV, a karaoke machine, an outdoor movie projector and screen, an 11th-generation iPad, and a wood-burning grill.

At the close of the event, one message rang loud and clear: autism has no age limit — it's a family affair. The day was a beautiful reminder of the strength, creativity, and unity within the adult autism community.



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ODDFELLOWS HONOR STUDENTS



Gonzales Oddfellows Lodge #38 recently recognized six students each from the seventh and eighth grade from Gonzales Junior High School. These students were chosen based on the principles of Oddfellowship: Friendship, Love and Truth. Each student received a certificate and \$50. From left are Lodge member Dillon Catchings, seventh graders Jaxon Hill, Laura Williamson, Mason Camarillo, Caroline Moore, Tilden Gray, Natalia Lopez and Lodge member Larry Mercer.



From left are Lodge member Larry Mercer, eighth graders Nick Villa, Fabian Fernandez, Mason Kessler, Noemi Abundiz Sanchez, Amanda Dilworth, Jennifer Castillo, and Lodge members Michael Mercer and Dillon Catchings.

Selebrations **Birthdays** June 5th Lamont Allen Diane Jurek June 9th Greyci Rangel Harley Stewart

June 6th Jeannie Padilla Sylvia Padilla

Sarah S. Patterson June 7th

Lisa Pakebusch Sanya Simmons

June 8th

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Barbara Koricanek Helen Malatek

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June 5 94°/75°

Cloudy and humid with thunderstorms 60% chance of rain ● RealFeel 105



June 6 96°/74°

very warm and humid with rain and a thunderstorm in the afternoon 73% chance of rain • RealFeel 104

Watch for strong morning thunderstorms;



June 7 96°/75°

Cloudy, very warm and humid; thunderstorms in the morning followed by occasional rain and a thunderstorm in the afternoon 77% chance of rain • RealFeel 104



June 8 95°/73°

A morning shower in places; otherwise, partly sunny and humid



96°/76°

40% chance of rain ● RealFeel 102

Very warm and humid and sunshine



MOSTLY SUNN

June 10

1% chance of rain • RealFeel 101



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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK REPORT Sale Date: May 31, 2025 Cattle on hand: 610 Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and vearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows and bulls sold fully steady.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 400.00-850.00; 300-400 lbs., 325.00-515.00; 400-500 lbs., 285.00-445.00; 500-600 lbs., 275.00-400.00; 600-700 lbs., 270.00-345.00: 700-800 lbs.. 235.00-280.00. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs..

185.00-255.00. Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 320.00-415.00; 300-400 lbs., 290.00-430.00; 400-500 lbs., 275.00-365.00; 500-600 lbs.,

265.00-325.00: 600-700 lbs..

275.00-290.00. Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 130,00-141,00: Cutters. 142.00-152.50.00: Canners, 91.00-126.00; High yielding fat cows, 138.00-148.00. Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 171.00-184.00; Light weights and medium quality

bulls, 141.00-167.00. Stockers Cows: \$900.00-\$3200.00. Pairs: \$1800.00 to \$3800.00.

NIXON LIVESTOCK June 2, 2025 Cattle - 1075 Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$438-468-560 300-400 lbs - \$379-409-495 400-500 lbs - \$367-397-470 500-600 lbs - \$321-351-435 600-700 lbs - \$284-314-335 700-800 lbs - \$266-296-315 **Heifers**:

200-300 lbs - \$377-407-570 300-400 lbs - \$334-364-445 400-500 lbs - \$331-361-420 500-600 lbs - \$291-321-370 600-700 lbs - \$283-313-400 700-800 lbs - \$257-287-305 Slaughter Cows - \$86-166 Slaughter Bulls - \$108-188 Stocker Cows - \$1800-2500

Pairs: \$1300-2550 HALLETTSVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC. Sale date: May 27, 2025 Cattle on hand: 1309 Packer Cows: High Dressing: \$141-163 Medium Dressing: \$121-140 Low Dressing: \$110-120 Poor/Weak Cows: \$85-110

Packer Bulls: High Dressing Bulls: \$180-195 Medium Dressing Bulls: \$157-179 Low Dressing Bulls: \$140-156 Stocker Cows: Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers:

\$2450-3000 Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1800-2400 Good Cow & Calf Pairs: \$3150-4000

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1950-2550 Stocker & Feeder Calves &

Yearlings: Number 1 steer & bull calves: Under 200 lbs.: \$210-680 200-300 lbs.: \$470-545 300-400 lbs.: \$430-520 400-500 lbs.: \$370-430 500-600 lbs.: \$330-390 600-700 lbs.: \$290-346

700-800 lbs.: \$275-314 800 UP: \$245-284 Number 1 heifer calves: Under 200 lbs: \$510-670

200-300 lbs.: \$410-505 300-400 lbs.: \$375-440 400-500 lbs.: \$335-415

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500-600 lbs.: \$290-360 600-700 lbs.: \$275-335 700-800 lbs: \$255-305 \$215-265 Replacement Heifers: 350-700 lbs.: 400-495 The calf market this week was steady & strong. Best demand continues on the better quality & conditioned kinds. Much needed rain in our area was welcomed. The load of 63 crossbred steers 740 @ 3.10 sold great!! Packer cows & bulls sold fully steady & strong on a supply of 125 head. Bred cows & pairs sold to strong demand!! Let us know how we can help you!! We thrive when you thrive!!

SEGUIN CATTLE CO. May 28, 2025 Receipts low due to local rain. Market remains steady on all classes along with packer cows & Cattle - 310 Sheep & goats - 844

Medium & large frame #1 Steers: 200-300 lb. 1.60-3.29-4.75 300-400 lb. 1.90-3.96-4.75 400-500 lb. 1.25- 3.72-4.35 500-600 lb. 1.80 -3.37-3.95 600-700 lb. 1.80-2.86-3.30 700-850 lb. 1.80-2.33-3.00 Medium & large frame #1 Heifers: 200-300 lb. 2.65-3.37-4.25 300-400 lb. 1.85-3.62-4.25 400-500 lb. 1.80-3.43-4.20 500-600 lb. 1.90-3.04-4.00 600-750 lb. 1.80-2.75-3.03 Cows:

Utility & commercial - 1.20-1.40-Cutters -1.00-1.23-1.32 Canners - NONE Palpated cows - 1200-2300

Cow/Calf Pairs - 1550-2900 Heavy High Yielding - 1.54-1.85 Light & Low Yielding -NONE Sheep & Goats

Nannies - 35-300 Kid Goats (Fat) - 3.00-3.85 Wethers -2.05-4.00 Billies - 1.00-3.15 Dorp. Ewes - 40-200 Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 2.00-2.90 Wooled Ewes - NONE Wooled Bucks - 1.00-1.82 Lambs - NONE Barb. Bucks - 275-360

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET May 30, 2025 Number of Head: 919 We want to start off by thanking God for the much-needed rain this past week. It was a very welcome sight! We had 162 cows and 18 bulls. The demand on packer cows and bulls was really high which made them \$5-7 higher than last week. Top bull weighed 1905 lbs. selling at \$2. The set of advertised cows were mostly open and brought \$2600-\$2850 with the breds bringing \$2950-\$3050. The calf market was strong with high demands consistent with previous weeks. Calf prices continue to set records. 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: 165.00-200.00 Lower Yielding: 126.00-165.00 Packer cows: Canners&Cutters 150.00-165.00 Poor & Weak 100.00-140.00

\$2000-3050 Palpated: 25 bred \$2600-2800 Pairs: 4 pair Steer/Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH) 200-250 lbs 499.00-535.00 250-299 lbs 499.00-535.00 300-350 lbs 471.00-520.00 350-400 lbs 438.00-490.00 400-450 lbs 402.00-448.00 450-500 lbs 387.00-424.00 500-550 lbs 361.00-408.00 550-600 lbs 348.00-400.00 319.00-350.00 600-700 lbs

289.00-310.00 700-800 lbs Heifer Calves:(AVG-HIGH) 200-250 lbs 434.00-500.00 250-300 lbs 419.00-535.00 391.00-440.00 300-350 lbs 350-400 lbs 392.00-432.00 400-450 lbs 362.00-402.00 450-500 lbs 346.00-365.00 500-550 lbs 335.00-378.00 311.00-370.00 550-600 lbs 600-700 lbs 301.00-324.00

262.00-300.00 Over 700 lbs

Q. We have a vigorous plant with large heart-shaped leaves and quarter-size pink flowers that has been identified as a four-o-clock-flower growing at the edge of our shrub border in partial shade. The flowers are attractive, and the deer do not eat the foliage or flowers. How do you react to our inclination to try and grow more of it? Any advice on how to

A. Four-o-clock is an interesting plant. In addition to pink flowers some have yellow and some have red flowers. It seems to grow in sun or shade and, yes, the deer do not eat it. The easiest way to reproduce it is to collect and plant the seed. Unfortunately, four-o-clock is hard to manage. It produces a large root that once established keeps sending up new stems even if you decide to try and remove it.

Q. What are the recommended shade tree varieties for the Central Texas area and when is the best time to plant them?

A. Among the recommended shade tree varieties for use in our area are live oak, Texas red oak, cedar elm. Mexican white oak. chinkapin oak, Mexican sycamore, bur oak, and Montezuma cypress. For a native medium sized shade tree to grow on a smaller lot consider anaqua. It is evergreen with spring blooms and yellow berries in the summer that the birds love. The recommended species can be planted all year long as long as you have access to water and protect them from deer.

Q. Our tomato plants are infested by spider mites. What did we do wrong?

A. Did you leave plants infested with spider mites last year in place? The remnant populations will linger and infect the new plants. Discard infected tomato plants that are removed into the garbage without leaving the spider mites behind. Also remove weeds from around the plants and spray with a seaweed extract solution twice /week. Mix 2 oz of the extract in each gallon of water for the spray. Transplant new tomato plants in July.

Q. I know we need to provide milkweed for the Monarchs to lay their eggs on. In your Butterfly Class you also mention some other plants that are exclusive sites for specified butterflies to lay their eggs. Please list a few for me again. I want to create a butterfly haven.

A. Giant swallowtails lay their eggs on citrus trees and black swallowtails lay their eggs on dill, parsley, and fennel. Gulf fritillaries require passionflower species as an egg laying site. Queens, that are related to monarchs also require milkweeds. Grow sunflowers to provide egg laying sites for bordered patch butterflies and cannas for the Brazilian skippers. For a more detailed list obtain Geyata Ajilvsgi," Butterfly Gardening for the South".

AgriLife Extension to host screwworm webinar June 9

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

In response to the growing concern about the New World screwworm, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a webinar on June 9 to provide more information to agricultural producers and the public.

AgriLife Extension experts will be joined by Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostics Laboratory and Texas Animal Health Commission veterinarians to discuss the importance of New World

screwworm awareness and prevention.

This fly poses a serious threat to livestock and wildlife because it deposits eggs into the wounds of living animals. These larval infestations can infest any living mammal, including pets and humans.

New World screwworm webinar

Join AgriLife Extension for a free educational event from 2-4:30 p.m. June 9 on

See **SCREWWORM**, page 6

Growing day lilies with Victoria County Master Gardeners

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The popular topic of growing day lilies will be highlighted Monday, June 9, at a Victoria County Master Gardeners Association presentation of "Lunch and Learn With the

Masters." The event will be held from noon until 1 p.m. It is open free to the public from this area, and will be

held at VEG Pavilion, 283 Bachelor

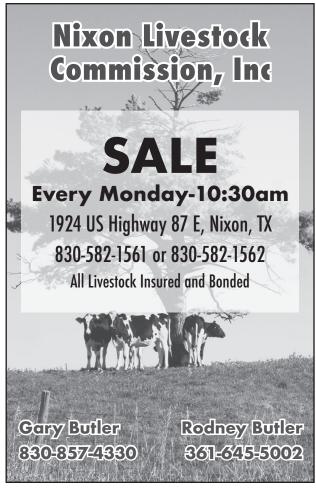
Drive, across from the Victoria County Regional Airport control tower. Master Gardener Brenda Heinold will be the presenter. Those attending may bring a sack lunch and beverage if they wish.



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OPINION

Don't miss the point!

BY BARBARA CROZIER

Special to the Inquirer

As I sure most of you know I am crazily committed to the preservation of our history and the arts in Gonza-



Crozier

les. Today, I hope, as I write these words that commitment will shine a clear light on the diverse artistic efforts of **Gonzales Crystal** Theater and the many associations

the Crystal has developed over the last decades.

The production this weekend of original ballet Down by the Guadalupe is the latest feather in the Crystal cap. That Crystal Theater cap, over the last 12 years, has illuminated Gonzales' extraordinary history, showed blossoming talent, and introduced original script and song.

Down by the Guadalupe, created by Come & Take It Dance talented resident artist Gary Franco, was inspired by yet another artist, Vickie Frenzel. Vickie is best known for her work as a Texas historian, but her book "Gonzales: Hope, Heartbreak, and Heroes" resonates with the power and humanity that only art can create. Gary's bold interpretation of the story of Gonzales from its founding, though its sacrifice, to its resilience and rebuilding will most certainly entertain. But these performances, will give one a new perspective on how the arts can tell a story ... with or without words.

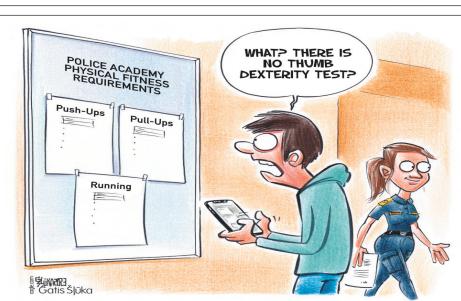
Down by the Gudalupe will give one a new understanding of the depth of talent unearthed in Gonzales every season. From tapping of the youngest dancers, to skill of emerging local talent, to the heart-stopping performances of Los Angeles artist on our stage, audiences will be enriched, truly enriched. The enrichment and the communal understanding that the arts bring into our everyday lives is the point of all. Isn't it?

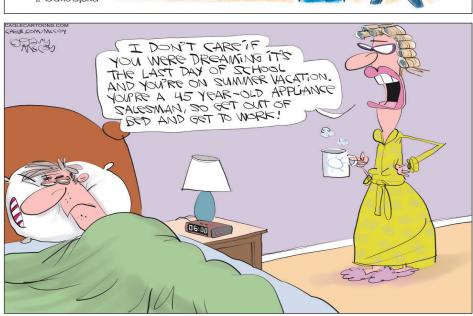
So, don't miss the point! Grab your tickets for Down by the Guadalupe at comeandtakeitdance.com so you don't miss the performance or the point!

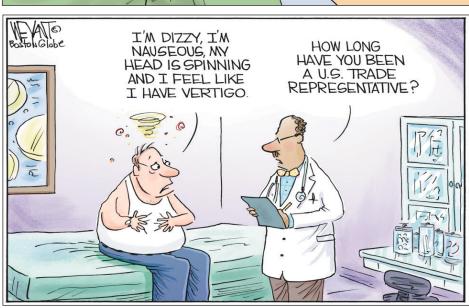
GONZALES CO. HISTORY

- 1853 June 4, The first issue of the weekly Gonzales Inquirer begun by S.W. Smith and David Darst came off the presses. It is one of the oldest Texas papers still in existence. It was then located in the 300 block of St. Louis Street. -June 11. Kleine Furniture Store constructed on northeast corner of St. James and St. Matthew Streets.
- 1858 June 30, City Council ordained all persons able to work the road who lived in the Inner Town should be compelled to work on the streets and roads whenever necessary.
- 1883 June 9, Captain Parker showed a six inch strip of wood labeled, "Piece of flag pole raised at Gonzales on the Plaza (note: this is now known as Texas Heroes Square) November 1, 1860, being the first secession flag raised in the south." Parker says it was cut from the pole by Judge C.C. DeWitt, and that the inscription, as a matter of history is correct.
- June 4, Jobe has one of the most complete yards in the state, capable of turning out 40,000 steam pressed brick per day. They employ approximately fifty hands. Just above the brick yards, Mr. T.S. Walker is preparing to build a dam across the Guadalupe River, thus providing cheap power for the City.
- 1899 June 15, baths are offered at the ice factory at all hours up to 11 p.m. by Carl Reuter, proprietor. 1903 - B.B. Hoskins bought the Reese Building on the corner of St. George and St. Paul and it became a B.B. Hoskins, Sr. and
 - Sons Mercantile business (Block -Gonzales school children collect money and have stone placed at
- 'first shot" site. 1912 - June 3, after a heavy rain, the Inquirer reports that city employees are going about town digging boxes and pieces of boxes out of the storm drains. The stopped up drains caused unnecessary flooding in the city. Merchants are asked to not stack boxes or debris on their curbs or in the streets and admonished to "keep the welfare of your city in your heart." -June 12, The Inquirer will collect and the Civic Club will pay 25 cents for every pint of flies
- brought in. 1917 - June 14, Mr. H.R. Neitsch, his wife, three children (one is a oneyear-old baby who will need three shots per day), and Arthur Ehrig are at the Pasteur Institute in Austin getting rabies treatment as a result of dog bite.













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DR. DON **NEWBURY** The Idle American

Castro patriarch at 100...

Tor the next three weeks, there'll **♦** be too much about me, even if I apologize in advance for citing personal experiences, but they're the only kinds I've had.

At their core will be remembrances of commencement ceremonies, mostly where I've been privileged to speak. For brief and shining moments, I've joined graduates, families and fellow educators in celebrating familial love, joy and unbounded hopes and prayers that graduates might make this world a better place.

Would that our culture could emerge once more from the paintings of the late Norman Rockwell, whose artistry on The Saturday Evening Post magazine covers was reason enough to subscribe. Or perhaps reclaim the rhymes and cartoons penned by the inimitable "Dr. Seuss" (actual name: Theodore Geisel). You'll be better for "Googling" the lives of these men and/or visiting their museums in Massachusetts and California, respectively....

Digression aside, I'm re-claiming stand-out memories from some 300 ceremonies, spotlighting four from 1962, 1985 and 2025. At the first two, I was commencement speaker, and more recently, an audience onlooker, "punch proud" of two grandchildren who'll be freshmen at Howard Payne University this fall. That's where I was a freshman in 1956 and later was president, 1985-1997.

This day, the focus is on two ceremonies, both funereal in that they were the final school functions in rural locations where the good fight had been waged for several years before dwindling enrollment forced closure.

In 1963, it was London High School (near Junction), and in 1985, Old Glory (near Abilene). I was assured in both cases that my stumbling remarks weren't totally to blame....

Weeping was heavy on both occasions. Undergirding, however, were memories of accomplishments that buoyed the communities' souls. Both ceremonies were held in simple structures, London's in an old barrack hauled in from a defunct military base, and Old Glory's last school remnant now serving as the community center. London's final class had four members, with Barbara Carpenter as valedictorian; Old Glory had three, with Maribel Castro as top student. Now Maribel Castro Garcia, she was one of a dozen children birthed by Isaac D. and Felicitas Mendoza Castro. Five siblings won the same honor.

Felicitas, born in Bryan, TX, arrived in Mexico with her parents as a toddler. She met her true love in the State of Guanajuato, Mexico. They joined three other couples at 5 a.m. to be married following early mass.

The couple came to Texas in 1960, with the children--speaking only Spanish--arriving two years later.

Four had attended school in Mexico, but they all were Old Glory students, warmly received there. All graduated there except the two youngest who transferred to Aspermont after Old Glory closed....

So, they had Old Glory's biggest party this century on May 31, 2025, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Isaac D. Castro. It was held at the community center, where the couple was honored by all 11 surviving children and spouses, 27 grandchildren, 23 "greats" and six "great-greats." Seventy relatives in all, they ate, laughed, loved and shared stories while listening to Papa's favorite music.

It would be difficult to find a more thrilling story than the Castro's. Space precludes details, but consider this: Children are Manuel, Joe, Violet (deceased in 2010 at age 59), Eustaquio, Isaac M., Pete, Silvia, Janie, Laura, Maribel, Marcos and Angela. They've become doctors, nurses, therapists, teachers, child protective service leaders and US Navy retirees. Isaac M. Castro is currently District Attorney for the 259th Judicial District (Jones and Shackelford Counties).

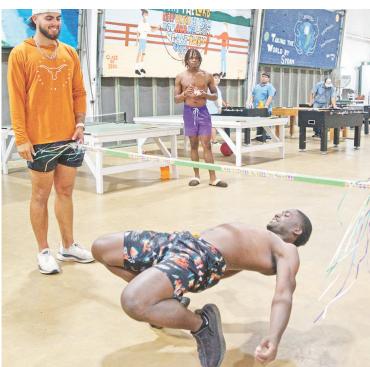
It was much more than a birthday party. They honored a marriage of 79 years, and a work ethic spawned by the Bracero Program that enabled this wonderful family to live, learn and

work on Hal Yakey's farm.... Truly, they've lived the American dream. Rockwell and Seuss would be

Live on, Castros, to serve. Live on...

Dr. Newbury, a longtime speaker, may be contacted at 817-447-3872 or newbury@ speakerdoc.com. At website www. speakerdoc.com, he reads his columns aloud. sometimes without stumbling....

























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Project Graduation brings 167 out to Disciple Oaks

BY LORRELL WRIGHT

For the Inquirer

The 24th annual Gonzales Project Graduation was held at Disciple Oaks Conference Center following commencement ceremonies Friday, May 23.

One hundred and three seniors and 64 guests were in attendance and competed for more than \$13,000 in prizes.

Students swam, played games and sports, and enjoyed time with their friends. Two students walked away with more than \$500 each as the grand prize winners.

Project graduation has become a long-standing tradition brought to Gonzales by the Pilot Club of Gonzales in 2001 and now hosted by a committee of parents, teachers, and community members, offering a fun, safe, drug and alcohol free way for students to celebrate walking the stage. Students laughed, sang along to the music, dance, swam and enjoyed a care-free night.

The Gonzales Project Graduation Committee extends heartfelt thanks to the more than 40 sponsors and countless volunteers who made the 2025 celebration possible. With continued community support, the tradition of providing a fun and safe graduation night for local seniors will continue for years to come











Nixon to celebrate Juneteenth on June 14 with food, fun and prizes

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Nixon will celebrate Juneteenth 2025 on Saturday, June 14 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Nixon Community Center, 302 E. Central Ave. (Highway 87), Nixon.

There will be a \$2 cash only entry fee charged. There will be family, food, fun, vendors and prizes. Coolers are welcome.

The theme is Freedom, Unity and

For more information see Juneteenth

South Texas on Facebook or text 210-816-

Local students named to ACU

Spring Dean's Honor Roll



ASU announces spring grads, Dean's List

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Angelo State University conferred 886 undergraduate and graduate degrees on 876 graduates, including Kaitlyn Taylor of Gonzales, TX, during the 2025 spring commencement exercises on May 17 at the ASU Junell Center/ Stephens Arena in San Angelo, Texas.

Taylor earned a Bachelor of Social Work, in Social Work.

Gonzales Hermann Sons Hall

is open and available for

wedding receptions,

family reunions,

graduation parties,

birthday parties

and other events.

In addition, Hermann Sons Cemetery

has plots available for your burial needs.

The hall is currently being remodeled and is

available to members and non-members.

Contact numbers for more information:

Carol Villareal 830-857-4587

Bobbie Polasek, Agent 830-263-1407

Margaret Zella 830-263-0395

See the full list of 2025 spring graduates at angelo.edu/commence-

ment. Angelo State University also announced students achieving the Dean's List designation for the 2025 spring semester, including Kaitlyn Taylor of Gonzales, TX.

To be eligible for the Angelo State University Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Taylor is majoring in Social Work at Angelo State.

Do you have enough insurance coverage to pay for home or car repairs?

With the cost of nearly everything increasing, it's a good time to look at your insurance to be sure you have enough auto and home coverage

1. Coverage for auto repairs and medical bills

Cars and car repairs are more expensive than ever. If you cause an accident, your liability coverage might not be enough to fix the other driver's car or pay their medical

The amount of liability coverage required by law will pay only up to \$60,000 for medical bills (\$30,000 if only one other person was involved) and \$25,000 for car

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More coverage if yours isn't enough

You can add extra liability coverage, also called "umbrella coverage," to your auto and home policies. This can cover you if you're found to be at fault for a car accident o if someone is hurt on your property. For example, if your dog bites your neighbor. your home insurance might not pay for the injuries or might not pay enough. Your neighbor could sue you for the rest.

Umbrella coverage pays up to a certain amount (usually \$1 million or more) for: Medical bills

- · Lost wages
- · Lawsuits if someone sues you.



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SPECIAL TO THE

Local students were

Honor Roll for the Spring

2025 semester at Abilene

Honor Roll recognition by

named to the Dean's

Christian University.

Students earn Dean's

INQUIRER

New World screwworm detection and response

Expanding New World screwworm education

AgriLife Extension is furthering its educational outreach with the public webinar, after releasing a new fact sheet.

Outlined during the webinar will be the updated status of the New World screwworm, biology of the pest, and prevention and treatment strategies in the U.S.

Public health perspectives, including pets, will also be addressed during the event, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Scheduled speakers

• Phillip Kaufman, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension entomologist and head of the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of

• Sonja Swiger, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension entomologist and professor in the Department of Entomology.

Entomology.

• Terry Hensley, DVM, Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostics Laboratory assistant director for diagnostic services.

• T.R. Lansford, DVM, Texas Animal Health Commission deputy executive director and assistant state veterinarian. Veterinarian continuing education credits will be offered.

achieving a 3.6 or higher

GPA while enrolled in at

least 12 credit hours.

Gonzales, a junior

Justice

• Bethany Haile of

majoring in Criminal

Jacey Trammell of

ing in Integrated Studies

Gonzales, a senior major-

The free webinar is scheduled from 2-4:30 p.m. June 9. To register, visit http://tx.ag/NWSwe-

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CROSSWORD THEME: SOCCER

CLUES ACROSS 1. Heidi's footwear, pl.

- 6. *____ Hamm
- 9. Humorous anecdote 13. It doesn't take away
- tomorrow's troubles 14. Like Mother Hubbard
- 15. Popular pie nut 16. Hiker's path
- 17. Court 18. Makes better
- 19. *Number of soccer players on field for each team 21. *Winningest FIFA World
- Cup country 23. Common inquiries, acr. 24. Carmy Berzatto's restaurant,
- with The 25. Cul-de-
- 28. In the buff 30. Preacher's platform
- 35. Poking instrument
- 37. Smidge 39. Sashay
- 40. Bald eagle's nest 41. *a.k.a. soccer field
- 43. Lice eggs
- 44. Located within 46. 3 squared
- 47. High rocky hills 48. Post-roller coaster ride state
- 50. Captain of Nautilus
- __ chi 53. Unforeseen obstacle 55. Acronym, abbr.
- 57. *FIFA headquarters location 60. *Soccer footwear
- 63. Uninterested
- 64. Hundred Acre Wood's wise resident
- 66. Parkinson's drug 68. Pool problem, pl. 69. Romanian money

71. Celt

72. Cotillion ball's main attraction

CLUES DOWN

2. Elders' teachings

4. Widower's feelings

6. Worked over with scythe

9. Exclamation, with Louise

20. *Provide with shin guards,

socks and uniform, e.g.

25. *FIFA Women's World Cup

__ of" or "by means

_," Dostoyevsky's

of someone

Answers will be provided in next week's edition.

current champion

27. Singular of cornua

36. Coloring substances

38. Teenager's breakout

49. African National Congress

51. Central American wildcat

42. Relating to blood

29. Kill (2 words)

31. "By _

32. "The

novel

33. U in UV

34. *Lionel

45. Dwell

54. Get

of

26. Rome's Colosseum, e.g.

3. Kind of history

5. Forest spirit

7. UN labor org.

10. Palm tree berry __ Mall, London

12. Ensign, for short

22. Drake's genre

24. Playing roulette

Alexandria

15. a.k.a. Lighthouse of

8. Sun-dried brick

1. 100 lbs.

_ Alexander-Arnold

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56. Highway patrolman's gun

57. "Germinal" author mile _

_ Madrid

60. *C in AFC Richmond

61. Puff of marijuana

63. The Hermes Kelly, e.g.

62. Spin, past tense

65. Itty-bitty

67. Invoice qty.

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds

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CALL TODAY 830-672-2861

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> 055 **ESTATE SALES**

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Call Maria, 936-245-2971

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- Operate hand and power tools safely and effectively Occasional concrete work
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- Follow safety protocols and wear required PPE at all times Work closely with team and Project Manager to complete daily
- Assist in equipment maintenance and job site organization
- · Frequent travel to job sites, including overnight stays
- · Prior experience in construction, general labor, or a related
- field
- Valid CDL, strongly preferred · Clean driving record
- · Ability and willingness to travel frequently (up to 75% of the
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Send your Request for a Job Application, Resume and CDL

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 01 Status/Permit No. 908023 DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 27, 2025

NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, June 17, 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

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 distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the LEASE LINE reqirement becaues the location is less than the required Rule 37 distance to an external lease line for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec., Bk., BAKER, I Survey, A-535, EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1) Field, GONZALES County, being 9.5 miles SE direction from SMILEY, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted $\underline{\textbf{WITHOUT A HEARING}}$ 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 June 17, 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 : GAHAN C Lease/Unit Well No. : 3H Lease/Unit Acres : 1168.32 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 1.0

: 1755.0 F NE L, 3980.0 F SE L Lease Lines Survey Lines : 622.0 F NW L, 1321.0 F NE L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location

Terminus Location

Lease Lines:

Survey Lines:

Lease Lines:

1071.0 F NE L 2321.0 F SE L

BH County: GONZALES Block:

Survey: HUMPHREY, J 3404.0 F NW L

672.0 F NE L

4573.0 F NE L 164.0 F SE 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.

Abstract: 266

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 13000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Patrick Mendoza, at (210)403-7700.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS **OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

Status/Permit No. 908021

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Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967

Austin, Texas 78711-2967

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Lease/Unit Name : GAHAN A Lease/Unit Well No. Lease/Unit Acres : 1168.32 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 156.0

: 1729.0 F NE L, 3961.0 F SE L Lease Lines Survey Lines : 645.0 F NW L, 1304.0 F NE L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location

316.0 F NE L Lease Lines: 2339.0 F SE L

Terminus Location BH County: GONZALES

Survey: ROBERTSON, W

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114

Yolanda Elizondo aka Yolanda Perez, et al GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: The Unknown Heirs at Law of Tony Perez

Defendant - GREETING:

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Gonzales County, at the Courthouse of said County in Gonzales, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed in said court on 28th day of January, 2025 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff Deutsche Bank Trust Company America's as Indenture Trustee for the registered holders of Saxon Asset Securities Trust 2004-3 Mortgage Loan Asset Backed notes, Series 2004-3, by and through its attorney of record, Sarah A. Trad of Codilis & Moody, P.C., 20405 State Highway 249, Suite 170, Houston, Texas 77070, brought suit under Cause No. 28,997 in the 2nd 25th Judicial District Court of Gonzales County, Texas, for enforcement and foreclosure of Deed of Trust Lien on the following described real property of which Defendants, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF TONY PEREZ, are potential parties in interest.

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Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff: Sarah A. Trad Codilis & Moody PC 20405 State Highway 249, Suite 170

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: 1781.0 F NE L, 3999.0 F SE L Lease Lines Survey Lines : 598.0 F NW L, 1338.0 F NE L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location Lease Lines:

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Terminus Location

BH County: GONZALES

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Diamond Gymnastics celebrates 40th anniversary with event

BY LORRELL WRIGHT

For the Inquirer

On Saturday, May 31, 2025, Diamond Gymnastics celebrated its 40th anniversary with a vibrant community event and ribbon-cutting ceremony at its facility on Oil Patch Lane in Gonzales. Eileen Barry, the gym's founder, was in attendance along with alumni, coaches, current athletes, and families, all gathered to honor the milestone.

"It's amazing — we always knew we'd get to this point." said Mike Dolezal, owner of Diamond Gymnastics. "I love seeing the kids' faces and their expressions. Coaching has always been something I felt called to do. It's a passion that was placed on my heart from the start when I began taking lessons at 16. I started coaching just three months later"

His wife and co-owner, Michelle Dolezal, shared similar feelings about how her passion for cheer and tumbling led her to where she is today. "I've loved cheer since I was a little girl — it's what got me into gymnastics in the first place. There are so many memories in this gym. Our goal is to keep expanding and offering more for kids. This is where our heart is."

The celebration also received recognition from local leaders. Mayor Isaac Anzaldua offered heartfelt thanks during the event, saying, "As a city, we're committed to supporting Diamond Gymnastics in any way we can. Thank you, from the

bottom of our hearts, for everything you've done to support our kids and our community through your mentorship and guidance."

Gonzales Chamber of Commerce Director Melissa Taylor also praised the milestone: "We're thrilled to help celebrate 40 amazing years of Diamond Gym. They've made a lasting impact on so many lives in our community, and we're proud to stand alongside them."

Eileen Barry, the original owner and founder, reflected on the gym's early days. Like the Dolezals, she had a lifelong passion for working with children and a deep love for gymnastics.

"I always knew I wanted to coach," she said. "There was a real need in the community for a place where kids could not only learn gymnastics, but build confidence and life skills. To me, a diamond represents perfection - it sparkles and shines. In gymnastics, you practice how you want to compete, striving for perfection. But it's more than that. It's a mindset that carries these kids further in life, far beyond the gym."

Krista Lewellyn, a former student, reflected on her time at Diamond Gymnastics with heartfelt appreciation.

She shared, "I grew up in the gym, starting lessons when I was eight years old. Back then, gymnastics was more than just a sport—it was a place to learn, grow, and be with friends.











Diamond Gym celebrated its 40th anniversary with a ribbon cutting with the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture on Saturday, May 31 at the gymnasium at 801 Oil Patch Lane.

One thing led to another, and being in gymnastics opened the door to other sports and experiences. The discipline, perseverance, and teamwork we learned here stuck with us. Those are life skills, and they helped us succeed both inside and outside the gym."

Guests enjoyed a full day of celebration, including Gym Olympics, a leotard fashion

show, and performances by current students. A slideshow tribute looked back on four decades of memories, followed by an awards ceremony honoring student achievements and recognizing alumni.

The event was filled with laughter, applause, and heartfelt moments, capturing the lasting legacy of a gym that has shaped generations — and continues to be a cornerstone

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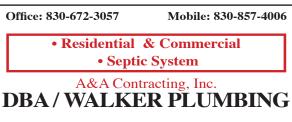
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Number of completion?

Hey there folks, hope you're doing well. This will be the second installment in my series on grief. Not anyone's favorite topic of discussion for sure, but something that will affect us all at some point. My hope is to cover some of the statistics, tips for coping with, and my personal experience on a subject I've been trying to put behind me for years, with only moderate success, to be honest. The loss of a loved one is one of, if not the most, traumatic and life altering things we will have to endure during our rather short lifespans. Leaning on God for not only his strength and comfort, but ultimately the ability to keep "hope" alive when it doesn't really seem possible, is the key to coming out on top of the situation, rather than underneath it.

June 5th (today, if you're reading this on Thursday) of 2018 will be forever burned into my mind, as it's the day we (the family) suddenly and without warning, lost our beloved wife and mother, Eloise. 2025 is the sev-

enth anniversary of her passing, from in our arms to God's. Scripturally, the number seven (mentioned hundreds of times in the Bible), is often associated with perfection and completion, as God rested on the seventh day after his creative works were completed, and saw that they were good. I've been rolling the thought around in my head that, if biblically seven means completion, maybe this would be the completion of our grieving period. Unfortunately, I'm pretty sure that it doesn't necessarily apply to this situation.

In prep for these revamped versions of my very first articles immediately following her death, I read through them, and had to head out onto the front porch, as the tears flowed freely. I literally thank God daily for getting me through this whole ordeal, now miles ahead of where I was seven years ago, but how much liquid can a grown man hold? But thankfully I can now report with full confidence that the good Lord has provided a way,

where there wasn't one from my initial perspective, but was definitely anything but easy. I just want to sincerely encourage anyone now

grieving (or will be in the future), to hold on and cling to God, as those dark clouds of gloom and despair will slowly, but surely begin to dissipate.

According to research, the grieving period can last anywhere from a year to several decades. This is an extremelv stressful time for anyone going through it, so countering it by making a concentrated effort to take care of ourselves physically, spiritually, mentally, and especially emotionally is paramount, as people can literally die of a broken heart. Research has shown that about 30% of survivors have an elevated risk of death during the first six months after a loss of a spouse or significant other, and 65% will experience a serious illness within twelve



months of a traumatic loss. In 2025 it's estimated that the life expectancy of a widowed person is 12.5 years for women and 9.5 years for men. Grief counseling

through groups, or one on one sessions can play a vital role in helping to weather the storm, so don't be afraid of seeking help when needed.

It seems that life itself just ain't easy, we're born fighting for it, live, and die fighting for it. It's often said that it's better to have loved and lost, than to have never have loved at all, I agree. I have failed at many things in this life, but fortunately God blessed me with Eloise and two of the finest boys (now men) that ever walked the earth, They made my short stay here all worthwhile. But as God would have it, looks like he's not done with me yet... so I guess I'll see you next week!

God bless, love you guys, Eric.

GOLF SCRAMBLE



The winning team from the May 28 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Billy Hyman, David Hernandez, Randall Dupree, Spencer Breitschopf, Kameron Craft and Buck Garza.



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CHAMBER GIFTS FLAGS FOR GRADS





The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture continued a proud tradition recently of gifting each member of the Gonzales High School graduating class with a Come and Take It flag as a symbol of hometown pride and support. The GHS Class of 2025 received flags from board member Kasey Condel Rhodes, Chamber executive director Melissa Taylor, Gonzales Mayor Isaac Anzaldua and Gonzales ISD CFO and Chamber board member Amanda Reed Smith. This flag is more than fabric. It's a reminder that no matter where life takes you, you'll always have Gonzales in your corner.

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everyone to consider in recent months. Names like DFC and MAG, and phrases like "future conditions," "permitted amount" and "production amount" of water; and many of us have serious concerns about what will be the future for water and those who use it in Gonzales County.

Let us discuss the important things for **Gonzales County citizens** and the GCUWCD board to consider.

A "DFC" is a term that means a "Desired Future Condition." This term basically means what is the adopted water level in an aquifer over the foreseeable future. What does a community need to do to maintain the status quo of water availability? Will a community or region be able to live with less, or need more in the future? Questions like these are considered when the Texas Water Development Board adopts a DFC.

Water is finite. There is no life without it, and there is no substitute for it. Therefore, in determining the haves and have-nots, the Desired Future Condition for the Carrizo Aquifer is probably the most important responsibility the GCU-WCD board must manage by law.

Unfortunately for Gonzales County, the board has currently to date overpermitted the available groundwater of the Carrizo Aquifer. Also, GBRA has to date literally been banking on receiving approval of the permits the GCUWCD board is considering and has recently completed infrastructure to export water from Gonzales County to its customers elsewhere.

As a matter of fact, GBRA has other resources to provide water to its customers outside of Gonzales County. GBRA's customers will receive water from elsewhere if the district denies GBRA's permit amendment applications. Furthermore, many of those customers have other options to purchase water than to purchase from GBRA, and this is where the rub gets messy.

The major economic drivers of Gonzales County are mostly agriculturally based, along with some oil and mineral production. The district has already issued permits to allow for pumpage of groundwater from the Carrizo (about 91,000 acre-feet per year), which is much more than the 48,000 acre-feet per year that is considered available according to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

Currently there are six major producers/exporters that have been given permits by the district. Of the six major producers/exporters of Carrizo groundwater that have been permitted by the district (which includes GBRA, ARWA and AQUA — all having wells located in the northern portion of the district) to pump up to a total of about 70,000 acre-feet per year, only three (SSLGC, SAWS and CRWA - all having wells located in the southern portion of the district) have been actually producing/exporting groundwater under their permits until now, up to about 30,000 acre-feet per year out of their permitted amount of about 40,000 acre-feet per year.

Even under this reduced production, existing permit holders, as well as groundwater and surface water resources, have already been impacted by the pumpage of groundwater out of the Carrizo. Other factors that impact groundwater are climate cycles, such as drought conditions.

Consider this fact for a moment. About 91,000 acre-feet per year has been permitted and is considered overpermitted, and production exporters just by themselves already have been given permits to pump up to a total of about 70,000 acre-feet per year.

Moreover, this number does not include the extra 9,000 acre-feet per year that GBRA has applied for, nor does it include additional permit amendments that are believed to currently be in the preliminary application process by other exporters such as CRWA.

If the export producers begin producing what the district has permitted to date, the DFC will

City of Nixon

Alderman

not be achieved, and it is expected the damage to the Carrizo aquifer will be at a devastating level in five to 10 years, not 50, as measured by the DFC. The Desired Future Conditions will be reached and exceeded much sooner rather than later, and results will be, well, undesirable.

Water holes will dry up, as will smaller water wells typically used for agricultural and domestic purposes. Land prices will likely plummet due to the lack of infrastructure to provide water to Gonzales County residents.

On Tuesday, June 10, the Gonzales County **Underground Water** Conservation District will be continuing its public hearing on whether to grant or deny GBRA's permit application. The board is also considering new rules for adoption and the public is encouraged to be a part of the rule-making process.

The board can also adopt rules that reflect the values of the citizens of Gonzales County, and adopt rules that protect water supply, such as a drought management plan. The board meeting and hearing will be at the **Gonzales County Court** House at 5:30 p.m.

Become involved. Water is given in finite amounts and managing that water is a do or do not process. There are places that have water, and places that have not. For Gonzales County, what is today, tomorrow may not be.

Autumn Selman works for the Dunbar Law Firm, which represents the Water Protection Association. The Water Protection Association (WPA) was established in 2006 by volunteer officers and members to protect the groundwater and surface water resources and the rights of the people of Gonzales County.

Thank You!

I, Patricia Dingler, would like to express my sincere gratitude to God, and to all those who voted for me for Alderman for the City of Nixon.

I am humbled by the confidence from the Citizens of Nixon, and I am dedicated to

the responsibilities of fulfilling this role. Thank you and God Bless all of you. Sincerely, Patricia Dingler

GONZALES

Baker Boys BBQ

We loved the flavorful pork ribs and sausage links, but we were especially wowed by the juicy smoked pork loin.

BBQ

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And while Gonzales' own Baker Boys BBQ didn't reach quite the same heights it did in 2017 and 2021 when the restaurant was named one of the Top 50 spots in the Lone Star State — it did get listed as an honorable mention, cementing its place in the magazine's Top 100 in the state for the third-consecutive time.

"We are very honored to be selected as honorable mention in the Texas Monthly Top 50 list," owner Wayne Baker said. "Thanks to Texas Monthly for bringing the deserved attention to Texas barbecue. A lot of work goes into this craft and it's nice for them to recognize restaurants for all their hard work. Thank you to our dedicated staff who show up to work everyday and do a great job! Without their commitment this wouldn't be possible.

"Thank you to our awesome customers who support us every day! Some have been with us for 10 years, we can't thank our customers enough! Thank you for the community of Gonzales for all of your support! It really means a lot to us. Congratulations to everyone who made the list! It is a great honor and a hell of an accomplishment!"

In listing Baker Boys BBQ, the staff of Texas Monthly wrote: "We loved the flavorful pork ribs and sausage links, but we were especially wowed by the juicy smoked pork loin."

Competition for the Top 50 was so tight that stalwarts like Franklin Barbecue in Austin and Snow's BBQ in Lexington — perennial Top 10 honorees — were fortunate to make it in the Second 40. Other notable joints like Pecan Lodge in Dallas didn't even make the Top 100 this time around.

"This year's search for the top fifty barbecue joints in the state resulted in a list of contenders longer than we've ever seen before," Vaughn wrote in the June 2025 issue of Texas Monthly. "Narrowing it down was painful, because those that remained — which we've collected here as honorable mentions— all belong in the converThank you to our awesome customers who support us every day! Some have been with us for 10 years, we can't thank our customers enough! Thank you for the community of **Gonzales for all of your** support! It really means a lot to us. Congratulations to everyone who made the list! It is a great honor and a hell of an

-Wayne Baker, Baker Boys BBQ Owner

accomplishment!"

sation about Texas's best barbecue. The good news is that readers have even more options for truly great smoked meats, sides, and desserts this summer. You'll eat well at all of these spots, and you might even get to avoid extra long lines."

A friendly competitor to Baker Boys just one county away in Seguin -Burn Bean Co. — was crowned the top BBQ spot in all of Texas. LeRoy and Lewis Barbecue in Austin took second place, while Goldee's Barbecue in Fort Worth, which was No. 1 in 2021, was third.

The rest of the Top 10 are, in order: Redbird BBQ in Port Neches; GW's BBQ in San Juan; InterStellar BBQ in Austin; Dayne's Craft Barbecue in Aledo; LaVaca BBQ in Port Lavaca; Truth Barbeque in Houston and Evie Mae's Pit Barbeque in Wolfforth.

"To compile the list, our taste testers drove thousands of miles across the state in late 2024. The most promising candidates were revisited by barbecue editor Daniel Vaughn to determine final placements. Visits were not announced in advance, and Texas Monthly paid for all the food including brisket at those crazy prices," the magazine wrote.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The WAELDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, June 16, 2025 in the Waelder ISD Cafeteria, 109 N Ave C, Waelder, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax

School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters \$0.6190/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations) \$0.0533/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and

the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

Maintenance and operations Debt service Total expenditures

1.02% (increase)

-37.39% (decrease) -1.03% (decrease)

(as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04) **Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year** Total appraised value* of all property \$1,152,963,336 \$1,301,247,996 \$4,635,560 Total appraised value* of new property** \$83,524,066 Total taxable value*** of all property \$358,422,702 \$417.387.244 Total taxable value*** of new property** \$4,522,400 \$68,173,796

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code. "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$2,170,000 *Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates								
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	<u>Total</u>	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student			
Last Year's Rate	\$0.6969	\$0.0650	\$0.7619	\$9,137	\$6,950			
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service		\$0.0575	\$0.7171	\$5,266	\$3,069			
Proposed Rate	\$0.6190	\$0.0533	\$0.6723	\$5,523	\$6,785			
* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.								

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district. Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>This Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$127,903	\$139,102
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$52,806	\$58,663
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.7619	\$0.6723
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$402.33	\$394.39
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$-7.94

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.6723. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$0.6723.

Fund Balances The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first

> Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

\$212,053 A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance

and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.

Visit Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property. The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of



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Caleb Almaguer



Sergio Almaguer



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Midaya Cantu



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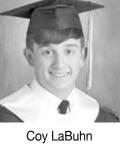


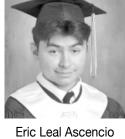
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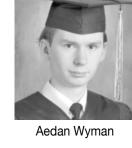


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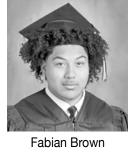






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Meet the CLASS of 2025





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Draco Means

Emmanuel Christian School announces 2025 graduates

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The staff and students at ECS express their congratulations to this year's graduating seniors, Brodie Brown and Draco Means.

Brody Browne is pursuing a career in construction management. His online program of study can transition into

employment in that field. Draco Means is considering entering the military. If he does so, he plans to donate his hair to Locks of Love. Their hard work and

dedicated effort to accomplish this goal has set an example other students will do well to emulate. The school staff and

Students wish both of them much success in the future.



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GRADUATION

COURTESY/WJE A mockup shows areas of concern within the facade of the Randle-Rather building due to deterioriation of the limestone.

- Imminent safety hazard
- Incipient spall at limestone
- Crack, spall, and/or misc. distressed condition at limestone
- Previous repair with crack, spall, and/or misc. distressed condition at limestone
- No distress at limestone
- Misc. condition at EIFS



RANDLE-RATHER

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CPM, the county's construction advisor, presented the court with a report of findings from Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) engineering firm regarding the facade assessment they conducted in April 2025.

Duke said WJE confirmed through its assessment using visual observations and "hammer sounding" with rubber mallets on accessible units — that the limestone has incipient spalls in many areas as well as cracks or other distressed conditions in other spots throughout all three floors of the building, with the most imminent safety hazards appearing to be on the south side along the level 3 sill course, level two belt course and at the penthouse.

"Some of the locations they couldn't get to to remove the loose material, mainly up on the upper levels of the building, and then on the east side as well on (Saint Paul Street), just because they don't have scaffold that reaches there right now." Duke said.

"We talked about the scaffolding overhead protection and the little walkway you have going into the building. They did say that they feel like that is sufficient for right now, and that is doing its job protecting the public entering and exiting the building.

"There are some areas where it's really starting to deteriorate and then there's a lot of areas where it's already past the early stages and going into advanced deterioration," Duke added.

The probable cause of distress is due to the limestone used being a "poor quality stone" per WJE with distress originating in the bedding plane of the stone units in a manner that is "progressive, ongoing and not predictable."

Duke said if the county wishes to remove the scaffolding at this time, it would need to install a temporary debris containment netting system to mitigate any falling debris hazards.

"It is a temporary and cost effective measure, but it's temporary in that it has to be replaced every two to five years, and it has to be inspected regularly, and there is some amount of ongoing repetitive maintenance," Duke said.

Even more importantly, pinning the stone is not a viable repair solution for the limestone, so the county cannot just shave off some of the soft limestone and put dowels into the structure to add new stone to the front for support. Instead, it will have to look into a longterm solution that involves a more comprehensive repair approach, Duke said.



John Duke of CPM speaks to Gonzales County commissioners about the findings by Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) engineering firm regarding the facade at the Randle-Rather building downtown.

"In talking with WJE and O'Connell Architecture (the design architect hired by the county), what we recommend is them designing conceptually a repair now that they've been on the building," he continued. "They want us to modify the scaffolding so that they can actually put their hands on the upper levels of the building. They weren't able to reach out and touch some of the upper level of the building due to the scaffold not having a reachable edge on there. They want to come back out and investigate further and take see how much loose stone they can pull off.

"And then two, we recom-

mend doing a schematic design for the repairs, meaning they would actually give us some repair documentation, telling us, 'Hey, if you're going to repair it all the way, this is what you'd have to do.' Then we can take that and actually go out and get some hard numbers for you on how much it's going to cost."

The cost of those next steps would be up to \$150,000 and the court can authorize County Judge Pat Davis to approve the expenditure on additional scaffolding, inspection and schematic design efforts. On May 27, the county received \$12.2 million from the sale of tax

anticipation notes to be used on both the Gonzales County Annex and the Randle-Rather building, with \$1.2 million set aside for the latter.

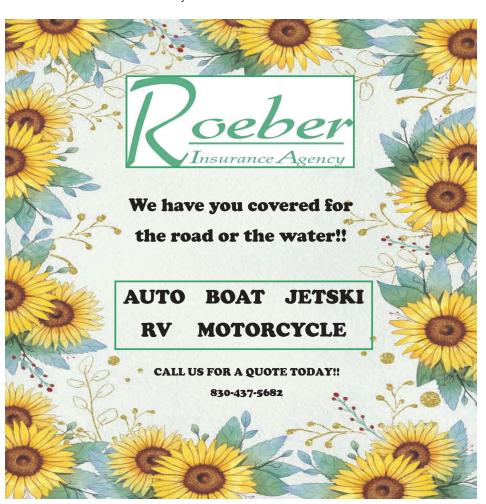
Should the county use less of the money to renovate the annex building, it legally can funnel any remainder to be used on the Randle Rather building without penalty, Duke added.

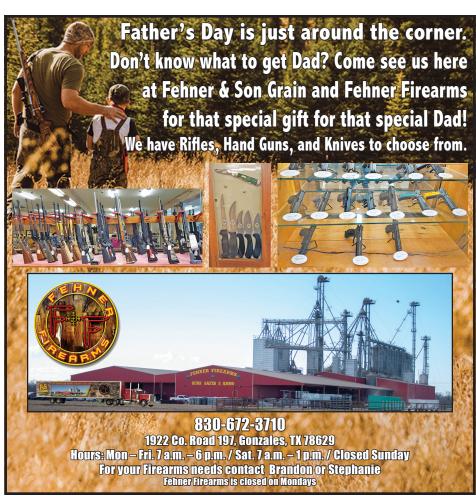
Duke also said selective demolition had been completed inside the annex building and that new support walls would soon be added with the old walls being taken down once the county received its tax note revenue.



Demolition work on the Gonzales County Annex building nearly is completed, leaving a shell of the former building standing before the structure can be renovated. Final completion of the renovation is expected to be completed before fall 2026 and county offices then will vacate the Gonzales County Courthouse so it can be renovated as well.







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WAELDER THANKS VOLUNTEERS FOR WORK ON CITY HALL FLAGPOLE, GARDEN



COURTEST/CITY OF WAELDER

The city of Waelder extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Lion's Club, Waelder ISD, Superintendent Dr. Ron Lillie and Trade Construction Instructor John Hellumuss and his talented students for their dedicated efforts in designing and building the beautiful retaining wall flower garden at Waelder's City Hall flagpole. "Your contributions have not only enhanced the beauty of our city but also stand as a testament to community spirit and collaboration," said City Manager Paul Zepeda.

SHOOTING

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Gonzales County Jail and is being held in lieu of bond totaling \$600,000.

The names of the victims were not being released yet by GCSO. An investigation was still pending with the Travis County Medical Examiner's office, which was

scheduled to perform an autopsy on the deceased.

"The Gonzales County Sheriff's Office wishes to extend condolences to the family for the loss of their loved one," Sheriff Keith Schmidt said in a statement.

NATION

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Ford Nation Show," which will debut in December.

"In such a time as this, we have to get back to what's right, you know, showing love," Nation said. "There's a lot of jealousy and envy in the land today, and people just going so chaotic and there's no love shown.

"There's always someone that's always thinking, 'Hey, they're coming against us!' No, let's come together! United you stand, divided you fall, so we need to have unity and we need to have love. This song is just to get out there and touch, not only to direct, but to redirect, to reassure that it's time to get back to what God had planned for you."

Nation said she hopes to send out a message that even when times are hard, you need to finish up the job that you are called to do.

"If God has called you to do a job and somebody comes in to tell you, 'That's not what you're supposed to do' — finish out and don't give up!" she said. "We all have gifts and no matter what it is, God gave that gift to you and you need to get back to it. Don't let anybody get you down just because you feel like things are getting hard!"

Nation said the polished and poised woman she presents today was not always where she was in life.

"I was a single parent for a very long time," she said. "I was in an abusive marriage. My children — I worked and made sure they were fed. I missed meals for my kids. My children that you see today, I trained them up in the way they needed to go, and the Lord gave that to me. They didn't miss a Sunday, they didn't miss a Bible study, they didn't miss a choir rehearsal. It was hard, but we made it."

Nation said she owes a great debt of gratitude to Pastor Kenneth D. Green, Pastor Carolyn Bolden, Dr. Johnny Fremont III, Dr. Cassandra Scott, the Rev. LaShawn Darthard, Prophet-



ess Roslyn Stewart and Pastor Charles Roaches for helping "cultivate" her talents and leading her to find her path.

"Back to the Ways of God" beautifully showcases Nation's unique musical style, delivering heartfelt messages of hope, faith, and inspiration. The song is high-energy and features foot-stomping and hand-clapping rhythms that will have listeners dancing and praising.

Nation's song "You Cover Me' was considered for a Grammy nomination and is featured on the soundtrack for the movie "I Survived Suicide." Another track, "Thank You My Everything," reached as high as #15 on the Billboard Gospel Charts and #79 on Mediabase in 2022. This song also made it onto the Billboard Gospel Indicators Charts, staying in the top 30 for 20 consecutive weeks. In 2024, she was honored as a Trailblazer at the Texas Gospel Music Excellence Awards.

She was recognized as the Female Artist of the Year at the S&M Gospel Awards and she also received the award for Pastor of the Year and also S&M Gospel Award Queen. S&M Production, created by Stephanie McDonald, started the S&M Gospel Indie Awards Show in 2014 to honor independent artists nationwide and help them get exposure and recognition.

Finally, her Women Rise Up and Be Encouraged Ministries will hold its "Women Of Essence" conference on Nov. 15, 2025 at GG Steaks & Spirits in Gonzales. Doors will open at noon and participants include international recording artist Quentin Simon from Houston as well as Prophetess Pamela Mayes Jones who will perform a prophetic dance for the conference.

DANCE

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portrayed on stage. Act I - The River Remembers opens with a serene portrayal of the Guadalupe River and the Native American tribes who first called the region home. As settlers arrive, tensions mount. culminating in sorrowful conflict. The iconic cannon gifted by Santa Anna becomes a rallying symbol, leading to the unforgettable defiance: "Come and Take It." The act ends with the townspeople marching to the Alamo and ultimately burning their beloved city to prevent its capture.

Act II – Rebirth and Celebration begins with the return and rebuilding of Gonzales. What follows is a colorful celebration of heritage and hope, told through a dynamic mix of dance styles that embody the diverse spirit of Texas.

Guest artists Ariana Dewing and Brandon Forrest shine in the symbolic roles of Hope and Heroes, joined by a talented cast of local

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