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Gonzales ISD trustees approve schematic for new CTE facility

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales Independent School District trustees have approved a schematic for the new proposed CTE building that eliminated nearly 3,000 square feet from the structure, yet still preserved

everything the board wanted to keep while projecting a cost of \$600,000 less than initially estimated.

The board voted 6-0 at a special called meeting Monday, July 22, to adopt the schematic designed by Michael Martinez and Christopher Moore of VLK Architects and presented by

Casey Sledge of Sledge Engineering. "This phase of design tells us about building size, floorplan and preliminary site layout," Sledge said. "After schematic design is approved, we would move into design development, and then

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FACEBOOK PHOTO

Lucas and Lukane Mendez were returned safely Saturday, July 20, to family after being taken by their non-custodial father Martin Mendez, who has been charged with aggravated kidnapping and was arrested by the Luling Police Department.

Missing Gonzales Co. children found safe in Luling

Non-custodial father in police custody

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Two missing Gonzales County boys are back home and their non-custodial father was charged with aggravated kidnapping after they were the subject of an Amber Alert early Saturday, July 20.



Mendez

Lucas Mendez, 6, and Lukane Mendez, 2, had last been seen in Gonzales at around 6 p.m. in a white Jeep with their father, Martin Mendez, 34, of Waelder, according to the boys' uncle, Arnold Guerra, who initially requested help from friends and neighbors on Facebook to find his nephews.

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The Cattle Country Music Festival will return to "The Boot" in Gonzales in April 2025 for three days of music, camping and food, festival organizer Marcus Federman announced Tuesday, July 23. Koe Wetze was one of the headliners at this year's inaugural festival. The lineup for next year's festival will be announced later this year.

VANDY VAN EPPS



Cattle Country Music Festival unveils 2025 plans

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

After a successful 2024 debut, the Cattle Country Music Festival will return to the historic town of Gonzales,

Texas, for its second year, on Thursday, April 10, Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12, 2025.

This year's debut of the country music and camping festival featured

an iconic lineup with headliners Eric Church, Whiskey Myers, and Koe Wetzel with support from more than 30

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Veterans Service Office, American Legion host SOS breakfast

BY DAVID TUCY
Special to the Inquirer

Veterans, how long has it been since you had a military style "SOS" breakfast? Well, that's too long.

Please join the Gonzales County Veterans Service Office and The American Legion Post 40 on Saturday, July 27 for a free military breakfast. Breakfast will consist of "SOS," scrambled eggs, biscuits, coffee and juice. The location is 1612 Robertson St. in

See **BREAKFAST**, page 14

Shooting incident critically injures Gonzales man; alleged assailant arrested

FROM STAFF REPORTS

An altercation in Gonzales on Thursday, July 18, led to a shooting which resulted in one man being hospitalized in critical condition and his alleged assailant being charged.

Lt. Jason Montoya of the Gonzales Police Department advised that at about 8:13 p.m. Thursday, GPD officers and Gonzales County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 1100 block of Norwood

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Inquirer receives restitution for broken glass front door

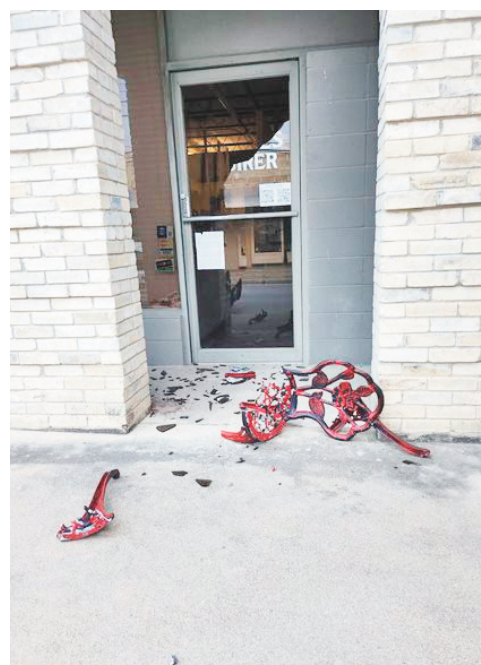
Newspaper declines to press charges

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A 24-year-old male has made \$800 cash restitution to the Gonzales Inquirer after throwing a bench through the newspaper office's front door in the late hours of Thursday, July 18 or early hours of Friday, July 19.

In return, the Inquirer declined to press any other charges against Tysen Shemar

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SANYA SIMMONS

The glass front door of the Gonzales Inquirer was broken when a bench was thrown at it either late Thursday, July 18, or early Friday, July 19. The male suspect in the case made restitution to the newspaper, which declined to press charges.

Gonzales County ESD 2 speaks to Smiley City Council

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Smiley City Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday, July 17 at the Smiley City Hall.

Jason Whitten of Gonzales County ESD No. 2 spoke to the council regarding the Smiley Volunteer Fire Department and the land on which it sits.

"We had a conversation with the mayor [Lisa Benavides] and Mr. Ellis [Villasana] here a month or so ago. Since then, the members of the fire department have been talking to some people in the community and discussing what the ESD would like to get the land and the building that sits on as well," Whitten said.

This is related to the future Gonzales County South Fire

See **SMILEY**, page 14



DUBOSE STAFF DONATE TO LIONS CLUB PLAYScape PROJECT



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From left, Gonzales Noon Lions Club members Vince Ortiz, Deidra Voigt, Garen Reese, Darrell Haug and Cindy Rodriguez were presented with a Silver Level donation to help build the new, all-inclusive playscape. Presenting the check were DuBose staff members Tracy Gilliam, Joanna Sanchez, Erlinda Hernandez, Julie Dickinson, Donna Moseley and Kristien Kotzebue. The donation was given in memory of John Charles DuBose Sr.

Waelder to receive GLO grant funds for water improvements

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The city of Waelder has been approved to receive more than \$1.36 million in regional mitigation funds from the Texas General Land Office, Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D., announced.

The amount is part of a total of \$66,402,284 in regional mitigation funds approved by GLO to improve roads, water detention, drainage and sewer systems in the cities of Baytown, Brenham, Centerville, Charlotte, Corpus Christi, Houston, Jasper, Plantersville, Seadrift,

Waelder, as well as Fort Bend, Grimes and Matagorda counties. Through the Regional Mitigation Program, the GLO enabled local prioritization, which will have a tremendous impact across multiple regions.

“The GLO is proud to work with Texas communities to strengthen and build infrastructure to protect and improve lives for local residents,” said Commissioner Buckingham. “Many of these communities were recently impacted by Hurricane Beryl’s devastating winds and flood waters. Getting and using federal grant funds can be

very complicated, but the GLO works side by side with local leaders to push past the federal paperwork and get funds moving forward. Every day, the GLO works on behalf of our fellow Texans to make communities more resilient against future disasters.”

Waelder will receive \$1,360,600, to make water facilities improvements. The city shall install a new water well including acquiring land, installing well, pump and motor, master meter, and piping, constructing access road, and completing associated appurtenances.

GCSO looking for stolen pickup truck; reward offered

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office is investigating a report of a pickup truck being stolen.

Deputies took a report on July 18 about a 1991 Dodge Ram D-350, license plate 1RE404, taken from private property off County Road 230 in Gonzales County. It is believed the white truck, which has a red interior,

was stolen sometime between July 16-18.

The owner of the vehicle is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the location of the vehicle.

If you have any information on the vehicle’s location or person(s) of interest involving the theft of the vehicle, contact the Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office or the Gonzales County Crime Stoppers at 830-672-8477.

Annual Schulenburg Festival to be held Aug. 1-4

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

When the calendar turns to July, the whole town of Schulenburg starts gearing up for the annual Schulenburg Festival, also known as the “National Party of Texas.” This year’s event will be held from Thursday, Aug. 1, through Sunday, Aug. 4.

Most events will take place in downtown Wolters Park. Events include live music, rodeo, cook-offs, parade, kids’ inflatables, arts & crafts vendors, kiddie parade, tricycle races, softball, golf, basketball, fun run, cornhole, and more!

Headlining this year’s musical entertainment is Dos Borrachos, featuring Kevin Fowler and Roger Creager. These two energetic country artists teamed up a few years ago to record and perform together, and their show took the Festival stage in 2022.

Fowler and Creager will take the stage on Saturday night from 9 to 11 p.m. Texas Unlimited Band (TUB) will play before and after Dos Borrachos to get the party started, and then round out the night



PHOTO COURTESY NATALIE RHEA

Dos Borrachos duo Kevin Fowler and Roger Creager will headline this year’s Schulenburg Festival.

as they have for many years. TUB plays all over the state of Texas, and traveled recently to play at the NFR Cinch Party in Las Vegas, and the Extreme Bulls event in Cody, Wyoming.

Friday night’s lineup features Texas country artists Josh Ward and Slade Coulter. Josh Ward made his Festival debut in 2018, and has been burning up the Texas music charts since then, adding millions of streams for his songs.

Slade Coulter is newer to the music scene, getting his career started in the Lubbock area. But he has been touring across Texas, and will head to several other states later this

year with Jacob Stelly, who played at last year’s Festival.

Friday night’s music starts with local country artist Keith Hickle, who has been named “The Best Artist in Fayette County” multiple times.

Saturday afternoon’s music lineup starts at noon with The Barditch Hippies, a trio from the Luling area. The two founding members are both veteran “Emotions Band” performers who spent many Wednesday summer nights entertaining the large

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Belmont, Nixon firefighters put out grass fire in Leesville

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Firefighters from Belmont Volunteer Fire Department and Nixon Fire and Rescue responded to a grass fire call in Leesville on Thursday, July 18 that could have been much worse than it was.

An individual who spotted the fire quickly called 911 and the two departments, acting in sync, “were able to save land, homes, barns and other property from burning,” according to a Facebook post by Belmont VFD.

“To prevent grass fires, please do not leave burn piles unattended,” the post added. “Weather conditions can change very quickly. It takes only a few gusts of wind for cinders and flames to spread to nearby grass, trees and objects left unattended. Be mindful

and vigilant! Today ended well, but it could have turned out differently.”

The post urges those thinking about burning brush on their property to

call the Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office at 830-672-6524 before doing so to let them know there is a controlled burn taking place.

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Constables seek storage building burglary suspects

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Gonzales County Precinct 3 and Precinct 4 Constable offices are asking for help in finding the persons responsible for burglarizing a Smiley storage building.

According to the Precinct 4 Constable’s Office, they received a report about a burglary of a storage building at 406 Steele St., Smiley, which occurred sometime between 11:30 p.m. and midnight Wednesday, July 10, when one unit was forced open and the

suspects attempted to open two others.

Three unknown suspects are involved and the suspect vehicle appears to be a gray colored 2013-14 Chevrolet 1500 extended cab 4x4 pickup truck.

If you have information on the identity of the suspect/suspects and or suspect vehicle, please contact the Greater Gonzales County Crime Stoppers at 830-672-TIPS (830-672-8477), Precinct 4 Deputy Constable Jason Torres at 830-313-9767 or Precinct 3 Deputy Constable Allen Taylor at 830-857-1764.

Celebrations

Birthdays

July 25th
Ian Riker
Kelly Stewart

July 26th
Jose Contreras
Kristien Kotzebue
Imogene Rainey
Kelly Rathmann

July 27th
Adele Bauerhahn
Tiffany DuBose
Shana Grogan
Dave Hausler
Gretchen Hill

July 28th
Chris Garcia
Maggie Holub

Janelle Lester
Sandra McIntosh
Charlena Parr
Brandon Roach
Erica Turner-Ernst

July 29th
Joseph R. Flores
Kris Law

July 30th
Kathy Zella

July 31st
Bastian Cordova
Stacy Davis
Joy Murphy
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Gonzales Weather



July 25
85°/72°

Mostly cloudy and humid with a couple of thunderstorms, especially early in the day

72% chance of rain • RealFeel 100



July 26
95°/74°

Cloudy and warmer; occasional rain and a thunderstorm in the morning followed by a thunderstorm in the afternoon

59% chance of rain • RealFeel 97



July 27
96°/75°

Mostly cloudy; a thunderstorm in parts of the area in the morning followed by showers in the afternoon

70% chance of rain • RealFeel 103



July 28
96°/76°

Cloudy with thunderstorms

60% chance of rain • RealFeel 98



July 29
90°/76°

Cloudy and humid with a couple of thunderstorms, especially early in the day

66% chance of rain • RealFeel 99



July 30
93°/75°

Still cloudy and humid with a couple of thunderstorms

59% chance of rain • RealFeel 99



July 31
96°/74°

Sunshine and patch clouds

20% chance of rain • RealFeel 103

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Garden Q&A with CALVIN FINCH



Q. I thought that Chinese pistache were not invasive but now I hear including the discussion on your radio show that they are invasive with their seedlings. What is the story?

A. Yes, you are right advocates for use of the species were in error about the invasiveness of the seeds. Some of the seeds in the berries do germinate especially after passing through the birds' digestive system. The solution, if you want to take advantage of the pistache's fall color, shapely crown, and fast growth is to find a male plant or better yet select one of the varieties available at area nurseries that is sterile. Unfortunately using a male plant eliminates the berries that the birds love!

Q. My pentas are planted in the shade unfortunately they are not blooming much and are browning. How much should they be watered?

A. It is my experience that pentas need 2 or 3 hours of sun preferably in the morning but even if it is in the afternoon, if they are going to bloom well. It is also important that the soil in the container is well-drained and you let the sur-

face dry out between waterings.

Q. Why are all these pecans dying in my neighborhood? They did so well for so many years.

A. A number of the pecans planted in shallow soils survived as long as they were young and watered but now with the 3 years of drought plus other stresses such as record heat, record freezes, drought restrictions, and wind they are stressed to the point beyond survival. To prosper pecans require deep soils and or 2 inches of water per week. Have your pecans assessed by an arborist and if they are seriously damaged, replace them with more drought tolerant species

Q. What are the options if we do not have enough sun or water to support a lawn?

A. There are a number of evergreen groundcovers that are more shade tolerant than the grass varieties. Consider Asian jasmine, dwarf ruellia, mondo grass, and liriope. They can be planted in layers or large mass plantings. In addition to requiring less sun they also require less water and less other maintenance. Mulch also can be used as a groundcover.

Cost resident Sexton part of first-place team at livestock judging

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. — Young people marked cards to show off their livestock judging skills during the 25th annual VitaFerm® Junior National Hereford Expo (JNHE), "Grand Daddy of 'Em All" in Grand Island, Neb., on July 11.

Ralston Ripp, Kearney, Neb., and Miles Stagemeyer, Page, Neb., helped facilitate the livestock judging contest, sponsored by Central Life Sciences, which drew more than 450 juniors from across the nation.

Dagan Murray, Auburn, Kan., was named the senior high individual, with a score of 249. Paige Nichols, Ovid, Mich., placed second in the division, and Tucker Stagemeyer, Page, Neb., took third-place honors. Kansas topped the senior team division.

The intermediate high individual was Alyssa Wil-



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liams, Ritzville, Wash., with a score of 250. Ainsley Williams, Van Alstyne, Texas, took second-place honors, and Chance Blum, Reliance, S.D., placed third in the intermediate division.

W. Zeb Murphree, Hamilton, Texas, topped the junior division. Murphree scored 254. Gage Creamer, Waxahachie, Texas, placed second in the junior division, and Kinleigh Jo

Guidry, Brenham, Texas., took third-place honors. Texas also claimed the champion junior team title.

With a score of 206, Copeland Paulsen, Peston, Iowa, was named the pee-wee high individual. Saylor Norvell, Tuttle, Okla., took second-place, and Cricket Collins, Frederick Okla., won third place. The top peewee team hailed from Oklahoma.

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

July 20th, 2024

Cattle - 1866

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

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 325-450; 300-400 lbs., 275-325; 400-500 lbs., 255-360; 500-600 lbs., 245-295; 600-700 lbs., 245-270; 700-800 lbs., 225-249. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 145-200.

Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 315-375; 300-400 lbs., 285-335; 400-500 lbs., 255-305; 500-600 lbs., 215-240; 600-700 lbs., 230-250.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 125-133; Cutters, 135-141; Canners, 100-121; High yielding fat cows, 125-140.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 155-163; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 131-147.

Stocker Cows: \$900 to \$2,250. Pairs: \$1,800 to \$3,200.

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Sale date: July 16th

Cattle on hand: 2199

Packer Cows: High Dressing: \$130-150 Medium Dressing: \$120-138 Low Dressing: \$110-124

Poor/Weak Cows: \$90-110

Packer Bulls: High Dressing: \$150-174 Medium Dressing: \$132-155 Low Dressing: \$115-130

Stocker Cows: Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$2000-2900

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1250-1900

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: \$2400-3550

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1700-23--

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$360-440

200-300 lbs.: \$340-420

300-400 lbs.: \$320-400

400-500 lbs.: \$295-355

500-600 lbs.: \$255-300

600-700 lbs.: \$240-278

700-800 lbs.: \$220-260

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs.:

\$320-400

200-300 lbs.: \$290-360

300-400 lbs.: \$280-355

400-500 lbs.: \$265-340

500-600 lbs.: \$245-282

600-700 lbs.: \$225-260

700-800 lbs.: \$190-245

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: \$285-420

The calf market was steady & strong on #1 classes. #2 kinds and very fleshy types sold lower - mostly \$4-\$5 lower. Packer cows & bulls sold \$2 lower on a supply of 150 head. The stocker cow consignment sold strong & to a lot of demand on 160 head.

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July 17th

Market Trend: Quality not as deep. Stocker cattle steady with packer cows and bulls 2-3 softer.

Cattle - 612

Sheep & goats - 859

Medium & large frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb. 1.30-2.82-4.05

300-400 lb. .50-2.91-3.80

400-500 lb. .50 2.50-3.45

500-600 lb. 1.10-2.95-3.02

600-700 lb. 1.10-2.10-2.64

700-850 lb. 1.22-2.00-2.42

Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb. 1.20-2.43-3.40

300-400 lb. .80-2.40-3.30

400-500 lb. .98-2.32-3.04

500-600 lb. .80-2.29-2.95

600-750 lb. 1.10-2.00-2.47

Cows:

Utility & commercial - 1.15-1.30-1.45

Cutters - 1.20-1.27-1.32

Canners. - 1.00-1.11-1.25

Palpated cows - 1300-1950

Cow/Calf Pairs - 1875-2700

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding - 1.60-1.78

Light & Low Yielding - 1.35-1.59

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies - 40-220

Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.20-2.65

Wethers -1.85-2.45

Billies - 1.30-1.70

Dorp. Ewes - 40-160

Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 1.80-2.65

Woolled Ewes - None

Woolled Bucks - 1.20-1.70

Lambs - 1.70-2.57

Barb. Bucks - 200-280

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

July 19, 2024

Number of Head: 1,364

There were 155 cows and 28 bulls. Another strong market on packer cattle continued as tops on packer bulls was at \$174/cwt, while tops on cows was \$149/cwt. The market is very active with strong demand. The calf market was a little softer after the last two weeks of higher markets, but strong demand continues at a slightly lower level. Calves were 9 pounds lighter and \$7/cwt lower.

Packer bulls: 155.00-174.00

Packer cows:

canners & cutters 95.00-149.00

poor & weak 75.00-92.00

Palpated: 14 bred \$1150-1600

PAIRS: 6 \$1,700-\$3,000

Steer/Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. None

200-250 lbs 279.00-360.00

250-299 lbs 338.00-400.00

300-350 lbs. 331.00-390.00

350-400 lbs. 304.00-360.00

400-450 lbs. 281.00-334.00

450-500 lbs. 276.00-324.00

500-550 lbs 273.00-300.00

550-600 lbs. 263.00-290.00

600-700 lbs 236.00-284.00

700-800 lbs 221.00-246.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

None

200-250 lbs. 295.00-338.00

250-300 lbs. 302.00-335.00

300-350 lbs. 315.00-375.00

350-400 lbs. 292.00-335.00

400-450 lbs. 279.00-324.00

450-500 lbs. 267.00-300.00

500-550 lbs. 253.00-290.00

550-600 lbs. 246.00-288.00

600-700 lbs 222.00-296.00*

Over 700 lbs. 190.00-235.00

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Commissioner encourages Texans to celebrate National Corn Month

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AUSTIN – Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller proudly joins farmers nationwide in celebrating National Corn Month this July. Texas corn producers plant over 2 million acres of corn annually, contributing a remarkable \$1.7 billion to our state's economy each year. The corn industry supports countless jobs in agronomy, trucking, and logistics. As one of Texas' most versatile crops, Commissioner Miller recognizes that corn boosts our economy and plays an essential role in our daily lives.

"National Corn Month is a time to tip our hats to the hardworking Texas farmers who keep our tables full and our economy thriving," said Commissioner Miller. "As one of the top corn-producing states in the country, Texas takes pride in the sustainable and innovative practices our farmers use, keeping Texas the agriculture powerhouse that it is."

Corn is a key ingredient in many of our favorite Texas foods, from chili to tortillas and countless other dishes that define the Lone Star State. Corn also plays a vital role in livestock feed, ensuring the health of our cattle, poultry, and swine industries. But it doesn't stop there—it's used in various industrial applications, including ethanol production, helping fuel our cars and trucks.

During National Corn Month, Commissioner Miller and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) encourage everyone to appreciate the impact of corn on our economy, environment, and everyday lives. Whether it's enjoying a meal made with Texas-grown corn, filling up your tank with ethanol-blended fuel, or recognizing the importance of corn in animal feed, let's celebrate the versatility and value of this incredible crop.

Letters to the Editor

It is the policy of The Inquirer to encourage reader participation on its Opinion page. Diverse and varied opinions are welcomed. Because of space limitations, we must limit all contributors to one letter per person per month. Letters of 400 words or less will be published unless they contain language or content that the editors feel is inappropriate.

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.

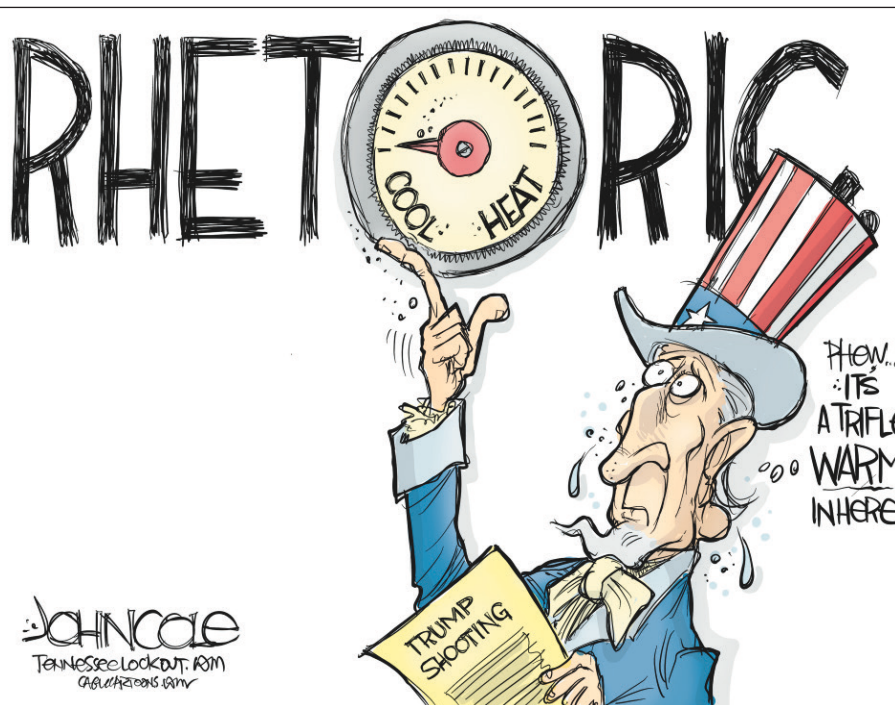
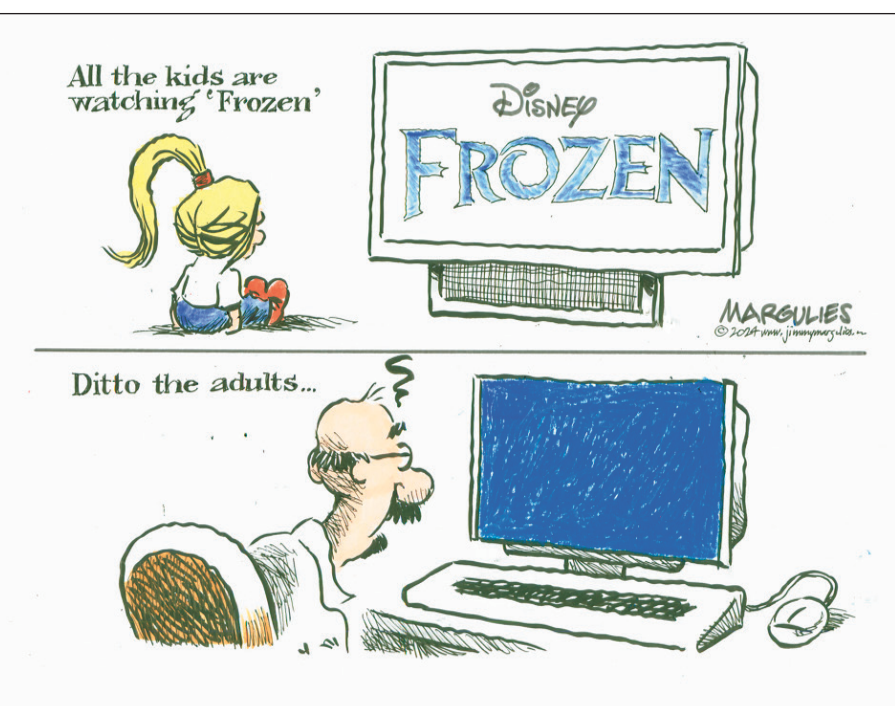
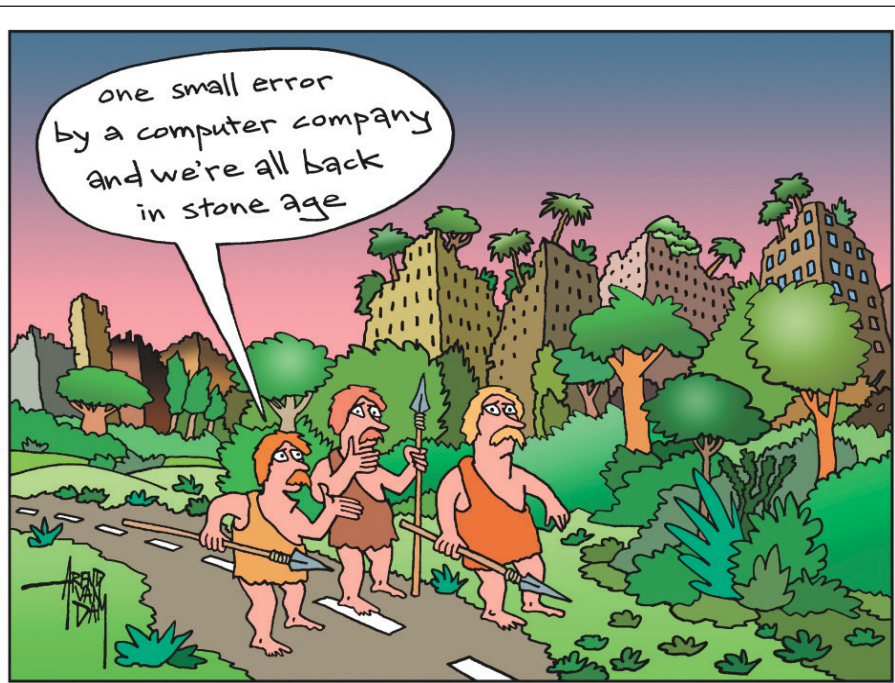
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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Popcorn tradition crosses state lines...

A popcorn tradition was born 50 years ago this summer in the garage of our home in south-west Fort Worth.

That was some 26 tons of popcorn and four machines ago. It was sparked by the late Dr. Veda Hodge, who owned a string of movie theaters and multiple West Texas oil wells.

She heard that I was making snow cones for our pre-school daughters and neighborhood friends--albeit settling for "snow" with texture akin to road gravel. We used a near-antique machine purchased in a second-hand store. Dr. Hodge insisted on providing a used popcorn machine so we'd have treats more popular during cooler months...

We provided snow cones for all takers. After all, unit costs were held to about two cents each. Happily, neighbors helped out, freezing ice in gallon jugs.

Popcorn soon was consumed not only by neighborhood children, but also from speaking lecterns, where I appeared more than 100 times annually for more than fifty years. For two decades, Halloween has been a big deal, with between 500-700 youngsters showing up for treats.

Somewhere, Dr. Veda is smiling...

Popcorn probably best defines my presidency/chancellorship at Howard Payne University. The tradition--along with taking students and others parasailing at Lake Brownwood--provides fond memories. So does an introduction once made by a dear departed friend, George Dolan, whose daily front-page column in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram delighted readers for three decades.

He called me "the nation's 'un-stuffiest' college president."

It is a description I treasure....

All of my popcorn machines have been, uh, experienced, with some nearing antique status. When I bought a large coffin-shaped popcorn machine from an old theater 22 years ago, I thought it would serve the rest of the way.

A kink in the acquisition loomed, however. Our garage would not accommodate two cars AND an oversized popcorn machine. Simple solution: Our modest Burleson, TX, retirement home--under construction at the time--was widened by just two feet, thus accommodating the machine.

I don't remember--and don't care to remember--how much this added to the cost, but it has been worth it, even though Brenda, my wife of almost 58 years, still frets a bit, referencing "that odor in the garage." I contend that it's an "aroma"....

Fast forward to the here and now: David Williams (HPU, 2005) is a "do-everything" kind of guy. He reconstructed a popcorn machine that is virtually identical to the one Dr. Hodge gave me. He sent me a picture, and yep, the machine was for sale.

I purchased it sight unseen and soon he delivered it to our home. Uh oh. Now I had two machines--one bigger than now needed and the other a sentimental favorite--like the ones seen on sidewalks outside of small theaters for the convenience of popcorn-purchasing passers-by.

After 29 years of handing out presidential, then chancellor popcorn, it is time for me to shift gears. I'll settle for my smaller machine, and now hand out PEP-corn (aka, "president emeritus popcorn")....

This spring my wife and I had lunch with Dr. and Mrs. Brad Johnson at College of the Ozarks near Branson, MO., where he has been president for about two years. In his earliest years of college administration, he served together at HPU, where his wife, Laura, received her baccalaureate degree.

During lunch, they both mentioned their hope to find a tradition like ours at HPU. "What about sharing the tradition into the next 50 years?" I asked. Did I ever have a deal for them!

Recently, they had a big "whoop-de-do" with a program to celebrate the passing of the scoop. Featured

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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY ANN BREITSCHOPF SCHMIDT



Dorothy Ann Breitschopf Schmidt, 87, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, July 18, 2024, in Austin, Texas. Dorothy was born on October 20, 1937 to Joe Breitschopf and Emma Wilke Breitschopf in Gonzales County, Texas. She spent her early years in Cistern, Texas and the family moved to Gonzales, Texas when Dorothy was 14 years old. She graduated from Gonzales High School in 1956. She worked in the accounting field and retired from IBM in Austin, Texas. Dorothy loved country dancing and she was good at it. She would go with her friends dancing until the last few years when the arthritis and dementia took over. We know she is in heaven dancing and having a wonderful time. Uncle Walter Wilke, be

ready, mom is looking for you to dance with her. Dorothy, Momma, Granny you are loved by many and will be dearly missed. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her son, Jeffrey Kuntschik and daughter-in-law Gail Frey Kuntschik. Dorothy is survived by her sister Ellen Lehnert of Gonzales, Texas. Daughter Penny Kuntschik Brock

of Pflugerville, Texas. Son Darryl Kuntschik of Kingsland, Texas. Grandchildren: Patrick (Hillary) Brock, Sr., Natalie Brock, Dana (Wes) McCamy and Hailey Kuntschik (Adam Janak). Great-grandchildren: Patrick Brock, Jr., Payton Brock, MacKenzie Brock and Hudson Janak plus many nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends. Pallbearers will be family and friends. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home 906 St. Paul Street, Gonzales, TX.

JEANETTE A. CHUMCHAL



Jeanette A. Chumchal, of Gonzales, entered the gates of heaven on Monday, July 15, 2024, in Victoria, Texas. She was born on July 4, 1938, to her parents, Willie "Bill" Boedeker and Gertrude Hoerig Boedeker on their family farm in Gonzales County. Jeanette met Felix James Chumchal while attending school in Shiner, being country kids, they rode on the same school bus. They would go on to see each other at local dance halls, it was at this time they became official and married thereafter on July 25, 1954, in Hallettsville, Texas. They were later blessed with 5 wonderful children. Jeanette and Felix were huge Dallas Cowboys fans, every football season, Sunday was dedicated to them watching the game while eating homemade chicken noodle soup, pigs in a blanket and sweet rice and pies. They even got to attend a few games themselves. Together, Jeanette and Felix shared 58 blissful years of marriage before his passing in 2013. Jeanette worked for the Gonzales Senior Citizens Center, where she served the community for 22 years. She kept the center going, helping with serving and delivering meals to homebound seniors, creating programs and games that helped everyone enjoy the day. Jeanette was also a charter member of the Catholic Daughters of Gonzales #2140, she helped with meetings, fundraisers, and

meals, especially working together with the Knights of Columbus on a lot of church projects. Apart from being active in her community, she loved gardening, reading, playing dominoes and scrabble. She attended her children's games and programs and later did the same for her grandchildren. Last but not least, she loved Christmas and being with all of her family. Jeanette was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents Jon and Rebekah Boedeker, her maternal grandparents Arthur and Sophie Hoerig, her parents Willie and Gertrude Boedeker, her son Felix Michael Chumchal who passed away as a stillborn, her granddaughter Ali Beal and her beloved husband Felix James Chumchal. She is survived by her children Linda Beal (Mark), Robert Dale Chumchal (Janice), Kenneth Chumchal (Sandra), Debra Villa (Ray), and Rebecca Villa (Sammy). Her 18 grandchildren Bobby Cowan (Melanie), Jason Cowan (Teresa), Brady Beal (Kacie), Matt Beal

(Erin), Candace Chumchal, Eric Chumchal, Jodie Randall (Mike), Janna Driskell (Daniel), Martha Willever (Chris), Emily Chumchal, Troy Chumchal, Allyson Chumchal, Brendan Villa (Amy), Lauren Villa, Cameron Villa, Alexander Villa, Samantha Villa, Nicholas Villa, and also 17 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings Irene Fiedler, LeeRoy Boedeker, Willie Boedeker, Bernice Jalufka, Carolyn Edwards, Marvin Boedeker, and Arlen Boedeker. A visitation will take place on Thursday, July 18, 2024, where we will welcome friends and family from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, with a rosary following at 7:00pm. A Mass of the Resurrection will take place on Friday, July 19, 2024, at St. James Catholic Church at 10:00am. Interment will follow at Shiner Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers include Brady Beal, Emily Chumchal, Troy Chumchal, Allyson Chumchal, Lauren Villa, Cameron Villa, Alexander Villa, and Nicholas Villa. Honorary pallbearers will include her 18 grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made out to the Catholic Daughters of Gonzales. Friends and family may leave their condolences online by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com All services are under the care and direction of Seydler - Hill Funeral Home.

ALLEN GENE JANECEK



Allen Gene Janecek, DVM, 72, of Gonzales, Texas, passed away on July 5, 2024, after a lengthy illness. He was surrounded by family. He was a beloved son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend, and will be deeply missed. Allen was born on October 24, 1951, in Moulton, Tx. where he spent his formative years. He went on to attend Texas A&M at College Station where he became a veterinarian. Throughout his career, he was known for his strong work ethic, dedication, and passion for helping animals. He often said that he liked animals more than most people. More than anything,

Allen was a devoted father and grandfather. He was always there to offer guidance, support, and encouragement, no matter what challenges they faced. His memory will be cherished by all those who knew and loved him. In his free time, Allen

enjoyed working on his many projects around the clinic and house. He was also extremely interested in landscaping and never hired someone to do something he could learn to do himself. Allen is predeceased by his father, Frankie Janecek. Allen is survived by his wife, Julia Janecek, his daughter, Heather Rene Pape and husband, Brandon, and their two children, Kaden and Gage, his son, Justin Allen Janecek and wife, Elizabeth, and their three children, Emma, Wesley, and Ruby, and his daughter, Holly Ann Armstrong and her husband, John Ryan and their son, Gene Elliott. The family is thankful for the compassionate care he received from Dr. Garth Vaz and his wonderful nurses and staff, the nursing staff of Gonzales Memorial Hospital, and Alora Hospice. A memorial service and reception for family and friends will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Eastside Baptist Church with Pastor Jacob Pena of Gateway Fellowship Church officiating.

HERSHEL "GENE" MYERS



Hershel "Gene" Myers, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away on July 14th, 2024 in Junction, Texas. He was born on December 14th, 1945 in Austin, Texas to loving parents who instilled in him the values of faith and compassion. Gene leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness that will forever be cherished by those who knew him. Gene was a man with the bluest eyes that sparkled with warmth and joy. His infectious smile

and fun sense of humor could light up any room. He had a knack for making up words for things just to elicit eye rolls from his children - a testament to his playful spirit. He was a devoted lover of Bluebell Ice Cream and all things Texan. His devotion to family was unwavering. Gene is survived by his loving wife of almost 59 years, Patricia Hector; daughter Stephanie Myers; son Steven Myers; daughter-in-law Lisa; grandchildren Alissa, Savannah (Robert), Ethan

(Ariana), Andrew (Ashley), Sarah, and Mitchell; as well as great-grandchildren Auggie, Opal, and Enrique with another on the way. Gene's life was defined by his deep faith in God which he shared passionately with others at every opportunity. As a high school social studies teacher and lay pastor he touched countless lives through mentorship and friendship. He lived out his calling as a fraud specialist with integrity while supporting those around him wholeheartedly. He loved unconditionally - always extending support to anyone in need without hesitation or reservation. His heart was boundless - overflowing with empathy for all whom he encountered. In honor of Gene's memory there will be no services at this time but donations can be made to your favorite schools or organizations that support children's education—a cause close to Gene's heart. The loss of Hershel "Gene" Myers has left an irreplaceable void in the hearts of many but it is certain that his spirit will continue to live on through the memories shared by those whose lives were enriched by knowing him.

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NEWBURY
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were printed programs, balloons, and a sumptuous luncheon. I stumbled a time or two when emotions got in the way, sometimes saying, "Um," thus unknowingly creating a new acronym that's a perfect fit for both HPU and CofO. "U MATTER" is conveyed with each bag. May the tradition live on!....
Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues a regimen of speaking and writing. Texas' longest-running syndicated columnist, he began writing weekly in 2003. Contact: 817-447-3832. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.



FESTIVAL

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crowds at Swiss Alp Dancehall. Broken Alibi from Hallettsville will play from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Music on Sunday is for dancing, and the Festival usually kicks off Sunday with some polka music. This year, The Czechaholics will bring their own unique, more contemporary style of polka music to the Pavilion. TUB will close out the Festival with their Sunday-afternoon mix of 80s rock and country, plus contemporary hits and feel-good music.

Thursday evening provides another option for live entertainment and family time. Kendra Krupala & ThatDamnBand will perform on stage, while there will be refreshments available, kids' activities, plus the rodeo slack, all for no admission charge.

The Schulenburg Festival is much more than just live music. The rodeo, cook-offs, and parade are also big draws. Rodeo fans can look forward to two nights of full CPRA/UPRA rodeo action, with eight events (bareback riding, bull riding, saddle bronc riding, breakaway, steer wrestling, barrel racing, team roping, and tie down), at the arena in Wolters Park. The rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evening. Mutton bustin' will take place both nights, so kids can join the cowboy action too.

The Festival cook-off continues to grow. Cooks can showcase their talents in the chili, BBQ, beans, and bloody Mary contests, plus this year there is a salsa competition. The Festival includes both CASI and IBCA-sanctioned chili and BBQ competitions, for cooks wishing to earn points

in those areas, and also local contests open to everyone.

The Sunday morning parade, from downtown Schulenburg to Wolters Park, features beautiful floats from area towns, comical entries, class reunion floats, patriotic and musical entries, fire trucks, and the ever-popular Shriners parade unit.

Other attractions include the annual Young Farmers Cow Chip & Egg Toss contests, the cheerleader dunking board, the second annual cornhole tournament, and the arts and crafts show, featuring dozens of vendors with various items for sale.

Young Festival attendees can enter the kiddie parade and the tricycle races, and the Festival will set up a "Kid Zone", located on the ball field in the southwest corner of Wolters Park. The area will have several inflatables, including some with water slides, operated by B&B Big Bounce of Hallettsville.

Rounding out the Festival are four different sports contests (golf, softball, basketball, and a fun run), along with class reunions for graduates from Schulenburg and Bishop Forest high schools.

Gate admission for all activities is \$20 for Friday night, and \$30 on Saturday evening after 5 p.m. Admission on Thursday and Sunday is free, and there is no charge to enter the park before 5 p.m. on Saturday. Also, there is no admission charge for children 12 and under at any time.

Detailed information, including entry forms, can be found on the Festival website: www.schulenburg-festival.org.

OBITUARY

ROBERT EUGENE TROBL



SHINER: Robert Eugene Trobl, age 72, passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

He was born September 19, 1951 in Shiner to Eugene and Kathleen Polasek Trobl.

He attended Shiner I.S.D. until the 8th grade then left to help his grandfather, William "Bill" Polasek with custom baling and other farm work. He served in the Army National Guard. He was a farmer and rancher all his life along with being a bulldozer operator with various members of the Winkler family and then with Oak Valley Ranch. He was no stranger to hard work. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening in his spare time. Though he said he would never have a dog in the house, he did. Sue, Tiny, Pete and Tootsie kept him company and brought him joy.

Survivors: sons, Ronnie Trobl of Shiner and Roger Trobl (Shandala) of Sweet

Visitation 5:00 p.m. with rosary at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, July 21, 2024 at Thiele-Cooper Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. Monday, July 22, 2024 at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Odartey-Lamptey officiating. Burial S.P.J.S.T. Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Joey Trobl, Thomas Klozik, Andy Salazar, Devin Watson, Matthew Brown, Ernie Berger, Sean Berger and Randy Haas.

Memorial contributions may be given to: Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church or donor's choice.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the caregivers who took good care of Mr. Trobl including feeding and tending to the cattle along with doing gardening work.

Online guest book may be signed at www.thiele-cooper.com

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

Home; five grandchildren, Adyson Trobl, Weston Trobl, Emarie Trobl, Kayla Brown and Devin Watson; three-great grandchildren, Branson Brown, Brantley Brown and Braxton Brown; sisters, Carolyn Jett and Jeanette Gonzales; brother, Jimmy Trobl (Karen); sister-in-law, Laura Klozik; brother-in-law, Leonard Hrnčirik (Maggie) along with nieces, nephews and numerous friends.

Preceded in death by: parents; wife of 44 years, JoAnn Trobl; brothers, Gene Ray Trobl and Richard Trobl.

LIVESTOCK

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The following are the 2024 livestock judging contest winners.

PEEWEE DIVISION (INDIVIDUAL):

1. Copeland Paulsen, Peston, Iowa.
2. Saylor Norvell, Tuttle, Okla.
3. Cricket Collins, Frederick Okla.

PEEWEE DIVISION (TEAMS):

1. Oklahoma: Saylor Norvell, Tuttle.; Cricket Collins, Frederick.; Ella Weldon, Piedmont.; and Koble Lewis, Ryan.
2. Texas: Hudson Etheridge, Jacksonville; Jacob Dauer, Panhandle; Ella Macias, Canadian; and Holden Roeder, Seguin, Texas.
3. Kansas: Chase Jones, Wamengo; Laynee Greenwood, Alma; Caroline Studer, Frankfort; and Roland Sandberg, Agenda.

JUNIOR DIVISION (INDIVIDUAL):

1. W. Zeb Murphree, Hamilton, Texas
2. Gage Creamer, Waxahachie, Texas
3. Kinleigh Jo Guidry, Brenham, Texas

JUNIOR DIVISION (TEAMS):

1. Texas: W. Zeb Murphree, Hamilton; Gage Creamer, Waxahachie; Jarrett Worrell, Mason; and Kinleigh Jo Guidry, Brenham.
2. Kansas: Bradyn Greenwood, Alma; Lexi Schmidt, Blue Rapids.; Quinn Breiner, Pratt; and Trigg Marston, Agenda.
3. Nebraska: Landon Lienemann, Hildreth; Kashlyn Kerbs, Gordon; Kynsleigh Krebs, Gordon; and Brenlee Alber, Guide Rock.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION (INDIVIDUALS):

1. Alyssa Williams, Ritzville, Wash.
2. Ainsley Williams, Van Alstyne, Texas
3. Chance Blum, Reliance, S.D.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION (TEAMS):

1. Texas: Ainsley Williams, Van Alstyne; Augustus Sexton, Cost; Paisley Miller, Belville; and Ryli Hollis, Clyde.
2. Oklahoma: Wyatt McIntyre, Leedey.; Emma Lynn, Purcell; Mekhi Cochran, Stillwater; and Taylor Marrs, Macomb.
3. Kansas: Marlee Ballard, Inman; Delaney Figge, Onaga; Tava Gustafson, Junction City; and Danica Davis, Maple Hill.

SENIOR DIVISION (INDIVIDUAL):

1. Dagan Murray, Auburn, Kan.
2. Paige Nichols, Ovid, Mich.
3. Tucker Stagemeyer, Page, Neb.

SENIOR DIVISION (TEAMS):

1. Kansas: Dagan Murray, Auburn; Cassidy Schumann, Lecompton; Cally Miller, El Dorado; and Tyree Figge, Onaga.
2. Maryland: Rianna Chaney, Keymar; Sheridan Chaney, Keymar; Izzy Bohrer, Damascus; and Ashley Lescalleet, Emmitsburg.
3. Indiana: Jayden Simpson, Roachdale; Carlee Musser, Otterbein; Ray Duncan, Wingate; and Matthew Elzemeyer, Richmond.

INQUIRER

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Mitchell of Arizona after receiving an apology from him for his actions and payment for damages done.

At about 7:56 a.m. Friday, Gonzales Police Sgt. Leo Mendez responded to the Inquirer office, 622 Saint Paul St., regarding a case of criminal mischief. Mendez was informed that an unknown individual had thrown a bench from a neighboring business through the door, breaking the glass and causing \$798.89 in damages (based on the estimate to replace the glass pane).

During the investigation, Sgt. Mendez obtained surveillance from surrounding businesses and discovered that a person of interest had been at a local bar and grill. When Sgt. Mendez spoke with employees at the establishment, they advised him the subject was possibly in town from Arizona.

After retrieving surveillance footage of both the individual and the vehicle his party had driven, Lt. Jason

Montoya observed the male subject exiting a local restaurant and was able to make contact and identify him. A voluntary confession statement was obtained from Mitchell as well as a statement from an eyewitness who observed the incident.

"Thank you to the Gonzales Police Department for their quick work in helping resolve this issue," Publisher Lew K. Cohn said. "They responded with the utmost professionalism and we appreciate the way this was handled by Sgt. Mendez and Lt. Montoya.

"We chose not to press charges because we saw this as a learning opportunity — to have the responsible party come apologize, explain what happened and make restitution, rather than having us seek retribution or punitive action. We hold no ill will towards Tysen or his family and hope that with experience comes wisdom, maturity and growth."



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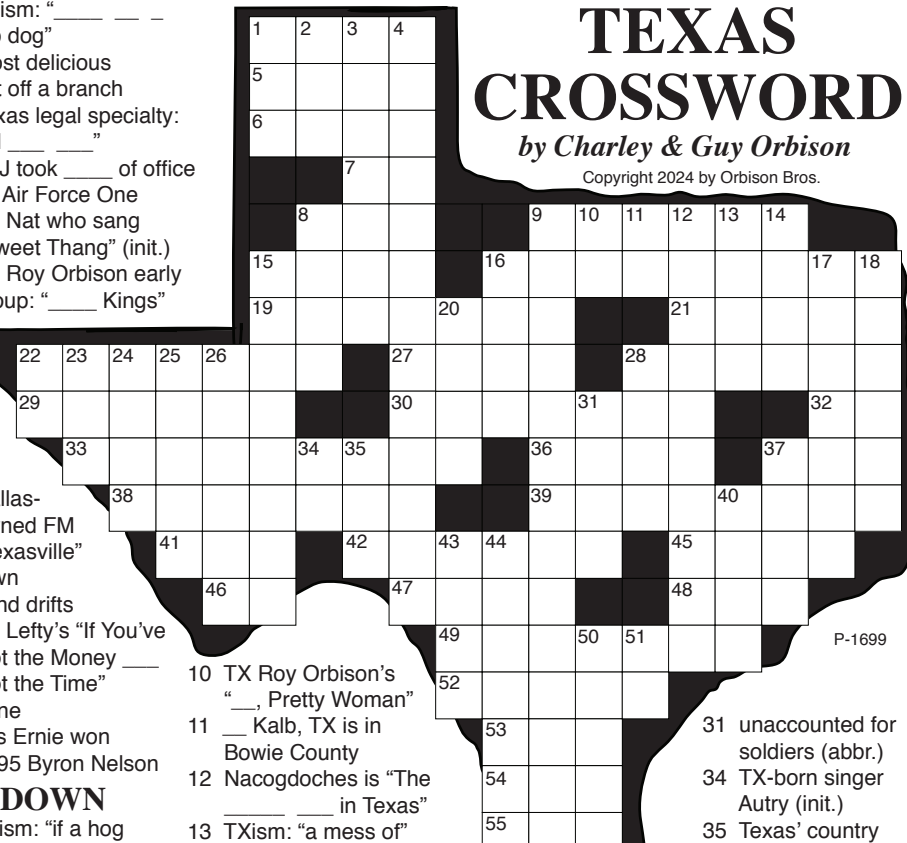
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "if ___ rooster, he'll crow" (inevitable)
- 5 gorillas
- 6 TX Freddy Fender's "Wasted ___ and Wasted Nights"
- 7 TX Bob Wills' "Take ___ Back to Tulsa"
- 8 San Angelo is seat of ___ Green County
- 9 TXism: "got as much ___ a hibernating bear" (idle)
- 15 "Ben ___ Hospital" in Houston
- 16 TX Audie Murphy 1955 film about his war exploits: "___ Back"
- 19 TX Paula Prentiss film: "The ___ Henry Orient"
- 21 TXism: "that's a fine how ___ do"
- 22 people with no skin or hair pigment
- 27 TXism: "beller"
- 28 these are blue on the state flower
- 29 TXism: "___ a doornail"
- 30 "Las ___ Wild-life Management" actress Taylor of Texas "Giant" (init.)
- 33 Galveston got 15 inches in the "___ Snow" of 1895
- 36 TXism: "___ got a prayer" (hopeless)
- 37 TX Young Netflix series: "Cobra ___"

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "if a hog ___ wings he'd be an eagle"
- 2 agcy. that watches over the environ.
- 3 Baylor County seat
- 4 what GM operates in Arlington (2 wds.)
- 8 some Texans ski here in New Mexico
- 9 TXism: "strong enough ___" (coffee)
- 10 TX Roy Orbison's "___, Pretty Woman"
- 11 ___ Kalb, TX is in Bowie County
- 12 Nacogdoches is "The ___ in Texas"
- 13 TXism: "a mess of" (2 wds.)
- 14 Dionne 1967 hit: "I ___ Little Prayer"
- 15 TXism: "he ___ to his own beat" (independent)
- 16 a road Texans have to pay to drive on
- 17 if your dog has ___ you're liable
- 18 how to clean a bookshelf (2 wds.)
- 20 ___ Smith County 22 anno Domini abbr.
- 23 TXism: "crooked as a dog's hind ___"
- 24 ABC's Bret and ___ Maverick
- 25 best possible
- 26 father of TX singer Lefty Frizzell
- 28 pots and ___



31 unaccounted for soldiers (abbr.)

34 TX-born singer Autry (init.)

35 Texas' country noncommercial FM in Commerce

37 "last year I kudn't spel engineer, now ___ won."

43 TXism: "pushing up bluebonnets"

44 TXism: "the real McCoy"

50 rods and ___

51 former Cowboy star, Emmitt (init.)

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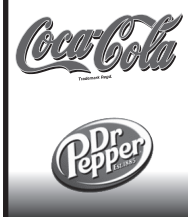
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV
Status/Permit No. 901025

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FIELD: EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1)

Lease/Unit Name	: YELLOWSTONE G
Lease/Unit Well No.	: 7H
Lease/Unit Acres	: 1932.07
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	: null
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	: 542.0
Lease Lines	: 2157.0 F NW L, 1472.0 F SW L
Survey Lines	: 5857.0 F SW L, 7135.0 F SE L
Wellbore Profile(s)	: Horizontal
Lateral : TH1	
Penetration Point Location	
Lease Lines:	949.0 F NW L 2728.0 F NE L
Terminus Location	
BH County:	GONZALES
Section: 5	Block: Abstract: 36
Survey:	LOCKHART B
Lease Lines:	319.0 F SW L 358.0 F SE L
Survey Lines:	6807.0 F NW L 1367.0 F SW L

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LEGAL NOTICE:

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 01 Status/Permit No. 901023

DATE OF ISSUANCE: July 16, 2024

NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, August 6, 2024

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

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FIELD: EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1)

Lease/Unit Name : YELLOWSTONE E
Lease/Unit Well No. : 5H
Lease/Unit Acres : 1932.07
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 480.0

Lease Lines : 2223.0 F NW L, 1470.0 F SW L
Survey Lines : 5850.0 F SW L, 7070.0 F SE L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1791.0 F NE L
13268.0 F SE L

Terminus Location
BH County: GONZALES
Section: 5 Block: Abstract: 36
Survey: LOCKHART B
Lease Lines: 1388.0 F SW L
459.0 F SE L
Survey Lines: 6371.0 F NW L
2418.0 F SW 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 11000 feet.

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

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 01 Status/Permit No. 901024

DATE OF ISSUANCE: July 16, 2024
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, August 6, 2024

Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Fax: (512) 463-6780
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FIELD: EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1)

Lease/Unit Name : YELLOWSTONE F
Lease/Unit Well No. : 6H
Lease/Unit Acres : 1932.07
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 525.0

Lease Lines : 2190.0 F NW L, 1471.0 F SW L
Survey Lines : 5854.0 F SW L, 7102.0 F SE L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1024.0 F NW L
2242.0 F NE L

Terminus Location
BH County: GONZALES
Section: 5 Block: Abstract: 36
Survey: LOCKHART B
Lease Lines: 902.0 F SW L
501.0 F SE L
Survey Lines: 6573.0 F NW L
1940.0 F SW 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.

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Fax: (512) 463-6780

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FIELD: EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1)

Lease/Unit Name : YELLOWSTONE D
Lease/Unit Well No. : 4H
Lease/Unit Acres : 1932.07
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 459.0

Lease Lines : 2256.0 F NW L, 1468.0 F SW L
Survey Lines : 5847.0 F SW L, 7037.0 F SE L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1982.0 F NW L
1377.0 F NE L

Terminus Location
BH County: GONZALES
Section: 5 Block: Abstract: 36
Survey: LOCKHART B
Lease Lines: 653.0 F NE L
423.0 F SE L
Survey Lines: 6138.0 F NW L
2949.0 F SW L

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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DISTRICT 01

Status/Permit No. 901021

DATE OF ISSUANCE: July 16, 2024

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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit

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Austin, Texas 78711-2967

Fax: (512) 463-6780

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FIELD: EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1)

Lease/Unit Name : GLACIER G
Lease/Unit Well No. : 7H
Lease/Unit Acres : 1551.71
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : null
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 525.0

Lease Lines : 2173.0 F NW L, 1426.0 F SW L
Survey Lines : 6986.0 F NW L, 5810.0 F SW L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 900.0 F NW L
2514.0 F SW L

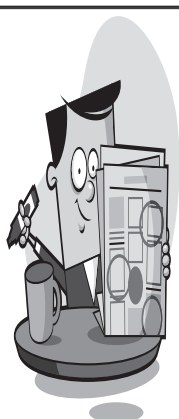
Terminus Location
BH County: GONZALES
Section: 5 Block: Abstract: 36
Survey: LOCKHART B
Lease Lines: 386.0 F NE L
110.0 F SE L
Survey Lines: 7245.0 F NW L
658.0 F SW L

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 11000 feet.

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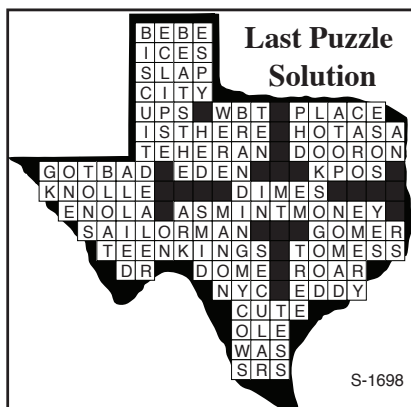
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 GONZALES COUNTY § DATED JULY 03, 2024
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and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Gonzales County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on July 3, 2024, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in August 2024, the same being the 6th day of said month, The steps outside the Gonzales County Tax Office in the Randle Rather Building, located at 427 St. George, Gonzales, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 11:00 AM, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Gonzales and the State of Texas, to-wit:

7050 Account No(s). R74962, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. ROSA LINDA GARCIA, 0.071 acres, more or less, being a part of Lot 1, Block 7, City of Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, as described in Volume 774, Page 637, Official Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$20,750.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$14,797.45; situs

7321, Account No(s). R19221, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. CORRINE MARIE KETTS, 3.034 acres, more or less, Byrd Lockhart League, A-38, Gonzales County, Texas, described in Volume 425, Page 10, Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$84,220.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$19,959.35; situs

7392, Account No(s). R17933, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. LILLIE MAE PLUMMER, ET AL., Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Block 45, City of Waelder, Gonzales County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Slide 48-A, Plat Records of Gonzales, with an adjudged value of \$58,210.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$20,652.46; situs

7424, Account No(s). R14539, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. LILLIAN SMITH, AKA LILLIAN HUTCHINS SMITH, ET AL., 1.00 acre, more or less, situated in the Margaret P. Hallett Labor Survey, Abstract 255, Gonzales County, Texas, as described in deed dated September 10, 2003, from John H. Donaldson to Lillian Smith in Volume 890, Page 460, Official Public Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$198,290.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$26,319.80; situs
 Sale Notes:

7424, Account No(s). R15160, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. LILLIAN SMITH, AKA LILLIAN HUTCHINS SMITH, ET AL., Part of Lots 3 and 4, Block 7, Badger's Addition, an addition to the Town of Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, as described in Volume 936, Page 247, Official Public Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$142,450.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$4,147.13; situs
 Sale Notes:

7424, Account No(s). R12400, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. LILLIAN SMITH, AKA LILLIAN HUTCHINS SMITH, ET AL., Part of Lot 127 and all of Lots 128 and 129, King's Sixth Addition, an addition to the Town of Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume Z-2, Page 552, Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$35,530.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$1,923.60; situs
 Sale Notes:

7443, Account No(s). R16179, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. SOUTHWEST SALTWATER, INC, 3.40 acres, more or less, situated in the Sarah Seely Survey, Abstract 60 and in the Jonathan Cottle Survey, Abstract 10, Gonzales County, Texas, as described as Tracts 1 and 2, in deed dated January 25, 2019, from Permian Water Solutions to Southwest Saltwater, Inc. in Volume 1304, Page 468, Official Public Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$818,720.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$82,170.05; situs
 Sale Notes:

7457, Account No(s), RC94182, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. NORBERTO RODRIGUEZ, All that certain tract of land containing 4.179 acres, more or less, situated in the William Small Survey, Abstract 425, Gonzales County, Texas, described as follows:

- a. that certain 2.969 acres as described in deed dated September 20, 2012, from Edwin F. Parker to Norberto Rodriguez, in Volume 1102, Page 176, Official Public Records of Gonzales County, Texas; and
- b. that certain 1.21 acre as described in deed dated March 24, 2017, from Donald Schoenfeld to Norberto Rodriguez, in Volume 1251, Page 849, Official Public Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$140,630.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$5,422.26; situs

Sale Notes:

7461, Account No(s), R14042, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. BRYAN CRENSHAW, AKA BRYAN JAMES CRENSHAW, ET AL, 5.515 acres, more or less, situated in the Ezekiel W. Cullen Survey, Abstract 148, Gonzales County, Texas, as described in deed dated August 11, 2015, from McLeroy Partners, LLC to Bryan Crenshaw, etux, in Volume 1204, Page 391, Official Public Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$162,510.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$15,598.04; situs
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(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Gonzales County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Gonzales, Texas, July 3, 2024.

Keith Schmidt

Sheriff Keith Schmidt
 Gonzales County, Texas

By *Deputy* #1150
 Deputy

Notes:
 The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, attorney for plaintiffs, at (512) 634-3709.

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Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price Meals Sample Form Community Eligibility Provision 2024-2025 (CEP)

The Nixon-Smiley C.I.S.D. announced today it will continue its policy to operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminate the collection of meal applications for free, reduced-price, and paid student meals. This new approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

Attention: *Lora Torres/Child Nutrition Director*
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LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office
07/14/24 – 07/21/24

• Salazar, Roman
Nunez, Age: 42, Moulton: Commitment/Sentence – Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more IAT, Released – Weekender

07/15/24

• Mize, Seth Matthew, Age: 41, Cost: Other Agency Hold – Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member Released \$3,500 Bond
• Poldo, Willie Jane, Age: 46, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Unl Poss Firearm By Felon, Other Agency Hold – Detainer, Remains in Custody

• Salazar, Joe, Age: 52
Gonzales, Local Warrant - Agg Sexual Assault Child, Requires \$100,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

07/21/24

• Meyer, Nicholas Lee, Age: 39, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Driving While Intoxicated w/Child Under 15 YOA, Released – Weekender

07/16/24

• Quintero, John Michael, Age: 62, Waelder: Commitment/Sentence – Criminal Trespass, Released – Commitment time completed

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

• Avalos, Priscilla Ann, Age: 34, Seguin: Local Warrant – Poss CS PG 1/1-B=>1G<4G, Requires \$100,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Tamper/Fabricate Phys Evid w/Inten to Impair, 1 bond all Counts, Remains in Custody

GCSO	09
DPS	02
GPD	04
WPD	00
NPD	01
GISD	00
SMO	00

07/17/24

• Muniz, Alfredo
Trinidad-Quijas, Age: 35, Flatonia: Local Warrant – Forgery Financial Instr >=\$750<\$2500 Enh IAT, Requires \$10,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

Constable 1	00
Constable 3	00
Constable 4	00
DWCSO	00
DEA	00
TPW	00

07/19/24

• Grant, Mark Dewayne, Age: 55, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Unl Poss Firearm by Felon, Released – Weekender

GCAI	00
Rangers	00
Other	00
Total	16

Irving, Hattenbach serve as Texas 4-H Congress delegates

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Two youth from Gonzales County 4-H participated in the Texas 4-H Congress, which was held in Austin at the Capitol July 14-17, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program announced.

Ellie Irving and Ahren Hattenbach served as delegates from Gonzales County 4-H.

Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day mock legislative experience for 4-H members in grades 9-12 where 4-H members assume the roles of legislators, lobbyists, and press corps to gain a first-hand understanding of how the legislative process works. Each participant writes and submits their own bill to be taken through the legislative process that week. Bills that are written and sponsored by 4-H members focus on issues concerning Texas and Texas youth.

Texas 4-H Congress is held every two years for senior-level 4-H members who are selected through their District to attend the event.

The four-day event started Sunday with delegate meetings at the Sheraton Austin Hotel. The event moved into the Capitol Monday and Tuesday for sessions.

“Texas 4-H Congress is the event where 4-H members learn about the governmental processes by writing and debating bills. Of course, the goal is to have your specific bill reach the office of the 4-H Governor so that it could become ‘law.’ This mock legislative event is a great way for experiential learning to happen at its finest,” Texas 4-H Youth Development Program Director Montza Williams said.



CONTRIBUTED
Ahren Hattenbach and Ellie Irving served as delegates from Gonzales County 4-H in the Texas 4-H Congress held at the Capitol in Austin July 14-17.

“Tackling issues that are important to the membership and having the opportunity to discuss those issues with people who may or may not agree with you is a skill that every person needs to learn. These youth are our future, and we will be better off as they learn more about how government works.”

Around 300 youth and chaperones from the Texas 4-H program attended the event.

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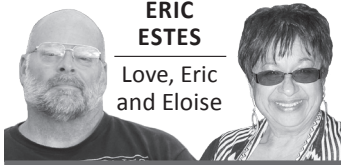
Howdy folks, I hope you find yourself well rested, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. After researching the origin of this old, but timeless saying, I found that it's been around in some form or another since the 1500's, but properly adopted in the early 1900's. Basically referring to someone that wakes up fully alert and full of energy, coined after apparently observing a squirrel...

Well, not really the case for me this morning, so thanks in advance for allowing me to ramble on (yep, nothing new, for sure). Don't know whether it's part of growing older or it's just me, but I seem to get little sleep for several days, then sleep like a rock for several? While I can't say I'm feeling particularly bright-eyed this morning (after three and a half hours sleep), gotta say, the tails more bushy than I could've hope for. Or is it just my inflated male ego talking? Either way, my public service message for this week, and a personal observation that I hope can help many of you, is that: I find I sleep much better when I'm not... awake!

This past week's been one for the history books, as former President Donald Trump survived an apparent assassination attempt. An undeniable act of God, imho. Glad he's ok, and my condolences and prayers are with the family and friends of the fallen fire chief who died protecting his family, such an

unfortunate and unnecessary occurrence. I'm happy to see politicians on both sides of the fence calling to lower the temperature and hostile rhetoric against each other, and hope the media can do the same. It seems that neither side has figured out that these actions makes our government look weak, like a bunch of spoiled third graders, and is quite an international embarrassment, to say the least. Yep, sippy cups for everyone. Hopefully it's not too late for America to grow a brain and remember that our elected officials were put in office to serve the people of our great nation and not themselves... before we crash and burn. One can only hope and pray!

In other news, it seems that sharks aren't too happy as of late either. Several people in the Florida panhandle, as well as four people on south Padre Island have been attacked recently. I've fortunately never been bitten, but have experience with sharks in both locations. Graduating high school in Alabama, just ninety minutes from Panama City beach Florida, I would often do backflips off of the fishing piers, after of course scouring the crystal clear waters for anything remotely close to my size, then swimming for shore so fast it would intimidate many Olympic hopefuls. Many times, while talking with people out on the sand bar, four to six foot sharks would swim



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

by, apparently not interested in us at all. Once, while talking to a couple, the man cautioned us to stay perfectly still as a large barracuda slowly circled for about a minute, before loosing interest and swimming off. Still miss those "good old days".

Once, while standing in chest deep water on south Padre Island, a shark (probably a five footer), swam slowly behind me, fully scraping the back of my thighs for about four seconds. What went through my mind? You guessed it... don't bite, don't bite, etc. And fortunately he didn't or the next day's headlines would've read: "Local Shark survives Human Attack"! Good thing too, as I'd forgotten my tarter sauce, just sayin'!

I guess today's main take-away would be: 1) Get plenty of beauty sleep, as old age makes us uglier by default, 2) Don't shoot politicians, as you'll end up dead and going down in history as a mentally unhinged psychopath, and 3) If a shark rubs on you, just rub it back, kiss it on the lips and...have a nice day!

Until next time, love you guys, Eric.

Thompsonville Ice Cream Social set

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

I scream. You scream. We all scream for ice cream! This weather screams for ice cream!

The Thompsonville Ladies Club is making lots of ice cream to cool you off. They will have various flavors, along with some delicious desserts, to satisfy your sweet tooth!

Please join them Saturday, July 27, at 5 p.m., at the Thompsonville Community Center, located at 2774 County Road 423, Waelder.

Bring your friends and relatives to socialize and enjoy homemade ice cream and other yummy treats!

Simmons, Lemons, Adams 2024 family reunion

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Simmons, Lemons, and Adams Annual Family Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. at Blase's Hall (361-798-2978) in Hallettsville, Texas. Blase's is located nine miles east of Shiner and approximately 3 1/2 miles west of Hallettsville.

Any descendants of the Simmons, Lemons or Adams that reside in Lavaca, Victoria, Harris, Travis, Bexar, Fayette, Dallas, Wharton, Caldwell, and any other surrounding Texas counties are encouraged to attend. Please bring desserts, vegetables, raffle gifts, yourself and others.

Scholarship winners are announced during this time. The theme for 2024 is "God's Grace is Sufficient!" - 2 Corinthians 12:9. The contest is "Returning to the 1960s or 1970s." There are four age groups and cash prizes awarded in each age group. Each winner must be a descendant of either Simmons, Lemons, or Adams.

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ultimately, construction documents, so this project is early in the design phase.”

When board members initially reviewed the project, VLK had proposed a 30,057-square-foot CTE building with a 4,255-square-foot auto tech add-on as well as a separate 4,392-square-foot Ag barn building.

That design raised concerns among board members that the district would either have to come up with an additional \$2 million from operational funds to pay for that design or possibly remove the cosmetology program from the building design.

“They’ve been able to maintain all of the programs — that is, not deleting any programs, but remove, due to efficiencies, a significant amount of square footage, more than I was expecting, thus lowering the cost estimate,” Sledge said.

“This building is all the programs. It’s about 2,800 square feet less square footage, and you’ll see some orientation changes. But the punchline for you is, even with the auto tech addition added to this, we are tracking to be about \$600,000 under our budget, so this is an affordable schematic design.”

“It does everything it did before — just better,” Moore added. “The biggest thing we did to start off with is we pushed back this south facade about a foot, so that took a lot of square footage there. We pulled the whole east portion of the building in a few feet, so we were able to tighten that up to make it more efficient.”

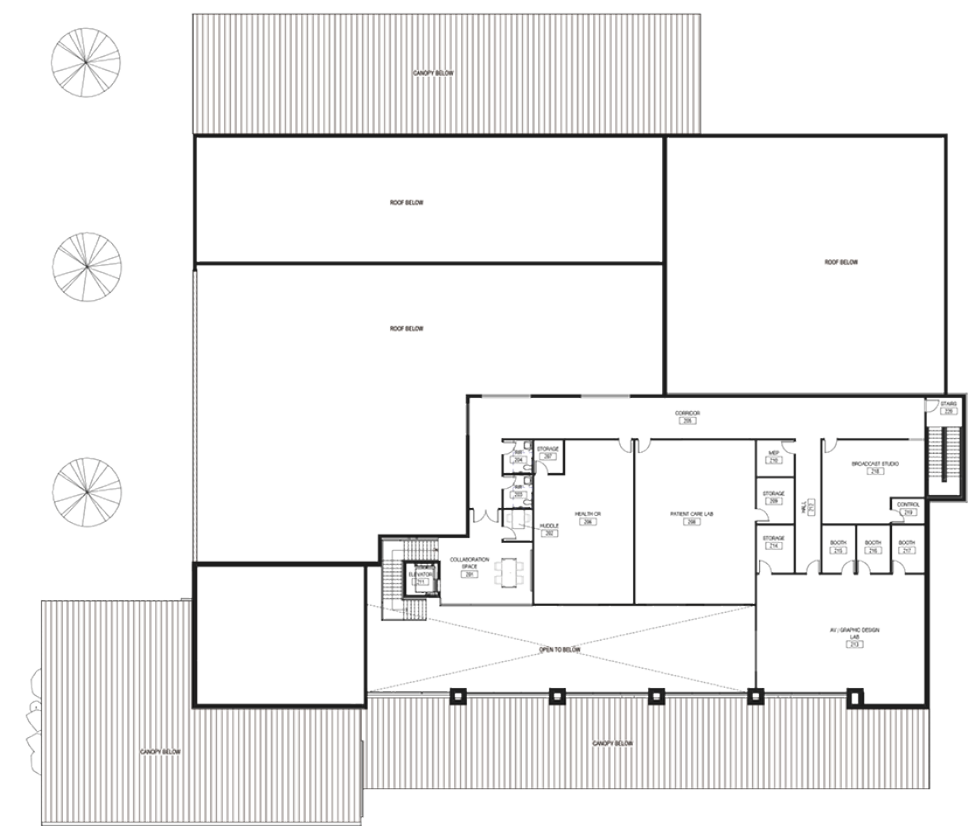
Moore said the width for the indoor mall in the CTE building was set for 20 feet, with the bistro pushed back into the food lab (accessible from the mall by a food counter) while the floral coolers were also pushed back some to make better use of the space. The cosmetology lab and classroom size were reduced slightly, but still should be efficient and functional.

People enter the CTE building from the outdoor plaza through a secure vestibule, from where they can either go to reception or through to the indoor mall. The first floor includes space for animal care and vet storage, plant and animal science classrooms, a project shop, a welding shop, tool storage, floral refrigeration and welding classrooms plus offices and a work room in addition to the meat processing, food lab/bistro and cosmetology. The first floor square is 20,662 square feet gross.

“I think it still works very well with the footprint. We were able to get about 2,000 square feet off the first floor,” Moore said.

On the second floor, the space for health, A/V graphic design and the broadcast studio (with sound and editing booths) remain the same, but have been more tightly arranged to be more efficient, with the design lab sitting directly atop cosmetology now. The gross square footage on the second floor is 6,743 square feet. A canopy covers the outdoor mall to the south and the indoor mall has open air to the roof.

An elevator makes the building ADA-compliant, plus there are two sets of stairs — one by the elevator coming out into a



Schematics approved by the Gonzales ISD Board of Trustees at a special called meeting Monday, July 22, show the proposed CTE building and auto tech addition, which was approved by voters as part of a November 2023 bond issue. The new design is expected to come in at \$600,000 under budget by taking advantage of efficiency.

collaboration space and the other coming up to a corridor by the broadcast studio.

“You have all the same spaces that you had before, it’s just more compact and squeezed in all the same adjacencies so it functions as it did before,” Moore said.

The adjoining auto tech addition shares locker rooms and dressing room with the CTE building.

There would be four auto mechanic bays, plus tool storage and classroom space.

Moore said the outside mall will have a lot of “masonry with masonry accents. It could be limestone or brick as we get further into schematic design, again, including some branding and district colors.”

Sledge was effusive in his praise of the work done by VLK.

“We were really concerned that we might either have to make a space so small we were going to lose functionality or eliminate programs,” Sledge said.

“That’s really what we talked about. And we did start that way after the last board meeting, and give VLK credit publicly here, they actually made the building quite a bit more efficient.”

By putting the AV building over the top of cosmetology, the structure layout was simplified enough and with a less lengthy mall with less open space above it, the design “doubled up on the savings,” Sledge said.

“So we got all the programs with their functional square footage in a more efficient building and that put us back under budget, by the way, for \$600,000 under our budget right now with this building,” Sledge added.

“We are thrilled to see the vision for our new CTE and AG Barn buildings coming to life,” Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda said. “These facilities will provide our students with unparalleled opportunities to develop skills that are essential for their future success. We are grateful to our community for their unwavering support and to everyone who has contributed to this project.”

In other action, the board also voted to take \$64,600 from fiscal year 2024 fund balance to cover the cost of new ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at Apache Field. This will help make games even more accessible to those in wheelchairs or who are mobility-impaired.

The proposed Gonzales High CTE building, which would be located on district property off Stieren Road, includes an outdoor mall, parking, landscaping and appropriate district branding and colors.



MISSING

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For nearly 12 hours, Mendez responded — not only to Guerra’s pleading for the kids’ return, but to any replies from people sympathetic to Guerra — with taunting, profanity and photos and videos of the children at the Lions Park splash pad in Gonzales and others of the youngest, Lukane, watching TV in a mobile home, according to screen grabs from Guerra’s Facebook page.

Mendez claimed that he was celebrating one of the children’s birthdays and that was his reasoning for not returning the children, while Guerra said Child Protective Services had gotten involved in the case.

At the urging of friends and family, Guerra reported the children missing to the Gonzales County Sheriff’s Department early Saturday morning.

“At the request of Child Protective Services, and based off of concerns for the safety of the children, information was sent to the Department of Public Safety to issue an Amber Alert,” Gonzales County Sheriff Keith Schmidt said.

The Amber Alert indicated the children had last been seen in Rosanky — 40 miles from Gonzales — at about 8 p.m. Friday, July 19. They were reported as missing, not abducted, and Mendez was listed as “Wanted/Last Seen With.”

A post on the Facebook group Luling Alleged Chisme shortly after 11 a.m. Saturday morning showed photos of law enforcement who had converged on Longer Park in Luling and indicated the activity might have been related to the Amber Alert.

Guerra then posted on his Facebook page at 11:30 a.m. that the boys had been found, which Schmidt confirmed.

“Possibly as a result of the Amber Alert, at approximately 11 in the morning on July 20, Mendez met with CPS in Luling, Texas,” Schmidt said. “After a preliminary investigation was conducted, Mendez was taken into custody by Luling Police Department, and the kids were taken by CPS to ensure their safety. The Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office would like to thank CPS and Luling Police Department in the safe return of the children.”

The Luling Police Department confirmed Mendez was charged with aggravated kidnapping, which can be a first-degree felony punishable by 5-99 years in prison plus a \$10,000 fine.

However, if a defendant successfully raises an issue at trial as to whether he voluntarily released the victim or victims in a safe place by a preponderance of evidence, the offense is lowered to a second-degree felony, punishable by 2-20 years in prison plus a \$10,000 fine.

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Left to right, Janie Cornett, her husband, Tommy, and Jo Ann Leifeste, standing behind her 6th cousin, Buster and Gladys Lindemann, and Don Leifeste. Two years ago, providentially, Jo Ann and Tommy met in Cost at the Lindemanns, who have been friends with Tommy over 40 years. Jo Ann and Tommy’s fifth great-grandfathers, James and David Cornett, served from Elk Creek, VA in the Revolutionary War. In 2012, Jo Ann and Don planted a new tombstone for James and David in the Archelous (Archelous was their brother, a military man too) Cornett Cemetery, Elk Creek VA, located on land on which these men lived until they were adults. Davis is now a Daughters of the American Revolution/Sons of the American Revolution Patriot, and Jo Ann is the first to prove and use him, as a DAR Patriot. James has long been a Patriot, and Tommy used him as a Patriot to become an SAR Member, thanks to his wife, Janie. Jo Ann and Don have been blessed by God using the Lindemanns to link them to Tommy and Janie.

SHOOTING

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Street regarding a shooting. A caller advised that a male subject had been shot.

First responders arriving at the scene observed an adult male laying in the street outside a residence with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to his neck. GPD Sgt. Alberto Carrera applied first aid to the victim as Gonzales County Emergency Medical Services was called to the residence.

The victim, later identified as Kenneth Donnell Erskin Sr., 51, of Gonzales, was transported by ambulance to Ascension Seton Hays Hospital in Kyle and is currently listed in critical condition.

Information relayed to officers at the scene led them to locate and arrest 63-year-old Edward Hunt of Gonzales, who is being charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was transported to the Gonzales County Jail for booking and will later be magisterated.

The incident is still under investigation at this time. It has not been indicated yet what started the altercation between the two men.

SMILEY

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Department; the council approved 3-1 at the Tuesday, May 21 meeting that the city release the Smiley Volunteer Fire Department and all its assets to Gonzales County Emergency Services District No. 2.

Assistant Nixon Fire Chief Michael Martinez said he hopes the city of Smiley gives the assets to ESD 2 and have ESD 2 lease out the equipment to the future Gonzales County South Fire Department.

There was confusion and miscommunication on how the transition is going to happen between the city and ESD 2.

The selling of the land the Smiley Fire Department is on to ESD will be discussed as an agenda item in the August meeting.

Gonzales County South Fire Department will have stations in Nixon (Station 4) and Smiley (Station 5).

In other business, the council approved the following agenda items:

- approved to appoint an interim municipal court clerk
- approved a new burn ordinance
- approved appointing Goldman and Hunt to perform Fiscal Year 2022/2023 audit.

BREAKFAST

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Gonzales. Breakfast will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Following breakfast, County Veterans Service Officer David Tacy will give instructions on how to file a claim for VA disability compensation. If you are already receiving VA disability and want to learn more about an increase, this is also for you. If you have filed a claim and was denied, come with your questions. Learn how to appeal a previously denied claim.

Please join them for breakfast and learn how you may be eligible for a VA disability compensation claim. Spouses and survivors, this may also be beneficial to you.



Sophia Scott was the first act to perform at the 2024 Cattle Country Music Festival in Gonzales. Who will be the first to perform at next year's festival? Check out the Cattle Country Festival Facebook page and the Gonzales Inquirer for future updates.

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FESTIVAL

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artists, including Chase Rice, Randy Rogers Band, Tanya Tucker, Shane Smith & The Saints, and more. The 2025 lineup will be announced in the coming months.

"We knew this festival was going to be special and unlike any other, but we are still in awe of the reception from the first year, with people from all over the state, country, and world still reaching out to us about how much fun they had," said Cattle Country Music Festival Founder Marcus Federman. "There is just something magical about listening to country music on a ranch surrounded by the Guadalupe River. Next year is going to be bigger and better, and

we are going to bring the same spirit that captured all of us in the fest's inaugural year."

The festival will once again take place on the sprawling 400-acre ranch dubbed "The Boot" along the Guadalupe River and located conveniently just an hour from three major cities: Austin, San Antonio, and Houston. Named after its unique boot-shaped landscape, this ranch stretches along approximately three miles of the Guadalupe River.

The Boot boasts more than 150 acres of Texas pecan trees, creating shaded groves along the riverbank, a perfect natural backdrop for the festival-goers to relax and immerse them-



selves in the serene surroundings. Adding to the charm, The Boot offers several inviting swimming areas, aptly named Cowboy Coves, where attendees can cool off and enjoy the festival's refreshing waterside experience.

Back by popular demand, the festival will offer more GA and VIP camping areas, additional tents in the luxurious Glamping Village with a private glamp-

ing lounge, as well as more RV spaces and on-site amenities for those staying on the grounds. There will be several new additions to the festival experience that will be announced soon.

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