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Gonzales County Youth Show kicks off Thursday at JB Wells Arena

FROM STAFF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

For the past four years, the community has raised more than \$700,000 each year in scholarships for exhibitors.

In order to take part in the county show, an exhibitor must be a FFA or 4-H member in Gonzales County as of 5 p.m. Nov. 1, 2024. The exhibitor also must have a homestead in Gonzales County or attend a school in Gonzales County

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TAKING A CHANCE ON A GOOD CAUSE



The Gonzales ISD Education Foundation held its eighth annual Casino Night fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 22, at JB Wells Expo Center in Gonzales. The event raises money for the mission of the Education Foundation, which is engaging the entire community in strengthening the Gonzales Independent School District through philanthropic giving. They seek to provide resources to enhance teaching, inspire learning and maximize opportunities for all students within GISD.

PHOTOS BY LEW K. COHN



Nixon boy critically injured in Saturday night fire

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

An 11-year-old boy remains in critical condition at a San Antonio hospital after suffering second- and third-degree burns on 70 percent of his body during a Saturday, Feb. 22 house fire near Nixon.

Gonzales County Fire Marshall Jimmy Harless said the blaze happened at about 11:30 p.m. Saturday at a mobile home residence off County Road 183 outside Nixon. A father and son had been sleeping in the master bedroom of the mobile home when the fire started in the living room area.

The father initially made it out of the home, but the son attempted to leave through the living room and was caught in the

fire, causing him to get severely burned, Harless said. A neighbor came over and attempted to help the father reach the son. Both the neighbor and father were treated for smoke inhalation, with the father being transported to Brooke Army Medical Center by EMS ambulance for further treatment. As of Tuesday, Feb. 25, he was believed to still be at the hospital.

The son was taken by ambulance to University Hospital in San Antonio, which is a Level I trauma center for South Texas, where he was listed in critical condition. Harless said medical staff especially will need to monitor the boy to control the potential for infection due to the severe burns.

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Gonzales man left homeless by house fire, lucky to be alive

GoFundMe set up to help repair structure

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

A Gonzales man is fortunate to be alive, but has been left without a home, after a

Friday, Feb. 21 structure fire caused heavy smoke and fire damage.

Gonzales Fire Chief Wade

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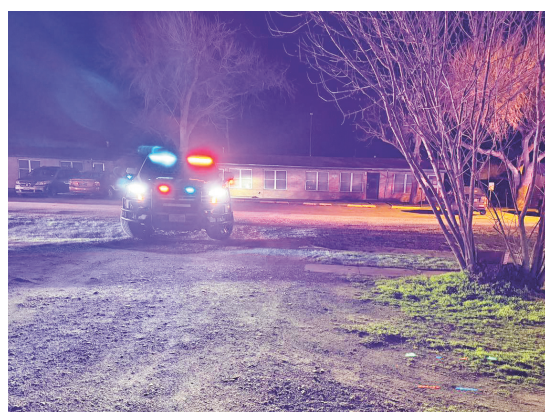
Activist warns Gonzales County of outside interests taking aquifer water

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

A Gonzales County water rights activist warned the Gonzales County Commissioners Court on Monday, Feb. 24, that the county could see as much as 83 percent of its permitted groundwater being pumped away to outside interests within the next 50 years.

Ted Boriack, a member of the Water Protection Association, made

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COURTESY/GCSO

A Nixon man was arrested on an outstanding warrant and faces additional drug charges after law enforcement executed a search warrant at a home in the 500 block of East Fourth Street in Nixon on Thursday, Feb. 20.

Nixon man arrested as deputies serve narcotics search warrant

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Nixon man was arrested on an outstanding warrant for felony theft early Thursday, Feb. 20, due to the successful execution of a narcotics search warrant by the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office with assistance by the Nixon Police Department.

The 5 a.m. operation took place at a residence in the 500 block of East 4th Street in Nixon and



Mendiola Jr.

followed an approximate month-long investigation conducted by the Sheriff's Office's Narcotics Investigators, which led to the identification of this residence as the focal point of illicit drug activity.

As a result of the investigation,

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Come and Take It seeks \$80,000 in HOT funds to expand festival

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Members of the Come and Take It Celebration committee met with Gonzales City Council on Feb. 13 to discuss the city giving the yearly festival an additional \$40,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds for the 2025 event.

Festival organizers said they want to make this year's festival, which coincides with the bicentennial of the founding of Gonzales, to be extra special and expanded to include an extra day of events on Thursday, Oct. 2, but that the request would mean the need for additional funding.

The city not only has given HOT

funds to the festival in the past to help fund it, but also has made in-kind contributions from the police, utility, streets, parks and recreation, fire marshal and code enforcement departments. That amount is expected to total \$21,561.50 in 2025.

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Sheriff Robert Ynclan Memorial Scholarship fundraiser returns; tickets currently on sale

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

It's that time again - raising funds for college scholarships! The Sheriff Robert Ynclan Memorial Scholarship Fund is hosting its fourth annual fundraiser, and tickets are now on sale. Funds from the event are dedicated to providing scholarships to Gonzales seniors who are heading off to college in the fall.

"For \$15 area residents can enjoy a dinner plate of a pork steak, German potatoes and green beans," said Scholarship Fund President Cynthia Ynclan.

The meals will be available for pickup at Lion's Park on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and coincides with the opening day of Gonzales Little League play in Independence Park.

"We will have additional plates for sale for those who have not purchased a ticket in advance. Families coming out to cheer on their Little League players can enjoy a picnic lunch in the park," Ynclan said.

Robert Ynclan was elected sher-

iff in 2020 for Gonzales County, but passed away at age 63 on September 5, 2021, after a lengthy battle with COVID.

"The scholarship fund was established in 2022 to honor Robert and his sincere affection for young people. He championed education, and I think he would be pleased at the progress we have made over the last few years," Cynthia Ynclan said.

"There is no way we could pull this off without the gracious volunteers who lend their time and money to help us. Dedicated and talented pit masters begin firing up their BBQ pits at 4:30 a.m. to cook the steaks, and we have countless volunteers who prepare and serve the food. Others have made donations which makes this effort possible and negates our having to rely upon our personal out-of-pocket funds to host this annual event."

College bound seniors from Gonzales High School, Grace Academy and Emmanuel Christian School are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

The Memorial Scholarship Fund is currently accepting applications, and students may submit them to their school counselor up until March 21 with winners announced in May. Students are required to submit a 200-300 word essay, a school transcript confirming at least a 2.5 grade point average, a resume and two letters of recommendation. In the last three years scholarships have been awarded to 17 students totaling \$10,000.

Last year's winner Ainsley Holub said, "I was and still am extremely thrilled and grateful for my selection of this honor. I am deeply appreciative of your support on my academic journey."

Tickets can be requested from Memorial Scholarship Fund board members and supporters through their Facebook page, and include:

- Cynthia Ynclan, President
- Nora Matias, Vice President
- Donna Spahn, Treasurer
- Regina Porras, Secretary
- Patsy Fitzsimmons, Volunteer Coordinator
- Marisa Ynclan, Volunteer



A butterfly takes flight:

The Alcalde Hotel mural by Evan Hayes

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales, Texas, has a new landmark, and it's not just another building — it's a vibrant, larger-than-life piece of art that tells a story.

The back wall of The Alcalde Hotel now proudly showcases a breathtaking mural created by Evan Hayes, a U.S. Navy veteran and lifelong artist.

Hailing from Bandera, Texas, Hayes has spent most of his life honing his artistic talents. When he's not creating stunning murals, he co-owns Fire and Glory CrossFit Gym with his brother and runs Divine Nature Tattoo Studio in Bandera.

Despite his deep roots in Bandera, Gonzales holds a special place in his heart. As a child, Hayes and his family would often stop in Gonzales on their way to Lake Jackson, spending the day exploring the town's rich history and charm. Over the years, that admiration for Gonzales only grew stronger.

So, when Maggie Wills, Evan's friend who is the manager of The Alcalde Hotel, reached out with an idea to bring the hotel's back wall to life, Hayes didn't hesitate. The vision? A mural that wouldn't just be a piece of art, but a lasting tribute that could be captured, shared, and celebrated for years to come.

Now completed, the mural is everything Hayes envisioned — and more.

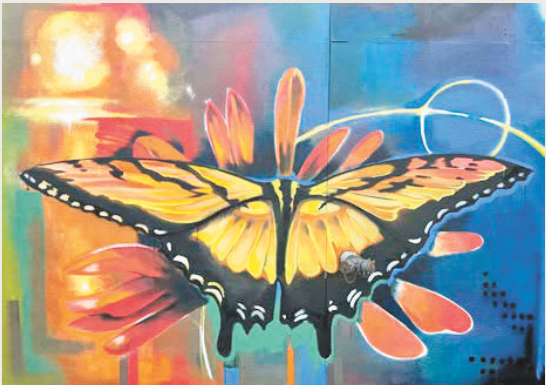
"As an artist, you always find things you could tweak or change, but for the most part, it's pretty pleasing to the eye, and I'm happy with how it came out," Hayes shared. He hopes the mural will inspire visitors and locals alike, becoming a cherished piece of Gonzales' artistic landscape.

The mural's beauty extends beyond its physical form — it's a work of art meant to travel. Hayes encourages everyone to take photos, share them on social media, tag friends, and spread the mural's reach.

"I'd love to see how far it can go," he says.

Just as a butterfly symbolizes transformation, change is also coming to The Alcalde Hotel. As the hotel looks forward to celebrating its 100-year anniversary in March 2026, they invite everyone to visit, take a picture with the mural, and share the beauty of this artwork. Don't forget to tag them @thealcaldehotel!

As a special celebration, anyone who takes a picture with the mural, tags the hotel, and shares it with five friends will be entered into a drawing for a free one-night stay in the beautiful Bird Room Suite. Come be a part of history in the making!



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—Evan Hayes, a U.S. Navy veteran and lifelong artist

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SANYA SIMMONS

Gonzales Inquirer Publisher Lew K. Cohn, left, accepts on behalf of the staff a plaque from Bishop George Sampleton, a Gonzales native, in recognition of the newspaper, noting that the staff "brightens lives with kindness, offering positive support, without judgement." Sampleton, who is pastor of a church in the Cedar Creek area, is a self-published author whose book now is in the libraries of more than 40 institutions of higher learning.

Gonzales YMCA to hold one-year ribbon cutting

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales YMCA Program Center will mark its one-year milestone this Friday, Feb. 28, with a special ribbon cutting celebration at Gonzales Elementary School Gymnasium, 1600 St Andrew St. The event will begin at 11 a.m.

The YMCA Gonzales Program Center is incredibly grateful for the support from staff, parents, board members, volunteers, and the entire community!

Shiner Pilot Club Thrift store closing temporarily

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Shiner Pilot Club Thrift Store and Donation shed will be closed all through the month of March due to remodeling and will re-open on April 1.

Celebrations

Birthdays

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| February 27th Becky Breitschopf Coy Condel Madison Musick Ashley Moore | Amie Russell Donna Simper |
| February 28th Lori Behlen Elder Dixon Becky Eldridge Joslyn Hernandez Troy Hernandez Linn Pfuhl Ashley Kamil Smith Denise Stewart | March 2nd Lisa Blackwell Anne Davidson Helen Hahn Mallory Pyszen Michael Torres III |
| March 1st Max Barta Lori Benes Cathy Hanke Landon Hutchins Elizabeth Maldonado | March 4th Pat Anders Lancee Darilek Blakely Riojas |
| | March 5th Megan Burns Dardenella Davis Kim Haynes Kevin Knesek Michael Torres Jr Pat Wenzel |

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Gonzales Weather

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| | February 27 70°/40° | Windy with clouds to start, then sunshine returns 10% chance of rain • RealFeel 69 |
| | February 28 73°/48° | Pleasant with plenty of sunshine 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 79 |
| | March 1 75°/56° | Rather cloudy 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 82 |
| | March 2 77°/59° | Low clouds 7% chance of rain • RealFeel 70 |
| | March 3 80°/64° | Cloudy and very warm; morning showers followed by a shower in spots in the afternoon 61% chance of rain • RealFeel 79 |
| | March 4 82°/56° | A passing morning shower; otherwise, mostly sunny and very warm 56% chance of rain • RealFeel 80 |
| | March 5 75°/50° | Plenty of sunshine 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 78 |

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Pictured: (Top) Green Clover 4-H Club members smile for a group photo, (Middle left to right) Club members having fun making cards and decorating cupcakes, (Bottom left to right) Club member - LaciJoe Remschel delivers goodies to the Texan, Club member - Jamileigh Dolezal drops off the special goodies at the Heights, Club member - Kylea East & Gideon Sanders make an extra special delivery to the Romberg House.

CONTRIBUTED

Green Clover 4-H club makes Valentine's Day cards, cupcakes

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Green Clover 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025. For their community service project this month they

made Valentine's Day cards for all the residents at the local assisted living facilities and decorated delicious cupcakes for their staff to enjoy. They made a total of 167 Valentine cards: 106 for the Heights, 45 for

the Texan, and 16 for the Romberg House. A total of 137 cupcakes were decorated: 100 for the Heights, 25 for the Texan, and 12 for the Romberg House.

For recreation they learned how to dress for success by trying to be the first team to pick the appropriate clothing for each scenario given. Knowing how to dress properly for the task at hand is just one of many valuable life skills learned in 4-H.

The Green Clover 4-H Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the Memorial Heights Baptist Fellowship Hall. Hope everyone had a Happy Valentine's Day!

Garden Q&A with CALVIN FINCH



Q. My favorite nursery has blue-bonnet plants for sale. They say that the plants can be planted in bare soil areas in full sun and will bloom this year and reseed in future years just like the wild bluebonnets, do you agree?

A. Yes, plant them in drifts in the bare soil and water them in. It also works to plant them in drifts or rows in the flower garden. Some gardeners also like the effect they get when planted in containers. They look good and make great conversation stimulators for any visitors you have in the spring as the Texas state flower!

Q. Why do birds eat pepper-flavored seed and suet, but squirrels and other rodents pass it up?

A. The birds and rodents have different taste mechanisms in their mouth. It is mentioned in a joking manner but relates that difference that "birds don't have lips and squirrels do"!

Q. If we didn't get our potted-up tomatoes out of the air during the temperatures between 33-degree F and 40 degrees what would it mean

to the plants and tomato crop? The plants still look good, there was no freeze damage.

A. It will probably mean that the growth rate of the potted-up plants was reduced, and you will experience a growth slowdown and a reduced crop size. It is still worth planting them into the garden after March 15.

Q. I noticed the other day that our one year old Texas red oak tree had severe damage on the trunk from our string mower. What will that mean in terms of growth rate and survival?

A. If it is minor damage, it may not mean any growth problems but unfortunately it usually means that the trees growth rate will be greatly reduced. If the bark is penetrated and interrupts the link between roots and leaves all the way around it may kill the tree. If the damage is severe it may be best to replace the tree and put a mulch layer over the root system of the new planting (or existing planting) to reduce the likelihood of more damage. The mulch reduces the existence and inclination to attack the weed growth near the trunk.



If you protected your cyclamen, primula, stocks and other winter annuals from the cold spells in January and February you may have a full slate of winter annuals still blooming in March. At least you probably still have some pansies, snapdragons, violas and calendula still performing strongly. Expect them to keep blooming until early May with the potential to replace them with zinnias, vinca, moss roses, and pentas as early as April if necessary.

Even if you did not protect your

begonias from the cold you will probably have a few to re-sprout and also consider both the Whoppers and small versions to provide attractive blooms and foliage for the spring shade garden starting in March

The Monarch Butterflies probably wont be passing through the Central Texas area until April but you need to get ready for them in March. Zinnias, coreopsis, mist flower, blue curl, butterfly weed, tropical milkweed and

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK

February 22, 2025

Cattle: 300

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

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

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

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 118-126; Cutters, 131-151; Canners, 75-110; High yielding fat cows, 124-145.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 140-167; Light

weights and medium quality bulls, 126-139.

Stocker Cows: \$900 to \$3,100.

Pairs: \$1,800 to \$2,800.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

February 24, 2025

Cattle - 474

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$416-426-500

300-400 lbs - \$349-359-455

400-500 lbs - \$324-334-400

500-600 lbs - \$305-315-395

600-700 lbs - \$262-272-303

700-800 lbs - \$258-268-290

Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$364-374-470

300-400 lbs - \$338-348-385

400-500 lbs - \$294-304-370

500-600 lbs - \$265-275-330

600-700 lbs - \$243-253-295

700-800 lbs - \$228-238-244

Slaughter Cows - \$101-150

Slaughter Bulls - \$150-185

Stocker Cows - \$1800-2300

Pairs: 1 PAIR @ 2175

HEIFERS

200-300 lbs.: \$330-430

300-400 lbs.: \$320-400

400-500 lbs.: \$280-365

500-600 lbs.: \$260-320

600-700 lbs.: \$240-276

700-800 lbs.: \$215-248

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: NONE

The calf market continued its strong run. Demand is incredible. No. 1 classes remain strong. Packer cows and bulls sold \$5 to \$7 higher on a supply of 110 head.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

February 19, 2025

Market softer due to weather. Calling most classes steady. Packer cows & bulls 3-5 better.

Cattle - 277

Sheep & goats - 498

Medium & large frame #1

Steers:

200-300 lb. 1.70-4.05-4.20

300-400 lb. 1.70-3.66-4.25

400-500 lb. 1.60-3.45-3.85

500-600 lb. 1.40-3.19-3.40

600-700 lb. 1.45-2.75-3.25

700-850 lb. 2.25-2.52-2.74

Medium & large frame #1

Heifers:

200-300 lb. 1.95-3.43-4.00

300-400 lb. 3.00-3.49-3.80

400-500 lb. 1.25-3.04-3.40

500-600 lb. 1.65-2.62-3.00

600-750 lb. 1.65-2.33-2.55

Cows:

Utility & commercial - 1.05-1.33-

1.50

Cutters - .89-1.02-1.14

Canners - .84-.95-1.05

Palpated cows - 800-2000

Cow/Calf Pairs - 1000-1350

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding - 1.55-1.65

Light & Low Yielding - 1.46-1.54

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies - 50-210

Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.80-3.75

Wethers - 1.20-3.27

Billies - 1.45-2.75

Dorp. Ewes - 60-200

Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 2.10-3.40

Woolled Ewes - None

Woolled Bucks - 1.4 5-1.80

Lambs - 1.52-1.55

Barb. Bucks - None

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

February 14, 2025

Number of Head: 939

There were 170 cows, 23 bulls and 4 goats. The packer market was steady to \$2-\$3/cwt higher in some spots with a strong demand. The calf market rebounded from last week's drop due to the Mexico border opening back up and in most cases sold \$10-\$20/cwt higher on average. The calf market is still very active and high. Tune into Texas Thunder Radio 94.3 KYKM or 99.9 KTXM each Saturday morning at 7:45 for Jake's barn talk and market update. 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:

132.00-174.00

Packer cows:

Canners&Cutters 140.00-161.00

Poor & Weak 80.00-125.00

Palpated: 18 Bred \$1500- \$3000

Pairs: 3 at \$2800

Steer/Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

200-250 lbs 460.00-515.00

250-299 lbs 430.00-490.00

300-350 lbs 402.00-485.00

350-400 lbs 394.00-475.00

400-450 lbs 345.00-406.00

450-500 lbs 335.00-485.00

500-550 lbs 303.00-330.00

550-600 lbs 275.00-310.00

600-700 lbs 242.00-280.00

700-800 lbs 214.00-244.00

Heifer Calves:(AVG-HIGH)

200-250 lbs 417.00-500.00

250-300 lbs 374.00-392.00

300-350 lbs 368.00-407.00

350-400 lbs 331.00-385.00

400-450 lbs 309.00-368.00

450-500 lbs 298.00-340.00

500-550 lbs 286.00-328.00

550-600 lbs 274.00-310.00*

600-700 lbs 242.00-315.00 *

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And That Was Then...

Oh Susannah! Alamo survivor looked for peace her entire life

BY BOB BURCHARD
Special to the Inquirer

Twenty-two-year-old Susannah Dickinson of Gonzales was the wife of Almeron Dickinson.

He was a Lieutenant in the Texas Army when the Texas Revolution started here in Gonzales on October 2, 1835. Lt. Dickinson participated in the victory at San Antonio in December of that same year, when the Texas Army defeated General Cos, and took control of San Antonio.

Susannah Dickinson joined her husband there after the battle, and with their 15-month-old daughter, Angelina Elizabeth, spent the next few weeks together as a family, unaware of the horrible events awaiting them. For Santa Anna, President of Mexico, and General of the Army, was on his way with a large force to retake San Antonio in February of 1836. As news reached the town of the approaching Santa Anna, the Texas Army fortified itself in the Alamo. Susannah Dickinson and her baby took refuge there, also.

Women have lost husbands on battlefields since time began, but to be on the same battlefield with your husband knowing that defeat and death are certain. What an incomprehensible, tragic life shaping experience that was, to be in the Alamo at the time of the final attack; to hear the sound of the muskets as the Texans attempted to repel the Mexican troops; to hear the sound of the bugle as surge after surge came against the outer walls of the Alamo grounds; and then the breach in the wall through which the Mexican troops poured to finish off the Texans; and now the shouts and curses of the men fighting to the death; the scattered rifle and musket fire; the pain of death now screaming out; the final groans of courageous Texans. What sound does life make as it escapes into eternity.

And what does all of this do to Susannah Dickinson as she hears and see this deadly chaos — with her baby in her arms? She with her baby were rescued and saved from death by a compassionate Mexican general, taken to Santa Anna, who sent her on to Gonzales with the report of the fall of the Alamo. What did it do to Susannah to know, as she headed east to Gonzales, that the lifeless body of her husband, the father of her baby, was being pitched onto a pile with other dead Alamo defenders and set on fire? What did this do to her heart; her soul; her very being; how deep did the dagger of grief plunge into her person? In response to Susannah's report, General Sam Houston burned Gonzales, and started out on the Runaway Scrape. Susannah being among the group, with the baby Angelina Elizabeth in her arms.

Susannah was constantly besieged by the women who had also lost husbands, brothers, fathers in the Alamo. One may easily picture Margaret Darst, Gonzales resident, whose husband, Jacob Darst, died in the Alamo. Margaret Darst talking to Susannah in pleading tones — “Susannah, when was the last time you saw Jacob before he died? Was he hurt? Was he alright? Did he hand you a note to give me? Did he say anything about me, Susannah, or about the boy, David?” “No, Margaret, he did not. He did not.” And then having to go through it again - and again. “Are you sure, Susannah, are you positive you did not see Jacob?” “Yes, Margaret. I am sure. I did not see Jacob. But I know he loved you, and the boy, David.” And then repeating this scene with each of the other women as they frantically moved away from the approaching Santa Anna.

Susannah's life was a mess for many years after that, as she sought peace from her throbbing memories, and the burdens of her heart. She remarried in 1837, divorced the next year. Remarried again — that husband died. She lived an aggressive, riotous life; married again — another divorce. And along the way her daughter dies; the baby she held in her arms at the Alamo, Angelina Elizabeth, died at age 37.

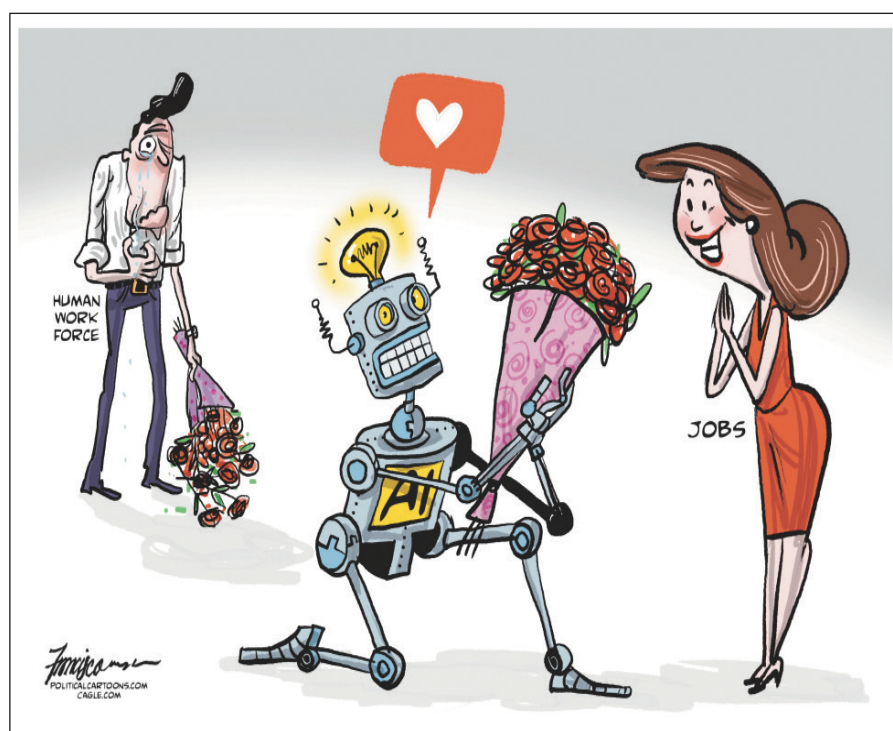
Susannah Dickinson — looking for peace. She may have found it toward the end of her life.

She lived her last years in Austin with her fifth and final husband, and apparently these years were happy for her. She died at age 69 in 1883.

Susannah Dickinson — resident of Gonzales and Green DeWitt's Colony; 22-year-old wife of an Alamo defender; “The messenger of the Alamo” as she was called — at peace, at last.

The pursuit of freedom requires a payment, you know. Freedom will seize a payment from each of us. It did just that from Susannah Dickinson.

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



DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Mort and the rumor mill...

Uncle Mort doesn't own a smartphone, and only recently found a well-worn flip phone for \$10 on eBay. Neither does my ancient uncle own a computer, claiming he'd never remember where the off/on switch is, or how to use it should the screen magically light.

Still, he claims to be a “follower of social media,” but his sources are second-hand at best, and often third, fourth and fifth, be they fact, fiction or fantasy. One of his “sources” is the guy who delivers bread to the general store a few miles up the lane from his spread in the thicket. The man usually drops off more than bread.

He is full of rumors, jokes and stories, leaving smiles--and sometimes thigh-slapping laughter--in his wake. The other day, he asked, “Do you know what I ‘herd’?” ... “A small HERD of cattle and a few goats and sheep...”

Recently, Mort and his buddies jumped to attention when the breadman mentioned that a friend of his second cousin (on his dad's side) lives in New York City, where his wife works daily in Manhattan. (Mort always clarifies with “where them tallest buildings are.”)

She swears she saw President Donald Trump and his sidekick (“almost-equal-kick?”) entering the CBS President's office. (She admits that the pair may have been AI versions of the President and of Elon Musk.) Anyways, she thinks she heard President Trump campaigning to get the name of a popular weekly TV program changed from Face the Nation to The National Faces Me. And Musk was promoting the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper to become our 52nd and 53rd states, assuming that Canada will become #51.”

That sounded “about right” To Mort, who spent the rest of the day informing others of the Trump-Musk sightings....

All the agency shake-ups in DeeCee remind a longtime friend, John Nickols, of his brief tenure almost 50 years ago when he and another Quantico-trained FBI rookie were agents in the Albuquerque, NM, field office. Well-armed and well-trained, the pair received word about a federal fugitive believed to be holed up in Ruidoso, NM, where he had formerly lived and his family still resided. So, they headed for Ruidoso in hot pursuit, finding nary a fugitive after disturbing both nooks and crannies. After all, they reasoned, the “tip” came from a usually reliable FBI source. Whatever, it was a pretty lousy way to spend Christmas Eve.

Later, the “source” admitted innocently sharing flawed information. The fugitive was in Reynosa, Mexico, NOT Ruidoso. Soon, the fugitive was arrested by other agents. “Many people had goose for Christmas,” Nickols remembers. “My partner and I had a wild goose chase.” Cool Hand Luke would have said there was a definite failure to communicate.

An avowed Christian, he spent most of his career as a highly successful high school and college basketball coach and as a respected university teacher. He was a pace-setter in everything, except perhaps as a guitarist, where maybe “hobby” is a better fit. However, he befits the description “Bum” Phillips, longtime Houston Oiler Coach, once offered when asked if star running back Earl Campbell was in a class by himself. “If he's not,” Bum drawled, “It don't take long to call the roll...”

In this space two weeks ago, I wrote about the recent collision of aircrafts resulting in their crashing into the Potomac River. In the five paragraphs reflecting on earlier crashes involving Braniff International, I relied on memory for details, and failed miserably, perhaps committing more “goofs” than any other in my 22 years of weekly meanderings.

I erred in several references to Braniff, and persons who want to learn accurate details of this airline's remarkable history may Google Braniff Airways Foundation.

The Foundation allows Braniff's rich heritage to live into perpetuity. I am sincerely sorry for my mistakes--all of them of the head and not the heart--and offer deepest apologies....

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

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MEET & GREET



New Gonzales ISD Athletic Director and head football coach Lyndon Hamilton met with Apache athletes and their parents as well as the community at a special come-and-go event at the GISD Administration Office Monday, Feb. 24. He was joined by his wife, D'Laine Culak Hamilton, who is a Gonzales native.

COURTESY/GISD

2 For 2: Lady Apaches send pair of lifters to state for second straight year

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Lady Apache powerlifting has been consistent the past few seasons, establishing a habit of getting some of Gonzales' best young ladies to the regional and state competitions. Gonzales qualified five girls to this past Tuesday's THSWPA (Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association) Region 5 powerlifting meet.

With some of the best in the state assembled at Bert Ogden Arena in Edinburg, Texas, the Lady Apaches represented and competed very well.

Madison Sampleton, one of the region's best in the 220 pound weight class the last two years, is once again headed to the THSWPA State Championships. She did so with lifts of 425 on the squat, 205 on the bench, and 365 on the deadlift. Her total weight of 995 pounds earned her a silver medal and a spot at the biggest meet of the year.

Joining her at state will be first-time state qualifier and Region 5 champion in the 242 pound weight class, sophomore Jazlin Juarez. Juarez entered the competition in the No. 1 spot from the regular season and defended that spot with dominance, overwhelming second place by nearly 200 pounds (915 to 725). Juarez's best lifts were as follows: 350 (Squat), 255 (Bench), & 310 (Deadlift).

Alize Miller fought hard all day in one of the most stacked divisions in Region 5, the 165 pound weight class. Miller's total of 805 pounds was 20 short of the total needed to automatically qualify for state. She finished in seventh place,



COURTESY PHOTO/SAUL HINOJOSA

The Lady Apaches powerlifting squad sent five lifters to the Region 4 meet in Edinburg on Tuesday, Feb. 25, and qualified two lifters for state: Jazlin Juarez and Madison Sampleton. Pictured from left are Coach Saul Hinojosa, Mariah Mendoza, Midaya Cantu, Juarez, Sampleton, Alize Miller and Coach Keith Cubit.

surpassing her ninth place finish from last year's regional meet.

Midaya Cantu and Mariah Mendoza rounded out Gonzales' regional contenders. They were unable to complete a successful lift in the squat but did compete in some of the deepest weight classes in the region, 165 & 114 respectively.

Lady Apache Head Coach Saul Hinojosa said, "Region 5 is definitely the toughest in the state of Texas for powerlifting, from the lifters to the judges and

standards. You know that if you get to the state competition from this region, you've definitely earned it. Just getting to the regional meet is an accomplishment and I'm proud of all five Lady Apaches who competed. Now, we look forward to representing Gonzales at the highest level with Sampleton and Juarez."

The THSWPA State Championships will be held, for the first time, at the Bert Ogden Arena in Edinburg, Texas on March 14, 2025.

Mustangs bring home Iron Titan title for fifth meet win of season

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Nixon-Smilely Mustang boys won their fifth meet of the 2025 season as they took top honors at the Iron Titan powerlifting meet in Victoria, outmuscling 14 other schools.

The Mustangs brought home a first place, three seconds, two third, two fourths and two fifths for a total of 34 points, beating second-place Victoria West by seven

points. Cesar Vasquez continued his great 2025 season by winning first place in the 114 class with a total of 915 pounds combined lifted.

Other Nixon-Smilely lifters who placed included:

- Domingo Gutierrez, second, 308 class, 1,485 pounds.
- Eric Rodriguez, second, 165 class, 1,315 pounds.
- Adolfo Vasquez, second, 181 class, 1,465 pounds.
- Tyler Barrientez, third, 148 class, 1,180 pounds.



COURTESY PHOTO/NIXON-SMILELY ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Nixon-Smilely Mustangs powerlifting team brought home the Iron Titan championship this past weekend, marking their fifth meet win of the 2025 season. They defeated 14 other schools in the process.

- Noah Jenks, third, 275 class, 1,530 pounds.
- Cash Ramirez, fourth, 114 class, 700 pounds.
- Francisco Acosta, fourth, 148 class, 1,060 pounds.
- Davian Ramos, fifth, 198 class, 1,280 pounds.
- Jaylun Rodriguez, fifth, 242 class, 1,260 pounds.

Apaches FC falls to third place

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Apaches FC fell to third place in District 27-4A Tuesday Feb. 25 after a 3-1 road loss to the district-leading La Vernia Bears, snapping what had been a four-match win streak.

The loss drops Gonzales (6-2-2) behind Cole (6-2) in the race for second place. Cole played Luling Tuesday but a final score was not available at press time.

The Apaches had kept pace for second place in District 27-4A with wins over JFK and Luling last week. Gonzales beat the JFK Rockets, 3-0, at

Apache Field on Monday, Feb. 17, and followed that up with a 6-0 shellacking of Luling at home after scoring four goals in the first period and two more in the second.

Gonzales is 8-5-4 overall and has two more regular season matches with a March 1 contest against fourth-place San Antonio Memorial at Apache Field and a March 7 contest at Cole, which could determine which team finishes in second.

For the season, Gonzales has scored 38 goals in district play and allowed 13, while overall, they have scored 57 and allowed just 28.

Lady Apaches start softball season with three wins, five losses

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches softball team started the 2025 season with wins in three of their first eight contests.

The Lady Apaches defeated the Nixon-Smilely Lady Mustangs in a cross-county battle, 10-5, at home on Jan. 25. On Feb. 1, the Lady Apaches defeated San Antonio Wagner, 8-2. Then, on Feb. 13, Gonzales defeated Cedar Creek Lady Eagles, 12-4, at the Columbus Tournament.

Gonzales lost a close contest to Smithville, 3-2. They also dropped games to El Campo, 9-1, and East Bernard, 7-3.

Lady Eagles defeated the Lady Apaches, 17-1, in a run-rule game at Luling. The Lady Apaches then fell to the Marshall Mavericks in San Antonio, 13-9, on Tuesday, Feb. 25, after trying to mount a comeback late. Alaina Valle went 2-for-2 with three runs scored and two RBIs and two stolen bases, while Alexzis Hernandez went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and four RBIs with a double and triple. Sarah Padilla went 1-for-3 and scored two runs.

Dixie Lester took the loss after allowing six earned runs. It was a rough day on the mound as she struck out 11 but walked 12.

Gonzales will be at the Seguin tournament this weekend.

Gonzales powerlifting puts on strong showings in recent meets

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales High School powerlifting teams have competed in three meets so far this year, including their own Gonzales Roll Tribe Invitational on Jan. 30, the Swords Up meet in Seguin on Feb. 8 and the Stockdale Invitational meet on Feb. 13.

ROLL TRIBE INVITATIONAL

The Apache boys finished in second place in their own Roll Tribe Invitational, just four points behind winner Canyon Lake (46) but 14 points ahead of third-place La Grange (28). The team got three first place finishes, three second places and three fourths for 42 points. Jesus Maldonado won first place in the 114 class with a combined 755 pounds lifted, while Martin Cantu won the 148 class with 1,205 pounds lifted and Omar Borjon won the super heavy weight division with 1,630 pounds lifted.

Other male finishers included:

- Hector Reyna, second, 123 class, 715 pounds.
- Gary Lewis, second, 242 class, 1,370 pounds.
- Isaiha Balderas, second, 275 class, 1,215 pounds.
- Isaak Ibarra, fourth, 165 class, 935 pounds.
- Kevin Veliz, fourth, 242 class, 1,215 pounds.
- Charles Hauffer, fourth, SHW class, 1,000 pounds.

The Apache girls finished in third place at the meet with 27 points, just six behind first place Cuero (33) and two behind Seguin (29). Gonzales had two firsts, a second, a third, two fourths and a fifth. Madison Sampleton won the 220 class with a combined 1,020 pounds, while Jazlin Juarez won the 242 class with a combined 890 pounds.

Other female finishers included:

- Midaya Cantu, second, 165 class, 670 pounds.
- Teigan Jefferson, third, 148 class, 610 pounds.
- Mariah Mendoza, fourth, 114 class, 500 pounds.
- Marilyn Ramirez, fourth, 165 class, 620 pounds.
- Maritza Perez, fifth, 148 class, 540 pounds.

SWORDS UP MEET

The Apache boys finished fifth at the Swords Up Meet in Seguin with a total of 18 points, just one behind fourth place Comal Canyon (19). Gonzales had one first, two seconds and a fifth.

Jesus Maldonado won first place in the 114 class with a combined 770 pounds lifted.

Other male finishers included:

- Omar Borjon, second, 308 class, 1,705 pounds.
- Gary Lewis III, second, 242 class, 1,430 pounds.
- Isaiha Balderas, fifth, 275 class, 1,275 pounds.

The Apache girls finished sixth at the Swords Up Meet with 15 points, three behind fifth-place Lytle (18). Madison Sampleton won the 220 class with a combined 1,030 pounds, while Jazlin Juarez won the 242 class with a combined 900 pounds. The other finisher was Midaya Cantu in fifth place in the 165 class with 715 pounds.

STOCKDALE INVITATIONAL

The Apache boys finished in seventh place in Stockdale with 15 total points, just two points behind Floresville. The Apaches got one first, two thirds and two fifths. Charles Hauffer won the 308 class with a combined 1,130 pounds.

Other male finishers included:

- Kevin Garcia, third, 148 class, 940 pounds.
- Isaak Ibarra, third, 165 class, 975 pounds.
- Francisco Aguayo, fifth, 220 class, 1,045 pounds.
- Gary Lewis III, fifth, 242 class, 1,455 pounds.

The Apache girls finished in fifth place overall with 16 points. They got one first, one second, one third and one fifth. Jazlin Juarez won the 242 class with a combined 930 pounds.

Other female finishers include:

- Alize Miller, second, 165 class, 800 pounds.
- Teigan Jefferson, third, 148 class, 615 pounds.
- Marilyn Ramirez, fifth, 165 class, 650 pounds.



Casino Night!



The Gonzales ISD Education Foundation held its eighth annual Casino Night fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 22, at JB Wells Expo Center in Gonzales. Since 2011, the Foundation has awarded \$236,000 in grants to Gonzales ISD faculty and staff for resources, projects, and programs outside the scope of traditional school funding.

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FIRE

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Zella said the Gonzales Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire located at 1916 Saint Louis St. at 8:11 a.m. On arrival, fire crews found the single-story residential dwelling with heavy smoke and fire showing.

“Fire crews made an aggressive interior fire attack to extinguish the fire originating in the bathroom area of the residence,” Zella said in a press release. “The structure received extensive fire and smoke damage throughout. One single occupant of the residence was evaluated by Gonzales County ESD #1 on scene and transported to the hospital for further evaluation.”

The City of Gonzales Fire Marshal’s Office determined that the fire was caused by arcing at the connection of the space heater and extension cord to which it was attached, Zella said.

Mike Hanson, owner of Wolff



COURTESY/MIKE HANSON

Fire department personnel battled a structure fire at a residence at 1916 Saint Louis St. on Friday, Feb. 21. The blaze left a Gonzales man homeless and a GoFundMe has been set up to try to help fund repairs to his home.

Pro — a carpentry, painting and home repair company — told the Inquirer that Edwin Novosad was the resident who was “nearly killed” in the house fire and was fortunate to escape with “minor burns.”

He said Novosad, who lived on disability and a fixed income, could not afford

insurance on the house, so acting as a volunteer project coordinator, Hanson has set up a GoFundMe to help raise money to pay to fix the home.

“We have him residing in a motel room for the time being, but he would love nothing more to be back in the comfort of his own home,” Hanson said.

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— Mike Hanson, Owner of Wolff Pro

Hanson’s company will be demolishing and refurbishing the house as quickly as money can be raised from family, friends and donations. Damages were estimated by Hanson to be around \$60,000.

“Starting in bathroom, the bathroom is completely gone,” Hanson said. “Most of the house — the sheet rock’s gonna have to be demoed out from the smell and smoke. The house is probably going to have to be rewired.

“There’s damage to the roof and the wood floors. Most of the kitchen is unusable, but the wood floors can be fixed and re-stained. The front door

was kicked in by the firemen to save his life, so the house needs a new front door and on one side of the house, the siding and the window need to be replaced. Most people would call it a total loss, but I can fix that house with our wonderful carpenters from our company.”

Hanson said checks or donations can be dropped off at his office at 725 Tate St., Gonzales, or you can also call his office at 830-672-3089 or his assistant Cammy at 830-263-8210. The GoFundMe page, which is donation protected, can be accessed at <https://shorturl.at/qswKb>.



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

CALENDAR

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pentas are favorite nectar sources. Most of them will be available in full bloom at your favorite nursery. If you don’t have blue curl blooming in your landscape, make a note to obtain some seed to plant next fall so it will be available as a nectar source next spring.

If you have milkweed plants growing in your landscape when the Monarchs travel through in the spring or fall the chances are good that they will lay some eggs and hatch caterpillars.

In the vegetable garden you can still plant a potato crop. Dig a trench one foot deep or as deep as possible and plant a piece of seed potato with two sprouts every two feet. Cover the pieces in the trench with 3 inches of soil and then add more soil on top as the stems emerge. If your trench is less than a foot deep mound up the soil over the planted potatoes.

You can also plant radishes, lettuce, tomatoes, and beans in March. If you have access to Rodeo Tomatoes or other fast-producing determinate selections, pot them up until April 1 and then place them in the garden. During March put the potted plants in the sun out of the wind during March. If temps fall to below 40 degrees F, move them inside until it warms up.

If you had sand burs or crabgrass problems in the lawn last year apply a pre-emergent such as Crew, Barricade, or Dimension at the first of the month. Review the label instructions to determine which of the recommended herbicides best meets your preferences. You also have time to aerate and top-dress the lawn in March if you do it early in the month before you apply the pre-emergent. Wait until late April to fertilize the grass.

Recommended tree species can be planted in March. Protect the new trees from deer rubbing on the bark or eating the stems and foliage. Plan on keeping them watered ever week if the soil surface over the roots dries out. Do not use a string mower near the trunk.

WATER

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a presentation to commissioners at their regular meeting at the Courthouse. He noted that “there is a lot of stuff going on right now with groundwater in the county and in the groundwater district, and it’s a stunning amount of water that’s already been approved.”

To understand how groundwater rights work, Boriack explained that, in the state of Texas, “groundwater is personal property ... so it can be sold and it can be leased.”

“Water rights can be sold, so that’s how these big projects come in,” Boriack said. “Acreage is leased to these projects, and then through a permit allocation process through the groundwater district, they get a permit for a certain amount of water. And then here comes the pipe and then they take it away to San Antonio or somewhere.”

Boriack said the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District, which includes most of Gonzales County and a portion of Caldwell County, was established in 1993 through a creation order from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the mission of the district is “to conserve, protect and prevent waste of groundwater resources as the policy of the board to make the most efficient use of the groundwater in the district to provide for the needs of the citizens and ensure growth for future generations.”

Boriack spoke about the most recent groundwater study by Daniel B. Stephens and Associates that was issued by the district at a Jan. 18 workshop, which showed a new and improved model that updated what are called “desired future conditions, which is basically the maximum allowable amount of water that you can take out of the aquifer under these different scenarios.”

He noted the density of monitoring wells that have been placed along the outcrop, or the beginning boundaries of the Carrizo Springs Aquifer, which runs like an underground lake below the

surface of Caldwell and Gonzales counties.

Among the different organizations and companies which have wells within the area are Alliance Regional Water Authority (comprised of Kyle, San Marcos, Buda); Canyon Regional Water Authority (County Line Special Utility District (SUD), Crystal Clear SUD, Martindale WSC, and Green Valley SUD); Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (GBRA); Aqua Water Supply Corporation (100,000 residents in Bastrop, Travis, Lee, Caldwell, Fayette, Gonzales, and Williamson counties); San Antonio Water System (2 million people in Bexar County as well as parts of Medina and Atascosa counties); and Schertz/Seguin Local Government Corporation (SSLGC), which supplies water to those cities as well as Selma, Universal City and the Springs Hill Water Supply Corporation.

“All of these guys transport water out,” Boriack said. “They have wells up here, but you can see that the production in this area is very compact. It’s very concentrated. And these are tremendous allocations of water that are being have been permitted. And you can see these projects, they just they keep coming, they keep coming back for more and more.”

SSLGC is permitted to take the most at 19,362 acre-feet per year (AFY), followed by ARWA at 16,230 AFY. GBRA is currently permitted to take 15,000 AFY but has a pending permit for an additional 9,000 AFY. CRWA is permitted for 13,949 AFY, SAWS is permitted for 11,688 AFY and Aqua Water is permitted for 5,000 AFY. The total currently permitted to be removed from Carrizo Springs Aquifer is 81,319 AFY with 5,000 pending, though it should be noted that as of 2024, these agencies pumped out a total of 37,628 acre-feet of their permitted amounts.

Local users like Gonzales County Water Supply Corporation, City of Gonzales, City of Nixon, EOG Resources and local farmers and ranchers using for irrigation account for far less permitted

usage, coming up to 16,397 AFY total. In 2024, these users pumped out a total of 7,456 acre-feet.

A predictive model shows that if full pumping of allowable amounts were to occur, transporter wells would be taking about 83 percent of the aquifer water away from Gonzales and Caldwell counties, opposed to just 17 percent being used locally, Boriack said.

He said computer monitoring shows that drawdowns from wells in the aquifer are already “coming a lot sooner than a lot of people expected” and warned that if maximum pumping were to be allowed, predictive modeling shows every well in the aquifer would be well below the desired future condition (DFC) or maximum allowable drawdown, which could create water shortages.

“At some point you got to say no to these transporter folks that keep coming in looking for another well and another big piece of pipe to take the water away,” Boriack said.




Meanwhile, new rules being unveiled by the underground water district include one which would cease accepting applications for new permits if the water level falls below the DFC.


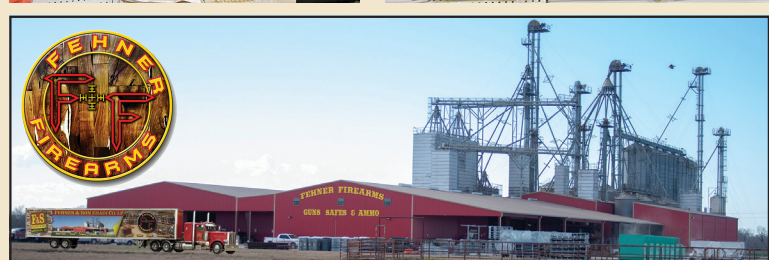
“This is very concerning, because if you need a new well for the city of Gonzales, or you need an irrigation well for a farmer, then you’re going to have potentially a problem with getting this permit,” Boriack said. “They could potentially stop taking permits, and so a farmer may not be able to get a permit, but meanwhile, the city of San Antonio is pumping water out from the district, and, you know, doing their thing with it.”

Boriack said there will be a contested case hearing on the plans to increase GBRA’s pumping allocation by 9,000 AFY on March 11 and told commissioners “we would really appreciate some support behind us, at least some kind of a voice of concern or something on that particular permit, because I just don’t see how it’s going to end well up with all that concentrated pumping.”

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- Have own vehicle

Work Hours/Compensation
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Statement of Qualifications/Resumes
Statement of qualifications/resumes must be received by March 31, 2025, to be considered. Send to: Gonzales County UWCD P.O. Box 1919 522 Saint Matthew Street Gonzales, TX 78629
For additional information contact the GCUWCD General Manager at (830) 672-1047.
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Please electronically submit your proposal of services and/or a statement of qualifications in PDF format via email to the email address below:
ATTN:
Tim Crow
City Manager
City of Gonzales
citymanager@gonzales.texas.gov
Proposals shall be received by the City of Gonzales no later than **12:00 PM on Monday, March 10, 2025**. The City of Gonzales reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Veteran Business Enterprises, and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.
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Advertisement for Bids
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2024-2025 Bridge Replacement Projects
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Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Gonzales (OWNER) clearly labeled "ATTENTION: CITY SECRETARY, 2024-2025 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS - GLO CDBG MIT 22-085-066-D323" will be received at Gonzales City Hall, 820 Saint Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, until 2:00 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025, and then publicly opened and read aloud immediately.
This project includes the demolition of a low water crossing and pavement along Johnson Street at Tinsley Creek and the installation of a culvert crossing with pavement replacement, appurtenances and drainage structures. The project also includes demolition of culvert/bridge crossings at Saint Andrew Street, Saint Lawrence Street, Saint Matthew Street, Saint Michael Street and Saint Vincent Street, and replacing those structures with free span bridges at each location.
Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at 829 Saint Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629.
Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$100 with the with the engineer for each set of documents obtained. The deposit will be refunded if the documents and drawings are returned in good condition within 10 days following the bid opening. Electronic copies may be obtained free of charge by emailing the engineer at kschauer@kleinfelder.com.
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REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS (RFP #2025A-001)
GONZALES COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX - SELECTIVE DEMOLITION
GONZALES COUNTY

Gonzales County seeks Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Gonzales County Courthouse Annex-Selective Demolition project.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING at 10:00 am CST on March 3, 2025. Meeting will be held onsite at the Gonzales County Courthouse Annex building, located at 1709 East Sarah DeWitt Drive, Gonzales, TX 78629.

DUE DATE and TIME: Competitive Sealed Proposals must be received by: March 19, 2025, no later than 12:00 pm CST.

Proposals must be delivered by mail, courier, or in person to: RFP #2025A-001
Patrick C. Davis, County Judge
Gonzales County Courthouse
414 St. Joseph Street, Suite 200
Gonzales, TX 78629

The RFP documents may be obtained at the County's bid website: <https://www.co.gonzales.tx.us/page/gonzales.Bids>

Proposals received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

Gonzales County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive informalities in proposal submissions, and modify or cancel the RFP at any time.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS (RFP #2025A-002)
GONZALES COUNTY COURTHOUSE ANNEX - CONSTRUCTION SERVICES
GONZALES COUNTY

Gonzales County seeks Competitive Sealed Proposals for the Gonzales County Courthouse Annex project.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING at 10:00 am CST on March 3, 2025. Meeting will be held onsite at the Gonzales County Courthouse Annex building, located at 1709 East Sarah DeWitt Drive, Gonzales, TX 78629.

DUE DATE and TIME: Competitive Sealed Proposals must be received by: March 26, 2025, no later than 12:00 pm CST.

Proposals must be delivered by mail, courier, or in person to: RFP #2025A-002
Patrick C. Davis, County Judge
Gonzales County Courthouse
414 St. Joseph Street, Suite 200
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Where was I?



ERIC ESTES

Love, Eric and Eloise

Howdy folks, I hope your little tushies have thawed out and that all is well. In order for the paper to have enough time to edit and print, I write these things a week in advance, having to think ahead like I'm reading this a week into the future. Don't worry, after reading that last line myself, I'm confused as well, which doesn't seem to be at all hard to do. So, as I sit here at the keyboard it's in the low 30's with a 22 mph wind, and making it's way down into the low 20's tonight. Don't know about you, but I have no love for cold weather. Fortunately, in south Texas it's over before you know it, as you're probably reading this with temperatures in the 70's.

Once, while trying to survive February in Illinois (often into the negative double digits at night), I lost electricity for three days. By the third day I couldn't stand it any longer and jumped in for a quick shower. All I could remember after blacking out was screaming like a little girl as water so cold it would probably kill a baby seal (not to be confused with a navy seal) poured over my shivering body, only to wake up so blue I resembled Papa Smurf. Surely a defining moment as I was suddenly ok with sponge baths when necessary!

After reading an article in Scientific American about ADHD, I thought I'd share some of the info. While I've never been formally diag-

nosed, I would have to assume that I have a least a mild case of ADHD (attention deficit / hyperactive disorder), as most of the telltale signs are there... wait, where was I? Apparently it's more common than previously thought, as last Christmas Santa lost track of his sleigh bells, but on the up side was awarded with a...No-Bell prize!

This condition is believed to be a neurological disorder marked by certain traits such as distractibility, hyperactivity, and impulsivity. Generally starting in childhood, it often continues into and through adulthood. While coupling overactive physical and mental tendencies, with the difficulties of having a short attention span and a lack of sustained focus can definitely hinder school studies, job performance, and social relationships, the news isn't all bad. It's been shown that where these areas lack, creative thinking and problem solving often excel. It seems that Eloise knew how to work the program, as just mentioning something she wanted would send yours truly into a flurry of action. It took me a while to figure out, but I finally caught on...good job, honey!

One college study found

that students with ADHD outperformed students without it at conceptual expansion and overcoming knowledge constraints. When trying to create something new, prior knowledge can often become a stumbling block, exemplified in the concept of "thinking outside the box". An example of conceptual expansion would be: when the sewing needle was invented, the eye was on the opposite end of the point. When sewing machines were invented, the needle was redesigned with the eye on the same end as the point. When young adults were asked to create a new toy or draw an alien fruit, those with ADHD exhibited less preconceived elements of toys or fruits already in existence. This trait leads researchers to conclude that people with ADHD may very well excel in innovative fields such as developing new useful inventions, or software development ideas, etc.

I have personally noticed these creative attributes in my prior business, home building, and musical endeavors. On the downside, my attention lacks when reading or learning, as I often have to go over material in smaller sections and more frequently. I guess we'll just have to learn to live within the unique parameters that God has given us, as he's apparently equipped us for accomplishing different tasks.

Love you guys, Eric.

Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild meeting set for March 4

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild will meet on Tuesday, March 4, at the Shiner Methodist Church. Members gather around 5:30 p.m. to socialize and enjoy refreshments. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

The program will feature Deane Novosad from Norma's House Children's Advocacy Center and Gladys Seifert from Shady Oak Nursing & Rehab Center in Moulton, who will tell how they use the many quilts that the guild has donated for the residents.

Shiner Methodist Church Pastor Darin Zumwalt will explain how the guild's monetary gifts assist the Food Pantry in serving the community.

Log onto www.shinerheritagequilters.org for more information.



CONTRIBUTED

Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild has donated 10 quilts to the residents of the Hallettsville Nursing and Rehab Center. Pictured with two of the ten quilts are Judy Mozisek, Activity Director and Nola Bohuslav, guild member. The Guild is committed to donating quilts to area nursing homes and Norma's House.

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CRYSTAL DAWN CAMPOS (DAVIS)



Crystal Dawn Campos (Davis), 40, of San Antonio passed away unexpectedly on Monday, February 03, 2025. She was born on November 06, 1984, at DeTar Hospital in Victoria, Texas, to Sandra Gail Hrbacek and Kenneth Edward Davis.

Crystal grew up in Thompsonville and was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist church. She attended school in Gonzales graduating from Gonzales High School on May 30, 2003. Shortly after high school, she attended the San Antonio College of Medical and Dental Assistants and graduated as a dental assistant on August 26, 2005. She worked as a dental assistant for 20 years in the San Antonio area. In her mid-twenties she was diagnosed with breast cancer and successfully completed treatment and came out as a survivor. She was a loving mother to her two wonderful children, Tyler and Ryleigh, who meant the absolute world to her.

Crystal loved crafting. She did glass work making wind chimes out of wine bottles, collected rocks and painted them, and loved scrapbooking. She loved animals and had a way with them, from her cats and dogs to her horses on the family farm. Her two horses, Crystal and Moses, brought many fond memories to

her. During her younger days, she raised show-winning rabbits at the local livestock show. In 1996 she placed as grand champion and in 1997 she placed as grand champion reserve. She loved building campfires at the family farm and making smores with her kids. A cherished activity when coming home to visit was fishing in the stock pond. Ryleigh mentioned that one time when they were fishing, she watched her mom go against a rowdy bull and swatted him off with the stock of a rifle she took with her, a rifle without any bullets in it. She was as tough as they come. Crystal loved listening to music, the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Reba McEntire were some of her favorites. She had a life full of adventure. She enjoyed going to the river in Luling with her kids and spending time on the Davis family farm in Thompsonville. Going to

the beach was a favorite activity, often visiting Port Aransas, Padre Island, and Galveston to spend time with her family. She had a heart of gold, and she will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

Crystal is survived by her two children Tyler Davis Campos and Ryleigh Cassidy Campos, her father Kenneth Edward Davis, her grandmother Laverne Schroeder Davis, her aunts Betty Schroeder, Joyce Harris and Barbara Schroeder. She is also survived by other aunts, uncles, half siblings, and cousins. She is preceded in death by her mother Sandra Gail Hrbacek and her maternal grandparents Emil and Faith Hrbacek.

Friends and family will gather on Monday, February 24, 2025, at Seydler - Hill Funeral Home from 9:00am to 10:00am with a Celebration of Life starting at 10:00am officiated by Dr. Matt Pennington of First Methodist Church of Gonzales, an Interment of Ashes will follow at Thompsonville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made out to the National Breast Cancer Foundation or Thompsonville Cemetery Association.

All services are under the care and direction of Seydler - Hill Funeral Home.

JOSE PATROCINIO JUAREZ



Jose P. Juarez, 71, of Gonzales, passed away Sunday, February 23, 2025. He was born in Mexico on April 29, 1953 the son of Jose Juarez and Maria Angela Gallegos. Jose worked for J Bar B Foods for many years and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He enjoyed gardening, taking walks and listening to music. He liked being outdoors and loved the rain. Jose and Maria enjoyed going dancing on Saturdays, but most of all, he loved playing with his grandkids and treasured time spent with his family.

He is survived by his wife Maria Gonzalez; step-daughters Silvia Rios of Mexico, Rachael Llamas, Elizabeth Gallegos and Leticia Grifaldo all of Gonzales; son Alejandro Juarez of Gonzales; step-son Jose Rafael Gonzalez of Mexico; sisters Isabel Juarez and Francisca

Juarez both of Mexico; brothers Francisco Juarez and Apolonio Juarez both of Mexico. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren along with numerous nieces, nephews and friends all who cared for him deeply.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Maria Juarez, brothers Diego, Porfirio and Praxedes Juarez and grandson Mateo de Jesus Gallegos. Visitation will be held

from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2025 at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with the Holy Rosary being recited at 7 p.m. The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Reverend Jason Martini officiating. Interment will follow at St. James Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers include Sebastian Gabriel Llamas, Damian Andres Grifaldo, Jose Benito Juarez, Juan Gabriel Llamas, Narciso Javier Gallegos and Gilberto Grifaldo.

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 St. Gonzales.

IMA GENE BOULDIN ROYCROFT



The earthly journey of Ima Gene Bouldin Roycroft ended Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at the age of 85. She was born in Harwood, TX, April 25, 1939, to Malcom 'Bunk' Bouldin and Gladys Fullilove Bouldin. Ima lost her mother when she was seven years old. She started school in Harwood and graduated from Gonzales High School in the class of 1957. She later enrolled in Southwest Texas State University and earned both a bachelor's and master's degree.

Ima met Raymond Roycroft, and they were married in Goliad on August 06, 1960. Together they taught school in West Texas in the towns of Rankin, Littlefield, Denver City and Crane. Ima taught Journalism and was a counselor in her

education career. Ima and Raymond enjoyed making various woodworking crafts through the years.

Ima touched the lives of many students and many who became life-long friends. She lost her beloved husband in 2001 and in 2007 returned home to the Bouldin Ranch to enjoy the peaceful country life her remaining years.

A visitation will take place at Seydler - Hill Funeral Home on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, with a Celebration of Life service starting at 2:00pm. Interment will follow at Harwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers will include Christopher Fullilove, Brad McDonald, Mitch McDonald, Dillon McDonald, Gene Richardson and Curtis Thompson. Honorary pallbearers will include Clint Fairchild, Doug Fullilove and Sean York.

Friends and family may leave their condolences online by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com

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RUSSELL DUANE IVEY



Russell Duane Ivey, born on November 28, 1974, in Floresville, Texas, was the beloved youngest child of George and Linda.

Russell was preceded in death by his father, George Harrison Ivey and his sister Ronda Lynn Ivey.

Russell is survived by his mother Linda Louise Ivey, his wife Tammy Lynn (Rodriguez) Ivey, daughter Ronda Tapanga Ivey (Karter), son Seth Harrison Ivey, daughter Zoey Madison Ivey, granddaughter Sariya Serenity Ivey-Riley, sister Carmen Ivey Radicke (Russell) and sister Charlotte Ivey Bruce, as well as numerous nieces and nephews

Russell graduated from Nixon-Smile High School in 1993.

In 1994, Russell married his high school sweetheart, Tammy Rodriguez. Together, they raised three wonderful children:

Tapanga, Seth, and Zoey. Last year, Russell and Tammy celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

Russell began his career working for Ernest Foods/ Super S Foods in Nixon, Texas. Later, he worked as a Sales Representative/ Driver for Coca-Cola, Dr Pepper, and Blue Bell, embodying the spirit of a hardworking family man who rose early to serve his community.

In 2022, Russell graduated from Zion School of the Prophet and entered

ministry work with Tammy, who graduated the following year. They attended Jerry Savelle Ministry International (JSMI) to work towards the completion of their pastoral licenses. Through their ministry, Russell and Tammy touched countless lives, serving God's Kingdom at Nation Fellowship Christian Church in Smiley, Texas, and speaking to congregations across the state.

Russell was active in the Nixon Area Ministerial Alliance, dedicating many hours to youth ministry. Russell also drove the local school bus. He was always ready to help with yard work, handyman tasks, and mechanic work. While WWE, Elvis, and Lynyrd Skynyrd was once his passions; Russell's ultimate calling was leading and winning souls for Christ.

Russell's legacy of love, service, and dedication to his family and community will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him.

VISITATION
Sunday, February 23, 2025, from 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

PRAYER SERVICE
6 p.m., First Baptist Church, Nixon

FUNERAL SERVICE
Monday, February 24, 2025 at 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Nixon

INTERMENT
Nixon Latin American Cemetery

Memorial Fund has been set up for the Ivey family at the Third Coast Bank in Nixon.

You are welcome to sign the online guest book @ www.finchfuneralchapels.com.

FRANK JOHN PERFETTO



Perfetto, Frank John, was born in Duluth Minnesota in 1934, August 2 and died in Kingsbury, Texas, 2025, February 12. After graduation from high school, Perfetto, Frank John, made a decision to enlist in the US Air Force and was stationed in San Antonio Texas. He reenlisted and was stationed in San Antonio, TX once again. During his time in San Antonio, he met Early, Patricia Ann, who he married and was devoted to unto her death on 2001, August 21. He served in the US Air Force for 32 years and was a Korean War Veteran. His specialty was Aircraft

Environmental Systems. He was influenced greatly by his Grandpa Cyr, who taught him to give his all to anything he did. He worked tirelessly for over 25 years for GVEC; bought land near Luling, Tx in

1972 which he has farmed and raised cattle on until his death.

In 2002 he made a decision to remarry and was wed to and devoted to Diane Perfetto until his death.

He leaves behind John Charles and Philip Allen Perfetto, sons; John Charles Perfetto, Jr., Christopher Louis Perfetto, Sara Alynn Perfetto and Charity Alysa Perfetto, grandchildren; Amora Jae Poor, great grandchild; Jean Ann Million and Audrey Charlotte Million Whitman, sisters.

Written in loving memory of Perfetto, Frank John.

SENTENCINGS

25th Judicial District Court sentencings

Feb. 10
• Joe Salazar, assault family violence, dismissed.
• Jose Balderas, theft of a firearm (dismissed), unused use of a motor vehicle (dismissed) and bail jumping, 10 years TDCJ probated for 10 years, \$500 fine, attorney fees and court costs.
• Khalil Smith, tamper/fabricate evidence, three years deferred adjudication plus court costs.
• Jose A. Montantes Jr., assault on a peace officer, 10 years TDCJ probated for 10 years, plus court costs.
• David Wisdom, driving while intoxicated, nine years TDCJ with 775 days credit.
• Sabrina Velasquez, possession of a controlled substance, 12 months state jail facility

with 155 days credit.
• Craig Tuch, prohibited substance of a correctional facility, seven years TDCJ-ID with credit for 413 days; tamper/fabricate evidence, seven years TDCJ-ID with credit; PT/Fraud, six month state jail felony with 161 days credit.

2nd 25th District Court sentencings

Feb. 6
• Raul Cueva-Acevedo, tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair, eight years TDCJ probated for six years, \$500 fine plus court costs.
• Sergio Lopez-Contreras, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, six years deferred adjudication, \$1,500 fine plus attorney fees and court costs.
• Heriberto Romero-Jaimes, possession of a

controlled substance PG 1/1-B>=1G,4G, two years TDCJ with 99 days credit.

Feb. 19
• Rodrigo Rodriguez Jr., burglary of a building, five years deferred adjudication, \$750 fine and court costs.
• Sebastian Eugene Solis, assault family/house member impeding breath/circulation, five years TDCJ.
• Oscar Gonzales Trevino, smuggling of persons (three counts), five years TDCJ with 347 days credit.
• Ricardo Vera, deadly conduct discharge firearm, five years deferred adjudication, \$1,000 fine, attorney fees and court costs.
• Jason Ryan Walleck, possession of a controlled substance PG 1/1-B<1G, 18 months state jail with 132 days credit.

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Gonzales County Sheriff's Office
02/16/25 - 02/22/25

Child/Elderly/Disable w/Int Bodily Inj, Requires \$100,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

02/17/25
• Dubose, David Vaughn, 61, Gonzales: Warrantless/On-View - Unauth of Vehicle, Requires - \$5,000 Bond; Warrantless/On-View - Unl Carrying Weapon, Requires - \$3,500 Bond; Released

• Nicoletti, Bruce Evan, JR, 37, Gonzales: Commitment Sentence - Agg Assault w/Deadly Weapon, Released - Weekender

02/19/25
• Sobon, Karli, 42, Cedar Creek: Local Warrant - Man Del CS PF 1>=4G<200G, Requires \$100,000 Bond; Local Warrant - Fraud Use Poss of Identifying Info # items <5, Requires - \$50,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold - TDCJ Detainer, Remains in Custody

• Johnson, Colton Michael, 23, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence - Tamper/Fabricate Phys Evid w/Inten to Impair, Remains in Custody

02/20/25
• Lozano-Ramirez, Jose Ines, 50, Waelder: Local Warrant - Driving While Intoxicated BAC>=0.15, Requires - \$1,500 Bond; Other Agency Hold - Immigration Detainer, Dept of Homeland Security; Local Warrant - Driving While Intoxicated BAC>=0.15, Requires \$10,000 Bond, Remains in Custody
• Mendiola, Monseis, 46, Nixon: Local Warrant - Theft Prop >=\$30k<\$150k, Requires \$100,000 Bond, Remains in Custody

• Segoviano-Castillo, Jesus Antonio, 30, Gonzales: Commitment Sentence - Sexual Assault Child, Commitment Sentence - Sexual Assault Child, Released - Weekender
• Mehic, Elvir, 30, Mesquite: Commitment/Sentence - Theft of Firearm, Released - Weekender

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

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| Constable 4 | 00 |
| DWCSO | 00 |
| DEA | 00 |
| TPW | 00 |
| GCAI | 00 |
| Rangers | 00 |
| Other | 00 |
| Total | 14 |

02/21/25
• Trigo, Adam Vigil, 51, Nixon: Local Warrant - Injury

Lavaca County sheriff, attorney to speak to RWOYA

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Republican Women of the Yoakum Area announces the keynote speakers for their next meeting/luncheon, on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Lavaca County Sheriff Steven Greenwell and Lavaca County Attorney James Reeves will share information on the status of law enforcement and the justice system situation in Lavaca



Greenwell



Reeves

County. RWOYA is a Republican women's organization, with men as associate members,

from Lavaca, Gonzales, and DeWitt counties. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Yoakum Community Center, 105 Huck St., Yoakum. Lunch is served with freewill donations appreciated. Program Speakers focus on political topics.

The RWOYA mission is to educate voters and support Republican candidates. Visitors are encouraged and welcome.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Gonzales County native Coye Jurek was named the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year, January-December 2024, for the 730th Air Mobility Squadron (AMS), which is an Air Mobility Command (AMC) unit based at Yokota Air Base in Japan. The 730th AMS provides air mobility support to deployed forces worldwide. Yokota Air Base is located in Fussa, Japan, and is one of the most modern US Air Force bases in the world.

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Tickets going on sale soon for 'Junie B. Jones' at Shiner Gaslight Theatre

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Now is the time to reserve your ticket for "Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook," the spring production at the Shiner Gaslight Theatre. This hilarious and heartfelt tale, directed by Elaine Plummer, is based on the best-selling book series by Barbara Park.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday performances are March 28-30, April

4-6 and April 11-13. Two Wednesday performances are April 2 and April 9. All are in the evening except for Sunday matinees. A meal is served before the play.

Voucher holder reservations begin Wednesday, Feb. 26 and general ticket sales begin

on Monday, March 3. All vouchers and general tickets may be reserved at www.shinergaslight.org or by calling 361-594-2079 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on weekdays. Ticket price is \$35.

Please note: No children under 4 admitted.

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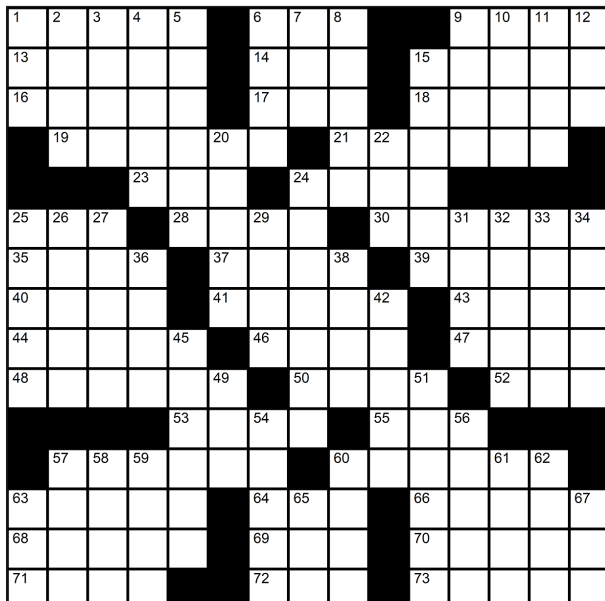
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CLUES DOWN

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

SHOW

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at the time of club registration and the animals must be housed in Gonzales County unless permission is otherwise granted. An exhibitor must also be enrolled in school and passing all subjects as of the most recent completed grading period and he or she may show in only one community/local/county show during the year.

Categories include steers, breeding heifers, market swine (barrow and gilts), breeding swine (gilts), market lambs (wethers and ewes), breeding lambs (ewes), market goats (wethers and does), breeding goats (does), market rabbits (pen of three), breeding rabbits (does), market broilers (pen of three), bucket calves, baked goods and ag mechanics.

Thursday, Feb. 27, is arrival, check-in and weigh-in for Swine from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and for Commercial Heifers from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Health Papers required at Check-in).

On Friday, Feb. 28, is arrival, check-in and weigh-in for Goats and Lambs from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., for Ag Mechanics from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for Rabbits from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., and for Steers and Heifers from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (may be unloaded and stalled prior to weigh-in).

Judging begins at 8 a.m. Friday for Swine, followed by 9 a.m. Herdsman Interviews. At 10 a.m. will be judging for Lambs, Goats and Rabbits. Goats will begin 10 minutes after completion of Lamb Show while Rabbits will begin 10 minutes after completion of the Goat Show.

Commercial Heifer Awards with sale will take place at 6 p.m. Friday at the JB Wells Arena.

On Saturday, March 1, is arrival and check-in for Broilers from 7 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., for Baked Goods from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and for Bucket Calves from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Judging Saturday begins for Broilers at 8 a.m., followed by Baked Goods at 9 a.m. and Steers at 9 a.m. followed by Halter Heifers. Bucket calves will begin 20 minutes after completion of the Cattle Show. Ag Mechanics judging also begins at 9 a.m.

There will be an auction from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (or when the maximum bid is reached) for Ag Mechanics projects and a silent auction of baked goods will end at 7 p.m.

From 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. is the Buyers Meal and Social Hour. Buyers, please be registered by 5 p.m. and have additions delivered to the office by 5:30 p.m. The sale of Market Animals begins at 6 p.m.

Gonzales County Youth Show Association directors include Mitchell Hardcastle, Kate Richter, Renee Rathmann, Cynthia Pape, Will Lamprecht, Liz Davis Zella, Bubba Ehrig, Steven Evans, Dillon Brown, Sequoya Janacek, Erin Lindemann-LaBuhn and John Hahn.

U.S. Attorney's Office exceeds 900 immigration cases filed in Western District of Texas

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Acting United States Attorney Margaret Leachman announced that federal prosecutors in the Western District of Texas have filed more than 900 immigration and immigration-related criminal cases since Jan. 20.

These cases were referred or supported by federal law enforcement partners, including Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ICE ERO), U.S. Border Patrol, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), with the support and assistance of state and local law enforcement partners.

Along with enhanced interdiction efforts at the border, federal law enforcement has been also prioritizing immigration enforcement operations and prosecutions of aliens unlawfully in the interior of the country and also those otherwise engaged in criminal activity in the U.S., including those who commit drug and firearms crimes, who have serious criminal records, who have active warrants for their arrest, or who have outstanding final orders of removal from the U.S., issued by an immigration judge. Federal authorities have also been prioritizing investigations and prosecutions against drug, firearm, and human smugglers and those who endanger and threaten the safety of our communities and the law enforcement officers who protect us all.

Cases of interest include the arrest of Juan Ramon Hernandez-Limon in San Antonio, who had been previously convicted on April 28, 2021 for illegal

re-entry into the United States and alien in possession of a firearm, and a second time on Feb. 8, 2024 for illegal re-entry. Hernandez-Limon repeatedly attempted to evade arrest during an ICE ERO operation on Jan. 26, 2025, and was eventually taken into custody. He faces up to 20 years in federal prison, if convicted.

Guatemalan nationals Anderson Morales-Calderon and Ever Morales-Calderon were arrested on Jan. 24 in Waco on criminal charges related to their alleged aiding and abetting the possession of a firearm as undocumented noncitizens. Troy Police Department and Lorena Police Department officers were responding to a road rage complaint called into 911. The 911 caller alleged that an individual pointed a rifle at a semi-truck on IH-35. During the traffic stop, officers observed two air rifles and one .22 caliber rifle in plain view in the back seat and on the back floorboard of the vehicle. Further investigation revealed that both Anderson and Ever Morales-Calderon were unlawfully present in the United States. If convicted, they each face up to 10 years in federal prison.

Honduran national Melvin Armando Funes-Canales was transferred to federal custody after he was located in the Williamson County jail, where he had been detained for alleged possession of a controlled substance. An investigation revealed Funes-Canales had been previously removed from the U.S. to Honduras on or about Oct. 9, 2020, and had also been deported on five other occasions. Additionally, Funes-Canales was previously convicted of burglary, grand theft and illegal re-entry. He now faces up to 10 years in federal prison for illegal re-entry, if convicted.

Four individuals illegally present in the U.S. were arrested in El Paso and face

up to 10 years in federal prison each for criminal charges related to their alleged involvement in a human smuggling conspiracy. Yair Alejandro Aguilar-Flores, Angel Eduardo Carrillo-Carrillo, Jorge Alfredo Lopez-Acevedo, and Jesus David Reyes-Villagran allegedly conspired to harbor 12 illegal aliens in two El Paso hotels.

A Mexican national was indicted by a federal grand jury in Austin for one count of possession of a firearm by illegal alien. Marcelo Olvera-Moreno was stopped while driving in Hutto, Jan. 24. A Williamson County Sheriff's Office deputy conducted the traffic stop after allegedly observing the passenger in Olvera-Moreno's vehicle fire a handgun from the front passenger window. Olvera-Moreno admitted to law enforcement that he knew that he was illegally and unlawfully in the U.S. and that he had purchased the pistol at a flea market approximately three months prior. If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in federal prison.

"Because the Western District of Texas shares 660 miles of common border with Mexico and is home to three of Texas' largest cities and an estimated 7.6 million people, prosecuting immigration and border-related crimes has long been and remains a priority within this district," said Leachman. "With the valuable investigative and enforcement efforts of our federal, state, and local law enforcement partners, this U.S. Attorney's Office is committed to prosecuting immigration-related crimes in the interest of the nation and our citizens."

Indictments and criminal complaints are merely allegations and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

Flatonia defeats Gonzales, 13-2, after scoring 11 unanswered runs

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Flatonia Bulldogs broke open a 3-2 ballgame with seven runs in the sixth inning and three more in the seventh to defeat the Gonzales Apaches, 13-2, on Monday, Feb. 24.

The Apaches managed just two hits and committed 12 errors in the game as they dropped to 0-2 on the season. After falling behind 2-0 in the top of the first, Gonzales tied the game in the bottom of the inning at 2-2. Flatonia would answer with a run in the top of the second and hold that 3-2 lead until the sixth.

Colt Robinson went 1-for-3 with a two-run single, while Nathan Castillo went 1-for-2, stole a base and scored a run.

Castillo started the game on the mound and took the loss, allowing three earned runs in two innings pitched while walking three and striking out four. Robinson pitched three innings and allowed three unearned runs, walked two and struck out four. Ckristopher Ramos pitched two scoreless innings.

Others taking the mound included James Sanchez, who allowed three unearned runs in an inning, walked three and struck out two; Brodi Ramos, who pitched a third of an inning, allowing four runs (three earned), walking two and striking out one; and Ckristopher Ramos, who pitched a scoreless two-thirds of an inning and struck out one.

Mustangs drop two at Three Rivers tourney

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs lost a pair of games at the Three Rivers Tournament on Friday, Feb. 21, before the remainder of the tournament was canceled due to inclement weather.

First, the Mustangs dropped a 12-0 decision to the Falls City Beavers in a run-rule contest in the morning. In the afternoon, they fell in a much closer game to the Poteet Aggies, 5-2.

Nixon-Smiley will play in Bloomington at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28.

TWC accepting applications for Work Wonders Program

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is currently accepting applications to serve on the Advisory Committee of the Purchasing from People with Disabilities Program, also known as the Works Wonders program. The committee is made up of 13 members who advise TWC on matters relating to the Works Wonders program, which assists individuals with disabilities in achieving independence through productive employment.

The committee meets at least twice a

year.

Committee members include representatives from community rehabilitation programs, advocates, individuals with disabilities, and a representative from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Members serve staggered four-year terms and may not serve more than two terms.

The current advisory committee vacancies represent the following categories:

- Two representatives from a community rehabilitation program organization that participates in the state use program

- One individual representing an organization that advocates for persons with disabilities

- One individual with disabilities who is employed by a community rehabilitation program that participates in the state use program.

TWC is accepting applications for the current committee vacancies until filled. Selected members will serve a term through February 1, 2029.

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District 3 Councilmember Lorenzo Hernandez asked organizers about the two budgets they submitted for the event — one based on receiving the same \$40,000 from the city as the festival got in 2024 and the other based on receiving \$80,000.

Hernandez noted the budget with the \$40,000 funding showed a projected income of \$311,400 against expenses of \$308,950 for an ending balance of \$2,450, while the budget showing \$80,000 funding had income of \$366,300 against expenses of \$364,750 for a lower ending balance of \$1,550.

While ticket and alcohol sales would be expected to rise by about \$14,900, entertainment expenses would grow by \$55,800.

“You’re telling me that’s all you make?” Hernandez asked.

Gonzales Chamber of Commerce board secretary Allison Davis, who also is on the Come and Take It Celebration Committee, answered that the festival is meant to be offered “as a free event to the community.”

“The logistics of downtown make it near impossible for us to possibly fence in the event to take in a gate income, which many festivals around us are able to do,” Davis said. “But with the fire station being downtown and the way our squares are set up, that presents a challenging situation for us, which is why we don’t do that.”

Hernandez questioned why there appeared to be \$6,700 expenses for security on the CTI budget as well as a \$3,706.17 line item in the in-kind contribution from the city. City Manager Tim Crow explained the in-kind line item is for the Saturday parade and is separate from the actual event security contained in the CTI budget.

Hernandez also asked why, if the city gave an additional \$40,000 in HOT funds, the

COME & TAKE IT BUDGET - PROJECTED

| INCOME | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Ticket Sales - Alcohol/Food | \$ 215,100.00 |
| Beer Credit | \$ 3,700.00 |
| Commercial Vendors | \$ 5,100.00 |
| Hot Tax Reimbursement (previous year) | \$ 40,000.00 |
| Parade Fees | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Activities / Events | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Sponsors (Average over 3 years) | \$ 42,000.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 311,400.00 |

| EXPENSES | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Activites | \$ 19,500.00 |
| Beer Expenses | \$ 37,300.00 |
| Entertainment | \$ 64,000.00 |
| Food Tent Expenses | \$ 99,100.00 |
| Grounds Expenses | \$ 53,800.00 |
| Marketing Material / Sponsor Packets | \$ 18,000.00 |
| Misc. Expenses | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Parade Expenses | \$ 550.00 |
| Security | \$ 6,700.00 |
| Ticket Booth Expenses | \$ 9,000.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 308,950.00 |

Balance \$ 2,450.00

festival would show an ending balance of \$900 less, adding “That’s not making much sense to me.”

“I think what you’re seeing there is why we’re going to make less is our entertainment expense will go up with the activities and the entertainment we bring in (for an extra day),” Davis said. “I think that line item is larger on the back of the page versus on the front of the page, and adding an extra night will eat up a lot of those expenses.”

“It is a lot of money, and it’s an investment in our community, in a celebration,” Davis added.

Asked by Hernandez about the ticket booth expenses of \$9,000, Davis replied that ticket booth volunteers are not paid, but are given a T-shirt to wear and food and drink while they

are working.

“We buy the tickets for the ticket booth. We buy the tokens for the ticket booth and the containers that those are stored and any repairs that we do each year to that,” Davis said. “If we have a window out, we’ll put in a new window — any repairs to the actual ticket booth itself are taken care of in that extensive line item. Tickets are expensive. Tokens are expensive. I know we bought quite a few of those.”

“The credit card machines we rent for the weekend, the ATM machines that we bring in, which are used, so I feel like they’re a necessity. This was our first year to accept credit cards at the ticket booth, and we saw an increased opportunity with those and so we were thankful that we had that.”

Discussing entertainment, Come and Take It Celebration

COME & TAKE IT BUDGET - PROJECTED WITH \$80,000 HOT FUNDS

| INCOME | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Ticket Sales - Alcohol/Food | \$ 230,000.00 |
| Beer Credit | \$ 3,700.00 |
| Commercial Vendors | \$ 5,100.00 |
| Hot Tax Reimbursement (previous year) | \$ 80,000.00 |
| Parade Fees | \$ 3,000.00 |
| Activities / Events | \$ 2,500.00 |
| Sponsors (Average over 3 years) | \$ 42,000.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 366,300.00 |

| EXPENSES | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Activites | \$ 19,500.00 |
| Beer Expenses | \$ 37,300.00 |
| Entertainment | \$ 119,800.00 |
| Food Tent Expenses | \$ 99,100.00 |
| Grounds Expenses | \$ 53,800.00 |
| Marketing Material / Sponsor Packets | \$ 18,000.00 |
| Misc. Expenses | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Parade Expenses | \$ 550.00 |
| Security | \$ 6,700.00 |
| Ticket Booth Expenses | \$ 9,000.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 364,750.00 |

Balance \$ 1,550.00

We are projecting that the alcohol sales will increase if we add in an extra day for the festival. Additional funds will also allow us to book larger entertainment groups, which in return will produce larger crowds for our bicentennial year.

chair Daisy Scheske Freeman said the cost of the stage alone can run \$6,000 while the sound can be “anywhere between \$5,000 and \$6,000.”

“Your artist can range anywhere between \$15,000 and \$30,000 and that’s for the artists that we have had in the past. Now if you want Travis Tritt or Dwight Yoakum, that’s over \$100,000.”

Mayor Steve Sucher asked Finance Director Laura Zella

about the list of submitted HOT funds requests to the city, which also included a request for \$150,000 by Cattle Country Festival, which received \$40,000 in its inaugural year in 2024 after initially asking for \$100,000.

Councilmembers asked for a more itemized breakdown of expenses from the committee and asked to table making a decision on the HOT funds request until a future meeting.

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Names of the fire victims had not been released as of Tuesday, Feb. 25.

“We haven’t confirmed the origin for the fire, but we haven’t finished our investigation yet,” Harless said. “However, the fire does appear to be accidental with no criminal intent.”

The Nixon Fire and Rescue, Nixon Police Department, Wilson County EMS, Gonzales County EMS and a Gonzales County Sheriff’s deputy all responded to the scene along with Harless.

ARREST

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deputies were able to arrest Monseis Mendiola Jr., 46, on an outstanding warrant for theft of property >=\$30K<\$150K, a third degree felony. Mendiola had been the subject of a “Warrant Wednesday” Facebook post by the GCSO on Jan. 22 due to his failure to appear on the outstanding charges. He also faces pending charges for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

“Sheriff’s Office personnel worked diligently in coordination with local law enforcement and community partners to ensure the safety of the public while conducting the search,” Sheriff Keith Schmidt said in a statement. “Narcotics investigators continue to prioritize efforts to combat illegal drug activity and protect the community of Gonzales County.”



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