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Children deck out their bikes with red, white and blue colors to celebrate Fourth of July in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4817's bike parade at Independence Square Tuesday, July 4. Below: Spectators around Texas Heroes Square and Independence Square watch as fireworks light up the sky in Gonzales for the Fourth of July celebration.

LET FREEDOM RING!

GONZALES COUNTY CELEBRATES FOURTH OF JULY

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

Cookouts, fireworks, and patriotism: many people across the United States celebrated the Independence Day holiday Tuesday, July 4 — including in Gonzales County.

Nixon kicked off its Fourth of July celebrations with its annual fireworks show at Mustang Stadium Monday, July 3.

People gathered and tailgated as the colors of red,

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GONZALES COUNTY

Woman faces animal cruelty charges in court

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

A woman who had been found to have cruelly treated animals in her care during a November administrative hearing will now be arraigned on misdemeanor criminal charges at 9 a.m. July 13 before County Judge Pat Davis.

Alexandra Hamman faces six counts of cruelty to livestock animals by neglect or overwork and will be arraigned in the downstairs courtroom at the Gonzales County Courthouse. This includes failure to reasonably provide necessary food, water, or care for a livestock animal in the person's custody. Each count is punishable, if she is found guilty, by up a year confinement in jail and a fine of up to \$4,000 on each count.

Under Section 821.022 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, if a peace officer has reason to believe an animal (or animals) has been subjected to cruel treatment, that officer may apply to a justice court or magistrate for a warrant to seize the animal (or animals).

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One of the top wine offerings at Gonzales Bistro is Château Carbonnieux, a French rouge (red) Cab-Merlot blend made in the Pessac-Léognan region of Bordeaux by the Perrin family for the past three generations, available for \$157 per bottle. Selections like this helped place Gonzales Bistro on the Wine Spectator Awards of Excellence list for 2023.

Gonzales Bistro earns Wine Spectator award of excellence

BY LEW K. COHN
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In less than one year since its opening, the Gonzales Bistro has managed to earn impressive kudos from one of the world's most prestigious wine industry magazines.

Chef Parind Vora's restaurant was named a 2023 Wine Spectator Restaurant Award of Excellence winner last month — one of just 3,500 restaurants worldwide to be honored by the publication this year.

"We are the only award winner for the entirety of Gonzales County and only one of 32 restaurants between Austin, Georgetown and San Antonio," Vora said. "This is a global award so it puts Gonzales on the map worldwide."

The upscale restaurant, located on Saint George Street just off Independence Square, bills itself as a "chef-driven restaurant offering an assortment

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Russell pre-trial hearing reset to August

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A pre-trial hearing for a couple accused of embezzling thousands of dollars from the Gonzales County Emergency Medical Services was reset for Aug. 30 by mutual agreement of both the state and defendants.

James (Jim) Edward Russell and Carla Jean Russell are charged with misapplication of fiduciary property or property of a financial institution. They had a hearing scheduled June 23 in the courtroom of 25th Judicial District Judge William D. Old III, but the prosecution and defense asked to postpone the

hearing for two months. The case against the Russells is now being prosecuted by the Texas Attorney General's office, according to County Attorney Paul Watkins. Robert Bland is serving as attorney for both defendants.

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Four-vehicle crash on Highway 80 stops up traffic

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

First responders were called to a four-vehicle crash on Texas Highway 80 south near Belmont Thursday, June 29, that stopped up traffic for some time.

Department of Public Safety Sgt. Ruben San

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Gonzales Master Gardeners bring home statewide award

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

A Black Walnut Tree research project by the Gonzales Master Gardeners has been awarded first place in the 2022 Texas Master Gardener Association's Search for Excellence awards.

The history, and importance, of Black Walnut trees in Gonzales County is well documented in the book, *The History of Gonzales*. It reads, "The timber not only provided fuel but was a valuable source of walnut wood

used by the large number of cabinet makers who called Gonzales County home. They were well known for the fine furniture produced from walnut. A firm from Ohio purchased 1,000,000 feet of walnut timber on the Guadalupe River between Gonzales and Belmont in 1882. The logs were lashed to oil barrels and rafted downriver to Gonzales. The landowners were paid \$10 per 1,000 feet, standing, for the

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Main Street talks past, upcoming events

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Main Street Board met Thursday, June 15 at Gonzales City Hall for its regular scheduled meeting.

The board went over several agenda items at the June 15 meeting, includ-

ing opportunities to improve past events like the Main Street Roundup and the Memorial Day Service.

The board also went over upcoming events from Star Spangled Spectacular and the Back-to-School Bash

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Logan Insurance named Main Street Business of the Month

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Insurance is not usually considered a “sexy” business, but being a part of downtown Gonzales, Texas, for more than 60 years is something we do find pretty attractive.

Located at 516 St Paul Street, Logan Insurance Company began in the 1960s. In the early 1980s, Jim Logan and Mike Davis bought the company and opened Davis and Logan

Insurance Company. Years later, Jim bought out Mike and the company became Logan Insurance Company. In 2007, Travis Tresner joined Logan Insurance and, just three years later, in 2010, purchased the company.

Logan Insurance has always been a family-owned business. They pride themselves on treating their agents and staff like family and in return, employees have been with the company 20, 40 and even 60 years! They currently have

three agents in the office, two remote agents, and a bookkeeper.

Tresner also attributes the “social creativity” in the office to his outstanding staff. From the seasonal sidewalk displays, to the super successful St. Patrick’s Day scavenger hunt, the Logan Insurance staff continually finds unique ways to engage the community.

For fun giveaways and personalized insurance, be sure to follow them on social media at Logan Insurance Agency Texas.



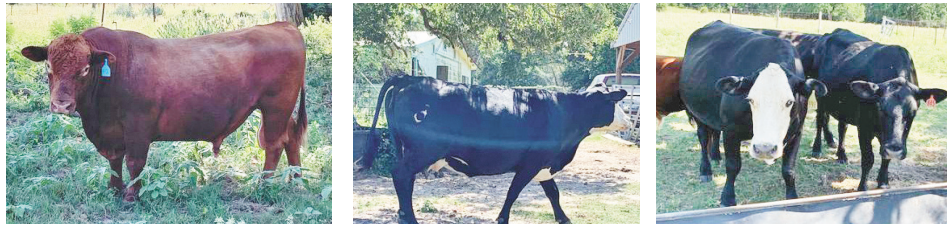
The Gonzales Main Street board announced Logan Insurance as business of the month. Logan Insurance has been serving the community for 60 years in Gonzales.

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The Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office was seeking the owners of estrayed cattle which wandered onto another person’s property near the Caldwell County line on Farm-to-Market Road 1296.



GCSO seeking owners of stray cattle

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales County Sheriff’s deputies are trying to find out who owns cattle that showed up on another person’s property.

On Saturday, June 24, at approximately 10:05 p.m. a Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office deputy was dispatched to the area of the Caldwell County line on Farm-to-Market Road 1296 in reference to loose cows. The cows were secured at a property south of County Road 449.

The Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office was notified by that land owner the next day that they cattle did not belong to him. Deputies made numerous attempts to locate the owners of the cattle with no luck.

The cattle will remain on the property for the time being. If you know who the cattle belong to, please contact the Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office at 830-672-6524. There were at total of five cows, a bull and three calves. Some of the cows had yellow or orange numbered ear tags, while the bull had a blue ear tag.

Victoria College becomes ASE certification testing center

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College was recently approved to become a testing center for ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certification testing.

ASE certification involves rigorous testing to verify technical knowledge in the automotive service industry through the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

“Many automotive service companies want their technicians to become ASE-certified so customers can be confident that their vehicles are being maintained or repaired by highly skilled professionals,” said Rachel Nessel, VC’s Director of Workforce & Continuing Education. “Until now, technicians from our area had to drive to one of the large cities for ASE certification testing, but they can now take their exams right here in Victoria at

VC’s Emerging Technology Complex.”

To schedule an ASE certification exam, visit ASE.com to register and then call (361) 582-2528 to schedule a testing appointment. Appointments are available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. and must be scheduled at least 72 hours in advance.

For more information, contact Nessel at (361) 582-2575 or Rachel.Nessel@VictoriaCollege.edu.



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Victoria College has been approved to become an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification testing center.

VC offers course on Basic Woodworking

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College will offer a Basic Woodworking course Saturday, July 15 and Saturday, July 22 at VC’s Liberty Street Industrial Training Center.

Participants will receive hands-on training

to learn the basics of woodworking, including safety protocols, general tools and the use of each tool. Students will learn to build a picture frame, a small quilt rack or a convertible step stool. They will have the opportunity to build two projects to take home.

The registration fee is

\$250, and the deadline to register is July 10 at noon. Students must wear close-toed shoes and jeans.

Visit VictoriaCollege.edu or contact Mary Hardy at (361) 485-6830 or Mary.Hardy@Victoria-College.edu to register or for more information.

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Celebrations Birthdays

<p>July 6th Alice Johnson Cline Dorothy Gutierrez Michelle McKinney Brittany Pakebusch David Staton</p> <p>July 7th Randy Zella</p> <p>July 8th Hagan Brown Dena Fritz Will Lamb Cynthia West Kaily Zumwalt</p> <p>July 9th Fernando Casares Del DeLa Santos</p>	<p>July 10th Ken David DuBose Vernene Corby Ches Elley Trent Fernandez Cherry Moeller Esther Molina Janet Raabe Collin Richter D.J. Richter Cain Segura Aaron Ray-Lee Webb</p> <p>July 11th Penci Petty</p> <p>July 12th Daryl Brown Darrell Malik Tammy Zella</p>
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Gonzales Weather

	July 6 94°/76°	Sunshine and patchy clouds with a thunderstorm; humid 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 114
	July 7 97°/75°	Mostly sunny and humid with a thunderstorm in parts of the area 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 111
	July 8 99°/76°	Mostly sunny and humid 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 105
	July 9 98°/76°	Humid with clouds and occasional sunshine 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 98
	July 10 97°/77°	Humid with more clouds than sun 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 99
	July 11 98°/75°	Mostly sunny and humid with a thunderstorm in the area 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 104
	July 12 98°/76°	Very warm and humid with plenty of sunshine 5% chance of rain • RealFeel 100

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Garden Q&A with CALVIN FINCH



Q. What does it mean when our Belinda's Dream and Mrs. Dudley Cross Roses declined after starting to look so good last month? Is it just weather or is a disease involved. I thought they were supposed to be capable of surviving without much care.

A. The roses you mentioned are in the tough modern and old-fashioned rose category but even they are challenged by a year of drought and now a month of 100-degree temperatures. The good news is that their toughness will allow them to hold on and then respond to moisture and more reasonable temperatures. You may want to give them some deep watering at the base to help them perk up.

Q. I attended one of your Butterfly and Milkweed classes at the New Braunfels Master Gardener Center. You gave us all milkweed seeds and said you were going to communicate with us and see how successful everyone was with planting our seeds and transplants. Any news yet?

A. I have moved my Antelope Horn and Green Milkweed

seeds out of the refrigerator. They are planted after their "Chill Period" in the same 4-inch containers that we used in the classes. They have not germinated yet. The Butterfly Weed and Zizodes Milkweeds are growing. I expect to make a more detailed report in the Gonzales Inquirer and on the South Texas Gardening Radio Show over the next month.

Q. My nursery says it will have tomato transplants for the fall next week. Is it too early to plant them?

A. No, this is the right time, latch on to the semi-determinate and determinate varieties as soon as they are available. It is sometimes challenging to find the right selections in the fall, so they can grow to tomato producing size and then concentrate on fruit production. Look for Ruby Crush, Thunderbird, Celebrity, Tycoon, Red Snapper, BHN 958 and Red Deuce.

Q We had a Floratam lawn that was wonderful in terms of drought tolerance, pest resistance and attractiveness. Unfortunately, it did not survive the Christmas freeze. We



METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Now is the time to plant tomato transplants for the fall season. Varieties to look for include Ruby Crush, Thunderbird, Celebrity, Tycoon, Red Snapper, BHN 958 and Red Deuce.

like it so much we were going to buy replacement sod but can't find any! Any ideas?

A. You are right it has been difficult to find sod, not just Floratam, but other types of St Augustine, Zoysia, and Bermuda. A new relative of Floratam, ProVista 650-12 is available

at some retailers. It does not grow as fast as Floratam but is more cold tolerant and just as drought and pest resistant.

Q. How long will the sweet peas last this summer? I love their color and fragrance.

A. Mine have already declined in the heat! It sounds

like yours are hardier. Keep doing what you are doing in terms of watering and also collect some seed from the declining blooms so you can replant them next year in November. They are probably declining; it is July, but may last the month.

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

June 30, 2023

Number of head 1,390

There were 199 cows and 21 bulls. The packer market on cows and bulls was fully steady with top packer cows at \$105/cwt and bulls \$123/cwt. The calf market was very strong maintaining the levels of last week. Demand was very active across the board. Overall the average calf was \$20/head lower due to 24 pounds less average weight but with a \$6/cwt higher price.

Packer bulls:	108.00-123.00
Packer cows:	
canners & cutters	85.00-105.00
poor & weak	30.00-50.00
Palpated: 67 BRED	\$750-\$1,450
PAIRS:	NONE
Steer Calves:	(AVG-HIGH)
Under 200 lbs.	240.00-302.00
200-249 lbs.	279.00-298.00
250-299 lbs.	252.00-302.00
300-350 lbs.	224.00-302.00
350-400 lbs.	223.00-270.00
400-450 lbs.	235.00-278.00
450-500 lbs.	219.00-272.00
500-550 lbs.	224.00-257.00
550-600 lbs.	225.00-252.00

600-700 lbs.	206.00-236.00
700-800 lbs.	201.00-215.00
Bull Calves:	(AVG-HIGH)
Under 250lbs	273.00-310.00
250-300 lbs.	283.00-310.00
300-350 lbs.	262.00-304.00
350-400 lbs.	252.00-300.00
400-450 lbs.	234.00-282.00
450-500 lbs.	232.00-276.00
500-550 lbs.	223.00-256.00
600-700 lbs	200.00-223.00
Over 700 lbs.	189.00-206.00
Heifer Calves:	(AVG-HIGH)
under 200 lbs.	227.00-306.00
250-300 lbs	246.00-300.00
300-350 lbs.	238.00-272.00
350-400 lbs.	210.00-263.00
400-450 lbs.	217.00-250.00
450-500 lbs.	208.00-243.00
500-550 lbs	212.00-278.00
550-600 lbs.	207.00-234.00
600-700 lbs.	192.00-226.00
Over 700 lbs	186.00-203.00

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 Sale date: June 27
 Cattle on hand: 1716
 Packer Cows:
 Canner and Cutter Cows: \$78-106
 Utility & Fat Cows: \$75-100

Low dressing canner cows: \$55-82
 Poor/Weak: \$45-60
Packer Bulls:
 Heavyweight Bulls: \$115-125
 Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$105-118
 Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$98-110
Stocker Cows:
 Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$1350-2000
 Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1000-1325
 Good Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1650-2250
 Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1100-1600
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:
 Number 1 steer & bull calves:
 Under 200 lbs.: \$230-300
 200-300 lbs.: \$240-310
 300-400 lbs.: \$235-315
 400-500 lbs.: \$225-280
 500-600 lbs.: \$205-250
 600-700 lbs.: \$195-242.50
 700-800 lbs.: \$186-220
 Number 1 heifer calves:
 Under 200 lbs.: \$210-285
 200-300 lbs.: \$220-275
 300-400 lbs.: \$210-270
 400-500 lbs.: \$205-265
 500-600 lbs.: \$190-255
 600-700 lbs.: \$180-210
 700-800 lbs.: \$170-200
 Replacement Heifers:
 350-750 lbs.: \$220-220
 The calf market remained solid & strong in all areas. Demand continues extremely good. Packer cows and bulls sold fully steady on a total supply of 300 head.

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June 28

Market still very active. All classes of cattle steady along with packer cows and bulls.
Cattle – 689
Sheep & goats – 878
 Medium & large frame #1 Steers: 200-300 lb. .20-1.38-2.94
 300-400 lb. .60-1.84-3.00
 400-500 lb. .60-1.93-2.88
 500-600 lb. .40-1.69-2.54
 600-700 lb. .60-1.79-2.33
 700-850 lb. 1.00-1.62-2.06
 Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:
 200-300 lb. .45-1.37-2.80
 300-400 lb. .25-1.59-2.80
 400-500 lb. .30-1.66-2.78
 500-600 lb. .60-1.74-2.25
 600-750 lb. 1.00-1.78-2.40
Cows:
 Utility & commercial –77-93-107
 Cutters – 45-66-88
 Canners – 45-62-80
 Palpated cow – NONE
 Cow/Calf Pairs – NONE
Bulls:
 Heavy High Yielding – 1.21-1.29
 Light & Low Yielding – 1.15-1.20
Sheep & Goats:
 Nannies – 25-280
 Kid Goats (Fat) – 2.00-3.05
 Wethers -2.65-3.60
 Billies – 1.40-2.45
 Dorp. Ewes - 20-145
 Dorp. Lambs (Fat) – 1.80-2.20
 Woolled Ewes – NONE
 Woolled Bucks – 1.00-1.50
 Lambs – 1.00-1.75
 Barb. Bucks – \$250-345

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- 1826 – July 2, settlement attacked by Indians. Settlers were on their way to Mina (Bastrop) to celebrate the Fourth of July with friends on the Colorado River. John Wightman stayed behind and was killed. The settlers evacuated the area
- 1878 - T.J. Ponton House built at 424 St. Peter Street (Block 39). Later the home of Madden Fly and later still, Buffington Funeral Home (Legend says that parts of the old Ponton House were incorporated into the new house.)
- 1880 – Population of county, 14,840
Population of town, 1,581
- 1881 - The Inquirer reports that it is estimated that three-fourths of the local black walnut has been used up in the last ten years. It is worth \$150 per 1000'. A good walnut tree requires 100 years to grow to a proper size.
- 1883 - July 28, eight ladies and one gentleman were baptized in the Guadalupe last Sunday evening by Reverend G.W. Smith
- 1887 - July 9, report of the acts of the Texas Legislature includes an act to abolish the law which provided 1260 acres to veterans.
- 1893 - Henson Chapel United Methodist Church laid cornerstone for new church building. Replaced in 1959
- 1914 - July 3, the work of putting in curbing and cement walks around the East Avenue State ark is progressing nicely. Included is a cement bridge over the creek. Some citizens are also contracting to have cement walks poured in front of their residences.
 - July 4, Jahnke Jewelry announces that it has installed a "Time Sounder" which will be set at the correct time every morning at eleven according to the United States Observatory at Washington. Folks may call to get the correct time.
 - July 4, the park commissioners announce that the land on East Avenue between Tinsley Creek and Kerr Creek is State-owned park land and no livestock will be permitted to be on this land.
- 1916 - July 5, barbecue dinner served to over 6,000 people as Gonzales celebrated the Fourth of July with ball games, orations, dances, and fireworks.
 - July 11, a party from San Marcos has leased the Hoskins building (known as the Plaza Theatre) and is reworking it to put in a skating rink.
 - July 27, the Inquirer remarks that the Guadalupe is lower than it has been seen before
- 1922 - July 8, new bus line started; Gonzales to Austin, left at 6:30 a.m.

Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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

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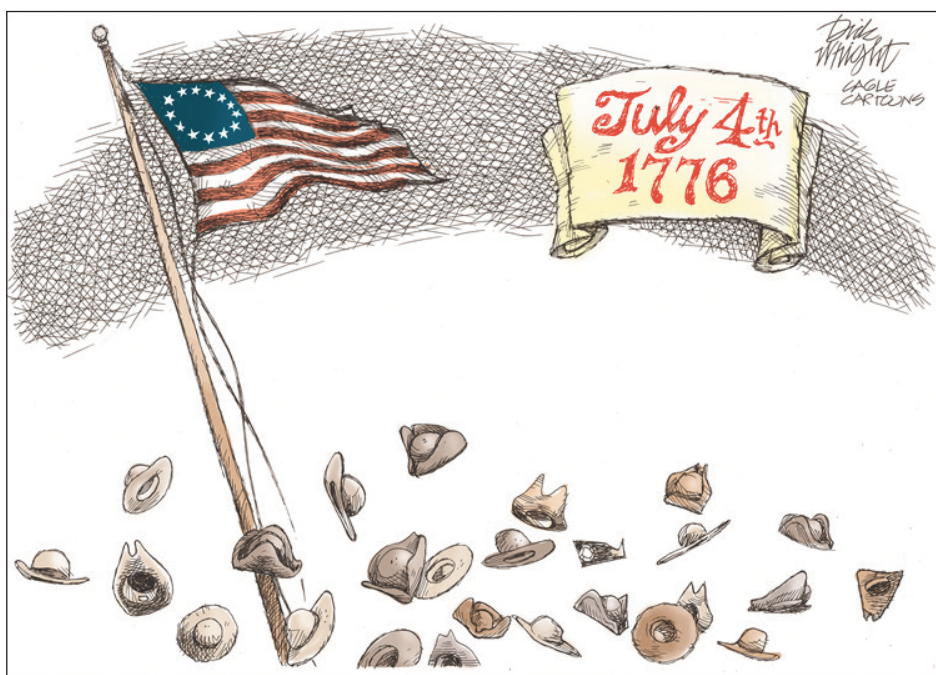
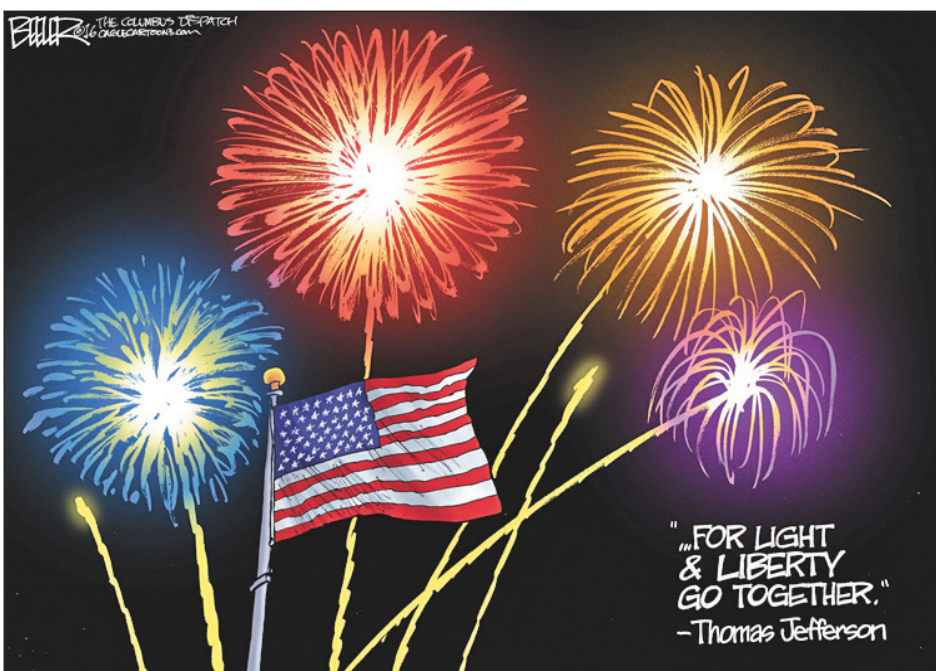
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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Life of service

Dr. Russell H. Dilday, Jr.--for 16 years president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth--died recently in Dallas, leaving a legacy that deserves more superlatives than space allows.

He left marks of excellence as a minister, author, scholar and Christian statesman, known for his courage, conviction and commitment. The walls and shelves of a ballroom couldn't contain the many plaques and trophies--as well as countless other honors--that came his way.

Always articulate and usually jovial, he brightened lives in his congregations and seminaries, and delighted audiences of all stripes with his ready smile, quick wit and engaging stories.

At Southwestern, he led the institution to new heights, including an enrollment that exceeded 5,000 students. Programs expanded, new buildings added and endowment doubled. During his presidency, it was the world's largest seminary.

Shockwaves rippled across the land when he was removed from the presidency, victim of denominational strife that has raged among most brands of Baptists for some 40 years. He was fired on the spot, unable to access his own office when he learned his keys no longer fit.

That evening, I drove from Brownwood, where I was president of Howard Payne University, to speak at a formal event that called for a tuxedo, attire I rarely wore. Upon reaching Cowtown, I realized there was plenty of time to pay respects. Russell appeared when I rang the doorbell at the president's home....

"Oh, Don," he exclaimed, "You didn't need to come formal!"

Even then, he took the high road, choosing to chuckle instead of growl. "Look at the grass," he said. It was matted by the feet of several hundred students who, hours earlier, gathered on the lawn to express their love for him and Betty, Russell's wife of 66 years who died five years ago....

Some of his stories I have repeated on numerous occasions, sometimes crediting him. "Tell any of my stories," he always said. "If you don't mind using third-hand stories. (Again, it was an example of Russell being Russell.)

He told of their visit to the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, where he and his wife joined several others in the tram car that moves slowly to the top of the arch. There, visitors are rewarded with grand views of St. Louis and the Mississippi River.

On the rambling ride upward, there was friendly banter, including some "what if's" concerning possible tram malfunction. When it reached the top, the tram jolted to a stop. The riders figured it would operate again soon, but one said, "Dr. Dilday, you're a preacher. Why don't you say a prayer?" He answered, "I'm afraid it wouldn't help; I'm not an arch bishop?.."

On a vacation, the Dildays visited a shop where artisans were carving ducks. They were shocked in the front room, where wooden ducks--carved to perfection--had hefty price tags, some upwards of \$25,000.

They decided to go into the second room, where prices were more to their liking, some 90% less than the front room ducks. Birds in the second room were called "seconds," well, since they had slight imperfections.

The couple selected a modestly priced "second," noticing yet a third room, where artisans were carving more ducks....

"What are they carving today?" Russell asked. "Perhaps drakes or mallards?"

"Wrong on both guesses," the woodcarver responded. "Like yesterday and probably tomorrow--we're carving 'seconds.' They're the only kind selling."

Finally, this: Russell granted an appointment to a seminary student whose jalopy leaked a cup of oil each time the young man parked "head in." He said he couldn't afford to keep paying parking tickets issued for his "backing in," which caused no oil leakage. "Let this student back in," Russell wrote on a note. "Place this on your dashboard," he instructed. "I think the enforcement guy will extend grace..."

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, writes weekly and continues to speak throughout the state. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com.

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JULY IS NATIONAL BLUEBERRY MONTH

Time to Enjoy Blueberries!

In most parts of the country, July is the month when blueberries ripen. Do the math to discover some blueberry facts. If the answer is an even number, that fact is TRUE.

Blueberries do not ripen after they have been picked. TRUE FALSE
2 + 2 + 2 + 2 =

Blueberries are good for your heart. TRUE FALSE
8 + 3 + 3 + 4 =

A single blueberry bush can produce up to 6,000 berries in one year. TRUE FALSE
6 + 4 + 1 + 5 =

Berry Challenging

Billy and Betsy are picking blueberries. But what's this? There is more than just blueberries in the bushes. Can you find a car, a bird, a shoe, a crayon, a fish, a cat and a glove while finding your way through the maze?

Star Berries

The blossom end of each blueberry forms the shape of a perfect five-pointed star. A Native American legend tells how the Great Spirit sent "star berries" to end the children's hunger during a famine. Find the two star berries that match.

Standards Link: Finding similarities and differences in common objects.

Blueberry Boo-Boo

Chef LeBloo baked a dozen delicious blueberry pies, but can't remember where he left them to cool. Can you find all 12 on this page?

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination

Blueberry Roots

Blueberries have roots that go way back in history. In fact, they have been growing in North America for about 1,300 years. Native Americans found many uses for these tasty little blue balls. They ate the ripe berries and made a tea from the leaves. They said this tea was good for the blood. Blueberry juice was used to treat coughs. The juice of the blueberries made an excellent dye for baskets and cloth. The berries added flavor to stews, soups and meats.

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Students understand Native American customs and traditions.

Ask Barry Blue

To figure out the answer to this important question, number the parts of the sentences in order. Then, write the answer on the lines below.

Dear Barry, I have a plant with blue berries in my yard. Can I eat them?

- berries without
- can be poisonous. Do not
- touch or eat any wild
- mushrooms, some berries
- an adult's permission.
- are safe to eat but others
- Absolutely NOT! Like

Extra! Extra!
How Blue Are You?
If someone says he is blue, it usually means he is sad, not painted. Look through the newspaper and find pictures or words that mean the same as *sad*. Then cheer yourself up by finding a word that means the opposite of each sad word.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Students understand synonyms and antonyms.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In the 1600s, when settlers arrived in North America from England, they had to find food. The Wampanoag people showed them how to plant corn and how to gather and use native plants. An important native plant was blueberries! These could be eaten fresh or dried and stored for the winter.

Unscramble the letters on the label of each jar to discover what kind of jam is inside it.

W A T E
R S R B
Y R

E P R
G A

C I R P
T A O

E R E
B R Y
L U B

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions; spell common sight words.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

Y	J	T	B	U	J	M	A	J	P
L	A	R	N	S	T	U	C	Y	M
E	E	R	I	P	E	N	I	V	W
T	H	A	D	C	Y	O	R	C	G
U	E	R	V	Q	D	B	E	G	E
L	A	T	O	E	A	N	M	S	V
O	R	U	W	O	S	W	A	J	O
S	T	X	Z	R	T	F	V	U	L
B	E	R	R	I	E	S	C	L	G
A	G	N	I	W	O	R	G	Y	A

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together Blueberry Game

Play this game with a friend or family member. Take turns drawing horizontal or vertical lines to connect two dots. Each time your line closes a square, that's worth 1 point. If the square contains a blueberry, that's worth 3 points!

Kids in Action

Replace the missing words.

INVOLVED CROP STUDENTS GROW READ REPRESENTS

In March of 2023, the blueberry became the state fruit of Mississippi—thanks to a group of fourth grade _____ from Mannsdale Upper Elementary School.

They _____ about how students in Kansas persuaded their state legislature to name the Sandhill plum as their state fruit.

The students started by researching which major fruit _____ is produced in Mississippi. They discovered it was the blueberry. Just under 2,000 acres of land is used to _____ the fruit and produces around 8.5 million pounds of blueberries.

The class reached out to Jill Ford who _____ their area in the Mississippi State Legislature.

"Nothing thrills my soul like having children get _____ in the process," said Representative Ford after the bill making the blueberry the state fruit was signed.

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Main Street Director Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla dances with her husband Alex Padilla at Independence Square for the Fourth of July Celebration Tuesday, July 4.



Juan A. Banegas plays bass for Los Escorpiones Del Norte for Main Street's Star Spangled Spectacular Tuesday, July 4.

GONZALES CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY



Above: Country artist Cheyenne Saenz performs on stage at Independence Square as the first performance of the Star Spangled Spectacular Tuesday, July 4. Below: Henry Bueno plays the accordion with his band Los Escorpiones Del Norte Tuesday, July 4 for the Star Spangled Spectacular.



Above: Juan A. Banegas plays bass for Los Escorpiones Del Norte for Main Street's Star Spangled Spectacular Tuesday, July 4. Left: Many people gather into Independence Square and Texas Heroes Square for the fireworks show Tuesday, July 4. Below: Los Escorpiones Del Norte performs at Independence Square for Main Street's Star Spangle Speculator Tuesday, July 4.

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READY TO RIDE GONZALES FOURTH OF JULY BIKE PARADE



The children of Gonzales shows off their Independence Day spirit with the annual Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4817's Fourth of July Bike Parade. Children decked out their bikes, tricycles and wagons with red, white and blue colors to celebrate the Independence Day holiday.

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SOLUTIONS THAT COME TO YOU!

Dale Harper wishes to invite all his friends and family to his **80th Birthday Party**

at the **Magnolia Living & Rehabilitation** 1105 N. Magnolia Ave Luling, TX on July 9th starting at 12:00

Please come out and wish him a happy birthday and celebrate with him!

OBITUARIES

JOHN IVY HOFFPAUR



John Ivy Hoffpaur, 69, of Gonzales, passed away Monday, June 26, 2023. He was born August 2, 1953 in Orange, Texas the son of Woodrow Wilson Hoffpaur and Dorothy Gertrude Youngmann Hoffpaur. He married Laura Elaine Billings on May 17, 1985.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Gonzales and was a member of the Men's Fellowship Band at the church. He worked with Luling Chevrolet for many years and retired as the dealership finance manager. He later opened Johnny's Cajun Café in Gonzales along with Johnny's Cajun Food Truck, which serves local events.

He was an accomplished fiddle player and played with the "Pilgrim Heirs" at the Pilgrim Community Center. Along with his love of cooking and music, he raised horses on his ranch

and enjoyed leather work, a craft he passed along to his grandson. Most of all he treasured time spent with his children, grandchildren, and many friends. He touched many lives and was known for his magnetic personality. He never met a stranger. He gave everyone a nickname, friends and family alike. He will forever be remembered as the eternal optimist with his saying "Is Gonna Be Alright"

He is survived by his wife Elaine of Gonzales;

daughters: Theresa Gongora, Laura Gongora and Dorothy Carol McLaughlin and husband Ryan all of Gonzales; sons: Vincent Gongora and wife Julie of Sour Lake, TX and Jason Gongora and wife Gena of Warren, TX. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Gene Hoffpaur and Larry Hoffpaur.

Memorials may be made, in memory of Johnny, to: The First Baptist Church Helping Ministry or the FBC Joybells. Private family services will be held at a later date.

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, Gonzales.

LOIS HARPER

Lois Harper, age 71, passed away June 27, 2023, at the Heights Nursing Home in Gonzales, Texas.

She was born November 13, 1951, to Marian Bates and Grace Johnson in Gonzales County Texas.

She grew up in Gonzales County and attended Edwards High School. During her working years, she was employed at Gonzales Warm Springs Rehab Center.

She leaves to cherish memory, 3 sons: Kent and Keith Harper, and Jonathan Lee. 1 daughter Karen Harper, and two sisters; Paulette Bates of Gonzales, Texas, and Glynell Bates of Austin, Texas. Three grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Her services will be private. Services entrusted to



Harris Funeral Home, 127 Highway 90A, Gonzales, Texas.



Pictured are Ceci Oldmixon, VC's Respiratory Care Program Chair and JJ Valdez, VC's Clinical Coordinator/Instructor.

VC Respiratory Care Program receives credentialing award

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College's Respiratory Care Program was recently recognized by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) with the Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist Credentialing Success Award.

CoARC used objective criteria based on key accreditation metrics documented in the program's 2022 Annual Report of Current Status.

"We are honored to receive this award," said Ceci Oldmixon, VC's Respiratory Care Program Chair. "It showcases the dedication of the faculty, clinical instructors and our clinical partners to the successful achievement

of the students in the program." Victoria College received the Distinguished Registered Respiratory Therapist Credentialing Success Award in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 for credentialing success of 90 percent or more of its students.

Victoria College's Respiratory Care Program offers a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree. Successful completion of the program enables graduates to take a series of national board exams to become a registered respiratory therapist.

For information on Victoria College's Respiratory Care Program, call (361) 573-3291 or visit VictoriaCollege.edu/HealthCareers.

How to stay safe in the summer heat

Summers in Texas can be scorchers. Prepare your house and your family to be ready for the next heat wave.



- Get your house ready**
As Texans know, high demand on the power grid can cause issues at home. You can help avoid a power outage and stay safe if one happens.
 - Gather supplies.** Locate your flashlights, battery-powered fans, and batteries in case you lose power.
 - Check your air conditioning unit.** Get regular maintenance to check for dirty filters and clogged condenser coils and drain lines.
 - Conserve electricity.** Turn off lights when you can. Use large appliances in the morning or at night. Close your blinds and curtains.
 - Minimize food spoilage.** Limit how much you open your refrigerator and freezer to conserve the cold air.
 - Be careful when using a generator.** Don't use generators indoors or in a garage. If you light candles for light, blow them out when you leave a room. Don't run your car in a closed garage to charge devices.
 - Know your insurance.** If food in your refrigerator or freezer spoils during a power outage, most home and renters insurance policies will pay up to \$500 or more if the power fails under certain circumstances. Often, there isn't a deductible. Take pictures or keep a list of the food that spoiled.
- Keep your family safe when the heat rises**
Summer also means pool parties and being outside. Stay safe by remembering a few tips:
 - Drink enough water.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends drinking one cup of water every 15-20 minutes when it's hot. Energy drinks, caffeine, and alcohol can cause dehydration.
 - Prepare yourself.** Apply sunscreen, wear a hat, and choose lightweight, light-colored clothing.
 - Avoid the heat.** If possible, stay indoors in the hottest part of the day from 2 to 6 p.m. When you're outside, take frequent rest breaks in cool places.
 - Keep an eye on children.** Never leave children or pets in cars or vehicles.
 - Know your health care options.** If you're not feeling well, there are several ways you can get care.

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SPIES FAMILY REUNION

The 67th annual reunion of the descendants of August Spies will be held on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023 at the Moravia Dining Hall across the street from The Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church, 11134 FM 957, Schulenburg, starting at 10 a.m.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish & dessert, with lunch being served at 12:30 p.m. Plates, utensils, cups & tea will be provided. Please bring Silent Auction and Door Prize items. Kitchen Crew will be volunteers this year!

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GVTC Communications announces capital credits increase at annual meeting

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

GVTC Communications hosted its 68th Annual Meeting of the cooperative on June 28. It took place at the New Braunfels Civic Center, where attendees gathered in person while simultaneously being broadcasted via live-stream for virtual participants.

During this momentous occasion, GVTC upheld its longstanding tradition of welcoming both newly elected and returning members to its esteemed Board of Directors. The cooperative announced an increase in Capital Credits for GVTC members. In a noteworthy move, GVTC distributed its largest-ever Capital Credits this

month, amounting to \$8.56 million, surpassing the previous year's issuance of \$7.75 million.

The GVTC Board of Directors has played a pivotal role in ensuring the long-term viability of the cooperative within the ever-evolving telecommunications industry. Comprising 15 directors who are GVTC members, each director represents a designated GVTC district in which they reside.

Leveraging their leadership skills and specialized expertise, the board distinguishes GVTC from other service providers and positions the cooperative at the forefront of the industry.

Five positions were open for the 2023 elections for the GVTC Board of Directors.

Incumbent George Steinke was re-elected to serve as Director of District I, Position 1, over their challenger Rick Tobias.

Incumbent Jameson (Jamey) Arnold was re-elected to serve as Director of District II, Position 3, over their challenger Dan Gibbens.

Incumbent Clint Swindall was re-elected to serve as Director of District II, Position 5, over their challenger Kathleen Banse.

Incumbent Richard Elkins was re-elected to serve as Director of District III, Position 1, over their challenger Eric Christopher.

Tony Spears, Director of District V, Position 1, ran officially unopposed.

Heartfelt congratulations are extended to the elected GVTC Board of Directors for their success.

The meeting left an indelible impression, and we remain continuously amazed and proud of the active participation demonstrated by our employees and customers in representing this premier telecommunications cooperative.

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Cause No. 28,429

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In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas Notice is hereby given as follows:

To the Unknown Owner(s) of Thomas Harold Fears, Jr. (collectively, "Condemnees")

and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, to-wit:

Being property situated in John E. Garwin Survey, Abs. 22, Gonzales County, Texas, in a called 577-acre tract of land recorded in Volume 135, Page 48, Clerk Records of Gonzales County, Texas.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SUED and **Ironwood Midstream Energy Partners, LLC**, as Condemnor, has sued **Condemnees**, by petition filed on December 27, 2022, in a suit styled *Ironwood Midstream Energy Partners, LLC v. Unknown Heirs of Thomas Harold Fears, Jr.*, for the acquisition of easement rights that are described in the live pleadings in this suit now pending in the 2nd 25th Judicial District Court of Gonzales County, Texas, and the cause number is 28,429. **YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY.**

Condemnor seeks easement rights on the above-described property by the power of eminent domain.

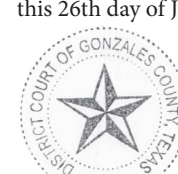
All parties to this suit, including Condemnor and Condemnees, shall take notice of all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein.

The address of Condemnor, Ironwood Midstream Energy Partners, LLC is 15727 Anthem Parkway, Suite 510, San Antonio, Texas 78249.

Failure to respond may result in judgment by default or judgment in the absence of objections rendered for the relief demanded in the petition.

You are hereby commanded to appear at a Special Commissioners Hearing on the 25th of July, 2023, to be held at 10:00 a.m. in the District Courtroom of the Gonzales County Courthouse, 414 St. Joseph Street, 2nd Floor, Gonzales, Texas 78629.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in Gonzales County, Texas, this 26th day of June, A.D., 2023.

 *Janice Sutton*, Gonzales County District Clerk
K. Alarcon, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS § BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE
GONZALES COUNTY §

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the 25th District Court of Gonzales County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on June 14th, 2023, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in August, 2023, the same being the 1st day of said month, inside the Gonzales County Courthouse Lobby at 414 N St Joseph St., in the City of Gonzales, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., beginning at approximately 10:00 a.m., on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Gonzales and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Cause #: 26,824 OVATION SERVICES, LLC V. REGINALD AHART AND THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DOROTHY AHART (IN REM ONLY); Judgment Date: March 22, 2023 Tax Acct #'s: 13681-25000-00000-00000; 13681-25000-00050-00000 Order of Sale Issued: April 28, 2023

Legal Description: BEING SIX (6) ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE NATHANIEL OSBORNE SURVEY OF 13 1/2 LABORS IN GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF 150 ACRES OF LAND CONVEYED BY F.F. WOOD TO SCOTT HOPKINS BY DEED DATED MARCH 14TH, 1874, RECORDED IN VOL. "U" PAGE 368 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS, AND THE PARTICULAR PART THEREOF HEREBY INTENDED TO BE CONVEYED AS DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS IN WARRANTY DEED FROM SCOTT AND POLLY HOPKINS TO TOM TERRY IN VOL. 118 AT PAGE 19 & 20 AND FILED FOR RECORD ON JANUARY 21ST, 1922, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PART TAKEN FOR ROAD PURPOSES. Commonly known as: 3639 FM 1116, Gonzales, Texas 78629

Judgment Amount: \$48,725.23 plus penalties and interest that has accrued from March 22, 2023

any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Gonzales County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s) interest, penalties, and cost. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

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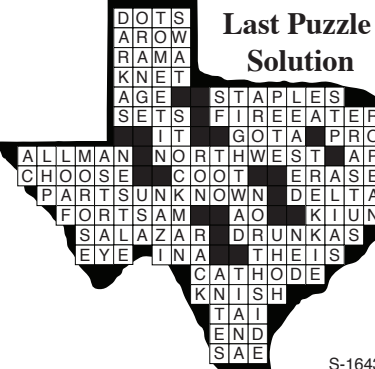
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Notice to Creditors

Cause Number PW23-0269

On the 6th day of June 2023, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Earlene Simms Jefferson, Deceased, were issued to **Dominique Scurry**, Independent Executor in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, in cause number **PW23-0269** pending upon the docket of said Court.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present them within the time prescribed by law at the address shown below. The name where claims may be sent is Nichole C. Howard, whose address is 15018 Lakefair Dr., Suite A, Richmond, Telephone: (346) 702-4344 Fax: (346) 245-8037 Email: nichole@nhowardlaw.com

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CRUELTY

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Last October, GCSO Deputy Rachael Barber submitted a probable cause affidavit to Judge William Old, who issued a search warrant, while Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Jesse Almaraz issued a seizure warrant and notice of hearing for 12 horses, two pigs and a dairy cow that were under Hamann's care.

On Nov. 18, 2022, following a two-hour hearing, Gonzales County Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Deidra Voigt found that Hamann had "cruelly treated the animals" and ordered that individual be divested of all ownership interest and right to the animals.

Five of the horses were found to belong to other individuals, with one horse (Molly) being returned to its rightful owner, Candice Clay of La Grange, while the other four horses (Arrow, Buckskin, White Blaze and Dark Brown) were to be returned to their rightful owners once their identities had been verified by the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office.

The other seven horses, two pigs and a dairy cow were ordered to be placed under the control and care of GCSO until a licensed veterinarian could examine the animals and determine a recommendation for disposition. The remaining animals were to then be "given to a nonprofit animal

shelter, pound or society for the protection of animals or any recommendation" by the veterinarian, according to Voigt's order.

Voigt found Hamann liable to pay \$4,195 in estimated costs incurred by GCSO for care and treatment of the animals. Hamann then had 10 days to appeal the judgement by the court, subject to an additional \$4,200 estimated cost for care and housing of the impounded animals during the appeal process, but she failed to file a timely appeal and the judgement became final, Voigt said.

Citing an uptick in animal seizures by his department due to mistreatment or malnourishment, including the Hamann case, Gonzales County Sheriff Keith Schmidt sought guidance last year from county commissioners regarding these types of cases.

Schmidt said the cost for care of seized animals get transferred onto his department when his deputies must confiscate animals and care for them until a court can decide their fate.

Commissioners decided at that time it was best to individually deal with these cases whenever the animals officially become county property after all matters of ownership are decided.

Marvin and Vicki Myles tailgate in the Mustang Stadium parking lot at Nixon-Smiley High School for the annual Fourth of July fireworks show Monday, July 3.

VANDY VAN EPPS



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white and blue shined through the night, celebrating the 247th year of the United States of America declaring its independence from the British.

Kenneth Wilhelm brought in his 1968 M-35 troop carrier with his wife and son to watch the fireworks display in Nixon.

When asked about "What does the Fourth of July mean to you?" he said to celebrate independence and the "ability to be free."

Wilhelm added he loves the family activities, having barbecues at friends, and watching Fourth of July parades.

Wilhelm also brought his troop carrier to the La Vernia Fourth of July Parade, and he said he'll decorate it with

American flags.

"We bought this just to be able to use it for our group (Coffee, Cars and Veterans) and use it in the parades and stuff because, like tomorrow, we're getting ready to do the Liberty parade. We deck this thing out with 20-foot American flags and a speaker system," Wilhelm said.

In Gonzales, the town celebrated its Fourth of July celebration with the annual Main Street Star Spangled Spectacular at Independence Square on Tuesday, July 4.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4817 brought back its annual bike parade for the Fourth of July festivities.

The children showed off their Independence Day Spirit

with their bikes, tricycles and wagons.

VFW Post Commander and Army veteran Charles Rochester, when asked "What does Fourth of July mean to him?" he said in an emotional response it's for our freedom.

"I fought for our freedom. I'll fight for our freedom and I will keep fighting for our freedom. To me, this little gathering we have here is one of the best things that we have it small. You know everybody, try to help anybody and everybody, and that's what I like," Rochester said.

Gonzales closed off its Fourth of July celebration with the annual fireworks show Tuesday night.

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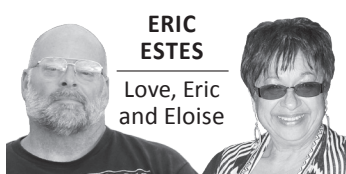
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What's Love Mean to You?



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

Howdy folks, hope the past week's been awesome for you, and the coming week will be even better. As for me, like many of you, I've spent quite a bit of time outdoors mowing, weed eating etc., as not to get overtaken by mother nature. It seems that after a good rain, Texas grass grows about an inch per day. I'm not complaining, I just can't seem to keep the TV from falling off my mower during my Netflix binges. But hey, gotta nice tan!

After one of our recent storms my internet temporarily went down, and like many times before, GVEC was quick to respond and had me up and running in no time. Kudos for a job well done, excellent service as always. However, during their visit I crawled under the house to help with running a new cable since I know it so well, and know how to watch for snakes, not wanting to put them in danger. Should I find a snake, I just kiss it on the lips and let it go, yeah, we have an arrangement. The next day I couldn't find my car keys, and honestly, started to freak out a little. After saying a quick but very heartfelt prayer, asking God to help me

find them, I walked outside and caught a glimmer of something in the lawn which was fairly tall at the time. Long story short, kudos to God, as he's always been there for me in times of need, whether big or small...thank you Lord!

During a recent conversation, I was asked what love meant to me. Speaking from a strictly human standpoint I replied, that's easy. To me "True" love means being willing to sacrifice your own wellbeing when necessary, for the benefit of those you love. What the movies portray as love is actually the initial attraction, infatuation, and/or lust, and has little to do with real love. Ephesians 5:25 says "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." This is why the church (believers, not buildings or man made denominations) is considered the "Bride of Christ".

We see this very same concept in our traditional wedding vows.

1) I take thee to be my wedded wife/ husband; meaning a conscience decision that establishes personal responsibility. 2) To have and to hold from this day forward; meaning to keep, tend to, and watch over. 3) For better or worse, richer or poorer, in sickness and health; meaning to stay faithfully committed regardless of circumstances. 4) To love and to cherish; True love means to sacrifice yourself for someone else. To cherish means to fully recognize your spouse's value as a human being, child of God, and the one you've chosen to spend your life with. 5) until death do us part; a lifelong commitment. In Genesis (the beginning) it says that a man shall leave his father and mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. I guess that explains why Eloise would shave our legs, so we didn't chirp like crickets at night!

While true love is absolutely awesome, it can (and will) be demanding at times. Guess I concur with Forrest Gump (1994 movie starring Tom Hanks), "I'm not a smart man, but I know what love is."

Until next time, love you guys, Eric.

Emmanuel Fellowship to offer Biblical Citizenship Course

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There is an excellent eight-class series that will help you learn your rights and how to stand up for them. With Rick Green, David and Tim Barton, and Kirk Cameron among the primary presenters, the Patriot Academy organization has constructed what they call a Biblical Citizenship course.

The course presents the true meaning of the Constitution and what each of us can do to assure adherence to the wisdom written into that Constitution. Each session is filled with information revealing truths about how our government was originally designed to function and how our current government has departed from that original intent.

That knowledge empowers us to confront our elected officials and demand a return to the rights and privileges promised in the Constitution. The sessions are an hour to an hour and a half long, but are so interesting they seem to go by far more quickly than that.

Emmanuel Fellowship is proud to announce Emmanuel Fellowship will be presenting this series free of charge on Thursday evenings, beginning Thursday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m. The sessions are open to any citizen who wants to see positive changes in our government.

If you love America, you need to attend these sessions. You not only will develop a greater respect for what our founding fathers gave us in the Constitution, but you will be better equipped to maintain the legacy of freedom which they won for us.

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7 pecan: state ____

8 TXism: "____ dog lie"

17 TX cosmetics queen Mary Kay ad on KHOU-TV

21 state no. of OK

22 TXism: "he ain't got both ____ in the water" (slow witted)

23 TX Fulghum book: "All I ____ Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten"

24 Tex-Mex dish

29 apt radio station for a F-150?

30 TXism: "he could out ____ six-legged bobcat"

31 actress Lois of "The Honkers" with Slim Pickens (init.)

32 TX singer Buddy's widow: "Maria ____"

34 TXism: "mighty ____" (okay)

35 TXism: "____ arm wrestle King Kong"

36 TX Jeffrey Jacquet old TV show: "Mork ____"

37 TX Quannah Parker's father

38 edible starch obtained from a palm

39 food poisoning

41 illegal ____ improperly crosses Texas border

42 honorary TX Ranger: ____ Stanley Gardner

43 TX King Vidor directed 1946 western "____ in the Sun"

44 former Astro Caminiti played ____ base

45 sounds of hesitation

46 TXism: "don't give a hoot ____ holler"

47 TXism: "stretches your lips"

48 TXism: "he's ____ chicken" (old)

50 sentence ender

51 actress Adams of "Superdome" with TX Susan Howard classified ____

52 TXism: "he couldn't ____ through a barbed wire fence"

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10 TX Kristofferson's "Why Me ____"

11 type widths

12 TXism: "round ' ____ up"

13 name of SMU mustang mascot

14 "good night" girl

15 natl. collegiate sports grp.

16 "Rawhide" trail boss, Favor

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22 book: "The Years ____ Johnson"

24 pos. of former Cowboy Jason Witten

25 "chicken ____ king"

26 TXism: "hombres"

27 TXism: "sling it on the wall ____ if it sticks"

28 Hedy of Texas-based "Boom Town"

29 Laredo TV station

30 singer Coolidge

33 TX Mac Davis' "Baby, Don't Get Hooked ____"

34 TXism: "ate some gravel"

35 ringlets, curls

37 TXism: "____ punch" (glad)

38 broken arm puzzle

40 British continent

41 he roped the calf by ____ leg

44 tres singers

47 Miami Hall of Fame QB, Bob

49 singer, TX Charley

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

Hegar announces federal funding to address digital divide

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said his Texas Broadband Development Office (BDO) was allocated \$3.3 billion in federal funding for broadband expansion. The funds, provided by the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, are part of the national \$42.5 billion Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.

This historic investment, announced recently by the

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), will finance critical infrastructure projects across the state to increase access to reliable, high-speed internet and help close the availability gap in Texas.

Texas' share was the largest of any state.

"Historically, Texas has typically been a donor state, meaning our tax dollars would go to Washington and then get sent out to fund projects in other states," Hegar said. "It's good

to see our hard-earned tax dollars coming back to Texas, and you can be certain that each of those dollars will be spent wisely."

Before BDO can begin implementing the \$3.3 billion in funding, it must submit a proposal to NTIA describing its BEAD-funded grant programs. This proposal will be directly informed by public feedback, which is why the BDO will continue engaging with communities across the state to ensure these funds have a meaningful

impact.

Hegar expects BDO to begin accepting grant applications for the BEAD program in 2024.

"This funding exceeds the amounts allocated to any other state or territory because the challenge facing our state is unique," Hegar said. "Texas has a large population with a significant share of unserved areas spread over a vast and geographically diverse landscape. The bipartisan legislation that appropriated these funds recognized the importance of

giving states the flexibility to meet the needs of their unique populations. I am encouraged that NTIA recognizes the challenges we face in Texas. And I hope as NTIA evaluates our proposal in the coming months, that it gives Texas the freedom and latitude to bridge the digital divide without needless restrictions."

Please visit the Comptroller's website for more information about the BEAD program and community outreach opportunities.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



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The winning team from the June 28 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Jake Barnick, Mitchell Davis, Brant Philippus, Josh Kusak and Cody Jeter.



The second-place team from the June 28 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Frank Ingram, Colt Johnson, Mike Turk, Ronnie Dubose, Jarrid Boehm and Jackie Waldrip.



Museum of the Coastal Bend to host 'Cabinet of Curiosities' summer camp starting July 8

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College's Museum of the Coastal Bend will host 'Cabinet of Curiosities' summer camp for ages 8-12 to begin Saturday, July 8.

Over the course of three Saturdays, students will learn about the collection, preservation, classification, and display of their own found artifacts, objects and items of interest. Students will assemble their own personalized "Cabinet of Curiosities" to house their

display case to take home on the last Saturday of the camp.

The camp will be held Saturdays, July 8, 15 and 22 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Museum of the Coastal Bend. Enrollment is limited to 12 students and advance reservations are encouraged. The fee is \$75; \$65 for MCB members and VC employees and includes instruction and supplies.

For more information or to register, visit MuseumOfTheCoastalBend.org or contact Claudia Quintero at (361) 582-2559 or email ClaudiaQuintero@VictoriaCollege.edu.

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YOUNG QUILTERS



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Six students attended the annual Youth Quilt Class sponsored by the Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild on June 26-29. They are, from left, McKenzie Kessler, Madeline Collins and Hannah Machacek with their "Disappearing Nine-Patch" quilts and Rena Pierce, Ana Lowe and Alma Lowe with their "Rail Fence" quilts. Guild members who assisted are in the back row from the left: Irene Cerny, Mary Shafer, Bernadette Kresta, Benie Gerdes, Wilma Williams, Sarah Collins, Janet Zabransky, Rose Mary Havlik and Debbie Novosad. Sherri Holland is not pictured. The Guild recognizes the Shiner Methodist Church for the use of the Fellowship Hall, The Square Quilter for assisting with supplies and South Star Bank of Shiner for donating supply bags that the members decorated with quilt blocks. To learn more about the Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild log onto www.shinerheritagequilters.org; email info@shinerheritagequilters.org.

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GARDENERS

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walnut and much of it was shipped to Europe and some to northern factories. One tree brought \$19. The demand for walnut timber was so great that the trees were completely cleared from the Gonzales County river bottoms within a few years.”

What we once had is now, in large part, gone; and the Gonzales Master Gardeners are attempting to address this. For years, the Master Gardeners have been germinating Black Walnut seeds from the remaining Gonzales County trees. These saplings have been distributed by the Gonzales County Extension Agriculture Service, free of charge, to local property owners in hopes of reestablishing a healthy Black Walnut tree population.

The Gonzales Master Gardeners award winning research focused on various factors affecting the germination of Black Walnut seeds. The Master Gardeners wish to thank the Texas Master Gardeners Association for this recognition and County Extension Agent Dwight Sexton for his continued support. A copy of the award-winning research paper is available at the County Extension office for anyone interested.

RUSSELLS

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The Russells were each indicted by a Gonzales County grand jury in November 2019 on one count of misapplication of fiduciary funds in the amount of \$30,000 or more but less than \$150,000 and one count of theft by public servant in the amount of \$30,000 or more but less than \$150,000.

Pre-trial hearings for two other high-profile cases also will not happen until August. Carol Russell, who is accused of shooting her husband to death, is scheduled to appear in court at 9 a.m. Aug. 3, while Jennifer Almaguer, accused of embezzling funds from the Gonzales Little League, will appear in court at 9 a.m. Aug. 14.

CRASH

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Miguel reported that 33-year-old Kim-Ngan Thuy Nguyen of Pflugerville, driving a 2018 Honda Fit, was traveling south on Highway 80 and “failed to maintain a single lane” when he struck a 2003 Ford Expedition, driven by 66-year-old Teodoro Vazquez of Seguin.

San Miguel added Vazquez lost control and struck a 2010 Freightliner towing a 2004 utility trailer driven by Dalton O’Dell Corzine of Leasburg, Mo.

All vehicles involved in the accident stopped safely, no injuries were reported and the accident is still under investigation, San Miguel said.

MAIN ST.

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Saturday, Aug 5.

The board approved two agenda items:
 --approved donating \$1,000 for school supplies for Back-to-School Bash to be held in August.
 --approved weekly newspaper advertising for events.

BISTRO

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of great appetizers and hearty, full portioned main courses, in addition to a full bar serving craft cocktails, beer, and wine by the glass or bottle.”

Cuisine served at the restaurant is primarily American and French and the restaurant does have a prix fixe menu (fixed price for a full three-course menu at a set rate). The cost of a typical two-course meal, not including beverages or tips, is often less than \$40 per person, which is considered to be inexpensive among gourmet eateries.

Vora, who is not only owner but also chef and wine director for the restaurant, is a classically trained chef born in Mumbai, India, whose family emigrated to the U.S. in 1976. Since arriving he has lived in New York City, West Virginia and South Carolina. He has appeared on many TV shows including Chopped and Best New Restaurant.

Wine Spectator’s Restaurant Awards recognize restaurants whose wine lists offer interesting selections, are appropriate to their cuisine and appeal to a wide range of wine lovers.

To qualify for an award, a wine list must present complete, accurate information, including vintages and appellations for all selections. Complete producer names and correct spellings are mandatory, and the overall presentation of the list is also considered. Lists that meet these requirements are judged for one of three awards.



Gonzales Bistro opened in 2022 when Chef Parind Vora relocated his restaurant from Lockhart to the 300 block of Saint George Street. Vora, a classically trained chef, has competed in several TV cooking shows and loves preparing French and American cuisine. Wine Spectator was impressed with the “uncommon value” offered by the Bistro despite it being a fine dining establishment.



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AWARD OF EXCELLENCE — 2,001 WINNERS

These wine lists, which should offer at least 90 selections, feature a well-chosen assortment of quality producers, along with a thematic match to the menu in both price and style. Whether compact or extensive, focused or diverse, these lists deliver sufficient choice to satisfy discerning wine lovers.

Gonzales Bistro, which earned this award, has nearly 100 different wine selections and a wine cellar stocked with more than 1,000 bottles sure to entice any oenophiles (wine lover). Vintages are strongest from California, Italy and France

and are considered to be relatively inexpensive, with great selections available for under \$50 per bottle. A full food and wine menu can be found at <https://www.gonzalesbistro.com/menu>.

“Inexpensive lists offer many bottles for less than \$50, while also exhibiting a below-normal markup (generally considered to be two to two-and-a-half times the wholesale bottle price). These lists offer uncommon value,” the magazine notes. “Pricing is not a judging criterion, it is merely provided as a guide for the reader.”

Wine Spectator noted that their awards are based on evaluation of

“wine lists, not restaurants as a whole.”

“Although we assume that the level of food and service will be commensurate with the quality of the wine lists, this unfortunately is not always true,” the magazine wrote.

Vora first opened his restaurant in 2015 in Lockhart before relocating to Gonzales in 2022. He has been a Wine Spectator award recipient since 2020.

BEST OF AWARD OF EXCELLENCE — 1,411 WINNERS

These wine lists display excellent breadth across multiple wine-growing regions and/or significant vertical depth of top

producers, along with superior presentation. Typically offering 350 or more selections, these restaurants are destinations for serious wine lovers, showing a deep commitment to wine, both in the cellar and through their service team.

GRAND AWARD — 93 WINNERS

Wine Spectator’s highest award, given to restaurants that show an uncompromising, passionate devotion to the quality of their wine programs. These wine lists typically feature 1,000 or more selections, and deliver serious breadth of top producers, outstanding depth in mature vintages, a selection of large-format bottles, excellent harmony with the menu, and superior presentation. These restaurants offer the highest level of wine service.

To explore these great dining spots for enjoying wine, head to WineSpectator.com’s free-access Restaurant Search, which features all of Wine Spectator’s 2023 Restaurant Award winners searchable by name, location, cuisine type, wine strengths, pricing and award level. To access restaurant recommendations on the go, try Wine Spectator’s Restaurant Awards app, available free in the App Store. All award winners are also featured in the Aug. 31, 2023, issue of Wine Spectator (available on newsstands July 11), which goes into more depth on how restaurants are securing their livelihoods in the face of technological advancement.

New ER Group to Lead Emergency Care

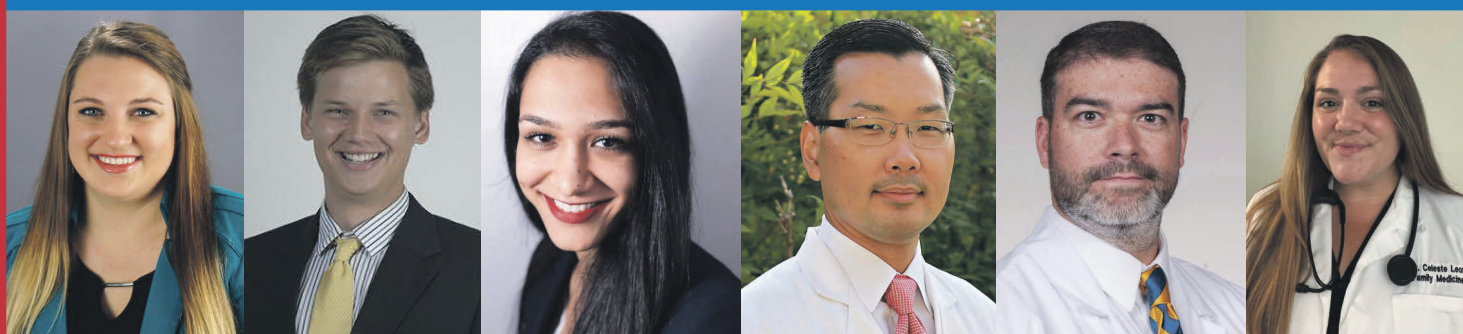
Gonzales Healthcare Systems is excited to announce its partnership with Gonzales Emergency Partners, a locally organized group of emergency medicine physicians that will be providing emergency care in our facility. While this group is a newly founded one, the experience these physicians hold spans decades. And more importantly, this group boasts a local component, with one physician born and raised in neighboring Shiner, Texas. We pride ourselves on neighbors caring for neighbors, and this new partnership only adds to this sentiment.

Gonzales Emergency Partners is comprised of six emergency medicine physicians: Dr. Eric Baden, Dr. Alex Kresta, Dr. Celeste Leon, Dr. Anisha Malhotra, Dr. Charles Spencer, and Dr. Emily Wagner.

Dr. Wagner comes to us from Shiner, Texas. What better way to treat our patients than with a friendly face from just down the road. Dr. Kresta is a native Texan, and enjoys hunting and fishing in his down time. Both Dr. Baden and Dr. Spencer are former military, with Dr. Baden serving in the US Army and Dr. Spencer serving in the US Navy. We are honored to have them caring for our patients. Dr. Malhotra is originally from New Delhi, India. She trained in Chicago, and made her way to Texas six years ago. Dr. Leon currently sees patients in our emergency department, and we are excited that she will be part of Gonzales Emergency Partners and continuing her work at our facility.

Each physician is specially trained in emergency medicine, as they treat any ailment that walks through our ER doors. This training allows them to assess the situation, and treat the patient in the most effective and efficient way possible. With assistance from our nurses and other clinical departments, patients can be assured that they will receive the best possible care during their stay in our emergency department.

Gonzales Emergency Partners will join the GHS team and begin seeing patients in our emergency department July 1, 2023.



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