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Boil water notice issued for Waelder lifted Tuesday, Jan. 23

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A boil water notice for the city of Waelder's public water system was lifted Tuesday, Jan. 23. Waelder residents were notified Sunday, Jan. 21, they would be under a required boil water notice from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) after the failure of both city water wells over the weekend. Citizens were advised to boil all water taken from city sources prior to consumption, which includes washing hands/face, brushing teeth and drinking. Children, seniors and persons with weakened immune systems are particularly vulnerable to harmful bacteria. The city advised that one water well was working as of 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, but the boil

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PHOTO BY LEW K. COHN

Excess water is flooding a low-lying area near the intersection of County Road 488 and Farm-to-Market Road 532 just east of Gonzales on Wednesday, Jan. 24. Parts of the county received between eight to 10 inches of rain in just 24 hours, causing roadways to close and schools to keep students at home due to transportation safety concerns. Below: A flash flood warning was in effect for Gonzales County from Tuesday, Jan. 23 to noon Wednesday, Jan. 24. It expired but a regular flood warning remained in effect until 6 p.m. Wednesday as of press time.

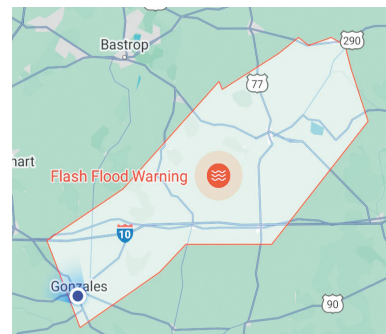
Heavy rains cause flooding in county, closing schools

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County was inundated with heavy rain that produced localized flooding for a period of more than 24 hours Tuesday, Jan. 23 through Wednesday, Jan. 24, causing schools to shut down and roadways to close. As many as 3,500 GVEC customers were without electric-

ity in their service area outside Gonzales city limits between 9 p.m. Tuesday and 2 a.m. Wednesday. By 10 a.m., that amount had dwindled to just 127 customers still affected out of a total served of 108,400. The majority of those were actually in the Yorktown area. There were no outages reported inside the Gonzales city

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

School board receives monthly bond update

The board also extended the superintendent's contract to 2028

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales ISD School Board met for a special called meeting Monday, Jan. 22 at the GISD Administration Building. The board had two main agenda items that

were discussed during the meeting: the 2023 Bond Program Monthly Update and the TASB Human Resources Review.

2023 BOND PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

The board invited Casey Sledge, of Region XIII/Sledge Industries, to give the monthly 2023 Bond Program update. "So tonight is our first kind of official monthly board update, and we'll be doing these every

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Smiley City Council discusses animal ordinance, water construction project

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
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The Smiley City Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Smiley City Hall. The council talked about three big agenda items: changes to the animal ordinance that was passed in the last meeting; a construction contract for the city's water treatment and well improvement project and a new city website. Water Treatment and Well Improvement project

Jerry Shepherd of Southwest Engineers Inc. spoke to the council about two bids for the water treatment and well improvement project. The two bids were from J&K Utility Services of Creekmore, and TTE of Spicewood, Shepherd said. "The first bid was about right before Christmas, and we only got one bid and it was over the amount of money that we had available, so obviously you're likely to reject that bid and switch around some stuff

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LEW K. COHN

Carlos Camarillo (second from left), chairman of the Gonzales Elks Lodge No. 2314 Board of Directors, presents a \$2,000 check to Debbie Marshall, Rafael De La Paz and Sharon Smith of the Community Health Centers of South Central Texas Inc. to help fund the organization's first community baby shower in Gonzales County.

Non-profit uses Elks grant to host first community baby shower

BY LEW K. COHN
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The Community Health Centers of South Central Texas Inc., with the help of a \$2,000 grant from Gonzales Elks Lodge No. 2314, will host the county's first community baby shower for moms to be at their administrative offices this Thursday, Jan. 25, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. "We've seen that concept work, particularly

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Inquirer, GOP co-sponsor local candidate forum

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Inquirer and the Republican Party of Gonzales County will join forces again to co-sponsor a Meet and Greet Candidate Forum on Thursday, Feb. 15, at the Gonzales American Legion Post 40, 1612 Robertson St., Gonzales. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for meet and greet and the forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. Lew K.

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Commissioners approve three items for Gonzales County Sheriff's Office

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales County Commissioners met for its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, Jan. 22 at the Gonzales County Courthouse. Gonzales County Sheriff Keith Schmidt requested the commissioners approve several agenda items:

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Last chance for local discount tickets to Cattle Country Music Festival

BY LEW K. COHN
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If you're someone who likes to wait until the last minute to get the best deal —

the last minute is now for a local discount on single-day tickets to the inaugural Cattle Country Music Festival, to be held April April 12-14 in Gonzales. Festival organizers told the Inquirer

they have extended the \$79 single day ticket local discount to Gonzales, DeWitt and Lavaca County as well as to Seguin,

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School, city election filing period begins

BY LEW K. COHN
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The election filing period has begun for those wishing to serve on city councils and school boards in Gonzales County and to run in the Saturday, May 4, election.

State law allows for a 30-day window of opportunity for interested parties to submit an application to run for council or school board. This year, that period of time began Wednesday, Jan. 17, and will continue to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16.

In order to run for office, according to Texas Election Code Section 141.01, an individual must be a citizen of the United States; 18 years of age or older on the first day of the term to be filled at election; have not been determined mentally incompetent by a final judgment of a court; have not been finally convicted of a felony from which the person has not been pardoned or otherwise released from the disabilities; have resided continuously in the state for 12 months and in the territory as applicable for six months immediately preceding the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot. Candidates also must satisfy any other eligibility requirements prescribed by law for a particular office.

The following are the positions up for grabs on the ballot with incumbents listed in parentheses:

GONZALES CITY

Seats available on the Gonzales City Council include District 1 (Joseph "Poochy" Kridler) and District 2 (Sherri Tumlinson Koepf). Candidates must file for office at Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph St., Gonzales.

NIXON CITY

Seats available on the Nixon City Council include the mayor (Dorothy Riojas) and two at-large seats (Maggie Gaytan and Ellie Dominguez). Candidates must file for office at Nixon City Hall, 302 E. Central Ave., Nixon.

SMILEY CITY

Seats available on the Smiley City Council include mayor (Lisa Benavidez) and two at-large seats (Ellis Villasana and Melva Robinson Childres). Candidates must file for office at Smiley City Hall, 207 Steele St., Smiley.

WAEOLDER CITY

Seats available on the Waelder City Council include mayor (Roy Tovar) and two at-large seats (Peggy Blackmon and a seat held vacant since the death of Sam Ramirez). Candidates must file for office at Waelder City Hall, 300 Hwy 90 West, Waelder.

GONZALES ISD

Seats available include District 4 (Josie Smith-Wright) and District 7 (Sandra Gorden). Candidates must file for office at Gonzales ISD Administration, 1615 St Louis St., Gonzales.

NIXON-SMILEY CISD

Seats available include Place 2 (Bud Box) and Place 3 (Richard Lott). Candidates must file for office at Nixon-Smiley CISD Administration, 800 N. Rancho Road, Nixon.

WAEOLDER ISD

Seats available are three at-large seats (JoAnn Ibarra, Adolph Gonzales and Jamie Castro). Candidates must file for office at Waelder ISD Administration, 201 US Hwy 90 W, Waelder.

The last day to register to vote in the May 6 election is Thursday, April 4. Early voting begins Monday, April 22 and continues through Tuesday, April 30.

Shiner Catholic to observe Catholic Schools Week

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Shiner Catholic School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2024 next week, Jan. 28 through Feb. 2, with several activities designed to celebrate how Catholic schools are "united in faith and community."

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

MASS: 7:30 a.m. Mass & 9:30 a.m. Mass - donuts for families and friends in attendance

MONDAY, JAN. 29

Eucharistic Adoration for Junior High and High School students - 11:00am Ice Cream trip to Sweet Bea's for PK to 8th grade

Blood Drive - Help Give the Gift of Life

TUESDAY, JAN. 30

SCS Day of Giving begins at 11 a.m.

Money donated will go directly to faculty and staff as a bonus to thank them for all they do for the school. The goal is \$25,000.

HS students will go to the movies in Yoakum (leave after 4th period)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

Pancake Breakfast - 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. in the dining hall - then walk your child to class
\$7 - 5th grade through adult



CONTRIBUTED

Shiner Catholic Schools will observe Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 28 through Feb. 2. Big events include the Noodle Soup Dinner and Student Talent Show on Thursday, Feb. 1.

\$5 - PreK through 4th (This is a fundraiser for the cafeteria. Feel free to tip the lunch lady!)
SCS Day of Giving ends at 11 am
Teacher Luncheon - SPH Lounge

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

Mass - 8:10 a.m.
Noodle Soup Dinner - Dine-In or To-go ~ available at the dining hall from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Soup, sandwich, dessert, and drink \$10

Soup OR sandwich and a drink \$5
Quart of Soup OR sandwich TO GO = \$5
Gallon of soup TO GO = \$20
Student talent show in the gym @ 6pm; Grades PreK-3 through 12th grade perform

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Candlelight Mass - 6 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend this beautiful service

GISD COUNSELOR RECOGNIZED



COURTESY PHOTO/GISD

Gonzales ISD counselor Casie Ehrig has received the distinguished Region 13 Star of the Month Award for January. Her commitment to excellence and unwavering dedication to student success truly set a standard for the Gonzales ISD community.

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Celebrations Birthdays

January 25th Kathleen Allen Thomas Castillo	Christina Jahns Lauren Siegel
January 26th Debbie Bickle Beth Brasher Emily Eckols Bubba Ehrig Steve Faulkner Regina Mills Justin Schwausch Rylan Tiekien	January 29th Carol Staton Payne
January 27th Nora Camarillo Herman Grauke Jaime Newman Cain Wyatt	January 30th Kelsie Boulter Ron DuBose Liz DuBose Daniel Andrew Hernandez Wendi Wilkerson Keller
January 28th Bryan Glass	January 31st Scottie Beth Baker Bryan Condel Lauren Ekrut Abel Garcia Jack Gindler Alfred (Bubba) Hermann Terry Etheridge Tresner








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	January 25 63°/48°	Mostly sunny 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 67
	January 26 59°/47°	Mostly sunny 17% chance of rain • RealFeel 56
	January 27 62°/44°	Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers, mainly early in the day 64% chance of rain • RealFeel 62
	January 28 65°/42°	Mostly sunny 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 66
	January 29 59°/43°	Plenty of sun 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 64
	January 30 67°/44°	Mainly cloudy 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 70
	January 31 64°/34°	Intervals of clouds and sunshine 3% chance of rain • RealFeel 65



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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

January 20th
 Cattle – 740
 Compared to our last sale:
 Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold 3.00-5.00 higher. Less quality calves and yearlings sold 3.00-4.00 higher.
 Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold 2.00-3.00 higher.
 Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 295-335; 300-400 lbs., 295-355; 400-500 lbs., 255-345; 500-600 lbs., 234-280; 600-700 lbs., 210-250; 700-800 lbs., 195-220.
 Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 90-155.
 Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 285-330; 300-400 lbs., 285-317; 400-500 lbs., 225-315; 500-600 lbs., 210-231; 600-700 lbs., 185-212.
 Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 75-86; Cutters, 94-104; Canners, 52-78; High yielding fat cows, 87-99.
 Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 117-122; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 105-114.
 Stocker Cows: \$750 to \$1,500.
 Pairs: \$1,100 to \$1,600.

in prices as demand continues to be very strong. The calf market was strong with all weights being significantly higher. A strong market with a lot of momentum after weather concerns of past week. The average value of calves was over \$110 a head higher!

Packer bulls:	94.00-123.00
Packer cows:	
canners & cutters	78.00-96.00
poor & weak	30.00-57.00
Palpated: 7 BRED	90.00-135.00
PAIRS: 6	\$2,100 - \$2,400
Steer Calves:	
250-299 lbs.	NONE
300-350 lbs.	262.50-346.00
350-400 lbs.	293.00-340.00
400-450 lbs.	283.00-332.00
450-500 lbs.	260.00-320.00
500-550 lbs.	250.00-282.00
550-600 lbs.	234.00-262.00
600-700 lbs.	221.00-256.00
700-800 lbs.	214.00-234.00
Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)	
Under 250lbs	269.00-317.50
250-300 lbs.	318.00-352.50
300-350 lbs.	284.00-356.00
350-400 lbs.	272.00-360.00
400-450 lbs.	297.00-332.00
450-500 lbs.	265.00-319.00
500-550 lbs.	251.00-284.00
550-600 lbs.	238.00-260.00
600-700 lbs.	220.00-255.00
Over 700 lbs.	204.00-224.00
Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)	
under 200 lbs.	NONE
200-250 lbs.	276.00-320.00
250-300 lbs.	273.00-310.00
300-350 lbs.	272.00-340.00
350-400 lbs.	256.00-334.00
400-450 lbs.	244.00-320.00
450-500 lbs.	237.00-286.00
500-550 lbs.	229.00-260.00
550-600 lbs.	222.00-256.00
600-700 lbs.	210.00-250.00
Over 700 lbs	199.00-229.00

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CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

January 19, 2024
 Number of head 1,331
 There were only 80 cows and 19 bulls. Top packer bull was up to \$129/cwt while tops on packer cows was \$105/cwt. A big jump

Dairy MAX Scholarship accepting applications open through March 31

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Dairy MAX is committed to strengthening agriculture and sustaining a viable future for dairy farming. One way that Dairy MAX shows this commitment is the Dairy MAX scholarship program, which supports local dairy farm families while investing in future generations. Dairy MAX will continue the program this spring and award three \$2,500 academic scholarships. Scholarship applications are now open until March 31, 2024.

"In the past 17 years, Dairy MAX has awarded more than \$90,000 in

scholarships to students committed to the future of agriculture and strengthening the future of the dairy industry," said Todd Green, Dairy MAX vice president of industry image and relations. "The Dairy MAX scholarship program allows the organization to support the next generation of the dairy industry and play a role in these young people advancing their education."

To be eligible for the Dairy MAX scholarship, students must reside in the Dairy MAX region, be a graduating high school senior or an undergraduate student currently enrolled in college and

be a child of a dairy farmer, child of a dairy farm employee, or an FFA/4-H dairy show participant.

"The future of the dairy industry is bright, and we are proud to support students who will be assets to the industry's future," said Green.

Investing in the recipients' education propels dairy to feed the world while nourishing communities. The 2024 scholarship applications are now open and will close on March 31, 2024.

For a complete list of eligibility requirements and information about applying, visit <https://www.dairymax.org/dairy/scholarships>.

Garden Q&A with CALVIN FINCH



Still time to grow some winter crops

Q. I covered my primula and cyclamen flowers to protect them from the cold freezes. The primula fared pretty well, and the blooms still look good. The leaves of the cyclamen look good but there aren't many blooms left. What are my options?

A. Sounds like it would be best to leave the primula as they are the blooms are in good shape. You may want to replace the cyclamen because they often take a long time to replace any damaged blooms. You have about 3 months of bloom period left so the replacement flowers would be worth the expense.

Q. We were successful with our winter vegetables. Is there still time to plant some more for another harvest?

A. If you can obtain some broccoli, kale, spinach, mustard, cabbage and chard they may have time to produce some more to harvest. Cauliflower and Brussels sprouts are probably too late. Plant radish, carrots, turnips, beets and lettuce by seed or transplants. There is also time for onions and potatoes.

Q. We have a winter lawn made up of rescue grass and annual blue grass. I thought the cold weather would kill it, but it is still lush. Can I apply Poast or Grassbego so we can plant Bermuda grass seed?

A. It is too early to plant Bermuda grass seed. Keep mowing the weed grasses, they will decline in early May just at the recom-



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

There's still time to grow some winter vegetables like radishes, carrots and lettuce.

mended time to plant the Bermuda grass seed.

Q. I want to plant a line of medium sized trees along my driveway. It is about 300 feet long. Do you have any recom-

mendations?

A. Crepe myrtles work well. You can select one of the varieties 15 to 25 feet tall with a bloom color of white or pink. Mexican plum and loquat would also work well.

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2024 is nothing but a tease

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

When I was a kid, back in the 80s — that's 1980s, not 1880s, thank you very much! — we used to love to "psych" people.

We'd hold out our hand as if inviting someone to give us a "high five," and when they committed to doing so, we'd pull our hand back and say "Psych!" to the unwitting fool who fell for our sophomoric behavior.

It was an integral part of growing up in the 1980s, a magical time in life which young people can learn more about by watching TV shows like "The Goldbergs" or "Stanger Things" or by listening to Gen X folks like me relive the glory days, when MTV actually played music and people trusted television news anchors and wanted to grow up to be X-wing pilots or astronauts.

So far, it seems like 2024 is the kid that is continually trying to trick us and we're the dimwits who keep falling for it.

First, there's the weather. Last week was supposed to be the sequel to Snowmageddon — Snowmageddon Strikes Back, if you will.

So far, it seems like 2024 is the kid that is continually trying to trick us and we're the dimwits who keep falling for it.

Grocery stores in Gonzales were full of people shopping for supplies in case they had to hunker down like we did in February 2021, when we had to melt snow so we could

flush toilets, defend our homes from nomadic polar bears and cast lots to determine who would be eaten first when the food ran out.

Psych! What we got was some very cold temperatures on MLK Day that turned a march into a parade, schools closed for a few days due to precaution, a fender bender that knocked out power for 1,000 people for a few hours and very little in the way of precipitation. Even though we saw a low of 14 degrees early Jan. 17, it never felt like "the end of the world as we know it," to throw it back to R.E.M. and the 1980s.

Double psych! This week, all of that precipitation we were supposed to get last week arrived in one swell foop — I mean, one fell swoop — and flooded parts of Gonzales County, causing schools to shut down again on Wednesday, Jan. 24. As much as eight to 10 inches fell in some parts of the county.

Then there's the 2024 presidential race. The approach of the primary and caucus season made it seem like we wouldn't be stuck with a pair of candidates (Biden and Trump) whose combined age (159) on Election Day is equal to the number of years it has been since the end of the Civil War (1865).

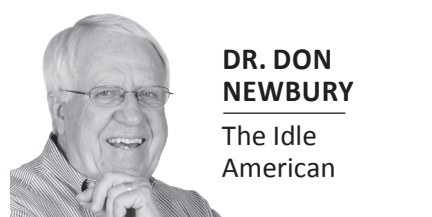
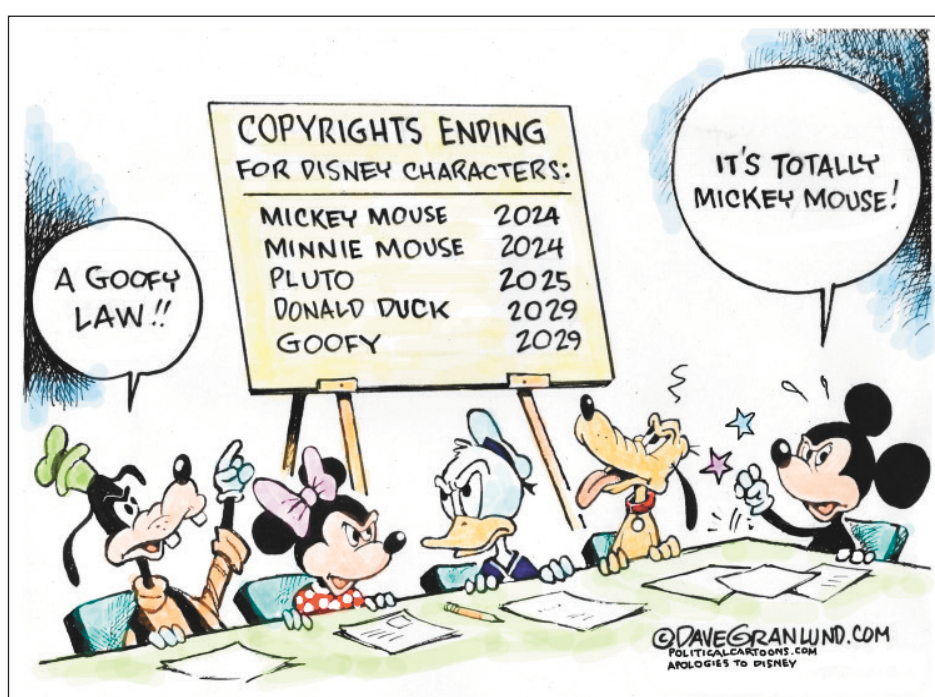
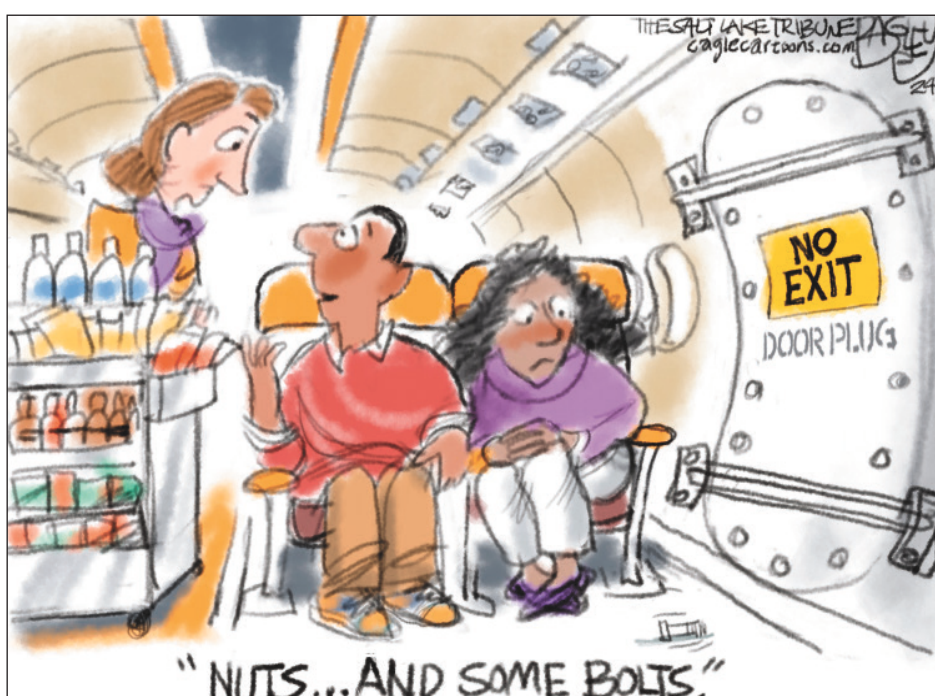
The GOP field included — using Trump nicknames — Nikki "Birdbrain" Haley, "Meatball Ron" DeSantis, "Aida" Asa Hutchinson, "Liddle" Mike Pence, "Sloppy" Chris Christie and then Tim Scott and Vivek Ramaswamy, both of whom were apparently so inconsequential as to not even earn Trump nicknames. Surely one of these titans would rise to the occasion and deliver us from a repeat of the 2020 election main card?

Psych! Only Haley remains in the way of a Trump-Biden rematch in November as the other candidates have all dropped out of the race, unable to build any momentum or generate any new ideas that would excite or enthrall an electorate that's "gotta get a break from the same old, same old." (Poison, Nothin' But a Good Time, 1988).

Biden still has opponents (in name only) in Marianne Williamson and Dean Phillips and there are the third party candidates, like Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and Cornel West, but, to quote Biden, "c'mon man." These people have as much likelihood of breaking up Trump-Biden II as CornPop had of beating up Biden and we all know that "CornPop was a bad dude and he ran with a bad bunch of guys."

Finally, our eyes have opened up and we see what's going on here, 2024. You're just trying to punk us.

Well, like George W. Bush says, "Fool me once, shame on — shame on you. Fool me — you can't get fooled again!"



DR. DON NEWBURY
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L.O.P. — A modest proposal

Several years ago, a wise guy—or perhaps a wise gal—sent an email that latched on and won't let go. It read: "In your column today, I discovered several dozen well-chosen words." Oh, that it could have been left at that, without a second sentence: "Unfortunately, they were intermingled among 600 that weren't."

Ouch! Such could be said of most of my weekly meanderings that will have spanned 21 years come February. It's an ongoing challenge to write "well-chosen words..."

Most of the time, I have sought high roads, hoping to produce a few grins that soften the impact of hurtful news. Recent news in the world of higher education—a career I chose to follow 63 years ago—is causing sleep deprivation, so I'm going to write about it.

Too much news involves dollar marks followed by too many zeroes. Sadly, at the center of it all is what we have always called "intercollegiate athletics," usually with an addendum claiming the NCAA to be a national association of "student athletes." In a few programs around the nation, it's a stretch to conclude that some vaunted athletes deserve to have "student" in front of their names....

Now, finally in the fourth paragraph, today's headline makes sense. The "L.O.P." I suggest that 15 or 20 major universities be "lopped off" to go their own way. Then, there might yet be a healthy future for true "student athletes" in the remaining institutions.

Yep, this would mean that most universities could resume their initial objectives. For these, the tails no longer would wag the dog.

I won't attempt to name universities suggested for the L.O.P.—but you, I and they know who they are. Clearly, they belong in the new L.O.P.—the League of Plenty....

Currently, there are 100 or so institutions galloping along as fast as they can, trying to keep up, believing that their success, prestige, enrollment—and fund-raising, of course—hinge on big time sports.

There are many problems with such thinking. A comic strip featured more than 100 years ago in the defunct New YorkGlobe provided an observation repeated across the years.

"Just when we think we've caught up with the Joneses, they refinance." The point applies here: The "almosts" who continue to seek the holy grail will fail. The golden rule still applies—their with the gold rule....

My head was reeling with numbers recently during a drive to Waco as I listened to sports radio. I learned that Texas A&M was writing a \$76 million check(s) to deposited football coach Jimbo Fisher, and that at least one football player at a major university was paid MILLIONS this year under the guise of the new NCAA N.I.L. program (name-identification-likeness).

I found both bits of news sickening. While in Waco, I called Grant Teaff—a friend of 67 years—to wish him a happy 90th birthday. He confirmed a figure that he shared with me years ago. When he arrived in Waco to SUCCESSFULLY revive Baylor's football program in 1972, he signed on for an annual salary of \$25,000, one that had reached \$50,000 when he retired 21 seasons later. (BTW, he compiled a record of 170-151-8 and two South-west Conference championships.) And, he didn't even have an agent!....

I dream of the "good old days," when playing fields were more level, and competing for league championships was enough. We need more coaches like Grant Teaff, R. C. Slocum, Jess Neely and Rusty Russell, among a short list of others. Remember Rusty? He left Temple High School to coach at Fort Worth's Masonic Home, finding out that they didn't have a football stadium, or even a football!

For my proposal to gain traction—and I know the odds are minuscule—and trustees and regents must re-examine why their institutions were founded and assume their duties to develop and defend policies.

Or, they can trudge on, allowing television to orchestrate major decisions to be carried out by its NCAA lap dog....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues his regimen of writing and public speaking. Contact: 817-447-3872, email: newbury@speakerdoc.com.

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Lady Apaches offense stalls against La Vernia

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches struggled offensively in their 57-27 loss to No. 18-ranked La Vernia Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The Lady Apaches were outscored in the first quarter, 18-2, with sophomore Isabella Ikkard scoring the first two points for Gonzales.

Defensively, the Lady Apaches forced many turnovers by the Lady Bears throughout the next three quarters, but Gonzales struggled with turnovers of their own as well.

"Just turnovers was a common denominator with this one. When we struggle, we tend to turn the basketball over, so we're kind of up and down as far as that goes," Lady Apaches head basketball coach Mark Belford said.

The Lady Apaches have the third seed in District 28-4A in sight as they have three more games left this season.

Gonzales and Fox Tech are



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales junior Skcarlett Cerda (3) shoots two free throws for the Lady Apaches against La Vernia Tuesday, Jan. 23.

in a tight race for that third spot, but Belford wants to focus on one game at a time, heading into the final games.

"Well, the first thing, we're just going to concentrate on one game at a time, so what we'll get into practice tomorrow

See **LADIES**, page 6



Gonzales junior shooting guard Kilee Schwausch (5) passes the ball to her teammate Haley Cantu (4 [not pictured]) in the district match against La Vernia.



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Junior Jzyah Melancon (5) dribbles the ball for the Gonzales Apaches' offense while a Fox Tech player defends him.

Lady Apaches beat Fox Tech on home turf

STAFF REPORT

Exactly one year ago, the Gonzales Lady Apaches were eliminated from postseason contention by Fox Tech. Now, the Lady Apaches have returned the favor.

The Lady Apaches got their revenge from their first meeting by beating the Lady Buffaloes, 56-32, Friday, Jan. 19 and improving to 5-3 in district play.

Gonzales kicked off the game strong, holding Fox Tech's offense to

See **BASKETBALL**, page 6

Apaches FC falls to Lockhart, beats Waelder

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches FC returned home for back-to-back games at Apache Field Friday, Jan. 19 and Saturday, Jan. 20 against Lockhart and Waelder.

The Apaches FC were handed their sixth loss of the season by Lockhart, 9-2, last Friday.

Gonzales quickly rebounded from the Lockhart loss with an in-county match against the Waelder Wildcats last Saturday.

The Apaches FC took care of business with a 5-0 win over the Wildcats.

Gonzales will hit the road Friday, Jan. 26 for its final non-district game against the Pleasanton Eagles, and will kick off district at home against San Antonio JFK Friday, Feb. 2.

The Pleasanton and JFK games kick off at 7 p.m.

La Vernia sweep season series from Apaches

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches hosted the state-ranked La Vernia Bears for the tip off of the second half of district play Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The Apaches dropped to 2-5 in District 28-4A with a 70-40 loss to La Vernia and 5-21 on the season.

Gonzales has five more games left in the season and three of the last five are on the road.

The Apaches will go on the road for back-to-back games against San Antonio JFK (Friday, Jan. 26) and San Antonio Memorial (Friday, Feb. 2).

The JFK and Memorial game tips off at 7 p.m.

Fox Tech beats Apaches in late rally

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches closed out the first half of district play with a 58-49 loss to the Fox Tech Buffaloes Saturday, Jan. 20.

The Apaches took a commanding 24-17 lead over the Buffaloes, but things went out of hand in the second half of this district match.

Fox Tech quickly took the lead over the Apaches, 44-43, at the end of the third quarter, and later outscored them 24-15 in final eight minutes of the game.

Apaches head basketball coach Steven Pinchback knew his players were in foul trouble entering the fourth quarter and he said they were hesitant.

"We're still learning. I can't knock the effort these guys are playing. We're showing that we can play with anyone. We're young and we're trying to put it together, but we don't keep fighting and we don't keep playing," Pinchback said.

Gonzales showed a strong start to the game against Fox Tech and Pinchback knows his players have been listening to the scouting and following the game plan.

"We've just got to do a better job of finishing, and once we get that down, we'll be fine. I've just got to remember we're young. I'm playing freshmen out there, sophomores. It's all the process of learning how to play this game the right way," Pinchback said.

"Like I told them, keep your chest up and your chin up because we can play with anybody



Above: Apaches junior Jermane Upshaw (10) battles a Fox Tech defender in a road district match Saturday, Jan. 20 in San Antonio. Left: Apaches junior shooting guard Gavin Lekgega (1) stares down a Fox Tech defender in a road district match in San Antonio Saturday, Jan. 20.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

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Lady Mustangs beat Lady Griffins, keep playoff hopes alive

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smilely Lady Mustangs kept their playoff hopes alive with a 55-27 road win over the Great Hearts Northern

Oaks Lady Griffins Friday, Jan. 19. The Lady Mustangs snapped a three-game losing streak and improved to 2-3 in district play. Nixon-Smilely currently sits in fourth

place in District 26-3A with five games left in the season; however, three of them are on the road. The Lady Mustangs head out on the road Tuesday, Jan. 23 against Luling and

will return home against the Randolph Lady Ro-Hawks Friday, Jan. 26. The Luling game tips off at 6:30 p.m. and the Randolph game tips off at 6:15 p.m.

Griffins hand Mustangs their third district loss

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smilely Mustangs traveled to San Antonio for a district match against the Great Northern Oaks Griffins Friday, Jan. 19. The Mustangs fell to the Griffins, 88-56, and dropped their third district game in a row.

Nixon-Smilely started the game rough against Northern Oaks, getting outscored, 28-8, in the first quarter.

The Mustangs are tied for fifth place with the Luling Eagles — both with the same 0-3 district record —

but the playoffs are not out of reach.

The Randolph Ro-Hawks are currently sitting at 1-2 in fourth place in District 26-3A. The Mustangs played Luling on Tuesday, Jan 23, and will host Randolph on Friday, Jan. 26, to close out the first half of district play.

The Mustangs will kick off the second half of district games with back-to-back road games against Marion (Tuesday, Jan. 30) and Cole (Friday, Feb. 2).

The Marion and Cole games tip off at 8 p.m.

Lady Mustangs sweep Luling following road win

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smilely Lady Mustangs added another district win with a 58-24 road victory over the Luling Lady Eagles Tuesday, Jan. 23.

The Lady Mustangs improved to 3-3 in District 26-3A and are keeping their playoff hopes alive with the fourth seed for now, with four games remaining of the season.

Nixon-Smilely will host the Randolph Lady Ro-Hawks Friday, Jan. 26 and will go on the road for back-to-back games against Marion (Tuesday, Jan. 30) and Cole (Friday, Feb. 2).

The Lady Mustangs will close out the season with their final home game against Great Hearts Northern Oaks Tuesday, Feb. 9.

All four games tip off at 6:15 p.m.



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row and get back into that lab, continue to work. And then Friday, we get Kennedy in and we're just going to prepare and let that take care of itself," Belford said.

"Like I said, one game at a time, and then we'll see where we end up at the end of the year," Belford added.

The Gonzales Lady Apaches host the San Antonio JFK Lady Rockets Friday, Jan. 26 and later host San Antonio Memorial Friday, Feb. 2 for their final home game.

The JFK and Memorial games tip off at 6:30 p.m.

Lady Apaches' Isabella Ikard (15) and La Vernia's Kendalyn Bay (11) jump in the air for the tip off of the district match Tuesday, Jan. 23.

VANDY VAN EPPS

Mustangs win first district game over Luling

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smilely Mustangs hit the road Tuesday, Jan. 23 against the Luling Eagles for district match.

The Mustangs earned their first district win of the season with a 74-50 win over the Eagles

and improved to 1-3 in district play.

Nixon-Smilely is currently tied for fourth place with the Randolph Ro-Hawks with the same 1-3 record; they will square off Friday, Jan. 26 in Nixon to close out the first half of district play.

Last season the Mustangs and the Ro-Hawks split the district series with one win each.

The Mustangs will travel to back-to-back road games to kick off the second half of district against Marion (Tuesday, Jan. 30) and Cole (Friday, Feb. 2).

All three games tip off at 8



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Above: Gonzales senior point guard Carlos Martinez (3) runs down the courts for the Apaches offensive possession against Fox Tech. Below: Apaches freshman point guard Damion Hunt (11) shoots two free throws against Fox Tech Saturday, Jan. 20 in San Antonio.

APACHES

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in this league. So that's all we're going to do. That's the message," Pinchback added.

The Apaches have five games left on their schedule and kicked off the second half hosting state-ranked La Vernia Tuesday, Jan. 23 and will be on the road for back-to-back games against San Antonio JFK (Friday, Jan. 26) and San Antonio Memorial (Friday, Feb. 2).

The JFK and Memorial games tip off at 7 p.m.



BASKETBALL

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16 points in the first half.

The Lady Apache added more points in the second half, outscoring Fox Tech, 32-16, and held them to six points in the fourth quarter.

Gonzales sits in third place in District 28-4A with four games remaining in the regular season.

The Lady Apaches hit the road Tuesday, Jan. 23 for a district match against No. 18 ranked La Vernia; and will have back-to-back final home games against San Antonio JFK (Friday, Jan. 26) and San Antonio Memorial (Friday, Feb. 2).

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Brian Johnson is a native-born son of the Lone Star state. He grew up in the small southeast Texas town of Port Neches, where he learned to fish, hunt, and play golf. Through the years he fell even deeper in love with the outdoors. He ran a successful dog training business, DuckDogTrainer.com, and trained well over a thousand dogs how to duck hunt. Today, he is the Senior Pastor at FBC Winnie, TX and is passionate about sharing the story of how he found true meaning in life.

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- Best Computer Service _____
- Best Contractor (Building/Remodeling) _____
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- Best Breakfast _____
- Best Breakfast Tacos _____
- Best Buffet _____
- Best Chicken Fried Steak _____
- Best Chili _____
- Best Coffee _____
- Best Doughnuts _____
- Best Drive Thru _____
- Best Fine Dining _____
- Best French Fries _____
- Best Fried Chicken _____
- Best Hamburgers _____
- Best Hot Sauce _____
- Best Ice Cream/Yogurt _____
- Best Iced Tea _____
- Best Italian Food _____
- Best Kids Meal _____
- Best Lunch Specials _____
- Best Margarita _____
- Best Mexican Food _____
- Best Mixed Drink _____
- Best Pizza _____
- Best Salad Bar _____
- Best Sandwiches _____
- Best Soup _____
- Best Steak _____

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- Ms. Gonzales County _____
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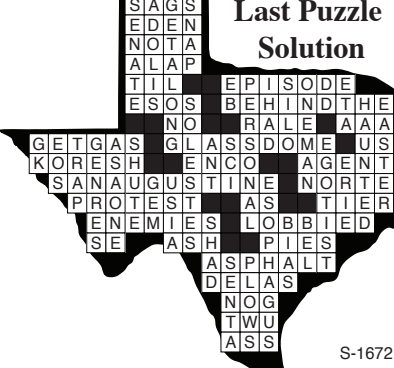
If you have a claim against this Estate, you may contact the Undersigned Attorney or file such in the proper court of Jurisdiction.

Gary J. Schroeder,
Attorney for the Estate,
P.O. Box 73,
Gonzales, TX 78629

January 18 Puzzle Answers

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION & CITY COUNCIL

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on February 5, 2024 at the Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph St. at 5:15 p.m., to allow for public comment on amendments to Chapters 4, 6, and 14 of the City of Gonzales Code of Ordinances listed below. After consideration and recommendation by the Planning & Zoning Commission and a Public Hearing, the amendments will be presented to City Council for a Public Hearing and possible approval on February 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph St. on the following amendments to the City's Code of Ordinances:

Amendments to Sections 14.201, 14.403, and 14.404 regarding multifamily housing in the Downtown Mixed Use district.

Amendments to Section 14.406 regarding nonconforming uses and structures.

Amendments to Sections 4.401, 14.201, 14.403, 14.404, 14.604, and Sections 6.701 through 6.710 regarding mobile food vending and mobile food vending courts.

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

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this Citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this Citation and Petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: EDWARD ALBERT HOMANN AND HIS HEIRS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, IF SAID PERSON IS DECEASED, Defendants in the cause herein described.

You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the Gonzales County Judicial District Court in the Gonzales County Courthouse in Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, on or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 26th day of February, 2024, then and there to answer the Petition of Baytex Energy USA, Inc., in Cause No. 28,722, styled **Baytex Energy USA, Inc. vs. Edward Albert Homann and/or His Heirs, Known or Unknown**, wherein SHELDON RESOURCES, LP is Plaintiff, and the said EDWARD ALBERT HOMANN AND/OR HIS HEIRS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, IF SAID PERSON IS DECEASED, are Defendants in the cause herein described. The Petition, filed on the 20th day of December, 2023, discloses that the nature of said suit is as follows:


This suit is brought to have a receiver appointed under the provisions of Section 64.091 of the TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE for undivided mineral interests owned by the Defendants in the following described lands in Gonzales County, Texas, to-wit:

Being 8.00 acres of land, more or less, located in the Turner Barnes Survey, A-112, Gonzales County, Texas and being the same land described in the Deed from S.B. Moore and W.J. Moore to Aug. Krauze, dated April 27, 1895, recorded in Volume Z-2, Page 295, of the Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas.

and to execute Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases thereof to the Plaintiff, and take such other action deemed necessary under the provisions of said statute.

If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT on this the 9th day of January 2024, at Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas.



Janice Sutton
Janice Sutton, Clerk of the District Court of Gonzales County, Texas

By: *K. Alarum*, Deputy

**NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023**

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 12,836,326	\$ 4,029,270	\$ 10,591	\$ 711,156	\$ 17,587,343
5800 State Program Revenues	1,559,460	21,386	-	49,182	1,630,028
5900 Federal Program Revenues	116,115	-	-	3,774,539	3,890,654
5020 Total Revenues	<u>14,511,901</u>	<u>4,050,656</u>	<u>10,591</u>	<u>4,534,877</u>	<u>23,108,025</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
0011 Instruction	7,535,351	-	14,276	2,126,452	9,676,079
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	38,656	-	-	31,986	70,642
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	48,614	-	-	263,907	312,521
0021 Instructional Leadership	353,660	-	-	-	353,660
0023 School Leadership	759,242	-	-	201,610	960,852
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	83,770	-	-	199,576	283,346
0032 Social Work Services	39,218	-	-	92,039	131,257
0033 Health Services	96,824	-	-	190,710	287,534
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	599,076	-	-	-	599,076
0035 Food Services	25,815	-	-	1,220,682	1,246,497
0036 Extracurricular Activities	386,681	-	-	38,124	424,805
0041 General Administration	579,301	-	-	-	579,301
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,543,271	-	50,658	29,577	1,623,506
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	68,159	-	-	3,183	71,342
0053 Data Processing Services	229,736	-	-	-	229,736
0061 Community Services	114,740	-	-	-	114,740
Debt Service:					
0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities	-	1,163,000	-	-	1,163,000
0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities	-	399,178	-	-	399,178
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	-	7,850	313,952	-	321,802
Capital Outlay:					
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	-	372,979	-	372,979
Intergovernmental:-					
0091 Contracted Instructional Services	-	-	-	-	-
Between Schools	402,312	-	-	-	402,312
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	559,039	-	-	-	559,039
6030 Total Expenditures	<u>13,463,465</u>	<u>1,570,028</u>	<u>751,865</u>	<u>4,397,846</u>	<u>20,183,204</u>
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>1,048,436</u>	<u>2,480,628</u>	<u>(741,274)</u>	<u>137,031</u>	<u>2,924,821</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES/(USES)					
7911 Capital Related Debt Issues	-	-	22,025,000	-	22,025,000
7914 Non-Current Loan	-	-	320,671	-	320,671
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	-	739,017	-	739,017
8949 Other (Uses)	-	(1,937,685)	-	-	(1,937,685)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	<u>(1,937,685)</u>	<u>23,084,588</u>	-	<u>21,146,903</u>
1200 Net Change in Fund Balance	1,048,436	542,943	22,343,314	137,031	24,071,724
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	23,827,736	2,119,224	321,252	670,378	26,938,590
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	<u>\$ 24,876,172</u>	<u>\$ 2,662,167</u>	<u>\$ 22,664,566</u>	<u>\$ 807,409</u>	<u>\$ 51,010,314</u>

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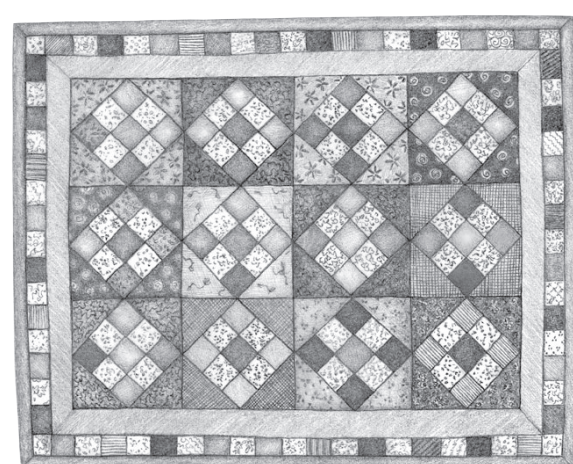
SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild invites you to enter quilts in our 2024 show, "Spring into Quilting" scheduled for Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9 at the First United Methodist Church Activity Center, 102 West Church St. (off Hwy 90A) in Shiner. There is also a Youth Quilt Division.

Log onto www.shinerheritagequilters.org. Click on Our Show in the menu to access important detailed instructions and entry forms or pick this up at The Square Quilter; 807 N. Ave. D, Shiner, 361-594-8022.

Entry forms postmarked on or before Friday, Feb. 9, 2024 will be accepted. This gives time to make special labels for all entries and to list the entries in keepsake show programs.

Mark the dates, March 8 and 9, on your 2024 calendar and plan to attend the "Spring into Quilting" show!



LILLEBET'S GARDEN



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Debbie Novosad is pictured with the Shiner Heritage Quilters donation quilt, "Lillebet's Garden." This king-size quilt, along with other hand-crafted items, will be given away at the "Spring into Quilting" show scheduled for March 8-9. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Shiner Methodist Church Activity Center. Debbie chaired the donation quilt committee. Members were Mary Shafer, Bernadette Kresta, Kathleen Schacherl, Rae Nell Janik, Janet Ferguson, and Irene Cerny. A total of 510 hours were spent making the quilt. Carol Daniel, owner of The Square Quilter, generously offered her shop as a work place and Annette Meyer did the machine quilting. Beni Gerdes, Rose Mary Havlik and Janet Zabransky headed the ticket sales. The quilt is now on display at The Square Quilter, 807 N. Ave. D in Shiner. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 each or six for \$5 at the shop or from guild members.



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The Gonzales High School Class of 1981 Reunion will be held Saturday, June 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m. at American Legion Hall, 1612 Robertson St., Gonzales. Cost is \$35 per person. For more information please contact DanielRAlmaguer@gmail.com or call/text (407) 242-4377.

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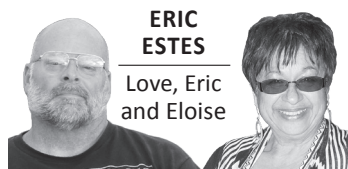
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ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

How's everyone doing today? Probably much better now that the weather's eased up a bit. Don't know about you, but I'm certainly not a fan of the cold. Fortunately this time around, the pipes didn't freeze and the electricity stayed on, but was still cold enough to give my new house slippers a healthy workout. I've become quite accustomed to wearing sweat pants and shirts most of the time during the winter months, as comfort and function are the end goal these days. While I've never been a slave to fashion, walking around the homestead in the equivalent of a body shaped blanket suits me just fine. If you haven't already, you may want to give them a try for yourself, but be warned, they are highly addictive. If

you're someone who's worried about what others may think, you may want to slip a whistle around your neck just in case someone stops by, so they'll think you're a little league coach. Or better yet, invest in a track suit (with stripes), hang a clock around your neck, and explain to them that they caught you in the middle of shooting a Rap video. Yep, seems aunt Edna's gone freestyle!

Continuing on with our baby steps guide to a newer and fitter you in '24, a quick recap is in order, in case you missed something along the way. This short series of

exercises can be done in any order, anywhere, anytime, and customized to your level of comfort, as not to injure or strain anything. Starting slower and easier is recommended, building as you go, and will yield more easily sustainable long-term results. Doing something somewhat consistently over a period of time is always more productive than nothing at all, or going crazy then burning out. This is something I've dealt with many times in the past. The problem is that we go through periods where life takes over, leaving little time or energy for exercising. Then we start slipping into a state of even less energy and motivation, and the cycle repeats. One day we realize we need to do something about it, as it's become harder and harder just to get through the days, then the guilt over not taking better care of ourselves rears its ugly head, leaving us feeling inadequate for not being able to handle it all. Spoiler alert; nobody can handle it all!

Breaking life down into bite sized chunks in order of priority seems to be the most effective. However, our personal health is what makes it all possible, and should always be on the list somewhere. God has designed us to be rejuvenative, but we have to live within the laws

and parameters that were set at creation. Physical exercise is good, but spiritual exercise is better! (Timothy 4:8). So, stay connected to God and take care of what he's given us to work with or the law of dilapidation takes over.

The exercises so far are the pushup (push), bent over row (pull), abdominal crunches and deadlifts (support). The next exercise is the squat. Performed with or without resistance, it'll keep our legs strong and functioning properly. The easiest version is done while holding onto something for balance such as a chair, table, door jamb etc., and with back upright, squatting down and back up under mindful control. Both partial and full range motions are acceptable, and will yield results. Due to individual body mechanics, some are more comfortable with a narrow stance, while others a wider stance, toes pointed slightly out. Some experimentation may be needed to find what works best for you.

Sets, reps and frequency will be determined by your particular progress and goals. Some stretching and warm up is always recommended. This series will hit all major muscle groups and have you well on your way.

Until next time, love you guys, Eric.



Gonzales Area Parkinsons Support Group meeting

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The Gonzales Area Parkinsons Support Group (GAPSG) will meet at the First Presbyterian Church of Gonzales on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. Join us as we learn and share how to cope with Parkinsons disease and related topics. Light refreshments will be available, look forward to meeting you. Ken and Ginny Lockard. For questions, please email us: Gaps23@yahoo.com.

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in our Bastrop area that we service, but here in Gonzales, we've never seen that happen," said Rafael De La Paz, CHCSCT chief executive officer. "We're really excited to be able to duplicate those efforts in Gonzales."

"The key thing was we had to have a learning initiative as part of it as well, so the moms can learn to be able to learn something from us to be able to share it with their children as well," said Sharon Smith, CHCSCT public relations/executive assistant. "So that way, early childhood learning is gonna happen at the home."

Smith said CHCSCT has reached out to obstetrics patients being seen by family nurse practitioner Patrick Caldwell at the Gonzales center, as well as Wesley nurse Janelle Lester of Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas Inc. and the WIC Services Program (Women, Infants & Children), which offers nutrition education, healthcare screenings, breastfeeding support, and basic health screenings and referrals for mothers of infants and young children up to age 5.

Caldwell is expected to speak to shower participants about the stages of pregnancy, what to expect afterwards and how to find and seek post-pregnancy care, Smith said, adding that they will also include information and literature about postpartum depression and mental health from licensed professional counselor Gabriel Gallardo.

Smith said there will also be information about dental care for both moms and children, because "after four to five months, they can actually start feeling around and making sure that their mouth is clean and teach them not to sleep with the bottle."

WIC will share resources on how to get formula as well as proper nutrition for moms and babies. They will also discuss the WIC educational garden, which teaches families how to grow and prepare their own produce.

Lester, the Wesley nurse, will also be speaking to the participants about a six-week class she teaches about the stages of becoming a mother as well as providing information about the Texas Diaper Bank, Smith added.

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“In order for us to have change and better outcomes with our population and who we serve, there is a collection of resources that have to come together to move the needle. ...it's ensuring that these soon-to-be moms and recent moms know that there's resources in the community that are there to serve them.”

—Rafael De La Paz, CHCSCT CEO

holistic health and wellness program committed to providing care to uninsured and at-risk individuals through education, health promotion and collaboration.

Local sponsors are helping make the event successful as well, said Debbie Marshall, CHCSCT regional client services manager. HEB has donated all the food for the event, while the Gonzales Healthcare Systems labor and delivery department has donated a door prize and will provide information on what these new moms can expect when they come in to have their babies.

Moms who come to the event will be given a diaper bag that includes a baby wash set, washcloths, hand sanitizer, lotion, facial tissues, a cup and several other goodies.

"The goal there is to educate them, but to keep them in Gonzales and to let them know, 'Hey, this is here for you. This is what our labor and delivery department has for you. There's no need for you to travel to Kyle or anyplace else,'" Marshall said.

"In order for us to have change and better outcomes with our population and who we serve, there is a collection of resources that have to come together to move the needle," De La Paz added. "As Debbie said, it's ensuring that these soon-to-be moms and recent moms know that there's resources in the community that are there to serve them."

"That is the key component of it. That's the educational part of it, but it's also a learning component of it, ensuring that those mothers also understand not only there's education opportunities for them, but there's education opportunities for their children."

FESTIVAL

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Luling, Lockhart, Schulenburg or Flatonia, but that discount will end after Thursday, Feb. 2.

That means procrastinators have a week from when this newspaper hit stores to buy their single-day tickets to see headliners Eric Church, Whiskey Myers and Koe Wetzel in an event that will combine music, wine, spirits and culinary excellence bar none on a beautiful ranch just outside Gonzales, birthplace of the Texas Revolution.

Joining them will be a lineup of heavy hitters in Red Dirt, Americana, soul, rock and other musical genres, including such luminaries as the Randy Rogers Band, Country Music Hall of Fame legend Tanya Tucker, Tracy Lawrence, Shane Smith & The Saints, Sublime with Rome, Chase Rice, KALEO and Colbie Caillat.

Others on the bill include Haley Whitters, William Clark Green, Southall, Blackhawk, Red Clay Strays, William Beckmann, Tanner Usrey, Breland, The War and Treaty, Austin Snell, ZZ Ward, Treaty Oak Revival, The Glorious Sons, Drake White, Tyler

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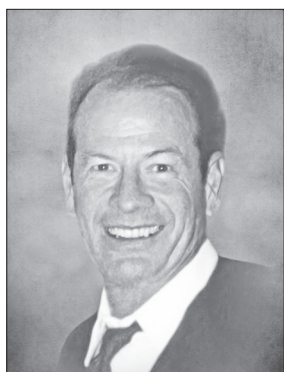
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- In Memory of James "Bunkie" Selman from The Griffin Family
- In Memory of Garland Tenberg, Jr., Rita Irene Luedecke and Paul Frenzel from the Bop & Bash Dance Hosts
- In Memory of Allison Coale from John Coale
- In Honor of the Dedicated Volunteers at Pioneer Village from Vicki Frenzel
- In Memory of Paul Frenzel from Vicki Frenzel
- In Honor of Katherine & TJ's Upcoming Wedding from Kristi Posey
- For the Beautification of Gonzales from Robert & Dale Collins
- In Memory of Billy Washington from Doris Danelius
- In Memory of Margarette Seculla from Pam & Jon Such
- In Memory of Marion Bright Story, Linda Hunter & James William (Bill) Christian from Janna & Brent Christian
- In Memory of Allan Fink and Mary Ellen Fink from Betty Fink
- For The Beautification of Gonzales from Milton D. & Reta P. Hines
- In Honor of the DuBose & Gorden Children & Grandchildren from Sandra Gorden
- In Memory of Joe Marek, Hulda Marek, Clarence Marek, Alan Marek, Sandy Marek, Joey Marek & Morgan Marek from Walter Marek
- In Honor of Dot Carlile & Rosemary Netardus from Pricilla Finch & Ray M. Irle, Jr.
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- In Memory of Glenna Ruth Nelson, Lisa Howell & Ruth Reeves from Valorie Howell Elkin
- In Memory of Charlie, Mary & Dennis Tomas, Noel & Gladys Lindemann from Mark & Patti Lindemann, BJ, Erin, Cooper & Coy LaBuhn, Ross, Kacey, Hank & Tayte Butler
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- In Memory of Randy Gay Sguyres from Amy Webb
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- In Memory of Dicky Hardcastle from Carol Hardcastle
- In Memory of Jim Logan from Nancy Logan
- In Memory of those we love and no longer see from Barbara & Richard Crozier
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- In Memory of Marion "Feetie" Story from Philip, Natalie, Parker, Dylan & Andrew
- In Memory of Donald & Betty Cuvelier, Donnie and Joyce Schellenberg from Sherri & Dale Schellenberg
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- In Memory of Paul Frenzel from John & Martha Jo Whitt
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OBITUARIES

ROBERT ODELL DEAL



Robert Odell Deal Sr., 83, of Gonzales, Tx, passed away on Thursday, January 18, 2024. He was born on July 8, 1940, in Rogers, Tx, to Ottis and Marie Null Deal. He graduated from Waelder High School, in 1959.

Robert had a successful career working for both Southern Pacific and Union Pacific Railroad, where he dedicated many years of service. He retired in 2001, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and commitment.

Outside of his professional life, Robert had a passion for working on the farm and in his shop, where he enjoyed rebuilding equipment. These hobbies brought him joy

and fulfillment.

Robert is survived by his son, Robert "Bobby" Deal Jr., of Gonzales Tx. and his grandson Chris Louwien and wife Sharon Louwien of Youngsville, La. He is also survived by his two sisters-in-law, Dottie and Betty Deal, as well as many nieces and

nephews. Robert was preceded in death by his loving wife, Linda "Cookie" Kelley Deal, his parents, O.L. and Marie Deal, and two brothers, Jimmy Deal and Charles Deal.

The memory of Robert Odell Deal Sr. will forever be cherished by his family and friends. He will be remembered for his dedication to his career, his love for his hobbies, and the impact he made on those around him.

Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydler-hillfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

ROGELIO ALVAREZ BARAJAS



Rogelio Alvarez Barajas, 67, of Gonzales, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 09, 2024. He was born on January 14, 1956, in San Felipe, Guanajuato, Mexico to his parents Francisco Alvarez and Zita Barajas Alvarez. He married his wife Virginia Briones Rangel in 2002 and together they raised their two daughters Lisbet and Ybet.

Rogelio was a kind man, he carried lots of love in his heart. He loved his wife and daughters dearly and showed them unconditional love throughout his life. He had a cheerful spirit and became a friend to anyone he came across. Rogelio worked hard to provide for his family, he had busy hands and always had something to work on. Along with his love for his family, Rogelio loved music. If there was any norteña music or cumbia, he was dancing. He loved listening to his favorite music while driving, he always tapped the dashboard of his truck to the beat of the music. He was also one to tell dad jokes, he loved making his daughters laugh. Rogelio leaves behind a family that will cherish the time they had with him.

He is survived by his wife Virginia, his daughters Lisbet and Ybet, and his brothers and sisters.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

A visitation will take place at Seydler - Hill Funeral Home on Friday, January 12, 2024, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, with

a rosary taking place at 7:00pm recited by Deacon Alfonso Moreno. A mass of the resurrection will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 2:00pm officiated by Fr. Jason Martini and Deacon Alfonso Moreno. Interment will follow at St. James Catholic Church. Pallbearers will include members of the family.

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

Rogelio Álvarez Barajas, de 68 años, de Gonzales, paso a estar con el señor el martes 09 de enero de 2024. Nació el 14 de enero de 1956 en San Felipe, Guanajuato, México, hijo de Francisco Álvarez y Zita Barajas Álvarez. Se caso con su esposa Virginia Briones Rangel en 2002 y juntos criaron a sus dos hijas Lisbet y Ybet.

Rogelio era un hombre bondadoso, llevaba mucho amor en su corazón. Amaba mucho a su esposa y sus hijas y les mostro amor incondicional durante toda su vida. Tenía un espíritu alegre

y encontraba amistades con los que cruzara en su camino. Rogelio trabajo duro para mantener a su familia, siempre tenia los manos ocupadas y algo en que trabajar. Junto con el amor por su familia, Rogelio amaba la música. Si había música norteña o cumbia, él estaba bailando. Le encantaba escuchar su música favorita mientras conducía, siempre golpeaba el tablero de su camioneta al ritmo de la música. También era de los que contaban chistes de papa, le encantaba hacer reír a sus hijas. Rogelio deja atrás una familia que apreciara el tiempo que pasaron con él.

Le sobreviven su esposa Virginia, sus hijas Lisbet y Ybet, y sus hermanos y hermanas.

Le precedieron en la muerte sus padres.

Visitacion será en la Funeraria de Seydler-Hill, viernes el 12 de enero de 2024, de 5:00pm - 7:00pm, con un rosario rezado a las 7:00pm por el diacono Alfonso Moreno. Una misa de resurrección tendrá lugar en la iglesia Católica del Sagrado Corazón el sábado 13 de enero de 2024 a las 2:00pm oficiado por el P. Jason Martini y el Diacono Alfonso Moreno. El entierro seguirá en el Cementerio Católico St. James. Los portadores del féretro incluirán miembros de la familia.

Todos los servicios están bajo el cuidado y la dirección de Seydler - Hill Funeral Home.

STEVEN ADAMS TURNER



Steven Adams Turner aka Steve Turner went to heaven to be with Jesus at the age of 76 on Jan. 5, 2024 @ 7:53pm. He had been diagnosed with an autoimmune disease Primary Biliary Cirrhosis (a disease that attacks the liver) a couple months prior.

He lived a life full of love, and always thinking of others. He was in his element being in nature, swimming in the river, camping, and gardening. He was able to lead many souls into the Kingdom of God through many mission trips, helping the homeless, teaching, and ministering in prisons, nursing homes, and many churches in his time here on earth with us.

You may have known Steve from many different trades he had throughout his life, from carpentry, to antique dealer, to sign maker, to massage therapist. He was very active in the community and was the president of the Ottine water board for many years. Steve and his wife Cheryl were also EMT's for several years with Gonzales County EMS, and volunteered for the Ottine volunteer fire department.

Or maybe you knew

him from being born on Jan. 19,1947 and growing up in his younger years in Houston, Tx, then graduating high school from Baptist Academy in San Marcos, Tx. He lived in Sweethome, Tx. and his first marriage was to Cindy Foster aka Cynthia Castle. Cindy actually introduced Steve to Cheryl after they got a divorce saying "Y'all would be perfect for eachother" and she sure was right! Steve and Cheryl married shortly after, and enjoyed 40 years full of love, and friendship residing in Ottine, Texas for the rest of his life.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl Turner, and his children, Annie Rachel Turner, Christa Manuel Mendez, Joshua Maunel Turner, and Leah Marie Turner. He had 10

grandchildren, Makayla Manuel Mendez, Kaylee Manuel, Logan Guerro, Joe Mendez, Adam Mendez, Jaiden Manuel, Grace Manuel, Braylon Spears, Alexavier Russell, Jacoby Russell, and 1 great grandchild Craig Jr. He is also survived by his brother Hat (Harry Adams Turner), and his wife Pam Turner, their two children Heath Turner, and Hilary Zimmerman (and their children).

There will be a Celebration Of Life held in Ottine at the Texas Elks Children's Services located at 1963 FM1586, Gonzales, TX 78629 Saturday January 27, 2024 from 1-5pm. Everyone that knew Steve or his family is invited. This is a party! We will have live music, and provide BBQ cooked by Jeffery Gonzales. If you want to bring some food, you are more than welcome! But food isn't required, just come and enjoy the fun with friends and family. Bring your best "Steve memories" as there will be a mic, and any pictures you may have. For more info about lodging or the celebration of life, please contact Leah Turner on Facebook, or 830-263-4047.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office
01/07/24 - 01/13/24

01/08/24
• Tumlinson, Rufus Lee, 06/1967, Harwood: Commitment/Sentence - Man Del CS PG 1 >=4G <200G, Remains in Custody

01/09/24
• Martinez, Ruben Anthony, 10/1988, Port Lavaca: Other Agency Hold - Poss Marij >4 oz <+5Lbs, Released

01/12/24
• Pape, Ciera Dianne, 03/1993, Smiley: Commitment/Sentence - Poss Marij <2 oz, Remains in Custody
• San Miguel, Michael Ray, 11/1985, Gonzales: Local Warrant - Injury Children/Elderly/Disable w/int Bodily Inj, Released - Weekender
• Fields, Zyshawn, 02/2000, Victoria: Commitment/Sentence - Burglary of Habitation, Released - Weekender

06/21/23
• Powell, Larry Charles, 04/1959, Houston: Other Agency Hold - Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family

Member, Requires \$4,002 Bond; Warrantless/ On0View - Unauth Use of Vehicle, Requires \$5,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold - Fail to Identify Fugitive Intent Give False Info, Requires \$ 2,001 Bond; Remains in Custody

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

GCSO	07
DPS	03
GPD	02
WPD	01
NPD	03
GISD	00
SMO	00
Constable 1	00
Constable 3	00
Constable 4	00
DWCSO	00
DEA	00
TPW	00
GCAI	00
Rangers	00
Other	00
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8 Austin MFM Dr. Malik Dr. Desai	9 Dr. Echols Dr. Quintero	10 Dr. Quebedeaux Dr. Twitero	11 Dr. Ryan Dr. Echols	12 Amy Trost Dr. Miller
15 Austin MFM	16 Dr. Echols	17 Dr. Quebedeaux Dr. Miller	18 Dr. Ryan Dr. Echols Dr. Malik	19 Dr. Bui
22 Austin MFM	23 Dr. Echols	24 Dr. Quebedeaux	25 Dr. Ryan Dr. Kirchner Dr. Echols	26
29 Austin MFM	30 Dr. Echols	31 Dr. Quebedeaux		

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Victoria College awards degrees, certificates to 213 graduates

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College awarded degrees and certificates to 213 graduates at the end of the Fall 2023 semester.

Following are the Victoria College graduates grouped by their cities of residence with their degrees, certificates and honors listed.

BAY CITY

- Rebecca Rayos, AAS-Nursing
- Leslie Saldierna, AAS-Nursing
- Celia Umanzor, AAS-Nursing
- Kateisha Williams, Vocational Nursing Certificate

BLOOMINGTON

- Cassandra Llamas, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Jesusita Lopez, Associate of Arts

COST

- Jessica Castillo, Vocational Nursing Certificate

CUERO

- Emily Buske, Office Management Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
- Victoria Colston, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Kainah Cranfill, AAS-Business Management, Office Management Certificate
- Roberto Hinojoza, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Danielle Love, Associate of Arts
- Lauren Ross, Vocational Nursing Certificate

EAGLE LAKE

- Sabrina Pena, Vocational Nursing Certificate

EDNA

- Marquisa Callis, Associate of Science
- Rosalba Carrera Castillo, Associate of Science, Magna Cum Laude
- Angeles Gardner, Associate of Arts
- Julie Hernandez, Associate of Arts
- Miguel Hernandez, Associate of Science
- Gideon Jacinto, Associate of Arts
- Ethan Mcmullen, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
- Jamie Molina, AAS-Nursing
- Kati Scott, Associate of Arts
- Kevinisha Young, Vocational Nursing Certificate

EL CAMPO

- Lisa Sosa, AAS-Nursing

GANADO

- David Brito, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- William Carruthers, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- Jose Duran, AAS-Process Technology
- William Roznovsky, AAS-Instrumentation, Magna Cum Laude
- Nerissa Rubio, AAS-Nursing
- Cassidy Thedford, Associate of Science

GOLIAD

- Jenna Carter, Associate of Arts
- Kaelynn Fox, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Corbin Halepaska, AAS-Instrumentation, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate

GONZALES

- Alexis Camarillo, Vocational

Nursing Certificate

- Marissa Flores, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Jeniffer Gallardo, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Sebastian Mendoza, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
- Lauren Parks, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Sydney Perez-Clack, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Stephanie Perez, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Camisha Smith, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Catherine Stakes, Office Management Certificate
- Jessie Vega, Associate of Arts

HALLETTSVILLE

- Paola Campos, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Pyree Harper, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- William Harper, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- Quade Henneke, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
- Bowen Higgins, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
- Hunter Laqua, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- Emilie Mudd, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Anna Oranday, Vocational Nursing Certificate

INEZ

- Caroline Cortright, Associate of Arts
- Conception Loreda, Associate of Science
- Tyler Paul, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate, Suma Cum Laude
- Kristin Resendez, AAS-Nursing
- Haley Toney, Vocational Nursing Certificate

KATY

- Shereasa Hights, Vocational Nursing Certificate

LA GRANGE

- Carolina Soto, AAS-Nursing

LEESVILLE

- Hailey Boatright, Vocational Nursing Certificate

LOCKHART

- Lisa Ramirez, AAS-Nursing

LOLITA

- Luis Montemayor, AAS-Instrumentation

MARTINDALE

- Jennifer Perez, Vocational Nursing Certificate

NIXON

- Oscar Galicia, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate

PHARR

- Marcelino Quiroz, AAS-Process Technology

PLACEDO

- Olivia Soliz, Associate of Science

PORT LAVACA

- Mary Ann Alvarado, Office Management Certificate
- Moises Aviles, AAS-Instrumentation, Instrumentation Certificate
- Kamrron Caruso, Associate of Science
- Tanya Casados Gutierrez, Associ-

ate of Science

- Jakob Cortez, AAS-Instrumentation
- Alexander Flood, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- Desiree Garcia, Office Management Certificate
- Kieran Garcia, AAS-Instrumentation
- Jose Hernandez, AAS-Process Technology
- Chit Hitway, Office Management Certificate
- Jacob Jacquez, AAS-Instrumentation
- Armandina Lopez, Vocational Nursing Certificate, Cum Laude
- Law Moo, Associate of Science
- Colt Morris, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- Maise Ondreas, AAS-Process Technology
- Jessica Savala, AAS-Process Technology
- Eduardo Torres, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Samuel Torres, AAS-Instrumentation
- Fabian Verber, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- Corrine Villegas, AAS-Nursing

RICHMOND

- Dara Weggemann, AAS-Nursing Rosenberg
- Haregu Shama, Vocational Nursing Certificate

SEADRIFT

- Kelsey Dufner, AAS-Nursing
- Cassandra Gordillo, Associate of Science
- Jacob Ruiz, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate

SEGUIN

- Nicole Ramirez, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Sheridan
- Devyn Shorter, Vocational Nursing Certificate

SHINER

- Andrew Jaeger, Associate of Science, Magna Cum Laude
- Jacob Malinovsky, AAS-Instrumentation, Cum Laude
- Brooke Pesek, Associate of Science

SMILEY

- Bobby Pena, Office Management Certificate

TIVOLI

- Preston Davenport, AAS-Instrumentation
- Vanessa Tovar, Associate of Science

VICTORIA

- Yesenia Aguayo, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Quentin Alkek, Associate of Science
- Ana Amaro, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Victoria Arriaga, AAS-Nursing
- Christian Atherton, AAS-Instrumentation, Instrumentation Certificate, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- Trevor Benavides, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Angela Benitez, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Brook Bilbo, AAS-Instrumentation, Instrumentation Certificate, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- Dustin Boniface, AAS-Nursing, Magna Cum Laude
- Brandi Brand, Office Manage-

ment Certificate

- Jessica Burton, AAS-Nursing
- Elizabeth Cadengo, Associate of Science
- Jacquelyn Caldera, Associate of Arts
- Violet Carrizales, Associate of Arts
- Eriq Castaneda, PC & LAN Support Technician Certificate
- Jordyn Castellano, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- Tanya Chicas, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Brittany Childs, Associate of Arts
- Jenna Christopher, AAS-Nursing
- Leticia Cisneros, AAS-Process Technology
- Zoe Corona, Associate of Arts
- Alexandria Davila, Associate of Science
- Andrew Davis, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate, Cum Laude
- Kaleb Deleon, Associate of Science
- Thomas Delossantos II, AAS-Instrumentation, Instrumentation Certificate, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- Travis Eilers, AAS-Process Technology
- Mallory Elkins, Associate of Arts
- Jasmine Espinoza, Associate of Science
- Cat Farrior, Welding Certificate, Advanced Welding Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
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- Maribel Galarza, AAS-Nursing
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- Jennifer Gonzales, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Jessica Gonzales, Associate of Science
- Ricardo Gonzalez, Associate of Science, Cum Laude
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- Kimberly Higdon, Associate of Arts
- Aaron Holochwest, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate, Suma Cum Laude
- Kayla Johnson, Vocational Nursing Certificate
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- Kailee Ruiz, Office Management Certificate
- Silvia Ruiz Lopez, Office Management Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
- Adriana Salas, AAS-Nursing
- Angela Salinas, AAS-Nursing
- Damen Salinas, AAS-Instrumentation, Cum Laude
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- Amanda Sanchez, Associate of Science
- Darean Saucedo, Associate of Science
- Colton Sawyer, Associate of Science
- Shacola Stinson, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Carisa Stroop, AAS-Nursing
- Max Taylor, Associate of Arts
- Gloria Tonsul, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Alanah Torres, AAS-Nursing
- Alicia Torres, Cloud Core Technology Certificate
- Amelie Trevino, Associate of Arts, Cum Laude
- Ashlynn Trevino, Associate of Arts
- Eric Valderrama, Associate of Arts
- Jennifer Valdez, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Jace Vasquez, Instrumentation/Measurement Technician Certificate
- Nadia Vasquez, Associate of Science
- Rosanna Vasquez, AAS-Nursing
- Syrena Villeda, Welding Certificate
- Gabrielle Wickliffe, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Tyler Yaws, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Sydney Yusko, Associate of Arts, Cum Laude

WEIMAR

- Samantha Henderson, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Brandon Ramirez, Vocational Nursing Certificate
- Valerie Ramirez, Vocational Nursing Certificate

YOAKUM

- Ashley Adami, Vocational Nursing Certificate, Suma Cum Laude
- Cheyenne Hardin, Vocational Nursing Certificate
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6 former Cowboy fullback, Tommie

7 TXism: "feel like ___ chewed up and spit out"

8 not needed

17 TXism: "___ buster" (farmer)

18 TX Gail Borden invented process for ___ milk

21 ex-Cowboy Tony (init.)

22 TXism: "playing with a ___ deck" (unlucky)

23 TXism: "chief cook and bottle washer"

24 LBJ was 1st in U.S. House to ___ after Pearl Harbor

29 Lady ___ Johnson

30 dinosaur tracks town: ___ Rose

31 Stephen F. Austin's home state (abbr.)

32 TXism: "smart as ___ rat"

34 pigeon-___

35 TXism: "___ wit"

36 TXism: "___ ___ wolves clothes"

37 wedding cake layer

38 Gulf steering wheel

39 coyote cry

40 in Gray County, near Pampa

42 cracker craver

43 "Texas ___" (oil)

44 NAFTA is a free ___ agreement

45 many Texas roads were early stagecoach ___

46 ex-Cowboy White (init.)

47 TX Robby Benson film: "___ to Billie Joe"

48 holiest city in Islam

49 city on north side of Galveston Bay

51 TX Harper of "Silkwood"

52 TX Bush: "The liberation of Kuwait ___ begun"

53 TXism: "call ___ _ day"

DOWN

1 driving without a seat belt is ___ in Texas

2 in Palestine: "___ Trails Celebration"

3 pledge part: "Texas, ___ indivisible"

4 guests of Gambill Goose Refuge

9 in Super Bowl XXX it was 27-17

10 TXism: "___ me a bill of goods"

11 TXism: "blister ___" (handle)

12 "Fighting Irish" school (abbr.)

13 honor. TX Ranger: Dr. Edward ___ (father of H-bomb)

14 TXism: "___ ___ that like a duck needs an umbrella"

15 TXism: "mean ___ old range cow"

16 slang for a Stetson

19 actor Brand who was TX Ranger Reese Bennett on "Laredo"

20 TX Roger Miller awards

22 TX Henry in the Bill Clinton administration

24 this Ames was "Mingo" (init.)

25 Spurs & Mavs org.

26 TXism: "quick to pull a cork"

34 pickup rubber

35 between Lamar & Hopkins Counties

37 TXism: "he'd walk himself ___ a revolving door"

38 ex-Cowboy offensive coach Hudson

41 TX Buddy Holly hit: "Not ___ Away"

42 "little" in Mexico

45 antique autos

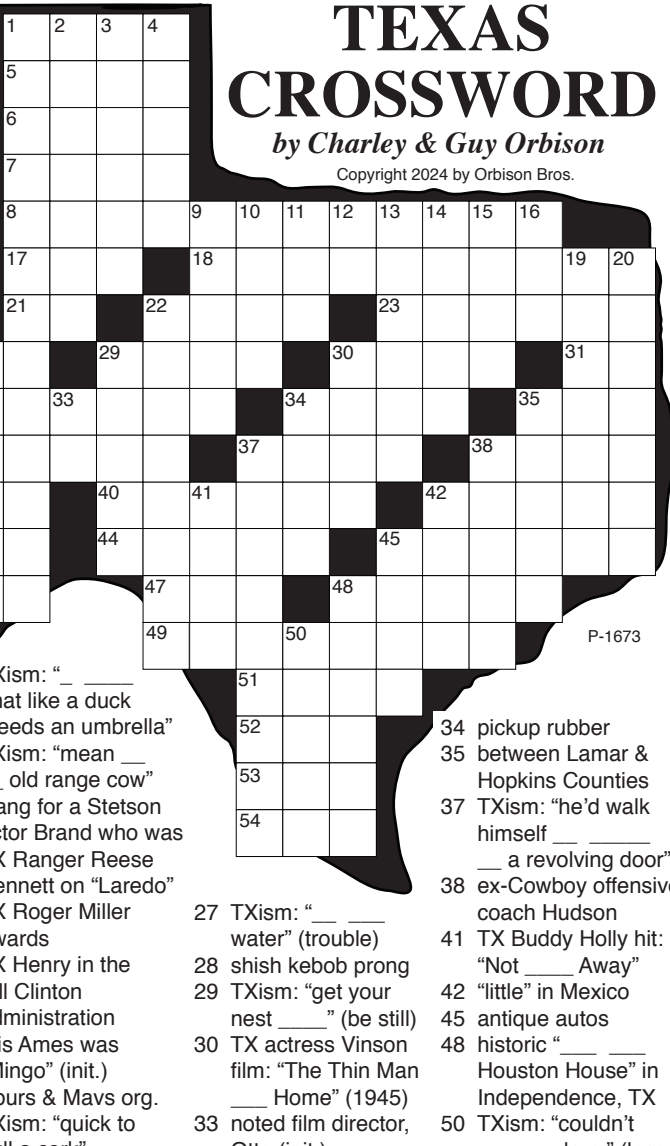
48 historic "___ Houston House" in Independence, TX

50 TXism: "couldn't ___ _ drum" (loser)

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.



BOIL WATER NOTICES

All customers should follow these directions when dealing with water out of their taps and faucets when a boil water notice is given by their city or water supply corporation:

- To ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other microbes, water for drinking, cooking, and ice making should be boiled and cooled prior to use for drinking water or human consumption purposes.
- The water should be brought to a vigorous rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes.
- In lieu of boiling, individuals may purchase bottled water or obtain water from some other suitable source for drinking water or human consumption purposes.

When it is no longer necessary to boil the water, the public water system officials will notify customers that the water is safe for drinking water or human consumption purposes.

Once the boil water notice is no longer in effect, the public water system will issue a notice to customers that rescinds the boil water notice in a manner similar to this notice.

WATER

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water notice was still in effect as of 2 p.m. Monday. The city was providing free non-potable water to citizens at the Waelder Community Center parking lot. That water is not for drinking, cooking or cleaning, but for non-potable uses such as flushing toilets. Bottled drinking water was also being made available at the Waelder Community Center.

HEB donated and provided a truckload of pallets of bottled drinking water Monday evening, Jan. 22, for residents to use.

Finally, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, the city announced the boil water notice had been lifted by TCEQ.

“The public water system has taken

the necessary corrective actions to restore the quality of water distributed by this public water system used for drinking water or human consumption purposes and has provided TCEQ with laboratory test results that indicate that the water no longer requires boiling prior to use as of January 23, 2024,” the city announced.

Any additional information or questions regarding city water supplies can be directed to the City of Waelder, City Water and Wastewater Superintendent Abelardo Ibarra at 830-263-8661. If a customer, individual, or employee wishes to contact the TCEQ executive director, please call (512) 239-4691.

SMILEY

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and rebid the project,” Shepherd said.

The councils approved unanimously to award the construction contract to J&K Utility for the water treatment and well improvement project.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE CHANGES

Concerns about the new Animal Ordinance that was passed during the Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023 meeting were brought up by Councilwoman Lori Price.

Price brought up concerns about how the ordinance was written about the number of chickens a resident can have.

“The prior ordinance was you can have six [chickens] per acre. So if we go with the new one, we have several Smiley residents who have more than six chickens. They either want to be grandfathered in or they would like for the ordinance to change,” Price said.

Smiley Mayor Lisa Benavidez said she spoke to the city attorney and was told that residents cannot be grandfathered in.

“This is one that affects not only myself, but another council member, but there are several residents in the city of Smiley who have more than six and have several acres,” Price said.

City Secretary Scott Jewett explained the new ordinances about owning fowls (chickens) to Price.

Jewett said that, in section one, subsection B, residents can have up to six fowls in a 50-foot by 100-foot building or pen, or they can have up to 12



WANDY VAN EPPS

Jerry Shepherd, of Southwest Engineers Inc., speaks to the Smiley City Council regarding the Water Treatment Plan and Well Improvement Project Wednesday, Jan. 17.

if the enclosure is greater than 100 feet.

Price said the problem is about residents with free-range chickens.

“Both ordinances talk about free-range and they both say the same thing — that in a way, you can free range, as long as your animals don’t cross into your neighbor’s yard, they don’t cross an easement, they don’t cross into the street,” Jewett said.

The council approved, 3-0, (with Price excluding herself from the vote) for residents to have six chickens per acre.

NEW CITY WEBSITE

The council lastly talked about changing technology support, city website, and adding dot.gov or dot.org to the end of the city emails.

The talk of changes to emails was brought up by Smiley Marshal Jason Torres, Jewett said.

“It’s my understanding that, and the marshal will correct me, if I’m wrong, there are certain things, equipment information that he’s trying to obtain as himself as marshal as well as that for his depu-

ties. However, with his DECE email, he can only go so far with state and federal agencies without a dot.gov [in his email],” Jewett said.

Benavidez said one of the main strategies for changing the website is to put water applications and more city items for people to have access to online.

“We do have younger generations that are moving into the city of Smiley, and they say, ‘Oh, we’ve been looking on your website. And there’s no application,’ so it makes it hard for those that live in San Antonio to drive over here to take a day off when they can do it online,” Benavidez said.

The council approved changing technology support, city website and adding dot.gov or dot.org email addresses.

In other business, the council approved changing the Feb. 21 meeting regular start time from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. to allow all candidates to attend drawing for place on the ballot. On the ballot for this year will be the mayor position and two council seats.

COUNTY

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applying for a Rifle-Resistant Body Armor grant, applying for State Homeland Security Program, and approving a lease agreement with between Gonzales County Sheriffs Office with the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission.

BODY ARMOR GRANT

The grant will allow GCSO to replace old aging vests that they currently have. The sheriff’s office would like to apply for this grant and would take those funds to buy new vests if awarded, Schmidt said.

The commissioners then approved the sheriff’s office applying for the Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant program for fiscal year 2025.

STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM

Schmidt requested the

commissioners apply for a State Homeland Security program grant for a mobile command center and mobile camera system.

Schmidt said GCSO has had to borrow different equipment, including borrowing a mobile command center from Victoria County and a mobile camera system from Guadalupe County.

“This would be one of the deals where we would like to apply for the grant. I don’t know if we’ll get any, but if we could, it would just be something that we would own. And then it’d be available for anybody to use, but only if we get awarded the grant,” Schmidt said.

The commissioners approved the sheriff’s office to apply for the State Homeland Security Program-Regular Projects federal for Fiscal Year 2024.

LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN GCSO, GOLDEN CRESCENT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Schmidt said that the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) has a program that buys camera systems like the county has been using to monitor for illegal dumping.

Schmidt added the GCRPC will let them use the cameras, but when GCSO is using them in the county, they have to pay a use fee.

“We’ve been working with the constable’s office. We know we need some of those cameras. But what Golden Crescent says we’re responsible for is a monthly fee, which \$20 or \$30 a month, but it’s only during the time that we have the cameras deployed in our county,” Schmidt said.

The commissioner approved the lease agreement between GCSO and the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission.

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

- approved appointing John Lambert and John Everett back to the Emergency Services District Number 2 Board.
- approved a variance to the Gonzales County Subdivision Rules-Precinct 4 (Raeke)
- approved an exception to Gonzales County Subdivision Rules-Precinct 1 (Talley)
- approved a preliminary plat for Mayspring Gonzales Subdivision-Precinct 3
- approved resolution for the participation waived project for County Road 278 over Mule Creek
- approved resolution for the participation waived project for County Road 462 over Sandy Fork
- approved to receive the notification and pending application for a plat in Precinct 3.
- approved to declare an in-car camera system, serial #047294, as surplus and authorize to trade towards the purchase of a new in-car camera system from Watchguard c/o MotorolaSolutions Video Manufacturing Inc.-Constable Precinct 4
- approved sole source justification purchase of one 2024 Ford F350, in the amount of \$60,839.45 from Caraway Ford-Gonzales-Road & Bridge Precinct 2.
- approved the Engagement Letter with Braun & Gresham, PLLC regarding the new development ordinance.
- approved to put election equipment in a secure/locked area.



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FORUM

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Cohn, publisher of the Gonzales Inquirer, will serve as moderator, while Betty Cohn will serve as the official timekeeper for the event. The host for the event is Gonzales County GOP Chair Liz Hernandez.

Candidates for contested offices in the March 5 Republican

primary — Precinct 1 Commissioner, Precinct 3 Commissioner and Precinct 1 Constable as well as candidates for House District 44 — will introduce themselves and then be asked a series of questions by the moderator, with each being given a minute to respond. The

candidates will then give a brief closing statement.

This is not a debate and candidates will not address each other, but instead will address the audience when giving their answers. The event is being held as a friendly exercise in the political process and as a way for

voters to get to know those who wish to serve the community in these elected positions.

Candidates for other offices, including uncontested local races as well as state and federal races, are welcome to set up a table, distribute literature and be introduced and give a

two-minute “elevator speech” about their candidacy for office and why they are best qualified for the position.

Set up time for candidates is at 5 p.m.

Admission to the forum is free and seating is first-come, first-served.

GISD

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month as Dr. A referenced. We’re coming out of the gate pretty strong; there’s not a whole lot of things, photowise, to show you,” Sledge said. “So tonight, I want to talk a lot about organization and what you’ll be seeing moving forward.”

One of the main goals for the monthly updates for the Bond Program is transparency, and Sledge said they want to help the district be proactively transparent as the bond projects begin.

“These are the key items that will let us focus on transparency: number one, public meetings, starting in February at the board meeting where we do a board update in February, we’re going to host an open public meeting — think town hall style, anyone can come. This would not be a board quorum,” Sledge said.

Secondly, Sledge will have a public Dropbox link so GISD residents can look at all documents and other things involved in GISD’s bond project.

“It’ll have all the project documents that are relevant and important. All accounting, we’ll have every check written on there, that we organized by folder, approved contracts, bids, drawings, etc.,” Sledge said. “We will be mindful of safety and security items. We’re hesitant to put things like detailed floor plans on the public side, so we’ll be tactful about that.”

Sledge added they’ll have their contact information if the community has questions about the projects.

This was not an action item the board voted on.

TASB HR RESOURCES REVIEW

The board had Karen Dooley, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) assistant director of HR, as a guest speaker to go over the HR Review.

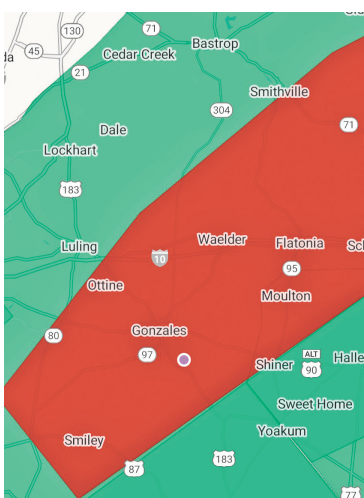
“One of my tasks that was given to me several months ago by the board was to review our human resources department and, you know, provide information on that review, and then start making it better,” Gonzales Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda said.

“I conducted the HR review for the district. And you know, it’s not just going into the HR department, it’s also talking to individuals throughout the district that are customers of HR. So it’s broad in that I not only met with the HR staff, but also worked with the supervisors across the district in the different departments and the different campuses as well,” Dooley said.

The review consists of data collection from HR staff and supervisors and campus principals filled out questionnaires to Dooley.

This was not an action item the board voted on.

In other business, the board came out of closed session to vote unanimously to add an additional year to Dr. Avellaneda’s current contract to 2028 as the superintendent of GISD.



A flood warning remained in effect until 6 p.m. Wednesday for much of Gonzales County and the surrounding area.

FLOODING

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limits.

Areas of Gonzales County received as much as eight to 10 inches of rain in a 24-hour period beginning Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon, exceeding initial expectations, as the National Weather Service out of Austin and San Antonio issued a flash flood warning through noon Wednesday for Gonzales County, Fayette County, northwestern Lavaca County, southeastern Lee County, southeastern Caldwell County and southeastern Bastrop County.

Areas expected to see flash flooding included Gonzales,



LEW K. COHN
Texas Department of Transportation crews and Gonzales County Sheriff’s deputies blocked off Farm-to-Market Road 532 in both directions Wednesday, Jan. 24, due to flooding across parts of the roadway which made it unsafe for travel.

Nixon, Waelder, Smiley and Palmetto State Park in Gonzales County as well as Moulton and Shiner in Lavaca County and Flatonia in Fayette County.

Road closures reported by the Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office included Farm-to-Market 532 between Gonzales and Moulton in both directions, FM Road 795 (off FM 532), FM 1115 near Waelder, County Road 344 at County Road 228, FM 1680 at Peach Creek, FM 1116 south of Gonzales and County Road 108 South.

Flooding was also reported in the 1300 block of County Road 397, County Road 283 at I-10, Old 90 at County Road 283, County Road 102 at FM 466 and

the 600 block of County Road 228 North. Road conditions can be monitored at drivetexas.org.

A motorist on Farm-to-Market Road 1680 at County Road 405 north of Moulton in nearby Lavaca County had to be rescued from a vehicle overcome by flood waters early Wednesday morning. Crews from Lavaca County EMS, Waelder VFD, Moulton VFD, Moulton police and Lavaca County Sheriff’s deputies were able to get the victim to safety, but had to abandon the vehicle until waters receded.

All three school districts in Gonzales County — Gonzales ISD, Nixon-Smiley CISD and Waelder ISD — announced

school would not be held Wednesday, Jan. 24, out of concern about flooded roads and students and staff getting to school safely. All academic and athletic events and practices were also canceled. Victoria College in Gonzales also canceled classes on Wednesday, while the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce also stayed closed.

Gonzales County officials were warned by County Judge Pat Davis to “handle their office as they see fit,” noting that employees would have problems getting to work due to road closures, and told them to call him if they had any questions.

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