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Gonzales man arrested for threat made to GHS



Reyes

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Police Department arrested an 18-year-old Gonzales resident in connection not only to threats that were made to Gonzales High School, but they also are

investigating possible charges related to child pornography.

Jacob Julian Reyes, 18, has been charged with a third-degree felony, terroristic threat to impair public service, place the public in fear of serious bodily injury and influence the conduct or activities of a politi-

cal subdivision of the state.

He was bonded out on Friday, Feb. 16, on a \$25,000 surety bond by All About Bail Bonds of Gonzales.

According to the Texas Penal Code, a person commits a terroristic threat if he threatens to commit

any offense involving violence to any person or property with intent to:

- cause impairment or interruption of public communications, public transportation, public water,

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Precinct 1 candidates discuss county roads, annex, subdivisions

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Precinct 1 Commissioner candidates answered questions on a number of issues facing Gonzales County during the Republican candidate forum held Thursday, Feb. 15, at American Legion Post 40. The event was co-sponsored by the Gonzales Inquirer and the Gonzales County Republican Party.

Below is a transcript

of three of the questions answered by the three candidates: David Janota, Anton "Tony" Matias and Ryan Mills. The forum can be seen in its entirety on the Gonzales Inquirer Facebook page.

Gonzales County has nearly 690 centerline miles of certified county roads. Many are heavily used, especially due to large amounts of oil and gas traffic. As Commis-

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GISD hosts community bond meeting, selects architect, contractor

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales ISD School Board held its financial transparency meeting Monday, Feb. 19 regarding the \$50.6 million bond that was passed in November 2023.

The board had Jennifer Black from Sledge Engineering present to speak to the members of the community who wanted to ask questions.

"One of the big things that we will be doing with this bond project is making sure that not only are we reviewing everything that goes through, so invoices and

all of that, but we want to make sure that the public sees it." Black said "That's one of the reasons Gonzales ISD hired us was so that we can help make sure they're following the law, but also helping disseminate the information and oversee construction."

On the district website, a Dropbox is active so the community can see what the district is spending and see the different folders regarding the bond.

"In that Dropbox link, there will be multiple folders. And as we get moving further on the

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All four Gonzales County municipalities have contested races on ballots

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Voters in Gonzales, Waelder, Nixon and Smiley are going to have some decisions to make

during the Saturday, May 4, municipal and school board elections.

There are contested races for Gonzales City

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FILE PHOTO

The Gonzales County Buffalo Soldier Association, seen here being honored with a proclamation by the City of Gonzales in 2015, will put on a historical, educational demonstration during the Edwards Association's Black History Month Open House this Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Edwards High School Gym.

Edwards Association to hold open house, Save the Ceiling campaign

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Edwards Association will host a Black History Month Open House and begin their Save The Ceiling Campaign from 2 p.m. to

5 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 24, at Edwards School Gym, 1427 Fly Street, Gonzales.

The event will start with a welcome, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and information

about the history of the gym's Lamella roof. At 2:30 p.m., the Gonzales County Buffalo Soldier Association will conduct his-

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Commissioners discuss creating formal county HR department

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners will consider whether to create a separate HR department and have it fall under the umbrella of County Judge Pat Davis at an upcoming meeting.

Davis brought the issue up to the court during their Monday, Feb. 12, meeting, saying it is something he had been thinking about for some time. Currently, HR issues are handled by the same assistant who handles county payroll for County Auditor Becky Weston — Misty Cook.

"I've had numerous people, both local elected officials and

employees, come to me with different scenarios to discuss because it involves an HR situation and I always seem to have handled it," Davis said. "And I just think it would be better if it was under the county judge."

Davis said he spoke to officials from several other counties at Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski's request to find out who oversees their HR departments.

"Every county I spoke to except Lavaca County — I spoke to DeWitt, Karnes, Llano — all the other counties have it under the county judge," Davis said. "Only

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2024 Readers Choice winners named

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The ballots have been cast and the winners have been named!

The Gonzales Inquirer presents the results of the 2024 Readers Choice balloting in a special section inside this edition of the newspaper. Balloting was close in many categories with some first timers finding their way to the winner's circle!

The Inquirer wants to congratulate all of the winners and thank all of our readers who participated in the voting.

Groups pull together to celebrate Texas independence

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

A collaborative effort between five Gonzales community organizations will result in a

2024 Texas Independence Commemoration that will take place over the course of 12 days and include six events in two cities.

Those organizations include the Gonzales Chapter, Daugh-

ters of the Republic of Texas; the Sons of the Republic of Texas, Gonzales Chapter #29; the Crystal Theatre; the City of Gonzales;

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Commissioner candidates file campaign finance reports

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Candidates in the Precinct 1 Gonzales County Commissioner race have col-

lected a combined total of \$15,830.50 in reported political contributions from Sept. 1, 2023 through Feb. 5 — 30 days before the March 5 Republican primary.

Meanwhile, candidates for Precinct 3

Gonzales County Commissioner have collected a combined total of \$1,950 in reported political contributions, while

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GHS in rehearsals for one act play 'The Book of Dog'

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales High School is currently in rehearsals with their one act play, "The Book of Dog," by award-winning Texas playwright, Jiggs Burgess.

The company performs locally at the Gonzales Jr. High Auditorium March

3 at 2 p.m. and March 23 at 7 p.m. They compete at their district contest on March 9 at 11 a.m. at Cuero High School's Performing Arts Center.

Don't miss this joyous ride of love, family, and redemption. Company members include: Alejandro Ordenez, River Van Kirk, Ainsley Pope, Emily Hull, Luhana Wells, Brett Needham, Ryann Michalec, Jeslynn Vigil, Aubree Tovar, Austin Valenta, Autumn Hatway, Hailey Garza, Paulina Andablo-Venegas, and Madison Stewart. The show is directed by Leslie Buesing and Madi Pope.

Students taking part in "The Book of Dog," include Alejandro Ordenez, River Van Kirk, Ainsley Pope, Austin Valenta, and Paulina Andablo-Venegas.

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Barnick running for Precinct 3 Commissioner

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

I am Thomas "Tommy" Barnick and I am seeking your support for Gonzales County Commissioner Pct 3.

I was born and raised in Gonzales, Texas, and am the proud father of three wonderful daughters.

I began my career at the Second 25th Judicial District, where I served primarily as the Community Service Coordinator for 10 years. Supervising employees daily, working alongside non-profit and governmental organizations, and assisting in the annual budget, I was able to hone my leadership and budgeting skills.

Next, I ran and operated a brush clearing service for 10 years. During this time, I learned about drainage and brush control, while earning and keeping the trust of



Barnick

the individuals I was privileged to work for.

Currently, I have been employed with Gonzales County Road & Bridge for eight years. Throughout my time at all these positions, I have managed a successful cattle operation over the last 30 years. The key to success in such an unstable industry is smart financial decisions.

I pride myself in honesty, integrity and work ethic. I will not make promises that I cannot keep and I will always be available to questions or concerns from my constituents.

While the county's roads and bridges are very important, they are only a piece of a Commission-

er's job. Making the best decision in the courtroom and money management are of the highest importance to me! I will work diligently with the County Judge, fellow commissioners and of course all the tax-payers to make sure the county is as prosperous as possible.

This is a very important position and one that I do not take lightly. I am grateful for your time and consideration of my qualifications. I hope that I can earn your vote for Gonzales County Commissioner Pct 3.

Thank you
Thomas "Tommy" Barnick
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Matias running for Precinct 1 Commissioner

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Hello! I am Anton W. "Tony" Matias.

I am a lifelong resident of Gonzales County. I have been married to my wife, Nora, for 11 years. Together, we have children, grandchildren, and two fur babies, Sassy and Sissy. I have a sister and brother-in-law. I am a volunteer for Gonzales County ESD 1 EMS/Rescue for 25 years.

I am a Republican and I am currently employed at Gonzales County Precinct 1 Road and Bridge under commissioner K.O. "Dell" Whiddon for 18 years and have been a supervisor for six years.

I have experience in roads and bridges, heavy machinery, and the budget.

I am hard-working, honest and committed. I will work with other elected officials and first responders and the emergency management coordinator. My cell phone

is always on and my cell number is 830-263-1451.

Please vote Anton W "Tony" Matias for your next Gonzales County Commissioner Precinct 1. Thank you for your vote and support. God bless you and Texas.

Early voting is Feb. 20 through March 1.

Hours:
Feb. 20-23: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 25: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Feb. 26 to March 1: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Matias

Early voting, main location, is the Randle Rather Building, 427 St. George, Gonzales, TX 7862.

Primary election day is March 5, 2024.

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SCULPTURE BASE ARRIVES



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The new artist-recommended base for the Defiance sculpture at R.L. Brothers Library was recently delivered. Due to the extreme weight of the sculpture, help was needed to lift it into place. Officer Eric Long, Officer Darrance James and Sergeant Victor Izaguirre were kind enough and strong enough to accomplish this task. The library board and staff members are very grateful to these three officers.

Gonzales Master Gardeners' Tomato/Vegetable Plant Sale

Saturday, March 2, 2024
8:30 am - 1:00 pm
(or until sold out)

PACE: Plantatarium A Center for Exploration
Gonzales Master Gardeners' Building
623 N. Fair St.
Between Gonzales Elementary School and Bus Barn

NATION WINS TRAIL BLAZER AWARD



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Pastor Neva Ford Nation of Gonzales received the Trail Blazer Award from the Texas Gospel Music Excellence Awards on Sunday, Feb. 17. In addition to praising God, Nation thanked her husband, Jason, as well as Pastor Larry Davies and his staff for the recognition. Her single, "Cover Me," was considered for a possible Grammy nomination for Best Gospel Performance/Song.

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Gonzales Weather

	February 22 82°/52°	Very warm with times of clouds and sun 7% chance of rain • RealFeel 81
	February 23 73°/49°	Mostly sunny and comfortable 2% chance of rain • RealFeel 74
	February 24 75°/52°	Partly sunny and comfortable 22% chance of rain • RealFeel 77
	February 25 76°/62°	Partly sunny 8% chance of rain • RealFeel 76
	February 26 78°/61°	Cloudy and very warm 4% chance of rain • RealFeel 76
	February 27 81°/59°	Mostly sunny and very warm 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 80
	February 28 76°/50°	Mostly cloudy 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 77

Celebrations

Birthdays

February 22nd Krystal Mitchell Connie Ramirez George W. Ramirez	February 26th Timothy Decker Brett Kuntschik Anthony Padilla
February 23rd Ruth Contreras Glenda Faulkner Gordon Briant Hand Richard Krum Jennifer Miller Scott Moeller Eddie Parker	February 27th Becky Breitschopf Coy Condel Madison Musick Ashley Moore
February 25th Mackenzie Barborak Georgie Malatek Gloria Malatek Brian Menking Dawn Ramirez Sally Storey	February 28th Lori Behlen Elder Dixon Becky Eldridge Joslyn Hernandez Troy Hernandez Linn Pfuhl Ashley Kamil Smith Denise Stewart

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Master Gardeners' tomato, vegetable plant sale is March 2

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With winter temperatures seemingly behind us and spring right around the corner, now is a great time to start prepping your garden beds for the planting of springtime plants and vegetables.

With that in mind and for those who enjoy vegetable gardening, think about attending the annual Gonzales Master Gardeners' Tomato & Vegetable Plant Sale.

As in year's past, the sale will be held at PACE: Plantarium A Center for Exploration on Saturday, March 2, where once again, tomatoes, peppers and other vegetables, all started and grown by master gardener members and students, will be available for purchase.

This year, Sandy Llewellyn, the Vegetable Grow Team Leader, promises 25 varieties of tomatoes and numerous vegetable varieties all specifically selected to perform well



in this part of Texas. Of the tomato varieties, they include the popular Celebrity, Early Girl, Better Boy, and Super Sweet 100 (cherry), and of the heirloom varieties, there will be Brandywine, San Marzano, Amish Paste, Cherokee Purple, Prudent Purple, Mortgage Lifter and others.

Heirloom tomatoes are known to be more resistant to various plant diseases and insects. In addition, the starter vegetable varieties to select from will include peppers,

squash, zucchini, cucumbers, okra, and eggplant along with some watermelon and cantaloupe starter plants.

PACE is located at 623 N. Fair Street and is between the Gonzales Elementary School and Bus Barn. The sale will be held inside from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. or until sold out, so come early for best selection. The number of people in the building will be limited at any given time and there will be helpers ready to assist with questions and information that will include a description and picture of each variety available. Cash/checks/credit/debit cards will all be accepted forms of payment.

The proceeds from this fundraiser help support our mission of teaching the community and school children about gardening and horticulture. Gonzales Master Gardeners is a 501(c)(3) working under the direction of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Garden Q&A

with CALVIN FINCH



Q. Our peach tree is already blooming. What happens if we skip the pruning this year?

A. You did not mention how old the tree is or its variety. A lot of the early blooming selections get pruned after they start blooming. It is best if you can prune it even if it is blooming. At least make some pruning cuts to open up the middle of the tree for air and light access. Also cut off any dead branches or branches going straight up from the joints. And of course, prune out all the suckers emerging from the root area and base of the trunk.

Q. We got behind in our mowing the rescue grass weeds on our lawn. The mower seems to be able to handle the tall blades but leaves hay like rows. Do we leave them, or can we pile the cuttings on the compost pile?

A. Yes, the weedy grasses make a great

addition to the compost pile. The hay rows will eventually decompose on the lawn, but it looks much better in the compost pile.

Q. What are some of the best trees and large shrubs for producing berries for birds?

A. Consider ananqua, mulberry, Texas persimmon, standard yaupon holly, and Chinese pistache. Be alert to the fact that mulberry and Chinese pistache may spread in the landscape.

Q. We covered our whopper begonias and even though the tops froze, and they looked terrible, at least half are producing growth from the roots and base. Are they worthwhile to nurture for the next growing season?

A. Absolutely! In a few weeks give the plants with new growth a dose of Osmocote after you carefully cut off the remnants of the dead branches.

LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

February 17th
Cattle - 826

Compared to our last sale:
Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold 5.00 to 8.00 higher. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold fully steady to 2.00 higher.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 295-405; 300-400 lbs., 295-395; 400-500 lbs., 295-360; 500-600 lbs., 245-330; 600-700 lbs., 230-271; 700-800 lbs., 198-250. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 90-155.

Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 285-330; 300-400 lbs., 300-317; 400-500 lbs., 275-315; 500-600 lbs., 242-285; 600-700 lbs., 212-250.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 88-102; Cutters, 105-117; Canners, 72-82; High yielding fat cows, 98-107.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 122-131; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 105-118.

Stocker Cows: \$900 to \$1,900. Pairs: \$1,400 to \$2,000.

NIXON LIVESTOCK
February 19th
Cattle - 626
Steers:
200-300 lbs - \$345-410
300-400 lbs - \$318-405
400-500 lbs - \$302-370
500-600 lbs - \$264-317
600-700 lbs - \$232-267
700-800 lbs - \$221-253
Heifers:
200-300 lbs - \$286-390
300-400 lbs - \$280-380
400-500 lbs - \$261-345
500-600 lbs - \$238-283

600-700 lbs - \$210-235
700-800 lbs - \$194-227
Slaughter Cows - \$85-117
Slaughter Bulls - \$101-130
Stocker Cows - \$800-1250
Pairs: \$1290-2075

HALLETTVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC.

Sale date: February 13th
Cattle on hand: 1804
Packer Cows:
High Dressing: \$90-121
Medium Dressing: \$78-100
Low Dressing: \$60-80
Poor/Weak Cows: \$50-65
Packer Bulls:
High Dressing Bulls: \$117-132
Medium Dressing Bulls: \$102-116
Low Dressing Bulls: \$95-105

Stocker Cows:
Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: NONE
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1225-1700
Good Cow & Calf Pairs: \$2150-2550

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs:
\$1325-1450
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:
Number 1 steer & bull calves:
Under 200 lbs.: \$290-440
200-300 lbs.: \$300-430
300-400 lbs.: \$310-385
400-500 lbs.: \$280-360
500-600 lbs.: \$255-320
600-700 lbs.: \$240-300
700-800 lbs.: \$215-250

Replacement Heifers:
350-700 lbs.: \$240-300
The calf market continued its upward trend. All classes sold \$2 to \$6 higher. Average of all

calves sold was \$4 higher. Grazing demand continues to be very strong. Packer cows and bulls sold \$2 to \$3 higher on a total supply of 260 head.

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February 14th
Quality of cattle very good. Condition of cattle showing stocker cattle 4.00 better with packer cows & bulls steady
Cattle - 588
Sheep & goats - 445
Medium & large frame #1 Steers:
200-300 lb. 2.50-3.35-3.90
300-400 lb. 1.25-2.92-3.65
400-500 lb. .75-2.87-3.50
500-600 lb. .60-2.50-3.25
600-700 lb. .65-2.20-2.83
700-850 lb. 1.25-2.13-2.50

Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:
200-300 lb. 1.50-3.00-4.00
300-400 lb. 1.10-2.64-3.65
400-500 lb. 1.53-2.56-3.33
500-600 lb. 1.15-2.26-2.62
600-750 lb. .50-1.70-2.25

Cows:
Utility & commercial - .73-1.05-1.29
Cutters - .75-.87-.99
Canners - .72-.78-.86
Palpated cows - 650-1425
Cow/Calf Pairs - NONE
Bulls:
Heavy High Yielding - 1.10-1.28
Light & Low Yielding - .85-1.09

Sheep & Goats:
Nannies - 75-185
Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.20-2.70
Wethers - 2.00-2.42
Billies - 1.10-1.87
Dorp. Ewes - 50-170
Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 2.00-2.45
Wooled Ewes - NONE
Wooled Bucks - 1.10-1.30
Lambs - 1.10-1.30
Barb. Bucks - NONE

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET
February 16, 2024
Number of head 1,165
There were 127 cows and 15

bulls. Top packer bull was at \$126/cwt, while tops on packer cows was same at \$123/cwt. Prices continue to be high as demand continues to be strong. The calf market was once again higher even on top of last week's big jump. Demand remains incredibly strong across the board. Calves were \$46/head higher on 20 pounds of more weight.

Packer bulls:
All weights 94.00-126.00
Packer cows:
canners & cutters 85.00-123.00
poor & weak 30.00-57.00
Palpated: 13 BRED 1100-1325
PAIRS: 1 \$ 2 , 0 5 0

Steer Calves:
Under 250 lbs 340.00-400.00
250-299 lbs. 326.00-390.00
300-350 lbs. 311.00-365.00
350-400 lbs. 306.00-377.00
400-450 lbs. 296.00-350.00
450-500 lbs. 287.00-350.00
500-550 lbs. 279.00-312.00
550-600 lbs. 273.00-310.00
600-700 lbs. 249.00-292.00
700-800 lbs. 225.00-215.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 250lbs 370.00-400.00
250-300 lbs. 308.00-390.00
300-350 lbs. 307.00-360.00
350-400 lbs. 294.00-340.00
400-450 lbs. 283.00-360.00
450-500 lbs. 270.00-328.00
500-550 lbs. 268.00-330.00
550-600 lbs. 252.00-308.00
600-700 lbs. 236.00-264.00
Over 700 lbs. 198.00-250.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
under 200 lbs. 356.00-390.00
200-250 lbs. 307.00-365.00
250-300 lbs. 293.00-360.00
300-350 lbs. 277.00-350.00
350-400 lbs. 260.00-312.00
400-450 lbs. 260.00-332.00
450-500 lbs. 262.00-320.00
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Gone to Gonzales and the Alamo: One family's story

BY BOB BURCHARD
Special to the Inquirer

He was standing there in the cabin, trying to remember where his other powder pouch was. He also wanted to make sure he had his extra knife. And the pistol.

"Do not forget the pistol," he said to himself. He had plenty of time — no need to rush.

The men were going to assemble on the square in Gonzales this afternoon and leave from there for the Alamo. The letter from Colonel Travis had arrived in Gonzales yesterday from the Alamo. The letter stated there was a large enemy force in sight. Travis also said that he only had 150 men, but was determined to defend the Alamo to the last. The word had gone out from Gonzales, and now men were volunteering to go help Travis at the Alamo.

His daughter came into the cabin, and noticed his preparations. This curly haired six-year-old was their only child.

"Where are you going, Daddy?" she said in that beautiful sing-song voice that children possess.

"Well, baby girl, Daddy has to go on a trip to take care of some business," he said, his voice cracking a little bit.

"Is it a hunting trip? Will you be gone long?" she said.

"No, it is not a hunting trip. And I hope I'm back here with you and Mommy in just a few days."

He gathered his things and walked out on the porch, his daughter close behind. He dropped to one knee to look her in the eye.

"Baby girl, sometimes a man loves his family so much he just has to go ... take care of somethings."

"Okay, Daddy," she replied, not

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

For the last 10 years, I have written a letter to the mayor and the city council for consideration to appoint me for a term as the contractor city judge.

If you think I would make a fair/compassionate city judge, then please contact the mayor of Gonzales, Texas, and the city council members. Their website is Gonzales.Texas.gov to contact them by email or phone them at 830-672-2815

God Bless!

Michael Scott Hanson
Gonzales

PS: The contractor city judge position is at the pleasure of the council. My opinion is the public should elect the peoples' court judge.

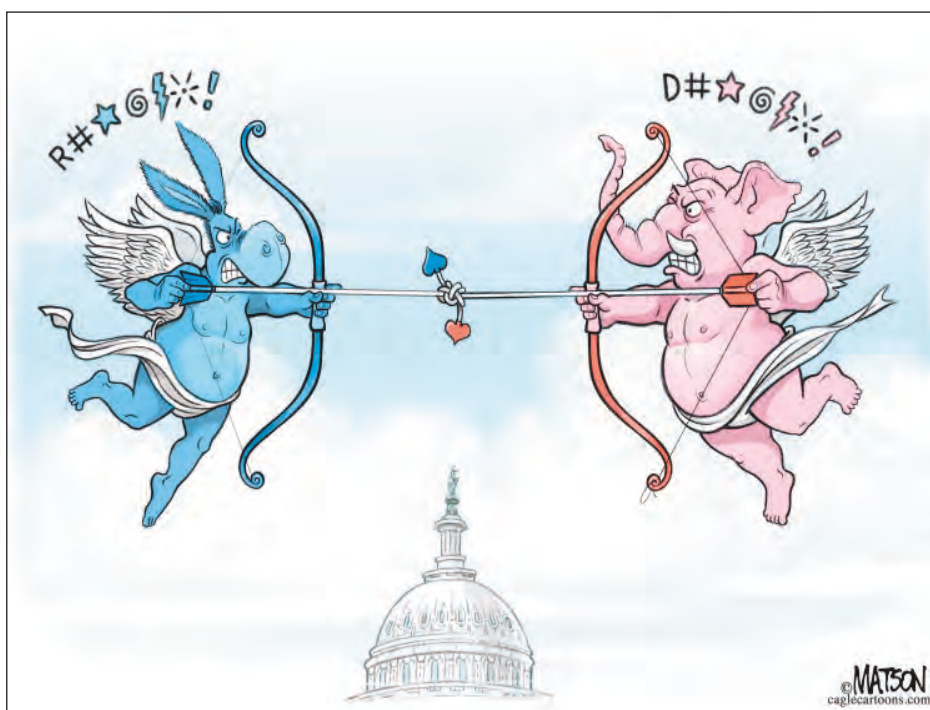
To be judge, you have to be in the inner circle loop of city government before you can even get your name in front of the council for a vote. You're not even allowed to take the necessary courses in city government, unless you are appointed by the city council first — what a horrible Catch-22 and many more hoops to overcome!

But guess what — never give up folks, we shall overcome. I try every two years when the contract is supposed to be up, but they just keep putting her back in there.

(The current judge) is hogging up both positions and wearing two hats, basically moonlighting on her elected by the people job and getting paid for the justice of the peace and the contracted city judge — what a conflict of interest!

Let me make this clear. This is my opinion that it is a conflict of interest, kind of like the old Andy Griffin show, where Andy is the sheriff and he's the city judge. Andy Griffin just takes off the sheriff's hat, and puts on the city judge hat (that's Gonzales, Texas — Mayberry on steroids).

Remember — everybody call the mayor and city council and at least complain about the process being biased and very unfair to the common people in the city, just trying to make a difference locally, and do the right thing these days.



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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Price is no object...

In our mind's eye, most of us old-timers recall taking on life in slow motion when contrasted with today's starts, stops and swerves now endured by the masses by day and by night. If identified with a fable, we were the turtles, and jet-setters of today are the hares.

Or so it seems.

In bygone days, it was common to hear the same question posed repeatedly: "Have you heard the one about?..." Then, jokes of the day were exchanged; hearty laughter followed. Now, with the Super Bowl in our rear-view mirror, the question most often heard is likely to be, "Did you see the commercial about?..." After all, 30-second pitches going for \$7 million for a single Super Bowl TV spot is way north of "chump change." For those keeping score, this is 55% more than Super Bowl ads just five years ago....

Blame it on inflation; everyone else does. About 75 years ago, for example, vending machines were geared to accept nickels. (Mentioning a nickel to youngsters now may draw quizzical looks. These are the same kids who understandably question what we mean by "hanging up" telephones.)

Anyways, we could buy candy bars, sodas, gum, jaw-breakers and other confectionery items for one nickel. (Aside: The big boys at the pool hall said five cents would also buy one game on a pinball machine, with the promise of free games for players who could run up high scores without "tilting" the machine.)

In the mid-1940s, my late uncle Jimmie Newbury returned from World War II naval service to enroll in college. He visited one day, bragging about winning a dozen free pinball games with a single nickel. My dad, keenly remembering Great Depression deprivation, answered, "Congratulations, Jimmie, but when it was all said and done, who had the nickel?..."

When soda pop went up to six cents a bottle, vending machines had it tough. They became evil machines, even pounded upon.

There was national unrest--with revolts alleged in some regions--at the thought of a 20% increase. Some merchants tried to soften the blow of the price hike with clever signage. One read: "Our cold drinks are all sick scents." This furor seems unbelievably quaint, right?....

Clever ad and PR people now find ways to have their cake and munch away on it, too. A decade ago, WestJet, a Canadian airline, unveiled a masterful promotion that gained millions of inches of newspaper coverage throughout the free world. Additionally, radio/ TV and social media exploded with accounts of the airline's "Christmas surprise."

At a Canadian airport, passengers stopped at a Christmas display to respond to what they thought was a Santa Claus mannequin. They were asked to show boarding passes and what they wanted for Christmas....

There were soup-to-nuts requests for socks, diamond rings, big screen TVs, and numerous other items. (There'd have been requests for all things Taylor Swift, but she wasn't famous at the time.)

What passengers didn't know was that their requests were being heard by WestJet employees at the arrival airport. The employees had three hours to purchase, wrap and write names on gifts that were given to deplaning passengers!

The airline sprung for cost of gifts, but this initiative avoided what would have cost millions of dollars if they'd purchased ads trumpeting "Merry Christmas." The good will generated was inestimable....

Social media are at center stage currently for what is being called "The Consumer Chex Index." Kylie Brake-man, a NYC comedian, loves the snack, usually buying 8.75-ounce bags. The price, it turns out, is all over the charts in airports, ranging from \$3.49 in New Orleans to \$13.29 in Las Vegas.

She is revolting, and the brouhaha--like the \$18 Big Mac combo at McDonald's--has gone viral.

Check it out online with search words like "Chex Mix furor." The snack's moguls may be scratching their heads, unsure if they should praise Kylie or refuse to laugh at her jokes....

Dr. Newbury is a longtime university president who writes weekly and speaks publicly throughout Texas. Contact: Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872.

“We’ve identified plenty to do on our campuses. And now it’s honing in on what to do and in what order.”

—Jennifer Black, Sledge Engineering

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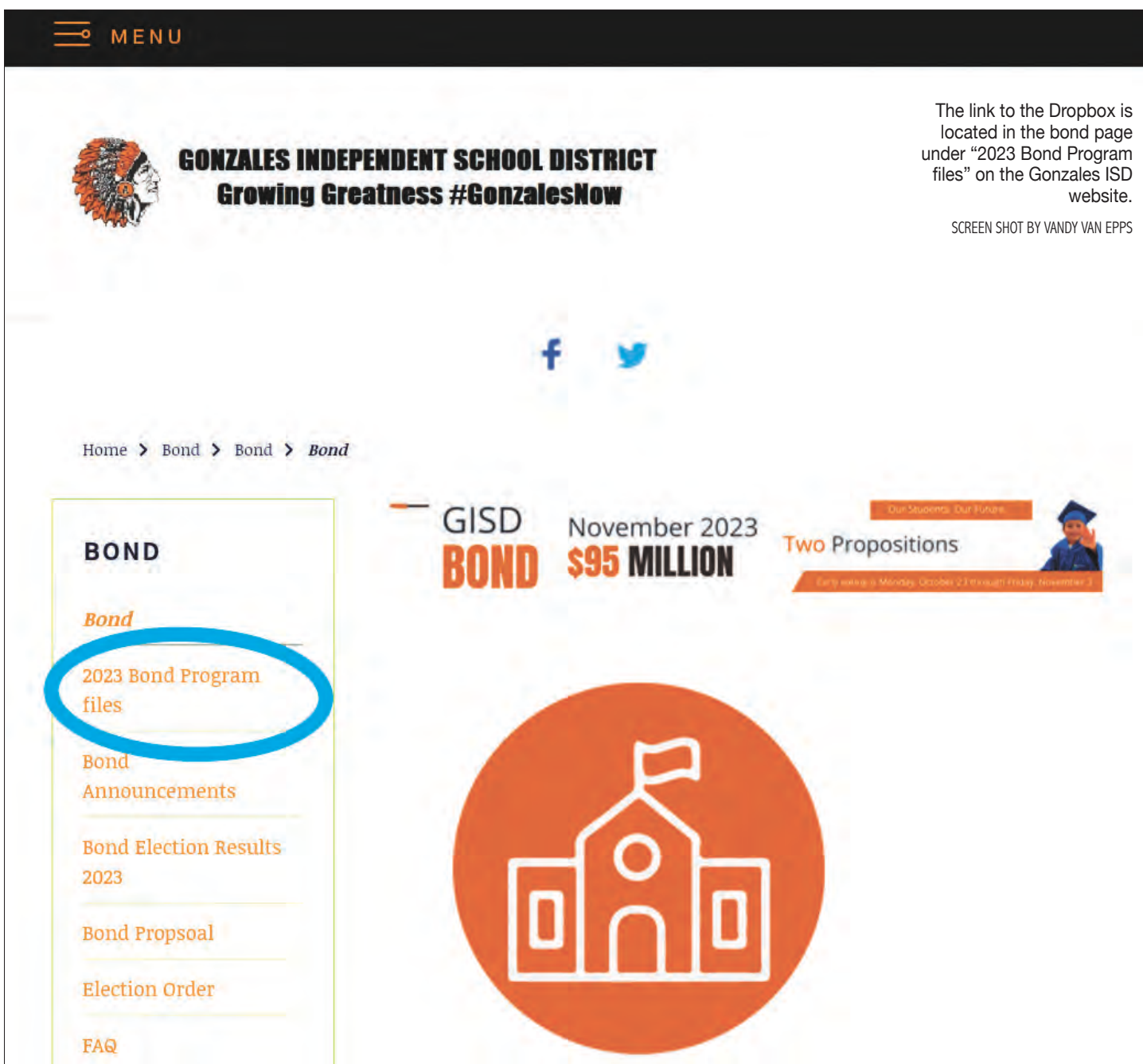
project and have different projects, named on what they are, you’ll see more folders pop in there, but you’ll see everything from invoices that have been approved to schedules as we get them, you will see vendor contracts. So as we actually ink the contract with any particular vendor, architect, contractor geotechnical testing, whatever we’re using, you’ll see all of that in there as we move forward,” Black said.

Sledge Engineering’s mission and scope of work with Region 13 is rate projects, making ure they are reasonable accountable, transparent and efficient. Black said.

“That is everything you need to make your project come in on time and under budget. And that’s what we pride ourselves in — helping the districts to manage their projects well enough that you’re getting them done, that you should have the right expectations,” Black added.

As Sledge works with the district’s selected architect, then everything in the project will be more defined, Black said.

“This will break out into more defined projects. Instead of just seeing basically three projects here, you’re going to start seeing the little projects under each one. And that grows and grows and grows through the whole project. So while you see this month, it’ll look different next month and the following month. And it just gets more and more detailed,” Black said.



The link to the Dropbox is located in the bond page under “2023 Bond Program files” on the Gonzales ISD website.

SCREEN SHOT BY VANDY VAN EPPS

The bond that was passed in the Nov. 7, 2023 election was for a new CTE building and infrastructure to all the GISD campus.

Black said they’ll be touching every campus in the district and has already got a walk through from GISD Director of Operations Gene Kridler and an architect.

“We’ve identified plenty to do on our campuses. And now it’s honing in on what to do and in what order,” Black added.

The board approved the following agenda items following the public meeting:

- approved a Proposed Agreement with VLK Architects, Inc., a Texas

Corporation, to Provide Architectural/Engineering Services for the 2023 Bond Projects.

- approved to select Weaver & Jacobs of Cuero, Texas, as the construction manager at risk for the 2023 bond program and authorize the superintendent to negotiate the final terms of the agreement.

COUNTY

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Lavaca County had it under the auditor’s office.”

Precinct 3 Commissioner Kevin La Fleur said the county “cannot take a person out of the auditor’s office.”

“The way this thing is on the agenda, it’s impossible,” La Fleur said.

“It would be up to the district judge (William Old, who appoints the auditor

and sets that position’s budget).”

Davis said Cook should not be responsible for both duties and “we need a solid HR position in Gonzales County and not a whole bunch of people looking over it.”

“We need to have one person that is already budgeted (handling HR),” Davis said. “It could

still be the same person (Cook), just transferred under the county judge, and you could actually address (the assistant auditor position) when it comes to budget time. There’s not going to be any exchange of money.

“It’s something that we visited with the district judge about. I have talked to him and he doesn’t

seem to have any problem with it. He said it just depends on whatever the court wants to do.”

“The other thing is, with HR and anything that happens with HR, the final deciding factor would be coming before the county judge, so i just feel it would be better if my office would manage that aspect,” Davis added.

“We have 160 employees and we need a full-time HR person.”

Asked if he wanted to wait until budget time to move the HR position to his office, Davis said he would rather get it done now and if Weston needed another person in her office to replace Cook and Judge Old approves of it, that could be done at budget time.

Weston explained that, as auditor, she is appointed by the district judge while Cook is hired by her to a position that was appointed in her budget by the judge.

“I’ve always had that position,” Weston said. “Whether I’ve had payroll (in her department) or not, I had that position. I can take payroll. We do not have a formal HR department. We’ve never had a formal HR department.”

Weston said her recommendation is that if the court was going to create a formal HR department, “I recommend you do it during budget, because it’s best time to budget for any department.”

“In my office, (Cook) is an assistant auditor,” Weston said. “If I plan to give payroll to someone else next week, I could — they’re all assistant auditors underneath me. You asked us to take (payroll) back years ago and I gladly said yes, that we would work with you. If there’s an issue, I’d like to know about it.”

“If you are planning on moving forward with a formal HR department — and I’m not disagreeing that you need one — you need time to organize where the files are going to be kept, the training, a person who has the knowledge and where you’re going to house this position.”

Davis said he would not want to move payroll from the auditor’s office, just the HR position, and said the two would obviously work closely together due to overlapping concerns.

County Attorney Paul Watkins chimed in and said he believes there is “an inherent conflict” in having the same person handle payroll and HR.

“Not that Becky would ever do anything wrong — I’m not suggesting that at all,” Watkins said. “I’m just saying that when an HR person is responsible for the employees, and to the elected officials, but also is in charge of the money — that’s an inherent conflict.”

“We have more than enough employees for a full time HR. That’s an absolute truth. I’m going to tell you that I have had employees from this county come to me and tell me they’re not comfortable going into the auditor’s office to talk to HR. I think there’s a conflict here, because at some point, you’re going to be deciding between money and people. And that’s what an HR person does — they advocate for our employees.”

“They will answer to somebody in the sense that they’re not an elected official, and they’re responsible to the commissioners court. But at the same time, they have to be an independent office,” Watkins said.

Davis said there is a lot more things HR could be doing for the employees, like having meetings to explain benefits for the employees.

“I’ve got people that come to me and say they’re not comfortable going to HR now,” Davis added. “They’re not comfortable because they don’t want to say something and then it’s doesn’t seem to be confidential.”

Weston asked that the court wait until after March 1 as Cook will be helping her when the outside auditors come to audit the county and the files she has would be needed as part of the audit. The court agreed and made a motion to wait until after March 1 to determine what to do about the department.

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EDWARDS

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torical, educational demonstrations. A reception and tours of the Edwards School Gym will take place beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The Edwards School Gym was built in 1950 at a cost of \$59,000 and includes eight classroom spaces while also doubling as an auditorium. The gym features a historic and architecturally significant lamella roof system.

The lamella roof system was devised in 1908 in Dessau, Germany, by Frederick Zollinger, the city architect. Lamellae are the vertical membranes you see when you examine the underside of a mushroom. They also form the chambers in the shell of a univalve mollusk. These very lightweight pieces support the membrane which protects the plant/animal.

In the Lamella roof system, the wood members themselves are called lamellas. The individual pieces are joined together with bolts and/or plates to form intersecting transverse arches that create a rhomboid pattern. The sheathing covering these pieces completes the structure. These roofs were especially popular between World War I and World War II when metal was in short supply.

The Edwards Association mission is to provide and maintain a meeting and gathering space for the community; provide facilities and organization for activities for all age groups; provide educational opportunities and facilities for all segments of the community; and articulate the history, face and meaning



PHOTOS COURTESY EDWARDS ASSOCIATION (INSIDE)

The Edwards High School Gym was built in 1950 at a cost of \$59,000 and includes a historic and architecturally significant lamella roof system. These roofs, first devised in Germany in the early 20th century, were popular between World War I and World War II when metal was in short supply. The Edwards Association is conducting a Save the Ceiling Campaign and will have a fish fry dinner on April 19 to raise money for roof restoration.

of the Edwards High School experience and ensure that it becomes publicly known.

Board members include President David B. Tucs; Vice President Quincy Johnson; Secretary Tena Roaches; Treasurer JoAnn Lewis and Parliamentarian/Sergeant at Arms Eugene Wilson Sr.

Eugene Wilson Sr., a Korean War and Vietnam War veteran, also founded the Gonzales County Buffalo Soldier Association, which was officially recognized by the City of Gonzales in 2015.

In 1948, President Harry Truman issued an executive order (EO 9981) eliminating racial segregation in the armed

forces. The Korean War (1950 to 1953) was the first overseas conflict that put President Truman's order into action. The 24th Infantry was the last Buffalo Soldier regiment to be desegregated.

In addition to Saturday's event, there will be a Save The Ceiling Campaign dinner on April 19. Tickets for a catfish plate with all the trimming are \$15 per person and all proceeds will go towards roof restoration at the gym.

To donate to the Edwards Association, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, you can mail checks to P.O. Box 1823, Gonzales, TX 78629. They have a Zelle set up at 830-263-1611 and the groups EIN is 74-2550974.

INDEPENDENCE

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and Tour Gonzales.

Events begin Tuesday, Feb. 27, with a wreath laying ceremony in honor of the Immortal 32 leaving Gonzales. The event is to be held at the Gonzales Memorial Museum at 5:15 p.m. with a commemorative ceremony and performance by the Crystal Theatre Young Texans. The Gonzales High School NJROTC color guard will present the flag and lead the pledge.

On Friday, March 1, 32 men from Gonzales will join The Alamo's observance of the Immortal 32 Arrival Ceremony at Alamo Plaza in San Antonio at 10 a.m. There will be a march reenactment by Gonzales residents as well as a performance by the Young Texans.

On Saturday, March 2, Texas Heroes Square in Gonzales will play host to "A Toast To Texas Independence." There will be a commemorative ceremony at 11:45 a.m. followed by a sweet tea toast. Everyone in earshot is invited to step outside during the noon siren for a city-wide toast to Texas independence so raise whatever glass you have!

On March 6, 1836, after 13 days of intermittent fighting, the Battle of the Alamo came to a gruesome end, capping off a pivotal moment in the Texas Revolution. The Dawn at the Alamo wreath laying takes place starting at 6 a.m. Wednesday, March 6. To commemorate the losses of the 41 brave Gonzaleans that fought, a yellow rose will be placed in their honor during an official roll call and commemorative ceremony Wednesday, March 6 at 5:15 p.m. at the Gonzales Memorial Museum. The Young Texans will perform "The Immortal 32."

One final event will recognize and commemorate the sacrifice and hardships experienced by the families and community of Gonzales during the Runway Scrape. A candlelight vigil will be held in Texas Heroes Square at 8 p.m. Sunday March 10, with a reading of Susanna Dickinson's letter and a performance by the Young Texans singing "Run, Run, Run Away!"

Details for all events can be found on TourGonzales.com or by contacting the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.

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11 Apaches qualify for ATSSB All-Region Band

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Members of the Gonzales High School Mighty Apache Band made history at the Association of Texas Secondary School Bands (ATSSB) Region 18/26 All-Region Band auditions.

This year, 11 talented students represented the school at the ATSSB Region 18/26 All-Region Band after a fierce audition process against more than 500 2A-4A students in the area.

From auditions to the concert at The Jerry Wilhelm Performing Arts Center in Bastrop, their journey showcases dedication and musical prowess. Last year, not a single Apache qualified. This year, the district has 11 shining stars!

Director Ramon Parker's belief in the band's potential has truly paid off. Congratulations to these exceptional musicians!

Students who qualified are Ruben Castillo (Euphonium), Jude Hataway (Euphonium), Christopher Cardoza (Trombone), Oswaldo Sanchez (Trumpet), Alex Rodriguez (Trumpet), Diego Salgado (Tuba), Ezra Romero (Tuba), Olivia Shi (Clarinet), Miguel Moreno (Clarinet), Esai Falcon (French Horn) and Reigna Rhodes (Contra Bass Clarinet).



CONTRIBUTED

Students pictured are Ruben Castillo, Jude Hataway, Christopher Cardoza, Oswaldo Sanchez, Alex Rodriguez, Diego Salgado, Ezra Romero, Olivia Shi, Miguel Moreno, Esai Falcon and Reigna Rhodes.

SHINER GASLIGHT THEATER ANNOUNCES AWARDS



PHOTO COURTESY GENE CERNY

The Shiner Gaslight Board of Directors is proud to announce the 2023 award winners for exceptional service. Pictured from the left are Gabe Adamek, Sister Michelle Award; Sandy Machacek, Lamplighter Out Front Award; Diane McCommas, Best Adult Debut Award; Elaine Berkovsky, Lamplighter Backstage Award; Don G. Kaspar Foundation—Joe Patek Award, accepted by David Ehrig, who is Director of the Foundation, and Josh Kaspar, who presented the awards. Michael Silgero, winner of the Best Youth Debut, was not present. The presentation was made at the Patron & Volunteer Appreciation Party on Sunday, Feb. 18 at the theatre.

TxDOT scholarship contest awards students who help clean up their communities

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Texas students who helped clean up and beautify their communities can now apply for a scholarship contest awarding a total of \$10,000.

The annual Don't mess with Texas® Scholarship Contest is now accepting applications for the 2024 school year. All Texas high school seniors currently attending public, private or home school, and planning to attend an accredited college, university or trade school in the fall 2024 semester are eligible to apply. Judges will select two winners based on applicants' proven results in leading projects or efforts focused on educating communities about the importance of keeping our state and roadways clean and litter-free.

Sponsored by Ozarka and iHeart-Media, the contest recognizes the

creativity of high school seniors who are taking a leadership role in preventing litter in their communities.

"It's important that future generations feel empowered to create long-term, sustainable solutions to make their communities litter-free. Our state is counting on these leaders to keep Texas litter-free for decades to come," said Norma Rios, program coordinator for TxDOT's Don't mess with Texas campaign.

Past winners include 2023 winner Hayden with Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy in Greenville. Hayden developed the Trashy Tuesday campaign. At least twice a month students would gather after school on a Tuesday and clean litter around their campus. The project expanded to cleaning community parks as well. Neddah with Brownsville Early College High School in Brownsville

was another 2023 scholarship recipient. Neddah was a leader of the Environmental Club at her school. They conducted a litter survey, and then developed and implemented a litter management plan at her campus. They also created an on-campus recycling program and created a competition among the classrooms to see who can recycle the most.

Don't mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopt-a-Highway volunteer program.

To apply for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest, visit dontmesswithtexas.org. Applications must be received via online submission by 5 p.m. (CDT) on April 2, 2024.

ROY A STATON

Republican Candidate for Gonzales County Commissioner Pct. 3

I'm Roy A Staton, I'm Running for the office of Gonzales County Commissioner Pct 3.

I was born and raised in Gonzales, I'm a Member of the Gonzales High School Class of 1982.

I've been Married to my wife Kellie for 33 years.

We have two sons, Adam and Read Staton.

My Parents are the late Roy Edwin Staton and Peggy Adams Staton.

After Graduating from Gonzales High School, I went to work for GVEC in Gonzales. I worked with the electrical dept becoming a lineman. After my time at GVEC, I Accepted the position as Electrical/Line Superintendent for the city of Luling.

Ultimately, I decided Gonzales is where I wanted to be and took a position with Gonzales County Pct 3 Road & Bridge. I've been with Gonzales County Pct 3 for 19 Years. I also owned and operated Staton's Wild Hogs for nearly 15 years.

I'm a past member of the Gonzales Volunteer Fire Dept, Ottine Volunteer Fire Dept, and Gonzales County Area Go Texan, to name a few organizations I have worked with.

I feel I bring a special insight to this position with my experience working with Pct 3, I have the Knowledge of what it takes for this Pct to operate, and I have many new ideas of my own. I have had the honor of learning some of the ins and outs from current and former commissioners.

I have budget and management experience, and I can ensure you I have the county and taxpayers' best interest at heart. My #1 priority will be the appropriate allocation and



usage of all taxpayers' dollars in the precinct and county wide. I've attended and completed Advanced Management courses at Texas A&M.

I believe in transparency; I have included my phone number on my handouts. If at any time you have questions or concerns, I will communicate with you and will address any issue you may have. I work for you, and all the taxpayers of Gonzales County. I humbly and respectfully ask for your support in the upcoming election.

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950 PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Gonzales, Texas, is requesting public comment in regard to the submission of application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Community Development Block Grant - Regional Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) funds for infrastructure improvements providing for flood mitigation. The application and proposed non-housing infrastructure project will allow the City to utilize grant funding to mitigate the impact of future flooding events:




- Local Infrastructure Program Funding as Allocated by the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCPRC): \$2,999,400 with \$1,499,700 to benefit low-to-moderate income areas of the City

The City will request public comments for fifteen (15) days from Thursday, February 22, 2024 through Friday, March 8, 2024. The application will be available for review at Gonzales City Hall located at 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas, 78629 or on the website at: <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/>. The public is encouraged to submit comments that will assist the City in defining and evaluating the proposed projects that will mitigate the devastating effects of natural disasters as well ensure the projects are in line with environmental regulations, affirmatively further fair housing activities, and, if applicable, minimizing displacement of persons by project activities. The proposed activities are not expected to result in the displacement of persons.

Allowable activities under this grant include but are not limited to: natural and green infrastructure, public facilities, housing, buyouts or acquisition, activities designed to relocate families outside of floodplains, and public service activities.

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An application has been made for a Wine and Malt Beverage Retail Dealer's On-Premise Permit for 7-Eleven Beverage Company Inc., Texas Corporation, d/b/a Stripes #41180H, located at 114 US Highway 90A E., Gonzales, Gonzales County, TX. 78629.

Said application made to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code.

7-Eleven Beverage Company Inc. - Officers:
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David Seltzer - VP/Treasurer
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The City of Gonzales, Texas, is requesting public comment in regard to the submission of application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Community Development Block Grant - Regional Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) funds for infrastructure improvements providing for flood mitigation. The application and proposed non-housing infrastructure project will allow the City to utilize grant funding to mitigate the impact of future flooding events:




- Local Infrastructure Program Funding as Allocated by the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCPRC): \$2,999,400 with \$1,499,700 to benefit low-to-moderate income areas of the City

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CITY OF GONZALES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RFP 2024-1 NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The City of Gonzales is requesting competitive sealed proposals to solicit statements of qualifications, technical approach, and pricing from interested firms capable of providing field data collection of water service line material on approximately 3,300 water meters throughout the city. The water service line material for both City and customer sides of the meters will be identified by visual inspection, scratch test, and magnet test then categorized into one of the four following categories: 1. Lead 2. Galvanized 3. Non-Lead 4. Lead Status Unknown. Data collection is in response to and will be compliant with the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) issued by the USEPA on January 15, 2021.

The full requirements of the Request for Proposal can be located on the City of Gonzales website <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/government/bidrfp> or by contacting Kristina Vega, Administrative Services Director, by email at citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov.

Questions concerning the Request for Proposal, discrepancies or omissions in the solicitation document or other clarifications of such matters should be submitted in writing by Friday, February 16, 2024 at 2:00 PM to: Kristina Vega, Administrative Services Director, by email at citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov. Only written or emailed communication will be acknowledged.

A PDF VERSION OF THE PROPOSAL SHALL BE EMAILED TO KRISTINA VEGA AT CITYSECRETARY@GONZALES.TEXAS.GOV BY: **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 AT 2:00 PM.** BE CERTAIN TO REQUEST AND OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF THIS EMAILED SUBMISSION. QUALIFICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The city expects to select the proposal that provides goods or services at the best value for the City. The City of Gonzales reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all formalities and technicalities, and to accept any bid which it deems advantageous to the City of Gonzales. Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the City of Gonzales and their respective agents and/or employees arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation, or recommendation of any bid.

The contractor and all subcontractors for this project will be required to pay not less than the prevailing wage rates for the area of the project and to be in compliance with Executive Order 11246, as amended, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" and as supplemented in the Department of Labor Regulation (41 CFR Part 60).

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

CLERK OF THE COURT
Janice Sutton
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Gonzales, TX 78629

PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY
Judi C. Wells
Skelton Slusher Barnhill Watkins Wells PLLC
302 North University Drive
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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 HOHMANN 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 1st day of April, 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 Hohmann and/or His Heirs, Known or Unknown*, wherein BAYTEX ENERGY USA, INC. is Plaintiff, and the said EDWARD ALBERT HOHMANN 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.

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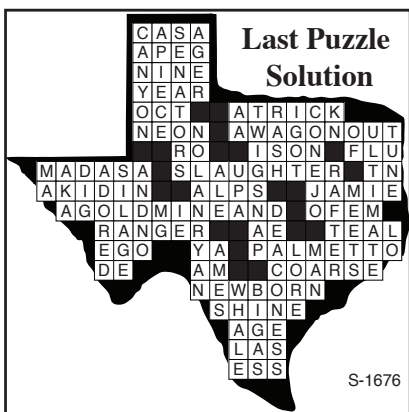
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Gonzales County, Texas

By: K. Alarcon, Deputy

February 15 Puzzle Answers

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It has been PROPOSED TO BUILD A 300-FOOT LATTICE SELF-SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS TOWER. Anticipated lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The site location is approx. 3 miles North of the intersection of TX HWY 80 & 97, Nixon, TX., Gonzales County, TX; Latitude: 29° 22' 25.5" N, Longitude: 97° 34' 59.8" W. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) FILING NUMBER IS A1274160. Interested persons may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/ applications by entering ASR filing number A1274160 and may raise environmental concerns about the project by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. Paper requests can be submitted to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

NOTICE of Proposals Being Accepted for Land Sale

The Gonzales ISD is accepting proposals for a piece of land for sale. Submissions should be addressed to Gonzales ISD, Attn: Chief Financial Officer, 1615 St. Louis Street, Gonzales, TX 78629, and will be received at that address until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, 2024. Details about the property may be obtained on the district's website www.gonzalesisd.net/Page/171 or by calling 830-672-9551.

Notice of Request for Proposals

The Gonzales Independent School District is accepting sealed proposals for a Kitchen Serving Lines Turnkey Replacement Project at Gonzales Elementary School. Submissions should be addressed to Gonzales ISD, Attn: Chief Financial Officer, 1615 St. Louis Street, Gonzales, TX 78629, and will be received at that address until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Specifications may be obtained on the district's website www.gonzalesisd.net/Page/171 or by calling 830-672-9551.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Gonzales, Texas, is requesting public comment in regard to the submission of application to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for Community Development Block Grant – Resilient Communities Program (TXGLO-RCP) grant funds the development and implementation of building codes, zoning ordinances, comprehensive plans, and other resilience-building initiatives. The updated City of Gonzales Comprehensive Plan will enable the City to create a more resilient community by mitigating the impact of future flooding events.

1. Resilient Communities Program (RCP) Comprehensive Plan grant funding in the amount of \$172,000 to provide low-to-moderate income area benefit

The City will request public comments for fifteen (15) days from Thursday, February 22, 2024 through Friday, March 8, 2024. The application will be available for review at Gonzales City Hall located at 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas, 78629 or on the website at: <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/>. The public is encouraged to submit comments that will assist the City in with areas to be defined in the updated Comprehensive Plan. The elements of the plan will be in line with environmental regulations and affirmatively further fair housing activities. The proposed activities will not result in the displacement of persons.

Allowable activities under this grant include but are not limited to: the development and implementation of building codes, zoning ordinances, comprehensive plans, and other resilience-building initiatives.

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AVISO PÚBLICO

La Ciudad de Gonzales, Texas, solicita los comentarios del público respecto de la presentación de una solicitud ante la Oficina Tierras Públicas de Texas (GLO) para los fondos de la Subvención en Bloque para Desarrollo Comunitario - la subvención del Programa de Comunidades Resilientes (TXGLO-RCP) financia el desarrollo y la implementación de códigos de construcción, ordenanzas de zonificación, planes integrales y otras iniciativas de construcción resiliente. El Plan integral actualizado de la Ciudad de Gonzales permitirá que la Ciudad cree una comunidad más resiliente mediante la mitigación del impacto de inundaciones futuras.

1. El Plan integral del Programa de Comunidades Resilientes (RCP) otorga fondos en la cantidad de \$172,000 para proveer beneficios a zonas con ingresos de bajos a moderados.

La Ciudad solicitará los comentarios del público durante quince (15) días desde el jueves 22 de febrero de 2024 hasta el viernes 8 de marzo de 2024. La solicitud estará disponible para su revisión en el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Gonzales, sito en 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas, 78629 o en el sitio web: <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/>. Se anima al público a que presente comentarios que ayuden a la Ciudad con las zonas que se definirán en el Plan integral actualizado. Los elementos del plan cumplirán con las reglamentaciones medioambientales y promoverán afirmativamente actividades de vivienda justa. Las actividades propuestas no darán lugar al desplazamiento de personas.

Las actividades permitidas bajo esta subvención incluyen, entre otras: el desarrollo y la implementación de códigos de construcción, ordenanzas de zonificación, planes integrales y otras iniciativas de construcción resiliente.

Tras la finalización de este periodo de comentarios, la Ciudad revisará y abordará cualquier comentario público en la solicitud propuesta. La solicitud de la subvención se presentará ante el Consejo Municipal para una audiencia pública el 14 de marzo de 2024, a las 6 p.m., en el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Gonzales, sito en 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas, 78629. Envíe sus opiniones y comentarios a citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov o por correo postal a:

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Community Health Center leader honored for advocacy at national conference

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

BETHESDA, MD - The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has honored Sharon Hastings-Broom from Community Health Centers of South Central Texas with the Elizabeth K. Cooke Advocacy MVP Award.

The award recognizes advocates' dedication and mobilization efforts to generate public and political support for the nation's Community Health Centers. Sharon Hastings-Broom was presented the award during NACHC's 2024 Policy and Issues Forum (P&I) in Washington, D.C. The annual conference draws thousands of health center leaders from around the country to gather and focus on strategies that expand access to affordable primary care services in underserved communities.

Sharon has been with Community Health Centers of South Central Texas for over 10 years with her current role as the Executive Assistant/Public Relations and working alongside the marketing department. Sharon holds a Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences from Southwest Texas State University.

As an accomplished professional and a well-rounded individual, Sharon Hastings Broom stands as an inspiring figure in both the corporate and personal spheres. Her journey is a

testament to the power of dedication, passion, and the pursuit of excellence.

Health Centers are the largest primary care network in the U.S., serving 31.5 million people at more than 1,400 sites nationwide. The network of health center grassroots advocates comprises doctors, nurses, CEOs, frontline staff, board members and patients who have dedicated themselves to advancing health equity in rural, urban, and frontier communities.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the largest class of grassroots advocacy awardees in NACHC history. These honorees consistently go above and beyond to foster a culture of advocacy within their organizations and the Community Health Center Movement ... their efforts to inspire and mobilize others are essential to building hope in a future where residents in all communities nationwide have access to quality and affordable health care," said Dr. Kyu Rhee, MD, MPP, President and CEO of National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC).

Advocates are essential to the sustainability of Community Health Centers, which have saved countless lives since they were established nearly 60 years ago. Health centers depend on bipartisan support from Congress and are grateful for this decades-long partnership.



Sharon Hastings-Broom of Community Health Centers of South Central Texas received the Elizabeth K. Cooke Advocacy MVP Award during NACHC's 2024 Policy and Issues Forum (P&I) in Washington, D.C. The award recognizes advocates' dedication and mobilization efforts to generate public and political support for the nation's Community Health Centers.

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Tickets still available for Casino Night

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tickets remain available for the Gonzales Independent School District Education Foundation's 2024 Casino Night event on Saturday, Feb. 24 at the J.B. Wells Expo Center (1653 CR 197, Gonzales).

The website to purchase tickets to this worthwhile event is <https://gonzalesisdeducationfoundation-bloom.kindful.com/e/2024-casino-night-fundraiser>.

The GISD Foundation's 2024 goal is to exceed prior years' annual campaigns by raising more than \$30,000 through this event. The majority of these funds are awarded to GISD classrooms and campuses through the Foundation's Innovative Teaching grant program for learning and curriculum enhancement.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. with a cocktail hour and mingling until dinner is served at 6 p.m. Gaming tables open at 7 p.m., and a cash bar will be open throughout the evening.

The Gonzales Independent School District Education Foundation "prize patrol" made nine Gonzales ISD teachers very happy Monday, Feb. 5, when they surprised them in their classrooms with Innovative Teacher Grant awards which came from money raised from Casino Night fundraisers.

GISD Education Foundation board members, along with GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda visited teachers to give grant checks totaling \$18,214.56 to the following teachers:

- Gonzales Primary Academy: Jessica Boulter
- Gonzales Elementary: Kelsey Boulter, Kaily Hillman, Kendall Fougerat and Brenda Hernandez
- Gonzales North Avenue: Brent Baker and Amanda Grahmann
- Gonzales Jr. High School: Tracey Patek
- Gonzales High School: John Dunn

The grants ranged from rugs in the rooms to technology for the classrooms.

Since 2011, the Gonzales ISD Education Foundation has made a difference for teachers and students within the district through awarding over \$318,000 in teaching grants to Gonzales ISD faculty and staff for resources, projects, and programs outside the scope of traditional school funding. In addition to awarding annual Teacher grants, the Foundation began awarding Campus grants in 2023 for eligible projects as a way of extending the reach and impact of the organization's mission even further.

Ready, set, grow!

Howdy once again, I hope you're doing great and enjoying this unusually warm February, I know I am. I was able to work on a project on my porch on Valentine's Day in shorts and a tank top, enjoying the wildflowers already starting to sprout, fairly unusual for this time of year. I think this unseasonably nice weather has most of us fooled, even my wrens, which nest on my porches every spring, are already here constructing their nests. I hope all of their hard work is not in vain, as a sudden cold snap could freeze their little eggs, making them truly... "Angry Birds" (referring to the popular video game). However, not being a fan of cold weather myself, it may have fooled me once, it may have fooled me twice, but I hope it keeps on fooling me for the rest of the winter.

I've noticed that some folks are a little freaked out by it, thinking that global warming is picking up speed and we'll soon burst into flames, or even worse, be catapulted into another ice age, but I'm not too worried about it. I just read a study that said that over the last 100,000 years, the average earth temperature has risen by 1.8 degrees, and could increase even more over the next 100,000 years. I recommend that if you're worried about it, invest in a snow suit, and make sure



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

your sunscreen has an unusually long expiration date on it, then sit back with some iced tea and enjoy the day!

Continuing with our "Fit for 2024" series, I'll share more of my experience. We've talked about a few basic exercises and the concept of progressive resistance to get us going, but there's always more that can be done for those who are interested. During my earlier years (high school through late thirties), even with long periods of inconsistency, I managed to workout enough to stay in reasonable shape, eventually getting my arms to 18" for a (very) brief time. In my late thirties I was completing full repetition sets with 225 lbs. on bench presses, 110 lb. curls, 315 lb. squats, and 800 lb. leg presses, all without the use of steroids or growth hormones; Ah, to be young again! It probably sounds more impressive than it is, just looking at what our local high schoolers are doing in recent powerlifting competitions puts those numbers to shame. Yep, youth does have its advantages!

Today, as a squidgy little man in his late 60's, things have definitely changed a

little. While in reasonable health and shape for a (wait, here it comes)... "Man My Age" (old man emoji), you do what you can, when you can, and accept the time of life you're in to the best of your ability. Yep, easier said than done, but I'm still hanging in there. After a twenty year exercise and healthy eating layoff from my late thirties to my late fifties, due to work, family responsibilities, and a myriad of other well thought out excuses, it was time to start using a dumbbell instead of being one. So, off to Academy Sports I went. While you can do bodyweight exercises with no special equipment (chair yoga being the newest fad), you can also use bikes, treadmills, bands, cables, balls, tires, ropes and chains, old people, Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders (if they'll cooperate), or any other form of resistance you can get your hands on. The important thing is to just get started, and be willing to invest a little time and energy into your own well being, and figuring out what will work best for you. Besides getting started, the most important factor is being somewhat consistent over a period of time, a little here and there can make a world of difference. Next week I'll share what equipment I currently use, so stay tuned.

Love you guys, Eric.

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OBITUARIES

MARY JANE FLOYD

Mary Jane Floyd, age 87 passed away on Sunday, February 18, 2024. She was born on October 11, 1936 to Lawrence Doubrava and Mary Motal Doubrava in Moulton, Tx. Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents, husband Edward

Floyd, daughter Beverly Floyd, son Edward Floyd, three brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her daughter Renae Daniell (Stephen) of Round Rock, Tx, two grandchildren Brandon Daniell and Katherine Daniell, and one brother Emil Doubra-

va of Hallettsville, Tx. Mary Jane's wishes were to be cremated. Fond memories and words of comfort can be shared with the family at www.smithfuneraltx.com Smith Funeral Home - 128 East 5th St. - Flatonia Texas 78941 Phone 361-865-3311

DAVID GEASLIN



David Tod Geaslin, 80, of Gonzales, was born January 11, 1944 in Cleveland, TX to Tod Ireland Geaslin and Alma Aline Wells Geaslin. David married Mary Jane Lloyd on October 12, 1968 in Pensacola, FL. David graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1962. He attended Lee College and graduated from the University of Texas in 1966. He immediately was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corp. After graduating Officers Candidate School, he was sent to flight school in Pensacola where he got his wings and orders to Vietnam. He flew Huey Gunships before being transitioned to jets. When he finished his tour, he flew the A-4, which had been his dream

since being a young boy. After his service career, he and his young family moved to San Antonio where he started his business, later selling his business and began a successful consulting service in Houston. David is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Jane Lloyd Geaslin of Gonzales, sons, Kelly Tod Geaslin of San Antonio, Kevin Dodd Geaslin (Mercedes) of Pearland, grandson, Gabriel Gonzales Geaslin of Pearland, and sister, Shirley Jean Geaslin Svoboda (JT) of Marion. He was preceded in death by his parents. A graveside service will be held at 10:30 am Saturday, March 9, 2024 in the Gonzales Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the American Cancer Society or charity of one's choice. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

LANCE FOUGERAT



Lance Alton Fougerat, 40, went to his heavenly home on Friday, February 2, 2024. He was born February 7, 1983 in Yoakum, Texas, to Gerald Fougerat, Jr., and Debra Anthony Fougerat.

Lance was raised in Gonzales, TX alongside his three older siblings. He was an energetic child that brought joy and happiness everywhere he went. To know Lance, was to love him in every sense of the word. He was kind and generous with a sense of humor that could bring laughter to any situation and a smile that would light up the room. His childhood was spent playing sports, hunting, fishing, and doing all things outdoors. He was a remarkable shot with a bow and arrow and could learn a landscape almost instantly; guiding many "lost" adults back to camp while hosting various hunts with his dad in South Texas. His fun loving, adventurous nature drew everyone to him and led to many escapades. There was never a dull moment with Lance around and he never met a stranger.

Lance graduated from Gonzales High School in 2001. After high school the adventures continued as this jack of all trades traveled and worked a

number of different jobs. Though he was good at anything he put his mind to, horticulture was his passion. He came back home to work side by side with his parents at the family business, Gonzales Wholesale Nursery. Upon their retirement, his love of the mountains led him to Colorado where he continued to thrive sharing his knowledge and abilities in the horticultural field; he had a green thumb like no other. Though he missed his beloved family and friends in Texas, Colorado became his home allowing him to spend his final days doing what he loved most: exploring mountains, observing wildlife, and simply enjoying nature and all its beauty.

Lance is survived by his adoring family, parents Gerald, Jr. and Debra Fougerat, sisters Angela Fougerat and

Brooke Stamport (Shawn), brother Matthew Fougerat (Patty), nephews Kameron Glass (Kalli), Dylan and Logan Cantrell, Ace Tiller and Julian Fougerat, nieces Taylor Glass, Alyssa Cantrell, Townes Fougerat and Emma Metzler, and great nephew Kace Glass, his aunt, Denise Windwehen (Jimmy) and uncle, Kenneth Fougerat (Karen). He is preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Gerald, Sr. and Annie Fougerat, and maternal grandparents Alton and Oretha Anthony (and Norman Pennock) and uncle, Michael Fougerat.

The family will receive friends from 2 pm to 3 pm Monday, February 19, 2024 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. A memorial service celebrating the life of Lance Fougerat will be held at 3 pm Monday, February 19, 2024 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with Charlie Mills officiating. Interment will be held privately at a later date. Memorials may be made in Lance's name to the Gonzales Church of Christ. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

ALLIE MARIE (BAKER) VALENTA



Allie Marie Baker Valenta, 84, of Gonzales, passed away Saturday, February 17, 2024. She was born in Gonzales July 12, 1939 the daughter of Zilmon J. and Florence Townsend Baker.

She married George Peter Valenta on April 22, 1957. She worked alongside her husband raising cattle, turkeys and chickens for many years. Later she attended nursing school and became a LVN and worked in nursing homes and provided home health care for many years.

She is survived by her daughters Veronica Sue Camarillo and husband Carlos of Gonzales, Jacqueline Marie Dickens and husband Rodney of Canyon Lake, and Debra Kay Franklin and husband Thomas of Gonzales; brother George Peter Valenta, Jr. and wife Maisy of Gonzales; sisters Juanita Jane Iley and husband Kenneth of Gonzales, and Elizabeth Ann Baker and Rusty Vanwyck of

Yoakum. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Private family graveside services will be held at the Valenta Family Cemetery 10 a.m. Friday, February 23, 2024.

Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, 906 St. Paul, Gonzales.

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The 20th annual GVTC Charitable Golf Classic, benefitting The GVTC Foundation, will be held Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Spa in San Antonio. The presenting sponsor is OnTrac, Inc.

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Texas Department of Agriculture hosts bi-annual quilt competition

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller and the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) are thrilled to announce the unveiling of the 2024 Quilt Block Competition. This year's theme, "Texas Agriculture Matters," celebrates the rich agricultural heritage of the Lone Star State.

Quilters from across the state are invited to join this exciting creative initiative to celebrate agriculture's vital role in our state. Participating quilters are asked to submit block patterns that draw inspiration from the diverse aspects of agriculture production in Texas, including crops, livestock, rural landscapes, and the hardworking individuals contributing to the state's agricultural prosperity.

"This year's theme is especially meaningful to me," Commissioner Miller said. "For as long as I have been Texas Agriculture Commissioner, I have vowed to educate the public on why 'Texas Agriculture Matters.' It matters in every day of your life,



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from the food on your plate to the clothes on your back."

As in previous years, participating quilters will create patterns from a selection of natural fibers provided by TDA and the participant will provide any additional cotton fabrics. Quilters are welcome to include one special piece of cotton fabric that personally represents family, history, or heritage in conjunction with the theme, Texas Agriculture Matters.

Once all the entries have been collected, a panel of independent judges will select the top blocks. These blocks will be pieced together into a quilt and revealed this fall for the 50th Anniversary of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Ceremony at

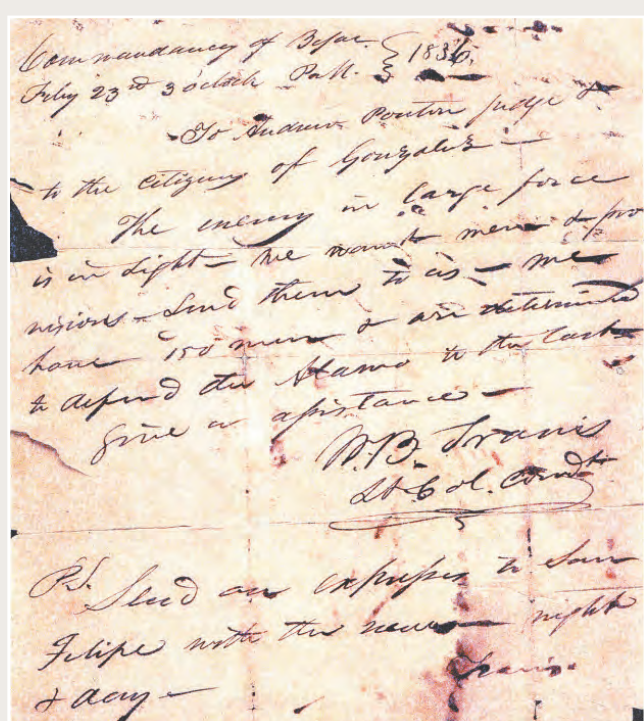
the Texas Capitol in Austin. The Family Land Heritage Ceremony honors Texas farmers and ranchers who have owned and run an agricultural operation for 100 years or more.

"Every two years, we host this competition, and every year, the designs get better and better," Miller said. "It is an honor to showcase the artistic talents of our Texas quilters while emphasizing the significance of agriculture in Texas."

The Texas Agriculture Matters Quilt Block Competition is an opportunity for the community to come together, showcase their appreciation of agriculture, and offer a platform for artists to express their creativity and passion for Texas farming and ranching.

For more information, including competition rules and updates, please visit <https://gotexan.org/EXPERIENCE/TDA-Quilt-Competition-Collection> or contact Chloe Bertrand at Chloe.Bertrand@TexasAgriculture.gov.

If your block is selected, you will be embroidered in Texas quilting history.



To Andrew Ponton, Judge, and the Citizens of Gonzales: The enemy in large force is in sight. We want men and provisions. Send them to us. We have 150 men and are determined to defend the Alamo to the last. Give us assistance.

W.B. Travis
Lieut.-Col. Commanding
P.S. Send an express to San Felipe with the news night and day.
Travis

ALAMO

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understanding what he had said.

"Baby girl, do you know how much I love you?"

"Oh, tell me, Daddy, tell me," recognizing a game they often played.

"You see that big oak tree right at the edge of the field? I love you for every leaf that is on that tree."

"Oh, that is so much love," she responded, hugging his neck.

"And I'll tell you what else."

"What else?" she said excitedly.

"I love you for every tree on our property. In fact, I love you for every tree in the world."

"Oh, Daddy, you are so silly."

"Baby girl, I hope you always remember this day."

"I will, Daddy. You are so silly about those trees."

He kissed her cheek one last time and headed across the yard to the pens, where his wife was waiting by the horse. They had stayed awake most of the night, talking and crying. They had talked until there were no more words — cried until there were no more tears.

Now, it was time to go. Go help Travis at the Alamo, go fight for Texas freedom.

She had made a lunch for him — cornbread and jerky. He stuck it in his saddle bag. He turned to her and

said, "This was not what we planned when we came to Texas, was it?"

She shook her head, no, not able to speak.

He said, "You know how much I love you."

She nodded, tears filling her eyes, knowing her words could not change his mind.

She finally was able to speak.

"I will look for you on the other side."

Her words startled him at first, and then he understood. He said, "Yes, do that. I will be waiting."

She said, "I will look for you first thing."

"I have to go," he said.

"Take care of our baby girl."

He climbed on the horse as their daughter came skipping up. He said goodbye to both and started moving away. His wife grabbed his hand and walked beside for a few steps, and then their hands parted as he rode off.

When he reached the edge of the clearing, just before his view would be blocked, he turned and waved to his wife and daughter. They waved back.

And then he was out of sight — gone. Gone to Gonzales, and then to the Alamo, and there to die.

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Rice named to Sam Houston State University Dean's List

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The students listed on the Dean's List of Academic Honors at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas,

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The university would like to recognize the following student for earning the honor for the Fall 2023 semester: Preston Rice, Nixon.

SENTENCINGS

25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT SENTENCINGS

• Matthew Hernandez, possession of a controlled substance, tamper with a governmental record, two years TDCJ, probated for four years with five years community supervision plus \$1,600 fines and court costs.

• Joe Perez, prohibited substance in a correctional facility, three years deferred adjudication, 10 days in jail, \$500 fine plus court costs and attorney fees.

• Diondrae Castro, criminal mischief, two years in TDCJ-SJ, probated five years, plus fine, court costs and attorney fees.

• Robert Johnson, abandoning or endangering a child, 12 year in TDCJ-ID with 208 days credit,

• Priscilla Reyes, possession of a controlled substance, 12 months state jail with credit for 136 days.

• Kaitlin Sanchez, evading arrest with a vehicle, eight years TDCJ-ID with 667 days credit.

2ND 25TH DISTRICT COURT SENTENCINGS

• Priscilla Ann Avalos, possession of a controlled substance, tampering or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair, five years deferred adjudication, \$1000 fine plus court costs and attorney fees.

• Crescencia del Carmen Chavez, assault of family/house member with previous conviction (two charges),

assault of a family/house member impeding breath or circulation, 10 years, probated for six years with time in ISF, \$2,000 fine plus court costs and attorney fees.

• Aaron Patrick Kinzie, burglary of a habitation, 10 years deferred adjudication, \$2,000 fine plus court costs and attorney fees.

• Gilbert Lee Molina, assault family/house member with previous conviction, assault family house member impeding breath or circulation, four years TDCJ-ID with 186 days credit.

• Marcos Daniel Ramirez, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, eight years deferred adjudication, plus fine, attorney fees and court costs.



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- 18 TXism: "book _____ horse smart" (wise)
- 21 this Darrin helped the Cowboys win 2 Super Bowls (init.)
- 22 TXism: "could shoot the eyes out of a _____" (good aim)
- 23 33rd Chief of Staff of the Army, Dennis Joe, who got training at Fort Bliss in Texas
- 24 petitioned God
- 29 when a tennis serve hits the net and then goes over (2 wds.)
- 30 football snap
- 31 TX Clint Black hit: "____ Tell Ourselves"
- 32 TXism: "he can _____ and dance all night" (stamina)
- 34 physicians, for short
- 35 bikini top
- 36 interprets a situation incorrectly
- 37 TXism: "I can dance to that _____" (agree)
- 38 TX Bob Wills sang "Ding Dong Daddy _____ Dumas"
- 39 TXism: "cut _____" (ease up)

- 41 dribbles
- 42 a Canadian "cent"
- 43 TXism: "got to play the hand you're _____"
- 44 early Rio Grande: "____ las Palmas"
- 45 Bible's 2nd part (abbr.)
- 46 _____ Ross State University in Alpine
- 47 "yankee behaviors never _____ to amaze me"
- 48 most wealthy

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "_____ of here" (flee)
- 2 western part of this county has two radioactive waste disposal sites
- 3 poetic "go away"
- 4 school exam (2 wds.)
- 9 in Young County on highway 79
- 10 tidy
- 11 TXism: "fraidy _____" (coward)
- 12 "use it _____ lose it"
- 13 TXism: "covered like white _____"
- 14 vegetables related to the onion
- 15 actress Adams in "Racquet" with TX Lynda Day George
- 16 sweet tater
- 19 TXism: "he'd complain if they hung him with a _____" (particular)
- 20 TX Roy Orbison ballad: "In _____"
- 22 TX Roy Orbison wore dark ones
- 24 this Texan was TV's Clair Huxtable (init.)
- 25 Sea _____ State Park

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

Former Apaches remember legendary Coach Vernon Hill

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches basketball program is mourning the loss of a legend and former coach in late January.

Former Apaches head basketball coach Vernon Charles Hill passed away at the age of 84 on Monday, Jan. 29 in his Carencro, La., home.

Hill led the Apaches to their only state title in 1974 — 50 years ago this March 2; the title banner hangs in the high school's old gym. He was honored as the State Coach of the Year for that 1973-74 season.

Former players spoke highly of Hill and his impact to the team and program.

"I was honored to be asked to interview regarding the recent passing of the legendary basketball coach, Vernon Hill," said former Apache Jimmy Jackson. "Under his leadership, in 1974, he led the Gonzales Apaches to the only state basketball championship in the school's history. He taught his players the value of team above self, ever striving for personal best, self-discipline and humility. Coach Hill regarded every player as his 'favorite' and took special interest in developing the skills of his players.

"It was so special for me to have the opportunity of seeing Coach Hill again in 2019 when

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FILE PHOTO
The Gonzales Apaches 1973-74 team at the hall of fame induction for Dennis Tealer in 2019. Back row left to right: Jimmy Jackson, Trixie Witt, Garland Blundell, David James, Dennis Tealer, Coach Vernon Hill, Lawrence Fryer, Coach Gerrald Lowery and Dale Kline Front: Gary Clack, Roy Halamicck, Severa Hill, Vicki Brown, Janice Lapkin and Guy Gandre.



VANDY VAN EPPS
Lady Apaches Marelly Romo (4) battles a YWLA player for control of the soccer ball in a cold and windy Saturday, Feb. 17 district match in San Antonio.

Lady Apaches earn their first district win by beating YWLA

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches FC traveled to San Antonio Saturday, Feb. 17, for a cold district match against the YWLA Lady Cardinals.

The Lady Apaches' defense shut out the Lady Cardinals, 2-0, as junior Bella Agüero scored their two goals in the second half.

Lady Apaches head soccer coach Shantael Trimm and her team knew they needed to win this game and to get that first win in district.

"It was extremely impor-

tant because I think the girls really needed to see that they could do it," Trimm said. "I think that they needed to see what they were capable of, so when we start the round back over with our district or with our district teams, I fully expect for some of those earlier games that we didn't show up for them to end differently the second time around."

Sophomore goalie Mia Guerra held the The Lady Cardinals offense at bay and blocked a penalty kick.

"I was looking pretty scared because it's a

50/50 — either you get it or

you don't. So yeah, that's pretty much what was going through my brain," Guerra said.

Agüero had multiple shots on goal against YWLA and was glad her team got a statement win on the road in district.

"This sets the tone for us for the rest of the district season — just whether or not we can battle back. My teammates did a good job feeding me the ball. They know I can make runs," Agüero said.

The Lady Apaches took

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Apaches baseball win season opener at Cedar Creek

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches returned to the baseball diamond on the road against the Cedar Creek Eagles Tuesday, Feb. 19.

The Apaches won their season opener, 9-2, over the Eagles.

Gonzales' Brandon DuBose, TJ Riojas, Dylan Rodriguez and Brodi Ramos all recorded multiple hits; Riojas, Rodriguez, Kam Leal and DuBose recorded RBIs.

The Apaches recorded great pitching against Cedar Creek; Nathan Castillo and Colt Robinson threw good pitches and allowed just two runs, with DuBose closing it with three scoreless innings.

The Apaches will head to Van Vleck for their first baseball tournament of the season Thursday, Feb. 22 and will return to the Apache Baseball Field for the home opener against Flatonía Tuesday, Feb. 27.

First pitch for the Flatonía game is set at 7 p.m.

Apaches FC fall to Minutemen on the road

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches FC traveled to San Antonio for a district match with the San Antonio Memorial Minutemen Tuesday, Feb. 20.

The Apaches fell to Memorial, 7-2, and only scored two goals in the district match.

Gonzales drops to 1-3-1 in district play and is sitting in fifth place in District 27-4A behind Fox Tech.

The Apaches will kick off the second half of district on the road against the JFK Rockets Tuesday, Feb. 27.

The game kicks off at 7 p.m.

Lady Apaches beat Luling, remain undefeated

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The No. 4 Class 4A state-ranked Gonzales Lady Apaches hosted the Luling Lady Eagles Tuesday, Feb. 20 for a non-district contest.

The Lady Apaches improved to 7-0 on the season in a 11-1 five-inning win over Luling.

Gonzales' pitching and defense held the Lady Eagles to one run in five innings; freshman pitcher Dixie Rea Lester struck out 10 Lady Eagles batters — two-thirds of the outs made in the game.

"It's my mental game. I have to keep my mind straight. I've got to know that I'm the best out there and no one can stop me," Lester said.

Lester added that she was proud of her team's performance against Luling and know they have her back and make great plays.

The Lady Apaches kicked off the game with an RBI sacrifice by sophomore Ava Carrizales and a home run by senior Kelly Breitschopf in the bottom of the first, but the bats came alive in the bottom of the fourth.

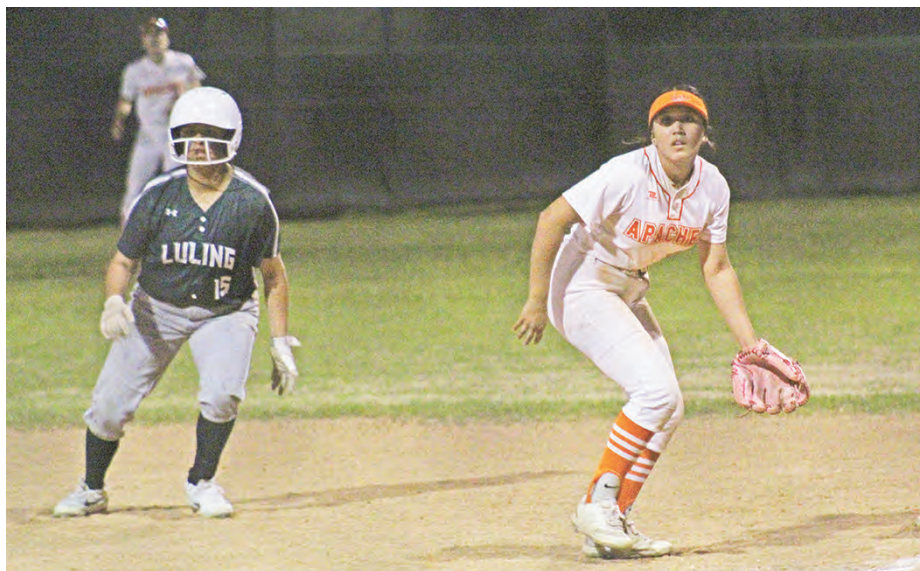
With two outs, junior center fielder Sarah Padilla, who came up to bat third in the fourth inning, hit a inside home run. After a Carrizales double, there was a Breitschopf RBI single.

Alaina Valle had a single, senior Sydney McCray hit a two-RBI double, freshman Alexzís Hernández had an RBI double and then senior Dakota Schmidt hit an RBI double — six runs plating in the inning.

"Everybody's been working real hard on hitting and getting those hits in and you can see that on the field," McCray said.

This is the first time the Lady Apaches have started off the season undefeated after seven games, according to Max Preps.

"It's awesome. It's good to see the team bonding and having fun and just the connection that we're having,"



Padilla said.

This also is the first time in the program's history that they are ranked No. 4 in the state Class 4A rankings.

"It's surreal like I can't believe that it's actually happening. It's pretty amazing. We beat some pretty tough teams this last weekend and it just feels good to know that we're being recognized for the really awesome things that we're doing," head softball coach Michelle Uribe said.

In her second year as the head softball coach, Uribe noticed the atmosphere is different from her team last year.

"The whole vibe is different. I mean, we've had some young kids come in

Above: Lady Apaches freshman first base Alexzís Hernández (8) on defense against Luling senior Kalvery Nunez (15) in a non-district contest Tuesday, Feb. 20. Left: Gonzales freshman pitcher Dixie Rea Lester (10) at the Lady Apaches Softball Field for a match against the Luling Eagles. Lester struck out 10 Luling batters in the 11-1 win Tuesday, Feb. 20.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

and just really want to push to get things done and they've been doing a great job, getting out on the field and taking care of business and everybody's following the lead," Uribe said.

The Lady Apaches will have a challenge heading into the Wimberley Tournament Thursday, Feb. 22 and Uribe knows it'll be tough entering it.

"We're gonna have Hallettsville and Weimar and those are really tough teams. So, I think what we've done really well so far is fight. So whether we're down, whether we're up, we're gonna fight and fight and fight. So I think we're gonna talk about that, continue to try to do that, and be pumped and party in the dugout," Uribe said.

The Lady Apaches will hit back on the road for four games kicking off against East Bernard Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Lady Apaches FC extend win streak to two, beat Memorial

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches FC hosted the San Antonio Memorial Minutewomen for a district match Monday, Feb. 19 at Apache Field.

The Lady Apaches earned their

second district win of the season with a 3-0 shutout over Memorial.

Gonzales also celebrated Senior Night for seven seniors: Natalia Martínez, Eva Moreno, Dakota Navejar, Christie Reyna, Kassandra Mendez, Mariela Grifaldo and

Madison Stewart.

The Lady Apaches traveled to San Antonio Wednesday, Feb. 21 for a district match against Fox Tech and will kick off the second half of district at home against the JFK Lady Rockets Tuesday, Feb. 27.



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The Gonzales Apaches powerlifting team shows off their medals from the Victoria East meet Saturday, Feb. 17. The Apaches finished second at the meet in Victoria.

Apaches bring home 2nd place from Victoria meet; Lady Apaches send seven to regionals

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales powerlifting teams traveled together for the Clash of the Titans meet at Victoria East High School Saturday, Feb. 17.

APACHES

The Apaches took home second place with 39 points and fell short by two points of first place against Port Lavaca Calhoun.

Jessiah Barr, Landon Holub and Omar Borjon medaled in first place in their respective weight classes: Gustavo Rodriguez and Gary Lewis III were named runners-up in their weight classes.

LADY APACHES

The Lady Apaches finished the meet in ninth place, beating out Nixon-Smiley by one point at the Victoria East meet.

Gonzales concluded their last qualifier by sending seven Lady Apaches to the regional meet in Edinburg Thursday, Feb. 29.

Serenity Perez, Denisse Navarro, Alize Miller, Shelby Borjon, Madison Sampleton and Jazlin Juarez have qualified for the 2024 regional meet.

FINAL RESULTS

APACHES

114 weight class: Jesus Maldonado: third place: 605 total pounds.
 132 weight class: Kevin Garcia: five place: 620 total pounds.
 148 weight class: Jessiah Barr: first place: 1485 total pounds.
 165 weight class: Kaden Deleon: fourth place: 1375 total pounds.
 181 weight class: Carlos Garcia: 500 total pounds.
 242 weight class: Gary Lewis III: second place: 1220 total pounds.
 275 weight class: Landon Holub: first place: 1575 total pounds.
 308 weight class: Omar Borjon: first place: 1520 total pounds.
 308 weight class: Gustavo Rodriguez: second place: 1350 total pounds.
 308 weight class: Jonathan Dorantes: sixth place: 748 total pounds.

LADY APACHES

105 weight class: Serenity Perez: fourth place: 605 total pounds.
 105 weight class: Denisse Navarro: 105 total pounds.
 181 weight class: Shelby Borjon: eighth place: 765 total pounds.
 181 weight class: Liliana Borjon: 185 total pounds.
 220 weight class: Jazlin Juarez: fourth place: 780 total pounds.
 220 weight class: Madison Sampleton: 635 total pounds.

Mustangs finish in fourth in Victoria; Lady Mustangs send 12 to regionals

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley powerlifting team traveled to Victoria for Clash of the Titans meet Saturday, Feb. 17 at Victoria East.

MUSTANGS

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs took home fourth place with 33 points; junior Tyler Barrietez and senior Jesus Espino finished first in their respective classes.

The Mustangs will return to Victoria for their final regional qualifier at Victoria West High Saturday, Feb. 24.

LADY MUSTANGS

The Lady Mustangs finished their last regional qualifier meet in 10th place at the Victoria East meet, but they are sending 12 lifters to the regional meet in Edinburg.

Grace Gomez, Olivia Jackson, Kaylie Morin, Gabriela Castillo-

Limon, Mariela Castillo-Limon, Katelyn Fernandez, Zulema Rodriguez, Janice White, Ashly Garcia, Jaylee Bustos, Frida Casas, and Gabriella Villalobos are the Lady Mustangs regional qualifiers for the 2024 season.

The Lady Mustangs will travel for the regional meet Thursday, Feb. 29 in Edinburg.

FINAL RESULTS

LADY MUSTANGS

Freshman Grace Gomez placed 6th in the 105.5 division and lifted a combined weight of 530 lbs. Grace set a personal record of 225 lbs. on squat and 225 lbs. on deadlift.
 Freshman Olivia Jackson placed 7th in the 105.5 division and lifted a combined weight of 450 lbs. Olivia set a personal record of 200 lbs. on deadlift.
 Junior Kaylie Morin placed 7th in the 123.5 division and lifted a combined weight of 690 lbs. Kaylie set a personal record of 145 lbs. on bench and 260 lbs. on deadlift.
 Junior Zulema Rodriguez placed 3rd in the 148.5 division and lifted a combined weight of 800 lbs. Zulema set a personal record of 350 lbs. on squat.
 Senior Jaylee Bustos placed 11th in the 181.5 division and lifted a combined weight of 700 lbs.
 Senior Gabriella Villalobos placed 7th in the 181.5

division and lifted a combined weight of 775 lbs. Gabriella set a personal record of 190 lbs. on bench.

MUSTANGS

Freshman Khali Jantes placed 2nd in the 123 division and lifted a combined weight of 795 lbs.
 Junior Tyler Barrietez placed 1st in the 132 division and lifted a combined weight of 1,165 lbs.
 Junior John Garza placed 4th in the 132 division and lifted a combined weight of 865 lbs.
 Senior Oscar Acosta placed 3rd in the 148 division and lifted a combined weight of 1,375 lbs.
 Senior Omar Morales Navarro placed 3rd in the 181 division and lifted a combined weight of 1,365 lbs.
 Senior Jesus Espino placed 1st in the 198 division and lifted a combined weight of 1,460 lbs.
 Sophomore Adan Zavala placed 5th in the 198 division and lifted a combined weight of 1,135 lbs.
 Sophomore Alan Espino placed 6th in the 198 division and lifted a combined weight of 1,085 lbs.
 Senior Gracen Martin placed 4th in the 220 division and lifted a combined weight of 1,055 lbs.
 Junior Noah Jenksa placed 3rd in the 308 division and lifted a combined weight of 1,260 lbs.

Gonzales track team competes in Marion

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales track and field team competed in the Marion meet Thursday, Feb. 15.

APACHES

The Apaches varsity track and field team finished eighth place at the meet; the JV Apaches finished 10th place.

Several Apaches finished in the top five; Davonte Smith finished fourth in the 100 meter dash, Ckristopher Ramos finished fifth in the 3200 meter run, Travis Malveaux finished fifth in the 110 meter hurdles, finished fourth in the 300 meter hurdles and fifth in the high jump, and Gonzales finished third in the 4x100 meter relay (Daevien Pitts, Cole Duty, D. Smith and Damion Hunt).

Marcus Izaguirre finished fifth in the 200 meter dash in the JV meet; Kevin Reyna finished fifth in the 800 meter dash; Brodi Ramos finished fifth in the long jump, and Jayden Balderas finished fifth in the shot put.

LADY APACHES

The Lady Apaches varsity team finish fourth place at the meet; and the JV team finished second behind Poth.

Tianna Smith and Jayda Glass shined in the 100 and the 200 meter dash; Smith finished first in both the 100 and 200 and Glass finished second in the 100 and fifth in the 200; Smith finished fourth in the long jump and third in the triple jump.

Gonzales finished fourth in the 4x100 (Kaylyn Gonza-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Gonzales' Tiana Smith with one the medals she won at the Marion track meet Thursday, Feb. 15.

les, Macy Pena, Mayo Malayaih, and Hailey Camarillo) meter relays and fifth in the 4x200 (M. Malayaih, M. Pena, Kaylie Ramirez and H. Camarillo) meter.

Macy Sample took home first in the shot put and the discus; Malory Clack finished third in the shot put and Syrenity Smith finished fifth in the discus.

Hailey Camarillo finished fifth in the pole vault.

On the JV side of the track, Keanna White took home third place in the 100 meter dash; Zniyah Washington finished fourth in the 100 meter hurdles; Kaitlyn Griffin finished fourth in the 300 meter hurdles; and Washington, Griffin, Jazlin Castillo, and Zoey Barefield finished fifth in the 4x400 meter relay.

In the JV Field events, Kynleigh Schroeder and Lyanette Rios finished fifth and sixth in the long jump; White took home first place in the shot put and discus; Yesi Melchor finished second in the triple jump; and Tenley Matias finished third in the high jump.

RESULTS

VARSITY APACHES:

100m dash: Davonte Smith: fourth place
 Daevien Pitts: sixth place
 Jermene Upshaw: 13th place
200m dash: Damion Hunt: eighth place
 Keath White: 15th place
400m dash: River VanKirk: seventh place
3200m run: Ckristopher Ramos: fifth place
110m hurdles: Travis Malveaux: fifth place
300m hurdles: T. Malveaux: fourth place
4x100 M relays: Cole Duty, D. Pitts, D. Smith and D. Hunt: third place
Shot put: Rafael Rodriguez: sixth place
High jump: T. Malveaux: fifth place

VARSITY LADY APACHES:

100m dash: T. Smith: first place
 J. Glass: second place
 Macy Pena: 15th place
200m dash: T. Smith: first place

J. Glass: fifth place
 H. Camarillo: 15th place
400m dash: Kaylyn Gonzales: seventh place
800m run: Jordyn Gonzales: seventh place
300 meter hurdles: Aubrey Lindemann: sixth place
 Alaina Valle: seventh place tied
 Tacaura Sylvester: seventh place tied
4x100m relay: K. Gonzales, M. Pena, Mayo Malayaih, and H. Camarillo: fourth place
4x200m relay: M. Malayaih, M. Pena, Kaylie Ramirez, and H. Camarillo: fifth place
4x400 relay: T. Smith, K. Gonzales, K. Ramirez, and A. Lindemann: sixth place
Long jump: T. Smith: fourth place
Shot put: Macy Sample: first place
 Mallory Clack: third place
Discus: M. Sample: first place
 Syrenity Smith: fifth place
Triple jump: T. Smith: third place
High jump: A. Lindemann: sixth place
Pole vault: H. Camarillo: fifth place

COACH

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we attended former player Dennis Tealer's Texas Hall of Fame induction. Coach Hill, in the manner you would have liked, we offer a team tribute to you by sharing sentiments from a few of your loyal players."

Garland Blundell, who played for Hill in 1973, said Hill was a coach who developed "young men for the game of basketball as well as life; and was a no non-sense coach."

Four players from the 1974 state championship team also paid their respects to their former coach.

"I was honored to play two years for Coach Vernon Hill," said Tealer, who was the MVP of the 77-62 championship game win over Crosby after scoring 37 points and pulling down 16 boards.

"Coach Hill had an outstanding old school basketball program where we constantly ran fast breaks and pressed after each bucket. We won over 50 games during those two seasons. Coach Hill was fair, but firm, and held us all to a high standard. We were all blessed to have been exposed to Coach Hill, as well as his wife Severa."

Hill is remembered for coach-

ing fundamental basketball and expecting the best from all of his players.

"We had talent with Coach Hill, but we needed what Coach Hill gave us: discipline, mental toughness, a winning attitude and the ability to respect your opponent," said Tommy Bludau, who scored 18 in the championship game and was named to the All-Tournament Team with Tealer.

"He's one of the major reasons we won in Austin. I loved and highly respected Coach Hill for what he helped us to accomplish."

Another 1974 team member, Jeff Menking, added to what Bludau said about Hill's ability to get the best out of his players. "Coach Hill was a master at pulling out his players' strengths, hiding the weaknesses, and making sure we were never satisfied with just winning," Menking said. "He was a true teacher, beyond the court as he instilled values and morality that stayed with us forever. Winning state was simply an added bonus for our 1974 team."

Many of the players stayed in contact with each other after winning the title and have had

many reunions.

"While attending the 25th anniversary ceremony for our state championship held at UT, I thanked Coach Hill for his leadership," said Lawrence Fryer. "He responded by thanking me and said the team won those games, and it was an honor being with the best group of individuals he'd ever coached."

Former Apaches head football coach Gerald Lowery remembered Hill during their time in high school and a friendship grew from that association.

"I grew up playing against Coach Hill in high school in the Beaumont area. We went to college together and became lifelong friends. Coach Hill was a very competitive person and worked very hard at his job! He had the highest integrity," Lowery said.

Hill was a native of Beaumont and had lived in Carenbro, La., for the past 25 years. He was a teacher and coach for 45 years, holding a bachelor's degree in biology and kinesiology from Lamar University in Beaumont.

His funeral service was held Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, and he was interred at Evangeline Memorial Gardens in Carenbro, La.

SOCCER

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on San Antonio Memorial, Monday, Feb. 19 at home and Trimm hopes the win gets their team motivated moving forward.

"I think where we're at right

now, I think this is a good confidence boost. We just can't go in too cocky. We have to go in and play our game and not play down to anyone else's level," Trimm said.

Gonzales traveled to San Antonio Wednesday, Feb. 21 for a district match against Fox Tech and will return home and host the JFK Lady Rockets Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Victoria College breaks ground on Student Success Center

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College hosted a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday afternoon to officially begin construction on the new Student Success Center.

The three-story expansion and renovation of the existing Student Center will provide students with resources – including a library, admissions, advising, financial aid, testing, veteran services, and tutoring – in one, central campus location. The building is projected to be completed in 2025, coinciding with VC’s 100th anniversary.

“We have spent many hours going over plans, budgets, and cost-saving measures to get to this point,” said VC Board of Trustees Chair Bland Proctor. “It has been a long time coming, but it is finally time to build the Student Success Center. We’re building more than a physical structure; we’re building a foundation for future generations and fostering an environment where all students can thrive.”

The ceremony was attended by VC students, employees, contractors, and community leaders.

Attendees wrote messages of

encouragement to future students on cards that will be digitally archived and then placed at the foundation of the building before the concrete is poured.

“We are so excited to begin construction on the Student Success Center and appreciate all who came and celebrated with us,” said Dr. Jennifer Kent, VC President. “We look forward to compiling everyone’s inspiring messages and placing them at the foundation of the new building as a tribute to the community for making this project possible, as well as the future students whose lives will be changed at Victoria College.”

The facility is being funded primarily through grants, gifts and institutional funds along with a \$10 million bond, approved by Victoria County voters last May, which will fund approximately 24 percent of the project.

“This is truly an exciting day for Victoria College students, not just because we are breaking ground on a new building, but because we are constructing a space that will be at the heart of our college experience,” said VC Student Government Association Historian Esparanza Espinoza.



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Victoria College’s Board of Trustees and administrators celebrated the groundbreaking for VC’s new Student Success Center at a ceremony on Tuesday. Pictured left to right are: Trustees Ron Walker and Luis Guerra; Vice President of Administrative Services Keith Blundell; Board Chair Bland Proctor; Captain Vic (VC mascot); President Dr. Jennifer Kent; Executive Vice President-Chief Academic Officer Cindy Buchholz; and Trustees Catherine McHaney, Dr. Daniel Cano, and John Zacek.

Application period for TEMA cadet class set to close Feb. 29

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) issued a reminder today that the application period to join the next cadet class of The Texas Emergency Management Academy is set to close on Feb. 29.

This third cadet class of The Academy begins in September in San Antonio, Texas, with graduation planned for Spring of 2025. The one-of-a-kind emergency management academy aims to train the next generation of emergency man-

agement workforce.

The extensive program prepares interested individuals in all phases of emergency management, including preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. Additionally, seats remain available for local emergency management and private sector partners with emergency management roles in Texas to participate in this cohort.

“Time is running out to apply for this year’s class, which prepares participants for careers in disaster and emergency services or enhances

professional development and training for existing careers,” said Texas Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd. “I urge interested applicants to apply for this valuable opportunity to strengthen emergency management knowledge, skillsets, and principles, helping to reinforce the ability of emergency managers in Texas to protect life and property.”

Successful graduates of The Academy ascertain basic knowledge of emergency management planning, wildland firefighting, hazard mitigation,

disaster recovery, resource requests, and other key aspects of emergency management. Graduates earn multiple nationally-recognized emergency management certifications, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Professional Development Series (PDS), FEMA’s Advanced Professional Series (APS), FEMA’s Continuity Excellence Series Level I Professional Continuity Practitioner program, and the National Emergency Management Basic Academy (NEMBA). Graduates also leave

The Academy as certified basic emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and will achieve National Registry Certification upon successful completion.

Many of the course instructors are nationally-renowned experts, authorities from institutions of higher education, and include TDEM subject matter experts.

The Inaugural class of The Academy graduated in Spring 2023. The current cadet class will graduate in Spring 2024.

Applicants are encouraged to visit tdem.texas.gov/academy to learn more and apply.

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gas, or power supply or other public service;

- place the public or a substantial group of the public in fear of serious bodily injury; or
- influence the conduct or activities of a branch or agency of the federal government, the state, or a political subdivision of the state.

Instead of being a misdemeanor offense, if these conditions are met, the charges are upgraded to a third-degree felony.

The threat allegedly made by Reyes was sent out via phone call to the school at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, according to the high school on Facebook. Gonzales Police Lt. Jason Montoya said Reyes allegedly made "threats/comments about shooting up the Gonzales High School and possibly being in possession of child

pornography."

Montoya said the report by school officials launched an investigation of Reyes, which led to obtaining a search warrant for Reyes' residence as well as a third-degree felony arrest warrant. Reyes was arrested at 4:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15 and booked into the Gonzales County Jail.

The search warrant was executed by GPD, Gonzales County Sheriff's Office and the Gonzales ISD Police Department at about 2:43 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, and officers took possession of multiple firearms and narcotics located in the residence.

"An ongoing investigation is being conducted regarding the allegations of possession of child pornography," Montoya said.

ELECTION

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Council, Gonzales ISD, Waelder City Council, Waelder ISD, Nixon City Council and Smiley City Council that will be attracting a lot of attention from residents in those areas.

GONZALES CITY COUNCIL

District 1 incumbent Councilmember Joseph "Poochy" Kridler will not have an opponent on the May 4 ballot, but District 2 incumbent Councilmember Sherri Koepf has a pair of challengers for her seat: Mariah Jordan and Johnnie Ross Hunt.

WAELDER CITY COUNCIL

As previously reported by the Inquirer, the race for Waelder Mayor will be between incumbent Roy R. Tovar and Waelder City Councilmember Curtis Hadnot Jr. Tovar is currently under indictment in Gonzales County for third-degree felony deadly conduct for discharging a firearm last July, but is allowed to run for office as his case has not been settled by the court system.

Meanwhile, there are six candidates for two at-large positions on the Waelder City Council. In addition to incumbent Councilmember Peggy Blackmon, others who filed for a seat are Mike Harris, Margie Olmos Benitez, Eric Mahler, Connie S. Blackwell and Sandra K. Dickerson. One seat has remained vacant since the death of Councilmember Sam Ramirez.

NIXON CITY

Incumbent City Councilmember Ellie Dominguez is running unopposed for mayor as incumbent Dorothy Riojas did not seek another term. Two at-large seats are available on the Nixon City Council, including the one belonging to Dominguez. Filing to run were Jack Rogers, Shannon

Smith and Jessica Smith. Incumbent Maggie Gaytan also did not seek re-election.

SMILEY CITY

There will be a rematch of the 2022 Smiley mayoral race, just with the same people in different roles. Incumbent Mayor Elizabeth "Lisa" Benavidez will be challenged by Michael Mills. In 2022, Mills was the mayor and was challenged by Benavidez in a very close election.

There are two at-large seats available on the Smiley City Council. Incumbents Ellis Villasana and Melva Childress have filed for re-election and will also see challenges from Michaela Mills and Elisa Douglass.

GONZALES ISD

Incumbent District 4 Gonzales ISD Trustee Josie Smith-Wright has filed for re-election and will be challenged by David Schautteet. Her counterpart in District 7, Trustee Sandra Gorden, will face Naomi Brown on the ballot.

WAELDER ISD

Three spots are available at-large on the Waelder ISD Board of Trustees. Filing to run are incumbent Trustee Adolph Gonzales, incumbent Trustee Jo Ann Ibarra, Donna Brown, Danna Kincaid and Don Kincaid.

NIXON-SMILEY CISD

Nixon-Smiley Consolidated ISD will not need to have an election this year after the only ones to file for a place on the ballot were incumbents Place 2 Trustee Bud Box and Place 3 Trustee Richard Lott.

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

FORUM

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tioner, what can be done to better maintain and improve our county roads? Is paving more of them an option?

Janota: Well, I don't know if paving them would be an option with this heavy equipment. It tears up all the pavement that you do put down, so I would imagine limestone is more cost effective, because you can grade it. If you put your pavement down, this big heavy equipment will tear it up and you've got to fill pothole after pothole after pothole. As far as getting control of that, you just have to have your commissioners go out or get hold of your law enforcement in order to track some of these large equipment operators and get them to file permits and fine them if they're way overweight.

Matias: Yes, there is a lot of traffic through parts of Gonzales County in Precinct 1, Precinct 4 and Precinct 2 as well. Yes, your roads are designed and built by base on limestone. And yes, they do sustain a lot of traffic — the weight's a big troublemaker there. Basically, if you've got oil wells on your county roads, you can get with the commissioners and county judge to keep certain traffic off certain roads, but then there's a lot of wells on a lot of county roads, and they do need access to these wells. If you go to paving these roads, you're looking at \$100,000 a mile and that's not even your correct amount of base put on the road, so your taxes would go up if you pave all these roads in the county and you wouldn't be able to afford live in this county.

Mills: I'm definitely for paving more roads, but I do not want to pass that cost to the taxpayers. There's other ways to do it. I've reached out and I've talked to commissioners in other counties. Specifically, DeWitt County has made a deal with some of the major oil corporations and they've done some cost sharing and some matching that made up to 85 cents on the dollar for some of these roads. If you get out and hustle and see what grants you can find available, I think a lot of that is communication with your other commissioners and with your judge. I'd also like to hold some of these underground water guys like Schertz-Cibolo or Canyon Regional that are running up and down our roads, tearing them up — they make plenty of money off our water. I think they can pave some roads too.

The deterioration of the Gonzales County Annex Building on Sarah DeWitt Drive appears to be worse than originally thought. Do you support repairing the current building, demolishing it and building a new structure on the same site, finding an existing building to buy or building a new building elsewhere and how should the county pay for your choice?

Matias: At this time they are looking into engineers and contractors to see what can be done. Can we remodel it where it's at? Do we need to tear it down and rebuild? Yes, there's going to be a cost either way. If you bought another building, then you got a building sitting there and you cannot just leave it sitting there — it's a danger to the public. As far as building a new building, we are waiting for contractors and engineers to see what the cost is going to be. And yes, it would be a cost on the taxpayers from what I want to understand.

Mills: That building is definitely gonna be a major issue for the commissioners to face. I do think that something has to be done and I think the question is, "Do you want to fix it for today or do you want to invest in it for tomorrow?" I think that we could patch it, repair it and it would work for a few years. The reality is we're struggling for office space as it is. I think you might as well go ahead and figure out what is best by looking at, you know, cost efficient options, whether you go to a two-story building, whether you remodel it to the max, I think at the end of the day, it does come down to dollars and cents, you know, both money and common sense as well. And, you know,

as always, you want to try to keep it from being on the taxpayer.

Janota: I think it would come down to what the engineers think would be best. Repairing the building could be \$7 million; a new building could be \$8 million. So you would have to decide what the taxpayers — ask them what they want to do. Do they want to have a brand new building versus the old building? You just have to wait for the engineers to come up with the correct price to build you one or remodel it. The problem with finding a place to build a new one is you'd have to find some land in order to do that. I don't believe the taxpayers want to buy another piece of property and have this one vacant.

Gonzales County is working on updating its subdivision ordinance for the first time in nearly 12 years. There are concerns about how development is allowed to take place within Gonzales County, especially when it comes to making sure there is enough water to handle everyone's needs. What changes would you like to see made in the subdivision ordinance?

Mills: As we know, Caldwell County is being taken over. The county wasn't ready for the growth that they've experienced and it's coming our way. I think they're kind of jumping Luling and going straight into the Waelder and Harwood area on their way down. I think when you refer specifically to water, I think it comes down to contractor responsibility. I think that anytime a contractor comes in and wants to get a plat approved for a subdivision, I think that there should be someone to go out and ensure that there's enough water to support it. If there's not enough water to support it, I believe that the contractor should have to upgrade the county main lines. It's not fair to the people that have had meters in place for years that are struggling to get the amount of water that they need. Let the contractor pay for it and that will pass the cost on to the new homeowners that are buying the property, which will most likely mean more expensive homes, which do create more tax revenue for the county.

Janota: In order to make a beautiful subdivision, I believe your roads need to be paved in a subdivision. The subdivision needs to have their own rules as far as breaking down how many acres per lot. I believe you have to have an acre and a half per lot. You'd have to have a septic tank. Personal wells are going to be probably out of the question because you probably would be working with smaller lots. You cannot have a septic tank and your water well within 50 feet or 150 feet (of each other). I believe the Gonzales County commissioners might have to make another position for an inspector. The Emergency Management Director, Mr. Harless, may be starting to get overburdened with everything that he does, and I believe that the county might need to look at an inspector.

Matias: On the subdivision ordinance, I would definitely say make the lots larger so you're not on top of each other. Water wells where everybody can have their own water well, because a lot of areas you don't have rural water. Maybe put up a storage tank and wherever the subdivision is, say it's 50 acres, put up a large storage tank so there would be plentiful water. As far as the septic yes, we've got our emergency management coordinator, you know, he does the inspections on all that. Of course, you know, there's more in subdivisions so you'll need another inspector out there. Maybe there needs to be some rules about how the subdivisions are kept clean and mowed and all that so they don't get grown up.

Editor's Note: Due to space considerations, questions and answers from the Precinct 3 Commissioner candidates and the House District 44 candidates will appear in the Feb. 29 edition of the Gonzales Inquirer.

DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

Democratic Party Primary Election (Elección Primaria del Partido Demócrata)
Gonzales County, Texas (Condado de Gonzales, Texas)
March 5, 2024 (5 de Marzo de 2024)
Official Ballot (Boleta Oficial)

Instruction Note: Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by darkening in the oval (●) provided to the left of the name of that candidate.
(Nota de Instrucción: Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera llenando completamente el espacio ovalado (●) a la izquierda del nombre del candidato.)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Chika Anyiam	Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8 (Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 8) Vote for None or One (Vote por Ninguno o Uno)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yolanda Messman
<input type="checkbox"/> Marisa Perez-Diaz	Member, State Board of Education, District 3 (Miembro de la Junta Estatal de Educación, Distrito Núm. 3) Vote for None or One (Vote por Ninguno o Uno)	
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FINANCES

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one candidates has loaned his own campaign \$3,700.

PRECINCT 1 COMMISSIONER

Anton W. "Tony" Matias has raised the most money of any of the commissioner candidates, collecting \$11,280.48 in contributions since September 2023. That includes separate \$5,000 and \$2,500 contributions from Attoyac Energy Service LLC of Gonzales; \$2,000 from Texas Benefit Solutions Inc. of Gonzales; \$1,000 from Come and Take It LLC of Gonzales; \$500 from Eddie & Jody Callendar and \$50 from Richard Yates.

Matias' expenses from September 2023 through Feb. 5 are a combined \$9,924.67, which includes \$7,696.73 to N&B Signs New Braunfels for advertising; \$399.50 to HEB for travel and fuel; \$98.21 to HEB

and Walmart for printing supplies; \$563.10 to Coastal Office Supply for advertising supplies; \$150 to Shelton Designs for T-shirts; \$23.52 to Garcia's of Seguin for food; \$61.95 to GG Steak House of Gonzales for food; \$750 to Gonzales County Republican Party for a filing fee; \$6.50 to Family Dollar for supplies; \$15 to Harbor Freight for advertising supplies; \$5.01 to USPS for postage; \$92.01 to Coastal Office Supply for advertising supplies and \$63.14 to Coastal Office Supply for advertising supplies.

David A. Janota reportedly has raised \$2,000.04 in political contributions since September 2023. That includes \$1,000 from David Janota; \$300 from Ludmila Janota of Gonzales; \$100 from Tyler Janota of Segun; \$100 from Melda Rios of Banquete; and \$100 from Kaleigh Walker of Mason. Expenditures

for Janota were \$1,997.75, but there was not an itemized breakdown of expenses available on the campaign finance report.

Ryan Mills reported receiving \$2,950 in political contributions since September 2023. This includes \$1,800 from Joe Dale and Desiree Mills of Gonzales; \$500 from the Schroeder Family Operating Fund LLC of Gonzales; \$300 from Wayne Brown of Gonzales; \$250 from Mata Turf c/o Anthony Bevis of Shiner; and \$100 from Judy Wehde of Gonzales.

Mills reported a total of \$1,716.90 in political expenditures from campaign funds as well as \$4,341.83 in political expenditures made from personal funds. This includes \$1,716.90 to Thomas Graphics for advertising (mail out letter) as well as \$283.30 to 4imprint for pens (advertising) out of

personal funds and \$4,058.53 to Personal Impressions of Gonzales out of personal funds for advertising supplies and expenses.

PRECINCT 3 COMMISSIONER

Roy Staton reported political contributions of \$1,450 since September 2023, including \$500 from Richard L. Kotwig of Gonzales; \$500 from Rebecca & Martin Swayze of Seguin; \$250 from Kevin La Fleur of Gonzales; and \$200 from John J. Pickens of Austin. He also reported personal contributions of \$690.44 for political expenditures.

Staton reported total campaign expenditures of \$2,145.44, which includes expenditures of \$1,223.14 to 1st Source Digital of Selma for advertising expenses; \$456.82 for advertising expenses to 1st

Source Digital of Selma; and \$95.26 for advertising expenses to 1st Source Digital of Selma.

Tommy Barnick reported \$500 in political contributions since September 2023, including \$250 from Joe Frank Solansky Jr. of Gonzales; \$150 from Matt Wolff of Gonzales and \$100 from Wayne Saliger of Gonzales. He also reported personal loans to his campaign of \$3,700.

Barnick reported total campaign expenditures of \$3,534.38, which includes \$750 to the Gonzales County Republican Party for the candidate filing fee; \$308.51 to Coastal Office Solutions for printing; \$227.32 to Coastal Office Solutions for printing; \$2,059.11 to Personal Impressions for printing; \$129.90 to Coastal Office Solutions for printing; and \$59.54 to Coastal Office Solutions for printing.

REPUBLICAN BALLOT

Republican Party Primary Election (Elección Primaria del Partido Republicano) Gonzales County, Texas (Condado de Gonzales, Texas) March 5, 2024 (5 de Marzo de 2024) Official Ballot (Boleta Oficial)

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Peach Creek Antiques-1st
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Discovery Architects-3rd

BEST APPLIANCE STORE

Apache Appliances 1st
Edwards-2nd
Wal-Mart-3rd

BEST ARCHITECT

Tim Gescheidle-1st
Grady Montgomery-2nd

BEST NEW AUTO DEALERSHIP

Caraway Ford Gonzales-1st
Caraway-Nixon-2nd
Steele/Gonzales-3rd

BEST PRE-OWNED AUTO DEALERSHIP

Steele/Gonzales-1st
West Motors-2nd
Caraway Ford Gonzales-3rd

BEST AUTO PARTS

Irlie Auto/NAPA-1st
O'Reilly's-2nd
Auto Zone-3rd

BEST AUTO REPAIR

A C Collision-1st
West-2nd
Darilek Auto/Shiner-3rd

BEST BACKHOE/TRACTOR SERVICE

J.C. Parr-1st
Schmidt Improvements-2nd
Ehrig & Son-3rd

BEST BANK/FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

Sage Capital Bank-1st
Prosperity Bank-2nd
1st National Bank- 3rd

BEST BEAUTY SHOP

LePetit-1st
Shear Designs - 2nd
Studio Envy-3rd

BEST BED AND BREAKFAST

Belle Oaks-1st
St. James Inn-2nd
Laurel Ridge-3rd

BEST BODY SHOP

Allen's Body Tech-1st
A C Collision-2nd

Business

BEST BOUTIQUE

Angels & Outlaws-1st
Holly Jeanne-2nd
Shear Designs -3rd



BEST BUILDING SUPPLIES

Gonzales Building Center-1st
McCoy's-2nd

BEST CAR WASH

Sudz-1st
Buc-ees-2nd



BEST CATERER

Margie Radicke-1st
Gonzales Food Market-2nd
Baker Boys-3rd



BEST CATTLE COMPANY

Gonzales Livestock-1st
Graham Cattle Co.-2nd

BEST CHILD CARE

Christian Kids-1st
Kyndel DuBose-2nd
Apache Academy-3rd



BEST CHILDREN'S WEAR

Holly Jean/Crew-1st
Wal-Mart-2nd
Angels & Outlaws-3rd

BEST CHIROPRACTOR

Dr. Heximer - 1st
Healing Hand/Seguin-2nd
Kappmeyer-3rd



BEST CRAFT STORE

Wal-Mart-1st
Dollar Tree-2nd
Purple Cactus-3rd

BEST COSTUME JEWELRY

Angels & Outlaws-1st
Holly Jeanne-2nd
321 Pop-Up-3rd

BEST COMPUTER SERVICE

Greg's-1st

BEST CONTRACTOR (BUILDING/REMODELING)

Pedro Rosas-1st
Earl Landry- 2nd
Kardosz-3rd

BEST CONVENIENCE STORE/GAS

Wal-Mart-1st
Goss/Diamond A-2nd
Quick Stop-3rd

BEST COSMETICS

Wal-Mart-1st
Twin Palms Salon/Luling-2nd
HEB-3rd



BEST DANCE STUDIO

Come & Take It Dance - 1st

BEST DELI

Subway-1st
H E B- 2nd
Come & Crepe It-3rd

BEST DETAIL SHOP

Smalls Detailing/Moulton-1st
Sudz/Henry-2nd
Remschel Customs-3rd

BEST DOLLAR/DISCOUNT STORE

Dollar Tree-1st
Dollar General-2nd
Family Dollar-3rd

BEST DRILLING COMPANY/WHERE

EOG-1st

BEST DRY CLEANERS

Victory-1st
Gonzales Quality Cleaners-2nd
City Dry Cleaners-3rd

BEST ELECTRICIANS

Tommy Avant/T Electric-1st
BNM-2nd
GVEC-3rd

BEST FARM EQUIPMENT

Fehners-1st
E-Barr-2nd

BEST FARM SUPPLY STORE

E-Barr-1st
Fehner's-2nd
Tractor Supply-3rd

BEST FEED STORE

Fehner Son & Grain - 1st
E-Barr- 2nd

BEST FERTILIZER

Fehner & Son -1st
Lindemann Fertilizer - 2nd
Ehrig Brothers-3rd

BEST FINE JEWELRY

Storeys-1st
Wendel's/Shiner - 2nd
Angels & Outlaws-3rd





Business

BEST FIREARMS

Fehner Firearms-1st

BEST FLORIST

BZ's-1st
Persons-2nd



BEST FUNERAL SERVICES

Seydler Hill -1st
Harris-2nd

BEST FURNITURE

Edwards Furniture-1st

BEST GIFT SHOP

China Basket-1st
HollyJeanne/Crew-2nd
Persons Flower Shop-3rd

BEST GROCERY STORE

H E B -1st
Wal-Mart-2nd
Pateks/Shiner-3rd

BEST HARDWARE

Gonzales Building Supply-1st
Wal-Mart-2nd
McCoys-3rd

BEST HEALTH/FITNESS BUSINESS

Thrive-1st
Revival-2nd



BEST HEATING/AC

HAR Service-1st
Harwood Heating-2nd
Kardosz-3rd

BEST HOTEL/MOTEL

La Quinta/Gonzales-1st
Dilworth Inn-2nd
GG's-3rd

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Business

BEST HOSPITAL

Gonzales Healthcare-1st
Luling/Seton Hospital-2nd
Guadalupe Valley Regional/Seguin-3rd

BEST INSURANCE COMPANY

State Farm/Gonzales – 1st
Texas Farm Bureau-2nd
DuBose Insurance Agency-3rd

BEST INTERNET PROVIDER

GVEC-1st
GVTC-2nd
Spectrum-3rd



BEST INVESTMENT FIRM

Edward D Jones-1st
Edward D Jones/Dane King-2nd
Pietsch Inv.-3rd

BEST LANDSCAPING/GROUND

Main GLZ-1st
Gonzales Lawn Pro-2nd
John Parr-3rd

BEST LAW FIRM

Ortman/Fullilove-1st
Robert Bland-2nd
Reese & Escobar- 3rd

BEST LIQUOR STORE

Tooties Liquor Store-1st
First Shot Liquor-2nd
Twin Liquors- 3rd



BEST LAWN AND GARDEN PRODUCTS

Wal-Mart-1st
Green Gate/Seguin-2nd
HEB-3rd

BEST LOAN COMPANY

Texan Credit-1st
Sage Capital Bank-2nd
Reliable Finance-3rd



**Thank you everyone
for voting me
Best Elected Official and
2nd Place Ms. Gonzales**

**I'm truly honored
and very appreciative!!**

**Lona Ackman
County Clerk**

Business

BEST MARKETING/DESIGN

Jessie Holt Champion-1st
Personal Impressions -2nd -
Sage Capital 3rd

BEST MEN'S WEAR

Crew- 1st
Wal-Mart-2nd

BEST MONEY MNGT. COMPANY/WHERE

Edward Jones- 1st

BEST MONUMENT CO.

Capital Monument-1st

BEST NEWSPAPER

Gonzales Inquirer-1st



BEST NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING

Texan-1st
Romberg House-2nd
Heights -3rd

BEST OIL CHANGE

Caraway/Gonzales - 1st
King's-2nd
Wal-Mart-3rd

BEST PET GROOMING

Stacy-1st
Kathy's Kutz-2nd



BEST PEST CONTROL

Orkin-1st
Annie Oakley-2nd
Angel- 3rd

BEST PHARMACY

Wal-Mart-1st
H E B - 2nd
10 Minute Pharmacy/Seguin-3rd



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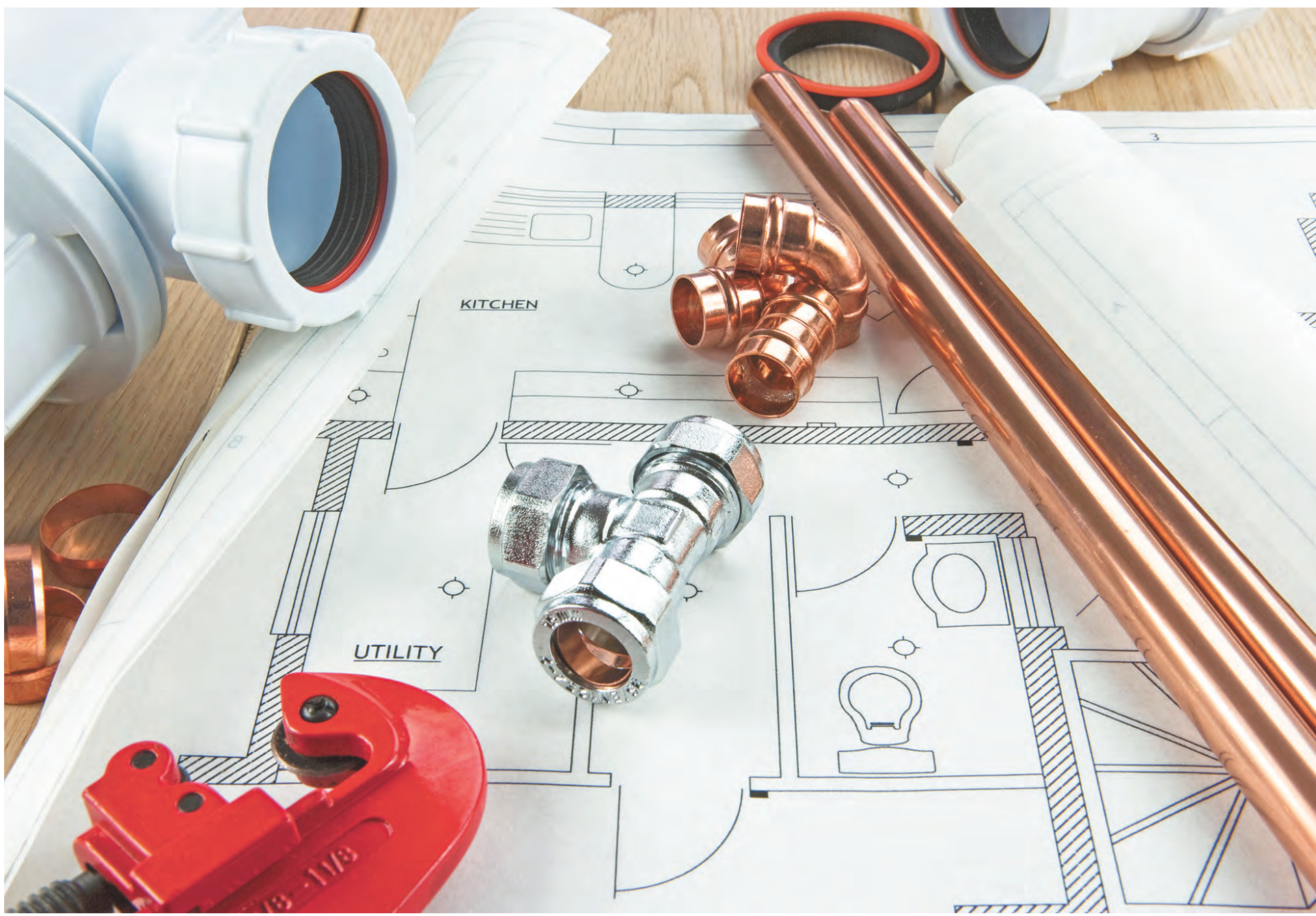


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Business

BEST PHONE SERVICE

GVTC-1st
AT&T-2nd
GVEC-3rd

BEST PHYSICAL/OCC. THERAPY

Ashley Molina/Thrive-1st
Cheryl Breitschopf-2nd
Gonzales Therapy-3rd

BEST PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Lori Raabe-1st
Lauren Parr-2nd
Alex Trevors-3rd



BEST PLANT NURSERY

Green Gate/Seguin-1st
Handy Stop/Yoakum-2nd
H E B-3rd

BEST PLUMBING BUSINESS

Wilkerson Plumbing-1st
Walker Plumbing-2nd

BEST POULTRY SUPPLY

South Texas Poultry Supply – 1st
Mike Miller-2nd
E-Barr-3rd

BEST PRINTING

Reese's Print Shop-1st
Allegiance Signs & Graphics-2nd
Gonzales Inquirer-3rd

BEST REAL ESTATE FIRM

Remax-1st
Breitschopf-Cooper Realty-2nd
Schmidt Ranches & Realty-3rd



BEST RENTAL PROPERTY

Monte Vista Apartments-1st

BEST RESTAURANT

Mi Lupita's Taco House-1st
Gonzales Bistro-2nd
Kloesels-3rd

BEST RESTROOM – MEN

Buc-ees-1st
Circle G-2nd
Bistro-3rd

BEST RESTROOM – WOMEN

Buc-ees-1st
Circle G-2nd
Bistro-3rd



BEST STORAGE UNITS

Apache Storage-1st

BEST TAX PREPARER

LeAnn Wolff-1st
Ilene Gohmert/Cuero-2nd
Floyd & Kintz-3rd

BEST TANNING SALON

Revival Fitness-1st

BEST THRIFT STORE

Main Street Market Place-1st
321 PopUp-2nd Junkyard Hippie-3rd

BEST TIRES

Wal-Mart-1st
Texas Tire & Auto-2nd
Kings-3rd



BEST TITLE COMPANY

Burchard-1st
First Shot-2nd

BEST TRUCKING COMPANY/ WHERE

Wrangler/Gonzales-1st
E F Ehrig & Son-2nd

BEST VETERINARIAN

Guadalupe Vet Clinic-1st
Dr. Glass/GVVC-2nd
Pecan Grove-3rd



BEST WESTERN WEAR

Angels & Outlaws-1st
Crew-2nd
Berans/Shiner-3rd

BEST WINDOW

Tinting David Matias-1st
Black Ops/Gonzales-2nd

BEST WOMEN'S WEAR

Angels & Outlaws-1st
Holly Jeanne-2nd
Shear Designs-3rd





Fun Stuff

BEST CAMPGROUND/RV PARK

Palmetto Park-1st
Independence Park-2nd
Lakewood-3rd

BEST CIVIC CLUB

Noon Lions-1st
Rotary - 2nd
Pilot Club-3rd

BEST COMM. FESTIVAL/EVENT

Come & Take It- 1st
4th of July-2nd
Winterfest-3rd

BEST FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Come & Take It-1st
Future Lynn Theatre-2nd
Gonzales Parks-3rd

BEST FISHING HOLE

By Bridge-1st

BEST HIKING TRAIL

Palmetto State Park - 1st
Independence Park-2nd

BEST LIVE PLAY PERFORMANCE

Crystal Theatre-1st
Nutcracker-2nd
Gaslight Theatre - 3rd

BEST MUSIC VENUE

Running M-1st
Palace Saloon/Shiner- 2nd
Spoetzl Brewery/Shiner-3rd

BEST NIGHT CLUB/BAR

Come and Take It Bar-1st
San Antonio Distillery-2nd
Palace Saloon/Shiner-3rd

BEST PARK

Palmetto State Park-1st
Independence Park-2nd
Lions Park Splashpad-3rd



BEST PLACE TO SWIM

Thrive-1st
Elks Lodge-2nd
City Pool/Gonzales-3rd

BEST PLACE TO WORK

Gonzales County-1st
GVEC-2nd
Sage Capital Bank-3rd

BEST PUBLIC BOAT RAMP

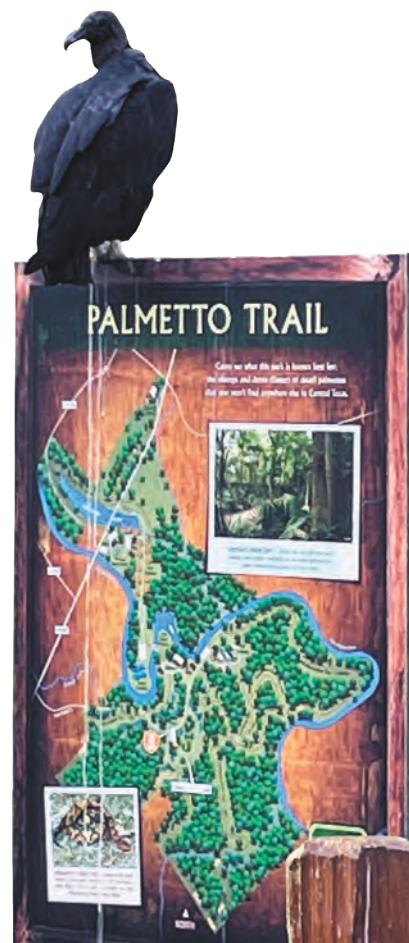
Palmetto State Park - 1st
Cost Boat Ramp-2nd

BEST SCHOOL

Gonzales ISD-1st
Grace Christian Academy-2nd
Shiner ISD-3rd

BEST WEDDING VENUE

Belle Oaks Inn-1st
Zedler Mill/Luling-2nd
Gonzales Pioneer Village-3rd



People

MR. GONZALES COUNTY

David Tacy - 1st
William Malaer-2nd
Pat Davis-3rd

MS. GONZALES COUNTY

Connie Kacir-1st
Lona Ackman-2nd
Christie Fullilove-3rd

BEST ACCOUNTANT

LeAnn Wolff-1st
Jerry Floyd-2nd
Ilene Gohmert-3rd

BEST BANK TELLER/WHERE

Mallorie/Sage - 1st
Roxanne Loredo/Prosperity-2nd
Kathy Fredrick/South Star-3rd

BEST BARBER/WHERE

Cha Chi-1st
Rocky/Come and Fade It-2nd
Vic and Joe's/Gonzales-3rd

BEST BARTENDER/WHERE

Bessie Gegaj/Come and Take It Bar-1st
Rosey/San Antonio Distillery-2nd
Christi/Come & Take It-3rd

People

BEST BEAUTICIAN/WHERE

Janie/Le Petit-1st
Lisa Blackwell/Studio Envy-2nd
Josie Tomas/Le Petit - 3rd



BEST CARPENTER

Earl Landry-1st
Ross Tieken/Shiner-2nd
J&R Construction-3rd

BEST CAR SALESPERSON/WHERE

Houston Burnett/Caraway Nixon - 1st
Bret Hill/Caraway-2nd
Curtis Schramm/Steele-3rd

BEST CASHIER/WHERE

Eric/McCoys-1st
Liz Alvarez/Dollar Tree-2nd
Cassandra/McCoys-3rd

BEST CNA/WHERE

Lori/Gonzales Healthcare-1st
Billie Kloesel-2nd
Marsha Jaquette/Luling-3rd



BEST COACH/WHERE

Jill Gonzales/GJHS-1st
Jessica Cantu/GHS-2nd
Joey Carrizales-3rd

BEST COMMUNITY ICON

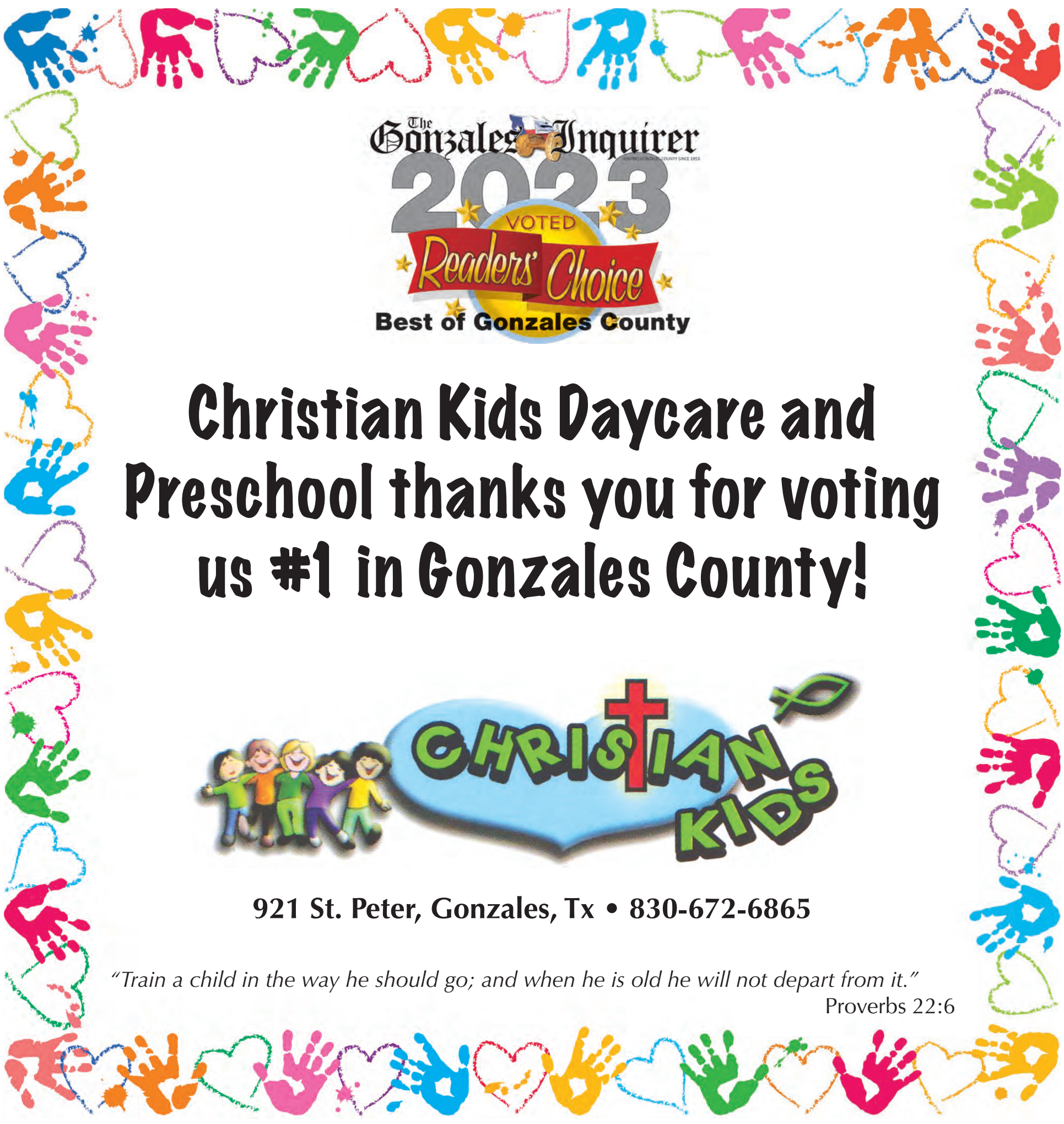
David Bird-1st
Kenneth Hyden-2nd
Kari Breitschopf-3rd

BEST COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER

Margie Radicke-1st
Jessie Holt-Campion-2nd
Britney Jones-Caka- 3rd

BEST DELIVERY DRIVER

James-UPS - 1st
Josh Daniels-2nd
Brandon-UPS-3rd



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Proverbs 22:6

People

BEST DENTIST/WHERE

Panos-1st
Dr. Haug-2nd
Melanie Cowan/Shiner Dental-3rd

BEST DOCTOR/WHERE

Dr. Arjun Mohandas/Luling-1st
Commie Hisey/Sievers-2nd
Sarah Rieger/NB Pediatrics-3rd



BEST ELECTED OFFICIAL

Lona Ackman/County Clerk-1st
Mayor Steve Sucher-2nd
Donnie Brzozowski-3rd

BEST EMS WORKER

Jennifer Miller-1st
Belinda Richter-2nd
Jess Fullilove – 3rd

BEST FINANCIAL ADVISOR/WHERE

Dane King/Edward Jones-1st
Stephanie Hendershot-Hill/Edward Jones/Lockhart – 2nd
Tommy Pietsch/Pietsch Inv.-3rd

BEST FIREFIGHTER

Roy Irons-1st -
Rutty Decou/Belmont-2nd
Wade Zella-3rd

BEST GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

Misty Cook-1st
Juan Ramirez-2nd
Becky Weston-3rd

BEST INSURANCE AGENT/WHERE

Renee Rathmann-1st
Scott Dierlam/State Farm-2nd
Britney Jones-Caka/Texas Farm Bureau-3rd

BEST LAWYER/WHERE

Christy Fullilove-1st
Sue Ortman-2nd
Eddie Escobar/Reese & Escobar-3rd



BEST LOCAL BAND OR MUSICIAN

Brandi Behlen-1st
Gabe Gallardo-2nd
Magnifico Siete-3rd



BEST MANICURIST/WHERE

Rosie Izaguirre/Gonzales-1st
Janie Campion/Le Petit – 2nd
Linda's Nails-3rd

BEST MASSAGE THERAPIST

Karen Carroll-1st
Michelle Decker-2nd
Monique/JW's Spa/Shiner-3rd

BEST MECHANIC/WHERE

Luke Tinsley/Caraway Ford Gonzales-1st
Danny Baker/Steele Dodge-2nd
Estradas Garage-3rd

BEST NURSE/WHERE

Carrie Tinsley/Home Health – 1st
Bailey Nichols-2nd
Rachel Limas/Sievers-3rd

BEST NURSE PRACTITIONER PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT/WHERE

Diana Picha/Sievers-1st
Todd Crawford-2nd
Toni Moltz-3rd

BEST PEACE OFFICER OFFICER

Officer Darrance James-1st
Johnnie Hall-2nd
Allen Taylor-3rd

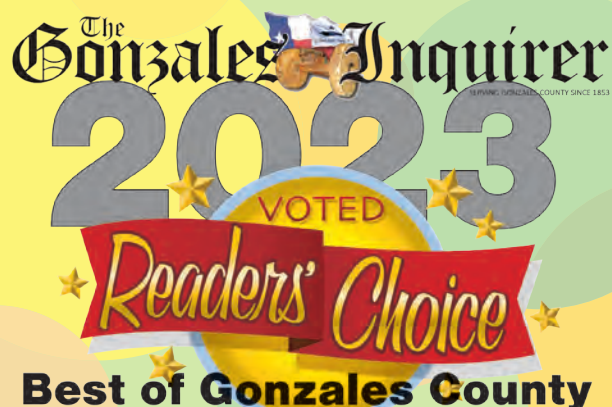
BEST PHARMACIST

Bruce Blackwell/Wal-Mart-1st
Christina W/HEB-2nd
Laura Klozik/Mohrmanns-3rd



BEST PHARMACY TECHNICIAN

Catina/HEB-1st
Sandra/HEB-2nd
Jana Dolezal-3rd



*I appreciate the honor
of your vote
naming me
Ms. Gonzales County!*

**Thank You,
Connie Kacir**

People

BEST POSTAL CARRIER

Josh Daniel-1st
Pamela Moore-2nd
Jimbo Lamprecht-3rd

BEST REAL ESTATE AGENT/WHERE

Megan Campion/Remax-1st
Rebekah Morgan/BCR-2nd
Henry Schmidt/Schmidt Ranches Realty-3rd

BEST RECEPTIONIST

Krystal Navejar-1st
Dandy Opiela/Remax-2nd
Janie Massey/Sage-3rd

BEST SALESPERSON/WHERE

Kayla Craven/Crew-1st
Lorrell Wright/Holly Jeanne-2nd
Amy/Angels & Outlaws-3rd

BEST SCHOOL PRINCIPAL/WHERE

Jamie Holden/Grace Christian Academy-1st
Neely Yackel/St. Paul's Catholic - 2nd
Jon Basha/GHS-3rd

BEST TEACHER/WHERE

Megan Smolik/North Avenue-1st
Sherry Simper/GJHS-2nd
Mrs. Smith/Grace Christian Academy-3rd



BEST TRUCK DRIVER/WHERE

Tyler Horstman/Wrangler Trucking-1st
Tim Gray-2nd



BEST WAIT PERSON/WHERE

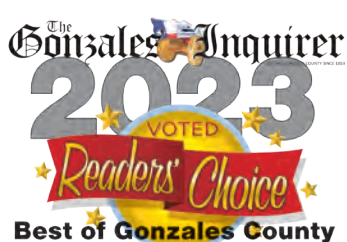
Lupe/Mi Lupitas-1st
Janie/Matamoros-2nd
Betty Sampleton/Pizza Hut-3rd

BEST WELDER/WHERE

Charlie Campion/Rocking C Services-1st
Brady Oakes/Mercer Welding-2nd
Justin Campion/BYK-3rd



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Food & Drink

BEST APPETIZERS

Running M-1st
Gonzales Bistro-2nd
Come and Take It-3rd

BEST BBQ

Fire City Grill-1st
Gonzales Food Market-2nd
Baker Boys-3rd

BEST BREAKFAST

Matamoros- 1st
Cow Palace-2nd
Mi Lupita- 3rd



BEST BREAKFAST TACOS

Mi Lupita-1st
Matamoros-2nd
Guerra's - 3rd

BEST BUFFET

Toni's-1st
GG's-2nd
Cow Palace-3rd

BEST CHICKEN FRIED STEAK

Cow Palace-1st
Guerra's-2nd
Toni's-3rd

BEST CHILI

Sonny's-1st
Guerra's-2nd
Cow Palace-3rd



BEST COFFEE

Texpresso-1st
Cow Palace-2nd
McDonalds-3rd

BEST DOUGHNUTS

Daylight Donuts-1st
Snowflake Donuts-2nd
Dixie Doughnuts-3rd



BEST TITLE COMPANY

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Food & Drink

BEST DRIVE THRU

Texpresso-1st
Sonic-2nd
Dairy Queen-3rd

BEST FINE DINING

Gonzales Bistro-1st
GG's-2nd
Kloesels/Moulton-3rd

BEST FRENCH FRIES

Guerra's Grill-1st
Whataburger-2nd
Rusty Rooster-3rd

BEST FRIED CHICKEN

Rusty Rooster-1st
Golden Chick-2nd
Cow Palace-3rd



BEST HAMBURGERS

Cow Palace-1st
Guerra's - 2nd
Whataburger-3rd

BEST HOT SAUCE

Running M-1st
Mi Lupita-2nd
Guerra's-3rd

BEST ICE CREAM/YOGURT

Dairy Queen- 1st
Hollerin Heifer-2nd
Beas/Shiner-3rd



BEST ICED TEA

Cow Palace-1st
Dairy Queen-2nd
Golden Chick- 3rd



BEST ITALIAN FOOD

La Bella Tavola-1st
Bistro-2nd



BEST KIDS MEAL

McDonalds-1st
Sonic-2nd
Running M-3rd

BEST LUNCH SPECIALS

Cow Palace-1st
Running M-2nd
Bistro-3rd

BEST MARGARITA

Mr. Taco-1st
Bistro-2nd
Running M-3rd

BEST MEXICAN FOOD

Mi Lupita-1st
Matamoros-2nd
Rodeo-3rd



BEST MIXED DRINK

Bistro-1st
Come & Take It Bar-2nd
Running M-3rd

BEST PIZZA

Dominos-1st
Pizza Hut-2nd
Come & Take It Bar-3rd



BEST SALAD BAR

Cow Palace-1st
Running M-2nd

BEST SANDWICHES

Come & Crepe It-1st
Palace/Shiner-2nd
Subway-3rd

BEST SOUP

Bistro-1st
Sonny's-2nd
Roberts/Flatonia-3rd

BEST STEAK

Bistro-1st
Kloesels/Moulton-2nd
Running M- 3rd



Thank You Reader's Choice

Best Bank/Financial Institution

Mallorie Pirkle - Best Bank Teller

Janie Massey - 3rd Place - Best Receptionist

Best Loan Company

3rd Place - Best Place to Work



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