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ATF: Gonzales man fired shots at SWAT team

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

A criminal complaint filed against a Gonzales man alleges he fired several rounds at Texas Department of Public Safety SWAT team and Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms officers who were executing a warrant for his arrest and a search warrant for his property

earlier this month.

James David Dubose, 35, is being held on a federal charge of felon in possession of a firearm, which carries a penalty of up to 15 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, three years of supervised release and a \$100 mandatory special assessment.

Dubose was arrested at his

residence, which is on his family's property in the 2100 block of County Road 308 in Gonzales, on Friday, March 10.

According to a criminal complaint affidavit filed by ATF Special Agent Kaitlin O'Connell, as SWAT team members breached a side door at the residence the officers "heard shots fired inside the residence.

One to three shots were heard after the side door of the residence was breached. Officers stated they believed the shot(s) came from the right side of the residence. It was later identified Dubose's bedroom was on the right side of the residence."

"Shortly after, James Dubose

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James David Dubose



ABOVE: Bowls that are glazed but not yet fired. They will actually change colors once fired. **BELOW:** Leah Ford from Red Hen Pottery works on the wheel.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Gonzales Noon Lions set for 3rd annual Empty Bowls Project

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Soup is on when the Gonzales Noon Lions hold their third annual Empty Bowl Project on Tuesday, March 28 at the Gonzales Elks Lodge, 1222 E. Sarah DeWitt Drive.

This is a come and go event that will be serving from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Choose a beautiful handcrafted bowl by area potters, artists, and other creative community members.

Delicious soup prepared by area restaurants, bread, drink, and a dessert all are included in the \$25 ticket price. Options available to dine in, drive thru or take out. There will also be live music, cash bar, and a silent auction.

See **BOWLS**, page 16



Texas Independence Relay returns this weekend

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gonzales will again serve as the raucous starting point for the annual Texas Independence Relay as staggered cannon booms and gun smoke will announce the departure of teams from the Gonzales Memorial Museum on Saturday, March 25.

The nearly 200-mile relay race course ushers runners from Gonzales to downtown Houston in celebration of Texas indepen-

See **RELAY**, page 15

Runners prepare for the kickoff of the Texas Independence Relay. Gonzales will again serve as the starting point when the relay returns March 25.

FILE PHOTO



Water agencies move forward with contested case hearings

BY CLAYTON KELLEY
For the Inquirer

Both the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (GCUWCD) and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) are moving forward out of the preliminary stages into the administrative stage before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for five contested case hearings.

This comes after a preliminary contested case hearing was held before hearing examiner Judge Stephen B. Ables on Thursday, Feb. 16, about GBRA's request to drill three additional water wells in the Carrizo Aquifer was set for Thursday, Feb. 16.

See **HEARINGS**, page 15

The Pilot Club of Gonzales celebrates golden anniversary

BY LORRELL WRIGHT
Special to the Inquirer

Service and Friendship.

That is the motto of Pilot Club International. We are lucky to have the Pilot Club of Gonzales in the community, celebrating their local club's 50th anniversary of leading the way on those principles.

The Pilot Club celebrated this golden mile-

See **PILOT**, page 11

SMILEY

City orders general election, names attorney

BY CLAYTON KELLEY
For the Inquirer

The City of Smiley has ordered a general election for the public for Saturday, May 6. The election will be held at the Smiley Volunteer Fire Department located at 208 N. Farm-to-Market Road 108.

Amy Lee SJ Akers will be taking over as the new Smiley City Council attorney, as reported

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GHS' 'Leading Ladies' earns several awards at contest



Estrella Zavala advanced to the State level of UIL Theatrical Design competition with her set design of Frankenstein.

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales High School One Act Play company of "Leading Ladies" performed at the District contest on March 11. The company had their best performance and came home with the following individual awards: Nicholas Gonzales earned Outstanding Technician, Jeslynn Vigil earned Honorable Mention All Star Cast, and River VanKirk and Chet Gold both earned All Star Cast awards. Don't miss their public performances on March 26 at 2 p.m. and March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Gonzales Junior High Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 and sold on the Gonzales ISD website. Over Spring Break the GHS theatre department learned that one of their own advanced theatre students, Estrella Zavala, advanced to the State level of UIL Theatrical Design competition with her set design of Frankenstein. The State competition will take place in May. Gonzales High School has been fortunate to advance to the State level of UIL Theatrical Design since 2015. Gonzales has had a student qualify for State in each category of the competition at some point during these years. There was only one year



that they did not have any state qualifiers and it was because the theatre department could not enter any work. The design categories include Marketing, Costuming, Hair and Make-up, and Set. Katia Sanchez and Adrian Buesing were the first GHS students to advance to the state level that year in 2015. Gonzales High School has since placed at state competition. In 2018, GHS placed fifth at state with a set design of "Raisin in the Sun" and Clayborn Park by Krystallynn Buesing. And in 2021, Gonzales HS had two students place at the very top. Deissy Hernandez was state champion with her set design of Don Quixote and Arabella Reyna was first

runner-up with her costume design of Don Quixote. Mrs. Buesing has been the sponsor of this event for all these years and she is very proud of Estrella. Her attention to detail, thoughtfulness, and hard work show in her design. All students who make it to the state level of competition qualify for a \$1,000 scholarship and some of our students have received that scholarship because of this competition. The scholarship recipients did not all place at the state level. Some students who did not place received the scholarship too. Estrella has a bright future and Mrs. Buesing is glad she has this opportunity to show off her talents to a wider audience.

GISD changes grading periods to nine weeks for 2023-24 year

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales ISD students will see a major change in the 2023-24 academic calendar with a switch from six six-week grading periods to four nine-week periods. "The nine-week grading period increases the focus on the learning process and mastery while decreasing the stress on grades," said Brandi Bell, Director of Elementary Curriculum. "GISD is enthusiastic about the upcoming school year and is excited about the district's direction in its move for "Growing Greatness." The district said the new calendar is the result of a "successful collaboration between parents, students, community members, and GISD staff." Gonzales ISD had asked for input

from its staff and the community in deciding the structure of the upcoming year. More than 300 responses were received. Almost 50 percent of responses were from GISD parents and nearly 10 percent from students. After reviewing the results, the proposal was presented to the GISD Board of Trustees, who approved the school calendar for the 2023-2024 academic year at the regular March board meeting. "Gonzales ISD is focused on student success and strives to keep students, faculty, and staff informed about important dates throughout the school year. The academic calendar is outlined with grading periods, testing dates, and key dates color-coded for optimal understanding," the district said in a statement.

STRUCTURE FIRE



At approximately 11:08 a.m. Tuesday, March 14, the Gonzales Fire Department, along with deputies from the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office and Lavaca County EMS, were dispatched to an active, abandoned structure fire. The fire started from burning brush piles and it is believed high winds spread the fire to the structure. While there is no burn ban in effect, please be mindful when burning that the wind and other factors can greatly affect burn piles. If you will be doing any burning out in the county please notify dispatch at 830-672-6524. Never leave a brush pile actively burning without adequate supervision and make sure you have a source of water near by.

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City of Waelder to celebrate 110 years on March 25

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The City of Waelder will hold its 110-year anniversary celebration on Saturday, March 25, from 2 p.m. to midnight in downtown Waelder. The event will include Paden and

Jake Mulholland's Country Acoustic Show with Riley Brown from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Other music will be provided by DJ Rockin Ruben, DJ Reyna, DJ Max and DJ Citizen Cane. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn

chair. If you are interested in having a food booth at the celebration, contact City Hall at 830-788-7331. The Gonzales County community at the intersection of US 90 and Texas 97 was founded in 1913.

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Celebrations

Birthdays

March 23rd Ryan Noelle	Ronnie Zella	Natalie Tatsch
March 24th Shane Malatek Shawn Malatek Tenley Matias Ernestine Sutherlin Julie Winton	March 26th Charles Aleman Barbara Crozier Adriane Hastings Skyler Head Carolyn Pfuhl Pauler Kobe Schwausch	March 28th Dorothy DeBerry Kennon Harkey Henry Milligan Kenneth Moore
March 25th Todd Bright Lydia Hope Burleson Randy Harkey Jr. Sandra Ara Johnston Tommy Dale Schellenberg	March 27th Bubba Akers Christa Benitez Trevor Joseph Michael Meyer Jennifer Roberts	March 29th Betty Fehner Tracey Jones Michael McCaskill Garrett Muelker Brandi Pish

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Gonzales Weather

	March 23 84°/66°	Rather cloudy, showers around 59% chance of rain • RealFeel 82
	March 24 75°/52°	Mostly sunny 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 76
	March 25 75°/57°	Sunshine 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 74
	March 26 77°/57°	A shower and thunderstorms 60% chance of rain • RealFeel 77
	March 27 73°/55°	Partial sunshine 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 76
	March 28 73°/57°	A blend of sun and clouds 2% chance of rain • RealFeel 70
	March 29 74°/58°	Rather cloudy 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 73

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USDA seeks applications for grants for socially disadvantaged producers

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small today announced that the Department is accepting applications for grants to support technical assistance for socially disadvantaged agricultural producers and rural business owners.

USDA is making available up to \$3 million in Fiscal Year 2023 through the Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grant Program. The maximum amount an individual applicant may receive is \$175,000.

The Department is making the Socially Disadvantaged Groups Grants available to organizations that will provide any technical assistance for the development of cooperatives or the formation of new cooperatives. Technical assistance includes leadership training, and developing

feasibility studies, business plans and/or strategic plans. The grants are not provided directly to businesses or individuals.

USDA defines a socially disadvantaged group as one whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of their identity as a member of that group without regard to their individual qualities. Applicants may be based in any area, but the groups they serve must be located in an eligible rural area.

The Department is offering priority points to projects that advance key priorities under the Biden-Harris Administration to create more and better market opportunities and improved infrastructure, advance equity and combat climate change. These extra points will increase the likelihood of funding for projects seeking to address these challenges.



with
**CALVIN
FINCH**

Q. Our lawn is looking lush and green, but it does not look like the St Augustine grass that is suppose to be what the lawn is. What do you think it is, some kind of weed? Should we kill it?

A. It is probably annual blue grass or rescue grass. They are both winter weeds that are hard to kill and last until the weather gets warm. The best strategy is to keep them mowed to prevent seed production until May when your real grass will take over again.

Q. We moved into our current house several months ago. The yard has a cut flower garden which has some snapdragons that survived the Christmas freeze, and there are some upright purple flowers that are coming up everywhere. They are taking over, should we pull them?

Dayflowers, larkspur provide nectar for pollinators and hummingbirds

A. They sound like either dayflowers or larkspur. I suggest you only pull enough of them to provide room for your snapdragons to prosper. They are probably larkspur and can even be transplanted to help create some order. Larkspur will reseed every year and provide nectar for Monarchs, hummingbirds and other pollinators. Day flowers are also attractive but harder to control because they want to form large clusters. Both dayflowers and larkspurs will decline in early summer.

Q. We enjoy your discussions in the newspaper and on the radio about working on the Monarch initiative. What is the trick to growing native milkweed? We have tried to grow green milkweed and antelope milkweed without any luck.

A. You are not alone in having difficulty growing them. If it is convenient plan on attending one of the classes I am offering on

April 15 at Milbergers,(210 4973760), April 22 at the Education Resource Center at 6802 Dorothy Louise at Dreamhill Estates(210 3824455), or New Braunfels Ag Fest at 325 Resource Dr on April 29(210 382 4455) They all start at 9:30 am in the morning and end at 11 am. They are co-sponsored by Douglas King Seed Co and 40 attendees at each site will plant and receive a native milkweed after the lecture. Call the phone number attached to the class location to reserve one of the 40 places at each location, There is no fee for attending.

Q. What is the problem with planting our tomatoes too early? What is too early?

A. If tomato plants are subjected to temperatures below 50 degrees or too much wind it does not kill them but it slows their growth, reducing the yield and speed of production, It should not be a problem if they are planted after mid-March.

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

March 18

Cattle: 565

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold 2.00-3.00 softer.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 260-275; 300-400 lbs., 245-260; 400-500 lbs., 225-240; 500-600 lbs., 210-220; 600-700 lbs, 190-203; 700-800 lbs, 168-182. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 80-95.

Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 255-260; 300-400 lbs., 215-219; 400-500 lbs., 190-210; 500-600 lbs., 175-185; 600-700 lbs., 155-164.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 63-83; Cutters, 88-96; Canners, 32-62; High yielding fat cows, 85-94.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 112-115; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 96-108.

Stockers Cows: \$750 to \$1,150.

Pairs: \$850 to \$1,900.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

March 20

Cattle - 645

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$187-197-245

300-400 lbs - \$194-204-245

400-500 lbs - \$188-198-243

500-600 lbs - \$185-195-222

600-700 lbs - \$169-179-197

700-800 lbs - \$146-156-177

Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$178-188-230

300-400 lbs - \$160-170-220

400-500 lbs - \$171-181-270

500-600 lbs - \$161-171-200

600-700 lbs - \$147-157-170

700-800 lbs - \$131-141-150

Slaughter Cows - \$40-103
Slaughter Bulls - \$90-125
Stocker Cows - \$500-1100
Pairs: \$1175-1300

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Sale date: March 14

Cattle on hand: 1450

Packer Cows:

Canner and Cutter Cows: \$68-103

Utility & Fat Cows: \$65-98

Low dressing canner cows: \$50-68

Poor/Weak: \$35-50

Packer Bulls:

Heavyweight Bulls: \$114-127

Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$98-114

Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$86-98

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$1050-1450

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$850-1050

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$160-248

200-300 lbs.: \$210-270

300-400 lbs.: \$210-270

400-500 lbs.: \$195-250

500-600 lbs.: \$185-230

600-700 lbs.: \$173-215

700-800 lbs.: \$155-192.50

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs: \$155-230

200-300 lbs.: \$170-240

300-400 lbs.: \$175-230

400-500 lbs.: \$175-225

500-600 lbs.: \$170-210

600-700 lbs.: \$155-195

700-800 lbs: \$145-178

Replacement Heifers:

350-750 lbs.: \$185-235

The calf market was strong once again. #1 kinds in all weight brackets sold steady to \$5 higher.

Heavier weight classes sold particularly strong. A few fleshy

new crop calves showing up and they are less attractive. Packer cows & bulls sold fully steady on a total supply of 200 head.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

March 15

Quality not as deep, but market still unchanged and steady on all classes and packer cows & bulls.

Cattle - 648

Sheep & goats - 659

Medium & large frame #1

Steers:

200-300 lb. .50-1.39-2.25

300-400 lb. .45-1.74-2.65

400-500 lb. .40-1.84-2.55

500-600 lb. .45-1.63-2.25

600-700 lb. .85-1.37-2.02

700-850 lb. 1.30-1.59-1.88

Medium & large frame #1

Heifers:

200-300 lb. .45-1.27-1.90

300-400 lb. .18-1.46-2.17

400-500 lb. .30-1.48-2.12

500-600 lb. .55-1.30-1.94

600-750 lb. .50-1.32-1.82

Cows:

Utility & commercial - 30-82-105

Cutters - 65-70-75

Canners - 56-64-75

Palpated cow - 600-1175

Cow/Calf Pairs - 1050-1325

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding - 1.00-1.27

Light & Low Yielding - .80-.99

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies - 65-310

Kid Goats (Fat) - 3.05-3.55

Wethers - 2.60-2.90

Billies - 1.40-2.25

Dorp. Ewes - 80-130

Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 2.80-3.40

Wooled Ewes - NONE

Wooled Bucks - 1.40-1.66

Lambs - 1.25-1.70

Barb. Bucks - 250-700

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

March 17, 2023

Number of head 1,074

There were 207 cows and 42

bulls. The packer market was a little higher as demand remains seasonally strong. Top packer cow was at \$105/cwt while the top packer bull was at \$128/cwt. The calf market was steady to stronger by \$2/cwt compared to last week's market. The average calf was 15 pounds heavier resulting in \$37 more value per head. Again a very strong and upbeat market.

Packer bulls: 90.00-128.00

Packer cows:

canners & cutters 85.00-105.00

poor & weak 25.00-50.00

Palpated: 12 bred 90.00-115.00

PAIRS: 3 \$1,150-\$1,225

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. N O N E

200-249 lbs. N O N E

250-299 lbs. N O N E

300-350 lbs. 173.00-240.00

350-400 lbs. 216.00-262.00

400-450 lbs. 231.00-262.00

450-500 lbs. 217.00-239.00

500-550 lbs. 207.00-227.00

550-600 lbs. 196.00-214.00

600-700 lbs. 175.00-208.00

700-800 lbs. 170.00-198.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs 221.00-258.00

250-300 lbs. 234.00-256.00

300-350 lbs. 225.00-250.00

350-400 lbs. 195.00-246.00

400-450 lbs. 233.00-260.00

450-500 lbs. 217.00-241.00

500-550 lbs. 202.00-217.00

550-600 lbs. 193.00-216.00

600-700 lbs. 179.00-205.00

Over 700 lbs. 165.00-190.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. 174.00-230.00

200-250 lbs. 203.00-244.00

250-300 lbs. 190.00-224.00

300-350 lbs. 171.00-244.00

350-400 lbs. 189.00-236.00

400-450 lbs. 182.00-236.00

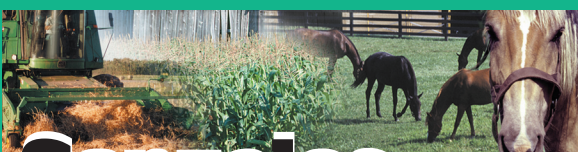
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Friends of the Library announces annual drive to raise funds

Dear Friends,

It is my great honor to write to you today as we move forward into this new year. It is time for our annual Friends of the Library Fund Drive.

Allow me to first thank each of you who have donated in years past on behalf of the Robert Lee Brothers, Jr. Memorial Library and on behalf of my own family, specifically my three daughters who frequent the children’s section on a biweekly basis.


The hours they have spent browsing shelves, pouring over pages, and building loving relationships with the ever cheerful and helpful librarians, have become treasured memories of their childhood.

My youngest received her library card before she was tall enough to see over the circulation desk. I remember fondly how she pushed two books over her head onto the desk at the age of two years old. We have been “hooked on books” ever since.

As a homeschool teacher and parent, trips to the library are an essential part of my children’s education, from genealogical research, to Texas history, to physical science, to foreign language, and geography, we have found helpful books on every subject. We have also greatly enjoyed the family activities, holiday parties, contests, and summer reading programs over the years.

The resources available to our community are indeed priceless as they far exceed the books, computers, DVD selections, and more. The atmosphere is as warm and inviting as the staff are tenderhearted. Education and entertainment abound as patrons greet one another with a smile. Your past donations helped create this wonderful environment for our community. I ask that you continue your giving in 2023 to the Robert Lee Brothers, Jr. Memorial Library Fund.

Blessings,



Hannah Rinehart
President, Friends of the Library

U.S. BILL OF RIGHTS

The following text is a transcription of the enrolled original of the Joint Resolution of Congress proposing the Bill of Rights, which is on permanent display in the Rotunda at the National Archives Museum. The spelling and punctuation reflects the original.

Amendment I
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II
A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III
No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV
The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V
No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

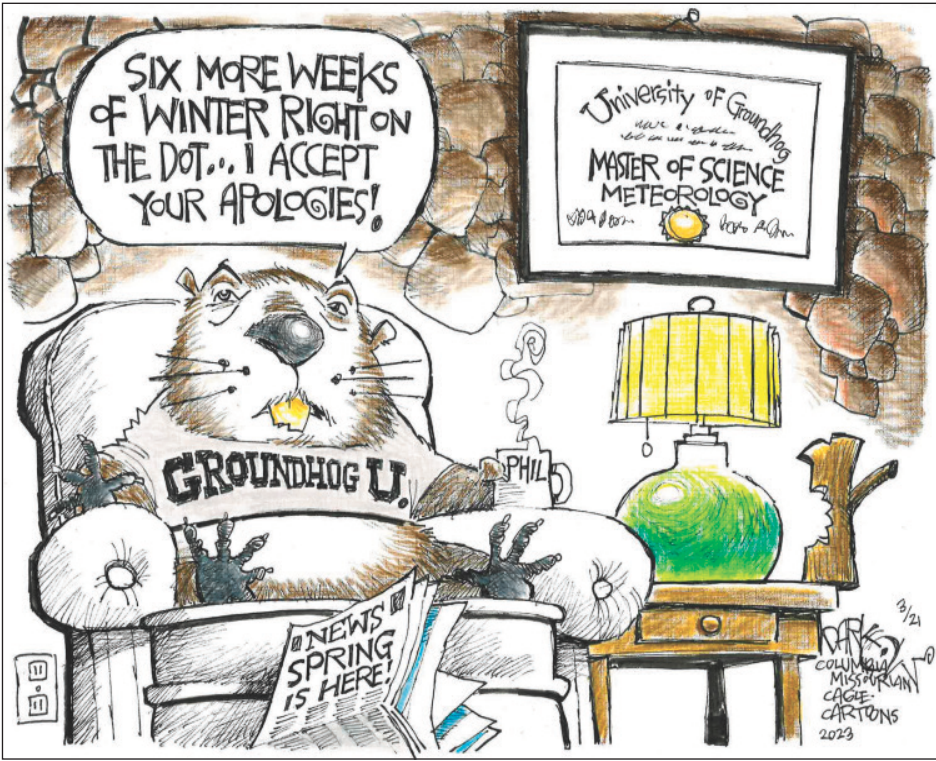
Amendment VI
In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Amendment VII
In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII
Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX
The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X
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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Beyond the game ...

The Texas High School Coaches Association — organized by 28 coaches in 1930 — now has a membership of some 24,000. It also has an education foundation that introduced the “Grant Teaff Coaching Beyond the Game Award” a decade ago.

If it’s not the most coveted, it should be, this award made annually to a coach who has most impacted the “team, school and community” far beyond sports.

Teaff — transforming the Baylor University football program into prominence a half century ago — himself was an honoree. Now, add Jeff Dixon to the list....

Dixon retired last spring after 37 years of coaching football, the last 17 at Alvarado High School, where numerous previous coaches had experienced limited success.

He led his teams to 12 straight play-offs, and later, when athletic director duties were added, other sports began to shine.

He’s cut from the same cloth as legendary “Rusty” Russell, who led Masonic Home to phenomenal high school football glory. Remember the recent popular movie, Twelve Mighty Orphans?.....

Folks who know Dixon best believe his mission of molding young men into productive citizens is far more important than the x’s and o’s of the game.

They didn’t figure his “retirement” would last long, and it didn’t. Recently, he was named head football coach at Fort Worth’s Southwest Christian High School.

At age 59, his passion to help youngsters is rekindled....

Dixon, as humble as any person I’ve ever known, is soft-spoken, not given to hyperbole. Even in his 20-minute acceptance speech for the Teaff award, he spread credit liberally to others who’ve inspired him, including Amanda, his wife of 38 years, and children Tyler, Maggie and Faith.

He briefly referenced his deep concern for a second-team running back at Katy High School who ran afoul of the law back in 2000. Caught up in the drug addiction all around him, An-ansi Flaherty pled guilty to murdering his mother....

Dixon understands that the then 18-year-old needed to pay for the horrible misdeed, but the youngster’s plight has always clouded his mind. “He has been so alone,” the coach said.

Anansi — who never knew his father and has spoken with him just once—had been warehoused alone as a sophomore in a shabby apartment near the high school. He spent most of his extra hours hanging around the coaches’ offices, choosing to be there than alone in his apartment.

Dixon advised Anansi to plead guilty, who was sentenced to 30 years in prison. Dixon and his family have been his only visitors during these past two decades of confinement. They’ve provided money, sent basic-need items and regularly replaced Bibles....

Kevin Sherrington, veteran sports-writer for the Dallas Morning News and arguably the best since Dallas’ Blackie Sherrod, learned about An-ansi and the Dixons.

He wrote a touching piece in 2008. (The column free link is: https://speakerdoc.com/columns/Scan_0223.pdf).

It centers on Anansi’s positive approach while serving time. Clearly, Dixon and his family “rubbed off” on the now 39-year-old who has served 20 years and is now eligible for parole....

Anansi and Jeff have exchanged hundreds of letters, plenty for a book Anansi hopes to write one day.

He references the many ways he has been befriended, perhaps most


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There is a highway that starts in Alaska and ends at the southern tip of Argentina in South America. Or does it start in Argentina and end in Alaska? It depends on your point of view.

This silly news article is about Popcorn declaring itself the best movie snack. This is Popcorn's viewpoint. Clearly not everyone has the same opinion, so the reporter interviewed a couple of other snacks to get their point of view.

Standards Link: Understand point of view.


Which movie snack does Red Licorice think is the best?

Why?

Which movie snack does Chocolate Mints think is best?

Why?

If you were interviewed for this article, what would you say?



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SNACK STARS DAILY

IS POPCORN REALLY THE BEST MOVIE SNACK?

By Reed Enwright
STAFF REPORTER

HOLLYWOOD — In an interview Tuesday, Popcorn declared itself the best movie snack in the world.

“Not to brag, but I’m the best-selling movie snack of all time. Obviously, people really love me!”

While signing autographs for fans, Popcorn added, “I’m crispy, buttery, salty and delicious. I’ve been a movie tradition for generations!”

Red Licorice was asked to comment on Popcorn’s statement. “It’s true that movies wouldn’t be the same without Popcorn,” Red Licorice said. “But with all that crunching, Popcorn can be kind of noisy. I’m sweet, tasty and *quiet*, which is good in a movie theater.”

After hearing Red Licorice’s comments, Chocolate Mints said, “I’m quiet, too. And I’m in a box that you can close and



take home if you don’t finish during the movie. I’m delicious and convenient.”

Dismissing concerns about noise, a confident Popcorn replied that “people with good manners know how to eat popcorn quietly in a movie theater.”

“Besides,” Popcorn added with a grin, “Chocolate Mints can melt in a warm car ride home. Popcorn never melts.”

Graph It!

Ask some friends which movie snack they like the best and why. Then write a short article explaining which movie snack is the favorite among your friends. Make a graph to show your results.



POPCORN	RED LICORICE	CHOCOLATE MINTS

Standards Link: Display data in graphs.

What's Outside the Picture?


Look at a photo in the newspaper. Cut it out and glue it in the center of a blank piece of paper. Think about what is outside the edges of the photo. Draw or list what you think is outside what you see in the photo.

Standards Link: Use visual cues to understand points of view.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Choose a Photo

The photos that go with a news article can give more information and create a feeling about a news event. Which photo would you choose for the above article? Cut it out and glue it into the box in the article above.



Standards Link: Understand point of view using visual cues.

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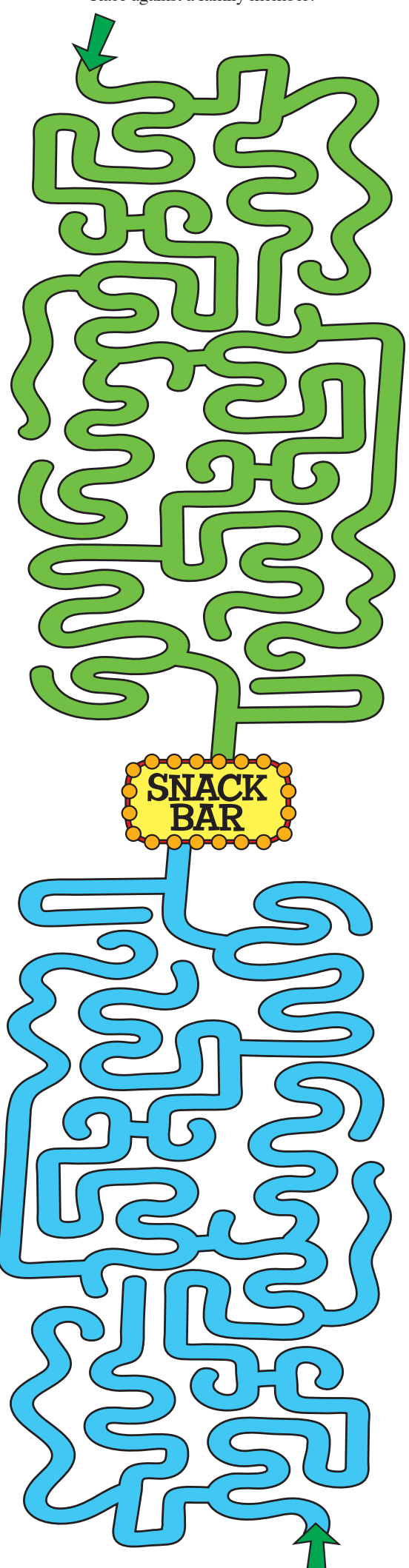
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Mustangs close out non-district slate with win over Brentwood

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs varsity baseball squad hosted the Brentwood Christian Bears for their final non-district contest Thursday, March 16.

The Mustangs rebounded from their loss to Poth two days prior, and quickly minimized the errors to beat the Bears, 7-4.

“When we played Poth, we made fewer mistakes in the second inning and they’re good hitting turned into five runs. When we played Brentwood today, we made maybe one or two mistakes, and they’re good hitting turned into three or four runs as opposed to seven runs after that is the difference between when you don’t give good ball clubs runs you chance,” Nixon-Smiley head baseball coach Jordan VanAuken said.

The Mustangs bats came alive as they took a commanding 6-1 lead into fourth inning. Senior Bradyen Martinez got on the board from RBI single by freshman Julian Amaya in the bottom of the first.

Tyler Barillet added more fuel to bats as he recorded a two-RBI triple with Martinez and Orlando Flores scoring in the bottom of the second.

“I saw hit the gap and go past the right fielder in the

centerfielder. And I knew that today we were going to have the right energy, the right mindset. And I just knew that that was gonna push everyone towards the right way. So it helped us get to win,” Barillett said.

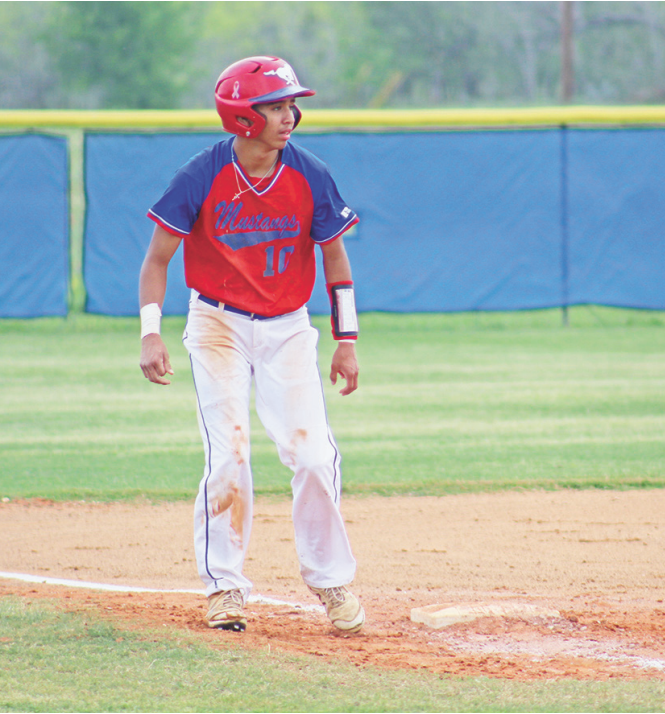
Martinez said his hits against the Bears and his speed helped him score the runs his team needed to win.

Nixon-Smiley hosted the Randolph Ro-Hawks for the district openers Tuesday, March 21.

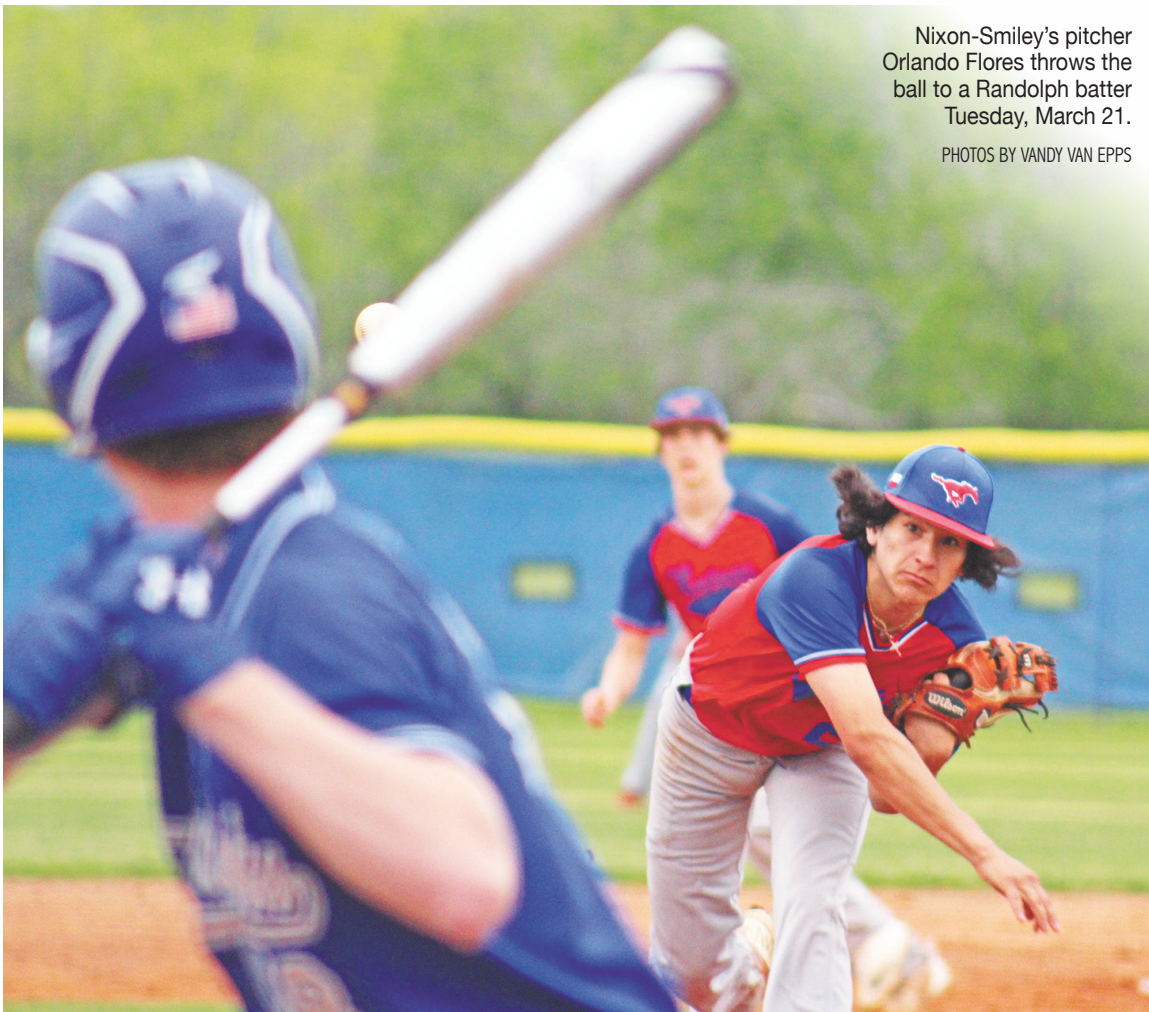
VanAuken hopes that the teams that they faced in the tournaments and non-district games gets the team ready for Randolph and a tough district.

“District games are battles, no matter what the level of the team everybody gets up for district games. So I anticipate them [Randolph] to be really, they’ve been playing really well. So I anticipate them to throw their best arm and we’re gonna just go out there and try to put balls in play and win that game,” VanAuken said.

“I’m just excited to play meaningful baseball. These [non-district] games they matter because we want to win them and we want to get better; district plays is about winning games and moving on we’re going to try to do every single day is a winning game and moving on.” VanAuken concluded.



Mustangs senior outfielder Brayden Martinez on third base for Nixon-Smiley in the final non-district game against Brentwood Thursday, March 16. Martinez recorded two runs in the 7-4 win over the Brentwood Christian Bears.



Nixon-Smiley's pitcher Orlando Flores throws the ball to a Randolph batter Tuesday, March 21.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Mustangs win district opener over Randolph

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs varsity baseball squad kicked off district play at home against the Randolph Ro-Hawks Tuesday, March 21.

After weather soaked Randolph's field, both teams agreed to switch locations, just like the softball teams.

The Mustangs beat Raldolph in the district opener, 14-4, in six innings, joining the Lady Mustangs softball team to start district 1-0.

Nixon-Smiley head baseball coach Jordan VanAuken knew Randolph was a good team to square off against, especially their left-handed pitcher.

“We were geared up and then we have the scheduling change. The coaching staff has been out here all day trying to get it [the field] ready and very happy that the kids came out. And even with a little bit conflict here with the weather they came on, they just played baseball,” VanAuken said.

VanAuken wasn't too worried about his players or their thoughts of the weather because they know to prepare for anything.

“I was worried just because I was little antsy getting to play the game and everything. But it worked out so I can't complain,”



Freshman third basemen Julian Amaya on first base for the Nixon-Smiley Mustangs against the Randolph Ro-Hawks Tuesday, March 21. Amaya contributed to the win with a RBI double in the bottom of the first.

VanAuken said. “The weather throughout the day stop and sputter and stop and sputter. And it was very nerve wracking to wait. But I’m glad we got it in. And I’m glad we played the way we did.”

The Nixon-Smiley bats came alive against the Ro-Hawks, getting on base multiple times.

Freshman third basemen Julian Amaya got on base with a RBI double and was walked two times.

Amaya said it felt good to contribute to the offense and his team did a great job putting the offense on Randolph.

Senior Orlando Flores and junior Tyler Barillet combined

with nine strike outs against the Ro-Hawks.

Flores said he and Barillet knew this was a really good team and they both hit their spots when they needed to against the Ro-Hawks.

“I think our pitchers do a really good job of throwing strikes and working pitch counts and throwing it where we want to so that our defense can position themselves in a manner in which they know the ball is going to come to them,” VanAuken said. “They do a good job keeping the ball outside. I was really happy and pleased with the plays we’re making, and we just got to keep getting better every single day.”

The Mustangs will host the defending district champion Marion Bulldogs Friday, March 24, and VanAuken and his team knows they are the standard baseball program in the district.

“They have played really well. They’re very solid, and they’re well coached. So we’re gonna give them our best effort. And I think we’re a pretty good baseball team too, but I know they’re gonna be a pretty good baseball.” VanAuken said “So, we’re just gonna go out there and expect to have to play really well and that’s our expectation every game.”

First pitch for the Marion game is set for 7 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Lady Mustangs blow out Lady Ro-Hawks in district opener

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

District softball season has arrived for many teams in the state of Texas. That includes the Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs as they hosted the Randolph Lady Ro-Hawks on Tuesday, March 21.

The Lady Mustangs' bats came alive as they beat Randolph, 19-1, in three innings, due to the run rule.

Head softball coach John Hoelter said his team did a great job putting the ball in play. He talked about how the pitching was going to be slow from Randolph, but his team still scored as they talked about in practice.

Senior Mady Velasquez and junior Nichole Ivey contributed to the offense with two home runs in the bottom of the first; Ivey hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the first and Velasquez hit a two-run homer.

“We need our offense going. Our offense controls a lot of our defense, so getting that rally going, it helps on defense and shutting them down. So when you have a good offense and you have a shutdown defense, it leads to a good team win like this,” Velasquez said.

Ivey said it was amazing how the offense was “on fire” and she was proud of everyone who contributed to the offense.

Velasquez, who was pitching, struck out six batters in two innings, while junior Kendall Amaya struck out two. “Our pitchers put in a lot of work, so



Lady Mustangs senior shortstop Mady Velasquez focuses on defense against Randolph in the district opener. Velasquez recorded a two-run homer in the bottom of the first and a 2RBI triple in the bottom of the second in the 19-1 win over Randolph.

it's good to come out here and have some decent strikeouts and know that our defense is backing up our pitchers at all times,” Velasquez said.

The Lady Mustangs will take on the Marion Lady Bulldogs Friday, March 24 at home. Marion finished second last season behind Nixon-Smiley, and Hoelter and his team are going take it one step at a time.

“Every wins is a big win. I don't care who you play and you just take one game at a time and just go from there,” Hoelter said.

First pitch for the Marion game is set for 6:30 p.m.



The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs walk back to the dugout after celebrating Mady Velasquez's two-run homer against Randolph Tuesday, March 21.

--STATS--

WP: Mady Velasquez (9-3) 2 IP; 6 K
Kendall Amaya 1 IP; 2 K
M. Velasquez 3-3; 3 R; 4 RBI; HR
Hailee Houseton 2 R
K. Amaya 2-2; 3 R;
Mary Kate Garcia 2-2; 2 R; 3 RBI
Emily Granados 3 R; 1 RBI
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Advertisement for Bids City of Gonzales Gonzales, Texas 2022 STREET IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Separate sealed bids addressed to the City of Gonzales (OWNER) clearly labeled “ATTENTION: CITY SECRETARY, 2022 STREET IMPROVEMENT PLANS” will be received at Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, until **2:00 o’clock p.m.** on **Thursday, April 13, 2023**, and then publicly opened and read aloud immediately.

This project includes approximately 4,950 SY of pavement milling, installation of approximately 12,375 SY PetroMat and the installation of approximately 12,375 SY of 2” HMAC over entire length and width of project streets (St. Lawrence Street and a small portion of Church Street) and replacement of approximately 2,466 LF of curb & gutter and installation of 1,272 LF of valley gutter and driveway approaches, sidewalks and curb ramps along these streets. This project also includes bid alternates for the installation of several curb inlets and 372 linear feet storm sewer pipe.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Agreement, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Special Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Technical Specifications and Plans, together with any Addenda are available at Doucet & Associates, Inc., 829 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, (512)583-2672 and online at <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/government/bidrfp>. Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be examined and purchased for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00, or electronic versions can be obtained upon request free of charge. Please send requests to kschauer@doucetengineers.com.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier’s check or certified check upon a national or state bank in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total actual bid price payable without recourse to the City of Gonzales, or a bid bond in the same amount from a reliable surety company as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute required performance and payment bonds.

The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; however, the right is reserved, as the interests of the OWNER may require, to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informality or minor defects in bids received. Bids may be held by the City of Gonzales for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the opening for Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

There will not be a pre-bid conference; however, contractors shall make their own individual site inspections and/or investigations to make themselves aware of existing conditions/issues. Failure to make adequate observations and/or ask questions shall not be grounds for requesting additional work or services. Questions shall be forwarded to J. Keith Schauer, P.E., 829 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, (512) 583-2672, kschauer@doucetengineers.com , by 5:00 o’clock p.m. Monday, April 10, 2023.

This project is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Attention is called to the requirements of this funding outlined under Statement Regarding Compliance with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule and Final Rule, particularly the requirement of paying not less than the prevailing Davis-Bacon and Related Acts wage rate specified in the contract documents. These rates are minimums to be paid during the life of the contract. It is therefore the responsibility of the Bidder to inform themselves as to the local labor conditions.

In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, age or national origin, and other civil rights requirements.

The City of Gonzales is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City strives to attain goals for compliance with Federal Section 3 regulations by increasing opportunities for employment and contracting with Section 3 residents and businesses where feasible.

Contractors who apply or bid for an award of \$100,000 or more shall provide the required certification that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 USC 1352.

Conflicts Disclosure Statement. (Sec. 176.003 in Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code)

- a. A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:
 - 1) The vendor enters into a contract with the local governmental entity or the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; and
 - 2) the vendor:
 - I. has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and the vendor has been executed; or (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;
 - II. has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that: (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and the vendor has been executed; or (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor; or has a family relationship with the local government officer.

(a-1) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement if relation to a gift accepted by the officer or a family member of the officer if the gift is: (1) a political contribution as defined by Title 15, Election Code; or (2) food accepted as a guest.

(a-2) A local government officer is not required to file a conflicts disclosure statement under Subsection (a) if the local governmental entity or vendor described by that subsection is an administrative agency created under Section 791.013, Government Code.

- b. A local government officer shall file the conflicts disclosure statement with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than 5 p.m. on the seventh business day after the date on which the officer becomes aware of the facts that require the filing of the statement under Subsection (a).

City of Gonzales, Keith Schauer, Contracting Officer Representative and Project Engineer, September 8, 2022.

All contractors/subcontractors must have a current SAM registration and all contractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of the Transportation Code Chapter 683 this is notice to the owner and lien holder of the following vehicle impounded item that you have 20 days after this notice to reclaim the item upon payment of towing and storage charges accrued by the impound facility. Failure to do so is a waiver of all your right, title, and interest in the item and consent to sale of the item at a public auction.

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USDA-Farm Service Agency Notice of Availability Poultry Farm, Texas Draft Environmental Assessment

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces they will be completing an Environmental Assessment for the construction of a poultry breeder farm located at 1192 CR 229, Gonzales, TX 78629. The primary objective of the activity is to construct an integrated poultry breeder farm on 13 acres within a 115.4 acre tract to house approximately 44,000 birds under contract with Tyson.

FSA is accepting comments on the potential effects of the proposed project on protected resources and the human environment through April 1, 2023. Information regarding this project can be reviewed in person at the Gonzales County FSA Office. Comments should be submitted to Katie Jolander at 999 Fleming Dr., Seguin, TX 78155 or by email to katie.jolander@usda.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE

VB BTS II, LLC is proposing to construct a 260-foot tall (overall height) self-supporting lattice telecommunications structure located off County Road 302, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas (N29° 24' 38.9"; W97° 22' 27.8"). The tower will be lit with FAA Style E lighting. VB BTS II, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Annamarie Howell, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004 or via email to publicnotice@eca-usa.com. Ms. Howell can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x 405 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

In addition, any interested party may also request further environmental review of the proposed action under the FCC’s National Environmental Policy Act rules, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. This request must only raise environmental concerns and can be filed online using the FCC pleadings system at www.fcc.gov or mailed to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554 within 30 days of the date that notice of this proposed action is published on the FCC’s website. Refer to File No. A1238712 when submitting the request and to view the specific information about the proposed action. 23-000642/CVG

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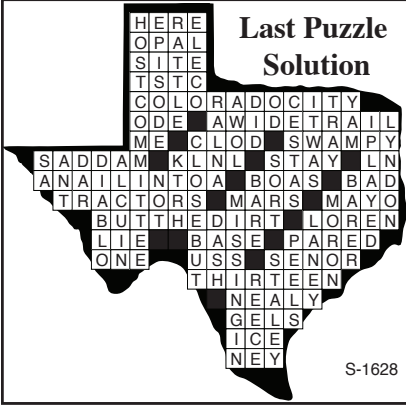
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stone with a come and go open house and ribbon cutting involving the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture on Sunday, March 19, at the Riverside Community Center, 200 Saint Lawrence St.

While Pilot International began as a women's only organization for business professionals, it has now expanded to include everyone with clubs across the globe. The primary focus of the club is brain awareness and how people of all ages can care for their health. They have a strong focus on traumatic brain injuries.

Our local club has been instrumental in conducting a lifeline program at a time when there were no other emergency programs for seniors in the 1980s and early 1990s. More recently, the club began hosting Brainminder's puppet shows, aimed at children to teach them about bike and water safety, and anti-bullying.

The Pilot Club of Gonzales is proud to be the sponsor of the Gonzales Anchor Club, their student partners. Pilots offer leadership training, community service opportunities and scholarships to and through their Anchors to encourage the



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The Gonzales Pilot Club celebrates 50 years of service in the community with a ribbon cutting ceremony and sign proclamation by Gonzalez Mayor Steve Sucher. LEFT to RIGHT: Lorrell Wright, Melissa Henderson, Liz Massey, Kayla Craven, Megan Perkins, Sheila Wright (charter member) Becky Thorn, Scottie Beth Baker, (district governor and pilot club of of gonzales secretary), Cheryl Atkinson (district anchor Cordinator and GHS anchor advisor), Nancy Logan (Pilot Club of Gonzales director), Pat Anders-Ryan (pilot club of gonzales president), Linda Vaclavik, (pilot club of gonzales president elect), Martha Jimenez, Lois Willmann (charter member), Genora Young, Jami Kay Owens, Daisy Scheske Freeman, and Mayor Steve Sucher.

next generation of leaders to continue the Pilot principles.

While looking back on 50 years, charter member Sheila Wright stated her fondest memories include "shared goals and gaining new friends with my fellow Pilots both locally and across the country as we worked together to make our communities and world a better place."

As the Pilots look toward the future, they are excited about upcoming projects. The Pilots have partnered with the Gonzales Lions Clubs to bring an Inclusive Playground to Gonzales at the Lions Park. This continues another principle of working to make our community more acces-

sible for all. They are also starting a scholarship for nursing students in memory of Pilot member Melanie Wright, RN, through a 5K to be held Sept. 16 in Gonzales. In addition, they are grateful to be part of Project Graduation once again, a program they originally brought to Gonzales in 2002 to provide a safe place for seniors on graduation night.

The Gonzales Pilot Club meets at Riverside Community Center the second Wednesday of each month at noon. Charter member Lois Willmann has faithfully been the chair of the committee overseeing the restoration and upkeep of the building.

"When my husband first suggested we meet there I thought he was crazy, then Morris Keck from the evening Lions suggested it also, I took it as a sign from God. That was 40 years ago" Willmann said.

As a long time Pilot herself, Pat Anders-Ryan, the club president, is pleased to be serving the year of the club's 50th anniversary. "As we celebrate years of service to Gonzales, we look forward to the next 50 years. We invite everyone to come see how you can be apart of the wonderful growth and exciting future ahead."

For more information, go to facebook.com/GonzalesPilotClub.

NEWBURY

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thankful for the countless Bibles the Dixons have sent him.

Now a passionate Christian, he tries to protect the scriptures, but others in confinement remove the pages to use for rolling drugs and such....

In one letter, he wrote of dreams about his release that was denied earlier this year when eligibility for parole was reached. He — and the Dixons — are undeterred.

He wants to live near the Dixons when he achieves parole, calling them "the closest thing to family I've ever known." The family urges him to keep his head up. He does, and they do....

In 1986, I was privileged to hand Howard Payne University diplomas to Jeff and Amanda.

The usual wording about "privileges and responsibilities" were printed thereon.

The privilege was mine....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, has written weekly since 2003 and continues to speak c Texas. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Facebook: Don Newbury

SMILEY

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from the March 15 meeting. Akers will be appointed at the next Smiley City Council meeting in April.

"I've been doing municipal work for more than ten years, I graduated from law school in 2012," Akers said. "I only help small cities."

Akers also serves on the board of directors for the Pedernales Electric Cooperative as the director for District 7.

The City of Smiley is also providing seven additional radios to the Smiley City Marshal's department, costing \$8,000 a piece. Three radios will be transferred from the Marshal's inventory to the Smiley Volunteer Fire Department.

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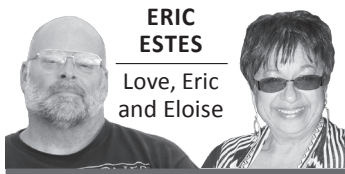
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Spring is King

Howdy y'all, or, I bid thee good morrow (good morning, or tomorrow) in proper Old English. It seems that after our recent time change, I'm not quite sure where I stand on the timeline, as like most of us, I'm still adjusting. It does remind me though of a great movie I saw a long time ago called Somewhere in Time (1980), starring Christopher Reeve and Jane Seymour. An absolute must see for those romantics at heart, which Eloise understood that I was, because according to her, I was just her squishy/cuddly love pillow. That's right, who loves you baby?

I know you've heard it before but, I just love springtime. I just came in from mowing and honestly, the temperature, combined with the breeze, wildflowers, butterflies and bees made me smile so much my face hurt. Reminds me that as a kid my mom would often tell me to quit making weird faces exclaiming: what if your face stayed that way? My reply: Like yours did? Ok, I know, I'm grounded again. Yep, as a young (then old) lad, my mouth got me into plenty of trouble, eventually causing me to enjoy "Time Out". Any-hoo, in my book... Spring is King...so get out and get you



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

some! After just discussing with someone this morning about how weird life is; the good, the bad, and the mysterious, it got me to thinking. We've probably all heard the saying that when it rains, it pours. Life seems to follow this rule pretty well. Whether we find ourselves currently in a particularly good or bad spot, situations definitely don't seem to follow an evenly timed pattern. More often than not, both good things and/or rough patches seem to come in clusters. So when they're running on the good side, enjoy them to the fullest. But, when things aren't going so well, remind yourself that they're only temporary and that they too shall pass. As God reminds us through Proverbs 17:3 "In the same way gold and silver are refined by fire, the Lord purifies our heart by the tests and trials of life." Personally, I don't like tests and trials, but being as I'm a somewhat slow learner, I guess they've served a purpose. Is it kinda hot in here, or is it just me?

When I was about six years old my dad, after years of ongoing marital challenges with my mom, decided to reenlist in the Army, and was accepted into the warrant officer training program. Having

some time before leaving, he decided he wanted to try skydiving. He enrolled in an eight week course, and for the summer months I was able to spend weekends with him at the training field. I loved not only spending time with my dad, but many families came together with plenty of children in attendance, playing together while watching skydivers jumping and landing right in front of us, as lunch was served fresh off of the many grills near by. After successfully completing the course, his initiation into the fold was to have his chute thrown open as the wind dragged him down-field. Many bumps and bruises later and finally ready to make his first jump with the other graduates, the pilot took the plane up for a test flight before loading the jumpers. The next thing we saw was the plane on fire, crashing into the field next to us, sadly killing the pilot. A horrifying day for everyone there. Later, my dad realized that taking up skydiving right before going into officer training was an irresponsible decision, one he regretted, but fortunately (this time), worked out in his favor. I think we've all made decisions we've regretted later, I guess the key is to give adequate thought to potential situations before we just go jumping into them...yep, pun intended! Stay safe, love you guys, Eric.

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Congregations of the Tri-County Cooperative Ministries, ELCA will observe Holy Week and the Easter Celebration will soon be here.

Palm Sunday, April 2 will have us remembering that day when Jesus enters Jerusalem with the waving of palm branches and hearing shouts by the crowds "Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

We will gather for Maundy Thursday services, celebrating the Sacrament and remembering that night when Jesus gathered with His disciples and instituting the Lord's Supper. And then Good Friday, when people of faith recall the great suffering Jesus endured and the death that came on the cross. And our Jesus goes

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BARBARA “BONNIE” JOAN SAWICKI TOLBERT

Barbara “Bonnie” Joan Sawicki Tolbert, 81, of Gonzales, Texas, entered peacefully into the arms of her Savior on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 surrounded by her family.0

Born on June 14, 1941 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, daughter of the late Stanley W. Sawicki, Sr. and Wanda B. Gorosz Sawicki, on February 24, 1961, she married Gordon Lane Tolbert of San Antonio, Texas.

Bonnie was a 1959 graduate of Stratford High School, Stratford, Connecticut. After graduation, she worked as a stenographer and secretary, and raised their three children while Gordon served in the U.S. Coast Guard. In 1974, they moved to Gonzales, TX. She and her husband shared an entrepreneurial spirit and founded Property Research and Documentation Service, Inc. in 1985. Bonnie continued to work until just months prior to her passing. They taught all three of their children the title research business and many of their grandchildren worked with them throughout the years, creating a lasting legacy.

Bonnie’s family was her joy. She loved Jesus and devoted her life to glorify and honor God as daughter, wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend (Prov. 31). From an early age, she taught her children that Jesus is our Savior, taught them how to pray, and did her best to answer their Bible questions (Deut. 11:18-21). She embraced



her Polish heritage by celebrating Christmas Eve and Easter with traditions that focused on Jesus as Lord and Savior. Her kids have fond memories of a clean house, clean clothes, and homecooked meals being on the table like clockwork.

She loved being outdoors whether at the beach, the lake, in the snow or sitting on her front porch watching the children play. She loved animals and always dreamed of having a horse farm. She and Gordon had a small farm, raising goats, chickens, pigs and a calf, and growing vegetables and roses. She especially loved Holstein cows and her house was decorated with a whole herd of them!

When people speak of Bonnie, they say she was sweet, kind and quiet, yet had a quick wit and sense of humor. Her grandchildren say she was the “best grandma/granni/gram-cracker/grandmoo ever!” One special memory they have is the paper grocery bags she would decorate for each of the grandchildren, filled with all their favorite goodies.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon L. Tolbert, brother, Stanley “Lee” Sawicki, and son-in-law, John Burke Anderson. She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Joy Kreusel of San Antonio and Gloria Sawicki of Pennsylvania; her brother, Gerry Saddler and wife, Dee, of South Carolina; her children, Gordon Tolbert and wife, Sharon, Elizabeth Anderson, widow of John, and Suzanne “Jennyfer” Sakiewicz and husband, Ed; 11 grandchildren, Jonathan Anderson and wife, Nicole, Dustin Tolbert and wife, Sally, Jeremy Anderson, Matthew Anderson, Jensen Anderson, Hayley Anderson, Eddie Sakiewicz, Brenton Sakiewicz, Preston Tolbert, Alek Sakiewicz and Jadynd Anderson, and 8 great-grandchildren, Logan, twins Lunaria and Solaria, Girian, Lynx, Ramona, Bella and Jemaria.

A mass in celebration of Bonnie’s life will be held at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Church, 111 Barilla Place, Alamo Heights, her burial at 1:30 pm at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, followed by a reception at St. Peter’s Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a Christian or family services charity of your choice.

To share your condolences please visit Bonnie’s online memorial at <https://gonzalesinquirer.com/obituaries/>

DAVID H. BURROW



David H. Burrow entered the Kingdom of Heaven on March 10th after a life full of love, laughter, adventure, family, fellowship, and guidance at age 86. He was born in Sweetwater, Texas on September 12, 1936. He graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1954 and received his BS, magna cum laude from McMurry University in Abilene, Texas in 1958. He received his LLB from The University of Texas School of Law in 1961 which was later changed to a JD by the University of Texas. He then received his LLM from Georgetown University in Washington DC in 1965. During his three years in Washington DC, he was also a U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) at Fort Meade, Maryland.

David was a trial lawyer, trying to conclusion more than 250 jury trials. Growing up on a ranch in West Texas, he maintained his “inner cowboy” always wearing his cowboy boots and belt even in courtrooms across the State of Texas. He handled a broad array of cases from personal injury, aviation, Jones Act, products liability, railroad law, and numerous explosion cases involving plants such as Philips, Arco, Wyman Gordan, Monsanto, and British Petroleum. He has also been a leader in the field by holding several offices and chairmanships with the American Board of Trail Advocates (ABOTA), American College of Trail Lawyers,

Texas Trial Lawyers Association (TTLA), and State Bar of Texas. David was a trailblazer in many ways within his legal profession and participated in the first mock civil jury trial in Moscow before 75 Russian judges in 1992.

David was an avid outdoorsman always planning his adventure hunting, fishing, or skiing with family and friends. He loved spending time on the Texas coast, Utah, and Wyoming any time of the year enjoying the great outdoors. David was also very passionate about the University of Texas Longhorns. Anything and everything UT. He has maintained his football season tickets and when he could, watched other Longhorn athletic teams. In his later years, he was able to rekindle his cowboy roots at his ranch in Gonzales with his mule, Daisy Mae. Preserving the cowboy way of life through his beloved membership in Tejas Vaqueros and tending to his impressive herd of buffalo.

David was preceded in death by his father, David Hiram Burrow, his mother, Mary Sunshine

Burrow Cook, and his step-father, Henry Cook. David is survived by his son, Brad Burrow of Houston, TX, his daughter Christy Burrow Smidt and husband Randy of New Braunfels, TX, his son Justin Burrow and wife Shelley of Houston, TX and his daughter Laura Burrow Gorman and husband Brent of New Braunfels, TX. He also leaves nine grandchildren: Meredith Burrow, Emma Burrow, Dan Smidt, Ben Smidt, Brayden Burrow, Hadley Burrow, Hutch Burrow, Alex Gorman, and Hunter Gorman.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff at Home Instead Victoria for their loving care and support over the last 9 months.

A celebration in honor of the life of David H. Burrow is to be conducted at three o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, the 31st of March, in the Jasek Chapel of Geo. H. Lewis & Sons, 1010 Bering Drive in Houston. Immediately following, all are invited to greet the family during a reception to be held in the adjacent grand foyer.

In lieu of customary remembrances, memorial contributions may be directed to Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, 2914 Swiss Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204. Please visit Mr. Burrow’s online memorial tribute at GeoHLewis.com where fond memories and words of comfort and condolence may be shared electronically with his family.

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GLENN DAVID WITHERS

Glenn David Withers, 74, of Cost, TX, died at home Tuesday, March 14, 2023. David, or “D” to his grandchildren, was born May 4, 1948 in Lancaster, South Carolina to Samuel Glenn Withers and Ethel Lorene Ross Withers. He came to Texas in 1966 to attend Texas A & I University in Kingsville. There he met Sue Hindman, now his wife of 53 years. David had a degree from A & I in Agriculture and spent his



working life in that field.

David is survived by his loving family, wife, Sue, daughter, Amanda Vega (Joe) of Georgetown, son, Dr. John Withers (Amber) of Cost, brother, Dean Withers (Janel) of Rock Hill, SC, grandchildren, Nathan Withers, Caroline Griffis, Seth Vega, Madeleine Vega, Wyatt Withers, and Joni Withers and great-grandchildren Brock Wynn and Jackson Withers. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will receive friends from 2 pm – 3 pm Sunday, March 19, 2023 in the Gonzales First Baptist Church with a memorial service following at 3 pm with Dr. Josh Breslaw officiating. Honorary pallbearers: Ross and Clare Jane Hendershot, Frank and Suzanne Benes, Greg and Debbie Tieken, John and Susie Barfield, Skipper and Priscilla Irle, Byron and Julie Lester, and James and Mona Lassig. In lieu of usual remembrances, friends may make memorials to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, the Alzheimer’s Association or to the 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.

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03/13/23

• Darby, Travis Spencer, 07/1986, Adkins: Bench Warrant – Theft Property <\$2,500 2/More Previous Convictions; Bench Warrant – Theft Property <\$2,500 2 More Previous Convictions; Released – Returned to Wilson County

• Beene, J’Celyn Dale, 03/2002, Nixon: Local Warrant – Criminal Trespass Habitation/Shelter/Suprfund/Infstrt; Released on \$15,000 Bond

03/14/23

• Ramos, Joseph Ryan, 10/2001, Waelder: Commitment/Sentence – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 >4G <200G; Commitment/Sentence - Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 >4G <200G; Remains in Custody

• Salas Jr., David, 02/1988, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Evading Arrest Detention w/Vehicle; Commitment/ Sentence – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 >4G <200G; Commitment/Sentence – Aggravated Assault against Public Servant; Commitment/Sentence – Tamper/ Fabricate Physical Evidence w/Intent to Impair; Remains in Custody

03/16/23

• Marshall, Daniel Ray, 05/1987, Canyon Lake: Local Warrant – Theft Property >\$2,500 <\$30K, Requires \$5,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

• Martinez, Jose Angel, 12/1995, La Grange: Local Warrant – Assault Family/ Household Member Impede Breathing/ Circulation; Released on \$6,500 Bond

03/17/23

• Martinez, Dominic Angel, 03/2001, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Manufacture Deliver Controlled Substance PG 1 >4G <200G, Released – Weekender

• Lockard, Jacob Duncan, 08/1999, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breathing/Circulation; Remains in Custody

03/18/23

• Brown, Shannon Anthony, 02/1986, Shiner: Assault causes Bodily Injury Family Member; Released on \$3,500 Bond

Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processing’s:	
GCSO	09
DPS	00
GPD	07
WPD	03
NPD	03
GISD	00
SMO	00
Constable 1	00
Constable 3	00
Constable 4	00
DWCSO	00
DEA	00
TPW	00
GCAI	00
Rangers	00
Other	00
Total	22

Actor Sean Astin to speak at Victoria College Lyceum lecture on March 28



CONTRIBUTED

Actor and mental health advocate Sean Astin will speak on Tuesday, March 28 at the Victoria Fine Arts Center as a part of Victoria College’s Lyceum Lecture Series.

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIER

Sean Astin, renowned actor and mental health advocate, will speak at the Victoria Fine Arts Center at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 28 for the return of Victoria College’s Lyceum Lecture Series.

Astin is known for major roles in movies like “Rudy,” the “Lord of the Rings,” and “The Goonies.”

In addition to sharing his experiences in filmmaking, Astin will discuss mental health from a unique

perspective. His mother, Academy and multi Emmy Award-winning Patty Duke, suffered through most of Sean’s childhood with an undiagnosed bipolar mood condition. Once diagnosed, she became a nationally renowned mental health advocate writing books, producing a film, and giving lectures across the country in an effort to help destigmatize mental illness.

Astin has continued to build on his mother’s legacy of advocacy. By

sharing intimate stories and details of growing up in a family where a mental health issue informs everyday life, he guides an audience through practical thinking about the issues from a lay perspective.

The lecture is free and open to the public. General seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information on the Lyceum Lecture Series, call (361) 573-3291 or visit VictoriaCollege.edu/Lyceum.

Proposal submitted for local emergency aid

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIER

The local board for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) is preparing to submit a proposal for Federal funds made available through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency to the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) National Board. EFSP allocation for Victoria County Phase 40 is \$6,619.

Funds will be awarded to

recipient agencies following approval of the local board’s proposal to the National Board.

Local recipient organizations that may participate must be a non-profit, faith based and governmental organizations that provide food, shelter, and supportive services within the intent of the program; use funds to supplement and extend existing resources and not to substitute or reimburse; practice nondiscrimination; must have a Unique Entity ID (this replaces the Data Universal Number

System DUNS number, must have a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN), maintain a checking account in the organization’s name for EFSP deposits, pay vendors directly within 90 days for services provided, submit required reports electronically, and be willing and capable to carry out the program in conjunction with specific federal regulations.

An application must be submitted for Phase 40. The application consists of a letter on the agency’s letterhead explaining the

planned services, how many people expected to be served with the funding, Federal Employer Identification (FEIN) and the Unique Entity ID. The point of contact for questions is Robin Cadle at 361-655-1607 or rcadle@foodbank-gc.org.

Qualified local organizations requesting funds may submit applications to Robin Cadle by 4 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2023. Proposals may be mailed to P. O. Box 5085, Victoria TX 77903 or hand delivered to 801 S. Laurent St. Victoria, TX.

Texas libraries launch local author contest

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIER

The Texas Center for the Book is pleased to join in the announcement of a local author contest that will accept submissions of adult and young adult fiction, to be recognized as the top indie- published e-books in Texas by the Texas Author Project.

Winners in each category will receive \$1,000, as well as:

- Honors at the 2023 Indie Author Day reception
- Opportunities to promote the winning title at Texas public libraries
- Inclusion in a full-page spread in Library Journal,

one of America’s oldest and most renowned trade publications for library news

- Opportunities to earn royalties through the IAP Select collection (ePUB format required for eligibility)

The creation of the Texas Author Project gives librarians not only a chance to engage with a growing group of fresh literary voices, but also an opportunity to play an active role in the discovery and promotion of new works.

For independently published authors, the contest is an opportunity to elevate their careers and expand their readership. Along with the accolade of the award

and its perks, being recognized by librarians creates credibility and visibility in the growing marketplace of digital content and indie-published books. Winning authors will reach hundreds if not thousands of new readers via the library and can also leverage being an award-winning indie author for additional marketing opportunities.

“At the Texas Center for the Book, we seek to celebrate and support the written word,” commented Rebekah Manley, Coordinator of the Texas Center for the Book. “This contest provides an excellent platform for indie-published authors

to showcase their work and receive recognition.”

Each book that is submitted to the contest must be:

- Independently published
- In the category of adult or young adult fiction
- Written by a Texas resident
- Available in either ePUB (strongly encouraged) or PDF format

The contest will accept submissions from April 1 through May 31, 2023. Authors can submit at <https://indieauthorproject.librariesshare.com/texas/>.

For more information contact, support@librariesshare.com.

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ACROSS

1 1983 UH BB team: “Phi Slama _____”

5 TXism: “best I ever wrapped _____ around”

6 a person’s head (archaic)

7 most young ‘uns learn ‘em preschool

8 a Texas negative

9 what the Dallas Stars skate on

12 TX Ginger film: “_____ We Dance”

17 Ralph Waldo

19 resident of western city: “El _____”

21 this Porfirio was a TX landscape artist

22 Mexican general at Battle of Palo Alto

23 Texas stunt pilot Danaher flew in “_____ of the Sun”

28 TXism: “_____ of breathing room”

29 _____ of return

30 Texas-based film: “The Ballad of Gregorio _____”

31 Texas actor, Lee Jones

35 Texas Blue Bell ice cream holder

36 TXism: “he’s _____ big as Texas” (kind)

42 TX A.C. Greene’s “_____ Country”

44 SMU alum TV producer, Spelling

46 self-images

DOWN

1 non-American carrier planes in WWII (2 wds.)

2 _____-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

3 Colorado City is the seat of this country

4 primates

9 TX John Garner said vice presidency “_____ worth a bucket of warm spit”

10 type of Texas grass (2 wds.)

11 TX Nimitz first naval rank (abbr.)

12 pamper place

13 UT humanities & arts Center (2 wds.)

14 largest continent

15 “_____ Maples State Natural Area”

16 TXism: “she’ll be _____ to her own funeral”

18 “_____ Grande”

20 USA continent abbr.

23 UT Heisman winner Earl (init.)

24 wife of JFK sniper (init.)

25 org. that runs pro rodeo circuit (abbr.)

26 “left _____ for future discussion”

27 break a promise

32 TX Buddy Holly’s “_____ Boy”

33 TXism: “sold _____ a bill of goods” (swindled)

34 Gov. “_____” Ferguson

36 TXism: “don’t _____ off half cocked”

37 Baird high school class (2 wds.)

38 “under the _____” (covertly)

39 a Colt was the “gun that _____ the west”

40 TXism: “sticks like tar on _____”

41 chimney residue

43 big truck racing series (abbr.)

45 this Nick starred with TX JoBeth in “Teachers” (init.)

48 more of a “knee knocker”

49 former Texas Oatmeal Festival race: “_____ -Thon”

56 bed support

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SUDOKU

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Answers found in next week’s Classifieds.

TCHATT include teletherapy with licensed therapists, psychiatrists, and psychologists, access and support from social workers, and adolescent substance abuse counseling.

Gonzales ISD currently has six counselors and one mental health counselor. The district also directs students to other local and regional resources, dependent on student and family needs. GISD also partners with other agencies for psychiatric services or resources for physical health.

“GBRA agrees to pay all costs associated with the contract the district (GCUWCD) will execute with SOAH and will deposit with the district (GCUWCD) an amount sufficient to pay the contract amount,” Emily Rogers, attorney for GBRA, said in an email to GCUWCD. “Additionally, GBRA does not intend to further contest the admission as parties those entities and people listed in Judge Stephen Ables’ Revised Order No. 2 and requests that this matter be referred to SOAH promptly.”

The five listed parties moving forward with the contested case include Gonzales County Water Supply Corporation, Mark Ploeger and Sally Ploeger with the Water Production Association, and three sets of landowners: Mary Ann Menning, Ted Boriack, and Phil and Jason Breitschopf.

Readers affected by Western mitigation funding can email the Gonzales Inquirer at publisher@gonzalesinquirer.com to share their comments

block of Smith Street on March 24-25 for the relay. The Gonzales Convention and Visitors Bureau also provided \$2,500 to Lone Star Relays LLC for advertising the event statewide.



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ARREST

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peeked out the front door, paused, then exited the same door,” O’Connell wrote. “Dubose then walked towards officers, when Dubose was within arms distance of officers, he became combative, but was detained. As a result of the search warrant, Dubose, who is a convicted felon, was found to be in possession of multiple firearms and ammunition. Additionally, a second male (roommate) was located in the residence, who was detained without incident.”

A .40-caliber Glock pistol was found loaded with seven rounds of 9mm ammo, including one in the chamber, on a floor freezer next to the front door of the residence. A Smith and Wesson .556 caliber rifle was found loaded with nine rounds of ammo in a 20-round high capacity magazine on the floor of Dubose’s bedroom in plain view.

A Savage .308-caliber rifle, loaded with two rounds of ammo, was located leaning against the wall on the floor in Dubose’s bedroom in plain view. An unloaded Ruger .327 Magnum was located on Dubose’s bed in plain view. An unloaded Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun was located on a bench at the bottom of Dubose’s bed, in plain view, along with an unloaded Stevens 16-gauge shotgun.

Finally, a STI Trojan .45 caliber was found, loaded with six rounds, including one in the chamber, wrapped in sheets in the roommate’s bedroom. Additionally, various ammunition, including shell casings, magazines, a cellphone, one black powder firearm and a flintlock firearm were also located.

When being interviewed after his Miranda rights were read, Dubose told officers the bedroom on the right side of the residence was his and admitted the weapons found in that bedroom were his, but that the Ruger pistol belonged to a female to whom he planned to transfer the weapon.

“Dubose admitted he shot two rounds during the execution of the search warrant with the Glock pistol,” O’Connell wrote in her affidavit. “Dubose admitted he placed the Glock pistol on the floor freezer near the front door prior to exiting the residence. Dubose admitted he was a convicted felon.”

According to the affidavit, Dubose has prior convictions in Gonzales County for terroristic threats, assault against a public servant and attempt to take a weapon from an officer.

Inquirer records show Dubose was found guilty Aug. 3, 2012, of two felony counts – assault on a public servant and attempting to take a protective chemical dispensing device from a public servant (pepper spray).

He received the maximum sentence of 12 years behind bars – 10 years in the penitentiary for assault and 2 years in state jail for attempting to take the pepper spray – and a \$10,000 fine for the February 2011 assault of Gonzales County Sheriff’s Sgt. Patrol Deputy Floyd Toliver.

The government filed a motion to hold a pre-trial detention hearing for Dubose because he is being charged with a felony offense that involves the possession or use of a firearm (including but not limited to felon in possession of a firearm) and that prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Texas believe there is “a serious risk that the defendant will obstruct or attempt to obstruct justice.”

A hearing has not yet been set before U.S. Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Chestney.

Tickets can be purchased at Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, Texas Farm Bureau, and from any Gonzales Noon Lion. For further information call Kristi Posey at (713) 419-5279 or Kris McLain at (830) 263-1114.

BOWLS

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All proceeds go to the Gonzales Christian Assistance Ministry (GCAM) and the Gonzales County Senior Citizen’s Association, which operates Meals on Wheels.

EMPTY BOWL PROJECT HISTORY

Ever wondered how Empty Bowl projects got started around the country? In 1990, a high school art class in Michigan wanted to do food drive and they decided to do something different. They made bowls and served a simple meal of soup and bread.



Shelli Shelton of Purple Cactus Pottery with others have artistically painted/glazed many bowls.

The bowl was to serve as a reminder that some people have empty bowls. It was so successful that it spread nationally and into 14 countries. To have an event with bowls, the only requirement is you have to serve agencies that help the hungry.

Gonzales Noon Lions, with the support of so many community partners, is proud to have this event. Why is it called Empty Bowl? When you go home with your bowl and you see it is empty, remember there are people in this community that have empty bowls.

More than 500 bowls have been made with love by potters from Red Hen Pottery, Luling Ice House Pottery, Purple Cactus Pottery, First Baptist Church, Gonzales Boy Scouts, Spade and Trowel Garden Club, Gonzales Art Group and the Victoria College ALL Program.

A lot goes in to making a pottery bowl. First, the bowl needs to be made either on a wheel or with a slab of clay. The clay must be centered on the wheel just so or it will wobble and you won’t have a beautifully shaped bowl. It takes practice and precision.

These bowls then are ready to be covered in plastic and dried to leather hardness. This can take up to a week. Then the bowl is carefully trimmed and then dried a few more days.

The bowls are carefully placed in the kiln to be bisque-fired at



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After the bowls are made, they are carefully placed in the kiln to be bisque fired at 1,888 degrees, above. This takes 12 hours. After the bowls have been glazed, they are glaze-fired in the kiln. The kiln will reach 2,270 degrees for 15 hours. Left: these are completed bowls.



1,888 degrees. This takes 12 hours. Before glazing, the bowl is carefully washed and then the bottom is waxed to prevent glaze from sticking on the kiln shelves.

After the bowls have been glazed, they are glaze-fired in the kiln. The kiln reaches 2,270 degrees for 15 hours! The glaze-fired bowls are now finished. A lot of time has gone into each bowl. They are each unique and functional as well as microwave, dishwasher and oven safe — beautiful pottery to take home.

SOUP MAKERS AND SPONSORS

The restaurants that are making soup are:

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- Gonzales Healthcare — Pozole
- Come and Crepe it — Mexi-

can Chicken and vegetable

- Fire City Grill — Brisket Stew
- La Bella Tavola/Come and Take It Grill — Chicken and Vegetable
- Yang’s — Egg Drop Soup
- Cow Palace — Potato Soup
- Running M — Chicken Noodle
- Gonzales Elks Club — Taco

soup
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