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Waelder ISD asking voters to approve bond

\$10.3 million package would allow improvements to facilities, security

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Early voting has ended, but polls will still be open from 7 a.m. to 7

p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Waelder Community Center for the Waelder Independent School District bond election.

The district is seeking approval from voters to issue a combined \$10.3 million in bonds to make improvements to district facilities — including for safety and security — as well as to refund principal and/or interest on previously issued maintenance tax notes.

PROJECT A — \$7,100,000

Proposition A, which asks for \$7.1 million, would fund new entrance vestibules at the high school, middle school and elementary, with new storefront doors and electric locks to improve safety. Windows would be replaced with panels in keeping with the “storefront” approach and fire and sprinkler systems would be installed along with updated fire alarms.

A new six-room fifth and sixth grade classroom would be constructed from the ground up, while the original and presently unused gymnasium would be converted into a cafeteria and auditorium, including a stage for theater arts performances, graduation ceremonies, concerts and other activities. This would also improve food service and seating

See **WAELDER**, page 17

VC Gonzales opens HVAC classroom

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Victoria College Gonzales Center hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, April 27, for the opening of the Bill Ruddock Workforce Training Classroom.

The classroom will be dedicated to the Heating, Ventilation, Air Condition (HVAC) courses and under the instruction of Dean Seitz.

See **HVAC**, page 6

NIXON Feather Fest returns this weekend

BY LEW K. COHN
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Nixon city officials are asking folks not to “chicken out,” but to “flock” to town for the 2023 Nixon Feather Fest on Cinco de Mayo celebration, to be held this Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6 at the Nixon Community Center, 302 E. Central Ave.

However, if you are coming to the festival, be aware — it’s a cash only event. So make sure you have plenty of dinero on hand so you don’t leave in

See **FEATHER FEST**, page 6



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Paisley Gibson rides her horse in the pole event in the rodeo. Gibson joins her friend, Emme Albert as they head to the TJHRA State Finals in their hometown of Gonzales. Emme Albert (left) and Paisley Gibson (right) are both Gonzales locals and TJHRA State qualifiers.

Two Gonzales locals heading to TJHRA Finals

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
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The Texas Junior High Rodeo Association again brings its finals to the JB Wells Park, Arena & Expo Center in Gonzales from Sunday, May 21 through Saturday, May 27 and two locals will get a chance to compete at that top level.

Emme Albert and Paisley Gibson, both of Gonzales, qualified for the TJHRA

See **RODEO**, page 17

MAY 6 ELECTION

Q&A WITH THE CANDIDATES

NIXON CITY COUNCIL

The Nixon City Council race will feature 10 candidates seeking three available at-large spots on the Nixon City Council. They are, in ballot order, Justin B. La Fleur (incumbent), Angel De La Cruz, Patsy Vigil Scherrer, Shannon Smith, Michael Martinez, Adolph Trigo, Rene Amaya (incumbent), J.J. Garza, Bryan Williams and Melissa Pompa.

Only three of the candidates responded to a request for candidate questionnaires by the Gonzales Inquirer — La Fleur, Trigo and Pompa. They will be introduced and their responses to our questions will be given in ballot order. The responses have not been edited and are the words of the candidates in their entirety.

See **NIXON**, page 16

NIXON-SMILEY CISD, PLACE 6

The Nixon-Smiley Consolidated ISD Place 6 school trustee race will feature Loyce Adcock-Rice facing off against incumbent Aly Tschoepe on the May 6 ballot.

Only Adcock-Rice responded to a request for candidate questionnaires by the Gonzales Inquirer. Her responses have not been edited and are the words of the candidate in their entirety.

See **PLACE 6**, page 17

MAY 6 ELECTION DAY

Election day voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the following locations:

- City of Gonzales and Gonzales ISD: Randle Rather Building, 427 St. George St., Gonzales.
- City of Nixon and Nixon-Smiley CISD: Nixon Public Library, 401 N Nixon Ave.
- City of Smiley and Nixon-Smiley CISD: Smiley Volunteer Fire Department, 208 N FM 108.
- Nixon-Smiley CISD: Leesville Cemetery Association, 6077 CR 155, Leesville.
- City of Waelder and Waelder ISD: Waelder Community Center, 311 US Hwy 90 W.

Main Street hosts Cinco de Mayo celebration

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gonzales Main Street will present a Cinco de Mayo celebration Saturday, May 6, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Texas Heroes Square in Gonzales. Admission to this family friendly event is free.

There will be music, food and different

See **CINCO**, page 17

TIME TO GROW



David DeMent plants a Texas olive tree along Texas Independent Square along Saint Joseph Street. From spring to fall, these trees produce beautiful clusters of creamy white blossoms with yellow throats that attract hummingbirds.

VANDY VAN EPPS



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GPA's Hernandez to attend Harvard summer institute

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Gonzales Primary Academy principal Dr. Ariana Hernandez is among the 50 school leaders from across Texas selected as the 2023 cohort of educators to attend summer institutes at the Principals' Center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education sponsored by the Charles Butt Foundation, a non-profit pursuing a more equitable and prosperous future for all Texans through education and community partnerships.

With these new cohorts, the Charles Butt Foundation will have paid for more than 1,500 educators to attend training at Harvard through the Raising School Leaders program, an initiative designed to develop stronger school leaders who will enhance the quality of education across Texas. The Charles Butt Foundation covers expenses for the attendees including tuition, travel, hotel, and other discretionary costs for a total investment of more than



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Gonzales Primary Academy principal Dr. Ariana Hernandez will be headed this summer to the Principals' Center at Harvard Graduate School of Education as part of a program sponsored by the Charles Butt Foundation.

\$10 million since the program's inception.

Attendees, including individual principals as well as campus teams, will participate in one of two weeklong workshops on leadership development, coaching, or school turnaround led by Harvard faculty and other national and international experts.

Each program is designed to inspire, challenge, and empower school leaders to bring lasting impact to their campuses and communities, the entire state of Texas, and beyond.

"I am ecstatic and honored to be representing Gonzales ISD at one of the nation's top universities," said Dr. Ariana

Hernandez. "My goal is to absorb all the knowledge and information from industry leaders who are passionate about creating systemic change, which will, in turn, help continue to move Gonzales ISD forward. We promised the community we would work toward Growing Greatness, and by attending the Raising School Leaders program, I am helping take significant strides towards improving our District. I appreciate this opportunity and look forward to sharing what I have learned with my GISD colleagues."

"Great teachers, along with strong school and district leaders, represent the most significant influencers of academic achievement and supportive culture," said Tim Miller, Director of Leadership Development at the Charles Butt Foundation. "Our alumni often report that their Harvard experience is the best professional development they have ever experienced and that they return to their campuses energized, inspired, and empow-

ered to make meaningful change that benefits all students."

For this summer's institutes, preference was given to school leaders from districts that were considered rural or had a student enrollment of less than 5,000.

"As demographics shift in Texas, we recognize that the needs of schools in rural and smaller districts are unique. Creating a space for school leaders in rural and smaller districts to find commonalities, problem solve, and build a network of support is an important component of this year's Raising School Leaders program," added Miller.

Following the Harvard Institutes, attendees remain a part of the program's statewide network of school leaders and are empowered to work together to create change at the campus and district levels. Alumni are sponsored to attend the organization's biannual leadership symposium and receive continuous support and professional development.

New Smiley fire chief sworn in

BY CLAYTON KELLEY
For the Inquirer

After former Fire Chief Billie Egger resigned on April 16, newly appointed fire chief Oscar Montantes was sworn in April 19 at the Smiley City Council regular meeting.

Nixon-Smiley Consolidated ISD Superintendent Jeff Van Auken gave a presentation to the council about five bond propositions totaling \$37,928,850 up for election May 6 for the construction, acquisition, reha-

bilitation, and expansion of career technical education facilities, agricultural and animal science facilities, and other school buildings in the district as well as improvements to sports facilities.

There are also three available Smiley City Council seats up for election and seven people are putting their hats in the ring for the election May 6. Candidates in ballot order are Richard Morgan Forester Jr. (Rick), Diane P. Moreno, Elisa Douglas, Dionicio G. Benavidez (Daniel), Michaela Mills, Lori Price and Michael K. Mills.



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The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation celebrates the completion of business improvements at Remschel Customs with owners Garrett and Tracie Remschel.

Remschel and GEDC celebrate business improvement completion

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On April 18, the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation held a "big check ceremony" to celebrate the completion of the business improvements made to the Remschel Customs facility under the Gonzales EDC's BIG (Business Incentive Grant) Program.

The GEDC approved a reimbursable Business Incentive Grant in the amount of \$72,000 for the improvements that would be made to the Remschel Customs facility. With the help of this grant, Remschel Customs was able to complete a variety of projects, including the installation of a fire suppression system, HVAC installation, and renovation of the showroom and office spaces.

"We are so grateful for the GEDC and the Gonzales Community. This grant has enabled us to make our business more operable and add to its capabilities. We couldn't

do it without the support of the GEDC and we are excited to grow Remschel Customs to benefit its customers and the community. We look forward to working with anyone needing vehicle accessories, fabrication/welding, powder coating and custom metal needs," said owners Garrett and

Tracie Remschel.

The GEDC is grateful to have such a diverse manufacturing industry within Gonzales and cannot wait to see all the great things that are to come from Remschel Customs! Make sure you stop by and check out all of the improvements that have been made!

BYK USA DONATES TO LEGACY RANCH



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BYK USA presents a check to Legacy Ranch Foster & Adoption Agency. The ranch is gearing up for their "Summer Fun Donation Drive." They are collecting summer activity gear like modest swimwear, flip-flops, beach towels, life jackets and sporting equipment, such as basketballs, softballs, frisbees, also sneakers of all sizes. Monetary donations can be made through their website at www.fosterriverranch.com. Also, in the works this year, Legacy Ranch is looking to work with local families who would like to become foster parents. They offer free training on all the state requirements and the next in-person training is scheduled for June. Pictured from left are Susan Simper (BYK), Charlotte Ludwig, Nikki Morton and Lori Benes (BYK).

House passes resolution demanding Swidan release

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed Congressman Michael Cloud's resolution, House Resolution 90, demanding the government of the People's Republic of China immediately release Luling native Mark Swidan.

Cloud, R-Victoria, introduced the resolution in February 2023 to bring Mark Swidan home after 10 years of being unjustly and arbitrarily detained.

"By voting for the immediate release of Mark Swidan, we are sending a clear message that we will defend Americans who are

wrongly imprisoned by authoritarian regimes," said Cloud.

Swidan was tried in 2013 by the Jiangmen Intermediate People's Court with 10 other defendants. After 21 delays, the court found Swidan guilty and sentenced him to death with a two-year reprieve in 2019.

No drugs were ever recovered from Swidan or his hotel room, nor did the Chinese prosecution ever produce any forensic evidence implicating him. Also, records in Swidan's passport indicate he was not in China during the time of the offense, and the other individuals indicted could not identify Swidan.

Celebrations

Birthdays

May 4th Beth Carter Kamryn Harkey Shelby Stamport Shawn Stamport	May 8th Dorothy Granados Khloeanann Granados Brenda Harkey
May 5th Sheila Elstner	May 9th Jamie Ferguson Janie Padilla
May 6th Karen Fougerat Rose Kistler	May 10th Jerrald Murphy George Tealer Carolyn Walton Kortney Wishert

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Gonzales Weather

	May 4 88°/71°	Cloudy, a thunderstorm; warm 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 90
	May 5 89°/71°	Mostly cloudy 11% chance of rain • RealFeel 101
	May 6 86°/68°	A shower and thunderstorm 60% chance of rain • RealFeel 102
	May 7 83°/67°	A couple of thundershowers 56% chance of rain • RealFeel 93
	May 8 82°/67°	A few showers in the morning 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 85
	May 9 84°/67°	Cloudy 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 84
	May 10 84°/65°	Cloudy with a passing shower 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 87

Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

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SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK



LEW K. COHN

The Gonzales County Commissioners Court proclaimed April 30 through May 7 as Soil & Water Stewardship Week. The proclamation notes healthy soil and clean water is a benefit to everyone and effective conservation practices provide soil, water, animals, plants and air that can ensure a rich standard of living. Pictured, front row from left, are County Judge Pat Davis and Commissioners Collie Boatright, Donnie Brzozowski, Kevin LaFleur, and Dell Whiddon. Back row are Gonzales County SWCD Secretary/Treasurer J. D. "Bunkie" Selman, Chairman Phil Breitschopf, and member Lance Benes.

Garden Q&A with CALVIN FINCH



Q. Where do they sell those Porter weed plants you are always bragging about?

A Porter weed is an exotic plant from the Caribbean and South America that has small blooms of several colors that move up weeping stems. They are a favorite nectar producing plant for pollinators, in fact, you can have hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees on the same plant. There are several color and size variants including red (my favorite) blue, and purple. The plants are in high demand throughout the South and sold by many retail nurseries.

Q. We have an unusual problem in that our enclosed worm farm is infested with pill bugs. My wife and I have discussed using the normal baits to control them but think that the sealed nature of the farm will mean the worms will get infested by the bait chemical, even if it is organic! What do you think about using a beer trap?

A. I think that sounds like the most reasonable control option. The trick is issue will be to use some of the limited space for the

sunken cups. Let us know how it turns out.

Q My neighbor had an annual sunflower patch last year and it was just loaded with butterflies and bees seeking nectar. I was going to borrow some of his seeds and plant a patch of my own, but I noticed his new patch has already started blooming! Is it too late for me to plant sunflowers?

A. If you have the seed from his patch and get it in contact with the soil as quick as possible you still have a month for them to germinate. Your favorite nursery may also have seed. Don't wait!

Q. We applied the preemergent Crew on March 1 to prevent the germination of sand burs. It seems to be working but we understand that we should apply a second application. When is the best time? Crew is expensive, could we switch to Dimension?

A. I had excellent control with XL, but I never changed the product, I recommend that you stick with Crew and apply it in early June unless the label says something different.

USDA seeks technical assistance grant applications

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small has announced that the Department is accepting applications to help rural communities expand their capacity to access financial resources to help build or upgrade essential community facilities.

Additional information on these key priorities is available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points>. Electronic applications will be accepted via Grants.gov until 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on June 15, 2023.

Any paper applications must be received by 4 p.m. local time on June 20, 2023.

For additional information, see page 24544 of the April 21, 2023, Federal Register.

LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK

April 29
Cattle: 559
Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold very active. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold steady. Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 250-270; 300-400 lbs., 267-295; 400-500 lbs., 255-261; 500-600 lbs., 215-242; 600-700 lbs., 205-211; 700-800 lbs., 172-188. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 80-115. Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 235-260; 300-400 lbs., 210-230; 400-500 lbs., 209-238; 500-600 lbs., 201-205; 600-700 lbs., 181-195. Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 72-85; Cutters, 92-106; Canners, 52-74; High yielding fat cows, 85-91. Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 119-122; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 105-115. Stockers Cows: \$750 to \$1,700. Pairs: \$1,100 to \$2,600.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

May 1
Cattle - 886
Steers:
200-300 lbs - \$202-285
300-400 lbs - \$214-290
400-500 lbs - \$206-280
500-600 lbs - \$196-240
600-700 lbs - \$182-222
700-800 lbs - \$169-195
Heifers:
200-300 lbs - \$183-235
300-400 lbs - \$184-230
400-500 lbs - \$182-240
500-600 lbs - \$178-230
600-700 lbs - \$1.67-230
700-800 lbs - \$153- 204
Slaughter Cows - \$68-96
Slaughter Bulls - \$96-124

Stocker Cows - \$650-1100
Pairs: \$1335-1550

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

April 28, 2023
Number of head 899
There were 163 cows and 31 bulls. The packer market on cows and bulls could be said as more of the same as prices are in line with last few weeks. Only difference in the highs is the quality of the livestock. It continues to be a very strong market. The calf market was consistent for the third sale in a row. Average price was a little lower but the avg weight was higher resulting in \$9/hd more value per calf. Strong demand continues for a strong market.
Packer bulls: 93.00-125.00
Packer cows:
canners & cutters 85.00-100.00
poor & weak 30.00-50.00
Palpated: 37 bred 110.00-158.00
PAIRS: one \$1,150
Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 200 lbs. NONE
200-249 lbs. 249.00-250.00
250-299 lbs. 252.00-274.00
300-350 lbs. 249.00-290.00
350-400 lbs. 222.00-242.00
400-450 lbs. 214.00-260.00
450-500 lbs. 214.00-254.00
500-550 lbs. 210.00-238.00
550-600 lbs. 201.00-215.00
600-700 lbs. 191.00-244.00
700-800 lbs. 163.00-197.00
Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
Under 250lbs 232.00-270.00
250-300 lbs. 230.00-285.00
300-350 lbs. 212.00-230.00
350-400 lbs. 229.00-270.00
400-450 lbs. 223.00-260.00
450-500 lbs. 219.00-250.00
500-550 lbs. 202.00-238.00
550-600 lbs. 201.00-232.00
600-700 lbs. 187.00-210.00
Over 700 lbs. 164.00-190.00
Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
200-250 lbs. 228.00-250.00
250-300 lbs. 223.00-270.00

300-350 lbs. 206.00-244.00
350-400 lbs. 201.00-234.00
400-450 lbs. 206.00-250.00
450-500 lbs. 186.00-214.00
500-550 lbs. 185.00-225.00
550-600 lbs. 187.00-206.00
600-700 lbs. 177.00-199.00
Over 700 lbs. 155.00-181.00

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Sale date: April 25
Cattle on hand: 1316
Packer Cows:
Canner and Cutter Cows: \$71-98
Utility & Fat Cows: \$68-94
Low dressing canner cows: \$50-70
Poor/Weak: \$40-52
Packer Bulls:
Heavyweight Bulls: \$114-119
Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$100-114
Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$92-100
Stocker Cows:
Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$1400-2700
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$800-1250
Good Cow & Calf Pairs: \$2200-3400
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1150-1800
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:
Number 1 steer & bull calves:
Under 200 lbs.: \$210-295
200-300 lbs.: \$230-295
300-400 lbs.: \$220-290
400-500 lbs.: \$210-265
500-600 lbs.: \$195-244
600-700 lbs.: \$185-215
700-800 lbs.: \$168-197.50
Number 1 heifer calves:
Under 200 lbs: \$190-265
200-300 lbs.: \$185-265
300-400 lbs.: \$190-255
400-500 lbs.: \$185-240
500-600 lbs.: \$180-220
600-700 lbs.: \$172-197.50
700-800 lbs: \$158-185
Replacement Heifers:
350-750 lbs.: \$185-275
The market continued strong

again this week. Demand continues extremely good. No. 1 kinds continue to be a hot commodity. Some of the really fat calves starting to see a little pressure. Packer cows and bulls sold steady on approx. 225 head. The consignment of stocker cows and heifers was very strong with tops of \$3400 on pairs and \$2700 on Breds.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

April 26
Quality of cattle overall good with market steady all the way through on allclasses of cattle
Cattle - 525
Sheep & goats - 899
Medium & large frame #1 Steers: 200-300 lb. 1.05-1.93-2.82
300-400 lb. .45-2.16-2.80
400-500 lb. .60-2.11-2.70
500-600 lb. .85-2.00-2.35
600-700 lb. .95-1.75-2.12
700-850 lb. .95-1.60-1.91
Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:
200-300 lb. .45-1.56-2.34
300-400 lb. .10-1.73-2.38
400-500 lb. .80-1.97-2.29
500-600 lb. .85-1.86-2.28
600-750 lb. .60-1.38-1.90
Cows:
Utility & commercial - 72-86-105
Cutters - 52-63-74
Canners - 60-64-66
Palpated cow - 850-900
Cow/Calf Pairs - 1300
Bulls:
Heavy High Yielding - 1.00-1.10
Light & Low Yielding - 75-99
Sheep & Goats:
Nannies - 50-350
Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.70-3.35
Wethers -2.60-3.20
Billies - 1.60-2.30
Dorp. Ewes - 90-150
Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 1.80-2.45
Wooled Ewes - NONE
Wooled Bucks - 1.10-1.80
Lambs - 1.20-1.67
Barb. Bucks - 250-320

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,
I think the GI did a magnificent job of enlightening registered voters (and others) about their candidates. Thank you very much.

**Jo Ann Leifeste
Gonzales**

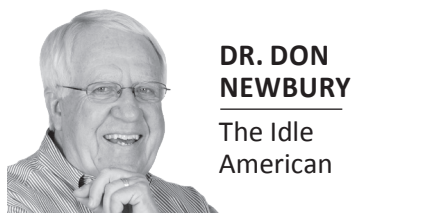
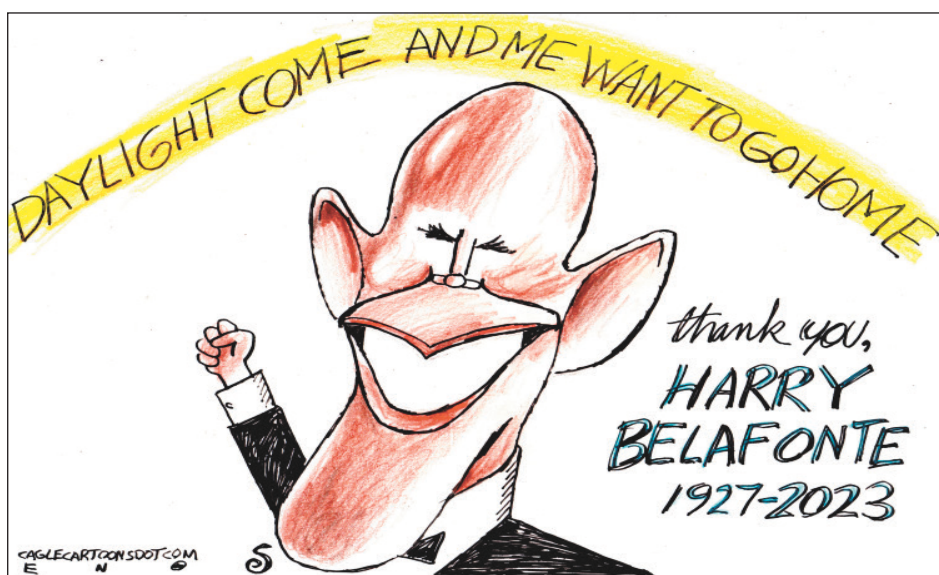
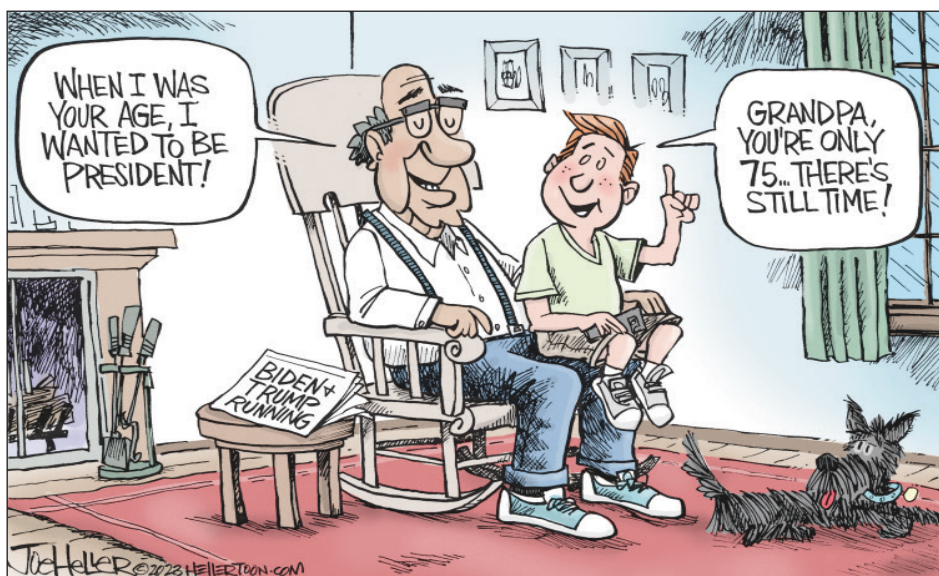
GONZALES CO. HISTORY

- 1832** — May 26, Gonzales survey completed by Byrd Lockhart
- 1886** — May 8, the City passed an ordinance that hogs running loose in town would be confined in a pen and any unclaimed after three days would be sold.
- 1886** — May 13, the bell named "Gabriel" was blessed atop the St. Joseph Catholic Church at the corner of College and St. Lawrence St. (Block 46). A new belfry had been added to accommodate the bell.
- 1909** — May 20, Captain W.D. Green, manager of the Sunset Brick & Tile Company reports that they have made 3,529,720 bricks since January 1 of this year and have another 1,066,000 on the fire now. Many are being shipped to El Paso.
- 1913** — May 22, Hartwell J. Kennard is the only graduate of Gonzales High School
- 1915** — May 3, the Guadalupe Sanitarium, a hospital opened by Dr. Maness and Dr. Schulz, has been leased by Mrs. Alma Porter, a graduate nurse. It will now be opened for the use of all physicians in the area.
- 1922** — May 20, Gonzales High School graduates seventeen students
- 1923** — May 12, first reunion of "Old Trail Drivers" of Gonzales County held under the auspices of Henry Reese, publisher of the Inquirer.

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**
The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.



DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Roll call, 60 years later...

It would be daunting for researchers half his age, but it didn't stop Dr. Ray Van Cleef from reconnecting with his baseball players from six decades ago.

The longtime Texas community college administrator couldn't resist trying. Late in 2022, the search began. At age 94, he employed the usual communications efforts — some of them dead ends — to reach Sul Ross State University baseball players he coached in Alpine, TX, from 1958-1964....

Relying on email, letters, phones and word of mouth, he wanted to reconnect with the 75 athletes he coached. For many, he could find no contact information. A few are deceased, and some simply failed to answer his appeals.

Fifteen responded, however, providing information about their lives, careers and offspring.

"I'm extremely proud of these men, all of whom have contributed positively to society, most of them in leadership positions," Dr. Van Cleef said. "Though they played sports at a small college, they've given much to make a better world!..."

One reason for his determination to identify and showcase his athletes is that he was discouraged by some educators during his junior high years, called "too short," and even worse.

One even tried to talk him out of taking college preparatory classes. A coach, however, was an encourager. Perhaps he was most responsible for Van Cleef's attending Rutgers University, where he played on the baseball team that participated in the College World Series and was named the most valuable player.....

He wants this column to spotlight the athletes, however, not him. It was he, though, who spent countless weeks, even months, collecting data. (I was honored to help get his booklet into final form, and it should be noted that the respondents are joyous that they now have ways to contact their old coach and each other.)

Nutshell wrap-up: Mike Compton, Billy Carthel, Jerry Tyson, Gregg Slape, Wilbur Huckle and Jerry Tyson played professional baseball. Buddy Antwine, brothers Robert and Frank Bice, Leldon Hensley, Ronnie Stephens and Marshall Bise were educators/coaches. Tom Cunningham was in pharmacy; Fred Davis, a State District Judge, and Daryle Gibbens, state insurance executive.

Four are members of the Sul Ross Hall of Honor, including Compton, Slape, Davis and Hudson. Hudson, the first three-sport letterman, was the Lobos' football quarterback, baseball second-baseman and one season was national basketball free throw leader, hitting 90.1%....

Judge Davis might well have considered comedy, what with his experiences on the bench. Among his memories are excuses prospective jurors have used to avoid serving. One stands out. The prospect said he wouldn't be able to serve, since his wife would be "conceiving a baby that day."

"Don't you mean delivering?" Davis countered.

The plea continued. "Either way, I need to be present." Not sure if this worked....

Space prohibits deserved attention to all respondents, but some details must be included. Frank Bice, accomplished life insurance executive and speaker, first coached. His boys' basketball teams averaged 27 wins annually for a decade. Compton — who spent his baseball career with the Philadelphia Phillies — developed an English as a Second Language Program that was eventually expanded for all Latin American players. Carthel provided the greatest individual sports moment for me when I was Sports Information Director at Sul Ross.

I was thrilled when the Lobos had jumped to a big lead over the University of Arizona Wildcats in Tucson. Not surprisingly, the Cats whittled away at the deficit, and in the bottom of the ninth were trailing 11-10, with bases loaded and nobody out.

Frustrated that all pitchers had

Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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

Examples of content that will cause letters to be rejected include the following:

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- Poor taste.
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- Other incendiary language or remarks.
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- Personal attacks.
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During periods ahead of an election, The Inquirer does not accept letters to the editor urging voters to vote for or against candidates in local elections. Endorsements should be displayed

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Only letters written exclusively to the newspaper will be published. Letters to a third party or those written to more than one newspaper are not accepted. "Wallpaper" — submissions that are in large part copied-and-pasted from another author or organization — will not be published.

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MAY 8-12: TIME TO CELEBRATE YOUR TEACHER!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



Hooray for Teachers!

The National PTA celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week with a theme each year. Use the code to discover this year's theme!

■ = A	■ = K
■ = C	■ = N
■ = E	■ = O
■ = F	■ = R
■ = G	■ = S
■ = H	■ = T
■ = I	■ = W

Standards Link: Social Studies: Discover jobs and careers in our community.

Teachers Care

Teachers work hard. They also make learning fun, listen when students are having problems and sometimes even take care of scraped knees and elbows.

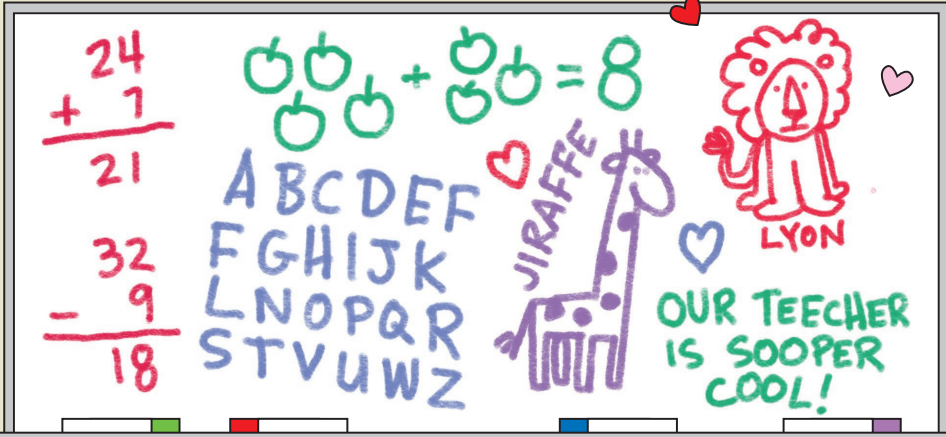
What does your teacher do for you and your classmates?

- Teach
- Listen
- Smile
- Dry tears
- Comfort
- Help Solve Problems
- Clean
- Make jokes
- Talks
- Friendship
- Hugs



Silly Board

Somebody got into the classroom overnight and drew silly stuff on the white board. How many silly things can you find?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Decorate this 'We Appreciate YOU!' award for your teacher!



How many hearts can you find on this page in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most?

Extra! Extra! Teacher Appreciation Ad

Cut out pictures and words from the newspaper to create an advertisement thanking your teacher for their good work!

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Together TEACHER NOTES

Below is a list of quotes that share the wonders of teachers.

Oops! Somebody erased the vowels. Can you replace each missing vowel to find out what the quotes say? You could use some of these quotes in a thank you card for your teacher!

If you can r__d this, TH_NK A T__CHER.

It takes a b_g h__rt to TEACH little m_nds.

TE_CH_RS pl_nt seeds of kn_wledge that gr_w f_rev_r.

A T_ACH_R t_kes a h_nd, op_ns a mind, and t_uches a h_art.

Of all the hard j_bs around, one of the h_rd_st is being a g__d te_cher.

Write On!

I appreciate my teacher because ...

Finish this sentence. Add a few more sentences!

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Teacher, Teacher

Can you find at least 10 differences between these twin teacher pictures?

Have a friend or family member try. Did they find any differences you missed?

Standards Link: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

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

BOARD CARE COMFORT DESK DREW FIND FRIEND HEARTS LEARNING LISTEN SILLY TEACHER THEME WEEK WORK

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

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a “fowl” mood. Feather Fest has been resurrected this year for the first time in seven years. It was once a major event which paid tribute to Holmes Foods and the poultry industry that is prevalent in the community.

The original Feather Fest was a three-day long festival that included a parade, fireworks, music and more, but it went away in 1989 and did not come back for 25 years until 2014, when it was resurrected for two years before again being canceled in 2016.

This year’s festival will feature headlining music from Grammy-winning singer and musician David Farias as well as former professional bull rider turned country musician Jarrod Birmingham of Victoria. There will also be barbecue cook-off, a margarita pour-off, a Mexican open dish cook-off, a salsa showdown, a grito contest, a bull riding contest and cornhole and volleyball tournaments.

The festival will be open from 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, May 5, for Cinco de Mayo. Vendor booth and cook-off team set up is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, May 5, with gates opening to the public at 5 p.m. A coronation will be held at 6 p.m., which is also the time margaritas will be turned in for the margarita pour-off. Salsa must be turned in by 6:30 p.m. for the salsa showdown.

Opening act Conjunto Cats, a band from Seguin who played

at this year’s Tejano Music Awards Fan Fair in San Antonio, will take the stage at 7 p.m. Friday. The Mexican open dish turn-in time is at 7:30 p.m. and Friday night cook-off winners will be announced at 8:30 p.m. with \$25 cash payouts on each.

Then, at 9 p.m., Farias will take the stage. An accordionist and vocalist known for his stints with La Tropa F and Los Texmaniacs, Farias released his debut album with his band El Maestro De La Acordeon on Freddie Records in 2021 and is expected to drop another album sometime this year after suffering a health scare in 2022.

At 10:30 p.m. there will be a grito contest. A grito is a loud, cathartic cry or shout that pays homage to the Grito de Dolores, or the battle cry which was uttered on Sept. 16, 1810, by Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Roman Catholic priest from the small town of Dolores, Mexico, which served as the spark for Mexican independence from Spain.

While the festival is open from noon to midnight Saturday, May 6, things get started early with cook-off teams assembling at 7 a.m. to begin working on pinto beans, fajitas, barbecue chicken and steaks. The stakes are high as the pinto beans and beef fajitas have payouts of \$220/\$120/\$60, while the chicken and steak pay out \$550/\$350/\$100, with the grand champion receiving \$800.

Volleyball tournament regis-

tration opens at 8:30 a.m. with the co-ed tournament starting at 9 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first and second place teams.

Vendors will begin setting up at 10 a.m. and then gates open at noon, the same time as the turn-in time for pinto beans. DJ Trek will be spinning tunes for everyone’s enjoyment. At 1 p.m., it’s time for fajitas to be turned in and bingo will start in the community center. Chicken gets turned in at 2 p.m. and steaks are due at 3 p.m.

Bradley Lindsley will perform at 4:30 p.m., followed by Clint Martin at 6 p.m., which is also when registration opens for the cornhole tournament, which starts at 7 p.m. The bull riding contest begins at 7:30 p.m., which is also when cook-off winners will be announced.

Fools of the Trade, a five-piece band from Seguin, will take the stage at 8 p.m., followed by Birmingham at 10 p.m. Birmingham, who has been compared to Hank Williams Jr. and Waylon Jennings, has himself opened recently for artists like Mark Chestnutt, Kevin Fowler, Cody Morrow and Tracy Lawrence.

Tickets for Feather Fest are \$20 per day per person or \$30 per person for a weekend pass. If you want the ultimate experience, try the \$500 VIP, which includes six weekend passes, 30 drink tickets and access to VIP restrooms and a VIP beer garden.

HVAC

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“I teach anybody that wants to learn air conditioning and the basics, plus I grew up on it, we have a basic form we go off of NCCR certification,” Seitz said.

Seitz and his students work on projects together, and he said together they have taken different parts from different AC units and “made one out of five” AC units.

“We did a hydronic dehumidifier with a water side condenser, with a cooling tower for total display. And my students did all the calculations themselves. I am pointing in the direction and watching, but I’ll let them do it themselves,” Seitz said.

Seitz is excited to have the new classroom for the HVAC program, and he knows there’s a big demand in the field.

“I’ve been in the business now for 38 years. Right now, there’s 600,000 jobs, just for air conditioning people. The trades area — a lot of people don’t want to do it. I don’t know why; it’s very lucrative. To me it’s fun. You’re not stuck working in a building all day. You might be on top of it, underneath it, but you’re not inside it all day,” Seitz said.

Seitz has worked with lots of students during his 10 years with Victoria College and has seen many excel after attending the program.

“One of my students right now is with the Trane Corporation. Eight years ago, he

worked at H-E-B; right now he’s one of the top rouble-shooters for Trane Corporation. And he started out here and I threw the ball; he just kept running with it and he never looked back,” Seitz said.

“HVAC courses are taught by experienced professionals. VC partners with IMSEF, an NCCER Accredited Training Sponsor, to provide NCCER certification to all students who successfully complete our Core Curriculum and HVAC training,” said Melissa Robinson, assistant manager of the VC Gonzales Center.

Illustrated instructional materials and structured classroom activities include: Trade mathematics, Copper and plastic piping practices, Soldering and brazing, Commercial airside systems chimneys, vents, and flues, Introduction to the hydronic systems, Air quality equipment, A study of refrigerants and oils, Compressors, Metering devices, Retail refrigeration systems, Construction drawings and specifications, System balancing, Indoor air quality, Energy conservation equipment and Building management systems.

VC Gonzales Center will have core classes in August and new HVAC classes beginning this September.

For more information, visit the campus at 424 E Sarah DeWitt; contact (830) 672-6251 and email: Gonzales-Center@victoriacollege.edu.



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Conjunto Delta Boyz 7:30pm









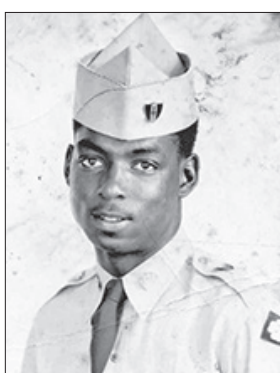







OBITUARIES

ERVIN CARTER



Ervin Carter (US Army ret.) was born February 10, 1935, and died April 29, 2023.

Ervin was born in New Orleans Louisiana to Walter and Rose Lee Carter. He married Ruby Jean Barnes on April 4, 1964.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, siblings; Gloria Lee Carter and Helen Stewart, and children; Walter Fitzgerald Carter, Sandra Marie, Ervin Carter Jr., Barbara Jean, and Wayne Carter.

He is survived by his children Wesley Franklin Carter (Heather), William F. Carter, JoAnn Coleman, and James Carter. He is also survived by his siblings, Earl Junius, Mary Lee, Albert, Irish, Ophelia, Patricia, and

Anderson, and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Ervin served in the US Army for 24 years. He served in Germany, Korea, Vietnam, and various bases around the United States.

After retiring from the Military Ervin and Ruby

settled in Belmont TX where he was a dedicated member and Deacon for St. James Baptist Church.

His memorial service will be held Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 12 p.m. at St. James Baptist Church in Belmont Texas. The visitation will begin at 10 a.m. at the church the morning of the service. Interment will follow in Peaceful Hill Cemetery that adjoins the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. You are invited to sign the guest book at www.treshewell.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Dr., Seguin, Texas 78155, 830-549-5912

ANN BRELSFORD WAGENER



On Friday, April 28, 2023, Ann Brelsford Wagener left this world and entered her Savior's loving arms.

Ann was born July 11, 1930 to George Burgess and Frances Bridges Brelsford in Nixon, Texas. She graduated from Nixon High School in 1948, then spent one semester at Southwest Texas Teachers' College before coming home and marrying her high school sweetheart. She and W. L. (Bill) Wagener were united in marriage August 14, 1949 at the First Baptist Church in Nixon.

Ann worked for a time at Nixon State Bank as a teller before joining Tex-Hens, Inc. and later Holmes Foods as a bookkeeper. She remained there until her retirement in 1999. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Nixon and enjoyed her time with the UMW. She served as Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star. As most of you know, bingo was a favorite pastime, as well as visiting casinos and enjoying the slots. She did enjoy her time spent at the Main Drug having coffee with friends. She loved cooking, gardening and collecting recipes and cookbooks. Watching the Spurs or Cowboys made

her day complete. Nothing made her happier than big family gatherings, the most recent being the Easter celebration held at the family's camp house near Dewville.

Granny Ann put her Lord and her family before anything else. She and Bill had three children, Mimi (Scott) Schendel, Richard and Laura Wagener. She was blessed with seven grandchildren, Chris Schendel, Jaci (Dan) Kelleher, Kalli (Sam) Lindsey, Erin (Tim) Boeder, Brittany (Bill) Scarff, Bryce Wagener and Lance Benavidez. Her pride and joy were her eight great-grandchildren: Colin and Miles Kelleher; Sammy, Ben, and Lucas Lindsey; and Meyer, Brooks, and August Boeder.

Ann was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and her son. She is survived by her daughters, grandchildren,

great-grandchildren and sister Mary Alice Kerr as well as numerous nieces, nephews and wonderful friends.

Visitation will begin on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Nixon followed by funeral services at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Audrey Hewell officiating. Interment will follow in the Nixon Cemetery. The service will be livestreamed on the FUMC Nixon YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/@nixon-fumc2099/streams>.

Serving as Pallbearers will be her seven grandchildren with Thomas Wagener, Hilmer Wagener, Jr., Norman Coleman, Pete Gaytan, Sr., Harold Mahan, and Scott Schendel serving as honorary pallbearers.

Memorials may be given to the First United Methodist Church of Nixon, P.O. Box 20, Nixon, Texas 78140, the Nixon Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 427, Nixon, Texas 78140, or to the donor's choice.

You are invited to sign the guestbook at www.treshewell.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Dr., Seguin, Texas, 78155, 830-549-5912.

NELDA BARNES RYHERD



Nelda Barnes Ryherd, 71, of Gonzales, Texas passed away in the arms of her husband, Ronnie Earl Ryherd, on April 27, 2023.

Nelda was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on October 22, 1951. She graduated from Thomas Edison High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1969 and went on to earn an Associates from Oklahoma Military Academy and an Associates from Wharton Junior College in the early 1990s. In 1983 Nelda met and married her soulmate on July 16. By her husband's side of nearly 40 years,

Nelda raised two wonderful sons, worked hard to take care of her family, and loved to spoil her grandchildren. She loved to read and spend time

playing cards and games with her children and grandchildren.

Nelda is preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Margaret Barnes, and her brother Larry Barnes all of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is survived by her husband Ronnie Ryherd, two brothers Keith (Janice) Barnes and James (Heidi) Barnes, three sisters-in-law Margaret Barnes (wife of Larry Barnes), Linda (JJ) Johnson and Cindy Glass, two sons Jason (Aubrie) Ryherd and Justin (Monica) Ryherd, chosen daughter Jennifer Leary, and two grandchildren Robyn and Logan Ryherd, and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Services were held at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home in Gonzales, Texas, on May 3, 2023. Visitation from 2pm until 4 p.m. Memorial service at 4 p.m.

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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office

04/23/23 – 04/29/23

04/24/23

- Ware, Prentice, 09/1985, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Possession Marijuana <2 oz, Released on \$1,500 Bond
- Hernandez, Priscilla Desirree, 03/1988, Waelder: Possession Marijuana <2 oz, Released on \$1,000 Bond; Comal County Warrant – Theft Property

>\$100 <\$750, Released on \$2,500 Bond

04/26/23

- Whitlatch, Crystal Lynn, 07/1985, Nixon: Possession Marijuana <2 oz, Released on \$500 Bond
- Whitlatch, Robert Michael, 11/1971, Gonzales: Possession Dangerous Drug, Released on \$2,000 Bond

04/27/23

- Almazan, Andres Guerrero, 11/1975, Waelder: Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breathing/Circulation, Released on \$10,000 Bond

04/28/23

- Uribe-Paleum, Jose Oscar, 08/1987, Nixon: Local Warrant – Driving while Intoxicated, Released on \$1,500 Bond; Local Warrant – Driving while Intoxicated, Released on \$1,500 Bond; Department of Homeland Security – Immigration Detainer, Released – Picked up by ICE

- Vargas Jr., Dimas, 09/1992, Waelder: Commitment/Sentence – Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence w/ Intent to Impair, Released – Weekender
- Zavala, Gabriela, 06/1978, Waelder: Commitment/Sentence – Theft Property <\$2,500 2/ More Previous Convictions, Released – Weekender
- Dolezal, Brian Scott, 10/1966, G • onzales: Commitment/Sentence – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G, Released – Weekender
- Smith, Tevin Vashaun, 08/1996, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breathing/Circulation, Released – Weekender
- Hunt, Joshua Lemont, 06/1989, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Assault Family/Household Member w/ Previous Conviction, Released on \$50,000 Bond

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

GCSO	11
DPS	01
GPD	05
WPD	02
NPD	02
GISD	00
SMO	00
Constable 1	00
Constable 3	00
Constable 4	00
DWCSCO	00
DEA	00
TPW	00
GCAI	00
Rangers	00
Other	00
Total	21

Does insurance cover ATVs and golf carts?

Many Texans use small vehicles to get around for work and play. Maybe you use an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) when you go hunting or a golf cart for short trips in your neighborhood. But will insurance cover you if you get in a wreck? Here's what you should do:



1. Talk to your agent about your risks.

Make a list of what you own and what you use it for. Then call your insurance agent or company to make sure everything on your list is covered. Most homeowners policies have limited coverage for golf carts and off-road vehicles, especially if you leave your property or drive them on streets. But you might be able to add coverage to your homeowners policy or car insurance policy, or you can buy a separate policy for that vehicle.

2. Stay on premises.

If you rent a golf cart but drive off the course or use an ATV on a deer lease but leave the lease, the facility's policy may not cover anything that happens to you or the vehicle. There are a lot of exceptions. Always check the policy first.

3. Be careful who rides.

If you loan a vehicle to a friend and they have an accident, you could be liable for damage or medical costs. Always read your policy before you let someone borrow a vehicle.

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Smiley Housing Authority

The Housing Authority of the City of Smiley will hold a public meeting on June 27th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., at the Housing Authority Office, 401 Billings, Smiley, Texas, to hear comment on the Annual and 5 Year Plan, which is currently on display at the Smiley Housing Authority office from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, on Tuesdays. The plan is available by email at khatex@kenedyhousing.info. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting and make comment. The Housing Authority of the City of Smiley is an Equal Housing and Employment Opportunity.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Nixon-Smiley CISD is accepting formal bids on gasoline, diesel, and propane for the 2023-24 school year. Bids are to be received in the Nixon-Smiley CISD administration office located at 800 North Rancho Road, Nixon, Texas by June 7, 2023, at 1:00 PM. Bids will be tabulated and presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on June 12, 2023. Envelopes are to be clearly marked "_____BIDS". The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids based on comparison of each individual item. Please contact Jeff Van Auken (830) 582-1536 ext 104 for additional information.

Gonzales Housing Authority

The Housing Authority of the City of Gonzales will hold a public meeting on June 29th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., at the Housing Authority Office, 410 Village Dr., Gonzales, Texas, to hear comment on the Annual and 5 Year Plan, which is currently on display at the Gonzales Housing Authority office from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. We are closed from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. The plan is available by email at khatex@kenedyhousing.info. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting and make comment. The Housing Authority of the City of Gonzales is an Equal Housing and Employment Opportunity.

NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS

The Gonzales Central Appraisal District is seeking proposals for Group Health/Life/AD&D Insurance. A statement of the benefit specifications may be obtained from the district office free of charge.

Proposals must be received by the Gonzales Central Appraisal District office, Physical Address: 1709 E. Sarah Dewitt Drive, Unit B, Gonzales, Texas 78629, Mailing Address: P.O. Box 867, Gonzales, Texas 78629, no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

All proposals must be addressed to Lauren Clampit, Chairman, Board of Directors. All proposals must be sealed and marked on the outside of the envelope "Group Health/Life/AD&D Insurance".

Proposals will be opened and the contract awarded at the Board of Directors meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 1709 E. Sarah Dewitt Drive, Unit B, Gonzales, Texas. All persons submitting proposals are welcome to attend.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. If a proposal is accepted it will be the proposal considered most advantageous to the Gonzales Central Appraisal District. All parties submitting proposals shall use lump sum pricing. The method of payment will not be more often than monthly from the District's General Operating Fund. No bond is required.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
GONZALES COUNTY

Gonzales County submits a Request for Proposals for application development, planning and professional administrative services for the Community Development Block Grant- Mitigation Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Program (LHMPP) funding from the Texas General Land Office-Community Development & Revitalization. These services are being solicited to assist the County in its application and administration of the CDBG-MIT LHMPP contract, if awarded, to support eligible mitigation activities, including the Hazard Mitigation Planning program. Multiple contracts may be awarded as a result of this solicitation. The County will, in its sole discretion, determine the number of contracts awarded, and may decide not to award any contracts.

Please submit electronic copies of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the e-mail address below: [Gonzales County Courthouse, Attn: Patrick C. Davis, 414 St. Joseph St., Suite 200 Gonzales, TX 78629, cjadmin@co.gonzales.tx.us](mailto:cjadmin@co.gonzales.tx.us). Proposals must be received by the County no later than 2:00pm on FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023 to be considered. The County reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals and may award one or more contracts to one or more service provider(s). Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises, and Labor Surplus Area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. Gonzales County is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

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Construction Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

The City of Nixon will receive bids for CDBG-MIT Plant Improvements, GLO Contract No. 22-085-071-D330; Parts 4 & 6 until 10:00 AM on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 302 E. Central Ave., Nixon, Texas 78140. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 302 E. Central Ave., Nixon, Texas 78140.

Bids are invited for several items of work as follows:
1. Addition of a stationary generator at Water Well No. 6
2. Addition of a stationary generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
3. Addition of autodialers to certain aspects of the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at BEFCO Engineering, Inc., 485 N. Jefferson, La Grange, TX 78945 (979) 968-6474.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$100.00 with the Engineer for each set of documents obtained. The deposit will not be refunded. Electronic copies may be obtained at no charge by request at office@befcoengineering.com.

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Nixon or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Department of Labor and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. 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, or national origin.

The City of Nixon reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by City of Nixon for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

City of Nixon
Name of Grant Recipient Harold Rice, City Manager Date

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a Child | GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: Jose De Jesus
Address Unknown

Defendant - GREETING

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Gonzales County, at the Courthouse in said County in Gonzales, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on 01/06/2022 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: as is more fully shown by Petition in Suit Affecting Parent-Child Relationship on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gonzales Texas this 27th day of April, 2023.

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Alonso & Alonso Attorneys at Law PLLC
PO Box 831391
San Antonio TX 78283
210-533-6060

Clerk of the Court:
Janice Sutton
414 St. Joseph St., Ste. 300
Gonzales County, Texas

By *Danielle Garcia*
Deputy Clerk

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Bids are invited for several items of work as follows:
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2. Renovations to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Lift Station

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS AND FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

05/04/2023

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Gonzales.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about May 12, 2023, the Texas General Land Office (GLO) will authorize the City of Gonzales (City) to submit a request to HUD for the release of CDBG-MIT Program funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as City of Gonzales Street Improvements (Project).

The City is proposing to add free span bridges to the following intersections in the City of Gonzales: Johnson Street and St. Andrew Street eastward approximately 40 feet, Moore Street and St. Lawrence Street eastward approximately 400 feet, De Witt Street and St. Louis Street eastward approximately 200 feet, De Witt Street and St. Matthew Street eastward approximately 250 feet, De Witt Street and St. Michael Street eastward approximately 250 feet, and De Witt Street and St. Vincent Street eastward approximately 225 feet. These activities would benefit 7,130 people of whom 4,085 (57.29%) are of low to moderate income. \$3,778,467.00 in CDBG-MIT funds was awarded to this project; the amount of funding to come from the City of Gonzales is currently undetermined. The project will increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.

FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

This is to give notice that the City of Gonzales has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment.

A review of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel 48177C0240D, effective on 01/22/2020, shows 0.42 acres of the site is located within the Regulatory Floodway (Zone AE Floodway) and approximately 0.04 acres occur within the 100-floodplain (Zone AE) and approximately 0.12 acres of the Project is located within Tinsley Creek riverine wetland feature. Construction of the project is considered a functionally dependent activity. All construction activities will be limited to already disturbed ground surfaces.

The City has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: 1) reduction in size, 2) locations outside of the floodplain, and 3) the no action alternative. An evaluation of Alternative 1 determined that the proposed Project activities represent the minimum improvements necessary to provide adequate drainage and access to citizens in the affected area; therefore, a reduction in size is not practicable without increasing the flood hazard risk level in the Project area. Regarding Alternative 2, as all crossings are located over water features, there are no alternative locations of crossings that are located outside of the floodplain. The crossings selected were determined to provide the maximum benefit to residents living in the Project area. Further, water crossings are considered functionally dependent and are allowable within the floodplain. The no action Alternative 3 would not allow the street improvements, resulting in increased evacuation and flood risk during future storm events. The no action alternative would leave residents and businesses in the City of Gonzales with potential unsafe conditions and

AVISO DE INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITAR ENTREGA DE FONDOS Y AVISO FINAL Y EXPLICACIÓN PÚBLICA DE UNA ACTIVIDAD PROPUESTA EN UNA LLANURA ALUVIAL CENTENARIA Y HUMEDALES

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Estos avisos satisfarán dos requisitos de procedimiento separados pero vinculados para las actividades que emprenderá la Ciudad de Gonzales.

SOLICITUD DE ENTREGA DE FONDOS

El 12 de mayo de 2023 o alrededor de esa fecha, la Oficina General de Tierras de Texas (GLO, por sus siglas en inglés) autorizará a la Ciudad de Gonzales (Ciudad) a presentar una solicitud al HUD para la entrega de fondos del Programa CDBG-MIT bajo el Título I de la Ley de Desarrollo de la Comunidad de 1974 y sus enmiendas, para emprender un proyecto conocido como Mejoras viales de la Ciudad de Gonzales (Proyecto).

La Ciudad propone añadir puentes con luz a las siguientes intersecciones en la Ciudad de Gonzales: las calles Johnson y St. Andrew hacia el este aproximadamente 40 pies, las calles Moore y St. Lawrence hacia el este aproximadamente 400 pies, las calles De Witt y St. Louis hacia el este aproximadamente 200 pies, las calles De Witt y St. Matthew hacia el este aproximadamente 250 pies, las calles De Witt y St. Michael hacia el este aproximadamente 250 pies y las calles De Witt y St. Vincent hacia el este aproximadamente 225 pies. Estas actividades beneficiarían a 7,130 personas, de las cuales 4,085 (57.29%) tienen ingresos bajos a moderados. Se asignaron para este proyecto \$3,778,467.00 de fondos del CDBG-MIT; la cantidad de fondos que provendrán de la Ciudad de Gonzales actualmente está sin determinar. El proyecto aumentará la resiliencia ante catástrofes y se reducirá o eliminará el riesgo de pérdida de vida a largo plazo, las lesiones, los daños y las pérdidas materiales y el sufrimiento y las adversidades, mediante la atenuación del impacto de futuras catástrofes.

AVISO FINAL Y REVISIÓN PÚBLICA DE UNA ACTIVIDAD PROPUESTA EN UNA LLANURA ALUVIAL CENTENARIA Y HUMEDALES

Por el presente, se notifica que la Ciudad de Gonzales ha realizado una evaluación según lo requerido por la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y/o 11990, en conformidad con las normativas del HUD de la Subparte C: Procedimientos para tomar decisiones sobre gestión de llanuras aluviales y protección de humedales del 24 CFR 55.20, para determinar el efecto potencial que su actividad en la llanura aluvial y humedal tendrá sobre el ambiente humano.

Una revisión del Mapa de Tasas del Seguro contra Inundaciones de FEMA, Panel Comunitario 48177C0240D, vigente desde el 22 de enero de 2020, muestra que 0.42 acres del predio se ubican dentro del Aliviadero Controlado (Aliviadero Zona AE) y aproximadamente 0.04 acres están dentro de la llanura aluvial centenaria (Zona AE) y aproximadamente 0.12 acres del Proyecto se ubican dentro de un característico humedal ribereño del Arroyo Tinsley. La construcción del proyecto se considera una actividad dependiente en términos funcionales. Todas las actividades de construcción quedarán limitadas a superficies del terreno ya alteradas.

La Ciudad ha considerado las siguientes alternativas y medidas de mitigación a implementar para minimizar los efectos perjudiciales y para recuperar y preservar los valores naturales y beneficiosos: 1) reducción del tamaño, 2) ubicaciones fuera de la llanura aluvial y 3) alternativa de ninguna acción. Una evaluación de la Alternativa 1 determinó que las actividades del Proyecto propuesto representan las mejoras mínimas y necesarias para proveer desagüe adecuado y el acceso a los ciudadanos en la zona afectada; en consecuencia, una reducción en el tamaño no es viable sin aumentar el nivel de riesgo de inundaciones en la zona del Proyecto. Respecto de la Alternativa 2, todos los cruces se ubican encima de láminas de agua: no hay ubicaciones alternativas para cruces que se ubiquen fuera de la llanura aluvial. Se determinaron los cruces seleccionados para proveer el máximo beneficio a los residentes que viven en la zona del Proyecto. Además, se considera que los cruces de agua son dependientes en términos funcionales y están permitidos dentro de la llanura aluvial. La Alternativa 3 de ninguna acción no permitiría realizar las mejoras viales, lo que provocaría mayor evacuación y riesgo de inundación durante futuras tormentas. La alternativa de ninguna acción les plantearía a los residentes y las empresas de la Ciudad de Gonzales potenciales condiciones inseguras y daños

damage to their properties. This alternative fails to meet the purpose and need of the Program, to alleviate the incidence of flooding to homes, businesses, and roadways in a portion of the city that is prone to frequent and recurrent flooding.

Construction of the Project is the preferred alternative because it is not anticipated to aggravate current hazards to floodplains or disrupt floodplain or wetland values. Based on the environmental review, the project as proposed, with the adapted best management practices, would not pose any significant hazards or adverse conditions for people, habitat, or the community at this location. The City will require adherence to Federal, State, and Local regulations and permitting practices. These include, but are not limited to, restricting vehicle and material staging within floodplain and wetland areas, as well as protecting floodplains and adjacent wetland features through silt fencing and appropriate management of construction waste and debris.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and wetlands and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains and wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains or wetlands, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Gonzales or HUD Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division. Comments may be submitted to Mr. Tim Crow, Gonzales City Manager, via 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629, or by email to tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov. All comments received by May 11, 2023, will be considered by the City of Gonzales prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Gonzales certifies to HUD that Tim Crow in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Gonzales to use Program funds for the project.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and the City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Gonzales; (b) the City of Gonzales has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Disaster Recovery and Special Issues Division, 451 7th Street SW, Room 7272, Washington, DC 20410 or email DisasterRecovery@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tim Crow, City Manager, City of Gonzales

a sus inmuebles. Esta alternativa no cumple con el propósito y la necesidad del Programa, de aliviar la incidencia de inundaciones a las viviendas, empresas y calzadas en una porción de la ciudad propensa a inundaciones frecuentes y recurrentes.

La construcción del Proyecto es la alternativa preferida porque no se prevé que agrave los riesgos actuales para las llanuras aluviales o altere los valores de la llanura aluvial o humedal. En función de la revisión ambiental, el proyecto en su versión propuesta, con las prácticas óptimas de gestión adaptadas, no plantearía ningún riesgo significativo o condiciones adversas para las personas, el hábitat o la comunidad en esta ubicación. La Ciudad requerirá acatamiento de las normativas y prácticas de habilitación federales, estatales y locales. Estas incluyen, a título enunciativo, pero no limitativo, restringir la colocación de vehículos y materiales dentro de las zonas de llanura aluvial y humedal además de la protección de las llanuras aluviales y humedales característicos adyacentes mediante la colocación de cercas contra cieno y la gestión adecuada de los desperdicios y escombros de la construcción.

El presente aviso tiene tres objetivos principales. En primer lugar, las personas que pueden verse afectadas por las actividades en llanuras aluviales y humedales y aquellas interesadas en la protección del medio ambiente natural deberían recibir una oportunidad para expresar sus inquietudes y proveer información sobre estas zonas. En segundo lugar, un programa adecuado de aviso público puede ser una herramienta educativa para el público. La diseminación de información sobre llanuras aluviales y humedales puede facilitar y mejorar las campañas federales para reducir los riesgos asociados con la ocupación y la modificación de estas zonas particulares. En tercer lugar, como una cuestión de imparcialidad, cuando el gobierno federal decide que participará en medidas que se llevan a cabo en llanuras aluviales o humedales, debe informar a quienes podrían correr riesgos más grandes o continuos.

COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO

Cualquier persona, grupo o agencia puede enviar comentarios escritos sobre el ERR a la Ciudad de Gonzales o a la División de Asuntos Especiales y Recuperación por desastre del HUD. Los comentarios pueden dirigirse al Sr. Tim Crow, Administrador de la Ciudad de Gonzales, a través de 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629 o escribiendo un correo electrónico a tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov. La Ciudad de Gonzales tendrá en cuenta todos los comentarios recibidos antes del 11 de mayo de 2023 antes de autorizar la presentación de una solicitud de entrega de fondos. Los comentarios deberían especificar el Aviso al que hacen referencia.

CERTIFICACIÓN AMBIENTAL

La Ciudad de Gonzales certifica al HUD que Tim Crow en carácter de Administrador de la Ciudad está de acuerdo en aceptar la jurisdicción de los Tribunales Federales si se presentare una acción para exigir responsabilidades vinculadas con el proceso de revisión ambiental y que dichas responsabilidades han sido satisfechas. La aprobación del HUD de la certificación satisface sus responsabilidades bajo la NEPA y leyes y autoridades vinculadas y le permite a la Ciudad de Gonzales usar fondos del Programa para el proyecto.

OBJECCIONES A LA ENTREGA DE FONDOS

El HUD aceptará objeciones a su entrega de fondos y la certificación de la Ciudad por (lo que sea más tarde entre) un periodo de quince días siguientes a la fecha de presentación prevista o su recibo real de la solicitud, únicamente si existiere uno de los siguientes motivos: (a) la certificación no estaba firmada por el Funcionario de Certificación de la Ciudad de Gonzales; (b) la Ciudad de Gonzales omitió un paso o no tomó una decisión o hallazgo requerido por las normativas del HUD en la parte 58 del 24 CFR; (c) el subvencionado u otros participantes en el proceso de desarrollo han comprometido fondos, incurrido en costos o emprendido actividades no autorizados por la Parte 58 del 24 CFR antes de la aprobación de una entrega de fondos del HUD; u (d) otra agencia federal que actúa en virtud de la Parte 1504 del 40 CFR ha presentado un hallazgo escrito de que el proyecto es insatisfactorio desde el punto de vista de la calidad ambiental. Las objeciones deben ser preparadas y presentadas en conformidad con los procedimientos requeridos (Sec. 58.76 de la Parte 58 del 24 CFR) y deberán remitirse a la División de Asuntos Especiales y Recuperación por desastres del HUD a 451 7th Street SW, Sala 7272, Washington, DC 20410 o por correo electrónico a DisasterRecovery@hud.gov. Objetantes potenciales deberían comunicarse con el HUD para verificar el último día real del periodo de objeción.

Tim Crow, Administrador de la Ciudad de la Ciudad de Gonzales

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Cooking with Parind

Poached chicken dish perfect for zig zag weather

Hello everyone. My name is Parind Vora. I'm the chef owner of Gonzales Bistro. In this column we talk cooking, tricks to cooking, and sometimes eating.

We are just getting in to the Texas summer, so it's hot, but it's not miserable, yet. So, I'm contemplating a light poached chicken dish that has a little spice, sweetness, as well as some refreshing acidity. It's perfect for this zig zag weather.

The poached chicken breast we're preparing is served with a fresh burrata mozzarella cheese and garden tomatoes that are dried in the oven. The chicken breast is very lean protein, so we recommend serving not overcooking it. It should have a slight rosy hue, to preserve the flavour and juiciness of the meat.



Poached chicken breast with fresh burrata and tomatoes

INGREDIENTS

- Poached chicken breast with burrata cheese and dried garden tomatoes
- 2 organic or farmed skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 2 garden tomatoes, stemmed, cored and sliced ¼ inch thick
- 1 well washed whole leek stalks cut in ½ and then thinly sliced crosswise
- 3 parsley stems with leaves
- 1 small serrano pepper stemmed, seeded, and thinly sliced
- 2 red bell peppers, seeded, and finely diced
- Juice of 1 fresh lime (~ 1 tablespoon)
- 4-5 fresh California laurel or bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1-2 'ball's of burrata cheese (available in fancy food stores)
- 1/3 cup fruity olive oil
- 1/6 cup unfiltered apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup of a dry, fruity white wine like pinot grigio or sauvignon blanc
- Salt & pepper to taste

In a pot add all the vegetables, spices (sugar, salt, pepper) and laurel leaves with the olive oil, and sauté in a large pot over medium low heat until the veggies start to just get tender.

Add the chicken breast and thoroughly coat them in the sauteed mixture, cover, and marinate for at least 6 hours in the refrigerator.

In a separate parchment paper lined sheet pan (or cookie sheet), add the sliced tomatoes, season liberally with salt and drizzle with olive oil. Bake in a 150-175-degree oven for 3-6 hours (depending on the oven) until the tomatoes are slightly shriveled but not leathery. If they are overcooked

just add the juiced in the sheet pan to them and let rest in a bowl.

Add the white wine to the marinating chicken breast and vegetables and add everything to a pot big enough to hold everything and has an additional 4 inches of depth. Add water if needed to cover everything by 2 inches. Bring to a simmer and let poach until the chickens are cooked to desired doneness.

Drain everything into a big bowl using a colander. Put the reserved liquid in a pot and add ¼ of the dried tomatoes and any liquid in the sheet pan. Reduce over medium heat by 70% until slightly syrupy. Add the apple cider vinegar. Set

aside and keep warm.

Slice the poached chicken breasts ½ inch thick and salt and pepper them. Toss the sliced breast with the rest of the poached veggies and the rest of the dried tomatoes. Taste and re-season if needed.

Serve this dish "family style" on a platter. Hand tear the burrata cheese and top the chicken, vegetable and tomato dish. Salt the cut burrata pieces. Scalloped potatoes pair nicely with this dish, or keep it light and serve "as is".

I would serve a nice buttery California chardonnay like Peju with this dish or a let's say a bit chubby Rippasso della valpolicella from Bertani.

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Inquiring Minds

Hey there y'all. They say that April showers bring May flowers...and mosquitoes? Being somewhat curious and after Googling, I found that they are some of the most adaptable insects on earth, found in mines a mile below the earth's surface, as well as mountain tops 14,000 feet above sea level. There are over 3,000 species worldwide, with approximately 176 species living in the U.S., with only a few which carry diseases. All breed in water, and are apparently very proficient at it. The male of the species live about six weeks, living off of plant nectar and not feeding on blood. Females can live up to five months, and must feed from blood. Seems the old girl that just landed on my arm went to mosquito heaven earlier than expected. I know you know it's coming, so pardon me, I just can't hold my tongue (too slippery). Sorry ladies, but most men realize (joking, of course) that women, just following their natural instincts, can inadvertently rob men of their much needed life force, but hey, we love y'all anyway cause you're just too cute and squishy!

In the early 1960s, as my dad was going through the many different facets of aviation training, some interesting events occurred. While logging in

hours for his multi-engine certification, he often flew a Piper Apache with his instructor, from Miami to Freeport Bahamas over open ocean, 120 miles away. In February 1962, the actress Jayne Mansfield and her husband

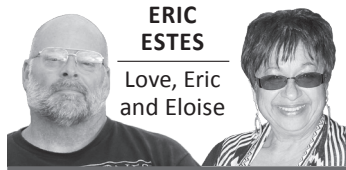
Mickey Hargitay were reported missing in the Bahamas. A freelance reporter hired the Apache to join in the search for the missing high-profile couple. After receiving their briefing in Nassau, they flew over five hours before news that the couple had been found on Rose Island, one of the smallest islands in the chain. The press assumed that it was all just an elaborate publicity stunt, but people closest to the couple maintained that it was a real emergency. Whether it was real or fabricated didn't really matter, as the couple were safe and my dad was able to log in over five hours of free flight time towards his FAA multi-engine rating, which he attained in June of 1962.

I knew very little about Mansfield and Hargitay, as I was a very young boy during that time, so I Googled them also. They are the parents of Mariska Hargitay, a current popular actress most known for her role in the "Law & Order" series. Born in Budapest, Mickey was a European speed skating champion, Mr

Universe (1955), and starred in several movies with Jayne. Jayne was not only known as an actress, singer, entertainer and Playboy Playmate, but also as "The" sex symbol of her era, often competing with newcomer Sophia Loren. Often dabbling intermittently in Catholicism, but often criticized for her blatant sexuality, it's reported that she was also romantically involved with Anton LaVey, founder of the Church of Satan. Unfortunately, at the young age of thirty four she was killed when the car she was riding in struck the back of a tractor-trailer, blinded by (of all things) a mosquito truck.

Where she actually stood with God is between her and God. Fortunately for some, unfortunately for most, God has allowed us to make that decision for ourselves, something many of us have taken too lightly. In my opinion, often falling for the world view and fake news that God doesn't really exist, many have forsaken Christ in absence of any personal investigation into the subject, believing they won't be held accountable for their actions, and following personal pleasure with reckless abandon. As I've been on both sides of the fence myself; yep, I'll stick with Jesus, thank you very much. As life is short and none of us knows what tomorrow may bring; well, kinda food for thought, wouldn't you say?

Until next time, love you guys, Eric.



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise



CONTRIBUTED

The Gaslight Theatre closed the production "Dear Jack, Dear Louise" by Ken Ludwig, on Sunday, April 30 to a standing ovation! The sold-out crowds enjoyed going back in history to World War II while following the blossoming romance between two pen pals, Jack and Louise. Through the years of WWII, they kept in touch through the lost art of letter writing. Facing the perils of war weighed heavily as their romance blossomed. In the harrowing days of D-Day the young doctor was overwhelmed with casualties and finally became Missing In Action. The heart stopping ending brought tears and laughter to everyone. Pictured in back row, from left, are cast and crew members Darcy Hermes (light and sound technician), Josh Kaspar (Director), Gabe Adamek (Captain Jacob S. Ludwig "Jack"), Elaine Berkovsky (Stage Manager) and Ann Moseley (seamstress). Front row are Tatum Carson (crew) and Jodi Adamek (Louise).

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Victoria College to hold commencement ceremony May 13

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

A total of 230 students are expected to participate in Victoria College's 98th annual commencement exercises at 10

a.m. on Saturday, May 13 at the Victoria Fine Arts Center.

An invocation will be led by Alexis Torres Rodriguez, of Victoria, Katelyn Marie Ellis, of Hallettsville, and Micheal

Shane Wise, Jr., of Victoria, will be the student speakers.

Tickets are required to attend the ceremony. Each graduate is allotted five tickets. Additionally, a livestream

will be available at VictoriaCollege.edu.

The Victoria Fine Arts Center is located at 1002 Sam Houston Drive. For more information on

VC's graduation ceremonies or how to purchase commencement photos, call (361) 573-3291 or visit VictoriaCollege.edu/Graduation.

OBITUARY

AUDELIO RIVERA, SR.

A proud son remembers his Father. A World War II veteran was laid to rest on September 13, 2001. My Dad. Audelio Rivera, Sr. was buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery per his wishes. My dad was born in 1916 to Mexican American share croppers. He survived the Spanish flu epidemic, the stock market crash of 1929 and the depression which followed it and he survived the polio epidemic. My Dad's president was Franklin Delano Roosevelt. By all accounts, he was a good son to his parents and a devoted sibling to his brothers and sisters. He loved baseball. After the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, My Dad was drafted in January 1942 and was the first in his family to answer the call. He was too young and naive to realize the suffering he would endure and how his life would change. It is therefore important to me that I give an accurate account of my Dad and his life. His experience overseas during the War and his conduct as a soldier in the face of the enemy in battle would shape him for the rest of his life. Some 500,000 Mexican American men would fight in segregated units during World War II and were the most decorated soldiers of any ethnic group of World War II.

For years, many schools and Universities remained closed to Mexican Americans after the War. My dad, along with thousands of Mexican American men who were drafted into World War II and fought for this country, some giving their lives, others wounded by physical or emotional trauma never received the respect they so richly deserved until the modern era. If you were drafted into World War II, you left home until you were dead, wounded to the point where you could not return to duty or the war ended.

My Dad, went to war on March 8, 1942 as an Anti-Aircraft Artillery gunner

with Battery C of the 434th AA Battalion. After his training at Camp Huled, Texas, he shipped out by train to New York, then by ship to England to guard the B-17 Flying Fortresses stationed there with the United States 8th Airforce. In the Fall of 1942, a decision was made by Allied Commanders to invade North Africa and fight the Germans there first. It would be remembered as "Operation Torch." My Dad's Anti-Aircraft Battalion was sent from England to Tunisia in April 1943 to May 1943 to provide Anti-Aircraft support "Ack Ack" during that battle. On May 13, 1943, the Axis forces surrendered to U.S. Commanders. Some 275,000 Axis soldiers were taken prisoner of war which greatly reduced the military capacity of the Axis powers. During the battle to take North Africa, 2,715 U.S. servicemen were killed, 8,978 wounded and 6,528 missing in Action, 2000 tanks were destroyed and the United States lost 1,400 aircraft. My Dad suffered an appendicitis after the battle and lived to fight another day. On October 10, 1943, my Dad boarded a ship headed for Naples, Italy, but this time as a front line infantryman. More infantrymen were needed to fight the Germans in Italy so My Dad's A Battalion was converted to infantrymen which meant he now had to fight on foot from Naples, Italy and the Foggia Airfield, code-named Operation Avalanche, October 10, 1943 to January 21, 1944 then towards the Rome-Arno River campaign code named

Operation DIADEM from January 22, 1944 to September 9, 1944 in an effort to tie down German forces in Italy during Operation Overlord, then capturing Rome. However, the fight to destroy 23 German divisions was not over. My Dad's unit continued the fight onto the North Apennines Mountains. The Germans were defending and the Allies were assault-

ing day after day, week after week and month after month. Combat infantrymen knew all too well that a frontal assault against a fortified enemy position was the most challenging assignment given. Statistically, the advancing fighting unit had a 3-1 disadvantage. The terrain favored the Germans and they made our troops pay a heavy price for every inch of ground with mortars, artillery, machine guns, grenades and rifle fire. The Apennine Mountains had deep valleys, foggy hollows, and rain swollen streams and rivers which slowed the Allied advance and my Dad's regiment to a crawl. My Dad and his regiment endured icy winds, torrential rains; hauling their own ammunition and supplies up and down steep mountain-sides where vehicles and mule trains were unable to negotiate the few crude tracks or rocky crags, all the while being shot at and bombarded by German artillery. My dad and his troops lived in impoverished shelters, supply lines would be cut off for a time and the men would endure hunger, cold rations, lack of ammunition, suffered from exposure, frost bite and trench foot. My dad spoke once of the time during the Italian campaign where all he and his unit had to eat were unripe tomatoes they came across near a small village which they ate for three days. The Allied forces combined had 14 U.S. divisions and 6 British Divisions available to attack 23 German Divisions in North and South Italy. The Naples-Foggia military operation was the beginning of what became a very difficult and bloody campaign march up the Italian spine. Winter battles were especially brutal. When it rained, the fighting was bogged down due to mud and lack of air support due to cloud cover. The German artillery was exceptionally accurate and savage against Dad's positions. Before the battles ended in Italy, the U.S. 5th

Army would engage in 602 days of combat. The human cost in American lives for the 5th Army would be 188,546 combat casualties of which 19,475 U.S. servicemen were killed. My Dad and his unit fought until the German surrender in Italy on May 2, 1945

Five days later, on May 7, 1945, Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Western Allies ending the War in Europe. In the end, the human cost of World War II was 20 to 25 million Soviet Union people killed, 15 million Chinese killed, 6 million European Jews killed, 3 million killed in Poland, 2.5 million in Japan killed, 2 million in India due to famine and the USA losses were 671,278 wounded in action and an estimated 407,000 killed in action. Not all military personnel in World War II were soldiers in combat infantry. It is estimated that approximately 10% to 20% of an Army actually do the fighting with rifles, machine guns, grenades, mortars, hand to hand combat and trench knives. The remaining part of an Army (which is essential) are supply clerks, truck drivers, cooks, and the like. Although critical, they are hardly bellicose. For the Infantryman, positioned in the forward combat units, the war meant death or injury in hellish and undignified circumstances. Julius Cesar wrote, "Terror robs men of their power of reason and judgment and impairs their physical capacity." The frontline infantryman knows all too well that the primary emotion on the battlefield was sheer absolute terror. The horrors of ground warfare is something never forgotten. The camaraderie is a testament to the common bond shared by fighting men and a special partnership between the rifleman on the ground, the artillery and the bombers helping to protect them from the enemy. For my Dad, surviving World War II was the quintessential moment of his life. Returning home

after the experience must have been a sober, somber and painful time for him. For many World War II veterans, their innocence was taken in the most brutal way imaginable. By all accounts, my Dad struggled with his emotional trauma from the war for years. He would turn to alcohol for several years trying to drown the mental anguish, wrestle with his demons, plagued by nightmares and painful reminders of his gruesome experience and lost comrades in arms.

His honorable discharge reads that he participated in the battles for Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno and North Apennines. He received the EAME Campaign Medal with 5 Bronze Stars and on March 1, 1945, he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge at Galliciano, Italy with the 473rd Infantry Regiment. A plaque in Nicola, Italy commemorates the memory of the 161 U.S. soldiers in my Dad's Regiment who gave their lives so that Italy would be free of Fascism. Most Americans, civilians in particular, my Mom included, could never understand what my Dad was exposed to and suffered during the war. I began to understand him better once I studied the battles of World War II in Europe. I remembered a passage in Henry V, where he stated "He today who sheds his blood with me shall be my brother and gentlemen in England now a-bed shall think themselves accurs'd they were not here and hold their manhood cheap while any speaks that fought with us upon St. Crispin's Day." I believe there was a sense of absolute pride and duty knowing he was fighting for something crucial and for ideals bigger than he him. Most World War II veterans who engaged in combat and survived the war had a common way of coping with their experience; they didn't talk about it to anyone other than another veteran of the War. So like so many other men of his



great and noble generation tempered by the War, he tried his best to bury the ghastly images and sounds so deep that they wouldn't surface to send him back to a darkness and hell only combat infantrymen knew all too well. By 1952, my Dad began to collect himself, courted my Mom and married. Together my mom and dad had 6 children. We, as future generations must never forget not only the human cost of this dreadful War, but those who returned to try and make sense of the world they lived in despite the experience that left a generation of men numb to the world that made sense to them at one time in their life. My Dad loved his family and worked 7 days a week for as long as I could remember. In retrospect, I am sure he rationalized the hell he encountered in war with everyday work and raising a family. Nothing in civilian life could ever compare to his wartime experience. The brothers in arms he lost to the war taken in the prime of their youth was something he would never forget. When I was 12 years old, we were driving past Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery and he informed me with a very somber face that he would be buried there one day pointing at the direction of the Cemetery. I understand his decision and I take great comfort knowing he is there with his brothers in arms. Rest in Peace Dad. I am the man I became only because I had your shoulders to stand on. I thank you for your service and sacrifice. JESSE G. RIVERA, BA, MA, JD



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1 TXism: "got ____ a mind to"

5 Lufkin's ____ code is 956

6 TX A. J. Foyt won here four times

7 traveled by horse

8 Texas Tarzan, Ron Hewlett-____ runs its U.S. business from Texas

16 USS Texas aided the Normandy landings on ____

18 great sound at Dallas' Meyerson

21 John Connally's wife (init.)

22 actor Grant of 1958 "Houseboat" with TX Martha Hyer

23 TX Mahomes, e.g. national clothing retailer (2 wds.)

30 TXism: "let's ____ horse trading" (negotiate)

34 anno Domini abbr.

35 Dallas NE suburb

36 TXism: " 'nuff ____"

37 TXism: "she has to sneak ____ mirror to fix her hair" (homely)

39 romantic night setting? (3 wds.)

43 TXism: "does a bull give ____?" (no)

44 TX Ivory Joe's "____ Met You Baby"

45 dir. to Nacogdoches from Trinity

46 "a whole ____"(lots)

48 Fort Worth "Horned Frogs" university

49 UT grad actor Wallach

51 sensational newspapers

54 TXism: "____ in cement" (permanent)

55 San Antonio based Inns: ____ Quinta

56 jacket or saddle leather

57 TX Willie's "Farm ____" was in Lincoln, NE in 1987

60 TXism: "dumb as a stump"

61 Reese ____ Force Base was in Texas

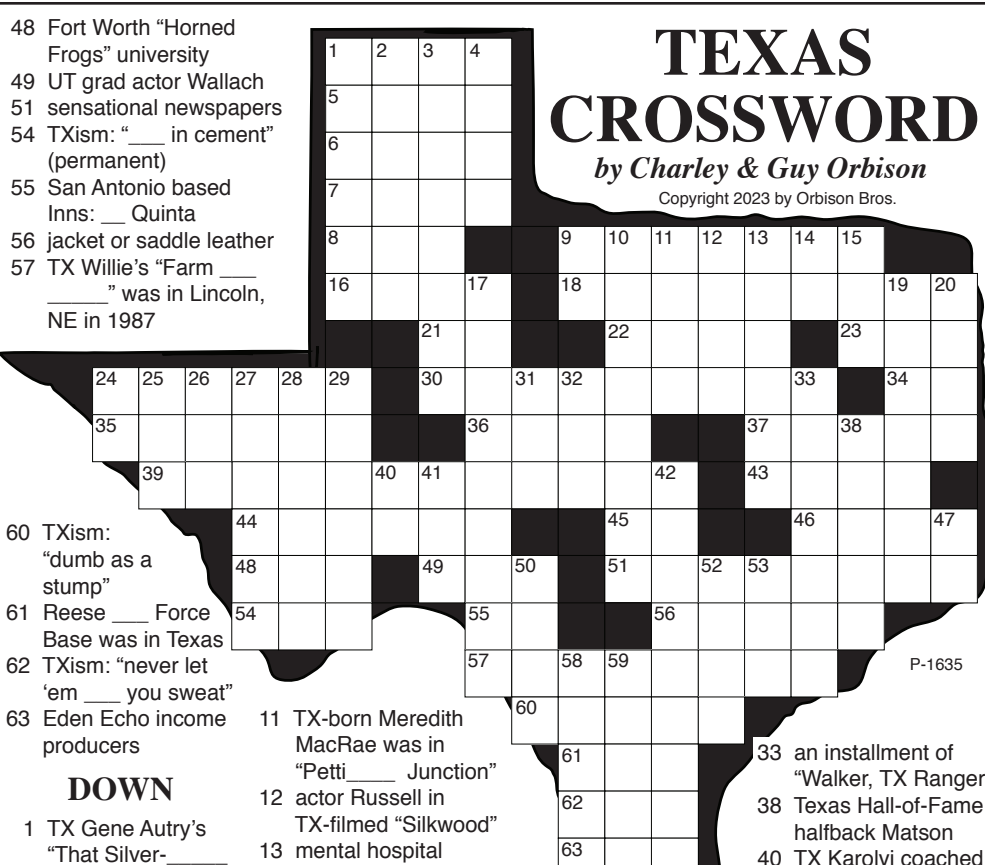
62 TXism: "never let 'em ____ you sweat"

63 Eden Echo income producers

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1 TX Gene Autry's "That Silver-____ Daddy of Mine"

2 TX Byron Nelson's pal Palmer

3 Fort Worth boot-maker: M.L. ____ Sons

4 this Dunaway was TX Bonnie Parker

9 Gov. "____" Ferguson

10 oil was discovered by ____ in Corsicana in 1894

11 TX-born Meredith MacRae was in "Petti ____ Junction"

12 actor Russell in TX-filmed "Silkwood"

13 mental hospital

14 Texas actor Rip (init.)

15 TXism: "____ your bill" (drink)

17 Father of Mexico: Hidalgo ____

19 started the pickup

20 TXism: "dull as week old ____ pop"

24 former Cowboys GM Tex (init.)

25 ____ and eggs

26 ____-friendly or "green"

27 is Enchanted Rock haunted by these? Texarkana slogan: "Twice ____"

29 ____ brittle

31 amateur sports org.

32 syllable in Dublin or Marlin

33 an installment of "Walker, TX Ranger"

38 Texas Hall-of-Fame halfback Matson

40 TX Karolyi coached this Nadia (init.)

41 Conway Twitty's wife

42 Texas coast areas

47 jockey, TX Willie (init.)

50 TXism: "____ to"

52 TXism: "____ some boot leather" (run)

53 TX Tommy ____ Jones

58 TXism: "got as much to ____ hibernating bear" (idle)

59 attempted

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

Apaches' playoff hopes come to an end



Cuero clinches final spot in District 28-4A playoffs

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches and the Cuero Gobblers ended up battling for two days in the same game for the last playoff spot in District 28-4A on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29.

The Apaches fell to the Cuero, 12-10, ending their playoff dreams in the final game of the regular season.

The cardiac Apaches would not quit; they would pull out a late rally from an 8-1 deficit and cut Cuero's lead to one run, 10-9, entering the eighth inning.

Gonzales head baseball coach Garry Beveridge said it was an "unbelievable run" his team made to get them back



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Apaches freshman shortstop Nathan Castillo goes to bat for Gonzales in game two against Cuero Saturday, April 29, in Hallettsville. Left: Senior pitcher Kason Tieken throws a pitch for the Apaches in game two on Saturday.

into the game against Cuero.

The game would get moved from Gonzales to Hallettsville due to thunderstorms, and Beveridge said even though his team lost, there's nothing to make his team hang their

heads down.

"They played their tail off for a 24-hour weather gap. And they did everything they could to put themselves in a

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Industrial sweeps Lady Mustangs in bi-district play

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smilely Mustangs had an early playoff exit at the hands of the Industrial Lady Cobras in bi-district round Thursday, April 27 in Seguin.

The Lady Mustangs played a best-of-three series against Industrial; the Lady Cobras won both games, 13-3 and 10-0 over Nixon-Smilely that Thursday.

The Lady Mustangs capped off their season as back-to-back district champs; and claimed their first district title under new head softball coach John Hoelter.

Hoelter is looking forward to year two with the Lady Mustangs, especially his young core.

"I told them after the game, keep their heads up, that they should be proud

of what they've accomplished this year, not only this year, but the last two or three years to kind of elevate the Nixon-Smilely softball program, kind of put it on the map," Hoelter said.

The Lady Mustangs had to say goodbye to three seniors on the team: Mady Velasquez, Mary Kate Garcia and Cecilia Villasana.

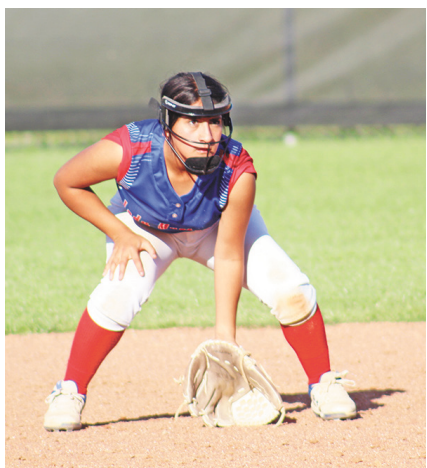
All the seniors were proud to be part of history the last three seasons and being part of back-to-back titles.

"We put Nixon on the map and we kept that going And every year we're getting better. So it's good to see that we got a lot of potential coming in these next few years. We'll have a lot coming through. And so it was nice to see that we were part of that," Velas-

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ABOVE: Nixon-Smilely sophomore catcher Hailee Houseton up at bat for the Lady Mustangs against the Industrial Lady Cobras Thursday, April 27 in Seguin. RIGHT: Nixon-Smilely sophomore second base Emily Granados gets into defensive position in game two against Industrial Thursday, April 27.



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



Gonzales junior catcher Sydney McCray at home plate for the Lady Apaches against Boerne Friday, April 28. VANDY VAN EPPS

Boerne ends Lady Apaches' softball season with 12-0 rout

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches had an early playoff exit with a 12-0 loss to the Boerne Lady Greyhounds Friday, April 28 in Marion.

The Lady Apaches and Lady Greyhounds had to deal with a weather delay as a thunderstorm hit across South Texas and postponed the game for two hours entering the bottom of the fourth inning.

Despite the season ending on the Lady Apaches, Gonzales head softball coach Michelle Uribe, in her first year, was very proud of how her team got hits against Boerne's pitcher.

"I'm incredibly proud. We

--Bi-District Stats--

Batting:
Hits: Gyzelle Guevara, Sydney McCray, and Dakota Schmidt: one hit

Pitching:
Sarah Padilla: pitched three innings: seven hits, seven runs, six errors, and four walks.
Zamrynn Zella: pitched two innings: seven hits, five runs, one error, one walk, and two strikes out.

had a big time focus this week on hitting their pitcher. And I thought, I mean, I was impressed with their effort with their execution of their offensive plans. It was amazing. It was really fun to watch," Uribe said.

The Lady Apaches' defense put out 15 Boerne batters out of 19 total chances; and Kylee Watson, Haley Bairrington, Haley Cantu and Kelly Breitschopf all combined for 10 for 10 in outs.

Uribe was impressed by her team's outfield and infield performance against Boerne and is looking forward to next year's teams.

"I think it'd be more motivation to work hard during the season and make sure that we're even better the next time we're here [in the playoffs]," Uribe said.

Six seniors played their last game in a Lady Apaches

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ABOVE: Lady Apaches sophomore Sarah Padilla pitches for Gonzales against Boerne in the bi-district round of the 4A UIL Softball playoffs. LEFT: Gonzales freshman Gyzelle Guevara on second base for the Lady Apaches against the Boerne Lady Greyhounds Friday, April 28.

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Smith named VC cross country, track and field coach

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Soon after Victoria College named Joshua Smith as Head Coach for the Pirates men's and women's cross country and track and field teams, he went right to work recruiting student-athletes for the 2023-24 season.

"I am honored for the opportunity to lead Victoria College's running program," said Smith. "The Crossroads community has been nothing

but supportive from day one of building the program. I look forward to creating a legacy of success and molding student-athletes to their highest potential."

Smith was a student-athlete at the University of Texas-San Antonio before graduating with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. He comes to VC after assisting at Xavier University of Louisiana, the University of the Incarnate Word, and the University of

North Texas. While at these institutions he coached twenty C-USA & Southland Conference finalists and eight NCAA West preliminary qualifiers and won four conference championships.

"We wanted someone who could assume the role with the experience to build a fully competitive program that will help provide opportunities for the student-athletes of our community," said Athletic Director Trey Anderson.

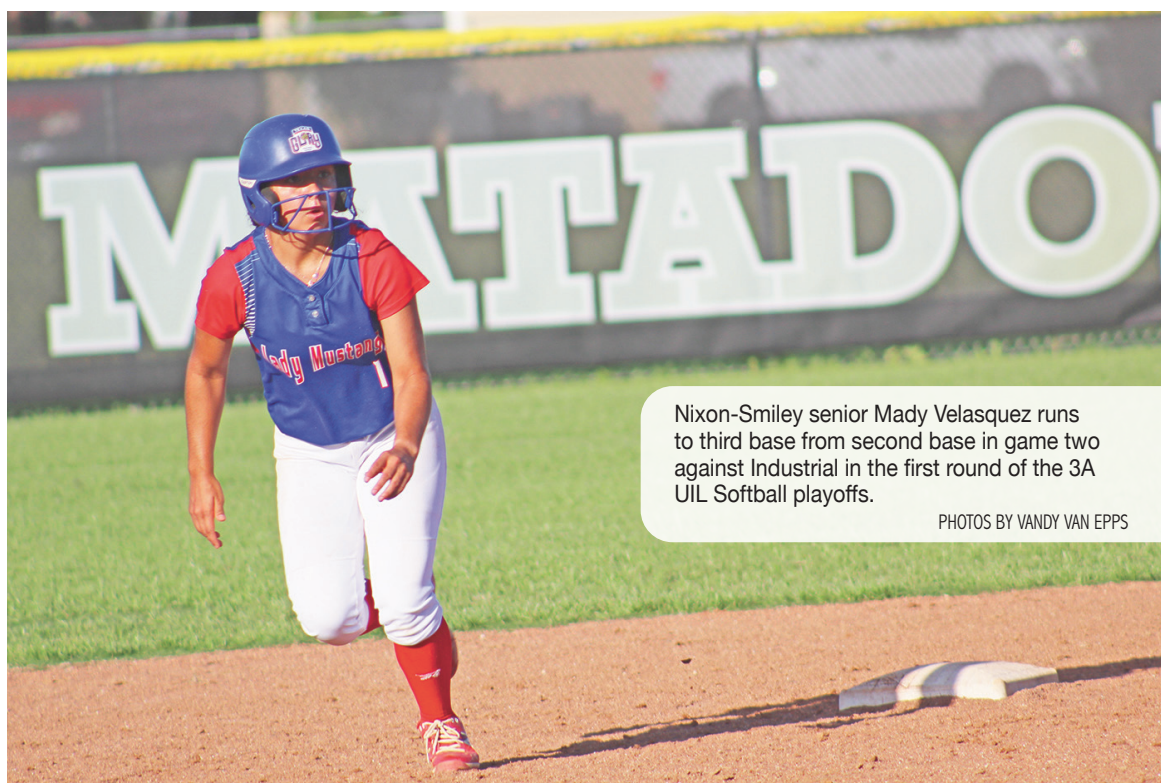
Victoria College is currently one of three programs competing in Region 14 of the NJCAA. Cross country and track and field continue to be emerging sports in the conference.

Smith, who took the helm of VC's running program during its inaugural season, is actively recruiting for both men's and women's cross country and track and field.

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Joshua Smith, VC's Cross Country, track & field coach



Nixon-Smile senior Mady Velasquez runs to third base from second base in game two against Industrial in the first round of the 3A UIL Softball playoffs.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

MUSTANGS

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quez said. "It's an honor to be on this team with this group of girls. We've work our butts off since the beginning of the season and I'm glad we made it this far," Garcia said. "It was honestly the most special part of my whole senior career. I mean, honestly, my whole high school career it's my main sport. And I've never felt more honored to be part of this team," Villana said.

Hoelter is looking forward to next year and he said he's planning on developing more depth and add more pitching for the 2024 team.

The Nixon-Smile Lady Mustangs capped off their season as back-to-back district champions with a 7-1 district record and were named bi-district finalists.



Nixon-Smile Lady Mustangs head softball coach John Hoelter talks to his players after the two-game sweep by Industrial.

Lady Mustangs earn all-district honors

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smile Lady Mustangs ended their season as district champions in District 26-3A, and received top honors in all-district.

Junior Kendall Amaya was named Offensive Player of the Year, senior Mady Velasquez was named Pitcher of the Year, and head coach John Hoelter was named Coach of the Year for 26-3A.

First team all-district:

Hailee Houseton, Emily Granados, Mary Kate Garcia, and Cecillia Villasana.

Second team all-district:

Nichole Ivey

All-district honorable mentions:

Tyra Ortiz.

All-District Academic:

Hailee Houseton, Kendall Amaya, Coralie Barillet, Tyra Ortiz, Mady Velasquez, Cecilia Villasana, Nichole Ivey, Emily Granados and Sadie Walden.

Two Lady Mustangs made Academic All-State Volleyball

STAFF REPORT

The Texas Girls Coaches Association released its Academic All-State Volleyball list for the 2022-23 season.

"The Texas Girls Coaches Association selects Academic All-State teams in volleyball for conferences 1A-6A. Athletes and Support Staff must be seniors and must have a GPA of 94

or above. They must also be a team member in good standing. Athletes and Support Staff are nominated by their head coach. All head coaches must be a member of TGCA by Nov. 1 in order for athletes and support staff to be eligible for honors." Via press release

The Nixon-Smile Lady Mustangs had two players made the list: Natalee Mendez and Kaidence Pecina.

BASEBALL

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situation to be successful. It doesn't always roll your way. But they fought their tail off. And they did really well. I'm very proud of these guys," Beveridge said.

This was the last game for seniors Jarren Johnson, Aiden Carmarillo, Kason Ticken, Mason Navejar and Joe Canales Jr., and Beveridge will remember the impact they have in his first year as coach.

I'm going to miss these seniors. These seniors did an

unbelievable job of leading us, but in the grand scheme of it, they gave us a big foundation to build upon and this team is going to be really good going forward," Beveridge said.

"We're still going to have a lot of heart attacks in hard times along the way. But we have a really good team and a really good young core to build with," Beveridge added.

The Gonzales Apaches end their 2023 season in fifth place with a 3-7 district record.



VANDY VAN EPPS

Apaches Joe Canales Jr. and Brandon DuBose in pregame mode before resuming the game against Cuero Saturday, April 29. The Gonzales-Cuero second game was postponed and moved to Hallettsville due to thunderstorms last Friday.

SOFTBALL

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uniform; Kamrynn Zella, Carlee Ramos, Amaya Cassidy Contreras, Bairrington and Watson.

"It's always incredible to come into a place and inherit seniors that you know, have solid leadership and just the love for the game. And it's been so fun working with these girls. They really enjoyed playing and they were leaders everywhere. They were on the field working out in the weight room in the dugout, it was amazing. So we

were really blessed to have them," Uribe said.

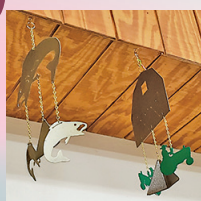
Uribe is excited for year two with the Lady Apaches and Gonzales athletics.

"We've got a lot of kids coming up that really want to compete and win and I think you're gonna see a big turnaround not just from Gonzales softball, but from all of our programs," Uribe said.

Gonzales finished its 2023 softball season in fourth place with a 4-6 district record and was named bi-district finalist.

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NIXON

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TELL US ABOUT WHY YOU ARE RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

La Fleur: I'm seeking my 4th term to continue the improvements that the City of Nixon has accomplished the last six years. I feel like we have more improvements to make and more programs to implement. We have more work to do, and I want to be a part of that.

Trigo: When I am elected I want to assist in bringing our community together. I am serving in the Nixon Area Chamber of Commerce and the Nixon First Baptist Church. When I am elected I can provide new ideas for our City, Nonprofit organizations, Churches and citizens to work together as a whole to prosper our community.

Pompa: It is so exciting to know there are changes coming to Nixon. I want to be a part of the change to help ensure that we preserve our small-town culture while cultivating the growth of new businesses and homes. I want to get involved in learning what we need to do to grow our community to be a place people want to raise their family, open a business, and enjoy our community.

WHAT ARE THE GREATEST STRENGTHS OF THE CITY OF NIXON IN YOUR OPINION?

La Fleur: One of our biggest strengths is our current administration, city council and mayor. We are a cohesive unit and everyone works well together. Our police and fire departments are some of the best in the county. The city has made the improvement of their facilities and equipment a priority.

Trigo: I feel the greatest strengths the City of Nixon has is its location and its country feel. Nixon is located in the center of several large cities such as San Antonio, Victoria, Austin and Corpus Christi. It is also located within 30 miles of mid size cities, such as Seguin, Gonzales, Luling, Floresville, Cuero, LaVernia and Karnes City. Many families are beginning to move into the area to get the country atmosphere. Nixon currently has 2 new subdivisions being built as well as a new Tractor Supply Company which is planning to be built. Nixon has a new large City Hall and Community Center and a new Family Dollar Store which opened a few years ago.

Pompa: Community! Nixon is a little jewel that just needs to be polished up a little, so that others can see the charm. Nixon is a community full of people that

ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

NAME: JUSTIN LA FLEUR

Age: 39
Education: BS, Texas A&M University.
Current Occupation: Business Operations & Sales.
Certifications held: N/a
Previously elected to any office: Nixon City Council, 3rd Term.
Volunteer work or service in non-elected positions: Little League, CFPO, Knights of Columbus

NAME: ADOLPH TRIGO

Age: 50
Education: High School Graduate. Associate Degree. Bachelor Degree in Agriculture Business. Master of Business Administration.
Current Occupation: Retired.
Certifications held: N/A
Previously elected to any office: 2001 & 2022 President Nixon Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. 2003 Vice President for 2003 Nixon Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture.
Volunteer work or service in non-elected positions: First Baptist Church Nixon; Facilities Committee, Usher & Greeter, Missions Com-



Adolph Trigo

mittee, Tuesday night Bible Study Teacher, Emergency Committee, Youth Camp Volunteer, Sunday Church Video Posting and Vacation Bible School.

NAME: MELISSA (MENDEZ) POMPA

Age: 44
Education: High School diploma
Current Occupation: Treasury Management Public Funds Product Specialist.
Certifications held: N/A
Previously elected to any office: N/A.
Volunteer work or service in non-elected positions: Board Member, Nixon-Smilely Little League. Second Chairperson, Nixon Housing Authority. President of Nixon-Smilely Head Start Parent Council. Serve on Nixon-Smilely Student Health Advisory Committee. Serve on Nixon-Smilely CISD Campus Improvement Committee. Serve on Nixon-Smilely CISD District Site Base Committee. Serve on City of Nixon Zoning Committee. Serve as Parent Volunteer for Smilely 4H/Leesville 4H Clubs. CCD Teacher, St. Joseph's/St. Phillip's Catholic Churches.



Melissa Pompa

need to prepare our infrastructure to withstand these changes in our community.

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE CITY OF NIXON FIVE YEARS FROM NOW? HOW ABOUT 10 YEARS FROM NOW?

La Fleur: In the next 5-10 years, I hope we have improved and rehabilitated the majority of our infrastructure that has been neglected for so many years. I also want to add more businesses and subdivisions to the city. We have added one new brick and mortar business in 2021 and are expecting a new Tractor Supply at the beginning of 2024. There are currently two new subdivisions in the works, and we hope to develop more in 2024.

Trigo: My vision for the city of Nixon in five years is new residences and subdivisions which are looking for the hometown feel and new businesses which are looking to fulfill those residences' requirements. My vision for Nixon in 10 years is to double its current population and hopefully to have other industries for employment other than the local Holmes Food.

Pompa: I hope to see Nixon have more housing available. We don't often see homes built in Nixon but the idea of two new subdivisions gives me hope that we will be able to grow and house teachers, doctors, and many young families. I hope to be a part of this accomplishment. To me, this goal will take 5 years, and possibly even 10 years.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR ROLE SHOULD BE AS A CITY COUNCILMAN?

La Fleur: The most important role of a city council member is to be a good steward of tax payer's funds. Auxiliary to that, listen to the concerns of your constituents so that the people you represent have a voice.

Trigo: My role as a city council member will be to work with city council, mayor, and city manager for the betterment of the city. I will provide my ideas and knowledge. Another role will be to listen to the citizens and do as much as possible to help them.

Pompa: If elected, my role will be like that of any other alderman in any other city. City council members are the voice of the community. One council member is only one vote. I can discuss, I can research, I can learn, I can communicate, and I can reason. My plan is to use these tools to help provide a voice for the citizens and help the needs and wants of the citizens be heard and validated.

reach out to help one another when we see that there is a need.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES CURRENTLY FACING THE CITY OF NIXON?

La Fleur: A 100 year old infrastructure. We have made it a priority to upgrade our streets, water and sewer the last six years. Most of which hasn't been improved for over 100 years. Finding ways to fund these projects has been challenging to say the least. Luckily, we have received some grants to help off set some of these costs.

Trigo: Some of the biggest challenges currently facing the city of Nixon is its communications with its residences. Many citizens are unaware of meetings, budgets, and planned agendas. The notices of meetings and agendas currently are posted on a billboard just outside of the office. I believe a new website needs to be administered which will provide these items as well as copies of previous

minutes and budgets showing money spent. Other items which can be posted are pictures of new infrastructures which are being worked on. Meeting dates can also be administered on the electronic signs off Hwy 87 next to the City Hall and the one next to the Nixon Library off Hwy 80.

Other challenges Nixon is facing are Tax Base. Nixon is unable to provide the necessary finance requirements for the required infrastructure such roads, sewer and water filtration.

Nixon's property value must be increased with new homes and new ordinances which require current home values to increase.

Pompa: Nixon's budget is a huge challenge. We have so much to do to help our little jewel shine, and we must figure out how to stretch our funds and make things happen. Our streets, water (even though it meets or exceeds government standards), and our sewers are going to be strained if we grow too fast. We

Sesame Study Club holds Spring Tea

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Members of The Sesame Study Club and their guests met at the beautiful Colonial-style home of Laura Kaspar on the outskirts of Shiner for the annual tea. Hostesses provided a delicious assortment of refreshments: watermelon balls, strawberries, brownies, cheese straws, and cucumber sandwiches with fruit punch or coffee.

Sesame member Jenice Benedict presented the program: a powerpoint presentation of the history of the architecture, arts, politics, geography, and religions of the areas she and her husband visited last August on their Mediterranean cruise. She captivated her audience, beginning with Venice and moving on to Dubrovnik. Her descriptions of Athens, Crete, and Mykonos left her listeners wanting more. Next time, she promised to reveal insights into the island of Delos and the city of Ephesus.

There was no business meeting at this social meeting, but members were asked to sign up for next year as hostesses and monthly book share



CONTRIBUTED

From left are presenter Janice Benedict and hostesses Noel Ince, Laura Kaspar, Celia Glass and Lynn Gescheidele.

presenters and for positions on standing committees: library, study course, good cheer, book, membership, or civic.

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Recognize your graduate with a specially priced Parent Ad in our Class of 2023 Graduation Special Section! The keepsake edition publishes in our Thursday, June 1 edition of The Gonzales Inquirer.

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RODEO

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Finals in their hometown; both girls are excited to compete in the finals in Gonzales.

Albert and Gibson both said it is cool to make the finals that is being held in their hometown.

Gibson, 13, has been competing in TJHRA for three years, and Albert, 11, just started her first year in the rodeo; both girls said this is the first time they've qualified for the finals.

Gonzales has already started prepping things for the finals to be held at JB Wells Arena and the girls are excited to see banners of them across town.

"Pretty cool if we have a whole bunch of people coming up to support us," Paisley Gibson said.

Both said they enjoy being part of the rodeo and seeing their friends at the events.

Albert's and Gibson's parents — Andrea and Charlie Albert and Amy Gibson — are all excited to see their daughters compete together in finals in Gonzales.

"It's pretty nice to be able to represent the community, putting in all of their hard work that they do practicing day in and day out. They're both homeschooled and so they dedicate themselves a lot to the sport of rodeo," Andrea Albert said.

"To see that their hard work pay off and I love that it's in Gonzales that it brings a lot of people to the town," Amy Gibson said.

Both Paisley Gibson and Emme Albert have been friends for a very long time and are very supportive of each other during their events.

"Even though they compete against each other, you always hear one or the other in the alleyway screaming at each other," Andrea Albert said.

Paisley Gibson will compete in the breakaways, goats and poles, and Emme Albert will compete in the barrels, poles, goats and breakaway.

WAELDER

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capacity for students during lunch as cafeteria space would grow from 3,445 square feet to more than 9,600 square feet.

The three school buildings would have carpeting replaced with new flooring while new LED lighting would be installed as well as exhaust fans in the bathrooms and fresh paint applied to building interiors and exteriors. ADA upgrades and interior door locks would be changed as required with repairs made to wall coverings and tiles.

The Life Skills building would see its exterior painted and broken skirting repaired in addition to the replacement of a window AC unit with a three-ton Bard unit. There would be flooring upgrades in the restrooms and the roof leak would be repaired.

The existing covered outdoor gym would be enclosed to create a second indoor gymnasium, allowing all grade levels to have indoor gym classes.

Finally, the former cafeteria would be converted to a new district administration office, with a room added to host school board meetings and staff trainings. A new entrance would be created that would face out to the street like the other three classroom buildings do.

A \$7.1 million bond issuance would also require interest payments totaling \$4,882,800, bringing the total estimated combined principal and interest for Proposition A to a grand total of \$11,982,800, assuming bonds are amortized for a period of 25 years with an interest rate of 4 percent.

PROPOSITION B — \$3,200,000

Proposition B, which asks for \$3.2 million, would allow Waelder ISD to refund all or a portion of the Series 2022 WISD Maintenance Tax Notes that were issued previously. The district currently has outstanding tax debt of \$2,575,000 and estimated remaining interest of \$772,381, for an estimated total combined debt of \$3,347,381.

A \$3.2 million bond issuance would also require interest payments totaling \$2,215,200, bringing the total estimated combined principal and interest for Propo-

sition B to a grand total of \$5,415,200, assuming bonds are amortized for a period of 25 years with an interest rate of 4 percent.

WHAT RESIDENTS WILL PAY

According to the district's bond counsel, if voters approve Proposition A, it will add an estimated \$0.1554 to the tax rate, while Proposition B would add an estimated \$0.0736. If both propositions are approved, the combined tax rate would be an estimated \$0.2287 (the estimated debt service structure changes slightly when the two propositions are combined, creating a potentially smaller tax rate increase than the sum of the two separate issues).

Again, the bond assume an interest rate of approximately 4 percent and the district has included a taxable value increase of 2.50 percent annually for the next 10 years, although the historical 10-year average has been 6.2 percent. If values increase more than the projected 2.5 percent, those tax rate increases could be less than expected.

In 2022, the average home in Waelder ISD had an average market value of \$105,035 and an average taxable value, after homestead and other exemptions, of \$56,538. Taxes on the average residence in Waelder ISD in 2022 were \$525.18, based on a tax rate of \$0.9289 per \$100 valuation, which included a maintenance and operations (M&O) rate of \$0.8546 per \$100 valuation and a debt service rate of \$0.0743.

If voters approve both bond issues for the total \$10.3 million, the new debt service tax rate for 2023 would be about \$0.303 per \$100 valuation. That would mean the taxes imposed on a homestead residence of average taxable value would increase by about \$129.30, or nearly \$10.78 per month.

However, property owners who do not have a homestead exemption could see much higher tax increases, depending on their property's value. For example, a piece of property in the Waelder ISD worth \$500,000 without a homestead exemption could see taxes increase by \$1,515 or about \$126.25 per month.

PLACE 6

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NAME: LOYCE ADCOCK-RICE

Age: 51
Education: Stockdale High Graduate. TLU College

Current Occupation: Business owner for 15 Years : Texas Outfitters Nixon, Texas Bottle Haus, The Cutting Edge Salon, Texas Storage, R5 Ranches.

Certifications held: Cosmetologist, EMT

Previously elected to any office: none

Volunteer work or service in non-elected positions: Current Nixon 4-H Leader, City of Nixon Featherfest/Cinco de Mayo Committee.

TELL US ABOUT WHY YOU ARE RUNNING FOR OFFICE?

Adcock-Rice: I am running for office because:

#1. I want to improve Safety in all three schools.

#2. I want to promote more Trade Programs for graduating seniors.

#3. Better connections with the community.

WHAT ARE THE GREATEST STRENGTHS OF NIXON-SMILEY CISD IN YOUR OPINION?

Adcock-Rice: They currently have been able to run a district with a group of people who can budget and disperse the funding available to the best interest of all 3 schools.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES CURRENTLY FACING NIXON-SMILEY CISD?

Adcock-Rice: Parent involvement and graduates future endeavors

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE NIXON-SMILEY CISD FIVE YEARS FROM NOW? HOW ABOUT 10 YEARS FROM NOW?

Adcock-Rice: Five-year vision:

#1. Upgrading safety within the district

#2. Children need more counseling

#3. Parents more proactive- more active roles in their child's education and future.

#4. Ultimately, the community will turn around for the better: Better young adults, More businesses, Better school, Better town

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR ROLE SHOULD BE AS A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER?

Adcock-Rice: Hard to say.....

I want to visit all districts and see how all function.

Then, I will find my place to improve on what is there for me.

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vendors available to shop, plus kids' activities including a bounce house, petting zoo and balloon animals. For the adults, the 5D Travelin' tavern will be there to quench your thirst. There will also be salsa and margarita contests.

DJ Buddy will start off the entertainment at 5 p.m., followed at 6 p.m. by Ballet Folklórico of Texas. Los Bonbones take the stage at 7 p.m., followed by the conjunto group The Delta Boyz at 7:30 p.m. Closing out the night will be Magnifico Siete at 10 p.m.

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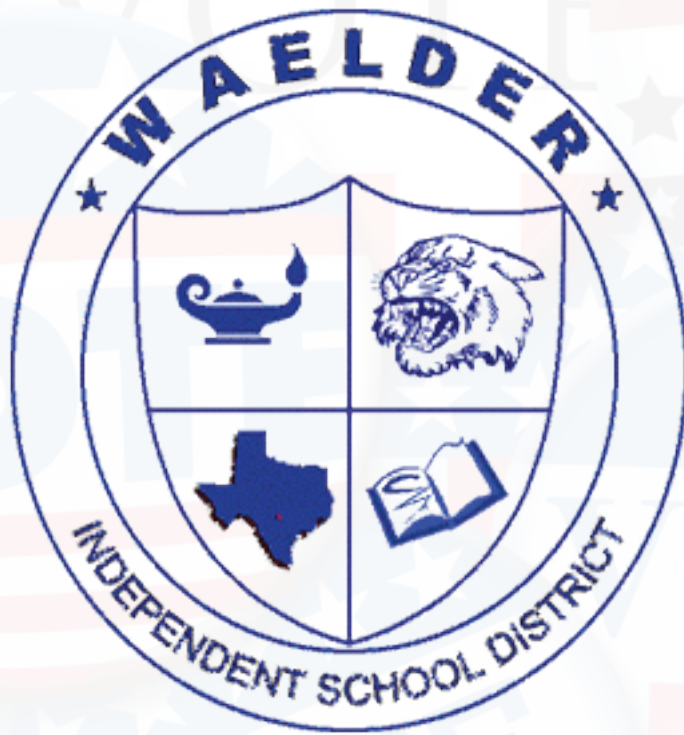


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