

Gonzales County man arrested for cattle theft

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Special Ranger Robert Fields arrested Joshua Webb in Gonzales for the theft of two cow-calf pairs. Webb was charged with theft of live-stock, a third-degree felony, and possession of a controlled substance.

In September 2024, Special Ranger Fields took a report from an individual reporting two cow-calf pairs that went missing from a property in DeWitt County. The cattle were last seen earlier that month.

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Haynes found competent to stand trial in 2020 slayings

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

A Caldwell County jury in Lockhart has found 38-year-old Bryan Haynes competent to stand trial for the 2020 shooting deaths of a volunteer firefighter and his cousin near Luling, Caldwell County District Attorney Fred Weber said.

After three days of testimony, a jury of seven men and five

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Parents speak at GISD meeting on volleyball spitting incident

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

Two volleyball parents expressed their concerns to the GISD school board Monday, Oct. 21 regarding an alleged spitting incident involving the team.

Robin Clack and Marina Melgar spoke to the board during public comments about volleyball varsity players spitting their teammates' water and the water

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¡Cuando estas estudiando pero estas bailando!

Gonzales ISD students shine in inaugural Ballet Folklórico performance

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Seventy-five Gonzales ISD students from grades pre-K through fourth showed off their new dancing skills during the inaugural GISD Ballet Folklórico performance Friday, Oct. 18, at Apache Field.

The students had been taking instruction in dance

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BURROWS HONORED



Bishop George Sampleton, left, presents a plaque of appreciation honoring longtime Gonzales High School principal Thomas E. Burrows for his support of Sampleton to Maggie Vega Holub, administrative assistant to Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, on Thursday, Oct. 17. Sampleton said Burrows never gave up on him and his guidance helped lead Sampleton to a fulfilling life. Burrows, who passed away in 2017, was principal at GHS for 22 years, during which his input helped in the building of the current high school as well as the development of what became the T.E. Burrows baseball field.

LEW K. COHN

Nixon council authorizes block grant application, RV park variances

City declares October 'Domestic Violence Prevention Month'

BY LEW K. COHN
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Nixon City Council members voted unanimously Monday, Oct. 21, to authorize the city to submit an

application for a \$750,000 Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to perform water line and street repair work on South Parker Street.

Interim City Manager Darryl Becker and Finance Director Melissa Pompa said the grant would require a match of just \$37,500, or just

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Gonzales City Council fails to increase council compensation

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
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The Gonzales City Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, Oct. 17 at city hall.

One of the main topics was regarding city council compensation.

Councilman Lorenzo

Hernandez brought up this agenda item to the council and felt the council should get compensation, he said.

City Security Kristina Vega said the last time the council had an increase in compensation was either in 2015 or 2016.

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Smiley City Council asked to step into parking lot dispute

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Smiley City Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday,

Oct. 16 at the municipal building.

One of the main topics of the meeting was regarding a parking lot dispute between Nations Christian Fellowship

Church and Mama Luz Tacos.

Nations Pastor Jason Montoya was not present at the meeting last Wednesday, but sent out an email to be read out by City Secretary Scott

Jewett.

"I come to you today with a concern/issue that I believe you as the City Council could

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Pilot Club honors Mayor Sucher, Superintendent Dr. A



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO BY LORRELL WRIGHT/PILOT CLUB OF GONZALES

Pilot Club of Gonzales President Megan Perkin (left) gives an honorary Pilot Club membership to Gonzales Mayor Steve Sucher (right) at their Monday, Sept. 9 meeting.

STAFF REPORT

The Pilot Club of Gonzales named Mayor Steve Sucher and Gonzales ISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda as honorary members recently.

Sucher was honored at the Monday, Sept. 9 Pilot Club meeting at the Riverside Center; the club president gave Sucher a certificate of honorarium.

The Pilot Club also came to the Monday, Oct. 21 GISD meeting to give Dr. Avellaneda his certificate as an honorary member.

Pilot Club International is a 102-year-old community service organization focused on serving those with traumatic brain injuries and their caregivers and teaching kids how to keep their brain safe for life through various programs.

The Pilot Club of Gonzales was formed in 1973; 10 years later the Anchor Club of Gonzales was formed at the high school.

“To summarize our code of ethics: Embracing the Pilot motto, “True Course Ever,” we commit to working diligently, ethically, and with a positive spirit. We will strive for continuous improvement and self development, maintain high standards, and work each day at that which is before us seriously, vigorously, calmly, and cheerily,” said Pilot Club president-elect Lorrell Wright.



VANDY VAN EPPS

The Pilot Club of Gonzales at the Monday, Oct. 21 Gonzales ISD meeting to recognize Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda as an honorary member of the Pilot Club.



The Pilot Club of Gonzales president-elect Lorrell Wright (middle right) hands Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda (middle left) his honorary Pilot Club membership Certificate Monday, Oct. 21. Left to Right: project coordinators Isaac Anzaldua and Kena May, Dr. Avellaneda, Wright, Gonzales Anchor president-elect Reyna Rhodes and fundraising coordinator Karen Phillips.

VANDY VAN EPPS

Come and Take It Dance presents its third annual Halloween Showcase Oct. 27

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Come and Take It Dance will hold its third annual Halloween Showcase at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. It’s a night you won’t want to miss. Get ready for a night of spooky fun and incredible talent this weekend at the studio, located at 418 Saint Andrew St., Gonzales.

The dancers have been working hard, and they’re excited to bring you a night filled with fun, talent, and spooky surprises! Plus, join them for the afterparty at San Antonio Distillery LLC to keep the celebration going!

This is a free, family-friendly event, so come out to support your talented friends, family, and community as they take the stage!

If you’re interested in dance lessons, this is a fantastic opportunity to check out the studio and see what they offer!

Performers for the evening include:

Folklorico Group: Ida McGarity, Jessica Rivas, Monica Atkinson

Ballroom Couples: Amanda Hammond & Gary Franco, Jessica & Nicky McKinney, Samantha & Michael Garcia

Ballet Group: Alexandra Rivas, Audrey Raley, Gabriela Rivas, Hannah Atkinson, Katelyn Evans, Natalia Moncada, Shaila Zuniga

Hip-Hop Group: Angel Falks, Anastasia Falks, Draco Means, KayLauni Falks, Leah Tuch, Liberty Gallegos, Nikoli Falks, Nora Falks

Pre-Ballet: Amelia Tucker, Anna Hardcastle, Easley Pontoja, Imrie Pontoja, Mackenzie Newlin

Anticipate a fantastic night filled with talent and joy as the dancers showcase their skills. It promises to be a memorable celebration of the community’s creativity and fun!



Noon Lions commit to pillars of service

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

On Monday October 14th, Gonzales Noon Lions Club (GNLC) members planted trees around the community of Gonzales.

The Lions have five pillars of service.

With a focus on environment, their goal is to provide a healthier community and more sustainable environment!

Trees were planted at Edwards Association, Miracle and Deliverance Church, Lions Park, and Victoria College, all in Gonzales.

Pictured from left to right are Melba Washington; Victoria Ostiguin; Pam Jackson; Cynthia Green, Darrell Haug; a Victoria College employee; Carla Faltisek; John Coale; Charlie Gray and Rafe Jackson.

COURTESY/GNLC

American Legion to hold benefit plate sale

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The American Legion Post No. 40 will have a benefit plate sale this Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Legion Hall, 1612 Robertson St., Gonzales.

Chicken and sausage will be served with sides at \$13 per plate from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please come out and support the American Legion.

Library set for Halloween Costume Contest

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The ninth annual Greatest Halloween Costume Contest Ever will be held at the Robert Lee Brothers Jr. Memorial Library between 9 a.m and 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31.

The library is located

at 301 Saint Joseph St. All children 18 and under are invited to come by the Library in full costume to have their picture taken. The Teen Action Group (TAG) will be judging the entries the following Friday. The top three costumes chosen will win a prize.

Gonzales police investigating American Legion vandalism

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gonzales police are investigating vandalism at the American Legion Post No. 40 Hall that took place sometime before the weekend of Oct. 19-20.

American Legion commander Albert G. Rodriguez Jr. told the Inquirer that unknown persons cut down the American

flag from the pole, broke the water faucet on the side of the building (causing a leak) and broke the security lights outside of the post building at 1612 Robertson, Gonzales.

Anyone with information about this incident is urged to contact the Gonzales Police Department at 830-672-8686 or the post at (830) 263-3082

Celebrations

Birthdays

October 24th Melvin Bain Morgan Barnett Reida Bastien Ashley Berger Terry Clay Charlotte Masek Jason Paryzek	October 27th Frank Ball Brittany Nicole Brown Bryanna Iakopo Isabella McIntosh Adolph Ramirez Bubba Simmons Reynold Veselka Miranda Wenzel	October 29th Lisa Diane Brown Jeff Daniel Erin DeCola Katie Hunt Bill Quinney Clint Shofner Ben Sutton
October 25th Brittany Belsher Rachel Cantu Christy Diamond Daisy Gaines Albert Harvey Caleb Penney Kayelynn Sutton	October 28th Weston Brecosky Tyler Gescheidle Gayla Keeter Tammy Fern Reininger Bryce Spies	October 30th Kevin DeBerry Elgin Heinemeyer Landis Kern Shelly Stamport P.J. Wegener

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	October 27 84°/60°	Plenty of sunshine 5% chance of rain • RealFeel 86
	October 28 84°/59°	Plenty of sunshine 20% chance of rain • RealFeel 86
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Garden Q&A with CALVIN FINCH



Q. I have a Texas red oak that was diagnosed with having a sun scald on the west side of the trunk. Is it worth trying to keep it alive? What will I have to do to treat it?

A. To keep it alive you just need to water it regularly once per month and prevent additional sun scald damage on the trunk by covering the wound area with a burlap cover. It is likely to live but will not grow at the same rate as an uninjured tree.

Q. What are some shrubs that the deer won't eat?

A. Consider Texas mountain laurel, viburnum, dwarf Chinese holly, standard yaupon holly, dwarf yaupon holly, Texas sage, nandina, poinciana, and primrose jasmine. Spray all new plantings with Liquid Fence once per week for six weeks even if the deer do not usually eat them. Plants directly from the nursery have a diluted chemistry situation and deer are also curious and inclined to taste everything that is newly planted.

Q. Which of the winter vegetables do best in containers in full sun on a patio? I want the plants to be attractive, productive and nutritious.

A. My favorites would include

kale, leaf lettuce and "Bright Lights" Swiss chard. All of them have colorful foliage and grow well in a 5 gallon or larger container fertilized with Osmocote. Parsley, beets, carrots, and onions also meet your demands for color, nutrition, and production. If you use parsley watch out for the black swallowtail butterflies, they lay their eggs on parsley, fennel, and dill, and they eat the foliage fast! Pull the caterpillars off by hand.

Q. My wife and I love primula for winter blooms in the shade but have trouble with slugs and snails eating them. What are our options for protecting them? Are there organic slug and snail baits?

A. There are organic slug and snail baits, and most local nurseries offer at least one organic option. Follow the label instructions. Another thing that works, especially if you are trying to grow the primula in the garden or large diameter containers is to use a beer trap. Sink a plastic cup in the soil every 18 inches, so the top is level with the soil surface and half fill it with an inexpensive beer. The slugs and snails will fill up the containers and reduce the pressure on the primula.

GREEN CLOVER 4-H CLUB MEETS



The Green Clover 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8. They discussed old and new business, celebrated October birthdays, and played a fun cup game. They also welcomed guest speaker Kari Breitschopf, director of the Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association. Ms. Breitschopf spoke to them about their Meals on Wheels program which delivers meals to homebound individuals in need. For their community service project they made 47 layered dry soup mix packets for them with a can of tomatoes to include when cooking soup. Pictured are their group members putting on gloves, measuring ingredients, and counting bags of soup, as well as Ms. Breitschopf accepting the donation. The Green Clover 4-H Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the Memorial Heights Baptist Fellowship Hall. They hope to see you next month!

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

October 19th, 2024

Cattle - 1349

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold steady to very active market. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows and bulls sold steady.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 310-450; 300-400 lbs., 260-315; 400-500 lbs., 255-277; 500-600 lbs., 220-265; 600-700 lbs., 210-241; 700-800 lbs., 207-223. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 155-190.

Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 275-375; 300-400 lbs., 230-287; 400-500 lbs., 221-235; 500-600 lbs., 205-237; 600-700 lbs., 197-210.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 105-118; Cutters, 117-122; Canners, 85-108; High yielding fat cows, 106-118.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 132-144; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 125-130.

Stocker Cows: \$900 to \$1,800. Pairs: \$1,500 to \$2,700.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

October 21st, 2024

Cattle - 1376

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$240-320
300-400 lbs - \$219-249
400-500 lbs - \$210-320
500-600 lbs - \$200-238
600-700 lbs - \$197-227
700-800 lbs - \$186-218

Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$228-275
300-400 lbs - \$186-265

400-500 lbs - \$203-258
500-600 lbs - \$202-243
600-700 lbs - \$197-240
700-800 lbs - \$196-243
Slaughter Cows - \$96-117
Slaughter Bulls - \$110-141
Stocker Cows - \$1,000-1,950
Pairs: \$1700-2100

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Sale date: October 15th

Cattle on hand: 2056

Packer Cows:

High Dressing: \$118-130
Medium Dressing: \$112-122
Low Dressing: \$98-110

Poor/Weak Cows: \$80-95

Packer Bulls:

High Dressing: \$152-160
Medium Dressing: \$136-150
Low Dressing: \$120-133

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$2000-2300
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1300-1875

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: None
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: None

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves: Under 200 lbs.: \$390-490
200-300 lbs.: \$280-405
300-400 lbs.: \$270-320
400-500 lbs.: \$255-315
500-600 lbs.: \$225-275
600-700 lbs.: \$215-246
700-800 lbs.: \$190-236

Under 200 lbs.: \$360-460
200-300 lbs.: \$265-335
300-400 lbs.: \$240-305
400-500 lbs.: \$230-285
500-600 lbs.: \$210-255
600-700 lbs.: \$200-222.50
700-800 lbs.: \$190-221

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: \$250-327.50
The calf market this week was

mixed. Heavier weight calves continued steady/strong light weight calves were a little lower due to less grazing demand. Average of all calves sold was #2 lower dry pastures hurting both buyers and sellers. Packer cows and bulls sold steady to \$1 lower on a supply of 175 head.

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October 16TH

Stocker cattle 5-7 off with packer cows and bulls remain steady.

Cattle - 592

Sheep & goats - 989

Medium & large frame #1 Steers: 200-300 lb. 1.15-2.22-3.45
300-400 lb. 1.10-2.40-3.15
400-500 lb. 1.15-2.27-2.61
500-600 lb. 1.05-2.15-2.45
600-700 lb. 1.15-2.03-2.33
700-850 lb. 1.10-1.89-2.17

Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb. 1.50-2.47-2.95
300-400 lb. 1.45-2.37-2.80
400-500 lb. .50-2.14-2.40
500-600 lb. 1.82-2.10-2.42
600-750 lb. 1.68-1.97-2.20

Cows:

Utility & commercial - .88-1.07-1.18
Cutters - .80-.89-.98
Cannors. -.75-.83-.90
Palpated cows - 700-1875
Cow/Calf Pairs - 1950-2250

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding - 1.31-1.49
Light & Low Yielding - 1.05-1.30

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies - 45-250
Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.20-3.50
Wethers -1.60-3.50
Billies - 1.20-2.62
Dorp. Ewes - 75-155
Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 2.00-2.75
Woolled Ewes - 90-120

Woolled Bucks - 1.00-1.75
Lambs - 1.70-2.40
Barb. Bucks -175-360

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

October 18, 2024

Number of Head: 2,029

There were 281 cows and 19 bulls. Packer market on cows and bulls was weaker after last week's rise. Tops on packer bulls were down while tops on cows were the same as a week ago. The calf market showed fluctuation this week. Lighter weight cattle sold lower while heavy weights sold steady. The dry conditions continue to affect both buyers and sellers. We truly appreciate our sellers and buyers.

Packer bulls: 127.00-160.00

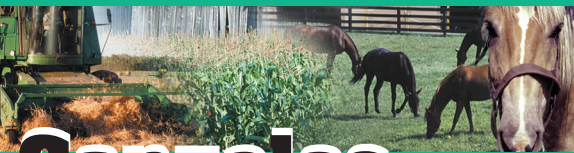
Packer cows: 87.00-125.00
cannors & cutters 41.00-79.00
poor & weak 125.00-2,000

Palpated: 22 bred \$1250-2,000

PAIRS: None
Steer/Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. 300.00-435.00
200-250 lbs 225.00-400.00
250-299 lbs 262.00-315.00
300-350 lbs. 220.00-300.00
350-400 lbs. 237.00-282.00
400-450 lbs. 233.00-362.00
450-500 lbs. 229.00-280.00
500-550 lbs 230.00-280.00
550-600 lbs. 219.00-276.00
600-700 lbs 206.00-250.00
700-800 lbs 197.00-230.00
Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs 4 hd
200-250 lbs. 233.00-266.00
250-300 lbs. 246.00-285.00
300-350 lbs. 230.00-272.00
350-400 lbs. 221.00-270.00
400-450 lbs. 218.00-260.00
450-500 lbs. 214.00-250.00
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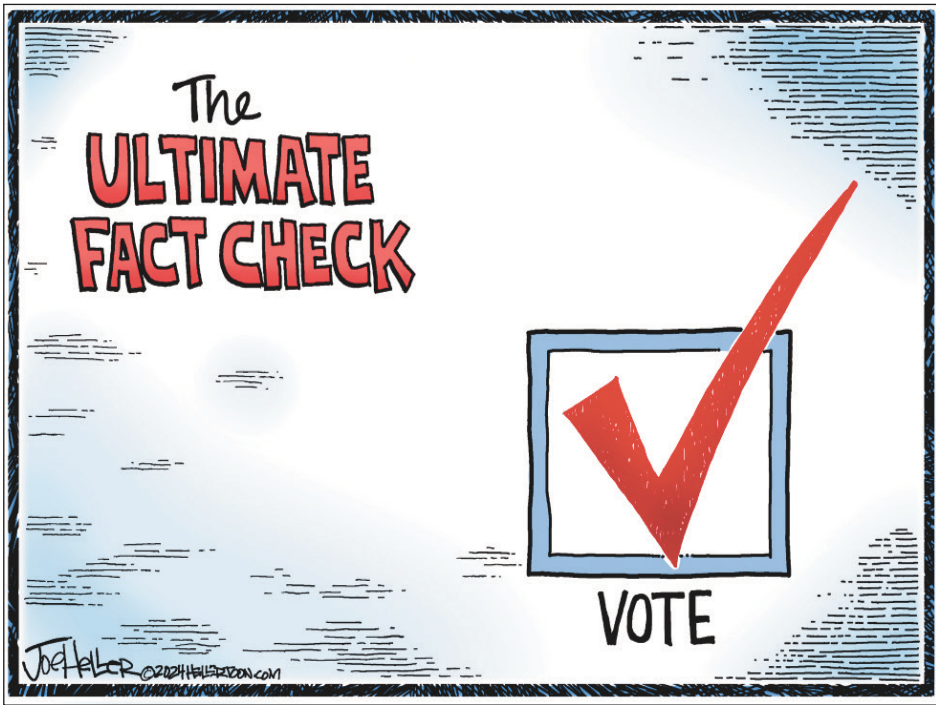
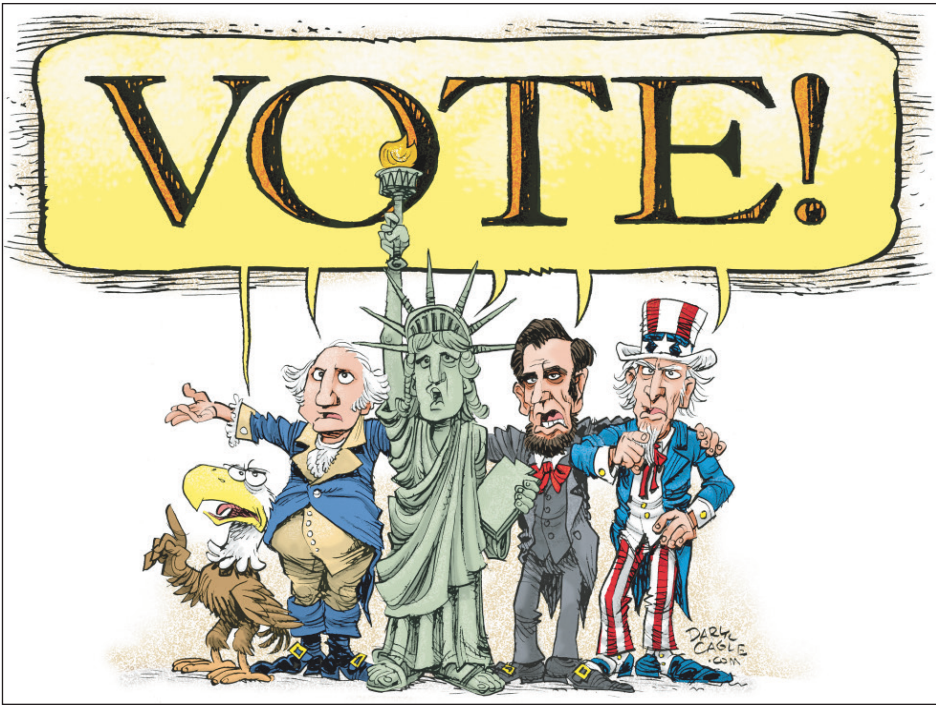
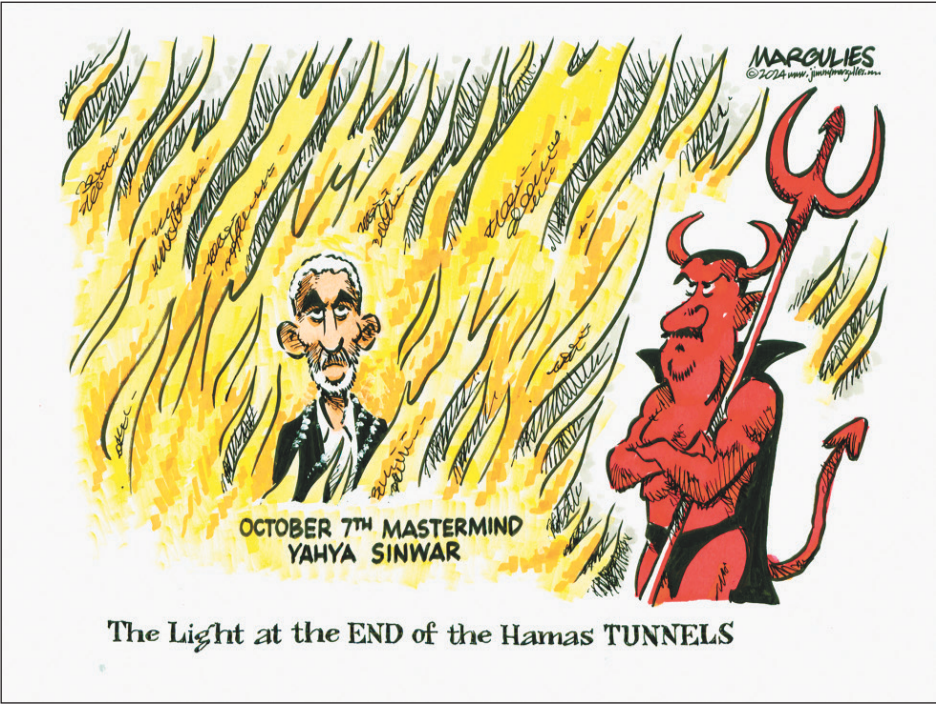
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Opinion



DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Intersections of life...

Names of luminaries met at intersections along our pathway keep popping up as corner posts in life's fence row.

They are not remembered as being Republican or Democrat, rural or urban, liberal or conservative. Each, however, has two characteristics in common -- notable public service and unquestioned Christian commitment.

A friend of some half-century, the late Everett J. (Ebb) Grindstaff was known as "Mr. Lion." In 1982, he was elected to the presidency of Lions International, an organization spanning the globe in more than 200 countries with 46,000 clubs and some 1.5 million members. He and his late father were well-known attorneys in Ballinger, TX, for almost a century. Ebb's dad was District Attorney and Ebb later was City Attorney for more than 50 years. Now, the new Texas Lions' Museum in Kerrville is dedicated to his memory.

Ebb challenged his children as they entered high school: "The most important thing your mother and I can give you is a good name. Take good care of it." Ebb died in 2019 at age 88; his widow, Jay, 93, attended the museum dedication, along with other family and friends, mostly roaring Lions....

Coach Grant Teaff led Baylor University from the football wilderness during his 21 years there. A high school sports star in Snyder and college at McMurry University, Teaff has reached age 90. Recently, Snyder Public Schools named its football stadium in his honor. (It was a delight for me to have a two-hour visit with Grant and his wife Donnell in Waco. Their "get-alongs" have slowed, but they remain sprightly in spirit and outlook.)

Also this fall, Highland Park changed its stadium name to honor Randy Allen, their coach of 26 years who has won 23 district titles, more than 400 games and four state championships. This year, the former SMU football player won the coveted Tom Landry Award for excellence in high school football coaching.

Highlander Stadium now has three additional words--Randy Allen Field. Now 74, he failed at retirement six years ago. After a few months, he "un-retired" and was reinstated, pledging to coach until he can't....

Still another shining star was the late James M. Hamilton, who lost a lengthy and valiant battle with cancer earlier this year. He was 60 years of age, making a strong Christian impact during his life, most of which was spent in education.

I met him in 1986 upon being named president of Howard Payne University. He was Student Body President, taking seriously the confidences with which he was entrusted.

A community leader, he was greatly admired by the masses in his hometown of Weatherford, TX, where his memorial service was held recently....

The service was unique in several ways. It was held on August 14 on what would have been his 61st birthday. The Weatherford City Council, which he had served as a member, declared it to be "James Hamilton Day." At the reception following the service, strawberry cake--his favorite--was served. Yes, James--like Grindstaff, Teaff and Allen--deserves "corner post" status.

Still another who sought no recognition, fame or fortune, was the late Cecil Holman, as good a friend and valued mentor as I have ever had, particularly during my student years in college. An African American grocer/undertaker in Brownwood, he was not privileged to attend high school. Yet, he was as wise as any person I've ever known.

It was "Uncle Cecil" --the name his many friends called him--who once offered me this valuable advice: "Mr. Berries (the name he always called me), try to remember that throughout life, you'll face far more 'hallelujahs' than 'doolalujahs.'" He got this right, as he did virtually everything else.

A tip of the hat to some of my corner posts! Most of us, in various shapes and sizes, are ordinary posts in life's fence rows. Corner posts, however, hold up far more than their share of the load. I salute them....

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Apaches fail to finish off Panthers, fall 34-23 at home

BY LEW K. COHN
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The Gonzales Apaches were behind in a 26-23 catfight with the Navarro Panthers through more than three quarters Friday, Oct. 18, and appeared poised to take a lead. The team had the ball with a second and three from the six-yard line when disaster struck.

A mishandled snap exchange was fortunately covered up, but led to a loss of 12 yards. Another five yards for false start placed the ball on the 23-yard line. A pitch from quarterback Tyler Hoffman to running back David Clack III was supposed to turn into a halfback pass, but Clack instead lost four more yards.

The chance to tie the game was placed on the shoulders of kicker Brandon Duenez, who tried to split the uprights from 44 yards out, but ended up wide right, which gave the ball back to the Panthers on downs with 7:46 left in the game. Navarro then drove 73 yards, taking off all but 27 seconds of the remaining time and sticking a fork in any plans Gonzales had of a comeback. To top things off, the Panthers converted a two-point conversion because they could and won, 34-23.

The loss by Gonzales drops the Apaches' overall record to 3-4 and their district mark to 1-2 as they have lost two straight following a three-week winning streak.

"It's a tough one to swallow," head coach Joey Rivera said. "And you know, we'll go back and watch the film. It'll be four or five plays that changed

the aftermath of the game. We especially had some plays could have made in the first half."

Gonzales jumped out to the lead to start the game, driving 60 yards for the first points of the game on a Clack three-yard TD run. The PAT by Duenez was good and made it 7-0. Navarro then showed its ability to ground and pound the ball as they slowly bullied their way to the Apache 4. The school scored on its first play of the second quarter and the PAT kick tied it at 7-7.

The Apaches got the ball back and relied on short screen passes from Hoffman to his brother, Brayden Hoffman, and to Clack as well as timely runs by Tyler Hoffman, Clack and Ayden Ramirez, a freshman who would score from two-yard out with 6:51 left in the second. The PAT kick was no good, so it was 13-7 in favor of the Apaches.

The next drive saw Navarro feeding the rock to their big backs, who often got huge chunks of yardage after contact before the Apaches could get them tackled. With 2:36 left in the first half, the Panthers had a 20-yard TD run. The PAT kick was no good, leaving the score at 13-13.

Gonzales would close out the first half with a drive to the Navarro seven-yard line before stalling. With just 15 seconds left in the half, Duenez hit a 24-yard field goal to create the 16-13 advantage the Apaches would take with them into the lockerroom at intermission.

In the third quarter, the two offenses would swap big plays that excited their fan bases.



Above: Travis Malveaux III carries the ball around the left end on a reverse that picked up 10 yards and helped move the Apaches down the field on a scoring drive in the second quarter against the Navarro Panthers. Left: The Apache defense brings down a Navarro ballcarrier after just a short gain Friday, Oct. 18.

LEW K. COHN



The Panthers retook the lead with 9:48 remaining in the third quarter after a 65-yard TD run. The PAT was good this time, making the score 20-16. But just a little over two clock minutes later, Gonzales would get a TD pass from Tyler Hoffman to speedy Damion Hunt, who broke some Panther ankles as he turned on the jets and took it in from 49 yards out. The kick made it 23-20 with 7:27 to go in the third quarter.

But like a bad penny or taxes from the IRS, Navarro kept showing up where Gonzales least wanted them to be — the end zone. Navarro would get

another three-yard TD run to go ahead 26-23.

Rivera said his team now must focus its sights on what could be a monumental task — stopping the Wimberley Texans juggernaut on the road at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25

After starting the season 2-2 with blowout wins over Canyon Lake and Fredericksburg but losing at Austin LBJ and Lampasas, the Texans have been feasting on teams in District 13-4A-2, recording three straight wins over Navarro, Salado and Jarrell.

The Apaches have a 2-1 overall record against the Texans. In 2011, Wimberley won, 40-14,

but Gonzales got the better of them in 1994 (24-8) and 1995 (32-8).

"That (Wimberley) is a tough one to bounce back up on, but hey, we gotta play what's on the schedule," Rivera said. "We'll be ready to go. And that's what I've been talking to our kids about, getting right back up and getting ready to get better."

Rivera acknowledged his team is not out of the playoff hunt, but must win at least two of the next three to have a shot at playing in the second season.

After Wimberley, the Apaches will face Salado on Senior Night at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, and then will travel to Jarrell for the regular season finale at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8. The Apaches beat Jarrell in 2021 and 2020 in the only two meetings between the schools, while this will be the first time ever the Salado Eagles have faced Gonzales.



VANDY VAN EPPS

Lady Apaches freshman Lyndie Blackwell (11) jumps in the air for an offensive play for Gonzales in the district match against San Antonio JFK.

Lady Apaches playoff bound after JFK win

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches played their final home match of their 2024 volleyball season against the San Antonio JFK Lady Rockets Tuesday, Oct. 22.

The Lady Apaches clinched their third straight playoff appearance since 2022 in the season series sweep of the Lady Rockets (25-21, 25-22, 25-20).

Gonzales rallied in the first and second, trailing more than seven points in the sets; the Lady Apaches kept their composure despite trailing against JFK.

"I feel like we just talked to ourselves. We kept each other up, and we just inspired each other to keep going and not worry about your mess-ups," sophomore outside hitter Alaina Valle said.

"We all had positive mind-sets. We were all okay, and we just maybe had a little too much confidence, and they're having too much fun. But then we brought it all together in the third set, and everything was good," junior middle hitter

Isabella Ikard said.

Valle and Ikard were part of the playoff team last season together and both are excited to keep the postseason streak alive.

"I'm excited to see how far we could go with this team, and I just wish for the best for everybody," Ikard said.

"I feel like we've been working really, really hard this season, and I feel like all of our practices and everything have gone and it has prepared us for what we need to do in the playoffs," Valle said.

The Lady Apache closes out the regular season on the road against the San Antonio Memorial Minute Women Tuesday, Oct. 29; Gonzales can clinch third place in district for the second year in a row with a win over Memorial.

"We're just going to practice our best during these next few practices and come home with a win," Valle said.

"Just have confidence, believe in the team, believe in everybody, and just work hard, and then we'll win," Ikard said.

The San Antonio Memorial match starts at 6:15 p.m.

Gonzales cross country competes at regional

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales cross country teams traveled to the regional meet Monday, Oct. 21 in Corpus Christi, Texas.

The varsity Apaches finished 10th overall out of 22 teams at

the meet; Crkistofer Ramos, Homero Ruiz, Carlos Pedraza and Cain Cardonza finished in the top 100 at the meet.

The varsity Lady Apaches finished 12th place out of 24 teams at the regional meet; Jordyn Gonzales finished in

top 25, Yaritza Angel finished in the top 50, and Sophia Castro, Jaelyn Ramos, Khloe Granados finished in the top 100.

The Gonzales Cross Country teams will be back in Fall 2025.



RESULTS

VARSITY APACHES:

Crkistofer Ramos: 48th – 18:55.37
Homero Ruiz: 51st – 19:05.58
Carlos Pedraza: 59th – 19:15.12
Diego Leon: 89th – 20:05.71
Cain Cardoza: 74th – 19:40.15
Chris Gonzalez: 116th – 20:51.13
Alex Martinez: 148th – 22:39.44

VARSITY LADY APACHES:

Jordyn Gonzales: 24th – 13:45.57
Yaritza Angel: 42nd – 14:12.88
Sophia Castro: 89th – 15:32.90
Jaelyn Ramos: 91st – 15:38.88
Khloe Granados: 97th – 15:49.12
Viviana Barirentos: 111st – 16:22.62
Kylee Bairrington: 141st – 17:15.90

Apaches junior Crkistofer Ramos ahead of three other cross country runners at the regional meet in Corpus Christi Monday, Oct. 21.

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The Gonzales Lady Apaches varsity cross country team at the regional meet in Corpus Christi Monday, Oct. 21. The Lady Apaches finished 12th overall at the meet.



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Cuero sweeps season series from Lady Apaches

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches traveled to Cuero to take on the Cuero Lady Gobblers for their last rivalry match of the 2024 volleyball season Friday, Oct. 18.

The Lady Apaches fell to the Lady Gobblers in three sets (9-25, 15-25, 12-25) and

were swept for the 2024 volleyball season in their pair of matches.

The Lady Apaches returned home Tuesday, Oct. 22 for the final home match against the San Antonio JFK Rocket, and if the Lady Apaches win their match against JFK, they are in the playoffs for the third consecutive year.

Gonzales will go on the road one last time against the San Antonio Memorial Minute Women Tuesday, Oct. 25; and if the Lady Apaches beat Memorial they'll secure third place in the district and will either take on Floresville or Devine in the first round.

The Memorial games start at 6:15 p.m. in San Antonio.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Senior corner back Tristen Mikesch (right) with Mustangs head coach Paul Kirby (left) in San Antonio for the announcement San Antonio Sports All-Star Team. Mikesch is the first Nixon-Smiley football to receive an invitation to the all-star game.

Mustangs’ Tristen Mikesch headed to All-Star game

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The San Antonio All-Star Football game is set to return in January and one Nixon-Smiley Mustang made history for the football program.

Senior cornerback Tristen Mikesch received an invitation to the annual all-star game in San Antonio at the Alamodome Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025; Mikesch is the first Nixon-Smiley football to receive an invitation and was happy about receiving such an honor.

“It feels amazing. I’m just going on, putting on for my town, my small town, not many people’s been there. So I just want to go out, show out, and show everybody what I can do,” Mikesch said.

Mikesch added his heart sang with excitement when his coach made the announcement.

Mustangs head football coach Paul Kirby is no stranger to the game; Kirby played in the all-star game in 2005 with Roosevelt High School.

“It means something very special, especially being that, as a young man, because he is, he does so much right. He does right all the time. He’s a great leader. He’s a great leader in the classroom. He’s a great student, first and foremost, and he’s a great football player, and he’s somebody that we trust, and I’m so proud of him. Can’t tell you enough how big of a deal it is to make that game,” Kirby said.

“It’s been going on for 45-plus years. The fact it’s the first time we got one is a big deal. It’s a strenuous process. It’s a lot of writing to get those guys nominated. It’s a lot of stats you have to go dig deep for. He got picked, and that’s a big deal for the community, for the school. For us, him and his family. It’s a blessing so I’m excited to see what’s going to happen from it,” Kirby added.

Mikesch’s message to all future Mustangs that are hoping to make the All-Star game in the future: “Show up, and if you put your mind to it, you can do anything.”

Mustangs’ defense seals win over Lions

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs extended their winning to two games with their 21-19 win over the YMLA Lions at Alamo Stadium Friday, Oct. 18.

The Mustangs got scoring from three different players: Garet Gonzales, Julian Amaya and Eric Rodriguez.

“It started off from the line getting their blocks and our backs doing what they do best, and running the ball down their throat,” Amaya said.

The Mustangs offensive line helped their running backs get key first downs and kill the clock against YMLA.

“The offensive line did absolutely amazing. I feel like we came off the ball hard. We did our jobs, and even though there were some misplaced, we still won the game,” offense linemen Gavino Moreno said.

Running back Joe White said his team’s offense stepped up against the Lions and did what they had to do to get the win.

The defense forced multiple turnovers, getting three inter-



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Mustangs freshman running back Joe White (17) runs through Lions defenders at Alamo Stadium Friday, Oct. 18.

ceptions by Gonzales, Adrian Zamora and the game-sealing turnover by Tristen Mikesch and fumble recovery by Nicholas Martinez.

“Coach got on us at halftime. We picked it up. We came together as a team. We ended up pulling it off at the end,” Mikesch said.

Mustangs Timothy McGlothline, Daivian Ramos, Ray Paez and Carson Rhodes all recorded double-digit tackles against YMLA.

Mustangs head football coach Paul Kirby was really proud of how the team performed in a tight, close game against the Lions, especially how the defense sealed the win.

“Coach McElroy is my dude. I can’t tell you enough how amazing he is each week. He works his butt off harder and harder. He gets these guys ready to go, adjusting. They adjust well and they understand the game a lot better than they ever have, so it’s a big deal,” Kirby said.

Kirby gave credit to Coach Tony Green and his YMLA coaching staff for playing a hard-fought game to the end and said they have a bright future.

“I really expected a dog fight tonight. Offensively, they were definitely holding the ball a lot longer than I expected it; the same with us. I mean, that’s one of our staples is to control the clock. So it was dogfight, and it was a fun game. So it was really good to see a true end of the game, watching our defense just hold down and keep them from scoring at the end,” Kirby said.

The Mustangs will be taking on a familiar team in the Dilley Wolves; Nixon-Smiley is 9-7 overall against the Wolves since 1997.

“I think we are going to have another tough war of attrition against them. It’s probably going to go down the wire, and he’s really need to make sure we control the ball, no mistakes. If we can get that perfect game that we’re striving for, it’s usually unattainable, but the perfect game is what we’re working for. We talk about enthusiasm, excitement and execution leads to excellence, and that’s something that every week is getting better and better we’re excited,” Kirby said.

The Dilley game kicks off at Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m.

STATS
OFFENSE:
Passing: E. Rodriguez: 2/2 for 39 yards passing
Rushing: G. Gonzales: 14 carries for 133 yards and one touchdown J. White: 11 carries for 56 yards. J. Amaya: 11 carries for 50 yards. E. Rodriguez: eight carries for seven yards
Receiving: T. Mikesch: one reception for 33 yards. J. White: one reception for five yards.
DEFENSE:
Tackles: T. McGlothline: 13 total tackles D. Ramos, R. Paez and K Rhodes: 10 total tackles J. Amaya and John Garza: nine total tackles Jalyun Rodriguez: eight total tackles G. Gonzales: seven total tackles N. Martinez: five total tackles E. Rodriguez and Khali Jantes: four total tackles
Tackles for a Loss: D. Ramos: two tackles for a loss R. Paez and J. Garza: one tackle for a loss
QB hurries: J. Garza: one quarterback hurries
Interception: A. Zamora, G. Gonzales and T. Mikesch: one interception
Fumble recovery: N. Martinez: one fumble recovery



VANDY VAN EPPS

Mustangs head football coach Paul Kirby goes over the next play on the sideline with offensive linemen Gavino Moreno (70), Alan Espino (62), Noah Jenks (75) and Cash Davis (75) in the game against YMLA Friday, Oct. 18.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



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The winning team from the Oct. 16 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Sam Morrow, Tanner Walker, Kyle Day, Bill Kessler and Ricky Walker.



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The second-place teams from the Oct. 16 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Ryan Watkins, Gary Schroeder, Tim Cleveland, Spencer Breitschopf, David Hernandez.

Waelder’s Lady Wildcats win first district match since 2020

STAFF REPORT

The Waelder Lady Wildcats traveled on the road Friday, Oct. 18 to take on the Prairie Lea Indians.

The Lady Wildcats won their first district match of the season in a three-set sweep of Prairie Lea (25-18, 28-26,

25-23).

Waelder snapped a 19-match district losing streak, dating back to the 2020 season; the last time the Lady Wildcats won a district match was a four-set win over Runge at home on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020.

Waelder sit in third

place in District 28-A; if the Wildcats sweep the series from Prairie Lea, they’ll clinch a playoff berth.

The Wildcats will go on the road for their final two road matches against Fayetteville (Tuesday, Oct. 22) and Round Top Carmine (Friday, Oct. 25).

Lady Mustangs fall to Karnes City for second time in district play

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs traveled to Karnes City for their second district match against the Lady Badgers for the 2024 season Tuesday, Oct. 22.

The Lady Mustangs dropped to 0-8 in district play in the three-set sweep loss to Karnes City (20-25, 24-26, 17-25).

The Lady Mustangs lost all three

sets in close games; Nixon-Smiley dropped the second set in extra points, 26-24.

The Lady Mustangs have two more matches in the 2024 volleyball season. Nixon-Smiley will host the Stockdale Lady Brahmas for the final home match Friday, Oct 25 and will close the season on the road against the Goliad Lady Tigers Tuesday, Oct. 29.

The Stockdale match kicks off at 5 p.m. at home.

Lady Mustangs fall to Luling in five sets

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs traveled to Luling for a district volleyball match against the Lady Eagles Friday, Oct. 18.

The Lady Mustangs fell to the Lady Eagles in

five sets (21-25, 18-25, 25-19, 25-23, 16-18).

Nixon-Smiley rallied in sets three and four; and forced the match into five sets.

The Lady Mustangs would lose the fifth set in extra points, 18-16, to the Lady Eagles.

Nixon-Smiley drops to 0-7 in district for its 2024 season.

Nixon-Smiley has two more games left in the season against Stockdale (Friday, Oct. 25) and at Goliad (Tuesday, Oct. 29). The Stockdale game kicks off at 5 p.m.



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for nine weeks from Yvonne M. De La Rosa, executive director for Teatro De Artes De Juan Seguin and artistic director in residency for Gonzales ISD.

“It was incredibly rewarding to see the students’ hard work pay off during the performance, especially with such enthusiastic participation from everyone involved,” said Brandi Bell, GISD executive director of recruitment, leadership and professional development, who serves as GISD’s administrative liaison and program coordinator for the Ballet Folklórico.

“I’m truly grateful for the opportunity to support the program and witness the dedication and effort from all stakeholders. Seeing it all come together was an amazing experience for the students.”

“Teatro De Artes De Juan Seguin is proud of have been part of the inaugural Ballet Folklórico Artistic Director in Residency program and looks forward to returning,” added Dr. De La Rosa. “This group of dancers puts Gonzales, Texas, on the map for their willingness to engage their youth using the performing arts through Folklórico.

“Right now there is a movement towards making Ballet Folklórico a UIL event and this young group is showing the state how vital this form of dance is in Texas.”

The Gonzales ISD Board of Trustees and GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda initiated the artist in residency program at three campuses — Gonzales Primary Academy, Gonzales Elementary and North Avenue Intermediate — after witnessing what a success it has been at nearby Seguin ISD for nearly 40 years.

The Seguin ISD program was first established in the mid-1980s by Teatro De Artes De Juan Seguin co-founder Vickie De La Rosa, the late mother of Dr. De La Rosa.

Teatro De Artes De Juan Seguin is a 42-year-old non-profit arts organization whose mission is to promote a better understanding of the Mexican American culture and its people through the teaching, study, practice and performance of the arts and humanities.

Dr. De La Rosa knew the enormous impact a Ballet Folklórico program would have on the youth of Gonzales, their families and the community, so she jumped at the opportunity to start a residency program at Gonzales ISD.

“She knew there was great value in youth participating in a program such as what Gonzales ISD students did,” Dr. De La Rosa said of her mother, Vickie. “The artist in residency program showed educators students not only learned how to do footwork and faldeo work, but also learned about the different states and regions in Mexico.

“Also witnessed through this program was seeing the program build self esteem, self awareness, self confidence, along with self and community pride! It also unveiled how it encouraged creativity and innovation. Through this program schools witnessed an increase in school attendance, civic engagement and comprehension in their classes.”

On the Apache Field grass Friday, students from the three school campuses “did a phenomenal job of interpreting dances from Veracruz, Jalisco and Sinaloa,” Dr. De La Rosa said. GPA students demonstrated “La Raspa,” while GE students stepped to “Los Machetes.” GNA Group B took on “El Coyote” and GNA Group A made “La Culebra” look easy.

“Their confidence and smiles were all you needed to see on the field to understand the amount of hard work they put in to provide a toe-tapping performance,” De La Rosa said. “Their families who filled the stands were beaming with pride and you could feel it all the way into the middle of the Apache football field.”

The vestuario, or wardrobe coordinator, for the program was Sulema Silva. Pre-K students from GPA were under the leadership of principal Dr. Ariana Hernandez and instructional aide Elisa Padilla. Second grade students from GE were under the leadership of principal Shannon Leal and instructional aide Martha Espinoza. The fourth grade — which had the largest number of participants — was broken down into two groups with both under leadership of principal Tamela Baker and instructional aide Mindy Castillo.

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Kenneth Vester Mosher, III §
DEFENDANT § **GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS**


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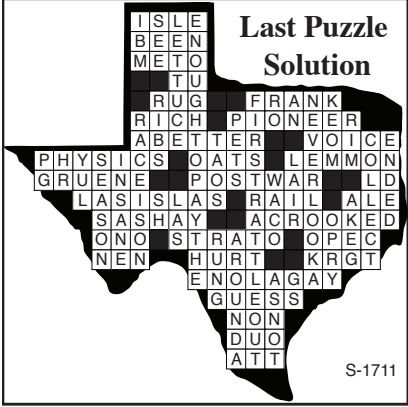
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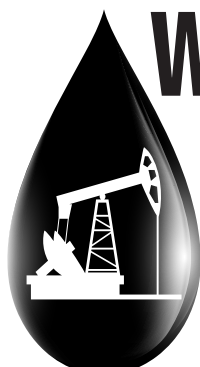
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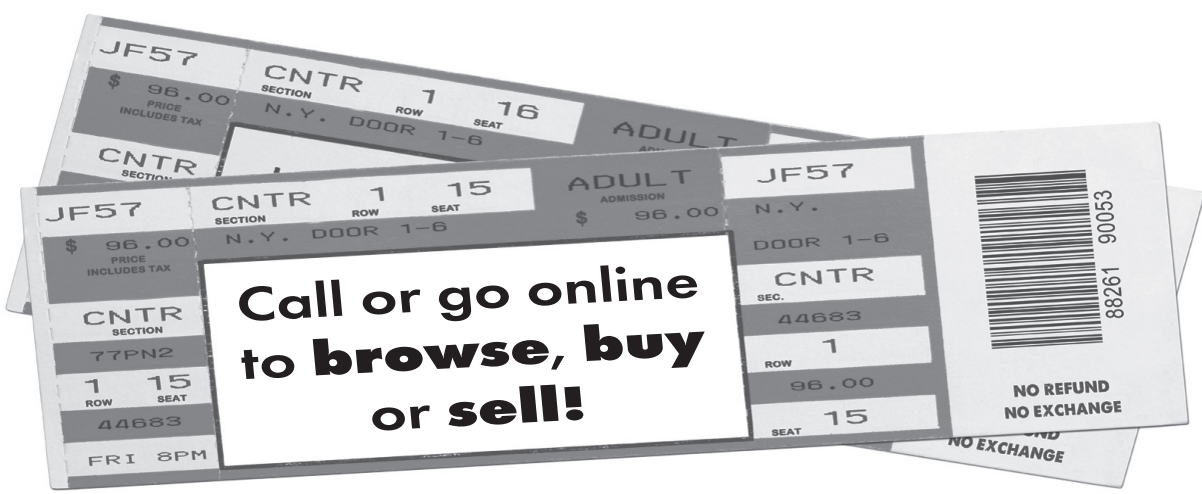
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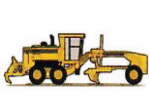


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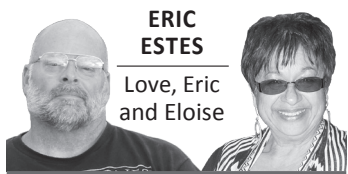
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Loneliness is for the Lonely

Howdy folks, I hope this last week's been a good one, and that this coming will be even better. As for me? Well, I'm gearing up for halloween and breaking out my old man costume. Whoops, never mind, already wearing it...

Today is part two of my thoughts on "The things they don't tell you about living alone as an older person" Youtube video. The first point brought up was that now we are our own safety nets. While we still may have family and friends that can help out from time to time, they may not always be available when needed. As a result, we need to do what we can to have a plan B, and get our ducks in a row like never before. Having a list of contacts, and keeping our phone charged and handy is a good first step. Many choose to use a "Life Alert" system or something similar, just in case. You know the commercial: "Help, I've fallen and can't get up!" Or in my case: help, my hair has fallen out and won't grow back. Yep (at least in my mind), vanity crises can count as emotional emergencies also. I guess my batteries were dead, as no one responded to my plea for help. Time for plan B, my oversized afro wig. Aah, much better...sexiness has been restored!

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ties and limitations is also very important because, as many of us may have realized by now, as we age our strength, recovery abilities, and general mobility gradually decrease. What was easy ten or twenty years ago may be quite a bit harder now, or may not even be possible. A hard pill to swallow, for sure. I've spent much of this past year high on ladders, doing home repairs and repainting, and I can assure you that these days, I am extremely mindful of every step I take, and every hand and foot position. Realizing that even though I still exercise and watch what I eat (most of the time), things just aren't the same as they used to be. Can't say I'm thrilled about it, but "It is, what it is", as they say. That's why I decided to tackle this project now, while I'm still able. There's no telling what tomorrow may bring, I might just be sitting in a corner wearing my old man clown costume and flicking my finger over my lips making weird noises. Well honestly, I already do at the end of a hard days work, and find it strangely kind of soothing?

Next on the list was something we've probably all experienced at one time or another, and that's loneliness. We can even feel this way while being surrounded by other people: a sense of being disconnected, isolated, or not feeling like we fit in. But while living alone, this literally means that you are without company or companionship. Growing up in a dysfunctional family and moving around a lot, I've been conditioned to being alone, and do well with it. However, it does occasionally dawn on me that the majority of my time these days is spent alone, still trying to figure out how I got here. But I'm ok with it as I have plenty of projects in the works, keeping me plenty busy. Keeping meaningfully busy is a great deterrent against feeling lonely, for most. On one hand, you'll get to know yourself better, building more confidence as you go. Of course visiting family and friends, along with social activities like church, attending sporting events or movies, joining exercise groups, or the occasional, but ever popular, river dance lesson can help dramatically. But actually we're never really alone as Deuteronomy 31:6 reminds us, "Do not fear, he (God) will not leave or forsake you." Stay tuned, more to come. Love you guys, Eric.

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OBITUARIES

SCOTT GOODWIN



Salem — Scott Fielding Goodwin, 62, passed away peacefully on October 13, 2024, in Salem, Oregon, after a life filled with laughter and love. Born on October 23, 1961, in Chula Vista, California. Scott spent his childhood in Gonzales, Texas, where his passion for sports first took root. His love for the game continued throughout his life, with a special allegiance to the Dallas Cowboys-a team he cheered for with unwavering devotion.

Scott’s journey led him across the major cities of Texas, as well as San Diego, Lake Tahoe, Spokane, and Riverside, before he found his way to McKinney, Texas, where he had lived in recent years. His career spanned two major industries: first in restaurant and bar management, and later in water sales. Regardless of his profession or location, Scott had a natural gift for making friends. He could connect with anyone, anywhere-whether he was in a city for two weeks or ten years-and was truly exceptional at maintaining those friendships across time and distance.

In 1993, while living in Lake Tahoe, Scott met Sta-

cey and her four-year-old daughter, Nikayla “Coun-tree,” and it wasn’t long before he fell in love with them both. Scott and Stacey married in 1995, and in 1996, they welcomed Baylee, who became affectionately known by her father as “glasses, boxin, crab dancin, sick, burpin, pain in the butt” Goodwin. Nicknames were Scott’s way of showing love, and deciphering the contacts in his phone has brought many smiles and laughs to his family.

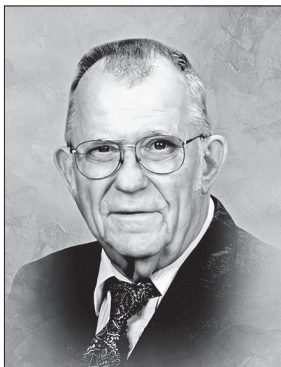
Scott’s greatest pride was his family. He was a devoted husband to Stacey for nearly 30 years, except for those years they were “on a break.” He was a loving father to Nikayla and Baylee, a cherished brother to Lisa, a caring son-in-law to Grams, and

a dear friend to countless others. Scott will be remembered for his gigantic heart, infectious sense of humor, and his ability to find joy in life’s simplest moments. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dexter and Ruth, and stepmother Helen.

Please join his family in A Celebration of Life, that will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 1:00 PM at Rockfish Bar and Grill in McKinney, Texas, where loved ones will gather to honor Scott’s memory and share stories of his remarkable life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family via Venmo (Venmo handle: @Stacey-Goodwin-2). The funds will help support Nikayla and Baylee who are missing work during this time, allow them to throw Scott one unforgettable going-away party, and benefit the Gonzales High School Boosters, a cause Scott deeply cared about.

Scott’s legacy of love, kindness, and generosity will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. His laughter, warmth, and larger-than-life spirit will be deeply missed, but never forgotten.

ANTON FRANK “TONY” LESAK JR.



Anton Frank “Tony” Lesak, Jr. was born on September 24, 1932, in Gonzales, Texas and died on October 20, 2024, in Gonzales at the age of 92. He grew up in Gonzales County and one day while attending Cost Schools, he saw an aircraft fly over, it was at this time Tony decided he was going to work on aircrafts when he grew up. In January of 1953, Tony joined the U.S. Air Force, during his time in the service, he received a lifetime Aircraft and Power Plant License. The Air Force also presented Anton with the opportunity to earn his GED, an accomplishment he was very proud of.

Tony married the love of his life Hattie Kuntschik Hobizal in 1964. He took on the role of becoming a father and helped raise his 4 stepchildren. Together, Tony and Hattie shared almost 39 years of marriage before Hattie’s passing in 2003.

He served in the Korean War as an Aircraft Mechanic, he was stationed in South Korea during his two terms of active duty. Along with his time in the Reserves, he had a total of 38 years in the U.S. Air Force. He was also stationed in Africa, Syria, Libya, Japan, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Lebanon, Alaska, Wyoming, San Antonio and Miami.

After his travels abroad, he joined the Air Force Reserves based at Kelly Field with 433rd Wing. He also worked in Civil Service as an aircraft mechanic at Kelly Air Force Base repairing many types of aircrafts including C-130, C-119 and F-86 aircrafts before his retirement.

Tony’s first job was in Gonzales at the local Piggly Wiggly. After his time in the service he worked at the Coca-Cola plant, bottling various soda waters and also delivering to every store/business in Gonzales County. He then worked at the Goodyear service store delivering appliances in Gonzales for a short while before his employment with Gonzales ISD. While working for the school district, he drove buses for various events: football games, basketball games, drama, band, UIL competitions and field trips. He

drove Rural Route 17, and also assisted with driving the special needs and handicapped children, a job that really warmed his heart and attributed to his many involvements with the community of Gonzales.

He was actively involved with the VFW post where he participated in many fundraising events, barbeque cookoffs, and also drove fellow veterans to their VA doctor appointments. He was a lifetime member of the local American Legion. He was also a member of the Czech Heritage Society of Gonzales County and he also managed the local SPJST organization (Sovanska Podporujici Jednota Statu of Texas). He was a member of Saint James Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus in Gonzales, where he served as a life member of Council #3090. Tony faithfully attended the annual Veterans Day Celebrations, even in 2023 at the age of 91, he took pride in wearing his Air Force cap with all of its medals and pins.

Tony loved to play dominos and drink a few longnecks at local establishments. He could speak and understand English, Tex-Mex, and some Japanese. He was fluent in Czech, and he spoke Czech as often as possible. He was also very independent and took great care of himself at home with many caregivers helping out, up until he was 92. Tony also had a great appreciation for his family, he enjoyed family time, and really loved talking with his great-great-grandkids.

Anton Frank “Tony” Lesak, Jr. is preceded in death by his parents Anton and Angelina Lesak, his beloved wife Hattie Kuntschik Hobizal Lesak, two stepchildren LaVerne

Hobizal Wagner and Judy Hobizal Weston with her husband Clint Weston, brother Albin Lesak and sister Julie Lesak, step grandchildren Shonda Wagner, Tanya Zella and Kreg Llewellyn.

He is survived by his stepchildren Margaret Hobizal Zella and James Hobizal, his seven step grandchildren Dwaine Wagner, Debbie Remschel (Todd), Sharon Nelson (Tim), Jill Philbrick (Michael), Krista Llewellyn, Kimberly Deming (Justin) and Randy Zella. His thirteen step great-grandchildren Samantha Pollard (Jesse) Gabriel Nelson (Megan), Alex Dickinson (Alfa), Lance Remschel (Corie), Garrett Remschel (Tracie), Haley Nelson, Josef Nelson, Mason Philbrick (Samantha), Dillon Zella, Hunter Zella, Payton Deming, Spencer Deming, and Liam Deming. His eleven great-great grandchildren Destiny Gordon, Serenity Gordon, Liana Dickinson, Darren Dickinson, Laci Joe Remschel, Cooper Remschel, Millie Remschel, Olivia Remschel, Brecken Remschel, Royce Marie Nelson and Sutton Hattie Remschel.

A visitation will be held at St. James Catholic Church on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 9:00am to 9:30am, a holy rosary will be recited at 9:30am. A mass of the resurrection will begin at 10:00am. Interment will follow at St. James Catholic Cemetery.

Pallbearers will include his step great-grandsons Lance Remschel, Garrett Remschel, Josef Nelson, and Hunter Zella. Honorary pallbearers will include Mason Philbrick in the U.S. Army, Dillon Zella, Alex Dickinson in the U.S. Air Force, Payton Deming, Spencer Deming, Liam Deming and Gabriel Nelson.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. James Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, American Legion of Gonzales, and the VFW Post of Gonzales. Friends and family may leave their condolences online by visiting www.seydlerhill-funeralhome.com

All services are under the care and direction of Seydler – Hill Funeral Home of Gonzales, Texas.

JEANNINE MARGARET HOOPINGARNER



Jeannine Hoopingarner, 88, of Temple, Texas died Monday, October 14, 2024. She was born June 4, 1936 to Otto and Olga Kuntshik the oldest of four children. She graduated from Gonzales High School in 1954. She married Albert Dwight (Sonny) Hoopingarner October 4, 1954.

In 1963 Jackie DuBose invited her to join Beta Sigma Phi. She moved to Temple in 1994 and then joined there in 1995. She served as President in each chapter throughout the years. Last serving as President in 2017. Had perfect attendance many years and received Woman of the Year more than once. She cherished the friendships of each sorority sister in both Gonzales and Temple.

She joined the Pilot Club of Gonzales- Was a charter member beginning in 1973. Served as

the 5th president and Received the first pilot of the year award for her work on restoring Riverside Community Center and getting it ready for meetings and public use. When she and dad left Gonzales in 1994, she left Pilot club as they did not have a club in Temple.

Over the years Jeannine was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and homemaker. She was a business owner of Fashion Fabrics in Gonzales, she loved

traveling and making new friends.

She is survived by her children Donis Jackson (Bill), Robert Hoopingarner, Sunny Lee Fritsche (Ken).

Grandchildren: Kimberlea, Elissa and Blaine, Kristi and Jacob.

Great GrandChildren: Brolan, Kimber and Kamdyn, Bridgette, Addison and Kaliah and Tatum.

Sisters: Chris Cartwright and Carol Sweeney (Ken)

She also leaves behind a special loved one Lana Lindeman and her nephews Alan and Aaron Kuntscik and her much loved dog, Bear.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband and 2 grand daughters Gabby and Lauren Hoopingarner, her brother Henry Kuntshik (Verlene), brother in law Donald Cartwright and nephew Ken Sweeney II and niece Shari Anderson.

VC receives grant to expand mental health services

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College has been awarded a \$294,254 grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Services Administration to increase student awareness and access to mental health services. Through the GLS Campus Suicide Prevention Grant, VC’s Counseling

Center projects to serve approximately 570 students between September 2024 and September 2027. “Mental health is not talked about enough, and we’re trying to change

that,” said Brittany Proctor, VC Counselor. “With this grant, we’ll be able to provide an outlet for students who need counseling but have been made to feel or believe otherwise.” The grant, which supports 100 percent of project costs, will enable VC’s Counseling Center to:

- Increase awareness and access of mental health services among students
 - Increase the Counseling Center’s capacity to positively impact the academic goals of students facing mental health challenges
- Grant activities will include implementing a new Emotional Intelligence Curriculum for incoming students, increased outreach to male students, new mental health workshop and seminar topics, and training for VC employees.
- “Providing our students with the tools to cope with any and all emotions they’re experiencing, no matter the size, is what we’re here for and one of our main initiatives in the Counseling Center,” said Proctor. “There should be no stigma around simply asking for help.”
- For more information about VC’s Counseling Center, visit VictoriaCollege.edu/CounselingServices or contact Proctor at (361) 582-2431.



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OBITUARIES

GLEN WINEGEART

Tyler — Glen Avery Winegeart went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Glen was born on August 29, 1955, in Gonzales, Texas to Vearl and Glenna Winegeart. He was also welcomed by proud grandparents, Sion and Ethel Winegeart and Emmitt and Sallie Mills. Nearly four years later, Glen became a proud big brother to his sister, Phyllis.

Glen was happily involved in several school and community activities including theater, government, and football, graduating high school in 1973 on scholarship.

Glen chose to pursue the College of Pharmacy at UT Austin and was consistently named on the honor roll.

Glen married the love of his life, Ellen, on July 11, 1981, in Dallas, Texas. Glen, a pharmacist, and Ellen, a kindergarten teacher, began building their life and tight knit community together in Arlington. They welcomed the first son, Bryan in 1984 and Blake in 1987.

In the summer of 2000, Glen and the crew moved to Tyler, quickly building their community through Green Acres Baptist Church. Glen worked as a pharmacist for Good's Pharmacy and later for Brookshire's. He was respected for his sharp mind and knowledge of medicine but more than that, he was revered for his intentional care for people, including those working alongside him.

When not at work, Glen was often found joining his sons in whatever sports they were interested in or embarking on outdoor adventures together, doing yard work, and accompanying his wife, Ellen, to youth and college ministry events, trips, and service projects. They served in the church student area with folks who became their dearest friends—John Taff, Nat and Scarlett Hughes,



and Velvet “V” Potter.

In 2011 and 2015, Jenna and Jenn joined the family as daughters-in-law, and in 2014, Glen and Ellen became grandparents, a title they both treasured immensely. They now have five grandchildren: Collins Piper, 10, Emma James, 8, Jude Grey, 7, Lincoln

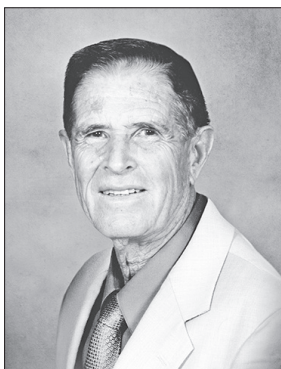
Avery 6, and Landry Elizabeth, 2. In the last three and a half years of Glen's life, he and Ellen were largely supported by several amazing doctors, nurses, and caregivers, along with everyone at Kourage Health. We cannot thank you enough for your constant support.

Glen is survived by his wife, Ellen, his mother, Glenna, his sister, Phyllis and her husband, Mike Blackwell, Glen and Ellen's sons, Bryan and Blake, along with their wives, Jenn and Jenna, and their five grandchildren. He is deeply missed by us all, while we also celebrate his wholeness in heaven. Thank you, Jesus. You are always good.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Green Acres Baptist Church Chapel in Tyler with Don Allensworth officiating. A coffee reception will follow the service. Arrangements by Stewart Family Funeral Home, Tyler.

In lieu of flowers, the Winegeart family asks for donations to be given in memory of Glen Winegeart to Kourage Health, P.O. Box 8257, Tyler, TX 75711 (Kouragehealth.org).

WILLIAM THOMAS “BILL” DeBERRY II



Bill was a man of service to his Lord, his family, and his friends. His deep faith was evident through his actions rather than words. He contributed to his church in countless ways, but his favorite aspect was worship through song. In his early years, he led the choir and congregational singing at Eastside Baptist Church, and later, he and Barbara joined the congregation in song and worship at the First Methodist Church. Bill knew every verse of every hymn by heart and was known to break into song during both happy and sad times.

He cherished his home, which was not just his place of work but his sanctuary. He and Barbara worked tirelessly on home improvement projects (her idea), and he enjoyed the peace and comfort of just “being at home”. He lovingly raised kids, hogs, chickens, turkeys, and eventually cattle. His affection for his cows was

unparalleled; whenever he was missing, Barbara knew he could be found in the pasture, either feeding them or simply enjoying the sight of new calves with their mothers.

His home was a welcoming haven for family and friends. For the grandkids, time spent with “Bull” was filled with precious memories: fishing and hunting with Kyle and Cole, “announcing” grandkids as they jumped over 1000 times off the diving board, having tea parties with Allie and her dolls and teaching her to ride a horse, chores that he made fun, hosting weenie roasts, and always being a supportive presence at football and baseball games.

Bill was kind, a good listener, and was a selfless man who always prioritized others, offering a helping hand to family and neighbors whenever needed. Friends often remarked on his unwavering support, noting that he never sought help in return. He was a pillar of strength, providing gentle comfort and prayers during times of loss. He quietly did the things that mattered, never seeking recognition or praise and that has given him a special place in so many hearts.

The DeBerry family would like to thank the caretakers in Daddy's

life the last 3 years. Our special thanks to Laura Ramirez for being with us at home and the entire Heights of Gonzales staff and the ones that were there for us every minute of every day for two years: Flo, Sylvia, Yvonne, Alice, Stephani, Dorothy, Sheila, Maria, Barbara, Mandy, Cynthia, Melanie, Christy, Carla, Kylie, and Kayla. We thank you for your love, support, and respect. You made this time better for “our hero.”

Graveside services to celebrate Bill's life will be at Denton Creek Cemetery in Gonzales at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024, with Dr. Matt Pennington officiating. Pallbearers: Kyle DeBerry, Cole DeBerry, Tyler Beede, Michael Turek II, Larry Yager, John Yager, and Jene Allen Dreyer, Jr. Honorary pallbearers: Jene Allen Dreyer, Sr., Billy Yager, and James Tharp. A visitation and lunch to follow at the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, Gonzales, Texas. Thoughts and memories may be shared on the William T. DeBerry obituary page located through www.seydlerhill-funeralhome.com.

SENTENCINGS

2ND 25TH DISTRICT COURT SENTENCINGS

Sept. 24

- Albert George Boyle Jr., injury child/elderly/disabled with intent to cause bodily injury, four years deferred adjudication, \$250 fine plus court costs.
- Beatrice Nicole Polk, possession of a controlled substance PG 1/1-B <1G, seven months state jail facility.
- Benjamin Stone Jr., possession of a controlled substance PG 1 >=1G <4G, two years TDCJ-ID with 121 days credit.

Oct. 8

- Priscilla Ann Avalos, possession of a controlled substance PG 1/1-B >=1G <4G, tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair, three years TDCJ_ID with 95 days credit.

- Pavel Antonio Ramirez, intoxication assault with vehicle SBI, aggravated assault against public servant, dismissed.
- James Dryan Shelton, continuous violence against family, dismissed.

- Adison Blake Underhill, possession of a controlled substance PG 1 <1G, two years state jail probated for four years, plus fine and court costs.
- Margarito Valdez-Garcia, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, two years TDCJ-ID with 133 days credit.

25TH DISTRICT COURT SENTENCINGS

Oct. 2

- Shawn Garrett, possession of a controlled substance, 12 months state jail with 317 days credit.
- Hector Sanchez, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, six

years TDCJ-ID with credit for 193 days.

- Barry Van Mersbergen, unauthorized use of a vehicle, 232 days in state jail with 232 days credit.

Oct. 15

- Michael Villanueva, failure to register as a sex offender, assault family violence, cruelty to non-live-stock animals/poison/kill, 20 years TDCJ-ID with 194 days credit.
- Phil Hartsell, stalking, violation bond/PO 2x in 12 months, pre-trial/possession of a controlled substance, six years TDCJ-ID with credit.
- Garrett Novosad, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, 20 years TDCJ-ID with 44 days credit; pre-trial possession of a controlled substance, 10 years TDCJ-ID with 1 day credit; manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, 20 years TDCJ with 5 days credit.

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1 fancy word for “satisfy an appetite”

5 clothed

6 “could hear _ _ _ drop” (quiet)

7 this Cockrell served four terms as mayor of San Antonio

8 TX Ross Perot first naval rank (abbr.)

9 several surgeries today are assisted by _ _ _ _ _ devices

16 mo. in which State Fair of Texas begins

18 TXism: “could put a loop _ _ _ _ _ on a mule’s back” (good roper)

21 “Big Jim” Hogg’s daughter (init.)

22 “on an _ _ _ keel”

23 Mineola High class

24 many Texas state parks have these for rent

30 kidney disease

34 TX Rayburn nickname: “_ _ Sam”

35 noted Comanche medicine man

36 unit of Dallas-based Greyhound (2 wds.)

37 Texas-born Forest Whitaker was in “_ _ _ 3”

39 nocturnal insects found in moist areas in buildings

43 TXism: “loud as boot heels on _ _ _ floor”

44 Astro: major _ _ _ _ _

DOWN

1 TXism: “fits like _ _ _ _ _ on a fish”

2 home of Sul Ross State University

3 nosedive

4 seat of Jackson County

9 “Crying” singer from Texas (init.)

10 9-down spent a lot of time performing _ _ _ _ _

11 UT live mascot

12 rocks containing valuable minerals

14 TXism: “chompin’ _ _ _ the bit” (impatient)

46 these could be Roths

47 TX Buck Owens’ “I’ve Got a Tiger By _ _ _ _ _”

49 Hispanic surname

52 TXism: “_ _ _ buster” (farmer)

53 state nurses org.

54 this Paul and TX Farrah film: “The Burning Bed”

55 forbidden by law

58 house coverings

59 TXism: “_ _ _ big for his britches”

60 “bear” in Mexico

61 Guadalupe is a spring- _ _ _ river

13 TX Tanya’s first child: Presley _ _ _ _ _ Tucker

14 TXism: “treat _ _ _ with kid gloves”

15 TX George H.W. was a short time director of this agcy.

17 TXism: “he took everything but _ _ _ _ _ my lungs” (robbed)

19 broadcasters use 12 to 20 of these to televise a NFL game

20 county west of DeWitt County

24 101 in ancient Rome

25 biblical donkey

32 response question

33 in Uvalde County on U.S. 90

38 24- _ _ _ gold

40 track made in a dirt road

41 big achievement

42 old bread, e.g. (2 wds.)

48 lion’s den, e.g.

50 cowboys might have bow _ _ _

51 first name of 21-across

56 TXism: “a _ _ _ _” (many)

57 “_ _ _ as a goose”

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

GISD

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reserved for another school’s team. The students are not being named as the incident remains under investigation and minors are involved. It is also GISD policy not to name students involved during an incident.

“I feel like UIL policies and procedures are not being taken care of with (one student) because she was able to participate in sports at last Friday’s game and she’s still in athletics. I feel as if that if it were another student, it would have been taken care of in a different way,” Clack said.

Clack suggested that the board follow UIL rules and hold up to code regarding the incident.

“If the child was on the street doing the thing that she did, it would have been handled in a different way. So I feel like the punishment is not fitting the promise right now that we have for this child, and it was actually two students. So if it was in the real world, both students would be punished, not just one,” Clack said.

Melgar has a daughter on the team who drank from the tainted water and alleged that the coaches threatened the players to not speak of the incident, she said.

“You can’t speak of it because you’re gonna get kicked off the team, but you’re allowed to spit in the water and not get kicked off the team. You know, make that make sense. I feel like because you’re speaking on the truth of what happened — why still be on the team?,” Melgar said.

Melgar added that one of the two athletes is considered to be in leadership among GISD students. Melgar said it was embarrassing that a leader would be involved in such an incident.

“You are supposed to be a leader, because that’s what it is, leadership. So how are you gonna lead and set an example doing that? So you’re being that leader? You’re telling me it’s okay, then my child can go and do it. Is that leadership skills? No, that’s not. It’s not leadership skills at all,” Melgar said.

“I feel like because my daughter drank out of (the water jug) that was rude and disrespectful. So they have team dinners. I am now not allowing my daughter to go to the team dinners, because how are you going to sit at a table with someone that has done that to you — that’s disrespectful,” Melgar said.

Melgar and Clack asked the school board what will happen to these two athletes involved in the incident and what punishment will they receive.

“I feel like if we’re really looking into the situation, we should actually find

out, like, what’s actually going to happen to these students, because, I mean, if I was one of the children, I would be upset about the situation, knowing that my team is still participating in sports with us, and really the punishment should fit the crime,” Clack said.

“The whole team should have been under investigation, so they should have pulled everybody in, not just that student herself, everybody, because they are a team, and that is what happened. It happened to the team. So that’s just all I wanted to put out there,” Melgar added.

Gonzales ISD released a statement regarding the incident:

“Gonzales ISD received an anonymous report notifying the district of the incident. GISD launched an investigation, and administrators were notified. The district does not comment on student disciplinary actions; however, we can share that the investigation is ongoing. Our unwavering commitment is to ensure that our learners and student-athletes feel safe in our learning environments — whether in the classroom or at a game. To ensure a safer learning environment, we are increasing the visibility of the Anonymous Reporting tool on our website. The GHS administrative team will follow the Student Code of Conduct to guide disciplinary determinations.”

In other news, the board approved the following agenda items:

- approved an Interlocal Agreement with Bluebonnet Trails to Establish a Community-Based Counseling Program in Gonzales County and Associated Budget Amendment.
- approved a Memorandums of Understanding with Mid-Coast Family Services for Services Connected with the Prevention of Substance Abuse, Family Violence, and Homelessness.
- approved 2024-2025 District Improvement Plans and Campus Improvement Plan.
- approved the 2024-2025 Emergent Bilingual Program
- approved an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gonzales and Gonzales County Regarding Parking Lot Improvements at Apache Stadium, Related Purchases, and Budget Amendment.
- approved the 2024 Tax Roll Per Section 26.09 Texas Property Tax Code.

The board approved the following items upon returning from close session:

- approved to an Update to the Guardian Program
- approved the hire of Mary Lynn Ramirez as the new director of human resources for the school district.

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“I was able to track the date and that’s the date that we have. Where it was adjusted was in 2015-16. I can go back and look at the exact date, but I do have the documentation where it was adjusted at that time,” Vega said.

The last increase the council got in their stipend was from \$250 per month to \$500 per month.

“I feel that with the amount of work that we do, that we should get a little bit more than what we’re getting. I have a number in mind. I’m not asking for a whole bunch, but I think that it would make me feel a little better,” Hernandez said.

“This past budget, we gave the employees a substantial amount of raise, and I just felt that we deserve to get a little bit too,” Hernandez added.

Hernandez made the motion to increase the city council’s monthly stipend from \$500 per month to \$1,000 per month and to increase the mayor’s stipend from \$1,000 per month to \$1,500 per month, and to make optional insurance available to any elected officials.

The motion failed with a 3-2 vote; Hernandez and Councilmember Mariah Jordan voted for the increase, while Mayor Steve Sucher and Councilmembers Ronda Miller and Poochy Kridler voted against the increase.

In other news, the council approve

renaming the summer youth program in honor of Martha Belle Eckols “Moochie” Turk, who initiated the program.

“I’ve heard of Moochie Turk for years. Even you know, before Linda Kay and I moved here permanently, she was sort of an icon in the community. My understanding is she was the driving force behind the origination of the Summer Youth Program, which was roughly 40 years ago, I believe. And we just, you know, the suggestion came forward, it’d be nice to name it in her honor and her memory,” Sucher said.

The council approved unanimously renaming the summer youth program in honor of Turk.

The council approved the following agenda items:

- approved the amendments to scope of work for the Gonzales 2020 CDBG-MIT Tinsley Creek.
- approved the 1 Authorizing the Appointments to the Gonzales Beautification and Design Board and Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Gonzales Golf Course Advisory Board.
- approved the Authorizing the Mayor toexecute a Cyber Liability and Data Breach Response Interlocal Agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

ANNUAL RUM RUN



COURTESY/GONZALES MAIN STREET

Baby they were born to rum! Shoppers enjoyed liquid refreshment at downtown Gonzales stores on Saturday, Oct. 19, as part of the annual Rum Run. Local businesses offered exclusive drink tastings, great deals, and a whole lot of fun in this effort to revitalize and support Gonzales Main Street.

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women took two hours to determine Haynes could understand the severity of charges he was facing and that he has the mental capacity to assist in his own defense.

Haynes is accused in the June 9, 2020 slayings of Southeast Caldwell County Volunteer Fire Department firefighter Klayton Manning, 18, and his 16-year-old cousin Landin Robinson near the 4400 block of Tenney Creek Road in Tilmon.

Manning and Robinson reportedly were investigating signs of smoke when they happened upon an individual, later identified as Haynes, who opened fire on the young men, killing both.

According to published reports, including one from KVUE-TV, Haynes



Haynes

Manning

Robinson

claimed he was being chased by aliens and indicated that he had shot the “aliens” with his gun, emptying out a pair of 17-round magazines and a pair of 10-round magazines.

Haynes remains in the Caldwell County Jail in lieu of bond on capital murder charges after being arrested at a home in Bastrop County. Caldwell County applied for a grant and has hired Lisa Tanner, a former prosecutor with the Texas Attorney General’s Office, to prosecute the case due to her extensive experience in capital murder trials.

Haynes’ first capital murder trial could be held as soon as early 2025.

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