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Gonzales Co. Sheriff's Office works homicide near Nixon

By LIZ ADAMS **Gonzales Inquirer**

A statement released by the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office confirmed the Texas Rangers are assisting in an active investigation into a homicide that occurred just outside Nixon on January 18, 2022. The incident took place at the Lazy J Ranch and RV Park at 85 Wild Meadow. The victim was a 33-yearold male from Brenham named Brandon Oquinn Rasberry. He was working in Nixon at Holmes Foods. According to the human resources manager, Rasberry had been employed there for approximately three months.

Relatives said he went to the Lazy J Ranch last weekend to rent an RV.

Persons with any information into this matter may contact the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office at (830) 672-6524 or the Greater Gonzales County Crime Stoppers at (830) 672-8677 to remain anonymous.



Rasberry



Laura Martin accepts District General Manager role for

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation

By LIZ ADAMS **Gonzales Inquirer**

general manager

Board members voted to approve Interim General Manager Laura Martin for the permanent role of District General Manager for the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District. Martin has been employed with the district since 2014.

"In the time you've been an employee of the district, you have stepped up and taken on the challenge," said board president Bruce Tieken to Martin.

"I'd like to reach out to the community more and let people know what we offer and how we can all work



Ruth Guerra speaks about the limitations created for builders by the two-car garage requirements in the current zoning regulations.

Planning and Zoning Commission votes to expand garage requirements for new homes

By LIZ ADAMS

Gonzales Inquirer

During public comments, Pam Leazer spoke about building her home and changing the original plans. She asked the commission to allow her to omit plans for a two-car garage. Ruth Guerra also spoke about the problems the two-car garage requirement creates.

After the September 7, 2021 meeting minutes were approved, Bryce Cox of Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal & Zech PC addressed the commission to lay out options for changing the garage requirements. Cox explained that the commission could recommend to city council that

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Gonzales County cities see huge gains in sales tax allocations

Bv LEW K. COHN Inquirer Publisher

Three of four municipalities in Gonzales County again saw huge increases in sales tax allocations for the month of January, according to information released by the Texas Comptroller's Office.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and

See **SALES TAX**, page 18

Gonzales City Council, GEDC vote to negotiate 'Project A'

A joint Gonzales City Council and Gonzales Economic Development Corporation meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. on Tuesday. The members immediately entered a closed session to discuss commercial or financial information regarding a business prospect (Project A) that may locate or expand in or near Gonzales and with which economic development



negotiations are being conducted. The city council and GEDC members deliberated on other concerns regarding the business prospect.

The meeting resumed in open session at 12:53 p.m. Based on conversations regarding Project A, a motion was made to instruct staff to negotiate Project A with the parties involved. The motion passed and the GEDC meeting was declared adjourned at 12:54 p.m. No action was taken by the city council. Mayor Connie Kacir thanked the GEDC members for their cooperation and the city council adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Gonzales considers the future of tourism

By LIZ ADAMS Gonzales Inquirer

During public comments, Glenda Gordon spoke to the council about the preparation of interpretive panels to provide information about the history of Gonzales during the Civil War to be placed in Independence Square.

Barbara Crozier addressed the council regarding the growth and development of tourism in Gonzales and praised former city employees and council members for their diligent work to involving heritage tourism.

"Gonzales has a story to tell

that no other city in Texas can tell," said Crozier.

Crozier emphasized the importance of collaboration on the part of all the tourism partners and leadership to attract visitors to Gonzales, regardless of how the city decides to manage those responsibilities in the future.

Thomas Enriquez made comments about criminal activity plaguing a Gonzales apartment complex and urged the council to take steps to help prevent incidents like a recent assault that endangered the life of an elderly resident. Enriquez suggested that the city should require apartment

complexes to install security cameras and lights to ensure the safety of all who live in

Gonzalez. Marge Kacir, the President of the Gonzales Chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas commended the council regarding the comprehensive project planned for the Eggleston House and urged the members to consider ensure the structure is preserved and that it maintains its historical authenticity. Kacir explained that members of the chapter were willing to assist with the grant writing process.

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Gonzales Memorial Museum Advisory Board meets to discuss bids for electrical renovations and details for a reflection pool restoration project.

Museum board meets, discusses plans for renovation projects

By LIZ ADAMS **Gonzales Inquirer**

Gonzales Memorial Museum Advisory Board met Thursday to discuss bids for electrical renovations and details for a reflection pool

restoration project. Members talked

about options for moving display

cases and considered the challenges

of storing artifacts while improve-

ments are being made. The city was asked to review the specifications for the repairs and determine whether those need to be submitted to the Historical Commission.

Members also considered possible action regarding crawlspace ventilation and structural repairs. No action was taken.

Museum Director Gary Schurig gave reports on upcoming events

and monthly visitors.

Minutes from December's meeting were approved and the next advisory board meeting is expected to take place on Feb. 10.

"The museum is very important to the county and to Texas. We hope people will support us for future generations to enjoy Texas history," said board member Lucianne Blake-

Heed property tax deadlines to avoid costly mistakes

By Crystal Cedillo

Gonzales County Tax Assessor-Collector Special to The Inquirer

The Jan. 31 deadline to pay property taxes is fast approaching.

Property owners can pay online at tax.co.gonzales.tx.us, by mail at PO Box 677, Gonzales, TX 78629, or in person at the County Tax Office, 427 St. George, Suite 100.

Property owners are encouraged to pay their taxes before the Feb. 1 deadline to avoid penalty and interest. Payments must be postmarked Jan. 31 or prior to be considered timely. (Texas Property Tax Code Sec. 31.02)

There is much confusion when it comes to mailing your payment versus timely mailing your payment. It is suggested by my office to get your

local post office to postmark the envelope upon mailing. The postmark is put on your envelope either by machine or by hand with cancellation bars to indicate that the postage cannot be reused; it contains the name of the USPS office that accepted the mail (distribution location), along with the state, the zip code, and the date of mailing. In our case, the postmark date is used to determine if the payment was mailed on or before the tax deadline. If you are waiting until just before the delinquent date to mail your payment, we recommend that your personally witness the postmark being placed on your envelope instead of dropping it in the drop box.

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Bludau preparing healthy living projects for Gonzales County

By LIZ ADAMS Gonzales Inquirer

Gonzales County welcomed its new County Extension Agent-Family and Community Health, Gayle Bludau on Jan. 10 after county commissioners voted to confirm her as the finalist for the position. Bludau, who holds a BS in Agricultural **Economics** and an MBA from Texas A&M University, served in similar roles in Victoria and Lavaca Counties over the past decade. It was her interest in rural Texas that attracted her to Gonzales.

"The people here have been so nice and eager to get to work. I'm excited to serve Gonzales County and give the youth opportunities at district and state level 4-H, said Bludau.

Her involvement in 4-H began when she was a child growing up in Huntsville. She was on State 4-H Council, a Gold Star winner and a Houston livestock show and rodeo scholar. Membership in 4-H clubs has taught Texas kids public speaking skills, leadership and life skills, communication, responsibility, budgeting and time management for over a century. Bludau said she was looking forward to continuing that tradition and to promoting a healthy lifestyle for adults and youth with healthy cooking, diabetes education and prevention, active living and food nutrition programming.

"It's important that children understand where their food comes from and we need more advocates for



Gayle Bludau

agriculture," Bludau said. She has been getting teams ready to compete in "Duds to Dazzle" clothing and textile contest in April and getting the word out about another upcoming annual event called Walk Across Texas. She said she hopes to begin an early childhood gardening project through Head Start. Bludau described the fun of holding vegetable tasting parties with the young gardeners, who eat the foods

they grow. A conference for childcare providers has been planned for April 30 and caregivers can earn continuing education credit for participating. Bludau explained that the training on safety, cleanliness and other topics is an affordable way for childcare providers to meet their annual requirements.

For tasty and easy snack and meal recipes and healthy food demonstrations, Gonzales County residents are encouraged to check out https://dinnertonight.tamu.edu.

Sesame Study Club wraps up 2021 with flourish of events

Special to the Inquirer

The Sesame Study Club ended the 2021 year with a delightful array of meetings.

The October meeting started with at the lovely home of Laura Kaspar and was hosted by Lynn Gescheidle and Gladys Tiller. Linda Arledge, president conducted the meeting.

The Little Library is in the works for the new year. After their delicious refreshments the club journeyed to Shiner to visit the Wolters Museum. What an outstanding display of memorabilia from the beginning of Shiner and the influence the railroad had on the town.

The November meeting was equally as educational with a program by Brad Cox, the executive director of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce. It was so interesting to hear about all he plans

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for our community. Since he had family here, the town is special and his contributions will reflect the loyalty to Gonzales. The meeting was held at the Robert Brothers Memorial Library and members enjoyed goodies provided by Judy Wehde and Pat Wilburn. What a delightful way to end the year.

The club met for a Christmas luncheon at the beautifully Christmas decorated barn owned by Sally Glass. Smothered chicken and squash casserole, ending with hand-decorated and beautifully prepared desserts by Linda Arledge and Celia Glass, set a delicious beginning for the season for all the members. After a brief meeting Celia read the story of "The Innkeeper's Key." May we all experience and give the simple act of love that God gave to us with the birth of His Son.







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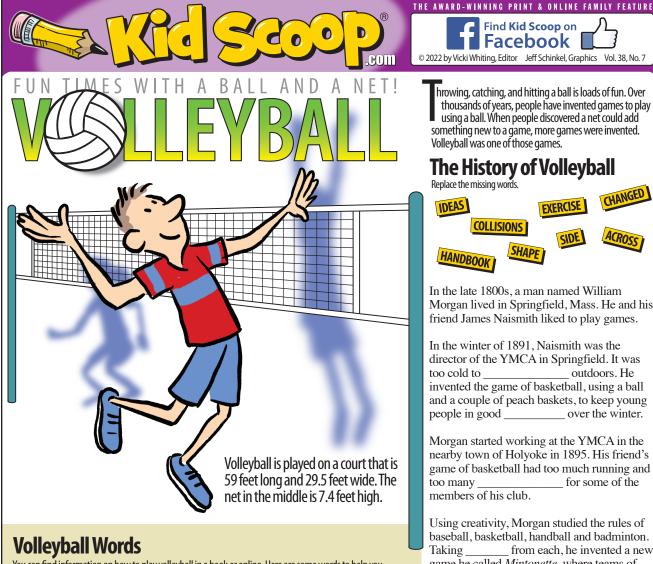
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You can find information on how to play volleyball in a book or online. Here are some words to help you understand the words in a volleyball rule book. Do the math to match each word with its definition.

Volley (2+7)

Serve (6+6)

Set (8 - 4)

Bump (5 + 8)**Spike (16 - 5)**

Block (3+4)**Double (12 - 2)** 10 =contact of the ball twice typically while setting

11 = a hard-driven ball aimed into the opponents' court 9 =to return a ball before it hits the ground

7 = a defensive play to prevent the ball from crossing the net

Name of My Game:

Number of Players:

Equipment needed:

12 =to put the ball into play from the end line 4 = overhead pass that allows a player to spike

13 =an underhand pass performed when a ball is below the shoulders

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hrowing, catching, and hitting a ball is loads of fun. Over thousands of years, people have invented games to play using a ball. When people discovered a net could add something new to a game, more games were invented. Volleyball was one of those games.

The History of Volleyball

Replace the missing words.



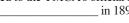
In the late 1800s, a man named William Morgan lived in Springfield, Mass. He and his friend James Naismith liked to play games.

In the winter of 1891, Naismith was the director of the YMCA in Springfield. It was outdoors. He invented the game of basketball, using a ball and a couple of peach baskets, to keep young people in good_ over the winter.

Morgan started working at the YMCA in the nearby town of Holyoke in 1895. His friend's game of basketball had too much running and too many for some of the members of his club.

Using creativity, Morgan studied the rules of baseball, basketball, handball and badminton. from each, he invented a new game he called Mintonette, where teams of players on each of a net volleyed or hit a ball back and forth. Points were scored when one team could not get the ball back the net.

The rules over the years. Even the name changed! As a friend and former teacher of Morgan's watched the game, he saw that much of the game was spent "volleying" the ball over the net. He called it Volleyball and the name stuck and that's what it was called when the game was added to the YMCA's official sports in 1896.



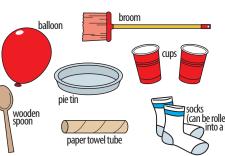


Underline words on this page that tell you facts about volleyball. Circle words that tell you opinions about volleyball.

Standards Link: Differentiate between fact and opinion.

Invent a Game Look at the objects below. Use two of them to

invent a new game. Write the rules for your game and give it a try with your friends or family.



A volleyball net is a grid. Take turns with a pal to connect two

dots with a line. Each time your line completes a box, put your

initial inside and then connect two more dots. When no more

lines can be added, the player with the most boxes wins.



Objective of Game (How to Win):

Double Search

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT **MORGAN DOUBLE PLAYER**

Rules:

SPIKE BLOCK SERVE COURT BUMP GAME GRID **PASS**

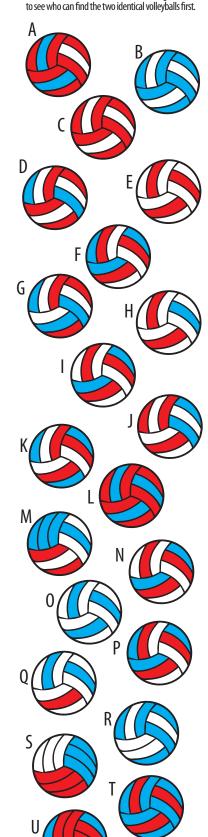
SET **NET** Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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Dozens of school districts close due to COVID-19 outbreaks

Several dozen school districts across the state were forced to close last week due to the omicron variant of COV-ID-19 sending home students, staff and teachers. Most school districts planned to reopen on Tuesday following the

"Every superintendent wants to be able to have kids in the classroom and teachers in the classroom ... but you get to a certain critical place where you don't have enough staff available and you have to shut the campus down," Kevin Brown, executive director of the Texas Association of School Administrators, said in a Texas Tribune report. "We want to keep kids safe, and you have to have a certain number of adults in the building."

The number of new cases of CO-VID-19 cases in Texas during the past week reached a record high of 506,226, up 22% from the week before, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of new deaths dropped slightly, with 623 reported statewide in the past week. Hospitalizations are on the uptick, with 12,071 lab-confirmed CO-VID-19 hospitalizations reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is up 23% from the previous week.

Empty shelves result of worker shortage

It feels a bit like March 2020 when one goes to the grocery store lately. But this time, it's not necessarily supply chain woes but a shortage of workers to restock, as the omicron variant of COVID-19 sweeps the state. The Dallas Morning News reported shoppers should expect the shortages to continue until the fourth wave of the virus subsides.

"Either other employees work overtime, or the shift goes empty," said Gary Huddleston, grocery industry consultant to the Texas Retailers Association. That means groceries are stuck on trailers, in stockrooms or at distribution centers, he added.

One trend since the pandemic began is the marked increase in self-checkout aisles, which now account for nearly a third of all transactions, The Morning News reported.

Voting deadline for primary is approaching

Folks who want to vote in the March 1 Texas primary have to be registered to vote by Jan. 31. Texas Secretary of State John Scott encouraged all eligible Texans to register as they prepare to head to the polls for early voting next month.

"We want all eligible Texans to participate in all of this year's upcoming elections, including the primary elections in which voters will choose the candidates to appear on the November 2022 general election ballot," Scott said. "Don't wait until the last minute - start the registration process today!"

Texans will pick nominees in the Republican and Democratic primaries for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and all 38 members of the U.S. House who represent Texas.

Hottest December in Texas since Sul Ross was governor

Yup, it was hot last month as we hung Christmas lights and decorations.

Texas experienced the warmest December on record since 1889. Throughout the state, temperatures ranged 5 to 9 degrees above average.

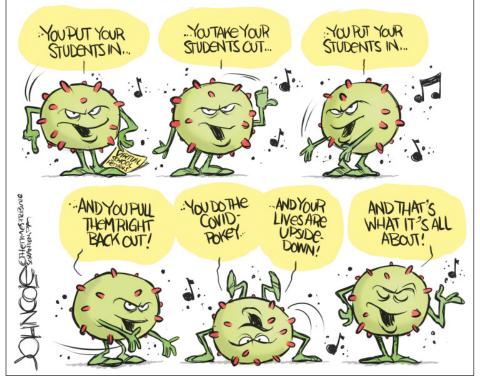
"It's like the entire state moved south for the winter," said John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist. "Amarillo got Dallas's normal temperatures, Dallas got Corpus Christi's normal temperatures, and Austin got Brownsville's normal temperatures.

"Not only is it by far the warmest December since the beginning of comprehensive weather records, it will probably also turn out to be the warmest winter month, period," said Nielsen-Gammon.

Wildlife vaccine airdrops to combat rabies

The state has resumed airdrops of oral rabies vaccines that have led to the elimination of the domestic dogcoyote and Texas fox rabies virus variants along the Texas border. DSHS began using aircraft on Jan. 12 to airdrop more than 1.17 million baits containing the rabies vaccine in 19 border counties. The project will last two weeks. The vaccine baits are small plastic pellets dipped in fish oil and coated with fishmeal crumbles that attract coyotes,

gray foxes and other wild carnivores. Gary Borders, a veteran award-winning Texas journalist, compiled this report. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and, once upon a time, the Hill Country News in Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.



OPINION



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DR. DON **NEWBURY** The Idle American

Cats causing calamities...

The suggestion that I dislike cats would be erroneous indeed, splashing down in the ever-growing sea of untruths. I prefer dogs. However, I have no

desire to debate or defend. Indeed, I'd rather let sleeping cat lovers lie in their

Unlike the late Al Capp--best known for his satirical comic strip Li'l Abner--I'd sooner avoid jousting about pet preferences. He enjoyed controversy. In fact, he took on Jane Fonda, sometimes referring to her as a "different breed of cat."...

During his frequent public appearances, Capp always wanted to set things straight about his Fonda views.

"Lots of folks think I'm prejudiced against Jane," he drawled.

Indicating that such folks would be wrong, he'd add, "I'd send her a dozen roses this very night-if only I knew which jail she was in."....

I understand that cats are here to stay, and that feline lovers are entitled to remain staunch in their affection, despite new evidence suggesting that some cats are arsonists. Purring their innocence of all charges, none would admit to setting

Instead, they'd likely rub against the legs of detractors, trying their best to change the subject.

They've sounded a "cat alert" in Seoul, South Korea. It was but a short account in the newspapers, but that the story saw the light of day at all is surprising. Since "20/20 vision" went haywire a couple of years ago, newspaper space has been crowded with topics such as COVID, booster shots, national debt, global warming and other ever-present

A statement from the Seoul Metropolitan Fire and Disaster Department said that cats caused a total of 107 house fires in less than two years by switching on electric stoves. They said that when overheated, appliances can catch on fire. The announcement further advised the removal of flammable objects--such as paper towels--from the stove.

What are cats to do? They are admit tedly curious, some eventually paying the ultimate price for their curiosity.

The department blames "touch-sensitive buttons." Maybe they should go back to toggle switches, you think? Wayda minute. When cats land on "touch-sensitive buttons," the results might be considered coincidental. However, substitution of old switches might cause cats to spring into action, believing that toggle switches invite toggling....

Though this problem surfaced on the other side of the globe, the American Humane Association claims that pets are responsible for about 1,000 house fires in the U.S. annually.

Note that the AHA (couldn't resist an acronym which might be confused with laughing) didn't specify which pets are more guilty of arson. Instead, they followed the lead of many other associations, choosing the "politically correct freeway" instead of the high road.

The association encourages owners to put covers on--or simply remove stove knobs--as safety measures, adding that pet owners should discourage their pets from interacting with stoves. Look for pet trainers to begin an advertising blitz guaranteeing that successful "graduates" from their schools will have nothing to do with stoves. (Brenda doesn't care if I move our knobs, suggesting that I can turn on the burners with pliers if I'd like.)...

Mark Twain may have foreseen such a problem years ago. He once made this observation: "If a cat sits on a hot stove, that cat won't sit on a hot stove again. It won't sit on a cold stove, either. That cat just don't like stoves." Sailor, our rescue dog, has promised

to leave our stove alone and to refrain from even entering the kitchen as long as he's provided gourmet vittles morning and night. He's been somewhat forlorn, since COVID's cancelling the Westminster Dog Show this year. I mentioned that maybe later there'd be a "Westminster Cat Show," or a similar attraction. He whimpered a quick response, "Don't count on it."

I don't own a dog; a dog owns me....

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Have you ever been at a?
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in the all day long! We a lot
and a lot, but didn't get so much as a
the whole time. It was so!
want to do that again! I doubt I will ever

camping sat boring boat dad skating laughed fishing crazy

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Q. How do we determine which crape myrtle we want to purchase? There are so many available.

A. Determine how tall you want it to be and what color you want the

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flowers to be and then seek a variety with those characteristics out at your favorite nursery. You also want a variety that is aphid and mildew resistant. The nursery should have a list of the selections and the characteristics. If

you get a selection that grows to the height that you want, you don't need to do much pruning. Q. We want to put up a purple

martin house next spring, how do we select a house and know how to set it up?

A. Visit You Tube to view an informational tape or obtain a handbook such as "Purple Martin Book" by

How to determine which variety of crape myrtle is best for your landscape

Donald and Lilian Stokes and Justin Brown. If you live close to San Antonio, you could visit Wild Birds Unlimited. They sell the houses and will answer your questions. It also works

> to seek out someone near vou who has a successful house up and is willing to give you advice. I have a number of houses up. It is fun and relatively easy.

winter weeds. especially bedstraw, henbit and

chickweed flourish in our lawn every winter. Is there a contact herbicide that you recommend to control them?

A. The herbicide "Weed Free Zone" works well especially in cool weather. Check out the label instructions to make sure it operates the way you are comfortable with and then follow label instructions.

WEEKLY LIVESTOCK REPORTS

Q. Our euonymus and peach trees are covered with scale insects. How do we control them with minimum trouble?

A. Obtain dormant or horticultural oil from your favorite nursery. As per the instructions apply the chemical when 2 days in a row are forecast where temperatures are going to stay above 45 degrees. The products qualify as organic controls but follow the label instructions. The oils will kill pansies and other plants.

Q. I have heard about a way to control slugs and snails that qualifies as an organic control. It involves sinking a plastic cup in the ground and filling it half full of beer. Supposedly the slugs and snails seek out the beer and drown in the cup. Do you know if it works?

A. Yes, it works very well. Bury the cups so that their surface is level with the soil surface. The cups usually fill up with slugs and snails within a few

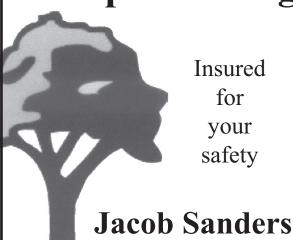
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Gonzales Livestock Market January 15 Cattle 1756

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold fully steady to 2.00 higher. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer bulls sold steady while packer cows sold steady

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 210-220; 300-400 lbs., 180-220; 400-500 lbs., 187-190; 500-600 lbs., 167-182; 600-700 lbs, 144-164; 700-800 lbs, 138-142. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs.,

Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 162-167; 300-400 lbs., 152-158; 400-500 lbs., 147-149; 500-600 lbs., 142-145; 600-700 lbs.,

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 51-64; Cutters, 67-72; Canners, 32-44; High yield-

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 88-94; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 76-87. Stockers Cows: \$600 to \$1,200.

ing fat cows, 58-68.

Pairs: \$750 to \$1,300.

Nixon Livestock January 17 Cattle – 1024

Steers: 200-300 lbs - \$138-148-210

300-400 lbs - \$154-164-213 400-500 lbs - \$151-161-212 500-600 lbs - \$136-146-181 600-700 lbs - \$131-141-167 700-800 lbs - \$117-127-147 Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$124-134-180 300-400 lbs - \$136-146-173 400-500 lbs - \$129-139-179 500-600 lbs - \$124-134-205 600-700 lbs - \$113-123-140 700-800 lbs - \$102-112-127 Slaughter Cows - \$20-79 Slaughter Bulls - \$91-113

Hallettsville Livestock Commission Co., Inc. Sale date: January 11 Cattle on hand: 1726 **Packer Cows:**

Canner and Cutter Cows: \$50-74 Utility & Fat Cows: \$49-71 Low Dressing Canner Cows: \$28-

Poor/Weak: \$18-32 Packer Bulls:

Heavyweight Bulls: \$90-98

Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$81-91 Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$66-80 **Stocker Cows:** Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers:

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$800-1100 Good Cow & Calf Pairs: None Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1000-

Stocker & Feeder Calves &

Number 1 steer & bull calves: Under 200 lbs.: \$165-225 200-300 lbs.: \$155-205 300-400 lbs.: \$155-205

400-500 lbs.: \$150-195 500-600 lbs.: \$140-185 600-700 lbs.: \$133-165 700-800 lbs.: \$120-150

Under 200 lbs: \$145-210 200-300 lbs.: \$135-170 300-400 lbs.: \$132-168

Number 1 heifer calves:

400-500 lbs.: \$130-165 500-600 lbs.: \$124-157.50 600-700 lbs.: \$120-140

700-800 lbs: \$105-128 Replacement Heifers: 350-700 lbs.: \$135-205

The market was once again very strong. No. 1 types sold mostly strong to \$3 higher than last week's gains. Demand continues very strong. No. 2 and plainer kinds were a little better, but discounted.

Packer cows and bulls sold \$2 to \$3 higher on approx.. 150 hd.

Market Report Sale date: January 12

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ter with packer cows & bulls

Cattle: 821 Sheep & Goats: 431 Medium & Large Frame #1

200-300 lb.: \$1.40-2.14 300-400 lb.: \$1.50-2.16 400-500 lb.: \$1.36-2.06 500-600 lb.: \$1.37-1.78

600-700 lb.: \$1.21-1.55 700-850 lb.: \$1.25-1.49 Medium & Large Frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb.: \$1.00-1.70 300-400 lb.: \$1.41-1.91 400-500 lb.: \$1.31-1.85 500-600 lb.: \$1.30-1.63

600-750 lb.: \$1.22-1.50 Utility & Commercial: \$53-71

Cutters: \$38-52 Canners: \$27-37 Palpated Cows (Middle Aged):

\$500-1050 Cow/Calf Pairs: \$950 **Bulls:**

Heavy High Yielding: \$95-105 Light & Low Yielding: \$45-94 Feeder Bulls: None Sheep & Goats:

Nannies (Young): \$230-280 Nannies (Thin & Old): \$185-225 Kid Goats (Fat): \$3.80-4.25

Kid Goats (Small & Thin): \$3.50-Wethers: \$2.20-3.05 Billlies: \$2.00-2.40

Pairs: None Barb. Ewes (Young): \$180-280 Barb. Ewes (Small & Old Ewes): \$140-175

Barb. Lambs (Fat): \$3.80-4.10 Barb. Lambs (Small & Thin): \$3.50-3.75

Wooled Ewes: None Wooled Bucks: \$2.00-2.80 Lambs: \$2.25-2.45 Barb. Bucks: None

Cuero Livestock Market Report on January 14, 2022 Number of head 2,173 There were 217 cows and 24

Tops packer cows were at \$76/ cwt while top bulls were up to \$103/cwt

The calf market was higher once again particulary on the heavier weights. Virtually all classes recorded new highs for the year. Overall averages were at same price but heavier weights resulted in calves averaging over \$15/ head more money. It was a very active and strong demand market

Packer bulls: 70.00-103.00 Packer cows:

canners & cutters 48.00-76.00 poor & weak 15.00-40.00 Palpated: 39 bred \$875 to

\$1000 per head 1,200-\$1,475 PAIRS: 8 Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH) Under 200 lbs. 137.50-185.00 200-249 lbs,

145.00-200.00 300-350 lbs. 167.00-216.00 350-400 lbs. 141.00-190.00 162.00-188.00 400-450 lbs. 450-500 lbs. 157.00-186.00 500-550 lbs. 147.00-179.00 550-600 lbs. 148.00-175.00 600-700 lbs. 145.00-167.00 700-800 lbs. 134.00-154.00 **Bull Calves:** Under 250lbs 250-300 lbs. 300-350 lbs. 350-400 lbs.

(AVG-HIGH) 137.00-170.00 165.00-212.50 160.00-228.00 155.00-218.00 400-450 lbs. 160.00-202.00 450-500 lbs. 158.00-187.00 500-550 lbs. 155.00-181.00 550-600 lbs. 147.00-174.00 600-700 lbs 138.00-167.00 Over 700 lbs. 118.00-141.00 Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

300-350 lbs. 134.00-166.00 350-400 lbs. 134.00-180.00=>replacement 400-450 lbs.

129.00-180.00

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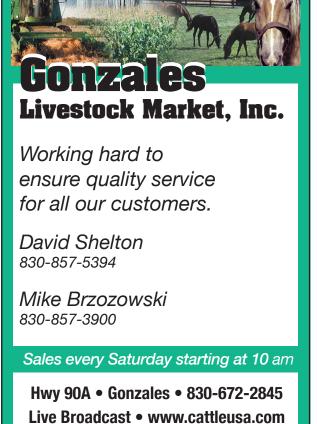
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138.00-190.00=>replacement 450-500 lbs. 138.00-178.00 500-550 lbs 136.00-170.00 550-600 lbs.

600-700 lbs.

Stocker Cows - \$650-1000 Pairs: 1 pair @ \$1010 bulls. The market was much high-132.00-200.00=>replacement Stocker cattle showing condition. er. As both packer cows and bulls 122.00-163.00 Stocker cattle another 5-10 betwere much higher than last sale. Over 700 lbs 101.00-145.00 THE HEIGHTS' REHABILITATION & LONG TERM CARE







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OBITUARY



KATHLEEN (KATHY) GAYE COPELAND CADDELL

Kathleen (Kathy) Gaye Copeland Caddell, 66, of Gonzales, passed away January 2022. Kathy was born August 28, 1955 in Austin to Helen Elkins and Rubin Copeland. She graduated from Crockett High School in Austin in 1973. Kathy married James "Jimmy" Caddell on January 13, 1995 in Las Vegas.

Kathy never met a stranger. She would chat with anyone and everyone while smoking a cigarette and drinking a diet coke. Her children fondly remember her for back scratches and chocolate cheesecakes made with love (and extra pecans). Kathy enjoyed serving the community as a volunteer with the Gonzales Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxil-

Kathleen Caddell is survived by her children Wagner (Mag-Adam gie) and Misty Humphrey (Jason); step-children Stacy Scott (Steve), Kim Mica (Randy), Crissy Jo Filla (Will), Justin Caddell; grandchildren, Annie Wagner, Lukas Wagner, Caedmon Humphrey, Zoe Humphrey, Bobby Scott (Alicia), Jacob Scott, Darren Mica, Michael Mica, Devin Taylor, Wyatt Caddell, Jace Caddell; greatgrandchildren, Trinity Mica and Zoey Mica; and her bonus family Monica and Keith Garner, Josh Landi, and Brian Dolezal. She has now joined her husband Jimmy at the great fish fry in the sky.

A memorial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gonzales Memorial Hospital Ladies Auxiliary fund.

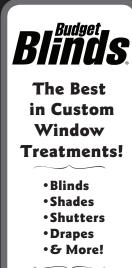
Jackson earns spot on ACU honor roll

Special to the Inquirer

Lane Jackson of Gonzales was named to the Abilene Christian University Fall 2021 Dean's Honor Roll. Jackson is a senior majoring in Management.

Jackson was among more than 1,300 students named to the Fall 2021 Dean's Honor Roll.

To qualify for the Dean's Honor Roll, students must be registered for 12 or more credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.6 or higher.



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Don't Mess With Texas Scholarship contest open

Special to the Inquirer

The Don't Mess With Texas Scholarship Contest is now accepting applications for the 2022 school year.

Any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school and planning to attend an accredited Texas college or university in the fall 2022 semester is eligible to apply. Judges

will select winners based on the students' proven results in leading projects or events focused on educating communities about the importance of keeping our state clean and litter-free.

Presented in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, the Don't Mess With Texas Scholarship Contest will award a total of \$9,000 in scholarships in May 2022. The 2022 scholarship contest awards are sponsored by Buc-ees and iHeart Media.

"It's important that younger generations understand they have the power to create long-term solutions that can transform their environment into one that is litterfree," said Becky Ozuna, program administrator for the Don't Mess With Texas campaign.

Don't Mess With Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes a grassroots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful, annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopt-a-Highway

volunteer program. To apply for the Don't Mess With Texas Scholarship, visit dontmesswithtexas.org.

Applications must be received via online submission by 5 p.m. March 31, 2022.

Victoria College

ROUNDUP

VC nursing program receives \$331,645 JET grant from TWC

The Texas Workforce Commission awarded Victoria College a \$331,645 grant through the Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant program to purchase equipment that will be used to train nursing students.

The JET program provides funding to educational institutions to purchase equipment for training that leads to high-demand occu-

At Victoria College, the Associate Degree Nursing Program - which prepares students to become a registered nurse - is one of numerous programs that lead to a high-demand career. Registered nurses in the Golden Crescent region earn an average annual salary of \$63,000, according to the Texas Workforce

VC's Associate Degree Nursing Program will use the funds to purchase and install a trauma manikin that simulates leg and arm amputations; an ultrasound bladder scanner used to assess bladder function; and a portable defibrillator that simulates cardiac arrest and related interventions.

"The equipment purchased through the JET grant will be a great addition to Victoria College's high-tech nursing labs and will provide additional real-world training opportunities for students in our other allied health programs," said Irma Moreno, VC Associate Degree Nursing Program chair.

Victoria College was one of 41 recipients of the funding. VC students will begin learning on the new equipment in 2022.

"Victoria College is thrilled to be selected as a JET grant recipient, and we thank the Texas Workforce Commission and the Jobs and Education for Texans advisory board for this generous grant that will help VC continue to

train its students to meet the demands of the workforce in the Crossroads region," said Victoria College President Jennifer Kent.

VC's 'Etiquette for Business' Lunch & Learn Series begins Feb. 10

Victoria College's "Etiquette for Business" Lunch and Learn Series will kick off with "Networking for Success" on Thursday, Feb. 10 in Room 306 of the Conference & Education Center at VC's Emerging Technology Complex.

"Networking for Success" is an introductory course that will provide tips on how etiquette can be of value to a company or organization. Participants will learn how to make effective introductions, minimize nervousness in social situations, use a business card effectively, identify the three C's of a good impression, and learn tips on how to remember names.

The deadline to register for "Networking for Success" is Feb. 7 at noon.

The series will continue with "Etiquette for Written Communication" on Thursday, March 10 and conclude on Thursday, April 14 with "Etiquette for Verbal Communication." The cost for the three-part series is \$85, or

\$35 per session. Lunch will be provided. Each session is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Victoria College's Emerging Technology

Complex is located at 7403 Lone Tree Road in

To register or get more information about the series, call (361) 582-2528 or email AskCE@VictoriaCollege.edu.

VC offering Computer Literacy course Feb. 22-March 10

Victoria College will offer a Computer Literacy course Feb. 22-March 10 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students will get hands-on instruction and practice in computer terminology, hardware and software, Windows 10, file management, the internet and email.

The cost for the course is \$150 and includes all materials. The deadline to register is noon

To register or get more information, call (361) 582-2528 or email AskCE@VictoriaCollege.edu.

VC offering QuickBooks Desktop Version course Feb. 16-March 28

Victoria College is offering a QuickBooks Desktop Version course from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 16-March 28 in Room 305 of the Conference and Education Center at VC's Emerging Technology

Topics in the course will include lists and bank accounts, using other accounts in QuickBooks, entering sales information and setting up inventory, entering and paying bills, receiving payments and making deposits, analyzing financial data, and tracking and paying sales tax.

"Students will learn to set up a chart of accounts; reconcile a checking account; create and print invoices, receipts and statements; track payables, inventory and receivables; create estimates and generate reports," said Mary Hardy, VC Workforce & Continuing Education program coordinator.

The cost for the course is \$300 and includes all materials. The deadline to register for the course is noon on Feb. 11.

Victoria College's Emerging Technology Complex is located at 7403 Lone Tree Road.

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Notice of Established Procedure for the Calculation of Value of **Inventory**

To all persons owning or controlling as agents of otherwise any inventory subject to appraisal by the Gonzales Central Appraisal District.

I, John Liford, Chief Appraiser for Gonzales Central Appraisal District pursuant to Section 23.12, Chapter 23, Texas Property Tax Code, give notice on behalf of Gonzales Central Appraisal District and publish the established procedure for the calculation of the value of inventory on January 1, 2022. The value of inventory held for sale, lease, or rental, will be assigned by rendition, observation by appraisers, and comparison of like properties, pertinent record of the business and any other reasonable approaches necessary to accurately reflect the market value of taxable inventory as required by statutes and Constitution of the State of Texas.

Invitation to Comment on a **Communications Facility**

All interested persons are invited to review and request further environmental processing of an FCC application for a proposed 310-foot (335 feet maximum with appurtenances) self-support communications tower located near 1073 CR 458 near Waelder, Gonzales County, Texas (approx. 29 - 42 - 34.00N, 97 - 20 - 08.76W). The application may be reviewed by entering the 854 file number A1207774 this website: www.fcc.gov/asr/applications. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns by filing a Request for Environmental Review" within 30 days of this publication. The structure will be marked/lighted in accordance with FAA Advisory Circular 70/7460-1 M, Obstruction Marking and Lighting, a med-dual system-Chapters 4, 8(M-Dual), &15. Instructions for filing requests are contained on the following website: www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. The FCC strongly encourages requests to be filed online; however, written requests may also be sent by mail to the following address: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. (#31649-FCC)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS J. B. WELLS PARK, ARENA, & **EXPO FEASIBILITY STUDY & PROFESSIONAL** MARKETING SERVICES

The proposal is for the provision of J. B Wells Park, as more fully described in the Request for Proposals package. Proposal packages for this project may be obtained from the City of Gonzales via Internet download at https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/government/bidrfp.

The contract shall be awarded to the responsive proposer scoring the highest on the stated criteria stated in the RFP. The right is reserved, as the interests of the CITY may require, to reject any and all proposals, and to waive any informality or minor defects in proposals received. Proposals may be held by the CITY for a period not to exceed SIXTY (60) days from the date of closing for the purpose of reviewing the Proposals and investigating the qualifications of respondents, prior to awarding of the Contract. Any proposal received after the deadline of Friday, February 11, 2022, at 2:00 PM, will be returned to the respondent unopened.

Proposals will be accepted for J. B. Wells Park, Arena, & Expo from companies who have established, through demonstrated expertise and experience, that they are qualified to provide the services as specified.

Respondents may attend a pre-proposal meeting at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 14, 2022, to conduct inspections and/or investigations to be aware of existing conditions/ issues. Failure to make adequate observations, investigations and/or ask questions prior to submittal shall not be grounds for requesting additional work or services. Questions shall be forwarded to Tim Patek, City Manager via email at tpatek@gonzales.texas.gov, by 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2022.



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Public Notice

"To the voters of Gonzales County:

The City of Gonzales and Gonzales ISD are in the process of redistricting so the Voter Registration Certificates have not been sent out. Note: You DO NOT need the certificate to vote, only an acceptable photo ID is required.

If you have any questions or concerns on if you are registered to vote please call 830-519-4054.

Thank you, Gwen Schaefer, Elections Administrator"

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT (NORI) RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 45617

APPLICATION. Alamo Concrete Products Company, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 45617, which would authorize continued operation of the Concrete Batch Plant located at 1416 Ainsworth Street, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas 78629. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.50996&lng=-97.46301&zoom=13&type=r. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on December 22, 2021. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Corpus Christi regional office, and the Robert Lee Brothers, Jr. Memorial Library, 301 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Corpus Christi regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain

PUBLIC COMMENT. You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at $1\,800\,687\,4040.$ Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Alamo Concrete Products Company, P.O. Box 34210, San Antonio, Texas 78265-4210 or by calling Mrs. Melissa Fitts, Westward Environmental, Inc., at (830) 249-8284.

Notice Issuance Date: December 28, 2021.

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- PROPOSAL NOTICE -

The Owner invites competitive sealed proposals from Contractors for CITY OF GONZALES - EGGLESTON HOUSE ROOF REPLACEMENT and STRUCTURAL REPAIRS, Gonzales, Texas. Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 17, 2022, at the office of TSG Architects AIA and at that time all proposals shall be opened and read aloud. Proposals shall be addressed and delivered to the City of Gonzales c/o TSG Architects AIA, 312 Saint Francis Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, 830.672.7801. No proposal may be changed, amended or modified after the same has been submitted. A proposal may be withdrawn, however, and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. The City of Gonzales has the right to accept or reject any bid or to waive any technicality which may be in the best interest of the City of

Each bid proposal must be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check, or an approved bidder's bond in an amount not less than 5% of the maximum total bid, payable to the City of Gonzales, Texas without recourse, as a guarantee that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute performance and payment bonds on the forms provided, within ten (10) working days after the award of contract.

The work will be awarded under a single lump sum contract for all general construction work per Section 00 2116 and Section 00 4200.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 3, 2022, at the Eggleston House, 1303 St. Louis Street, Gonzales, Texas. All bidding general contractors must attend or have a qualified representative present to attend this meeting.

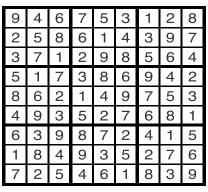
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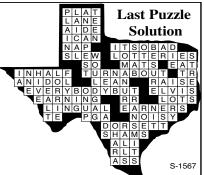
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Substitutions: During bidding, the Architect may consider written Request for Substitutions, received at least ten (10) days prior to the original bid date and hour. Request for Substitution must be submitted in accordance with Section 01 6000.

Availability of Plans and Specifications: Plans and Specifications are available from the architect, TSG Architects AIA, 312 Saint Francis Street, P.O. Box 1573, Gonzales, Texas 78629, 830.672.7801. A current, completed AIA A305 will be required prior to receiving plans and specs. Contractors may obtain one (1) printed set after receipt of refundable deposit of \$75.00 per set. Sub-Contractors may obtain one (1) printed set after receipt of non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 per set. Additional printed construction document plan sets may be purchased at \$75.00 per set non-refundable, plus postage and handling if applicable. A downloadable electronic file of the construction document plan set is available for a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00. Plans must be returned to the architect within ten (10) calendar days from bid date, in good condition, for a complete refund of plan deposit.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

City of Nixon has received a Community Development Block Grant -Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) contract under the Texas General Land Office (GLO). The City will comply with the Civil Rights requirements of Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act and the Fair Housing Law and ensure that equal opportunities are afforded to all persons and that no person shall be excluded or denied program benefits on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, and national origin. City of Nixon has established policies, plans and resolutions for the following:

- Equal Opportunity Section 504 Non-Discrimination Provisions
- Section 3 Policy Fair Housing • Affirmative Action • Excessive Force Policy • Citizen Participation Plan

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: FAIR HOUSING, IT'S THE LAW

To promote fair housing practices, City of Nixon encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the Texas Workforce Commission at (888) 452-4778 or (512) 463-2642 TTY: 512-371-7473.

POLICY OF NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY

City of Nixon does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. Dorothy Riojas, Mayor of the City of Nixon, has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8, Date June, 1988)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION & GRIEVANCE PROCEURES NOTICE FOR THE GLO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OF BLOCK **GRANT-MITIGATION PROGRAM**

City of Nixon has adopted complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. Citizens may obtain a Copy of these written procedures from the Mayor, Dorothy Riojas at the City of Nixon City Hall located at 100 W. 3rd St., Nixon, TX 78140, or by calling (830) 582-1924, during regular business hours. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if he/she wishes to file a complaint or grievance about GLO CDBG-MIT activities. A person who has a complaint or grievance about any services or activities with respect to the GLO CDBG-MIT, project may, during regular business hours, submit such complaint or grievance, in writing to Dorothy Riojas at the City of Nixon, City Hall located at 100 W. 3rd St., Nixon, TX 78140, or by calling 1(830)582-1924. The City of Nixon will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints or grievances within fifteen (15) working days where practicable after receipt of the original complaint or grievance.

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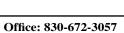
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less offensive to each other!

Since last talked it seems that several of my closest family members contracted have covid, but through

and much

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prayer are on the mend...thank you Lord! It seems this virus has made itself comfortable being a part of our everyday lives, so it looks like we'll just have to find a way of coexisting. I believe that with God leading the way, we have the wisdom and intelligence to figure it out and will be just fine. You all are in my daily prayers, especially those who have lost loved ones along the way. As life is temporary for everyone, it's imperative that we keep our faith and hope alive to weather life's hardships, allowing God to give us the strength we need to survive and thrive.

In Matthew 22, Jesus instructs us to love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Philippians 2:3 says "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves." While this is God's will for us and is definitely in everyone's best interest, it is still very difficult to put into practice. As self centeredness has plagued man since our arrival, we of-

ten find it repulsive in others, while it goes virtually unnoticed within ourselves. Yep, funny how that works.

Mankind, full of him (or her) self, will naturally seek

out anything and everything that exalts and calls attention to himself, lulling him into a false sense of self importance, often leading to less than desirable outcomes. This happens most often through fame and fortune, education, position and social status, causing us to easily fall into the enemies traps. Jeremiah 5:26 reminds us that "Among my people are wicked men who lie in wait for victims like a hunter hiding in a blind." How many folks have learned this lesson the hard way?

While I've never been overly political, I do look at the news from different sources occasionally to see what's going on, realizing that we'll never actually know the truth, as I'm convinced that we're not really supposed to. My personal take on politics is that in a democracy, our officials are elected to run the country for the betterment of everyone in it. Frankly, it's embarrassing to have two parties slugging it out when they should be all working together, keeping what works and fixing the rest so we can all live better and more productive lives. However, as long as we continue lusting after power, profit and control, it's pretty unrealistic. Recently while watching senate hearings questioning the DOJ and FBI, I found the most common answer to any question asked to be "I don't know." My thought; if you can be that inept at your job and still make the big bucks, where's my application? What the heck, we should all run for office, it couldn't get any worse.

Unfortunately, being human comes with many flaws, sometimes leaving forgiveness in short supply. But, we still have to give it our best shot as Matthew 6:14 reminds us that "if you forgive others when they sin against you, your heavenly father will also forgive you."

While we should hope and pray for sunnier days ahead, the immediate forecast has us under a "dense political clown" advisory, no worries though, God's still in charge!

Love you guys, Eric.

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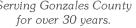


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COVID-19 cases are spiking across the country, and as pet owners quarantine, questions of pet safety against this disease and the quickly spreading omicron variant continue to arise.

Drs. Sarah Hamer and Lori Teller, both associate professors at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, offer insight on how the spread of the omicron variant may affect pets and the precautions owners should take.

Hamer, who has been leading a research team in examining how COVID-19 is impacting our pets since summer 2020, said she anticipates dogs and cats will continue to be exposed to the same strains of COVID-19 that are circulating in humans.

"In our study here at Texas A&M University, we have sampled more than 580 household pets that all live where at least one person was infected with COVID-19, and we confirmed infections in about 100 animals," Hamer said. "As far as we know, pet infections result from spillover from humans; infected people who share space with their pets can infect their pets, just as humans can infect other people."

Hamer's research team has discovered that some of the variants that have circulated among humans have also been present in their animals; because omicron is transmitted among humans much easier than other variants, researchers suspect it is likely to transmit easier among pets as well.

omicron variant affect pets?

"Our team was the first to find the alpha variant of concern in a pet dog and cat that had mild symptoms of disease — just some sneezing that resolved after several days," Hamer said. "Fortunately, our active surveillance is revealing that COVID infections in animals are generally not major concerns for the health of dogs and cats, as only about one-quarter of the infected animals were reported to have signs of disease by their owner, and in all cases, they were mild.

"However, considering these high rates of omicron variant transmission, it is important that pet owners realize animals are susceptible to infection, just like other humans, so that they can isolate from their animals if they develop symptoms, are awaiting test results, or get a positive result," Hamer said.

Pets with COVID-19 typically exhibit mild upper respiratory signs, according to Teller; any pet suspected to have COVID-19 should be examined by their veterinarian.

"Most pets will not be symptomatic, but if a pet has been exposed to someone with COVID, and the pet exhibits signs of a respiratory infection, then testing for a variety of pathogens that cause respiratory disease can be checked," Teller said. "Your veterinarian can request that COVID be included in the respiratory panel.

"Generally, if an animal is symptomatic, the symptoms are mild,

"... considering these high rates of omicron variant transmission, it is important that pet owners realize animals are susceptible to infection, just like other humans, so that they can isolate from

their animals if they develop symptoms, are awaiting test results,

-Dr. Sarah Hamer, associate professors at the Texas A&M University College

and the pet can be treated with supportive care," Teller said. "This includes plenty of rest and fluids and, on occasion, anti-inflammatory medications to reduce any discomfort."

Teller said that because avoiding all contact with a pet while isolating may be difficult for some pet owners, it is OK if owners need to keep their pets at home with them.

"Pets are a tremendous source of comfort, especially when we are sick, and we understand that you may want share a brief snuggle with your pet," Teller said. "Talk to your veterinarian — if your pet is healthy and your veterinarian agrees, take appropriate precautions and enjoy a short time of togetherness."

Around the world, many mammal species in zoos have been confirmed as infected with COVID-19. While many of these animals are now being vaccinated, these vaccines currently are not being considered for household pets.

Although COVID-19 continues, medical teams and researchers alike are learning new ways to better protect both human beings and those around us, including our furry friends, from this disease. By continuing to get tested and selfisolating when needed, together, we can work to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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WEDDING



Miss Ashley Dixson is wed to Travis Schauer

In a small ceremony with immediate family and close friends in attendance, Ashley Felicitas Dixson and Travis King Schauer exchanged vows on December 11, 2021, at 3:30 in the afternoon at Harper Hill Ranch in Seguin. Adam Watson, Missions Pastor of The Well Community Church in Austin, Texas, officiated the double ring cer-

The bride is the daughter of Jon and Laura Dixson and is a recreational therapist at Millwood Hospital in Arlington, Texas. The groom is the son of Darren and Melissa Schauer and is a financial analyst at Hillwood in Fort Worth, Texas.

The matrons of honor were Kirsten Turnipseed, friend of the bride, and Nicki Meredith, cousin of the groom. Bridesmaids were Tzitzi Daniel and Amanda Dixson, both sisters of the bride, Allyson Schauer, sister of the groom, Brooke Rivera, Faith Perez, Paulina De La Fuenta, and Kayla Richardson. The best man was Trent Schauer, cousin of the groom. The groomsmen were Grayson Meredith, Brant Philippus, Dalton Kuntschik, Seth Brzozowski, Tyler Wells, and Jamie Tellez.

After a honeymoon trip to Ambergris Caye, Belize, the couple is residing in Fort Worth, Texas.

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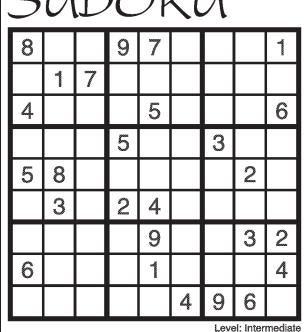
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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

SPORTS

La Vernia remains thorn in Apaches' side

Gonzales loses district road opener, 49-40

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cold shooting hampered the Gonzales Apaches in their 49-40 road district loss Friday, Jan. 14, at La Vernia, a place that has been a hindrance to the Apaches for more than a decade.

The Bears now have beaten Gonzales (13-4) at the La Vernia High School gym every year since 2009, a streak that goes back some 13 years. Due to illness, the Apaches only suited up eight players Friday, while the Bears had 13 players in uniform.

La Vernia had taken a 27-26 lead over Gonzales with 3:51 left to play in the third period on a wild shot by a Bear player who then collided with Angel Martinez of the Apaches. Martinez went down to the ground and a La Vernia player said something to him that drew a technical foul.

Martinez was handed the ball by one of the refs and made a free throw, but it was waved off because another ref had been involved in a discussion with the La Vernia coach and was not in position. After some discussion with Gonzales Coach Alec Paramski, they allowed Martinez to shoot another FT, but he missed on the second

After that, La Vernia went on a 5-0 run to take a 32-26 lead. Gonzales was able to get a three-point play from Brady Barfield and a free throw from Alex Escobedo to pull within two at 32-30, but the Bears went on an 8-2 run as the Apaches had trouble hitting shots. By the end of the third period, the score was 40-32 in favor of La Vernia.

The Bears would go on another run at the start of the fourth period, outscoring the Apaches, 7-2, to take their largest lead of the game at 47-34. Gonzales closed out the game on a 6-2 run of their own, but the deficit was too much to overcome.

Early in the game, it was Gonzales that took an 11-10 lead after a first period of play that saw both teams get very physical and saw several charges called against the Apaches that wiped out scoring plays.

In the second period, both teams were cold for a long time. Gonzales managed just a single free throw until 1:53 left in the period, while La Vernia didn't score a point until 3:33 left in the second quarter. Both teams scored seven points in the frame and it was 18-17 in favor of the Apaches at the half.

Martinez led Gonzales with 13 points, while Jeremiah Hastings had 11. Barfield scored six points, while Xavier Aguayo and Escobedo both scored five.

The Apaches were 4-of-22 from threepoint range and 7-of-18 from the free throw line.

Gonzales was slated to play Navarro in a district contest at home on Tuesday, Jan. 18. They will travel to Pleasanton on Friday, Jan. 21, before having a bye on Tuesday, Jan.

La Vernia bears down, beats **Gonzales Lady** Apaches, 79-26

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches ran into a bear of an opponent in the host La Vernia Lady Bears on Friday, Jan. 14, finding themselves on the short end of a 79-26 loss in district play.

La Vernia is ranked No. 16 in the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) Class 4A state basketball poll and they played every bit the part in their game against Gonzales, taking a 22-3 lead after just one period of play. A 19-6 second quarter gave the Lady Bears a 41-9 halftime lead that would

never be threatened. Gonzales did a little better in the second half, but was still outscored, 38-17, over the

final 16 minutes of the game. The Lady Apaches shot just 18.3 percent from the field, compared to 47.8 percent for their hosts. That includes 10-of-47 on twopoint field goals and just 1-of-13 on threepoint attempts. By contrast, La Vernia hit

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Looking to find an open teammate, Brittney Villegas, pushes the ball up the field against the Smithville Lady Tigers on Tuesday night.

Lady Apaches draw against Smithville on home turf

By Louis Decker Special to The Inquirer

Fans could be excused if they left Apache Field feeling a little seasick Tuesday night. The Lady Apaches' 2-2 draw with Smithville had more than a few high and lows.

The game for Gonzales could easily be summed up by a famous quote from Don Adams' Agent 86 of Get Smart, "Missed it by THAT much." Gonzales had to settle for the draw, despite dominating much of the contest, having nearly four times the number of shots the Lady Tigers had on the night.

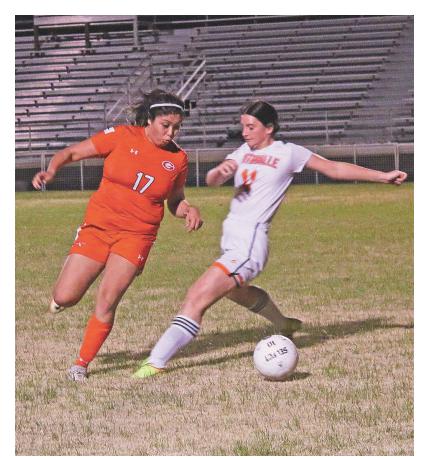
"We just weren't finishing our shots," said Coach Karen Bunch. "We weren't following [the ball] in, and that's something we gotta work on to execute."

Gonzales had four scoring opportunities go awry midway through the first half. Two great saves by the Smithville goal keeper and two shots went wide of the net-one aided by a strong southerly wind.

It was Smithville that broke the seal on the scoring, playing a miscue by the Gonzales defense on a corner kick to put the ball in the back of the net in the 24th minute of the match. That would be the only score of the first half, thanks, in part, to a strong defensive effort by the Lady Apaches.

"One of the biggest things we try...to do is just keeping possession [of the ball],"

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Nancy Nino attempts to get past a Smithville defender Tuesday night at Apache Field. Nino had both of the Gonzales goals in a 2-2 tie.



Brady Barfield goes up for what would prove to be the game-winning basket on Tuesday night against Navarro. Barfield would put the game away for Gonzales with clutch shooting at the free-throw line.

Apaches press way to a 70-63 win over **Navarro**

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Down by one at halftime, the Gonzales Apaches pressed to an advantage in the third period and zoomed to a 70-63 home victory over district foe Geronimo Navarro on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Gonzales (14-4, 1-1 district) had four players in double figures and were led by Jeremiah Hastings with 17 points and six rebounds. Xavier Aguayo had 16 points and three steals, Angel Martinez had 15 points and eight rebounds and Brady Barfield scored 14 with seven rebounds. Alex Escobedo added eight points.

The Apaches jumped out to an early 17-9 lead in the first period with Hastings scoring nine points in the frame. However, the Panthers stormed back in the second quarter by outscoring Gonzales, 20-11, to take

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GHS Soccer blanks Poteet

BY LOUIS DECKER Special to the Inquirer

The Gonzales Apache Soccer Team did its best impression of King Midas on Tuesday night against the Poteet Aggies, except instead of everything they touched turned to gold, it was everything they kicked turned to goals, as they put up a baker's dozen to pick up at 13-0 road win.

"Again, we outshot our opponent but this time, everything went in," said Coach Billy Holifield.

Leading goal scorer Luis Garcia led the way with a pair of goals. Several other Apaches got in on the scoring with Alan Orduna, Jesus Huerta, Jonathan Tejada, Alberto "Beto" Rodriguez, Sebastian Matamoros, Enrique Reyna, Clementa Govea, Tristan Gomez, Duran Mendoza, Alejandro Reyna and Andres Govea scoring a goal each.

The Tribe is now 4-3-0 on the season. They will be in tournament action in Can-

yon Lake, starting today (Thursday), with a pair of games. They will take on La Vernia at 10am, followed by a match against Pleasanton at 4pm. Action will continue on Friday against Heritage and Saturday against SAC.

Tribe splits a pair of games in Pleasanton **Tournament**

The Apache Soccer Team went on the road last weekend in tournament action, splitting a pair of games in the Pleasanton Tourna-

In Thursday's opener, the Tribe shut out Uvalde, 1-0. Tristan Gomez had the lone goal of the game. On Friday, Gonzales dropped a heartbreaker to Wimberley, 2-1. Again, Gomez provided all the scoring for the Apaches.

"We controlled the ball well in both games and had more shots on goal than our opponents," said Holifield, "but [we] struggled to convert the shots."



Maria Vasquez puts a shot on-net against Smithville Tuesday night at Apache Field. The shots were a-plenty for Gonzales, but only two found the back of the net in a 2-2- tie.

SOCCER

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said Bunch. "That's the biggest key—just keep possession and make good passes."

Passing was key on offense for Gonzales, too, as they tied the match in the 55th minute of the second half with a centering pass to Nancy Nino, who was able to get the ball past the diving goal keeper.

Smithville quickly regained the lead less than a minute later when the Lady Tigers were able to slip past the Apache defense and convert the shot on goal.

The game settled into a midfield struggle until, with 10 minutes remaining, Paola Perez put a shot on goal that deflected back to Nino, who scored the equalizer, her second score of the night. Both teams had opportunities down the stretch, but the game ended with the 2-2 draw.

Gonzales is now 2-1-3 on the season. They are off this



LOUIS DECKER

Paola Perez stops the ball from going out of play during Tuesday night's match against Smithville.

weekend, but will return to the pitch on Tuesday, Jan. 25, against Great Hearts Monte Vista.

Lady Apaches win, lose and draw at **Seguin Tournament** Like their male counter-

parts the week before, the Gonzales Lady Apaches were in tournament action in Seguin last weekend and held their own against bigger schools, going 1-1-2 in four games.

On Thursday, Gonzales squared off against the Lehman Loboes, out of Kyle, TX, and were defeated by a final of 2-0. They bounced back in their nightcap, however, to down the Hondo Owls, 6-0.

It was Friday's contests that left Coach Bunch most impressed, however, the Lady Apaches came away with a pair of 0-0 draws against 6A Seguin and 5A Cedar Creek, two very talented squads.

"That's [larger] two schools and we played really well against them," said Bunch. "We lost, 2-0, to [Lehman] and they ended up winning the tournament, so we were happy with [how we competed]."

Mustangs get back to winning ways with 33-19 romp on the Rohawks

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs won two of three contests Friday, Jan. 14, against the Universal City Randolph Rohawks, including the varsity matchup, where the Mustangs got back on the winning side of things with a 33-19 victory.

In the varsity matchup, the Mustang defense was smothering, holding the Rohawks to just two points combined in the second and third quarters of what was an intense district contest. Nixon-Smiley (16-4, 3-2 district) was led in scoring by Dustin Mejia, who had 12 points. Braxton Regalado scored eight, while Carl White Jr. added six. Holden Canion scored three and Bradyn Martinez and David Abundis each had two points.

The Mustangs continued their district season Tuesday, Jan. 18 on the road against the Stockdale Brahmas. They were scheduled to play San Antonio Cole at home Friday, Jan. 21, and host Great Hearts Northern Oaks at home on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Junior varsity

The JV Mustangs unfortunately fell to the Randolph Rohawks, 48-42, on Friday, Jan. 14.

Nixon-Smiley went down early going into the fourth quarter with a 10-point deficit. They came storming back, cutting the lead down to two points. However, it was not enough.

The Mustangs were led by Aiden Flores' game-high 18 points. S. Ortiz had 10, while T. Mikesh had six. R. Paez had three, F. Mejia and J. Garza scored two each and D. Oneal had one.

Freshmen

The freshman team for the Mustangs came away with a hard-fought 32-29 victory over the Rohawks. The Mustangs went into the half down, 13-8, but came out with a vengeance and closed the gap in the third quarter. They came away with a 32-29 win, led by Tyler Barrientes' 10 points. A. Vasquez had eight points, while C. Ochoa and M. Martinez each scored six and P. Sesena-Cruz had two.

Third-period woes send Lady Mustangs to 38-24 home loss

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A rough third period hampered the Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs in their 38-24 Friday, Jan. 14, home loss to the Universal City Randolph Lady Rohawks.

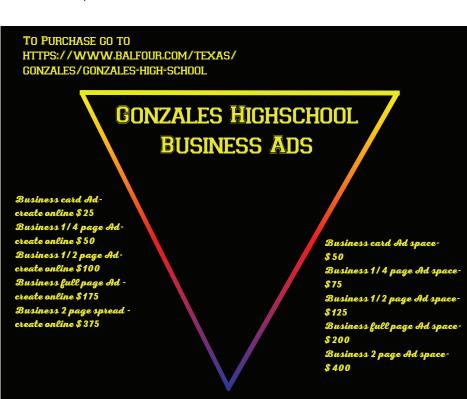
Nixon-Smiley fell behind early, 12-2, in the first period to Randolph, but came back out swinging in the second period to cut the Lady Rohawks' lead to just 15-13 at the half.

But in the third period, Randolph outscored the Lady Mustangs, 14-3, to up their lead to 29-16. A 9-8 final period closed out the scoring.

Nixon-Smiley was led in scoring by Abby Fox, who had eight points and 13 rebounds to top both categories. Kendall Amaya had six points and five rebounds, while Greenlee Houseton had six points as well. Both Madisyne Rice and Ariel Villanueva scored two points and had 11 rebounds.

The Lady Mustangs were scheduled to play at Stockdale on Tuesday, Jan. 18, and then host San Antonio Cole at home Friday, Jan. 21. They are on a bye on Tuesday, Jan. 25.







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Lady Mustangs control 59-33 victory over Stockdale

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs moved into second place in District 26-3A with a 59-33 shellacking of Stockdale on the road Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Nixon-Smiley (15-13 over-

all, 4-2 district) kept pace with Marion by controlling the tempo of Tuesday night's game and connecting from three-point land as the Lady Mustangs hit 6-of-14 from behind the arc. They also hit 13 of their 21 free throw attempts. They also only turned the ball

over nine times.

Greenlee Houseton led the team in scoring with 17 points and seven rebounds and also added four steals as well. Both Madisyne Rice and Mady Velasquez had 12 points and were deadly from three-point range, as Rice

hit 3-of-5 treys and Velasquez had 2-of-5.

Abby Fox scored six points with five rebounds and five steals, while Ariel Villanueva had four points and five rebounds. Kendall Amaya and Criselle Stansel each scored three points, with Amaya adding three rebounds and three steals. Natalee Mendez scored two points with six rebounds and five steals.

The Lady Mustangs host district leader San Antonio Cole at home Friday, Jan. 21, and then are off until they play at Luling on Friday, Jan. 28.



LOUIS DECKER

Angel Martinez elevates for a three-point jumper during the fourth quarter of the Apaches' 70-63 victory over Navarro Tuesday night.

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a 29-28 lead into the lockerroom at the

In the third period, Gonzales created turnovers and saw balanced scoring from all of its starting five, putting up 23 points to 14 from Navarro to stake a

51-43 lead with just one period to play.

The Panthers made it closer in the fourth period, but the Apaches would hit crucial free throws down the stretch that kept Navarro at bay and allowed the home team to even its dis-

trict mark.

Gonzales is scheduled to play at Pleasanton this Friday, Jan. 21, and then will be off Tuesday, Jan. 25.

They will play at Cuero on Friday,

Nixon-Smiley Mustangs fall to Stockdale, 63-35

Special to the Inquirer

The Nixon Smiley Mustangs took a hard-fought 63-35 loss on Tuesday, Jan. 18, on the road at the hands of the Stockdale Brahmas.

The Mustangs hung in the game throughout the second quarter, but the Brahmas had too much firepower, opening up a 15-point halftime lead.

The Mustangs were led in scoring by Bradyn Martinez with nine points. Braxton Regalado had six points, while Dustin Mejia scored five. Carl White Jr., Ruben Bomer and Holden Canion each scored four points. David Abundis scored two and Luke Moses scored one.

The Mustangs will continue their district season Friday, Jan. 21, at home against the Cole Cougars. They will host Northern Oaks on Tuesday, Jan. 25, and play at Luling on Friday, Jan. 28.

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27-of-50 on their two-pointers and 5-of-17 of their three-point attempts.

The Lady Bears also made 10-of-13 free throws, while the Lady Apaches made just 3-of-11. La Vernia was able to take advantage of turnovers, creating 31 points off turnovers and scoring 16 transition points. They also had a 38-16 advantage on points in

the paint and a 22-10 steals advantage.

Gonzales was led in scoring by Sydney McCray, who had eight points and five rebounds. Kelly Breitschopf and Niyahna Lowery each scored four points, and Lowery added nine rebounds and two blocked shots while Breitschopf had three rebounds.

Bella Aguero had three points, five rebounds and three steals, while Kilee Schwausch, Macy Sample and Delaini Seger-Gordon each scored two points. Sample added five rebounds. Audrey Martinez scored a point and had four steals and five rebounds.

The Lady Apaches were scheduled to play at No. 24 Geronimo Navarro on Tuesday, Jan. 18, and at home against Pleasanton on Friday, Jan. 21. They have a bye on Tuesday, Jan. 25.



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I respectfully ask for your vote in this important election!

EARLY VOTING starts February 14th – ELECTION DAY March 1st



Scott encourages Texas voters to register by deadline for March 1 primary

Special to the Inquirer

AUSTIN — Texas Secretary of State John Scott is encouraging all eligible Texas voters planning to vote in the March 1st Primary Election to make sure they are registered to vote by Jan. 31. Additionally, Secretary Scott is providing guidance to Texas voters on how to plan to cast their ballots during the Early Voting period that begins Feb. 14.

"As Texans everywhere prepare to make their voices heard in the upcoming Primary Election, we want to make sure every single eligible Texas voter has the tools and resources they need to cast a ballot whether that's in person during the early voting period, in person on Election Day, or by mail for those who are eligible to do

"Your voice counts, and your choices in the March 1 Primary Election will determine who appears on your General Election ballot in November."

Below is an overview of information and guidance Texas voters should keep in mind regarding registering to vote, voting in person during the early voting period, and voting by mail.

Registering to Vote

To be eligible to vote in Texas, you must

- A United States citizen;
- A resident of the county where you submit the application;
- At least 17 years and 10 months old on the date your voter registration application is submitted, and 18 years of age on Election Day.
- Not finally convicted of a felony (you may be eligible to vote once you have completed your sentence, probation, and parole); and Not declared by a court exercising
- probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to

You can check to verify your registration status ahead of the Jan. 31 deadline by visiting the 'Am I Registered?' tool on the Texas Secretary of State's My Voter Portal.

If you recently moved or changed your name, you can now update all your information on your voter registration record through the portal on Texas.gov.

To update your voter registration, you will need your Voter Unique Identifier (VUID) to log in to the Texas.gov portal. You can find your VUID by visiting the Texas SOS My Voter Portal, in which you can enter your Name, County, Date of Birth and ZIP code to display your voter registration information.

If you are registering to vote in Texas for the first time, you can complete a voter registration application and return it to your county voter registrar at least 30 days before the upcoming election date. To complete an application, you may:

• Complete an application using the Texas Secretary of State's online voter registration application module. Simply fill in the required information, print, sign and mail the completed application directly to your county election office;

- Request a printed application. The Texas Secretary of State's office will mail a postage-paid voter registration application to the address provided; OR
- Contact or visit your county's voter registrar to complete the voter registration process.

For those not already registered to vote but who have an existing Texas Driver License or state identification card, you can register to vote online when renewing, replacing or changing your contact information for either of these cards through the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Follow the steps on the DPS web portal to update your driver license information, and you will be given the option to register to vote when renewing or updating your information.

Early Voting in Person

Early Voting for the March 1 Primary Election begins on Monday, Feb. 14 and ends on Friday, Feb. 25. During the Early Voting period, voters may cast a ballot at ANY early voting location in their county of residence. Early voting locations will be populated in the Texas Secretary of State's "My Voter Portal" two days prior to the first day of early voting.

Here, you can enter your Name, County, Date of Birth and ZIP code to look up your registration information and find your nearest polling location. You may want to contact the Early Voting Clerk for State and County Elections in your county for more information about early voting locations and voting hours at those loca-

Voter ID Requirements

Under Texas law, voters who possess one of the seven acceptable forms of photo ID must present that ID at the polls when voting in person. Voters who do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of the seven approved forms of photo ID may fill out a Reasonable Impediment Declaration (RID) at the polls and present an alternative form of ID, such as a utility bill, bank statement, government check, or a voter registration certificate.

Below is a list of the 7 acceptable forms of photo ID:

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC) issued by DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card is-
- sued by DPS • Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- United States Military Identification
- Card containing the person's photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States Passport (book or card) With the exception of the U.S. Citizen-

ship Certificate, which does not expire, for voters aged 18-69, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

For voters aged 70 or older, the acceptable form of photo identification may be expired for any length of time if the identification is otherwise valid.

Election Identification Certificates (EIC) are available from DPS driver license offices during regular business Here is a list of the supporting forms of

not possess one of the 7 forms of acceptable photo ID and cannot reasonably ob- copy or original of a government document that shows the voter's name and an

ID that can be presented if the voter does

- address, including the voter's voter registration certificate; copy of or original current utility bill;
 - copy of or original bank statement;
 - copy of or original government check; • copy of or original paycheck; or
- copy of or original of (a) a certified domestic (from a U.S. state or territory) birth certificate or (b) a document confirming birth admissible in a court of law which establishes the voter's identity (which may include a foreign birth document).

After presenting one of the forms of supporting ID listed above, the voter must execute a Reasonable Impediment Decla-

Voting by Mail

Under Texas law, you are only eligible to vote by mail if you are:

- 65 years or older;
- Sick or disabled;
- Expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day;
- Out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance; • Confined in jail, but otherwise eli-
- gible; or
- Civilly committed under Chapter 841 of the Texas Health and Safety Code;

You can get a formal application for a

ballot by mail (ABBM) by: • Downloading an application for a bal-

lot by mail available online here; or • Requesting an application from The

Early Voting Clerk in your county If you are voting by mail because you are disabled or are 65 years of age or older, you may use a single application to request ballots by mail for all county elections in the calendar year. To do so, simply mark "Annual Application" on your application for a ballot by mail when selecting the election for which you are applying.

If you are voting in a political party's primary election, you MUST check which party's primary you are voting in to receive the correct primary ballot.

To vote by mail, you must provide ONE of the following numbers on your Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM):

• Texas Driver's License, Texas Personal Identification Number or Election Identification Certificate Number issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (NOT your voter registration VUID number);

• If you have not been issued one of the numbers above, the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number

If you have not been issued a Texas Driver's License, Texas Personal Identification Number or Texas Election Identification Certificate Number or a Social Security Number, you must indicate so by checking the appropriate box on the

Your ballot by mail application must be sent to the Early Voting Clerk in the county where you are registered to vote. Applications must be received (not postmarked) by last day of the application pe-

For the March 1, 2022 Primary Election, the last day your ABBM can be received by your Early Voting Clerk is Friday, February 18, 2022.

How to correct a defect on your application for ballot by mail

If you received a notice that your ABBM was rejected because you did not provide an identification number or the number included on your ABBM did not match one of the numbers associated with your voter registration record, you may correct the defect online through the Texas Secretary of State's Ballot by Mail Tracker, available on the homepage of www.votetexas. gov. When you log in to the Ballot by Mail Tracker, you will be prompted to enter your personal identification number(s). Once your personal identification number is validated by the Mail Ballot Tracker, the Application for a Ballot by Mail you previously submitted will be processed.

To utilize the Ballot by Mail Tracker,

you must enter:

• Your Texas Driver's License Number or Texas Personal Identification Number,

• The last four digits of your social security number AND

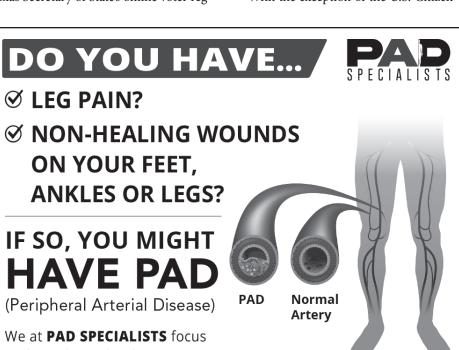
• Your residence address as listed in your voter registration record

If you received a notice that your ABBM was rejected for another reason, you may be able to cure the defect by submitting a new ABBM to your county's Early Voting Clerk with the corrected information.

To confirm your information as listed on your voter registration record be sure to visit the 'Am I Registered?' tool on the Texas Secretary of State's My Voter Portal.

If you have specific questions about your registration or the status of your Application for Ballot by Mail, you should contact your county elections office. For more voter information, call the

Texas Secretary of State's hotline at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683) and visit www.votetexas.gov.



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Republican Women of Yoakum Area elects officers



Officers of the Republican Women of the Yoakum Area (RWOYA) include, standing from left, Social Media Chair Kaci Gifford; Decorating Chair Fonda Myers; Correspondence Chair Linda Balson; Parliamentarian Elorine Sitka; Voter/Education Chair Jackie McNerney; and Hospitality Chair Diana Hawes. Sitting are Treasurer Marie Day; President Louise Witte; Recording Secretary Kim White; and Membership Chair Linda Guidry.

The Republican Women of the Yoakum Area (RWOYA) met Wednesday, Jan. 12, for their organizational planning meeting for the 2022 business year and elected their 2022 officers. The club is comprised of local citizens with conservative values from Lavaca, DeWitt, and Gonzales counties, who have joined together for the cause of freedom.

RWOYA members have been active in the political process for more than 50 years. They work to promote an informed voting public and provide support for conservative Republican candidates. RWOYA invites men to join as associate members (annual dues only \$10) and serve with RWOYA as we continue to be leaders in our communities.

Guests at the meeting were the honorable Rep. Geanie Morrison, TFRW Rep. Amy Mundy and TFRW Membership chair Ann Meyer. Candidates visiting were Dr. Jon Spiers for Land Commissioner, Chris Mapp for 27th District Congress Representative and field staff from the Don Huffines Campaign for Governor, and Congressman Michael Cloud of the 27th District.

Meetings are scheduled at the Yoakum Community Center, 105 Huck St., on the second Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch is served with donations welcomed. Informative program speakers follow the lunch.

RWOYA will host a local candidates forum from the three counties at the Feb. 9 meeting, which will begin at 11 a.m. (Please note the earlier time) Candidates will be available to meet and greet citizens, give a short statement about their candidacy and answer questions.

The public is encouraged to attend. For more information call Brenda Cash 361-772-1442

Review: Fans of westerns will love 'Law of the Land'

BY BOOKWORM SEZ

Drums or hooves?

Here's the answer: nothing's better than the pound of a horse's hooves, as heard from a saddle. They can sound like a dance, a drumstick skittering over a snare drum. A lively trot reminds you of bongos; a good run, like a bass kick. It's music to a cowpoke's ears and in the short-sto-

ry collection, "Law of the Land" by Elmer Kelton, you'll find a treat for There aren't a lot of things a lawman likes better than crossing a

Battles was about to do that. Giles Pritchard was an outlaw and to Fitz, that made Pritchard just plumb worthless. Problem was, Pritchard had help and in "The Fugitive Book," that meant more no-good outlaws

name off a Wanted list and Fitz

for Fitz to eliminate.

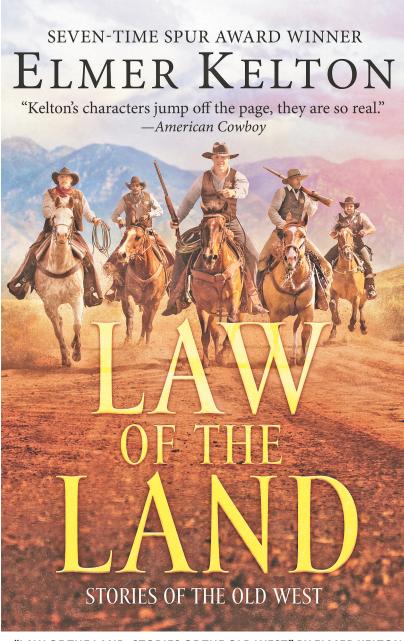
All Grant Caudell wanted was his money back, now that he'd caught up with "Slack" Vincent. Vincent had tricked Caudell out of his money and without it, Caudell would lose his family's farm. The problem was, the sheriff had the outlaw locked up and in "Jailbreak," Vincent was about to hang – unless there was a little more trickery...

Old George Simmons never wanted trouble. He just wanted to cook for the Slash R cowboys and be unbothered. So in "Biscuits for a Bandit," an outlaw rider learns that it's best not to rile the camp cookie.

Everybody knew that the Apache One-Ear was ferocious. Lieutenant Monte Fowler already lost many soldiers to One-Ear's band in a massacre the likes of which Fowler wasn't eager to repeat. But One-Ear was still out there causing trouble, and in "Apache Patrol," Fowler's the only man who can lead G Troop to stop

A "pretty little girl" like Rachel should never've been brought to Texas. She should've stayed back East but it was already too late: the Comanches were outside their door. Her husband, Matthew, was ready to fight but in "The Last Indian Fight in Kerr County," Rachel had a few ideas up her pretty little sleeve.

Zero and a hundred. In "Law of



"LAW OF THE LAND: STORIES OF THE OLD WEST" BY ELMER KELTON, C.2021, FORGE BOOKS, 306 PAGES



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ELMER KELTON

the Land," that's what you can expect: zero political correctness, one hundred percent old-school, classic western tales.

And yet, there's something else that's interesting for readers to look for here...

In many of the sixteen short stories inside this book, there's a fiendish twist at the end, as if the late author Elmer Kelton consulted with the late Rod Serling on each tale's crafting. Many are so Twilight-Zone-ish, in fact, that they almost don't seem en-

tirely like westerns. And yet - they are. There are cowpokes and sheriffs in these tales, purdy gals, worn saddles and beloved horses, outlaws and rifles and bloodthirsty killers. Readers are taken across arroyos, through mountain passes and inside corrals. The shoot-outs you expect are here. So are the white-hatted heroes.

Despite the lack of modern PCness, the twists in these tales may bring old-fashioned westerns to a new audience. For sure, if you're already an oater fan, getting "Law of the Land" would behoove you.

Head out to wild horse and burro event in Seguin

Special to the Inquirer

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild horse and burro adoption event in Seguin, Texas, Feb. 4-5, at the Seguin Events Center. The two-day event, featuring 120 wild horses and burros, will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 4. Adoptions will be held from noon-6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, and from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Feb 5. Animals are eligible for adoption. Inquire with BLM staff onsite for more information.

As part of our efforts to find every horse and burro a good home, the BLM now offers up to \$1,000 to adopt an untrained animal. This adoption incentive will be offered for every animal in Seguin. On July 26, 2021, the BLM announced additional steps it will take to secure the health and safety of adopted animals, including conducting an inspection of wild horses and burros adopted through the Adoption Incentive Program within six months of adoption date, rather than twelve months.

The animals offered at the event are adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on

public lands in the West. The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to maintain healthy herds and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption program is essential for achieving these important management goals. Since 1971, the BLM has placed more than 280,000 of these animals in approved homes across the country.

BLM staff will approve applications onsite. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18 years old, with no record of animal abuse. Qualified homes must have a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with access to food, water and shelter. A six-foot corral fence is required for adult horses; five feet for yearlings; and fourand-a-half feet for burros.

All animals must be loaded in covered, stocktype trailers with swing gates and sturdy walls and floors. BLM staff will be on hand to assist with the short application process.

Seguin The Events Complex is located at 950 South Austin St., Seguin. For more information, call 866-468-7826 or visit www. blm.gov.



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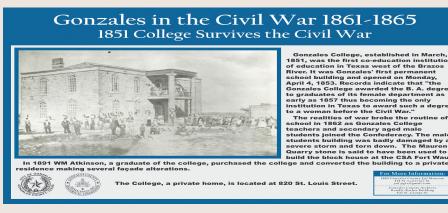


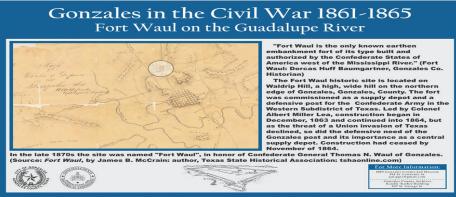
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Gonzales in the Civil War 1861-1865







Glenda Gordon describes the Civil War series of interpretive panels to the Gonzales City Council during public comments.

GONZALES' CIVIL WAR PANELS

"In May or June we were presenting the African American panels to city council for their approval as well as topics to be included in the Confederate section. I wanted to share with you the confederate panels as we proposed. The first one addresses the college. Military contributions to the Confederate States of America is the second one. Fort Waul on the Guadalupe River is the third and the Confederate monument

on Independence Square is the fourth," said Gordon.

She explained that the panels were intended to provide a brief history to spark interest visitors to the square and wayfinding for three important historical sites in Gonzales.

We have not printed these yet. We're waiting to see if any of you have questions on it before we do our printing and Personal Impressions will install them," Gordon said.

The council applauded Gordon for her extensive work and research on the project.

Gordon said she will be speaking at the state conference Feb. 3 on the topic of diversifying preservation leadership and priorities in communities with difficult histories and presenting the journey Gonzales has taken from the first program in August of 2018.

"We are so pleased that we have been invited to share that at the state level," said Gordon.

In addition, Gordon also remarked that the chamber of commerce was moving out of the jail, leaving the conference room and kitchen available

'The kitchen will once again be accessible to the public and we will again be operating that as the museum. If there is an organization that would like to meet there, they would be welcome. All they have to do is sign up. There will be no charge. We want it to be a community service.

If they are researching a topic and we have something that relates to that, we can share what we have," Gordon explained.

The museum has been open on the weekends so people who are coming into town can visit.

'We are excited and appreciate all of the city's support," said Gordon.

TOURISM

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"I ask that the council keep the chapter apprised of plans as they develop and let me know how members can support this project," said Kacir.

The council considered the possibility of changing the Director of Tourism position and restructuring the role for a city or chamber of commerce employee to build on heritage tourism, though future candidates will be expected to continue working closely with the chamber and the board as the position currently requires. Possible incentives were considered.

Council members reiterated the importance of tourism in Gonzales. Tourism Board Vice President Andie Seager requested that the council postpone any action until the board has had the chance to meet and give formal recommendations. In light of this request, the council agreed to postpone any action until the next meeting. Applications have not yet been

accepted for the position. Council members passed Resolution #2022-2 authorizing the city manager to negotiate and enter into an agreement for engineering services for the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act of 2021 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund ("CL-FRF") and ARP competitively procured Economic Development Administration (EDA) Funds.

Resolution #2022-3 was approved, authorizing the city manager to execute an agreement for grant administration services for the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act of 2021 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund ("CLFRF") and ARP competitively procured Economic Development Administration (EDA) Funds.

The council approved Resolution #2022-4 extending the Performance Agreement between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and First United Methodist Church First for the Stockton Youth Center.

#2022-5 Resolution passed, approving a corrected amendment to original agreement and amendments between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Come and Take It Properties, LLC.

The council passed Resolution #2022-6 approving the Victoria Economic Development Regional Plan and Consulting Services Agreement.

Resolution #2022-7 passed, approving a Grazing Lease Between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Bobby Tomas.

Resolution #2022-8 was approved, authorizing the appointments of Valeria

Daniel and Adrian Hastings to the Main Street Advisory Board.

The council voted to reject the proposals received for the Eggleston House Roof Replacement and structural repairs project and authorized staff to readvertise the project.

#2022-10 Resolution was approved, authorizing designated signatories for contractual and financial documents for the Texas General Land Office (Glo) Community Development Block Grant Hazard Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program Contract 22-085-066-D323; designating the city manager as the city's authorized representative to act in all matters in connection with said grant.

The council passed Ordinance #2022-1 approving and adopting the new voting district reapportionment map of the city and revising the council member district boundaries in response to the 2020 Census providing for the redistricting of the four city council districts within the city of Gonzales, Texas.

City Manager Tim Patek provided an update regarding the status of a feasibility study and professional marketing services that will result in recommendations for future projects involving J.B. Wells Park to the council on March 10. A timeline capital improvement projects was distributed. Patek said the EDC board will be considering funding for electrical updates to the museum on Jan. 24. Water mitigation underneath the museum was also an upcoming project requiring approval from THC.

Consent agenda items passed, including approval of the minutes for the December 9, 2021 regular meeting & December 15, 2021 special called meeting. The council accepted Resolution #2021-118 approving an amended and restated Type B Economic Development Agreement by and between the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation and Laurel Ridge Designs, Inc. Resolution #2022-1 passed, approving the Purchase of a 2023 Freightliner M106 Cab and Chassis Truck to include an ox body dump bed with electric flip tarp and authorizing the city manager to execute the financing agreements.

The council entered

closed session to discuss commercial or financial information involving a business prospect ("Project A") with which the council is conducting economic development negotiations.

The council considered the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property in closed session due to the possibility that deliberation in open session could have a detrimental effect on negotiations with a third person. Members discussed an offer to lease 54 acres of city-owned property located west of the town of Gonzales.

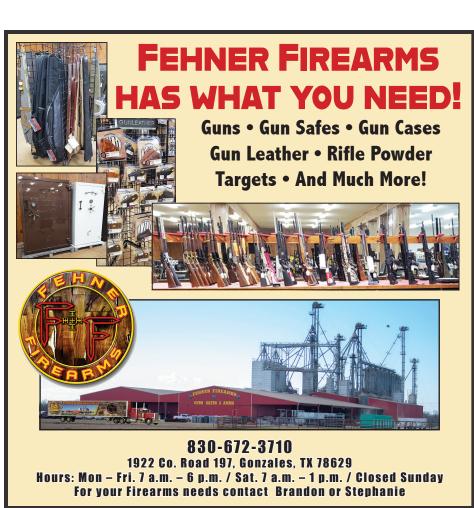
Members consulted with the city's attorney to receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or matter in which the duty of the attorney to the city under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter to include matters relating to Memorial Park Cemetery and also

contractual, liability and security issues related to large scale event(s) at city facilities such as J.B. Wells, Independence Park and other city owned facilities.

Delinquent hotel/motel tax collection was also discussed. Hotel Alcalde, Inc. and Versatile Lodging, Inc., A Guerra Enterprise, LLC. dba Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Michael Scott Hanson dba Inn Dependence and UC1, Ltd., Uttx Hospitality, LLC dba Quality Inn/ Carefree Inn, AR Guerra Holdings, LLC dba Sleep Inn and Suites and Westwood Inn, LLC. were listed on the agenda.

After returning to open session, the council voted to authorize filing a lawsuit for collection of delinquent taxes against A Guerra Enterprise, LLC. dba Holiday Inn Express & Suites and AR Guerra Holdings, LLC dba Sleep Inn and Suites. The council also approved a settlement agreement that was discussed in closed session.

GONZALES, TX





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SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS FOR JANUARY 2022

County	City	Rate \$	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change ^{\$}	Payment YTD ^{\$}	Prior Year Payment YTD ^{\$}	% Change ^{\$}
Gonzales	Gonzales	1.500%	\$260,724.40	\$195,254.07	33.53%	\$260,724.40	\$195,254.07	33.53%
Gonzales	Nixon	1.500%	\$31,544.10	\$23,203.61	35.94%	\$31,544.10	\$23,203.61	35.94%
Gonzales	Smiley	1.000%	\$2,513.31	\$3,211.68	-21.74%	\$2,513.31	\$3,211.68	-21.74%
Gonzales	Waelder	1.000%	\$6,369.64	\$4,599.32	38.49%	\$6,369.64	\$4,599.32	38.49%

SALES TAX

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special purpose taxing districts \$992.9 million in local sales tax allocations for January, 26.8 percent more than in January 2021. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

For the month of January 2022,

Gonzales County municipalities received a combined \$301,151.45 sales tax allocations, up \$74,882.77 or 33.1 percent from the \$226,268.68 received during January 2021.

Sales tax allocations for Gonzales, the largest city in the county which generates the lion's share of sales tax revenue, were up 33.53 percent from \$195,254.07 for January 2021 to \$260,724.40 for this

Sales tax receipts for Nixon were up 35.94 percent for January from \$23,203.61 allocated in January 2021 to \$31,544.10 allocated for this month.

Waelder saw sales tax receipts of \$6,369.64 this month, an increase of 38.49 percent above last January's allocation of \$4,599.32.

Finally, Smiley's sales tax re-

ceipts were down 21.74 percent from \$3,211.68 in January 2021 to \$2,513.31 this month.

Two cities in Gonzales County Gonzales and Nixon — collect a 1.5 percent sales tax rate, while Smiley and Waelder collect a 1 percent sales tax.

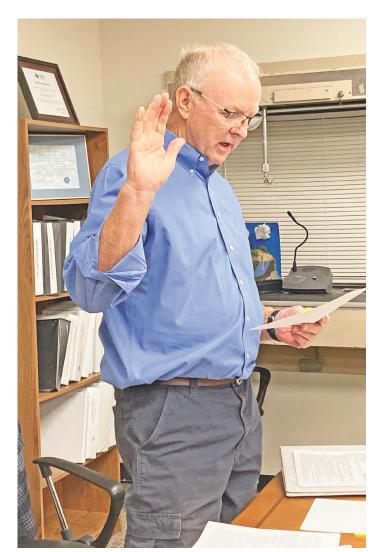
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the best approach would be removal of the provisions entirely. Alternatively, the members could recommend any of three additional options or a combination including allowing carports or smaller garages and other means of compliance.

A discussion followed and the commission considered the goals of the specific zoning regulations requiring a two-car garage and the role of nuisance ordinances and enforcement. It was pointed out that the regulations could not force homeowners to park their vehicles inside garages, even if they were required to build them.

A motion was made to recommend an amendment to the zoning regulations that would ease limitations related to the size of the garage and allow alternative compliance in certain circumstances. The motion passed, though it was not unanimously approved.



Michael St. John takes his oath and was welcomed on Jan. 11.

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together to preserve what resources we have.," Martin said.

New board member Michael St. John was also appointed and took his oath on Jan. 11. The Nixon ranch owner and retired litigation lawyer introduced himself and told the board he had previously served on the ambulance board in Gonzales.

"I'm glad to be here," said St. John.

The board discussed effective communication strategies to increase awareness of the district's functions and groundwater resources. Customized cups, rain gauges and flyers were considered, though the members decided to table this item for further discus-

A presentation demonstrating a 3D Hydro-stratigraphic model was given by Allan Standen, LLC. and Michelle Sullivan, LLC. Hydrogeologist Vince Claus explained that data was taken from the Texas Water Development Board and put into a 3D interactive workspace.

"One of the benefits of these 3D models is that all the kids in the schools love and it's something that can really help communicate ideas with constituents," said Claus.

This tool has been used for water level visualization, water level decline animations and well completion. Some of those tasks were approved by this board in 2020. Work began in 2021. Four aquifers were featured in the model during the demonstration to illustrate changes from year to year.

Members voted to renew CD #8011 at Sage Capital Bank for a period of 18 months.

The district has previously sponsored the 4-H Ambassadors program and the board voted to support applicants for the program.

The board discussed the possibility of creating a committee to amend district rules regarding brackish zones, though members decided to postpone any action because no brackish zones have been designated for this area at this time.

Consent agenda items were approved.

After the board returned from closed session, the members voted to refuse to a settlement offer by Leon Davis Water Well and respond with a counter-offer.



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