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## Harless updates commissioners on COVID testing



Gonzales County Emergency Management Coordinator Jimmy Harless presents the 2021 activity report from the Office of Emergency Management & Permits.

By **LIZ ADAMS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

Gonzales County Emergency Management Coordinator Jimmy Harless spoke to commissioners during open comments regarding a request for assistance from Gonzales Memorial hospital. He said the emergency room had been overwhelmed with patients who came in to test for COVID-19 of patients.

“We put in a request to the state and received a Texas military team out of the Houston region that came in. We tested in the Thrive Healthplex

parking lot Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of last week and we moved that same team from that location to the Waelder Gymnasium parking lot last weekend, Saturday and Sunday. We have another Texas military team out of San Antonio coming in. Saturday and Sunday we’ll be back out at the Thrive Healthplex parking lot with the same setup there. We’ll be going to Nixon the following Monday,” said Harless.

At these testing sites, 1266 tests were administered. Of those, 379 were positive, while 887 were negative. That positiv-

ity rate of 29.93% is similar to the statewide rate.

“That’s pretty high,” Harless explained, though he expressed hope that the virus has reached its peak and told the court he would be working to encourage Gonzales County residents to avoid going to the emergency room for testing alone.

The commissioners approved the minutes of the previous meeting, held Jan. 10. The tax assessor-collector’s report and the auditor’s monthly reports

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## Two file so far for Gonzales mayoral race

By **LEW K. COHN**  
Inquirer Publisher

The filing period for municipal and school board elections in Gonzales County began Jan. 19 and there have already been two people who have filed to run for mayor of Gonzales, the county’s largest municipality.

The only position on the ballot for the City of Gonzales is that of mayor, currently held by Connie Kacir, who is running as a Republican for Gonzales County Judge. There are two candidates who have filed for the position. They are S.H. “Steve” Sucher and Isaac Anzaldúa.

The Texas Secretary of State’s office confirmed to

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## Tourism board discusses plans for hiring new tourism director

By **LIZ ADAMS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

Members of the Gonzales Convention & Visitor Bureau discussed rescheduling the previously approved Texas Travel & Tourism Industry Lunch & Learn to March 3. Barbara Cozier suggested considering holding the event until a new tourism director was brought on board and others said they would be unable to attend on that date. The decision was made to wait to reset the date for the event.

Discussion was held regarding plans for hiring a new director of tourism, what type of position it would be. Members considered the job description and City Manager Tim Patek suggested two separate positions for a tourism director and a Main Street coordinator. Dawn O’Donnell expressed

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**TEXAS ELKS CAMP**

This camp sign (above) is posted on the shelter near the field where campers practice archery. Right, a large elk used for the lodge’s parade floats awaits the arrival of this summer’s campers.

LIZ ADAMS

### Texas Elks Children’s Services opens summer camp registration

By **LIZ ADAMS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

For over three decades, the Elks Lodge has owned and managed a children’s summer camp just down FM 1586 on the outskirts of Gonzales. Texas Elks Children’s Services has provided the camp free of charge to over 250 kids each summer since 1987. Registration for this year’s camp began on Jan. 1 for children with special needs ages seven and up.

The Elks Camp has offered fishing, swimming, nature hikes, archery, cookouts and campfires for children with special needs every year since it began. Campers can play sports on the basketball court or the new wheelchair accessible playing field and games like pool and foosball in the recreation room. Crafts and music activities are popular with the kids and everyone gets to make a tie-dyed t-shirt and picture frame with a special photo

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## Chamber’s 100th anniversary celebration moves to April 7

By **LIZ ADAMS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce began a century of support for local businesses in February of 1922. Although a 100th anniversary banquet had been planned for this coming February, it was postponed due to safety concerns relating to COVID-19. The banquet has been rescheduled for April 7 from 6 to 9 p.m.

“We’re really excited to celebrate our 100th anniversary with our

member businesses as we’re looking forward to reaching this milestone. We hope you can join us for an evening of fun and good food,” said Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture/ Visitor Center Executive Director Brad Cox.

According to Cox, Gold First Shot Tables are \$550, Silver Tables are \$450, Entertainment Sponsor is \$250, individual member tickets are \$35. Individual Non-member tick-

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## Jobless rate drops to 3.2 percent in Gonzales County

By **LEW K. COHN**  
Inquirer Publisher

Unemployment in Gonzales County dropped from 3.5 percent in November 2021 to 3.2 percent in December 2021, the lowest rate of all seven counties which comprise the Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, according to state Labor Market Information (LMI) figures released by

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# J.B. Wells Advisory Board plans weekend events for February

**By LIZ ADAMS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

During the regular meeting of the J.B. Wells Advisory Board last Tuesday, Arena Operations Man-

ager, Amanda Garza provided updates on upcoming events such as Bop and Bash, which is scheduled for Feb. 4-6.

In addition, Ronnie Atchley Team Roping was set for Feb. 11-

13, and Region 6 Rodeo is scheduled for Feb. 18-20. A GVEC event and a James Hines Team Roping event will take place on Feb. 24-27.

The board discussed panels for

temporary stalls, the status of an outdoor shed, potential donations for the arena, grounds maintenance and operations. A proposal for a Feasibility Study & Professional Marketing Service for J.B.

Wells Park, Arena and Expo was also discussed.

Garza reviewed events from last year including a barn sale, two weddings, a cattle show and a car show.



## RIBBON CUTTING

Gonzales Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon-cutting for Manny's Pottery Imports & More.



## ROBOTICS



County Extension Agent Gayle Bludau meets with 4-H robotics group Jan. 21.



## FRESH FLOCK

4-H member Barrett Fehner picked up his stock show broiler order as chicks arrived on Friday.



GVEC recently received the honor of being named a Platinum Safety Partner by Texas Mutual Insurance Company for keeping safety a core value within the Cooperative and committing to providing a safe workplace for their employees. Pictured from left to right, is GVEC General Manager and CEO Darren Schauer, GVEC Safety/Loss Control Coordinator Todd Craven, Texas Mutual Representative Andrew L. West, GVEC Chief Operations Officer Sean Alvarez, and GVEC Senior Executive Manager Bobby Christmas.

## GVEC earns recognition as Platinum Safety Partner

Special to the Inquirer

GVEC is pleased to announce the Cooperative was recently recognized as a Platinum Safety Partner for outstanding efforts in providing their employees a safe workplace in 2021. Sponsored by Texas Mutual Insurance Company, this designation is given annually to only the top 200 businesses out of 72,000 policyholders across the state.

As written in the official award letter, Texas Mutual Insurance Company utilizes the Work Safe, Texas Award Program to recognize policyholders whose commitment to employee safety sets them apart. GVEC was among the list of policyholders that have "gone above and beyond to ensure their workers' safety."

Texas Mutual Representative Andrew L. West wrote in his comments, "Your company is one of just 200 businesses receiving this award out of our 72,000 policyholders across Texas. We selected your company because you provide the resources necessary to protect employees from workplace hazards, which is reflected by your outstanding safety record. Simply put, it is clear that safety is a core value in your organization."

Upon receiving the award, GVEC General

Manager and CEO Darren Schauer commented, "I am proud of the proactive planning and engagement that is done by our safety management and committee as well as the efforts all GVEC employees put forth toward safety. We are committed to keeping safety top of mind and improving those practices on an on-going basis. We thank Texas Mutual Insurance Company for this honor and for recognizing businesses that place workplace safety as a top priority."

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## Celebrations Birthdays

<b>January 27th</b> Nora Camarillo Herman Grauke Jaime Newman Cain Wyatt	<b>January 31st</b> Scottie Beth Baker Bryan Condel Lauren Ekus Abel Garcia Jack Gindler Alfred (Bubba) Hermann Terry Etheridge Tresner
<b>January 28th</b> Bryan Glass Christina Jahns Lauren Siegel	<b>February 1st</b> Darla Machacek Elisa Molina Bryan Pruett Mikey Solis Raymie Zella
<b>January 29th</b> Carol Staton Payne	<b>February 2</b> Doug Kotzebue Sylvia Schwausch
<b>January 30th</b> Kelsie Boulter JR Burrier Ron DuBose Liz DuBose Daniel Andrew Hernandez Wendi Wilkerson Keller	

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## Gonzales Weather

	<b>January 27</b> 59°/44°	Cloudy 8% chance of rain • RealFeel 59
	<b>January 28</b> 60°/30°	Lots of sun; winds subsiding 11% chance of rain • RealFeel 56
	<b>January 29</b> 64°/38°	Plenty of sun 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 65
	<b>January 30</b> 64°/44°	A couple of showers possible 30% chance of rain • RealFeel 62
	<b>January 31</b> 66°/43°	Rain and drizzle possible 30% chance of rain • RealFeel 66
	<b>February 1</b> 67°/46°	Cloudy most of the time 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 65
	<b>February 2</b> 70°/42°	Mostly sunny 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 70







## Beware phony websites when requesting free COVID tests

BBB Scam Alert

U.S. households can now request free at-home COVID-19 test kits through a new Biden administration program. But when the government rolls out new initiatives, such as the stimulus checks, scammers typically find ways to take advantage. This time, watch out for lookalike websites when requesting your tests. These scam sites may ask for payment or personal information, such as your Social Security number.

How this scam works  
You hear about the free COVID-19 tests and do a search for it online. Or you see a post or ad on social media or receive an unsolicited email or text. These communications urge you to request your free tests immediately by clicking on a link.

You follow the link to a website that looks official at first glance. It may have the United States Postal Service (USPS) logo, just like the real website. It also has a form to request your tests. But when you start filling out the form, you notice something unusual. This fake version may ask you for personal information, such as your Social Security number or Medicare ID. It could also request your credit card details, under the guise of needing to pay for shipping (note: the real page does not ask for payment or your SSN). Before you know it, you have given up your information to a scammer.

How to avoid fake website scams:  
• Look closely at the domain name. One way that fake websites trick people is by using a domain name that is extremely close to a real business's or organization's domain name. For example, the real COVID-19 test request website is [special.usps.com/testkits](https://special.usps.com/testkits). Scammers may swap two letters or make a slight misspelling. If you find a spelling error in the domain name, you're not on the official site, and it's best to close the tab.

• Watch out for tricky subdomains. Sometimes attackers hope you will confuse a subdomain with the real domain name. For example, a scammer might use the subdomain name [usps.faketestkit.com](https://usps.faketestkit.com) hoping you won't notice that "faketestkit.com" is not the correct domain name to get your free test kit, which is [usps.com](https://usps.com).  
• The real website asks only for your name and address. You do not need to pay for the tests using the government program – even for shipping. And you will not be asked for insurance details, your Social Security number or any other sensitive information.

### U.S. BILL OF RIGHTS

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

#### Amendment I

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

#### Amendment II

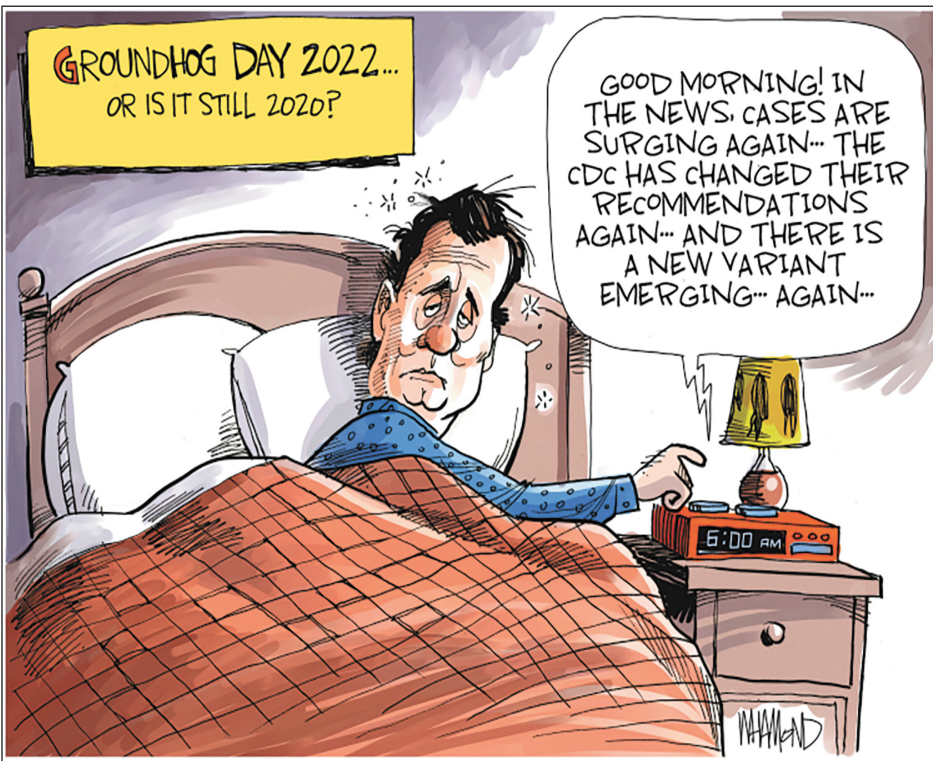
*A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*

#### Amendment III

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

#### Amendment IV

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



### Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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

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- Poor taste.
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- Other incendiary language or remarks.
- Endorsements for or complaints about individually named commercial products or services.
- Poetry.
- Personal attacks.
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During periods ahead of an election, The Inquirer does not accept letters to the editor urging voters to vote for or against candidates in local elections. Endorsements should be displayed in political advertising. In light of

this policy, we reserve the right to reject or edit letters for references to candidates and whether or not they should be elected. The Inquirer will accept letters expressing views on bond measures, constitutional amendments and other such issues. Letters will not be accepted once early voting has begun.

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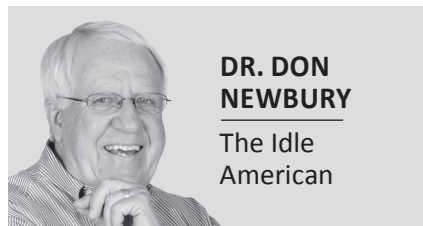
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## Old-time radio 'goofs'

Time delay--a feature that allows deletion of serious blunders--has not always been a "backstop" when there's tongue entanglement on radio broadcasts.

A classic, of course, was the announcer who said he "got his tang toungeled up."

Perhaps the first nationally-recognized blunder occurred in June, 1921, when Harry Von Zell needed to make just one statement to introduce the new US President for his inaugural address: "Ladies and gentlemen, President Herbert Hoover." What he said, however, was definitely mangled: "Hoobert Heever..."

Groucho Marx, radio and TV personality who appeared in several thigh-slapping movies with his brothers, had a keen mind and an ever-present cigar. He was a comic weekly on his radio show, "You Bet Your Life."

One night a contestant who was basically out of it after she'd stated her name listened intently when Groucho asked the ever-so-simple question: "What does one add to water to produce soap suds?"

Pausing, she answered, "Lye?" Ever the quick thinker, Groucho answered, "That's a lie, but we'll take it anyway..."

Many of the best "foul-ups" have been in local situations, dying when radio signals and word of mouth ended near county lines. This day, I will share some accounts I've come across, starting with yours truly.

I recall ending a New Year's Eve sports broadcast on KBWD in Brownwood.

I wished listeners a "Happy New-bury"...

My friend Gilbert Stogsdill remains amused by a radio station story involving his late brother, Jim Stogsdill, 13 years his senior. They were living in Guymon, OK, where their father was on a church staff.

Jim had a radio "gig" at KGYN, providing him "walking around money" during his college days at nearby Panhandle A&M College.

Each afternoon, he made on-the-air phone calls to local residents, ending each session up with small gifts to the lucky listeners....

One day, he reached a youngster who provided limited conversation. Jim asked if the kid's mother could come to the phone.

Jim complimented the young man, admitting to the mother that he didn't even know her son's name. "It's Gooley," she responded. Jim figured she hadn't had much schoolin' herself. Taken aback, he said he'd never heard the name before.

"We hadn't either," she remarked. "But I read it in a book before he was born, and my husband and I both liked it." The rejoinder came when Jim asked about the spelling. "Just like it sounds," she responded, "G-U-Y." (Maybe she thought herself to be a resident of "Gooseymon," OK.)....

Here's another foul-up with a hospital setting. I can't verify it, so there'll be attribution to exactly no one. Having given birth to a daughter, the mother said she'd call her new baby "Fee-molly."

Taken aback, her nurse said she'd never heard the name before. "I hadn't, either," the new mom confessed, "but I saw it on the hospital registration form." (The word she had seen was "female.")....

No radio personality provided more good cheer than the late Joy Culwell, albeit pretty much limited to the confines of Colorado City and Mitchell County. She had a daily chit-chat on Radio Station KVMC, rarely failing to joke about her size, which was, well, ample and then some.

A woman with many stories, she recounted an unlikely experience in an Abilene department store. "I got stuck in the revolving door," she laughed. Emergency personal urged her to "turn sideways." Joy responded that she "didn't have a sideways.".... On another program, she bragged about being hugged by three Texas governors, but "not all at the same time."

In Snyder, a student of Western Texas College was a parttime announcer at Radio Station KSNY. President of WTC at the time, I watched as a tornado bore down on Snyder. It made a welcome turn, but the announcer's warning is memorable. "A tornado is approaching Snyder. Details in a moment, but first a word from Piggly-Wiggly"....

Dr. Newbury, a longtime university president, still writes weekly and speaks to groups of all types throughout Texas and the Southwest. Contact him at 817-447-3872. Facebook: Don Newbury. Twitter: @donnewbury.

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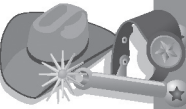
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## Garden Q&A

### Cover sensitive lemon, lime trees when frost threatens

**Q.** The freeze last year in February damaged my lemon and lime trees in containers but they resprouted. Now this freeze has also damaged them. I didn't expect that it would get so cold based on the mild predictions. Nearly all the leaves were frozen off again. Do you think they are done for this time, or is there a chance they will recover again?

**A.** There is a chance that they will recover again but if another freeze is forecast cover them. You have been lucky so far.

**Q** We started feeding the birds recently based on your recommendation on how to attract the insect eating birds with suet. Remind us how to discourage the squirrels; they eat more than their share.

**A.** Use pepper flavored suet and seed. The birds are not discouraged by the hot pepper but the squirrels do not like it. You can also use safflower seed instead

**CALVIN FINCH**  
Gardening Q&A



of sunflower seed or use an Absolute Brand Feeder that has weight sensitive perches that can be set to close when heavy feeders such as squirrels ( or even white winged doves) attempt to consume the seed.

**Q.** My children and I like the idea that we heard in one of your presentations about doing plantings so we have 12 months of color. Where can we find a list of some of the plants to consider? It is especially hard to have blooms now in the winter!

**A.** Here are a few of the early bloomers to consider. Start with cemetery iris, daffodils ( Quail, Trevithian, and Campernelle ), and paperwhites for early

bloomers that are also not eaten by deer. Snapdragons, pansies, stocks, alyssum, cyclamen, and primula are also showy winter bloomers. For articles offering plants for 12 months of color, visit [plantanswers.com](http://plantanswers.com).

**Q.** Tell us again when we should treat our peach trees for scale insects.

**A.** Apply dormant or horticultural oil to stems and trunks showing the scale at the beginning of a period when the temperature is going to stay above 45 degrees. The treatment is organic but kills flowers such as pansies and other plants that may be growing under the trees.

**Q.** What is the most potent insecticide to control fire ants? Can it be used in the vegetable garden?

**A.** Acephate is an effective insecticide for controlling fire ants but is not used in the vegetable garden. Look for a product with Spinosad as its active ingredient, they are usually labeled to allow use in the vegetable garden.

## FEBRUARY GARDENING CALENDAR

If you have the patience wait until next month to cut down the frozen stems of esperanza, lantana, salvia, and other plants. The remnant stems provide cover and habitat for the ground feeding birds. It is neater to clean up the brown stems but there is no advantage to the plants.

The first of February is a good time to plant potatoes. Dig a trench one foot wide and equally deep. Place a piece of potato with at least one eye every 24 inches in the trench. Stack the soil up on one or both sides of the trench so it can gradually be refilled as the potato stems grow in the trench. If extra soil is available, the trench can not only be filled but soil can be mounded over the potato plants above the trench. Discontinue the trench filling and mounding when you run out of soil. The potato plant will continue to grow upward. The first harvest can occur when the potato plant blooms. Eventually harvest all the plants when the tops brown. The potatoes can stay in place in the trench for several weeks after the tops decline but if the soil is moist there is a potential for the fruit to rot. In some situations, the fruit can be stored for months but it works best here in Central Texas if the potatoes are used for the table shortly after harvest as new potatoes.

There is still time to plant onions, broccoli and cabbage transplants. Plant lettuce, carrots, beets, English peas, and turnips by seed. Late in the month you could try seeding green beans and cucumbers.

In the flower garden the snapdragons

and stocks have started their recovery from the damage from the January freeze and should be back in bloom by the end of the month. Pansies will be looking good as well. If you have naturalized larkspurs in the garden designate a few rows for them and remove the rest or they will grow over the top of the other cool weather annuals. As dominating as they are they are still desirable to have some blooming to provide nectar for the hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies.

Sometime this month the live oaks will do a quick leaf drop and recovery. The live oak leaves are excellent for paths and mulch.

The winter weeds are growing strong. Keep the rescue grass and annual bluegrass mowed so you can enjoy it as "the sustainable winter lawn". Next month and April they will try to set their seed. Bedstraw is especially interesting. It is easy to control in the lawn with the herbicide "Weed Free Zone" or you can rake up large patches to form small clumps that work well as fuel for the compost pile.

February is a good time to prune your fruit trees. For text and diagrams visit [plant answers, com](http://plantanswers.com).

Shade trees planted in February have an opportunity to grow roots before they must face the challenge of a Texas summer. Consider live oak, cedar elm, Mexican sycamore, Texas red oak, anagua, Mexican white oak, bur oak, or chinkapin oak. If your neighborhood is experiencing oak wilt pressures, consider the non-oak species.

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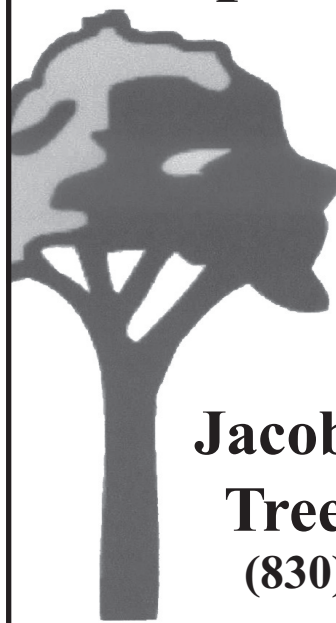
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## LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

### Gonzales Livestock Market

**January 122**

**Cattle 629**

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold fully steady. 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., 200-215; 300-400 lbs., 185-210; 400-500 lbs., 177-180; 500-600 lbs., 163-176; 600-700 lbs., 145-160; 700-800 lbs., 138-141.

**Bull Yearlings:** 700-900 lbs., 80-95. **Stocker-feeder Heifers:** Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 162-167; 300-400 lbs., 152-158; 400-500 lbs., 145-149; 500-600 lbs., 141-144; 600-700 lbs., 122-133.

**Packer Cows:** Good lean utility and commercial, 49-64; Cutters, 67-74; Canners, 32-44; High yielding fat cows, 62-72.

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

### Nixon Livestock

**January 24**

**Cattle – 1091**

**Steers:**

200-300 lbs – \$180-218  
300-400 lbs - \$153-210  
400-500 lbs - \$140-193  
500-600 lbs - \$133-168  
600-700 lbs - \$119-153  
700-800 lbs - \$112-141

**Heifers:**

200-300 lbs - \$124-205  
300-400 lbs - \$135-213  
400-500 lbs - \$128-200  
500-600 lbs - \$119-158  
600-700 lbs - \$113-137  
700-800 lbs – \$101-122  
Slaughter Cows - \$35-83  
Slaughter Bulls - \$85-116  
Stocker Cows – \$560-1000  
Pairs: None

### Hallettsville Livestock Commission Co., Inc.

**Sale date:** January 18

**Cattle on hand:** 2037

**Packer Cows:**

Canner and Cutter Cows: \$50-75  
Utility & Fat Cows: \$49-71  
Low Dressing Canner Cows: \$30-48  
Poor/Weak: \$18-32

**Packer Bulls:**

Heavyweight Bulls: \$93-104  
Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$82-94  
Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$68-81

**Stocker Cows:**

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: None  
Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$800-1050

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: None  
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1000-1300

**Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:**

**Number 1 steer & bull calves:**

Under 200 lbs.: \$165-240

200-300 lbs.: \$155-215

300-400 lbs.: \$155-215

400-500 lbs.: \$152-195

500-600 lbs.: \$145-185

600-700 lbs.: \$133-165

700-800 lbs.: \$120-147.50

**Number 1 heifer calves:**

Under 200 lbs.: \$145-220

200-300 lbs.: \$135-170

300-400 lbs.: \$132-167.50

400-500 lbs.: \$130-165

500-600 lbs.: \$126-152.50

600-700 lbs.: \$122-145

700-800 lbs.: \$105-130

**Replacement Heifers:**

350-700 lbs.: \$135-210

The market this week was fully steady overall from last week's strong sale. No. 1 kinds in all weight brackets sold steady and strong. No. 2 and plainer kinds saw a little weakness. Packer cows and bulls sold \$2 to \$3 higher on approx. 160 hd. total.

### Seguin Cattle Co.

**Market Report**

**Sale date:** January 19

Quality good overall with market steady all the way thru with good demand.

**Cattle:** 714

**Sheep & Goats:** 734

**Medium & Large Frame #1 Steers:**

200-300 lb.: \$1.10-2.02

300-400 lb.: \$1.28-2.00

400-500 lb.: \$1.41-2.00

500-600 lb.: \$1.44-1.84

600-700 lb.: \$1.25-1.58

700-850 lb.: \$1.17-1.35

**Medium & Large Frame #1 Heifers:**

200-300 lb.: \$1.10-2.08

300-400 lb.: \$1.20-1.76

400-500 lb.: \$1.34-1.82

500-600 lb.: \$1.22-1.60

600-750 lb.: \$1.21-1.36

**Cows:**

Utility & Commercial: \$60-80

Cutters: \$40-55

Canners: \$25-39

Palpated Cows (Young): None

Palpated Cows (Middle Aged):

\$400-1050

Cow/Calf Pairs: None

**Bulls:**

Heavy High Yielding: \$92-103

Light & Low Yielding: \$65-91

Feeder Bulls: None

**Sheep & Goats:**

Nannies (Young): \$245-320

Nannies (Thin & Old): \$160-240

Kid Goats (Fat): \$3.60-4.20

Kid Goats (Small & Thin): \$3.20-3.55

Wethers: \$3.00-3.20

Billies: \$1.85-2.47

Pairs: None

Barb. Ewes (Young): \$230-290

Barb. Ewes (Small & Old Ewes):

\$160-225

Barb. Lambs (Fat): \$3.60-4.00

Barb. Lambs (Small & Thin): \$3.20-3.55

Woolled Ewes: None

Woolled Bucks: \$1.50-2.26

Lambs: \$2.25-2.75

Barb. Bucks: None

**Cuero Livestock Market Report on January 21, 2022**

**Number of head 709**

There were 75 cows and 9 bulls. Short run of cattle due to cold weather. What sold was in line with last week's big rise in prices. The calf market was remarkably consistent with the big gains seen last week. With such a small run the buyers were still here needing cattle. This resulted in a very active strong market. Overall average per head was up over \$16 a head. Overall quality was high.

**Packer bulls:** 71.00-99.00

**Packer cows:**

canners & cutters 48.00-76.00

poor & weak 15.00-40.00

Palpated: 15 bred 72.00-79.00

**PAIRS:** NONE

**Steer Calves:** (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. NONE

200-249 lbs. NONE

250-299 lbs. 165.00-220.00

300-350 lbs. 176.00-222.00

350-400 lbs. 166.00-180.00

400-450 lbs. 159.00-176.00

450-500 lbs. 164.00-173.00

500-550 lbs. 151.00-173.00

550-600 lbs. 151.00-159.00

600-700 lbs. 134.00-160.00

700-800 lbs. 142.00-148.00

**Bull Calves:** (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs NONE

250-300 lbs. 196.00-212.00

300-350 lbs. 170.00-226.00

350-400 lbs. 160.00-204.00

400-450 lbs. 155.00-176.00

450-500 lbs. 151.00-177.00

500-550 lbs. 150.00-162.00

550-600 lbs. 144.00-160.00

600-700 lbs. 132.00-155.00

Over 700 lbs. 129.00-144.00

**Heifer Calves:** (AVG-HIGH)

under 200 lbs. NONE

200-250 lbs. 148.00-166.00

250-300 lbs. 137.00-175.00

300-350 lbs. 137.00-172.00

350-400 lbs. 143.00-177.00

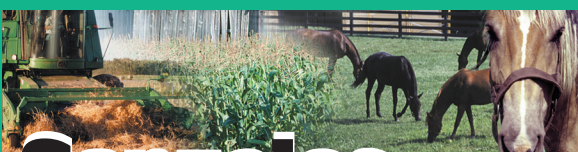
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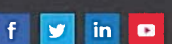
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OBITUARIES

HOWARD LOYD ECKOLS

Born on March 23, 1930, in Luling, Texas, Howard Loyd Eckols, beloved by all who knew him, passed away peacefully in Houston, Texas on December 27, 2021.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents L. V. Eckols and Gladys Eckols and his two brothers Lewis “Honey” Eckols and Bob Eckols. Howard attended Texas State University in San Marcos (Southwest Texas) and graduated with an Accounting Degree. Howard

served in the Navy after attending Texas State.

Howard’s career was in the banking industry which he enjoyed as he was able to meet many people who became friends during his career. Howard retired from Republic Bank in 1985 and continued in the banking industry with American Bankers Association as a Member Relations Consultant. Howard then provided his experience by serving on the board of directors for Municipal Water District.

He is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Martha “Dottie” Wilson Eckols and children: son Tim Eckols and his wife Elizabeth Eckols; daughter Linda Eckols Scruggs and her husband Melvin Scruggs Jr.; and three grandchildren, Ashley Scruggs, Cody Scruggs, Justin Eckols; and one great grandchild Cameron Scruggs. Interment services will be held on January 22 at 11 a.m. at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Gonzales Texas.

JOYCE ANN PEMBERTON



She is survived by her sons: Russell Ray Pemberton and wife Laura of Tomball, Howell Mark

Pemberton and wife Carol of Tomball and Terry Allen Pemberton and wife Cheryl of Richmond; brother James C. Guthrie of Harlingen; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Private Family Services were held.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.



CONTRIBUTED  
Members of the Sundowners 4-H Club met Jan. 9 at the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Sundowners 4-H Club meets

Special to the Inquirer

The Sundowners 4-H Club met on Jan. 9 at the Odd Fellows Lodge. Officer reports were given.

Members shared 4-H activities since the last meeting which included shows, shooting competitions, breeding goats, and Cooper LaBuhn announced that he would be representing Texas again at the

National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition in Nebraska this June.

This month’s service project the club collected 150 hygiene items for Legacy Ranch. This month members of the local show board came and discussed the rules and changes that had been made for the upcoming show in March. Sundowners next meeting will be held in Feb. 6 at 4 p.m.; location is pending at this time.

Knesek makes University of Delaware Dean’s List

Special to the Inquirer

Kathleen Knesek of Gonzales has been named to the University of Delaware Dean’s List for the Fall 2021 semester.

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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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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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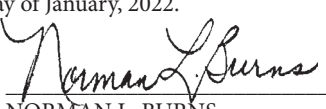
**Notice to Creditors**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOSEPH LEROY MUSSER, Deceased, were issued on December 29, 2021, in Cause No. PW21-0172, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: MIRA SUE KIRKLAND MUSSER.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

**MIRA SUE KIRKLAND MUSSER  
c/o Norman L. Burns  
Attorney at Law  
1606 N. Sarah DeWitt Drive  
Gonzales, TX 78629**

Dated the 19th day of January, 2022.



NORMAN L. BURNS  
Attorney for Mira Sue Kirkland Musser  
State Bar No.: 03448500  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS Cause No. 28,068

In the Matter of the Marriage of IN THE DISTRICT COURT

Rocio Perez and 25TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Damian Perez GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: Damian Perez

DEFENDANTS – GREETING


NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: “**You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you.**”

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Original Petition for Divorce and Order on Motion for Other Substituted Service at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Gonzales County, at the Courthouse in said County in Gonzales, Texas. Said Original Petition for Divorce and Order on Motion for Other Substituted Service was filed in said court 08/25/2021 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: as is more fully shown by Original Petition for Divorce and Order on Motion for Other Substituted Service on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Gonzales, Texas, this 10th day of January, 2022.

Attorney for Plaintiff  
Maria Enedelia “Nena” Gutierrez  
1330 Edison Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78201  
210-785-8888



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

By K. Alarcon Deputy

**EMERGENCY ORDER  
GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, as amended, a state of disaster has been declared based on the imminent threat of disaster from wildfire, and

**WHEREAS**, declaration of such disaster authorized the imposition of controls on activities which tend to increase the likelihood of such fires:

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDERED** that the following emergency regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Gonzales County, Texas, for the duration of the above mentioned declaration;

1. Actions prohibited: A person violates this order if he/she burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames or sparks or orders such burning by others.
2. Enforcement:
  - (a) Upon notification of suspected outdoor burning, the fire department assigned to the location of the fire shall respond to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire;
  - (b) As soon as possible, a duly commissioned peace officer shall be sent to the scene to investigate the nature of the fire;
3. Violation of this order: At the discretion of a peace officer and the Fire Chief or Fire Incident Commander, it shall be determined if a violation of this order has occurred. A citation may be issued and the cited party may be prosecuted in accordance with the statutes and procedures governing misdemeanors. (In accordance with Local Government Code 352.081(h), a violation of this order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed 4500.00)

**BE IT ALSO ORDERED** that this non-commercial preparation of food and the burning of prickly pear for livestock feed are exempt from this order.


**BE IT ALSO ORDERED** that the purpose of this order is the mitigation of the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning, which purpose is to be taken into account in any enforcement action based upon this order.

**BE IT ALSO ORDERED** that this order does not prohibit prescribed fires conducted in compliance with guidelines set forth by federal or state natural resource agencies and burned under a burn plan approved by such agencies. Prior to a burn, a plan shall be filed in the County Judge's office and notice given to the local Volunteer Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office.

**BE IT ALSO ORDERED** that this order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer and that this state of disaster will continue until rescinded in accordance with the above statute and order.

**THIS ORDER** shall remain in effect for 90 days or until such drought conditions no longer exist and this is order is hereby lifted by authority of the County Judge.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED** that this state of disaster is hereby declared this 24th day of JANUARY, 2022, with said burn ban to go into effect January 28th, 2022.



Patrick C. Davis  
County Judge


Kenneth O. “Dell” Whiddon  
Commissioner Precinct #1

Kevin T. La Fleur  
Commissioner Precinct #3

Donnie R. Brzozowski  
Commissioner Precinct #2

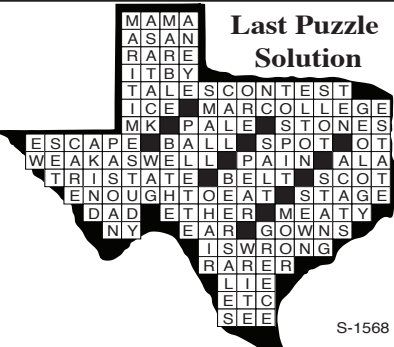
Collie Boatright, Jr.  
Commissioner Precinct #4

Attest: Lona Ackman  
Lona Ackman, County Clerk



**January 20 Puzzle Answers**

**Last Puzzle Solution**



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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Gonzales, Texas, is requesting public comment in regard to the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (hereinafter "ARPA") funds signed into law on March 11, 2021. On May 10, 2021, the United States Department of the Treasury published guidance regarding the allowable usage of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (hereinafter "CLFRF") to be disseminated to local governments in accordance with the ARPA. The total allocation of CLFRF funds to the City of Gonzales, as published by the U.S. Treasury, is \$1,866,571.55 of which the City received the first fifty percent (50%) of its CLFRF allocation (\$933,285.78) on September 15, 2021.

The City of Gonzales intends to allocate its CLFRF funds to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure, as allowed under the additional guidance regarding the eligible uses of the CLFRF funds, as stated in the US TREASURY document Frequently Asked Questions regarding Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as of July 19, 2021.

The City of Gonzales will hold a Public Hearing on February 10, 2022 to accept public comment on the use of the ARPA funds. The City will request public comments for fourteen (14) days from January 27, 2022 through February 9, 2022.

The public is encouraged to submit comments that will assist the City in defining projects and evaluating proposed investments in infrastructure projects that improve access to clean drinking water, improve wastewater and stormwater infrastructure systems, and provide access to high-quality broadband service.

Upon the expiration of this comment period the City will review any public comments. Please email your comments to [citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov) on or before February 9, 2022, or mail your comments to:

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At this time, the Gonzales Central Appraisal District has opted not to use electronic communication for the purpose of receiving or delivering any notice, application, or other documents required or permitted by the Property Tax Code. This shall serve as notification that the Gonzales Central Appraisal District shall rely on any method of delivery authorized by the Property Tax Code except for delivery by electronic format. For more information, please contact us at:  
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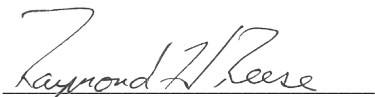
### Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jon Michael Millington, Deceased, were issued on, in Cause No. PW21-0162, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas to: Beverly Anne Millington.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o **Raymond H. Reese**  
**Attorney at Law**  
**108 N. Esplanade Street**  
**P.O. Box 841**  
**Cuero, TX 77954**

Dated the 19th day of January, 2022.

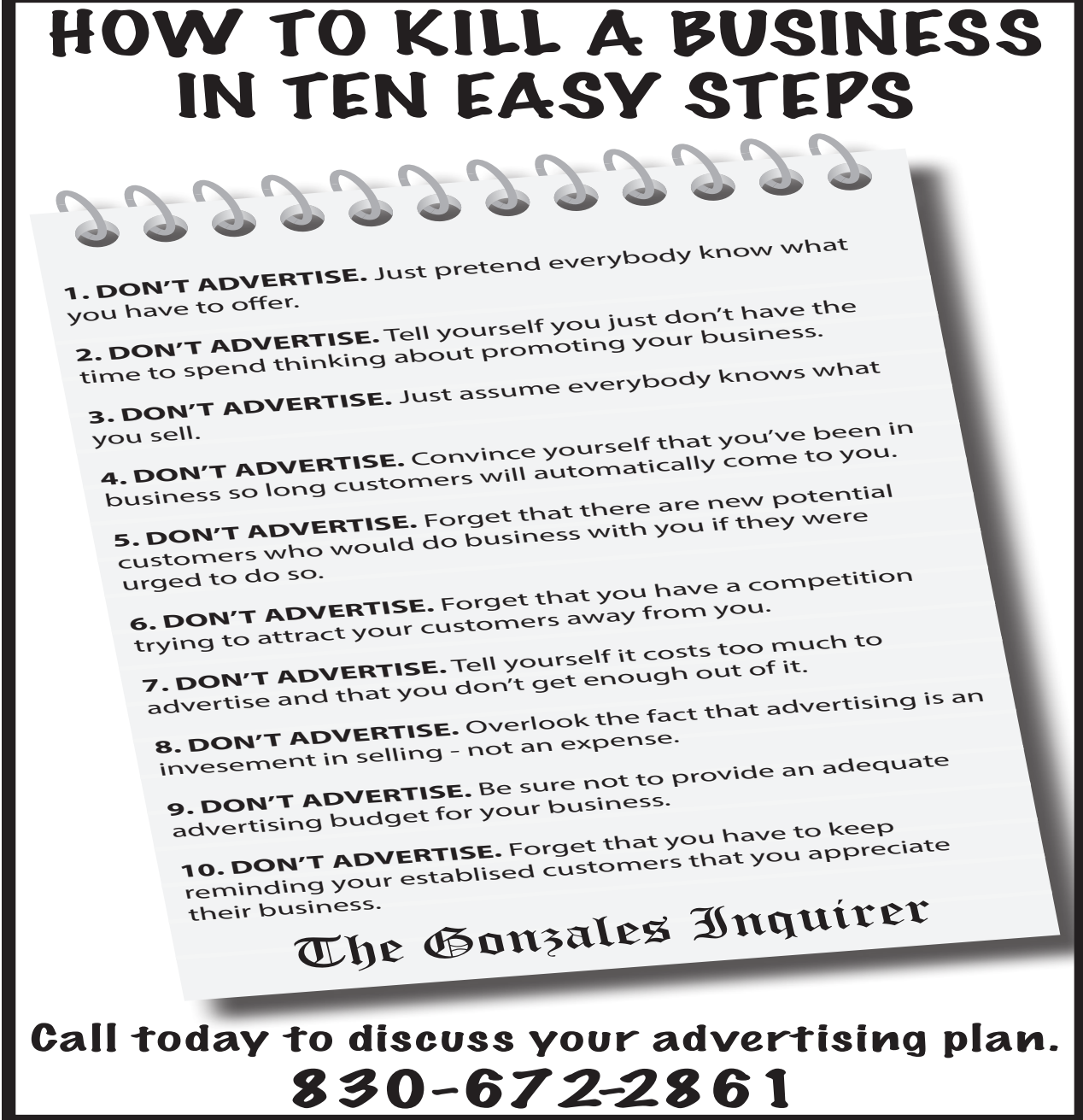
  
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## NIXON-SMILEY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2021

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 11,254,990	\$ 1,816,497	\$ 568,771	\$13,640,258
5800 State Program Revenues	1,474,410	10,380	134,231	1,619,021
5900 Federal Program Revenues	247,980	-	1,986,560	2,234,540
5020 Total Revenues	12,977,380	1,826,877	2,689,562	17,493,819
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	7,866,257	-	1,275,836	9,142,093
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	64,351	-	-	64,351
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	80,638	-	54,794	135,432
0021 Instructional Leadership	289,482	-	-	289,482
0023 School Leadership	709,878	-	174,421	884,299
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	224,936	-	-	224,936
0033 Health Services	265,753	-	-	265,753
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	559,286	-	-	599,286
0035 Food Services	-	-	1,030,658	1,030,658
0036 Extracurricular Activities	330,776	-	38,275	369,051
0041 General Administration	495,413	-	-	495,413
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,466,448	-	85,419	1,551,867
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	77,376	-	-	77,376
0053 Data Processing Services	461,871	-	-	461,871
0061 Community Services	190,103	-	-	190,103
Debt Service:				
0071 Principal on Long-Term Debt	-	1,117,500	-	1,117,500
0072 Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	389,576	-	389,576
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	2,700	-	2,700
Intergovernmental:				
0091 Contracted Instructional Services between Schools	160,442	-	-	160,442
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	379,953	-	-	379,953
6030 Total Expenditures	13,622,963	1,509,776	2,659,403	17,792,142
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(645,583)	317,101	30,159	(298,323)
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	24,247,558	1,824,054	839,521	26,911,133
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 23,601,975	\$ 2,141,155	\$ 869,680	\$26,612,810

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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# VC Gonzales announces schedule for lifelong learning classes

Special to the Inquirer

The Academy of Lifelong Learning at Victoria College's Gonzales Center has published its Spring 2022 schedule of classes and activities.

The academy is a member-driven organization that provides members with common interests the opportunity to participate in study, discussions and social interaction.

New members can pay a \$35 membership fee for access to the Spring 2022 classes. The membership fee for Museum of the Coastal Bend members and VC employees and retirees is \$30. Current members who paid the \$50 annual membership fee can also access classes offered this spring.

"We are excited to announce the Gonzales Center's academy Spring 2022 schedule is now available at [VictoriaCollege.edu/ALL](http://VictoriaCollege.edu/ALL)," said Melissa Robinson, VC Gonzales Center assistant manager. "We will be offering classes from Folklore of Texas Wildflowers to Geography for Beginners. There is something for everyone."

Following is a list of scheduled events and activities for Spring 2022.

- Collette Travel Presentation – Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1:30 p.m.
- Premier World Discovery Travel Presentation – Thursday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.
- Texas Master Naturalist Series: A Taste of Texas Nature with Ele Chew – Tuesday, Feb. 1, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Empty Bowls – Thursday, Feb. 3, 5 p.m.
- English Gardens: A Year-Long Journey – Tuesday, Feb. 8, 10 a.m.
- Heart Health – Tuesday, Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m.
- What Happens After the Paychecks Stop: Retirement & Estate Planning – Thursday, Feb. 10 a.m.
- History of Texas Prisons and Inmate Organizations – Wednesday, Feb. 16, 5 p.m.
- Spice Up Your Life – Thursday, Feb. 17, 3:30 p.m.



Members of the Academy of Lifelong Learning at Victoria College's Gonzales Center learn to belly dance on Jan. 19. Pictured are, from left, Ian McLain, Kris McLain, Norma Ehrig, instructor Cristiane Ripari Hamlin, Dale Collins and Jean Collins.

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- Cupcake Decorating – Monday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.
- Genealogy – Thursday, Feb. 24, 2 p.m.
- Death & Dying Series: Death – Monday, Feb. 28, 10 a.m.
- Geography for Beginners – Tuesday, March 1, 5:30 p.m.
- Spring Vegetable Gardening – Thursday, March 3, 2 p.m.
- Day Trip to Spoetzl Brewery, Shiner TX – Thursday, March 10, 11 a.m.
- Death & Dying Series: Dying – Monday, March 21, 10 a.m.
- Eye Health – Thursday, March 24, 2 p.m.
- A Night at the Gaslight Theatre – Friday, March 25, 6:30 p.m.
- Wives of the Founding Fathers – Tuesday, March 29, 10 a.m.

- Women's Retirement Seminar – Thursday, March 31, 10 a.m.
- Square Foot Gardening – Monday, April 4, 10 a.m.
- How to Grow and Breed the Perfect Tomato – Tuesday, April 5, 6 p.m.
- Gun Legislation/Safety – Wednesday, April 6, 3 p.m.
- Disc Golf – Monday, April 11, 10:30 a.m.
- Folklore of Texas Wildflowers – Tuesday, April 12, 2 p.m.
- Home Health & Advanced Directives – Thursday, April 14, 2 p.m.
- Death & Dying Series: Grief and Bereavement – Monday, April 18, 10 a.m.
- Texas Master Naturalist Series: The Mysterious Life of Bats –

- Tuesday, April 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
  - Fire Safety 101 & Fire Extinguisher Training – Thursday, April 21, 10 a.m.
  - Life's Treasures: Estate Sales 101 – Monday, April 25, 5:30 p.m.
  - Kent State/Jackson State: The Massacres of 1970 – Tuesday, April 26, 2 p.m.
  - Gut Health – Thursday, May 12, 1 p.m.
  - Painted Churches Tour – Thursday, May 26, TBD
  - End-of-Year ALL Celebration – Thursday, June 2, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- For more information on the academy's Spring 2022 offerings, visit [VictoriaCollege.edu/ALL](http://VictoriaCollege.edu/ALL), email [Melissa.Robinson@VictoriaCollege.edu](mailto:Melissa.Robinson@VictoriaCollege.edu) or call (830) 672-6251.

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# Employing a ‘Margaritaville mentality’

Aloha castaways. May the sound of the waves soothe your soul, the brilliance of the sun warm your spirit, and the sand tickle your feet as it oozes up between your toes. Yep, sounds good to me too, but in reality it's winter in Texas, now thirty six degrees, a twenty mph wind blowing and under our first winter storm warning of 2022.

Proper perspective helps a lot, and as I see it, it should just make us appreciate the fact that we don't live farther north. After moving from Honolulu to the northern suburbs of Chicago in my youth, and spending over twelve years surviving the frozen tundra, I'm real happy to be living in Texas. I believe this also depends on where you were born and grew up. I've known countless people raised in colder climates and they seem to really love it. Born in Florida, I jumped at the first chance of escape, and tired of hearing about it, made my own "climate change" and never looked back.

After getting through last years frozen fiasco and really hating cold weather, I took matters into my own hands and purchased a snow suit. I just read an article on how vulnerable the Texas

*Taking time to experience fun things can help when life gets rough*

electrical grid is, and how close we came to a catastrophic failure that could've taken weeks, or even months to repair, so I believe this was definitely a worthwhile purchase. Got mine from Amazon for about \$100, may be worth thinking about because if the shift hits the plan, I'd rather look like a snowman than be one...just sayin!

Still in pursuit of my tropical themed home makeover, I've decided to redo my studio in the same way. Originally done in black, I found it a little depressing after the other parts of the house were nearing completion. Bright- airy colors, large beach art and palm trees just makes me feel good, something I've desperately needed af-

ter losing Eloise. A strong faith in God, and a change of scenery can be very therapeutic, and is sometimes exactly what's needed to help us get through the toughest times of life. It seems to be working and is highly recommended if your struggling in this area.

Recently while surfing the internet I ran across a promotional video for the Margaritaville resort, owned by Jimmy Buffet and named after his most popular song. In the lobby there's a ten foot blue flip-flop next to a large pop top from the line in the song "I blew out my flip-flop, stepped on a pop top, cut my heel, had to cruise on back home." Yep, been there, done that. What excited me the most

was when I paused the video on a shot of the lobby, went to wash some dishes, turned back around and didn't remember taking that photo of my house, guess I'm on track to my first one and a half star personal resort!

It seems old Jimmy's done real well for himself according to an article in the current AARP magazine. Born in Mississippi and raised in Alabama, he relocated to key west in 1971. Inspired by the lifestyle he wrote and recorded Margaritaville. When it became a hit he was able to buy his own boat and is quoted as saying that if he'd been a one hit wonder he'd been happy just sailing his boat around the islands. Over the year he's amassed a fortune through entertainment, the Margaritaville resorts, restaurants and merchandising, and now, very large retirement communities. Life in the sun playing pickleball, bocce, golf (693 holes), or taking in a water zumba class, sounds like a great way to spend your golden years. I think we could all benefit from a little more Margaritaville mentality. So, until next time, enjoy all that your able to, making time to play and have some fun!

Love you guys, Eric.

## Revival set for Feb. 6-7

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There will be a revival on Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. and Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at Life Changing Church, 408 CR 236, Gonzales. Evangelist Elijah and Katie Bowers from Cleveland, Tennessee, will be present. Come and Enjoy the preaching & singing. Hear what God has for you!

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## Fox, Ramirez earn spots on Academic All-State team

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Two Nixon-Smiley High School players were named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA) Class 3A Volleyball Academic All-State team.

Abby Fox and Christiana Ramirez were named to the team, which was announced Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The Texas Girls Coaches Association selects Academic All-State Teams for volleyball in conferences 1A through 6A. Athletes and support staff must be seniors to qualify and must have a grade point average of 94 or above.

The head varsity coach of the school must be a member of TGCA in good standing by the Nov. 1 membership deadline for honors.

Support staff consists of trainers, videographers, managers, etc., who meet the qualifications.



LOUIS DECKER

PONY UP – Brayden Martinez (1) pulls up for a jumper against the Cole Cougars this past Friday night. Martinez had six points in the 61-40 loss.

## Mustangs, Lady Mustangs fall before athletic Cougars

BY LOUIS DECKER  
The Inquirer

Nature says that Mustangs can outrun Cougars, but don't tell that to the Cougars of San Antonio Cole, who came into Mustang Gym on Friday night and ran away with a pair of blowout victories.

COLE 55,  
LADY MUSTANGS 31

The District 26-3A leading Cole Cougar ladies team showed why they're the class of the district as they outscored the Lady Mustangs in every quarter, en route to a 24-point victory. Cole opened the game with an 8-0 run, before Nixon-Smiley answered with a 5-0 run of their own to close the gap. The Lady Cougars went on a 6-2 run to close the quarter, however, and led 14-7 at the end of one period.

The second quarter was nearly a carbon copy of the first, as Cole opened the quarter with a run, the Lady Mustangs answered with a run of their own, only to have Cole respond with another run to stretch their lead. At the intermission, Cole held a 33-14 advantage.

Nixon-Smiley played a tighter game in the second, but were still outscored 7-4 in the third quarter and 15-13 in the fourth, as Cole cruised to the victory.

It was a tough night shooting for the Lady Mustangs, particularly from the 3-point line and the free throw line, as they were 2-of-15 from beyond the arc and 3-of-13 from the charity stripe. Overall, the

See **MUSTANGS**, page 13



GET BACK HERE! – Greenlee Houston battles for a loose ball during last Friday's game against SA Cole. The Lady Mustangs fell 55-31.

LOUIS DECKER



## Mustangs square district record by beating GHNO

Special to the Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs evened up their district record at 4-4 with a close 60-56 win over Great Hearts Northern Oaks at home Tuesday, Jan. 25.

The Mustangs (17-6 overall) jumped out to an early 34-25 lead in the first half and never looked back.

Nixon-Smiley was led by their two big men, Braxton Regalado, who scored 18 points, and Carl White Jr., who added 16 points.

Other key contributors were Bradyn Martinez with eight points, Kade Dixon with six, Dustin Mejia and Jeremiah Munoz each with five, and Ruben Bommer with two.

The Mustangs will travel to Luling on Friday, Jan. 28, for another huge district contest. They will then play at Great Hearts Monte Vista on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

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## GONZALES JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

### Seventh grade boys win Schulenburg; eighth grade finishes third

The seventh grade boys A team won the Schulenburg tournament last week. They defeated LaGrange, 24-17; Schulenburg, 35-5; and Smithville, 54-14, to claim the title. The team consists of: Damion Hunt, Brealien Jones, Tyler Griffin, Brodi Ramos, James Sanchez, John Rios, Tommy Banes, Keath White, Bryce Eleby and Luis Zuniga. They played as a team and won as a team.

The eighth grade boys finished third at the Schulenburg Tournament, dropping the first game, 38-25, to Smithville; beating Faith Family Academy, 51-23; then losing the last game to the eventual champions La Grange, 35-28. The entire team played well in the tournament and looked to add another win away at Navarro on Monday, Jan. 24.

### Junior high boys lose to La Vernia

The eighth grade A team lost a tough battle to La Vernia, 49-27. Leading scorers were Regene Stewart with 12 points, Davien Pitts had 6, Brandon Dubose scored 3; and David Clack, Gary Lewis III and Bill Greathouse all added a bucket.

The eighth grade B team 8th lost, 49-4. The two scorers for Gonzales were Willam Lippert and Mike Castillo.



CONTRIBUTED  
The Gonzales Junior High School seventh grade A team won the Schulenburg tournament last week.

The seventh grade A boys team lost to LaVernia, 31-24. The leading scorer was Damion Hunt with 9 points. Keath White scored 5, Luis Zuniga added 4, Brealien Jones contributed 3, and Tyler Griffin had 2. The team played extremely well overall.

### Lady Apaches lose tough one to La Vernia

On Thursday, Jan. 20, the Lady Apache eighth grade A Team battled La Vernia in their eighth game of the season at home. The Lady Apaches played hard, but were unfortunately defeated by a score of 39-12.

Isabella Ikard was the top scorer with 8 points under the basket and played an outstanding defensive game with numerous rebounds and steals. Reanna Brown and Kaleigh Medina racked up 2 points apiece under the basket. The defensive player of the game was Reanna Brown with numerous rebounds and several turnovers.

### Lady Apaches fall to Navarro

On Monday, Jan. 24, the Lady Apache eighth grade A Team battled Navarro in their ninth game of the season at home. The Lady Apaches

played a hard-fought game, but were unfortunately defeated with a score of 31-21.

Hailey Camarillo was the top scorer with nine total points including five foul shots and several nice fast breaks. Isabella Ikard also had eight points under the basket and played a great defensive game with numerous rebounds and steals.

Syrenity Smith also racked up four points under the basket. The defensive player of the game was Hailey Camarillo with several turnovers. Keep up the hard work and positive attitudes to prepare for Monday's game.

# Pleasanton boys fly past Gonzales, 63-51

FROM STAFF REPORTS

It has been more than three years since Gonzales last beat No. 22 Pleasanton in boys basketball and will remain so after the Eagles downed the Apaches, 63-51, at home on Friday, Jan. 21, in district play.

The loss dropped Gonzales to 14-5 and 1-2 in district play.

Gonzales actually held the lead after the first quarter at 15-14, but Pleasanton outscored the Apaches, 22-12, in the second period to take a 36-27 lead at the half. In the third period, Gonzales held the Eagles to just six points and narrowed the lead to 42-37. The Apaches fought hard in the final stanza, but Pleasanton outscored Gonzales, 21-14, allowing them to claim a 12-point victory.

Angel Martinez led all Apaches with 13 points and added five rebounds. Jeremiah Hastings scored 12 points and had eight rebounds while Alex Escobedo scored 10 points and had five rebounds.

The Apaches had a bye on Tuesday, Jan. 25, but were set to play at Cuero on Friday, Jan. 28, and will return home against La Vernia on Tuesday, Feb. 1.

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# MUSTANGS

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Lady Mustangs shot about 31 percent from the field.

Mady Velasquez led the way in the scoring column with 11 points. Velasquez also led the team in rebounds with 6. Other scorers included Greenlee Houseton with 7, Kendall Amaya with 5, Natalee Mendez with 4, and Abby Fox and Criselle Stansel with 2 points each.

Nixon-Smilely is now 15-14 overall and 4-3 in District 26-3A play, alone in third place. The Lady Mustangs were off on Tuesday but return to the hardwood tomorrow night (Friday) when they travel to Luling, to take on the winless Lady Eagles.

### COLE 61, MUSTANGS 40

The top-five ranked Cole Cougars scored early, often and practically every possible way a team could as they coasted to a 21-point victory.

The Cougars accounted for nearly half of their points from beyond the arc, as they hit 10 three-pointers, including nine in the first half, as they raced out to a big lead early. Cole's size, speed and athletic ability played a huge factor in the game as they controlled the pace and rebounding in the game.

Midway through the first quarter, Nixon-Smilely found itself down 14-2, thanks to an 11-0 run by Cole. The Mustangs settled in after that, but found themselves down 18-5 at the end of the first. The second quarter was also dominated by Cole, as they outscored the Mustangs, 18-9, to take a 36-14 lead to the locker room.

Coming out of the break, Nixon-Smilely appeared to have made some adjustments, but they could not account for the speed or athleticism of the Cougars, who turned several errant passes into steals going the other way. Cole won the



LOUIS DECKER  
Natalee Mendez (11) looks to get off a shot, while Greenlee Houseton (2) gets into rebounding position during last Friday's game against SA Cole.

third quarter by a score of 15-8 and went to the fourth quarter with a 29-point lead, 51-22.

The lead stretched to 31 points with about 3 minutes remaining. That's when Cole substituted out it's entire lineup. The Mustangs were able to have some success against the Cougars' bench and closed out the contest with a 12-2 run to make the final score 61-40.

Dustin Mejia put forth a Herculean effort in the loss, leading the way for the Mustangs with 15 points, including a pair of three-pointers. Others contributing scoring were Braxton Regalado with 8, Brayden Martinez with 6, Carl White and Ruben Bomer with 4 points each, Luke Moses with 2 and David Abundis with 1.

The Mustangs are 16-6 on the season, but currently sit in fourth place in District 26-3A with a record of 3-4. They were in action on Tuesday night against Great Hearts Northern Oaks at Mustang Gym.

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# Lady Apaches stay competitive in loss to Pleasanton

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches were very competitive against the Pleasanton Lady Eagles, but unfortunately came up on the short end of a 48-41 score in district play on Friday, Jan. 21.

The Lady Apaches had the lead at the end of the first period, 10-9. Pleasanton outscored Gonzales, 11-8, in the second period to take a two-point lead into the locker

room at 20-18.

In the third period, the Lady Eagles muscled their way to a 10-point lead at 40-30. The Lady Apaches fought their way back to tie Pleasanton at 41-41, but the Lady Eagles scored the final seven points of the game for the win.

Field-goal shooting percentage was to blame for the Lady Apaches' woes as they only hit 17.2 percent of their shots, including 7-of-42 from two-point range.

By contrast, Pleasanton hit 27 percent of their shots, including 14-of-43 from two-point range. Gonzales did hit one more three-pointer than Pleasanton and four more free throws. Had the Lady Apaches been able to hit just four more of their two-point shots, they would have won.

Gonzales did manage 21 offensive rebounds and 51 for the game, while Pleasanton pulled down 55 rebounds. The Lady Apaches had

a 16-7 advantage in steals and even committed three fewer turnovers.

Audrey Martinez led Gonzales with 12 points, including a perfect 5-of-5 from the free throw line, and had six rebounds and three assists before fouling out. Delaini Seger-Gordon had 10 points and five rebounds to also score in double figures.

Niyahna Lowery had five points and seven rebounds, while Bella Agüero had five points, five re-

bounds and five steals for a "triple nickel." Kilee Schwausch had three points, eight rebounds and three steals before fouling out, while Madison York had three points, six rebounds, three steals and three assists. Kelly Breitschopf had three points and three rebounds.

The Lady Apaches were off Tuesday, Jan. 25, and will return to action Friday, Jan. 28, at home against Cuero. They play at La Vernia on Tuesday, Feb. 1.



Maria Vasquez uses some deft footwork to get past a Smithville defender while, across the field, Marisol Hernandez watches the play unfold during Gonzales' 2-2 tie last week. The Lady Apaches were at it again Tuesday night and tied La Vernia, 2-2, to run their record to 2-1-4 overall.

LOUIS DECKER

## Apaches drop 2 at Canyon Lake Tourney

BY LOUIS DECKER  
The Inquirer

The Apache Soccer team found themselves up against formidable opponents and formidable weather over the weekend, as they lost a pair of matches in the Canyon Lake Tournament.

Gonzales was scheduled to play four games over the week-

end, but Thursday's contests against La Vernia and Pleasanton were cancelled. Instead, the Tribe played on Friday afternoon against Lampasas and came up on the short end of a 3-2 game. Tristan Gomez and Alan Orduna scored the goals for Gonzales.

It was a quick turnaround for the Apaches, as they dropped

a 1-0 decision to San Antonio Christian, Saturday morning. "It was a well-played game," said Coach Billy Holifield, "but we gave up a goal in the middle of the second half."

The Apache varsity and JV teams begin district play Tuesday night on the road in Port Lavaca, against the Calhoun Sandcrabs.

## JV Apache Soccer downs GHMV Lions

BY LOUIS DECKER  
The Inquirer

Legendary hockey coach Herb Brooks told the 1980 Olympic team, "Great moments are born from great opportunity." The JV Apaches took advantage of an opportunity to face a varsity squad Tuesday night, as they defeated Great Hearts Monte Vista, a private school out of San Antonio.

Youahi Huerta scored the lone goal of the night in a 1-0 victory for the Tribe. "The kids played well and controlled the tempo of the game throughout the evening," said Coach Billy Holifield.

The JV and Varsity boys teams return to action on Tuesday night as they travel to Port Lavaca to kick off district play against Calhoun.





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# Last day to register to vote in primary is Jan. 31

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The last day to register to vote to be eligible for the March 1, 2022, joint primary election is Jan. 31. Early voting will be held from Feb. 14-25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with extended hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 14. Early voting locations will also be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19. All locations will be closed Feb. 21 for President's Day. The main early voting location is the Randle Rather Building, 427 St. George St., Gonzales. Temporary early voting locations will include the City of Nixon Building, 302 E. Central, Nixon, and Waelder City Hall, 300 Hwy. 90 W, Waelder. Election day voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. Locations for election day voting, which will use consolidated precincts, include the following:

- Precincts 1, 14 and 15: Randle Rather Building, 427 St. George St., Gonzales.
- Precincts 2 and 11: Gonzales Master Gardeners, 623 N. Fair St., Gonzales.
- Precincts 3, 5, 7 and 8: Gonzales City Building, 820 St. Joseph, Gonzales.
- Precincts 4, 6, 10 and 13: City of Nixon Building, 302 E. Central, Nixon.
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### LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORT

#### Gonzales County Sheriff's Office

**Jan. 19**

- Wendel, Dodie Jeanette, 10/1966, Gonzales — Commitment/Sentence — Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G. Remains in Custody

**Jan. 20**

- Matias, Julian Benjamin, 03/1982, Austin — Unauthorized Use of Vehicle. Requires \$4,500 Bond; remains in Custody
- Hernandez, Angelica Lynn, 10/1988, Gonzales — Commitment/Sentence — Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G. Remains in Custody
- Almaguer, Manuel, Jr., 08/1982, Gonzales — Commitment/Sentence —

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# Victoria Civic Chorus invites public to audition



Special to the Inquirer

The Victoria Civic Chorus, which is a nonprofit organization of singers from Victoria and surrounding communities, is now holding weekly practices on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Victoria College students earn class credit performing with the group. “The Victoria Civic Chorus and the Choraliers are open to students and nonstudents alike,” said David Means, music professor at Victoria College. “We invite the public to come be a part of this outstanding group.” To schedule an audition or get more information on the Victoria Civic Chorus, contact Means at (361) 572-6425 or David.Means@VictoriaCollege.edu.

David Means, music professor at Victoria College, is the conductor for the Victoria Civic Chorus.

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# Victoria College announces Fall Dean's List

Special to the Inquirer

- Victoria College has recognized the outstanding academic performance of 107 students by naming them to the Fall 2021 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average over a minimum of 12 academic credit hours within the semester and must not have any unsatisfactory grades in any classes. Students named to VC's Fall 2021 Dean's List, grouped by their hometowns, are:
- Alpine**

  - Muriel Cotman

**Cuero**

  - Jacob Keith

**Dallas**

  - Christopher Blair

**Edna**

  - Jesus Avalos, Jasmin Baez, Logan Carroll, Gauge Hudgeons, Grant Koop, Hailee Lopez

**Ganado**

  - William Roznovsky

**Goliad**

  - Carson Albrecht, Amber Marek, Wesley Stauss

**Gonzales**

  - Nguyet Dang

**Hallettsville**

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# GEDC plans to add administrative assistant position

**By LIZ ADAMS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation considered hiring an administrative assistant and determined that the next step

in the process would be working with legal counsel to finalize the job description before taking their recommendation to city council.

The agenda also included discussion on the loan agreement for Tropical Fusions/ Finaly's. A

new performance agreement is expected, though no action was taken at this time. Members also held discussion on Winbin Ventures, LLC. with the direction that an attorney would make contact and build a working relationship.

Members heard a presentation from Day One Experts on the TexasED Connection Partner Program.

The board approved monthly reports and minutes from the previous meeting held on Dec. 27. No action to take after closed session,

though members were updated on business regarding Holiday Inn Express and Sleep Inn & Suites, job fair and airport plans and the Main Street performance agreement. Demolition and fence bids were considered for 2521 Harwood Rd.

## JOBS

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the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

For the entire Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, the unemployment rate for December 2021 was 4.4 percent, or just barely above the state average of 4.4 percent. This represented a total of 3,912 residents in Gonzales, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria counties seeking employment out of a total workforce of 89,449 people.

After Gonzales County, Lavaca County recorded the lowest unemployment at 3.6 percent, followed by DeWitt County at 3.8 percent and then Calhoun County and Jackson County at 4.1 percent each. Victoria County and Goliad County both logged in at 5.0 percent.

For December 2021, there were 306 individuals in Gonzales County seeking employment out of a workforce of 9,419, with 9,113 reported as employed. In November 2021, there were 333 people seeking work in Gonzales County out of an employment force of 9,461 for a total unemployment rate of 3.5 percent.

In December 2020, Gonzales County had an unemployment rate of 5.2 percent as 503 individuals were seeking work out of a labor force of 9,608.

The 3.2 percent unadjusted unemployment rate for December 2021 is also the lowest seen in Gonzales County since it was just 2.8 percent in February 2020 — one month before the beginning of COVID-19 shutdowns in the state of Texas.

Unemployment rates since January 2020 for Gonzales County are:

- Jan. 2020, 3.0 percent.
- Feb. 2020, 2.8 percent.
- March 2020, 4.0 percent.
- April 2020, 6.7 percent.
- May 2020, 7.8 percent.
- June 2020, 7.1 percent.
- July 2020, 6.8 percent.
- Aug. 2020, 4.8 percent.
- Sept. 2020, 5.9 percent.
- Oct. 2020, 5.3 percent.
- Nov. 2020, 5.7 percent.
- Dec. 2020, 5.2 percent.
- Jan. 2021, 5.6 percent.
- Feb. 2021, 5.7 percent.
- March 2021, 5.4 percent.
- April 2021, 4.7 percent.
- May 2021, 4.5 percent.
- June 2021, 5.1 percent.
- July 2021, 4.3 percent.
- Aug. 2021, 3.9 percent.
- Sept. 2021, 3.8 percent.
- Oct. 2021, 3.6 percent.
- Nov. 2021, 3.5 percent.

The Workforce Solutions Golden Crescent Board serves as the governing board for the regional workforce system, a network of service providers and contractors that brings people and jobs together in the seven-county Golden Crescent region.

The Golden Crescent Region is less than two hours from the major cities of Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Corpus Christi and has a population of 183,000. Of the counties, Victoria County is the largest and has a population of 85,648 and is located in the center of the region. There are a total of eight One-Stop Workforce Centers in the Golden Crescent Region, serving the following counties: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, and Victoria.

## TOURISM

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concern that the tasks would require adequate staffing for success. A steering committee with representation from the Gonzales Convention & Visitor Bureau, the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, and Gonzales City Council was recommended, though emphasis was placed on the need to work quickly in order to provide a recommendation to city council at its next meeting.

Barbara Crozier volunteered to serve on the steering committee and said that Ronda Miller was interested in volunteering, as well. Brad Cox said the chamber was

preparing to install five new board members, but that he or another representative from the chamber would be willing to be part of the committee. Holly Danz also said she would participate. It was also suggested that a city staff member should be considered. Patek and O'Donnell agreed to serve on the committee.

Arena Operations Manager Amanda Garza provided an update regarding past and upcoming events at J.B. Wells Park.

Cox reported that the chamber had begun taking applications for a student worker position and

gave a brief report on the chamber's move to its new location. He suggested that there may be some interest in having a mural painted there.

"Now that we have a giant building with a huge blank canvas on it, the chamber can lead the way as far as propagating mural activity in our community," said Cox.

Barbara Crozier gave an update on upcoming events including a "Toast to Texas" for Texas Independence Day on March 2 and a Young Texians group visit to San Antonio on March 6. A wreath ceremony at the Memorial Mu-

seum was also mentioned. A garden tour has been planned for the weekend of Mother's Day. The funds raised through that event are to be used for the renovation of the butterfly garden. The Master Gardeners plant sale has been scheduled for April 9. A Valentine's party has been planned for Feb. 12 at Angels and Outlaws.

The November 18, 2021, regular meeting minutes and financial reports for Hotel/Motel Fund as of January 12, 2022 were approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Feb. 17.

## TESTING

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for November and December were approved.

Mitchell Hardcastle was named Luling Foundation Farm Director for the two-year term beginning in 2022 through Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

A Burn ban was put in place starting Jan. 24.

The court heard a presentation regarding changes in the management of foster care from East Region Community Liaison Nicole Nguyen and Cynthia Ramirez, representing a division of SJRC Texas called Belong.

Commissioners accepted the presentation of the 2021 activity

report from the Office of Emergency Management & Permits.

A variance request to Gonzales County Subdivision Rules in Precinct 3 was approved. The final plat for Whispering Oaks Subdivision in Precinct 2 was also approved.

Commissioners voted to table

any action on a contract between Gonzales County and Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$557,371.41 for Smiley Radio Communications Tower Project as part of the GLO-CDBG-DR grant #20-065-047-C139-Gonzales County Infrastructure Improvements.

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## ELKS

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in it. A talent show, a costumed dance, a chicken fried steak dinner and a trip to Sea World each week have also become favorite camp traditions. The camp even has a pet tortoise and a large fish tank.

Loretta Shirley has served as the executive director of Texas Elks Children's Services since Aug. 2018. This summer, she and Assistant Director Janet Person (known by her camp nickname, Whoopsie) have made plans to spend seven weeks with campers and one additional week of intensive training with 20 camp counselors who will be there to support the campers each week. Preparations have been set for 40 new campers to arrive each Sunday according to their age group and stay until Friday. More than 250 campers have attended in years past.

"They do all the things that kids at other summer camps do, no matter what their special needs are. We improvise and adapt so they can participate in everything," said Shirley.

Children in foster care and kids with autism can meet the requirements to attend the camp, along with children who have cerebral palsy or Downs Syndrome. The camp's motto is "Having a difference doesn't make a difference."

The 20,000 square foot building that now houses the dorm style rooms, nurse's station, full commercial kitchen, dining room, laundry facilities and offices used for the camp was originally constructed in 1946 as a children's hospital for polio patients. It was built next door to the Warm Springs rehabilitation center for

adults with polio. Photos of the young patients line the shelves of glass cabinets stored in the former children's hospital. After the threat of polio was virtually eliminated due to the development of a successful vaccine in the 1950s, the hospital adapted and continued to offer medical care to children. The hospital closed in the '80s and the facility was repurposed as a summer camp for children with special needs.

The Elks camp is funded by Elks Lodges throughout the state and donations made to the Texas Elks Endowment. A kitchen staff prepares meals for the campers and the rest of the staff throughout the summer. A nurse is onsite 24 hours a day during the camp and counselors are paid staff who also sleep onsite. Counselor recruitment begins at this time each year. Crisis prevention and intervention training, CPR and first aid training are provided. American Camp Association Accreditation was renewed in Oct. 2021.

Altogether, the camp encompasses ten acres. There is space for a paintball target shooting range and a wide pavilion next to a playground. A weekly trek is made to Palmetto State Park for nature adventures. No electronic devices are allowed. Even the staff members ditch cell phones in favor of walkie talkies for the week.

"There's just something magical about Elks Camp and I don't know who gets more out of it, the campers of the staff. We look forward to it. It's a lot of work, but it's so rewarding," said Person.

This year will be Person's 12th



Loretta Shirley shows off a craft cabinet where ceramics are stored for the campers.

summer with the camp.

Each Friday, a graduation ceremony is held in the assembly hall when parents return to pick up their children. Each camper receives an award from his or her counselor.

"We want them to be more independent when they leave here. We want them to learn that they can be like all the other kids. Parents say they see more confidence in their kids after they come home from camp," Shirley said.

For many of the younger children, summer camp is their first time sleeping away from home. Although it takes courage at first, Person said the children are often sad to leave at the end of the week. Shirley explained that the campers often make good friends and memories at the Elks Camp.

"We are honored to have them here," said Shirley.

## ELECTION

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the Inquirer that Kacir could still file to run for mayor of Gonzales and run for both positions simultaneously, but state law says she "cannot hold both offices simultaneously," said Sam Taylor, Assistant Secretary of State for Communications.

"If she were to win the County Judge position to take office in January 2023 after winning a new term for Mayor in May 2022, she would have to choose one or the other at that time," Taylor said.

Section 141.033 of the Texas Election Code states a candidate "may not file applications for a place on the ballot for two or more offices that: (1) are not permitted by law to be held by the same person; AND (2) are to be voted on at one or more elections held on the same day."

"The two elections in question are not being held on the same day, so it wouldn't violate this section because it doesn't meet both conditions set forth in 141.033(a)," Taylor said.

Also Sec. 52.034 of the Texas Election Code states a candidate's name "may not appear more than once on the ballot except for two or more offices that are permitted by law to be held by the same person."

"Since she would not be on the same ballot, her candidacy for both offices (voted on in different elections on different ballots) doesn't violate this section," Taylor added.

Kacir has not indicated she will run for mayor again after filing to run against incumbent County Judge Patrick Davis.

### Gonzales ISD

The positions available on the ballot for Gonzales ISD are for District 1, currently held by Gloria Torres, and District 2, currently held by Justin Schwausch. So far, no one has filed to run for ei-

ther position, said Lucy Pena, administrative assistant to GISD Superintendent John Schumacher.

### City of Nixon

There are three positions available on the Nixon City Council, including mayor, currently held by Dorothy Riojas, as well as the council spots occupied by Maggie Gaytan and Mark Soto. So far, no one has filed for election at this time, said City Secretary Deborah Bustamante.

### Nixon-Smiley ISD

No one has filed yet for the Nixon-Smiley ISD Board of Trustees, though the three incumbents have picked up candidate packets, said Cindy Lott, NSCISD business manager. They include Vice President and Place 5 trustee Lester Warzecha, Place 1 Trustee Mark Mendez and Place 7 Trustee Jimmy Newman.

### City of Smiley

No one has filed for a place on the City of Smiley ballot so far, though three individuals have picked up packets, City Secretary Rebecca Mejia said.

Positions that will be available include mayor, currently held by Michael K. Mills, and two places on the council currently held by Wayne Dauer and Lisa Benevidez.

### Waelder ISD

Two positions are on the ballot for the Waelder ISD Board of Trustees: those currently held by Troy Sullivan and Avery Williams. Troy Sullivan has filed for re-election and is the only person to file so far for Waelder ISD.

### City of Waelder

There are three positions available on the Waelder City Council, including Mayor (currently held by Roy R. Tovar) as well as council member positions currently held by Robert R. Tovar and Peggy Blackmon.

## CHAMBER

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\$35. Individual Non-member tickets are \$45.

The evening will include a live auction and music.

"We are fortunate to have Egon Barthels as our Emcee, JD Shelton as auctioneer, and Don Page as our deejay," said Cox.

The historic mission of the cham-

ber of commerce has expanded, and its ongoing mission includes promoting member businesses, welcoming visitors, distributing tourism information packets and answering a range of calls. The Chamber puts on the annual Come and Take It Celebration each October and assists with city and county events. The Chamber

serves as an influential voice promoting the well-being of the local business environment and provides networking and volunteer opportunities for its members and continues to be a vital community resource.

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