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Unloaded firearm found in GHS faculty lot

FROM STAFF REPORTS

An unloaded firearm was found in the staff parking lot at Gonzales High School on Thursday, Nov. 17, after school hours, Gonzales ISD announced in a statement to parents and community members on Facebook.

Veronica Johannsen, the district's new Chief of Communications, Marketing, and Safety and Security, said Gonzales ISD police have begun an investigation into the incident and are working with local law enforcement officials to locate the owner of the weapon.

"Gonzales ISD is unable to discuss

details on an ongoing investigation," Johannsen said in response to whether the owner had been identified.

Under the Federal Gun-Free School Zones Act as well as GISD Board Policy GKA, "It is unlawful for any individual knowingly to possess a firearm at a place that the individual knows, or has reason-

able cause to believe, is a school zone." A school zone is defined as "in, or on the grounds of, a school; or within a distance of 1,000 feet from the grounds of a school."

This doesn't apply to private prop-

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Gonzales City Council addresses sidewalk projects

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

Sidewalk projects were the main topic at the Thursday, Nov. 17 Gonzales City Council meeting at city hall. The council held a public hearing regarding the Section 3 (of the Housing and Development Act of 1968) requirements for the city's grant received from the Texas Department of Agriculture. The grant received was in the amount of \$500,000 for sidewalk and American with Disabilities Amendment (ADA) infrastructure improvements.

As a condition of the award received the city and city contractors must demonstrate economic opportunity generated by the CDGB funds, as well as other HUD assistance received.

There is a heavy emphasis on employment opportunities directed towards low, and very low, income persons, with further emphasis geared towards those individuals currently receiving government assistance for housing. Another important condition states that all recipients

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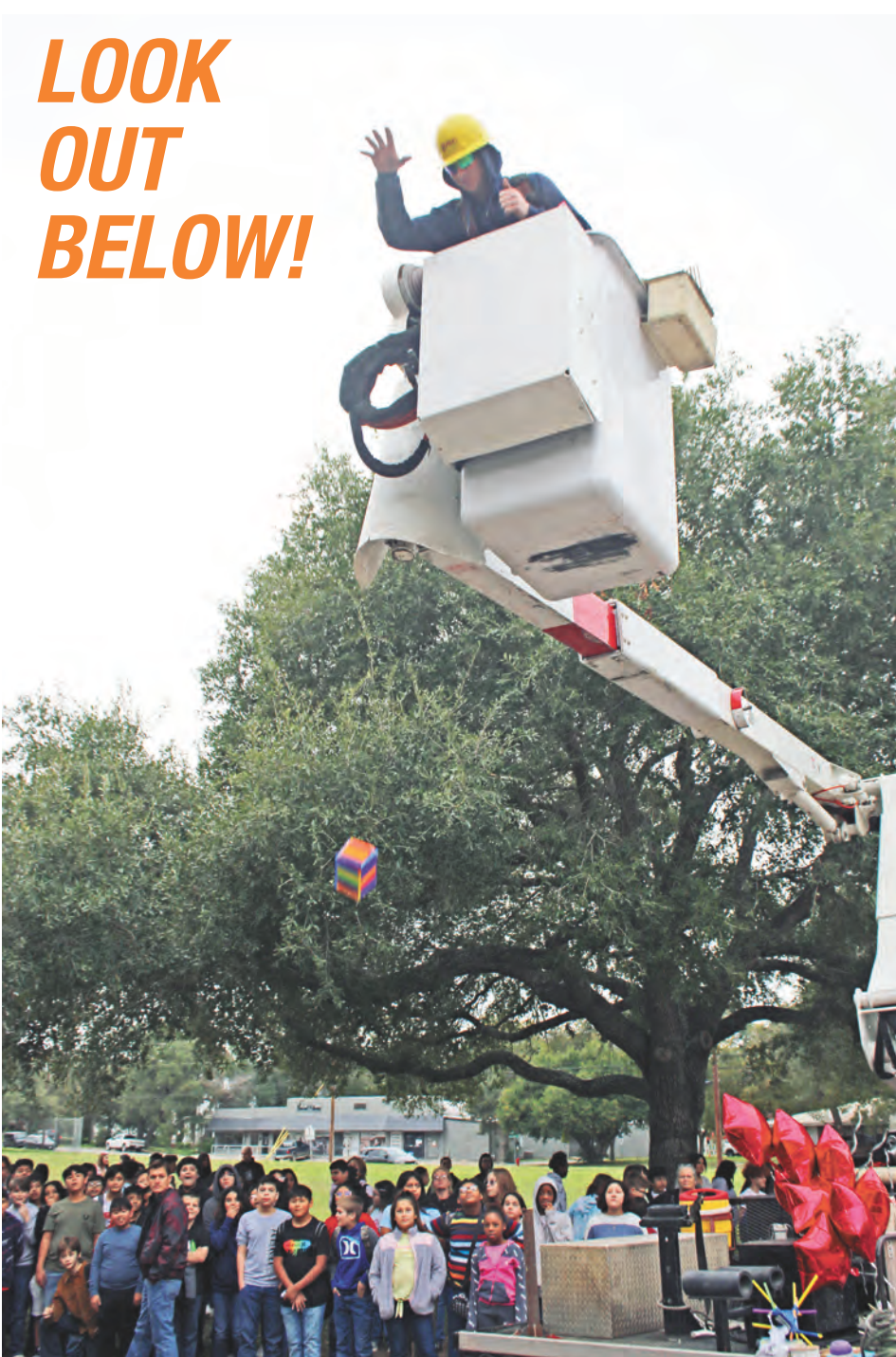
GCUWCD selects contested case hearing examiner

BY CLAYTON KELLEY
For the Inquirer

The Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District, at their Nov. 8 district meeting, selected a hearing examiner regarding the preliminary hearing for contested cases protesting the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's (GBRA) request to drill three additional water wells in the Carrizo Aquifer.

A main concern at the meeting

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GVEC lineman Lane Mills drops Gonzales Junior High sixth grader Leo Zavala's egg drop project on Friday, Nov. 18. Science teacher Carol Farek then ushers Zavala to the side after his egg drop project successfully withstood a 20-foot fall. The science fun was made possible with help from GVEC and Nest Fresh. For more photos, see page 18.

LEW K. COHN

Smiley tackles increased trash wages

BY CLAYTON KELLEY
Gonzales Inquirer

Republic Services presented a proposal to increase their contract wages for Smiley from \$15 to \$20 for two more years at the Nov. 16 Smiley City Council meeting.

"We stuck with y'all through some really hard times, never once threatened the city, never once said anything negative - we just kept picking up trash,"

Republic Services representative Terry Gawlik said. "Going forward, we've had some crazy, crazy labor stuff, incredible fuel prices, it's amazing the struggles we're going through."

Gawlik continued by implying that Republic Services has provided Smiley with additional services and has been picking up whatever customers have placed at the curbside — even stuff not

See **SMILEY**, page 6

County will allow some vehicles to bear general license plates

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

During their Monday, Nov. 14, meeting, Gonzales County commissioners voted to approve an order that would allow certain county vehicles to bear general issue license plates and not have descriptive markings.

The vote didn't come, however, until after some intense dialogue between Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski and County Attorney Paul Watkins.

Watkins' chief investigator, John Brumme, was seeking to have a general issue plate placed on his Tahoe. Sheriff Keith Schmidt also has some vehicles — used for investigations as well as for transporting cadets to the law enforcement academy — that would need general issue plates without markings.

According to Section 721.005 of

See **VEHICLES**, page 7

Winterfest Historic Homes tour celebrates Gonzales' architecture

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Historic Homes Winterfest Tour 2022, scheduled for Dec. 3-4, offers an impressive assemblage of three centuries of architecture and holiday style for the visitors to this history-rich little city in the heart of Texas ... Gonzales.

The 2022 tour is flinging open more doors than just the doors to some of the historic homes for which Gonzales is so well known. The 2022 Winterfest Tour showcases a 19th century cattle baron's home, decked in old-fashioned Christmas finery; a pristinely-pre-

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Come and Take It Celebration gives back

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Come and Take It Celebration has had a long-standing tradition of supporting local non-profit organizations in Gonzales by offering a variety of fundraising opportunities.

“Local non-profits have been a part of this event since its inception, and continue to play an important role in its success,” said Daisy Scheske Freeman, Come and Take It Chair.

This year we had several non-profit organizations participate as food and drink vendors during the Celebration and raised a total of \$51,605.25.

“When the Come and Take It Committee converted the financial structure from a shared cost expense to a flat rate several years ago, the non-profits would contribute 12% of their sales to the Come and Take It Committee to help assist with event costs such as tent rental, grounds security, hand washing stations, restrooms, insurance, and grounds cleaning,” explained Daisy Scheske Freeman.

“After the 2021 celebration, and coming out of the COVID pandemic, the committee decided unanimously to waive the 12% fee to help the non-profits since we had to cancel in 2020. This year the committee decided to extend that contribution and voted unanimously to do the same.”

The non-profits that participated as food and drink vendors were the Gonzales Masonic Lodge, The Edwards Association, Catholic Youth, Solid Rock Church, Masters Hands Church, and the Gonzales Leos Club. These local nonprofits served up some traditional local favorites and fun festival eats for



everyone to enjoy, along with a friendly smile that everyone looks forward to seeing.

Jennifer Ervin, leader of the Gonzales High School Leos Club explained that the \$9,381 raised during Come and Take It Celebration is donated back to the Gonzales community. They supported the local animal shelters, Meals on Wheels, and GCAM with the funds.

Other local organizations and businesses benefitted by adding fundraising events to the schedule. The Gonzales Classic Cruisers, Elks Lodge, Pioneer Village, Gonzales Memorial

Museum, Gonzales County Jail Museum, and Gonzales Noon Lions Club.

Businesses in the Main Street district also benefitted from the event as visitors to the Celebration shopped and dined in the area outside the Come and Take It Celebration.

The Come and Take It Committee is comprised of Daisy Scheske-Freeman, Keith Schauer, Frank Wallace, Kenneth Hyden, Linda Menking, Jessie Campion, Leslie Patterson, Blanca Hernandez, Darla Machacek, Allison Davis, Britney Caka, Hollis West, Naomi

Brown, Melissa Henderson and Martha Jimenez.

“The 2022 Come and Take It Celebration supports the Gonzales community by increasing commerce, increasing tourism to the region, fundraising for local non-profits and providing a fun and safe environment for our friends and family to gather for a good time,” said Melissa Henderson, Executive Director for the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce. “It is due to the commitment and hard work of the Come and Take It Committee that the event is such a success.”

Love lights the way for GHS

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

The Lights of Love giving campaign annual holiday project, hosted by the Gonzales Healthcare System (GHS) Foundation, will be held at the THRIVE complex, allowing community members to donate in honor of — or in memory of — someone they love or respect.

The event this year will be held Thursday, Dec. 1, from 4-7 p.m., during the Rejuvenate Holiday Spac-Tacular.

Those honored and remembered will have their names hung on the THRIVE Healthplex Christmas tree for all to see and appreciate this holiday season — giving family members a chance to begin a tradition of their own, while honoring friends or family that are deserving of special recognition.

The holiday season in Texas means tamales, with both frozen and hot tamales available to purchase, as well as quarts of Toni’s famous chili.

While there is not a planned big formal ceremony, the GHS Foundation feel that it is a nice holiday event aimed towards helping everyone remember those individuals they wish to honor. This event is also a reflection of the true reason for the season, which is the love for those we honor in our lives, as well as those that we both miss and wish to remember by honoring their name to the community, at large.

GHS Foundation hopes to honor those who are always near and dear to our hearts, and with us, either in person or in our hearts, who light up our hearts.

For further information or questions related to this event please contact Holly Danz, Director of Marketing, at GHS, 830-672-7581 x1020, hdanz@gonzaleshealthcare.com.

Winterfest decorating contest is coming to town

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Gonzales Main Street invites every business in the Main Street District to showcase their unique personalities, each of which make this community the one of a kind of which we are all proud call our own.

Contestants must submit applications by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov.

30, to be included in the judging process. Those Main Street District members who are interested should have their windows or storefronts decorated and lit before Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022.

This contest is for window decorations that are clearly visible from the exterior area only. Judging will be done from outside the building. Displays must be

family friendly, must be creative, must be festive, and most importantly you must have fun creating your display! Judging criteria includes presentation, workmanship, originality, and creative usage of lights.

A panel of judges will visit the storefronts on the evening of Thurs, Dec. 1 and businesses wishing to compete are requested to leave their

lights on during this judging period, approximately 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

First, second and third place winners will receive a cash prize, a trophy, and recognition in our local newspaper, as well as on various social media sites. Consideration will be awarded to anyone who can incorporate this year’s theme, which is “Candy Land.”

Winners will be announced on Friday, Dec. 2, during the Winterfest celebration festivities.

For further information please call or email Tiffany Padilla, the Gonzales Main Street Director, at 830-672-2815 or tpadilla@gonzales.texas.gov.

Kolkhorst named to Legislative Budget Board

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has appointed Sen. Lois W. Kolkhorst (R- Brenham) to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB).

Sen. Kolkhorst replaces retiring Sen. Jane Nelson on the powerful board, which is comprised of the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House, as well as four lawmakers from the Senate and House.

The primary purpose of the LBB is to oversee a continuous review of state spending. The board also manages the proposed legislative appropriations for all agencies of state government. The organization is a permanent joint committee of the Texas Legislature that crafts budget and policy

recommendations for legislative appropriations, completes fiscal analyses for all proposed legislation, and conducts periodic reviews that seek efficiency in state financial performance.

“The Legislative Budget Board is of statewide importance because it offers a continuous review of all state spending. That’s why I am truly humbled by Lt. Gov. Patrick’s appointment,”

Sen. Kolkhorst said. “The serious work of this Board ensures the fair and prudent use of our tax dollars. It will be an honor to serve the people of Texas in this capacity.”

A veteran of the state budget process, Sen. Kolkhorst has served on the Senate Finance Committee since her first session in the Texas Senate in 2015 and for every subsequent budget.

She is the only legislator to have ever served on the budget conference committee multiple times in both the House and Senate chambers.

Kolkhorst said the appointment by the Lieutenant Governor will enable her to continue serving as a steward of taxpayer dollars during both session and the interim.

In recent years, the Legislative Budget Board

has approved investments in border security and school safety during times when the Texas Legislature is not in session. The composition of the Legislative Budget Board is specified by statute, and is co-chaired by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House.

Senator Kolkhorst begins her appointment immediately.



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Celebrations

Birthdays

November 24th
Doyle Heins
Katie Kuck
Sarah Miller
Loretta Schurig
Sherrie White

November 25th
Nolan Barborak
M.L. Brown
Mark Sawyer
David Turk
Jenny Turk

November 26th
Sandra Baker
Lettie Griffaldo
Jaclyn Harvey
Shanna Heiman
David Janota

November 27th
Lona Ackman
Christopher Brown
Brittany Harkey
Madeline Johnson
Lawrence Kridler
Sabrina Kugler
Tessa Matias
Tanya McKinney
Denise Mobbs
Georgia Pavliska

November 28th
Tom Daniel
Granelia Hendricks
Sean Zambrano

November 29th
Lisa Hernandez
Deidra Kuntschik

November 30th
Nathan Burek
Ashten Escobedo
Matthe Gomez
Terry Schomburg
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Gonzales Weather

**November 24**
70°/53°
CLOUDY


Remaining cloudy
25% chance of rain • RealFeel 70

**November 25**
60°/46°
SUNNY


Sunny and cooler
0% chance of rain • RealFeel 59

**November 26**
62°/43°
SUNNY


Plenty of sunshine
0% chance of rain • RealFeel 63

**November 27**
71°/43°
MOSTLY SUNNY


Sunshine and patchy clouds
0% chance of rain • RealFeel 71

**November 28**
70°/49°
MOSTLY SUNNY

Mostly sunny
1% chance of rain • RealFeel 69

**November 29**
70°/49°
PARTLY SUNNY

Partly sunny
4% chance of rain • RealFeel 68

**November 30**
67°/49°
MOSTLY SUNNY

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0% chance of rain • RealFeel 68

Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

November 24th
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Garden Q&A

Mexican sycamores recommended, but aren't to every homeowner's taste

Q. You include Mexican sycamore as one of the tree varieties for area landscapes. I have one and find it to be an undesirable shade tree. The leaves are huge and spread all over the yard of origin plus the neighboring yards, the leaves are so large they are hard to collect. The bark and leaves are also garish and grow so fast they take over the yard. Why do you recommend them?

A I and many other horticulturists recommend Mexican sycamore because of some of the characteristics you mentioned, including their fast growth and unusual conformation and coloring of the bark and leaves. Mexican sycamore are also pest and disease free. Everyone has different characteristics in a tree species that appeal to them and Mexican sycamore offers some of that variety.

Q. What is your recommendation concerning cold weather protection for cyclamen? I have

grown them for several years and only covered them in the record low temps of Feb 2021. Needless to say despite the Insulate cover the blooms all froze off.

A. If you want to be conservative about it cover them with the fabric when it is forecast to be less than 30 degrees F. My plantings are close

to the house and the February freeze was the only time I lost the blooms also but I cover them when the temps are forecast to be 28 degrees or less.

Q. I was listening to your radio show last week and you and Dr Parsons were talking about boiling some other type of greens with kale to reduce the bitterness of its taste so you could take advantage of its nutritional value. What were those greens?

A. I like the kale in a mixture with collards or Swiss chard. Dr Parsons was only interested in straight spinach!

Q We were relying on watering our hollies as part of the lawn

sprinkling process but it doesn't seem to be working. My neighbor who is a Master Gardener says I need to water the hollies by letting the hose run at the base of the plant. Do you agree? How long is the recommended period to run the water at each plants base?

A Yes, I agree that watering at the base is the way to maintain relatively newly planted shrubs or trees during dry hot weather like we have been experiencing. Water each one for at least a half hour twice during the first week and then once per week until the rains resume. Follow your community's drought watering rules.

Q. We are starting our bird feeding program again this winter and would prefer not to share the seed with the squirrels. I know using pepper flavored suet is eaten by the birds but left alone by the squirrels. Does the pepper flavored seed work as well?

A. I think it does if you can find an affordable source. I rely on the Absolute steel feeders with weight sensitive perches to deny the squirrels access to sunflower seeds.

CALVIN FINCH

Gardening Q&A



GARDENING CALENDAR

There is a lot of planting that can be done in December but it is also important to be ready for the cold weather. Move the cold sensitive plants such as bougainvillea, tropical hibiscus, firespike, Porter weed, and mandevilla into shelter where the temperatures stay above 40 degrees.

Have fabric such as Insulate, Plankets or old sheets and blankets to cover citrus plants and other cold sensitive plantings that are not possible to move into shelter. For temperatures under 28 degrees have heat sources such as mechanics lights or poultry heat lamps to heat within the fabric covers. Make sure the light sources on the mechanics lights are not LED forms.

It is still a good time to plant seeds and transplants in the vegetable garden. In addition to transplants for broccoli, kale, collards, and Swiss chard area nurseries now have onion transplants available

It is not unusual to have to chose from at least seven selections of onions including 1015s and Legend. If you want a selection with a little more tang try the red Creole. One bundle is usually enough plants for 2- 8-foot rows if you plant them 4 inches apart. If you do plant them 4 inches apart you will have to harvest two out of every three in the row as green onions by the end of March so the remaining plants can grow to full size. Full size onions are big fertilizer users. Prepare the soil prior to planting with the incorporation of 10 cups of "winterizer" or slow-release lawn fertilizer. Also, side dress with one of the fertilizers about March 1.

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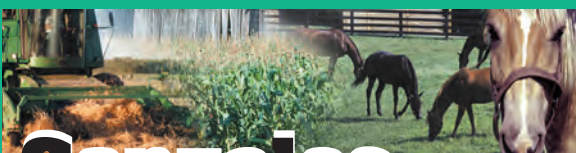
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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

November 19
Cattle 1557

Compared to our last sale:
Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold 2.00-3.00 higher. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows & bulls sold steady to 1.00-2.00 higher.. Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 235-237; 300-400 lbs., 230-232; 400-500 lbs., 207-225; 500-600 lbs., 177-197; 600-700 lbs., 148-172; 700-800 lbs, 145-147. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 80-95.

Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 184-188; 300-400 lbs., 172-180; 400-500 lbs., 163-169; 500-600 lbs., 148-161; 600-700 lbs., 145-147. Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 54-66; Cutters, 68-74; Cannerns, 32-52; High yielding fat cows, 66-71. Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 94-100; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 83-89.

Stockers Cows: \$750 to \$2,300. Pairs: \$850 to \$1,900. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING! No Sale Saturday, Nov. 26, 2022.**

NIXON LIVESTOCK

November 14
Cattle - 1250

Steers:
200-300 lbs - \$163-173-230
300-400 lbs - \$170-180-230
400-500 lbs - \$159-169-230
500-600 lbs - \$145-155-183
600-700 lbs - \$134-144-171
700-800 lbs - \$127-137-149

Heifers:
200-300 lbs - \$124-134-185
300-400 lbs - \$145-155-195
400-500 lbs - \$144-154-220
500-600 lbs - \$133-143-170
600-700 lbs - \$130-140-225
700-800 lbs - \$125-135-144
Slaughter Cows - \$20-76
Slaughter Bulls - \$80-106
Stocker Cows - NONE

Pairs: \$330-835

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THERE WAS NO SALE
NOVEMBER 22 WEEK OF
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Sale date: November 15, 2022
Cattle on hand: 1739
Packer Cows:
Canner and Cutter Cows: \$54-75
Utility & Fat Cows: \$52-73
Low dressing canner cows: \$32-52
Poor/Weak: \$15-32

Packer Bulls:
Heavyweight Bulls: \$95-98
Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$83-95
Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$70-83
Stocker Cows:
Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: NONE

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$750-1050
Good Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE
Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: 2 PAIR \$875-1125
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$140-210

200-300 lbs.: \$155-230

300-400 lbs.: \$160-235

400-500 lbs.: \$160-225

500-600 lbs.: \$152-180

600-700 lbs.: \$140-170

700-800 lbs.: \$136-155

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs: \$130-200

200-300 lbs.: \$135-195

300-400 lbs.: \$140-192.50

400-500 lbs.: \$140-187.50

500-600 lbs.: \$138-177.50

600-700 lbs.: \$136-160

700-800 lbs: \$128-155

Replacement Heifers:
350-750 lbs.: \$140-220

The market was stronger again this week. #1 kinds sold strong to \$3 higher on the heavier weights and \$6 to \$15 higher on the lighter weights. Grazing demand has arrived. Packer cows & bulls sold steady/strong on a total supply of 270 head.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

November 16

Light cattle full \$10 better with bigger cattle steady. Packer cows and bulls 2-3 better. NO SALE THE WEEK OF THE 20TH. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Cattle - 732
Sheep & goats - 1225
Medium & large frame #1 Steers: 200-300 lb. 1.10-2.12
300-400 lb. 1.43-2.37
400-500 lb. 1.55-2.20
500-600 lb. 1.37-1.82
600-700 lb. 1.29-1.57
700-850 lb. 1.08-1.40
Medium & large frame #1 Heifers: 200-300 lb. 1.38-1.81
300-400 lb. 1.41-2.17
400-500 lb. 1.30-1.71
500-600 lb. 1.29-1.70
600-750 lb. 1.18-1.46

Cows:
Utility & commercial - 60-90

Cutters - 41-59

Cannerns - 25-40

Palpated cows (young) - None

(Middle Aged) - 500-1000

Cow/Calf Pairs - 300-1000

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding - 90-104

Light & Low Yielding - 65-89

Feeder Bulls - None

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies (Young) - 135-325

(Thin & Old) - 80-130

Kid Goats (Fat) - 3.50-4.00

(Small & thin) - 2.85-3.40

Wethers - 3.40-3.55

Billies - 2.10-2.70

Pairs - None

Barb. Ewes (Young) - 100-210

(Small & Old Ewes) - 60-100

Barb. Lambs (Fat) - 2.70-3.10

(Small & Thin) - 2.40-2.70

Woolled Ewes - 100-120

Woolled Bucks - 1.20-1.50

Lambs - 2.20-2.80

Barb. Bucks - 240-410

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

November 18, 2022

Number of head 2,319

No sale on November 25. Happy

Thanksgiving to all!

There were 293 cows and 24

bulls. A good run of cows and

bulls sold to another strong market. Tops on cows were up \$6/ cwt while on the bulls present was unchanged.

The calf market continued to its streak of higher markets gaining over \$3/cwt on 7 less pounds resulting in an increase of over \$6/ head. A very strong market on calves under 500 pounds and a steady market on heavier weights. Another good day to be selling.

Packer bulls: 78.00-97.00

Packer cows:

cannerns & cutters 47.00-80.00

poor & weak 20.00-45.00

Palpated: 12 bred 80.00-116.00

PAIRS: 2 \$550 & \$1,300

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. NONE

200-249 lbs. NONE

250-299 lbs. 150.00-240.00

300-350 lbs. 189.00-242.00

350-400 lbs. 164.00-226.00

400-450 lbs. 174.00-212.00

450-500 lbs. 165.00-218.00

500-550 lbs. 158.00-190.00

550-600 lbs. 151.00-180.00

600-700 lbs. 145.00-160.00

700-800 lbs. 140.00-152.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs 161.00-215.00

250-300 lbs. 141.00-210.00

300-350 lbs. 155.00-230.00

350-400 lbs. 168.00-236.00

400-450 lbs. 171.00-228.00

450-500 lbs. 163.00-204.00

500-550 lbs. 153.00-179.00

550-600 lbs. 152.00-173.00

600-700 lbs. 140.00-159.00

Over 700 lbs. 132.00-150.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

under 200 lbs. NONE

200-250 lbs. 103.00-140.00

250-300 lbs. 116.00-152.00

300-350 lbs. 135.00-186.00

350-400 lbs. 141.00-209.00=>REPLACEMENT

151.00-208.00=>REPLACEMENT

450-500 lbs. 146.00-200.00=>REPLACEMENT

500-550 lbs 139.00-172.00

550-600 lbs. 139.00-166.00

600-700 lbs. 136.00-159.00

Over 700 lbs 132.00-144.00

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When your heart is just too big

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Heart failure is very common in the United States, affecting approximately 6.2 million adults from 20 years of age and older, based on data collected between 2015 to 2018, with nearly one million new cases diagnosed per year, that means the number of cases in 2022 could be much greater, minus the deaths of prior patients.

Survival rate for heart failure patients is improving, albeit very slowly, with improvements shown steadily between the years 1970 and 2000, with the advancement of technology for testing and diagnosing, as well as advancements in medical treatments.

However, this rate did not improve with any real significance between the years 2000 and 2013. Data is still out on the last nine years of heart failure statistics. The five-year survival rate of patients diagnosed with heart failure is around 52.6%.

Heart failure, also known as congestive heart failure, occurs when the heart muscle is unable to pump enough blood throughout the body, which, in turn, not only affects those areas more distant (arms/legs), with swelling issues and pain, but it affects one, if not both sides of the heart. Congestive heart failure is incurable, at the current time in medical advancements, and the condition is very serious.

More often than not the condition is related to and caused by other heart conditions and diseases, such as coronary artery disease (CAD), high blood pressure (hypertension), and diabetes, to name a few of the more common causes.

While our hearts typically do “fail” during a cardiac arrest, or “heart attack”, these two things are not the same. In cardiac arrest your heart stops beating, leading to further complications of your bodily functions, and must be either restarted or you will expire. In heart failure the heart is still working, though not properly and at a diminished capacity to sustain your life, without some form of intervention, for any prolonged length of time. It is important to note, however, that heart failure can lead to cardiac arrest.

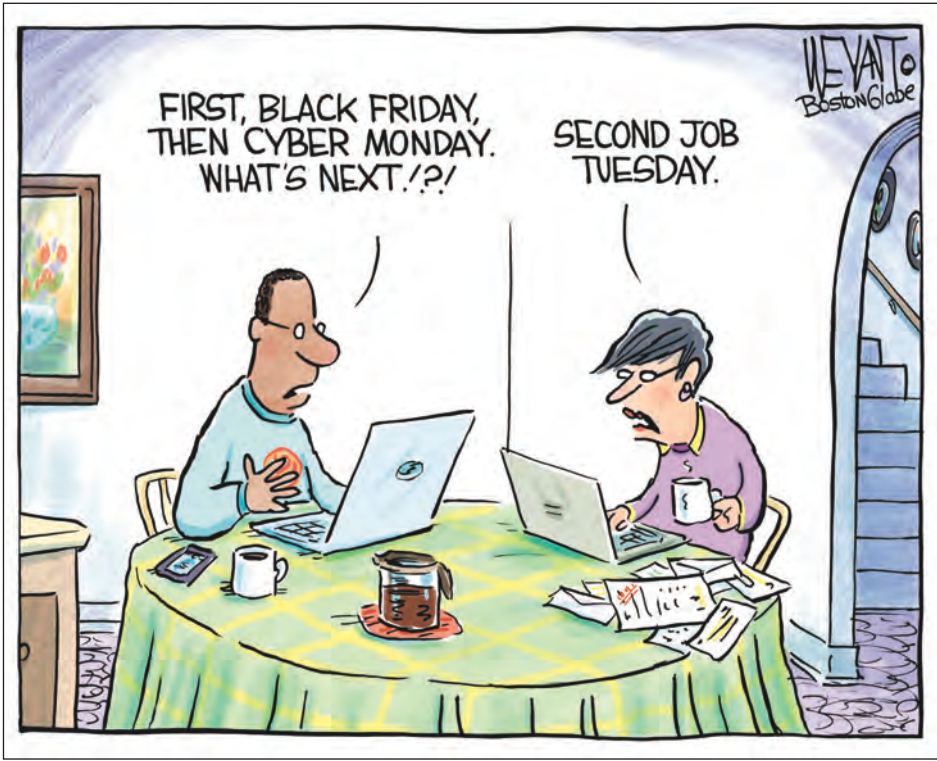
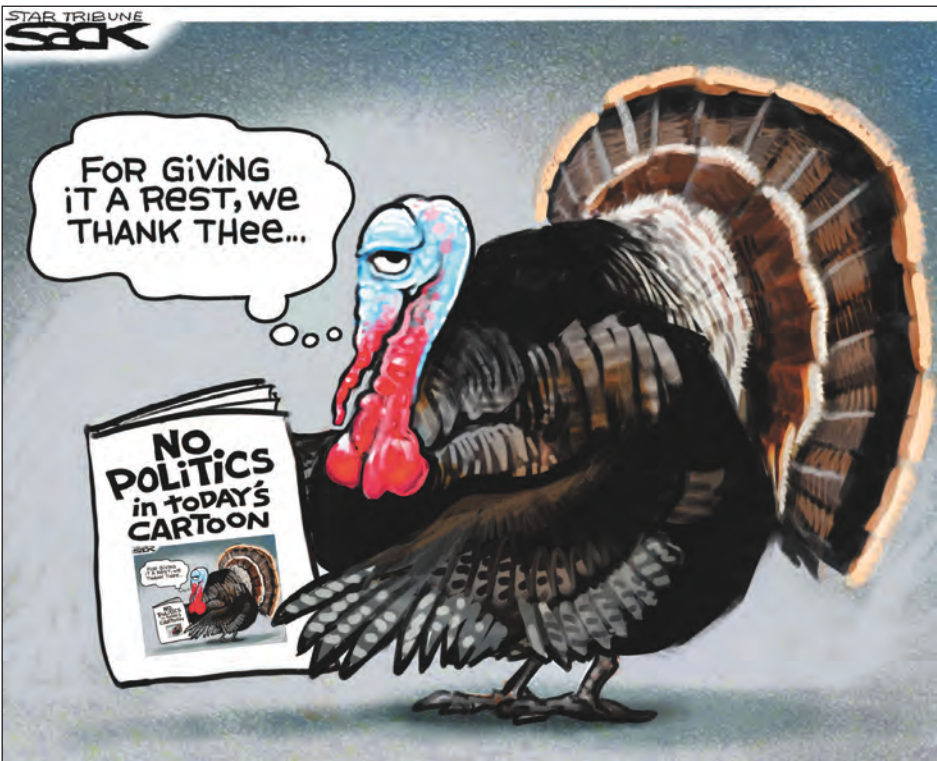
While heart failure remains misunderstood, under-diagnosed and often neglected by those who are diagnosed, the disease is very widespread in the United States, and the numbers will continue to rise along with the advanced aging of our population. The massive scope of this condition, and the expected trends, include the following:

- Heart failure is estimated to affect approximately 18 to 21 of every 1,000 people in the United States.
- In 2018, heart failure was diagnosed in 1.25 million discharges from U.S. hospitals.
- The number of those diagnosed with heart failure is expected to rise 46% from 2012 to 2030, from 5.7 million to 8 million, or nearly 3 in 100 U.S. adults.
- There are about 960,000 newly diagnosed cases in the United States every year.
- The proportion of new cases in the United States fell from 3.2 to 2.2 for every 1,000 people between 2000 and 2010; however, the total number of new cases continues to grow.
- It’s projected that about 7.6 million Americans will be affected by heart failure by 2025, compared to 6.2 million in 2017, a 20% increase.
- In 2019, heart disease was mentioned as the cause of death on 1 in 8 death certificates.
- The chance of receiving a diagnosis of heart failure at age 40 is 1 in 5 and will increase as you age.

Heart failure impacts all races and ethnicities, and, overall, heart failure affects about 2 of every 100 people in the United States. The variables of ethnicity and race are as follows, in adults over 20:

- Black Americans: 35 (males) to 39 (females) out of 1,000
- Hispanic Americans: 20 (females) to 25 (males) out of 1,000
- White Americans: 19 (females) to 22 (males) out of 1,000
- Asian Americans: 7 (females) to 17 (males) out of 1,000

Looking at the breakdown from the standpoint of age and gender, it is apparent that, in general,



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- Poor taste.
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- Other incendiary language or remarks.
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- Poetry.
- Personal attacks.
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Enduring bathroom humor...

My dear old dad, who absented his earthly life three decades ago, loved good jokes — both the hearing and the telling — with a slight leaning toward the latter.

He shared them on workdays with his co-workers and at gatherings of kinfolk. At home, he knew that my mom and brother would hear them willingly and laugh heartily, even if we'd heard them “umpteen” times. They all brought good cheer, if only to observe the joy he projected with every telling.

Many were the days when he arrived home from a greasy day of “pipe-wrenching” for Lone Star Gas Company, often telling “a good ‘un” heard during the day. He'd get ‘em off his chest before heading to the bathroom for clean-up before dinner....

Noticing his good judgment dawned on me in 1944, when I began first grade. World War II still raged, but my dad always came up with jokes and stories, told with his remarkable discretion. If there was miserable war news on radio, he spoke with reverence, softening accounts to “fit” prevailing moods.

My early memories include his stories that “Kilroy Was Here,” a statement frequently scrawled on items at unlikely places. Also remembered was our allegiance to specific 30-minute radio shows on week-nights and the “Grand Ole Opry” on Saturdays.

He — as well as a major hunk of radio audiences across the land — loved hearing “Fibber McGee and Molly” who lived at 79 Wistful Vista. We'd look forward to Fibber's seemingly innocent opening of his closet door that always led to thunderous clashes of assorted metal objects that clanged for several seconds before dialog resumed. It also included Molly's invariable reminder to her hubby when his stories seemed “pancake” flat. “Tain't funny, McGee,” she'd say....

All this to say that Dad always differentiated between what was funny and what was shabby. He'd hammer home the importance of good taste, and the dangers of “cleaning up” stories with origins that reeked of filth. “Somebody hearing such stories remembers the original versions,” he'd remind.

He was adamant about sharing “bathroom stories.” Truth to tell, he didn't even care to tell stories that included references to “toilet paper.”

Dad thought “bathroom tissue” to be a better choice....

My mom had a favorite expression for whatever shocked or surprised. “We'd faint and fall back in it.”

This would describe Dad's response to many current TV commercials which he'd label to be in bad taste, or even worse. He'd shake his head at ads riding on out-of-round wheels of innuendo, mentioning that millions of viewers knew the original spiels, many that sank below bathroom humor.

He also had opinions about men at microphones who'd say something like, “My wife's gonna kill me for telling this, but....” He warned that such men should never risk such dire results, because wives served as better judges of what ought — and ought not — be said....

Finally, this about what seems as offensive as “bathroom humor.” About all we can do is laugh about bombardment of several companies that plead to remodel our bathrooms, promising to do so in a single day.

They're offering “today only” discounts, with no payments necessary until 2024 or when the Lord comes, whichever occurs first.

Such ads are causing us to have TV “battle fatigue.” They continue to assault our senses as regularly as recent political ads that seemed unending....

Dad would forgive — and even

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THANK YOU, CHARLES M. SCHULZ!

COMIC STRIP GETS STAMPED: The United States Postal Service has created the **Charles M. Schulz Forever** stamps to celebrate the fact that the creator of the **Peanuts** comic strip would have been 100 years old on November 26, 2022. Find out more about this legendary cartoonist on today's *Kid Scoop* page!

WHO WAS CHARLES SCHULZ?

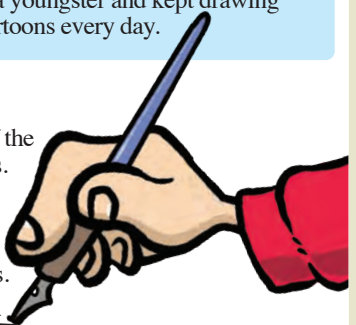
When Charles Schulz was a child, people called the newspaper comic pages "the funnies." And Charles was a boy who really *loved* the funnies.

Schulz read his local newspaper every day and wanted to make his own funnies one day. He started drawing as a youngster and kept drawing cartoons every day.



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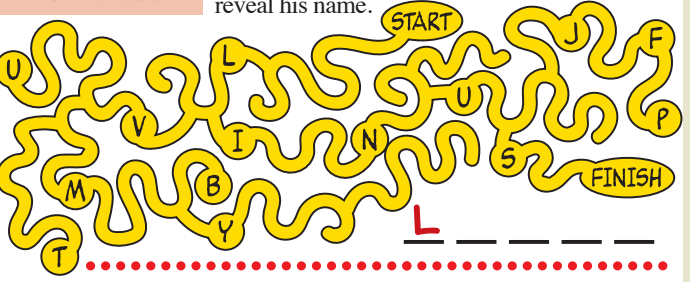
Later in life, Schulz became one of the world's most successful cartoonists. But as a young man, he had a hard time finding a newspaper or magazine to buy his comic strip. He worked odd jobs to pay his bills.



ARMY TO ART SCHOOL

During World War II, Charles was drafted into the United States Army. He brought a sketch pad and kept on drawing.

When he came home to Minnesota, he got a job teaching at the art school where he had studied. It was there he met a man who would become a friend for life. The letters on the correct path reveal his name.



PEANUTS BEGINS


In 1947, the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* bought his comic strip, which was called *Li'l Folks*. In 1950, the strip's name was _____ to *Peanuts* because another comic strip had a name that was too _____.

From that small start, *Peanuts* became very _____. It was eventually _____ in more than 2,600 newspapers and 75 countries!

Charles Schulz wrote and _____ every single *Peanuts* comic strip himself for the next 50 years, inspiring generations of _____ cartoonists.

Replace the missing words.

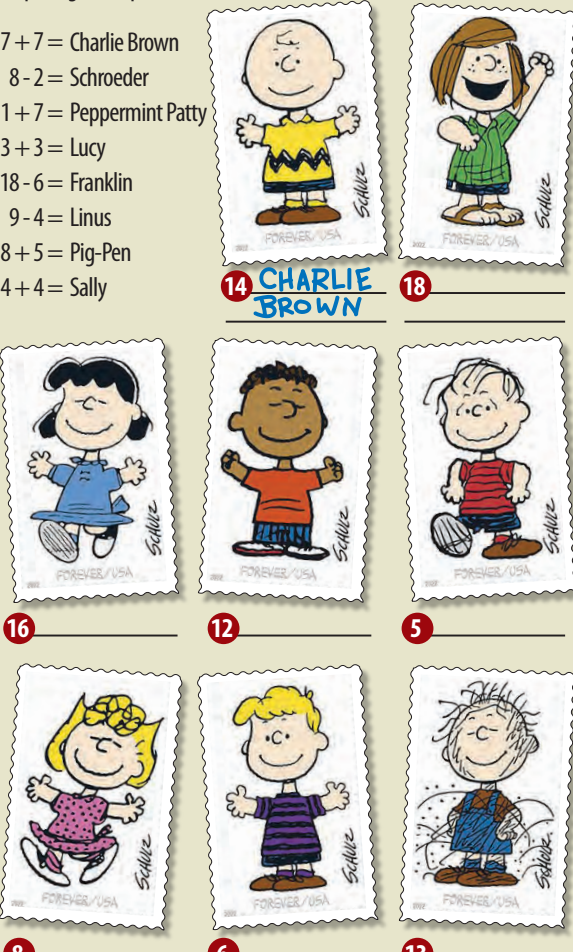
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PEANUTS CHARACTER MATCH

Do you know the names of these famous *Peanuts* characters featured on U.S. postage stamps? Do the math to label each character.

7 + 7 = Charlie Brown
8 - 2 = Schroeder
11 + 7 = Peppermint Patty
13 + 3 = Lucy
18 - 6 = Franklin
9 - 4 = Linus
8 + 5 = Pig-Pen
4 + 4 = Sally



PEANUTS BY THE NUMBERS

Charles drew **17,897** *Peanuts* comic strips.

There have been **5** feature-length *Peanuts* movies.

There have been **45** *Peanuts* television specials.

SNOOPY

The *Peanuts* character **Snoopy** is based on a pet dog that Charles had as a child. Use the code to find out the name of this pet.

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● = C
● = E
● = H
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● = S

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Charles' Favorite Sport: Hockey

Because Charles Schulz made so many comics featuring hockey, he was admitted into the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame.

Growing up in St. Paul, MN, Charles used a hockey stick to hit tennis balls in his grandmother's basement. His mother helped him make goalie pads out of gunny sacks with rolled-up newspaper sewn inside. His father made an ice rink in their backyard where Charles and his friends played hockey whenever they could — even by streetlight at night.

Charles's love of hockey lasted his entire life. His five children all learned to skate.


In 1969, when a local ice arena closed, Charles bought it and opened the Redwood Empire Arena near his studio in Santa Rosa, CA.

Today, the ice arena is called Snoopy's Home Ice and is located next to the Charles M. Schulz Museum.


How many differences can you find between these two hockey players?



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Main Street board elects officers

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Main Street Advisory Board met Tuesday, Nov. 15, at City Hall. The Advisory Board kicked off their meeting by electing Main Street officers; Britney Jones-Caka was re-elected as board president;

Adriane Hastings was elected as vice president; Kayla Craven was elected as secretary; and Valerie Daniels was elected as treasurer. The advisory board went over the success of Happy Fall Y'all and talked about what they can improve on for next year's event. In other advisory board business,

the board discussed the following events: Small Town Business Saturday, Winterfest, Main Street banquet, Love in Action and the Pow Wow event. The advisory board approved the following agenda items: --approved action regarding grant request for 810 St. Paul Street.



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Nicole Johnson-Davis points her finger up into the sky saying Jesus is number one for the Women Rise Up and Be Encourage Ministries' We are the Daughters of Zion event Saturday, Nov. 19 at the J.B. Wells Expo.

DAUGHTERS OF ZION

Pastor Charles Roaches and his wife Tena Roaches receives a special recognition for being the in longest active ministry in Gonzales and their hard work in the community from Daughters of Zion event Saturday, Nov. 19 at the J.B. Wells Expo. LEFT: Pastor Neva Ford Nation, Pastor Charles Roaches, Tena Roaches and GISD school board member Gloria Torres.



Gonzales County Judge Patrick Davis shakes hands with Pastor Charles Roaches at the Women Rise Up and Be Encourage Ministries' We are the Daughters of Zion event Saturday, Nov. 19 at the J.B. Wells Expo. Both Davis and Roaches were received recognition for their hard work within the community of Gonzales.



WATER

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was the location of the meeting itself and whether to hold it in Gonzales or in Austin. The board members decided on holding the hearing in Gonzales, with the option to Zoom in on call. At the Oct. 11 public hearing, many citizens voiced their concerns to the council. A spokesperson from GBRA was there. "For us to go greater than 9,000-acre feet at additional capacity would require more infrastructure than we're now prepared to move forward with at this time," said Darrell Nichols, senior deputy general manager of GBRA. "When we started our initial project of developing the Carrizo

Aquifer, it was originally 15,000 acre-feet of our water rights that we had — but that started in 2018. There was a need for some additional water before our surface water could be fully developed and that was the reason for the application that we have." GBRA also confirmed that the 9,000-acre feet they opted for matched up with the infrastructure in the Carrizo Aquifer that they can reasonably accommodate. Ted Boriak, a landowner north of Waelder, made public comment regarding at the Nov. 8 meeting expressing his discontent on Nichols' failure to respond to landowners regarding this issue.

The three proposed wells would increase GBRA's authorized production and exportation limits under its existing permits by a total of 9,000 acre-feet. Though the public hearing was mainly aimed at citizen concerns and comments, GBRA confirmed that the 9,000-acre feet they opted for matched up with the infrastructure in the Carrizo Aquifer that they can reasonably accommodate. Sources also have raised concerns to the Inquirer about water well levels in Nixon, which have reportedly fallen by as much as 25 feet in the past six years. This is an ongoing, developing story which the Inquirer will be following.

SMILEY

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CLAYTON KELLEY
Republic Services liaison Terry Gawlik addresses the Smiley City Council about their trash pickup contract.

in the regular containers. Several other presentations were presented to the board, including Victoria Communications Systems (VCS) after they implemented a new radio tower for Gonzales County in Smiley on Finch Street. "We noticed during the hurricane, (Smiley) wasn't getting coverage in this area so we built this beautiful new tower out here — great coverage, county wide," VCS representative Anita Scroggins said. "There's a lot of conversation going on for what you guys need in this area and there's a lot of flexibility that can happen even though we already put up this new Smiley tower." Right after the hurricane, there were several mitigation grants including the Community Block Development grant that qualified cities with gaps in communication. This grant brought the Smiley radio

tower to fruition to enable assisting area coverage. "You guys are kind of at a standstill because our county is still working through the challenge of whether they want to have an LCRA system or Motorola system," Scroggins said. "We are just fortunate that the county radios that were just purchased are all band radios, so it won't matter which direction you will go. Of course, I'm biased and feel like Motorola is the best for y'all." City Marshall Lawrence Robles gave credit to VCS after responding to the crash near the radio tower, he attributed faster response time to them. The council also accepted a fiscal year 2021 audit from CPA firm Goldman, Hunt, and Notz. The full Nov. 16 Smiley City Council meeting was live-streamed and may be viewed on Gonzales Inquirer's Facebook page.

HEART

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the percentage of males is higher for development of heart failure, though cases within the female population are increasing. Adults over 60, in the same date, are shown as twenty times more likely to experience the condition, accounting for over 80% of cases. A data breakdown showing the prevalence of the condition in groups of age and gender is as follows:

AGE	MALE	FEMALE
All ages	2.5%	1.7%
20 to 39	0.3%	0.2%
40 to 59	1.2%	1.7%
60 to 79	6.9%	4.8%
80 and above	12.8%	12%

This data is indicative of the percentage of the population that has heart failure at one point in time during the course of their medical histories. There are many causes, and risk factors, for heart failure, with many related to other health conditions, especially those conditions that directly impact the cardiac muscles. The most common health conditions leading to heart failure are as follows:

- Coronary artery disease (CAD)
- Heart Attack (myocardial infarction)
- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- Heart valve disorder, congenital defects
- Cardiomyopathy (a disease of the heart muscles)
- Myocarditis (inflammation of heart muscles)
- Diabetes (high blood sugar)
- Pulmonary hypertension (increased pressure within the lungs)

Common factors that raise the chances and prevalence for heart failure are as follows:

- Being age 65 or older
- Having a family history of heart failure
- Being African American
- Having obesity, or being very overweight
- Having sleep apnea (chronic breathing disorder in which you stop breathing repeatedly during sleep)
- Smoking and alcohol use
- Living a sedentary lifestyle/lacking exercise
- Having chronic diseases or infections, such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), COVID-19, thyroid disease, and others

With heart failure the percentage of cases that cause death is currently estimated to be about 10% one month following diagnosis. The rate then climbs to 22% at two years and to about 50% at five years. With advances in research and healthcare the overall survival rate improved a great deal from 1950 to 1990, though survival rates have remained largely stable since the 1990s. The rate of survival decreases when heart failure is accompanied by other conditions, such as a history of heart attack or other cardiac related problems, smoking, kidney disease, and diabetes. The mortality rate also increases greatly as the individual ages, with those over the age of 65 representing 90% of deaths currently attributed to the condition. Women diagnosed with this disease also have a higher survival rate at the five year mark, as compared to men the same age ranges. Screening for heart failure includes blood tests, blood pressure checks, cholesterol tests, tests for those diseases that increase risk (diabetes, for example) and tests for abnormal levels of certain biomarkers in the blood, which can be an early indication for the disease. Individuals with high blood pressure present the greatest risk for heart problems, in general, if left untreated. Heart failure is among the leading causes of death in the United States and the condition is even more common among those age 65 and older. The condition can also lead to another leading cause of death in the United States, cardiac arrest. The earliest detection, and start of treatment, for this disease can greatly improve both quality of life and eventual outcomes related to heart failure. If you believe you are at risk please contact your healthcare provider and request follow up care as soon as possible.

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NEWBURY

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support — an observation of late publisher Harlan Bridwell in his weekly newspaper, the Bridgeport Index. Harlan was watching the Super Bowl, maybe 40 years ago. CBS kept rolling a banner at the bottom of the screen promoting upcoming telecasts of hockey on CBS. Harlan knew little about hockey and he considered the ongoing promotion as a major distraction to football. Finally, though, Harlan admitted agreement with the crude message: "Hockey on CBS," not as an example of bathroom humor, but evidence of his rural upbringing around stables and horses....

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CALENDAR

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The spinach transplants also look good at the nurseries. They are the favorite green but are not as productive as kale, chard and the other greens. They can be planted every 2 feet in the row and benefit by fertilizer nearly as much as the onions. A planting of 8 spinach plants usually will meet the needs of a family of four. Plant English peas, lettuce, carrots, beets and turnips by seed. If you are from the Midwest like me, you may also want to plant rutabaga! Remember not to cover the lettuce seed with soil. It needs to be on the

soil surface to germinate. In the flower garden: While you are thinking about English peas in the vegetable garden also consider sweet peas for a fragrant cut flower. If you don't have trellis space consider using vacant tomato cages for supporting the vines. Of course, other cool weather annuals for the sun include snapdragons, stocks, calendulas, alysum, pansies, violas, and dianthus. Stocks have a marvelous fragrance in the same league as sweet peas and dianthus make a good nectar source for the winter flying butterflies. Use vio-

las to bloom all winter in small containers on the patio. In the shade consider primula and cyclamen for spectacular blooms. December is a good month to plant shade trees as long as you take into account how dry the weather was in the spring and summer and you provide plenty of water for the trees. Start out by filling the planting hole with water so the soil surrounding the root ball is moist. Also plan on irrigating the newly planted trees and even trees planted in the last two years weekly or frequently enough to keep the root ball moist.

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Applications may be obtained at the Gonzales County Clerk's Office located at 427 St. George, Suite 200, Gonzales, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:45 P.M. or on the web at www.co.gonzales.tx.us. Only completed applications will be considered. Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M. on December 8, 2022. A drug and alcohol screen test and physical will be required. Gonzales County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age and handicap status in employment or the provision of services. EOE.



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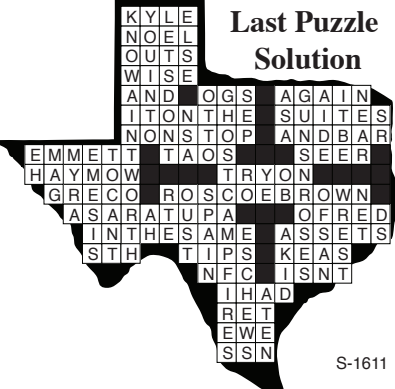


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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO DISCUSS WAELDER ISD’s
State Financial Accountability Rating**

Waelder ISD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING – F.I.R.S.T. Report - at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 12, 2022 in the Cafeteria, 109 N. Ave. C., Waelder, TX. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss WISD’s rating on the state financial accountability system.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by County Auditor Becky Weston, at 427 St. George Street, Suite 301, Gonzales, Texas 78629, until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2022, for the purchase of un-branded gasoline, highway diesel and dyed diesel for Precinct 1, Precinct 2, Precinct 3, and Precinct 4.

The bids will be publicly opened in the third floor conference room of the Randle Rather Building, 427 St. George Street at 10:00 a.m. on December 6, 2022. This is a two year contract, the term is January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2024. All bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with Bid Name and Opening Date in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope.

Specifications may be obtained from the County Auditor’s Office and on the county’s web site at www.co.gonzales.tx.us. Bids received after the time and date specified in the specifications will not be considered.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission (GCRPC) is seeking input on the method of distribution to reallocate **\$1,267,062** in **Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Local Infrastructure Program** funds.

Written and oral comments regarding the Method of Distribution will be taken first at a public planning meeting scheduled for the following date, time, and location:

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., at Victoria Towers, 6th floor board room, 1908 N. Laurent St. Ste. 600, Victoria, TX 77901

Written comments will be received from Wednesday, December 7, 2022, through Thursday, January 9, 2023. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 9, 2023. You may submit comments via email to hannahc@gcrpc.org or via mail, Attn: Hannah Crone, Regional Services Manager, 1908 N. Laurent, Suite 600, Victoria, Texas, 77901.

GCRPC will provide for reasonable accommodations for persons attending the GCRPC public hearings. Public hearings will be conducted in English. Requests from persons needing special accommodations, requests for language interpreters, or requests for other special communication needs should be made at least 72 hours prior to each hearing. For accommodation requests or additional information about this posting, please call (361) 578-1587, x401.

NOTICIA PÚBLICA

Por la presente se notifica que la Comisión de Planificación Regional de la Media Luna Dorada (GCRPC) está buscando información sobre el método de distribución para reasignar **\$1,267,062** en fondos del **Programa de Infraestructura Local de Recuperación de Desastres de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario**.

Los comentarios escritos y orales sobre el Método de Distribución se tomarán primero en una reunión pública de planificación programada para la siguiente fecha, hora y lugar:

Miércoles 7 de diciembre de 2022, a las 6:00 p.m., en Victoria Towers, sala de juntas del 6 piso, 1908 N. Laurent St. Ste. 600, Victoria, TX 77901

Los comentarios por escrito se recibirán desde el miércoles 7 de diciembre de 2022 hasta el jueves 9 de enero de 2023. Los comentarios por escrito deben recibirse a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m., el jueves 9 de enero de 2023. Puede enviar comentarios por correo electrónico a hannahc@gcrpc.org o por correo, Attn: Hannah Crone, Regional Services Manager, 1908 N. Laurent, Suite 600, Victoria, Texas, 77901.

GCRPC proporcionará adaptaciones razonables para las personas que asistan a las audiencias públicas de GCRPC. Las audiencias públicas se llevarán a cabo en inglés. Las solicitudes de personas que necesiten adaptaciones especiales, solicitudes de intérpretes de idiomas o solicitudes de otras necesidades especiales de comunicación deben hacerse al menos 72 horas antes de cada audiencia. Para solicitudes de alojamiento o información adicional sobre esta publicación, llame al (361) 578-1587, x401.

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NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS	\$	BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE
GONZALES COUNTY	\$	DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2022
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and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Gonzales County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on November 8, 2022, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in December 2022, the same being the 6th day of said month, The steps outside the Gonzales County Tax office in the Randle Rather Building, located at 427 St. George, Gonzales, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Gonzales and the State of Texas, to-wit:

6519, Account No(s). R18792, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. MINNIE C. JOHNSON, 3.5 acres, more or less, situated in the Robert Kelly one-third League, Gonzales County, Texas, as described in “First” tract in deed dated December 12, 1952 from Georgie Steens, et al, to Minnie Reed, recorded in Volume 282, Page 362, Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$32,210.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$27,513.73; situs:
Sale Notes:

6646, Account No(s). R16731, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOHNNY BROWN, ET AL., 11.33 acres, more or less, situated in the Richard Heath ¼ league and labor survey, abstract 256, Gonzales County, Texas, as described in Volume 797, page 430, official records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$61,410.00, and an estimated minimum opening bid of \$33,747.75; situs:
Sale Notes:

6979, Account No(s). M82153, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. LISA DORANTES, ET AL, personal property, consisting of a mobile home, serial #12534722, Label #PFS0646887, Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$19,000.00, and an estimated minimum opening bid of \$1,701.41 situs:
Sale Notes:

7200, Account No(s). M86854, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. TOMMY J BLACKMON, ET AL., Mobile Home, Label No. NTA0931487, Serial No. 1PTX8184TX, Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$15,020.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$4,774.72; situs:
Sale Notes:

7236, Account No(s). R15946, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. AUGUSTINE GARCIA, ET AL., Part of Lots 23 and 24, Kings 4th Addition, Gonzales County, Texas, being a portion of property allotted to Augustine Garcia described as “THIRD” in that certain Partition Deed of record in Volume 305, Page 258, Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas, SAVE & EXCEPT any portion of the property that may be taken up by the railroad right-of-way, with an adjudged value of \$33,500.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$7,125.31; situs:
Sale Notes:

7236, Account No(s). R15947, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. AUGUSTINE GARCIA, ET AL., Lot 26, Kings 4th Addition, Gonzales County, Texas, being a portion of property allotted to Augustine Garcia described as “THIRD” in that certain Partition Deed of record in Volume 305, Page 258, Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$5,430.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$1,808.39; situs:
Sale Notes:

7236, Account No(s). R15948, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. AUGUSTINE GARCIA, ET AL., Part of Lot 27, Kings 4th Addition, Gonzales County, Texas, being a portion of property allotted to Augustine Garcia described as “THIRD” in that certain Partition Deed of record in Volume 305, Page 258, Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$3,420.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$1,441.11; situs:
Sale Notes:

7236, Account No(s). R15949, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. AUGUSTINE GARCIA, ET AL., Lot 28, Kings 4th Addition, Gonzales County, Texas, being a portion of property allotted to Augustine Garcia described as “THIRD” in that certain Partition Deed of record in Volume 305, Page 258, Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas, SAVE & EXCEPT any portion of the property that may be taken up by the railroad right-of-way, with an adjudged value of \$3,260.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$1,428.38; situs:
Sale Notes:

7316, Account No(s). R16342, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. CAROLYN PADILLA, AKA CAROLY SUE PADILLA, Part of Lot 47 ½, situated in Kings Sixth Addition, an addition to the City of Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, as described in Volume 1005, Page 688, Official Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$38,360.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$15,013.65; situs:
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7346, Account No(s). R23612, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. S.E. PRITCHARD, ET AL, Lots 39 and 40, King’s 4th Addition, an addition to the Town of Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume X-2, Pages 103 and 104, Deed Records of Gonzales County, Texas, with an adjudged value of \$48,280.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$26,506.49; situs:
Sale Notes:

7364, Account No(s). R28009, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. JP80 RV, LLC, 7.52 acres, more or less, situated in the Phineas James Survey, Abstract 32, Gonzales County, Texas, as described as Tract 1, in deed dated August 4, 2014, from Jason Pence to JP80 RV, LLC, in Volume 1173, Page 199, Official Public Records of Gonzales County, Texas., with an adjudged value of \$98,250.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$13,389.90; situs:
Sale Notes:

7364, Account No(s). R28035, GONZALES COUNTY, ET AL VS. JP80 RV, LLC, 1.98 acres, more or less, situated in the Phineas James Survey, Abstract 32, Gonzales County, Texas, as described as Tract 2, in deed dated August 4, 2014, from Jason Pence to JP80 RV, LLC, in Volume 1173, Page 199, Official Public Records of Gonzales County, Texas., with an adjudged value of \$13,580.00, and an Estimated minimum opening bid of \$2,460.97; situs:
Sale Notes:

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Gonzales County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an inter-est therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Gonzales, Texas, November 8, 2022

Keith Schmidt

Sheriff Keith Schmidt
Gonzales County, Texas

By *Deputy* #1150
Deputy

Notes:
The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, attorney for plaintiffs, at (512) 634-3709.

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RWOYA Constitution Essay scholarship awards presented

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Each year, the Republican Women of Yoakum Area hosts a Constitution Essay Scholarship Contest in conjunction with the observance of Constitution Day in September. High school seniors — public, private, or home-schooled — from the three counties of Lavaca, DeWitt, and Gonzales are invited to participate. In September, 12 area high schools received competition packets and a pocket Constitution for each senior with the rules and a question.

Students were asked to write a two-page essay on a discussion question of an amendment chosen by the RWOYA Education Committee. The essays are numbered and no names of students or the schools are known by the judges. Four winners are chosen from all entries. The teacher who has the most students in the semifinal judging round wins a check for \$300 for excellence in teaching. This year's civics teacher who received this award was Ryan Barnes of Hallettsville High School.

The question this year was: Under the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution, "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, house, papers, and effects, against unreasonable search and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported



Pictured from left to right are Rick Green, speaker; Ryan Barnes; Jacob Wachsmuth; Nathan Sandelovic; Mollie Kolas; Kathryn Kostelnik; and RWOYA president Kaci Gifford.

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by Oath or affirmation and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

1. What makes a search and seizure unreasonable? Provide a historical background and then contrast and compare to present day.

2. Do you see examples of this happening by our government agencies? If yes, give examples. Should there be consequences and penalties?

More than 160 people attended the luncheon to see and hear Rick Green, a constitutional scholar and speaker who co-hosts for the national, daily, and popular Wall-Builders radio and TV show with David Barton, present the awards.

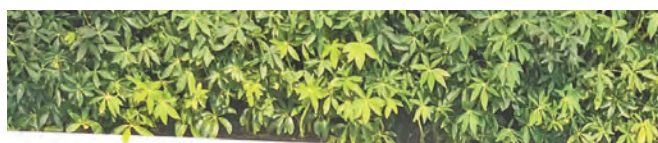
Rick and his wife, Cara, founded Patriot Academy, an elite, young, leadership training program specializing in applied civics with Biblical, historical, and Constitu-

tion foundation. Certificates and cash awards were presented by Green and Helen Appelt, co-chair of the RWOYA Education Committee. The grand prize winner, Jacob Wachsmuth of St. Paul Catholic School, read his winning essay to the audience.

Winners are:

- Teacher (\$300): Ryan Barnes, Hallettsville High School.
- Grand Prize (\$1,200): Jacob Wachsmuth, St. Paul Catholic School, son of Jake and Christine Wachsmuth, Shiner.
- First Place (\$700): Nathan Sandelovic, Hallettsville High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sandelovic, Hallettsville.
- Second Place (\$500): Mollie Kolas, Shiner High School, daughter of Becky Hill, Shiner.
- Third Place (\$300): Kathryn Kostelnik, Sacred Heart Catholic School, daughter of Todd and Jennifer Loudon, Hallettsville.

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Happy-Thanks-Giving, folks. Depending on when you're reading this, I truly do hope you're having, or did have a great Thanksgiving. I separated the words because it seems that it's way too easy for any of us to get caught up in the holiday prep side of things, the excitement of a few extra days off of work or school, and/or spending time with those we love, or have learned to at least tolerate, (yep, families and friends can be somewhat challenging at times), to really reflect on what this holiday is all about...giving thanks. Giving thanks to whom, you ask? Well, for this old boy there's only one answer, Almighty God. The one who created us and loves us in spite of ourselves, which in and of itself, is a brobdingnagian reason for giving thanks!

What's a brobdingnagian? Well, until twelve seconds ago, I'd never heard of it either (thanks Google). Apparently it's a word originating from the Gulliver's Travels series as he was traveling through the land of the giants meaning; enormous, immense or gigantic. I guess it's true, we're never too old to learn new things, and we're definitely never too old to give thanks to God for what he's given us...thank you, Lord.

As for me, I thank God several times every day. It's not a religious thing, I'm just very appreciative of the life he's allowed me to live, the good, the bad, and the ugly (unless my mirror's lying to me?). While life on earth is not always a bed of roses as they say, it's still a pretty phenomenal experience overall, and should never be taken for granted, as it could disappear at a moments notice. Even my dog is smart enough to give thanks. Every morning when she gets up off of her thick large foam bed positioned in front of the heater, she waddles into the kitchen smiling from ear to ear, wagging her tail so hard there's dents in my refrigerator doors (just like Eloise used to do, miss you honey). Yep, my dog knows it's time for her morning treats, fully appreciating and understanding that hot dogs are; the most important meal of the day. I even thank God for her, as she's been a great companion and comfort, especially after loosing Eloise. While I do believe that Eloise and I will catch up later, as she'll probably be running the biggest thrift store Heaven's ever seen, that doesn't always make it easier here on earth. I'm just thankful that we got to spend over twenty five love and laugh filled years together, as they were surely the highlight of my short time here, again...thank you, Lord. I could do this all day, but there's probably not enough digital paper in my computer to list everything I'm grateful for!

While I (nor anyone else) fully understands God and why he'd set



1 Thessalonians 5:18
"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

things up here the way he has (trials, tribulations and all), I liken it to flying; we have to have confidence that the pilot will land us safely. So, when flying "United Divine Airlines", just eat your peanuts, put on your headset and enjoy the show, having comfort in knowing that the captain knows exactly what he's doing, no parachute required.

Next week I'll get back to honoring my father, who sadly passed away this month, and the incredible life he led during his short ninety-year journey here on earth. Even though our relationship was very different than what most people experience, it still played an important role in my life, and he was loved and appreciated very much, and will be greatly missed. I'm looking forward to sharing my favorite memories of the limited time we had together, as they were pretty awesome. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

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Evelyn Gottwald memorial plaque dedicated at Harwood Cemetery

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

On Saturday, Nov. 12, the Evelyn Gottwald family gathered as the Harwood Cemetery Association officially dedicated a plaque to honor her service to the Harwood Community. Present that day, were her two sons, Dr. Kenneth Gottwald and wife Sue, and Darrell Gottwald. Also attending were her three grandsons, Ross, Steve and James, along with their families.

Evelyn Breitschopf grew up in Harwood, and went to the local Harwood school. She married N.H. Gottwald Jr. and became a school teacher in the Gonzales schools. Fellow classmates, Marjorie Appling Fairchild and Dorothy Nell Edwards Gilkey shared memories growing up with Evelyn.

Harwood had a city cemetery since its early beginnings in the 1870s. As the city declined, and the school closed, the cemetery was neglected. In 1957, the Harwood Cemetery Association was organized. Evelyn Gottwald became the Secretary-Treasurer in 1958. She guided the committee to write by-laws and qualify as a non-profit organization.

Mrs. Gottwald inventoried the Harwood Cemetery. She and her husband, "Snookie" handmade concrete headstones for many of the unmarked graves. In 2002, Peggy White Engledow assisted Evelyn in compiling a book of obituaries of the people buried in the Harwood Cemetery and of people with Harwood roots buried



in other places. Much time and work went into the research of burial records and the collection of over 1,100 obituaries.

In 2003, "Obituaries, Harwood Friends," was submitted to the Texas State Genealogical Society for judging. The book was given the Distinguished Award at the State meeting that year. Evelyn compiled annual supplements for each of the years following.

Evelyn and her son Darrell would often be seen mowing and caring for the cemetery over the years. Neighbors would join them occasionally, as Evelyn was in her 70s and still using the weedeater.

Many cemetery committee members have worked with Evelyn over the years. All will attest to her love of the community and the cemetery. For nearly 60 years she dedicated so much time and work. We honor and remember her service.

OBITUARY

MARY ALICE BABERS RUDDOCK

Mary Alice Babers was born February 27, 1930 in Bonham, Texas. She was the fifth of seven children born to Robert Emmett and Rollie Cassie (Miller) Babers. She was raised on their farm, being no stranger to hard work. After high school she moved to Dallas and worked as a telephone operator. She met Carl Ray Wood on a blind date, and they married on February 9, 1950. Over the years they welcomed three daughters, Judy Schramm (Ben), Nancy Wilson (Clint) and Linda Drake (Bob). Their grandchildren enriched their lives, Curtis Schramm (Rachel), Emmett Schramm (who preceded her in death in 1996), Rolly Mylius III, and Karla Morgan (Daniel). They had two step-grandchildren, Rod (Carrie) Drake, and Lisa (Bill) Osborn. They were blessed with great-grandchildren, Emily Schramm, Matthew Schramm, Lilly Mylius, Colton Mylius, Judd Mylius, Cade Morgan, and Carver Morgan. Their step-greatgrandchildren are Audrey Drake, Madeline Holloway, Afton Hlavaty, Alexandra Osborn, and Drake Osborn.

Mary and Carl made Gonzales their home in 1962 where they purchased a farm and began raising laying hens and cattle. Mary was very involved in their business. She knew every cow by name and could gather eggs in lightning speed with real accuracy. They were active members of the First Baptist Church their entire lives together. Mary and Carl enjoyed traveling overseas many times and all across the United States in their R.V. Carl preceded her in death in 2009.

Mary remarried Upton Ruddock in 2014 and they loved and enjoyed each other immensely until his death in 2019.

Mary was a fierce competitor in every game she



played and in everything she did. She worked hard and played harder. She loved to tease and make a deal with anyone. She lived with high expectations of herself and her family. Mary could make the best coconut cr me pie in the world, with dewberry cobbler as a close second. She loved Jesus and was faithful in her walk with Him.

Mary, Mother, Ma Maw, cannot and will not ever be forgotten. Her pride, strength and sassy spirit will live on in all the family and friends she so dearly loved.

The family will receive friends from 4 pm to 6 pm Sunday, November 20, 2022 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 pm Monday, November 21, 2022 in the First Baptist Church with Revs. Chris Irving and Lynn Wilson officiating. Interment will follow in the Gonzales Masonic Cemetery. Pallbearers: Matthew Schramm, Rolly Mylius, III, Clint Wilson, Daniel Morgan, Joe Freeman, Steve Jacobus, Rod Drake, and Bill Osborn. Honorary pallbearers: Ben Schramm, Curtis Schramm, Carver Morgan, Cade Morgan, Colton Mylius, and Judd Mylius. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by going to www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.



Pictured from the left are Annette Meyer, Rae Nell Janik and Bernadette Kresta, each keenly using her seam ripper to be the first contestant to successfully open a seam. The contest was held at the Nov. 1 Shiner Heritage Quilters meeting and Annette won the "race."

Daniel speaks to Shiner Heritage Quilters group

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Carol Daniel, owner of The Square Quilter Shop in Shiner, spoke about Creative Grids specialty rulers and events scheduled at the store during the Nov. 1 Shiner Heritage Quilters meeting. Kathleen Schacherl showed the Christmas ornaments made by members that will decorate the guild Christmas Tree at the Yoakum Museum Annual Christmas Tree Forest. Janet Ferguson announced that the popular "Block-of-the-Month" project will be introduced at the Jan.

3, 2023 meeting Show and Tell followed and door prizes were distributed by hostesses: Rose Mary Havlik, Bennie Gerdes and Janet Zabransky. Everyone is looking forward to the member Christmas Dinner at the next meeting on Dec. 6.

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Mustangs defensive tackle Gracen Martin (66) hits Tidehaven freshman quarterback Kale Russell (14) in the area playoff round in Garwood, Texas Friday, Nov. 18.

Mustangs' season ends in area round

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs football season came to an end in the area round in a 56-8 loss to the Tidehaven Tigers Friday, Nov. 18, at Rice Consolidated.

The Mustangs finished their season with a 7-5 record, a 5-1 district record (their best conference mark since 2005) and their first bi-district title since 2016.

Mustangs head coach Troy Moses, who took over the program in 2021, in his second season helped Nixon-Smiley return to the playoffs for the first time in three years.

Moses talked about the last two years with the team and how much this senior group bought into his program when he arrived.

"They bought into what I had to say, and they believed in us, and they believe in their coaches, and they really worked hard. They came miles and miles of progress from the first day," Moses said.

The Mustangs trailed 42-0 at halftime against Tide-

haven, but managed to pull off an onside kick to start the second half that led to 39-yard connection from junior quarterback Luke Moses to senior running back Bradyn Martinez.

Moses told his players at halftime about "raising the bar" against opponents like Tidehaven.

"When we played quality opponents, we can't just keep doing what we always do. You got to give extra effort and give it extra motivation, and play harder and faster than you ever played before," Moses said.

The future is bright for the Nixon-Smiley Mustangs and Moses said they have a good core coming back next season, even though they are losing big key seniors.

"I think we got a good core and we got some good young kids coming up. We got to work hard in the offseason, we gotta get stronger in the weight room and sky's the limit," Moses said.

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs finished their 2022 season as area finalists.



Mustangs running back Bradyn Martinez (14) gets block from Ryan Paez (54) in their area playoff match against the Tidehaven Tigers Friday, Nov. 18. Martinez caught the Mustangs only touchdown with a 39 yard connection from quarterback Luke Moses in the third quarter.

Lady Mustangs softball player signs to next level

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

Signing day continued across the country and made a stop to include Nixon-Smiley High School senior Madeline Velasquez on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

The current Nixon-Smiley shortstop, Velasquez signed to play softball with Concordia University in Austin. Velasquez' career stats, according to MaxPreps.com, include 38 hits, 32 RBIs, 24 runs, nine doubles, one triple and three home runs for the Lady Mustangs.

Velasquez is very excited to play and continue her softball career at the college level.

"It feels great that I know my hard work paid off. It took a lot of time, effort and a lot of dedication. So it feels good knowing that it is all getting somewhere," Velasquez said.

Velasquez loves the program offered at Concordia, she said. Adding that she loves the coaching environment, and that the campus is "beautiful" and already feels like home to her. Years of playing softball as a child helped Velasquez to get to her signing day and she hopes to be given the opportunity to play at the college level.

"I have worked my butt off all of my childhood pretty



Senior Madeline Velasquez signs her commitment to play softball with Concordia University in Austin in the Nixon-Smiley Gym with her family.

much. It took a lot of dedication from me and my parents, pretty much everyone around me, so that's pretty much the ultimate goal. Why I chose there (Concordia)," Velasquez said.

Other than softball, Velasquez is planning to major in psychology at Concordia Uni-

versity and she hopes to go to a PA school and get her master's degree. This signing will contribute towards her tuition as Velasquez looks forward to both going to college to learn, and playing softball on the college level. She said she is excited about the coaching staff and everyone at Con-

cordia, as she looks forward to the upcoming, formative, four years. This scholarship will help secure her education and continued participation in the sport she loves.

Velasquez will take the softball field one last time for the Lady Mustangs in Spring 2023.

Lady Mustangs finish fifth in season's first tourney

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs varsity basketball team posted a 4-2 record in the Skidmore-Tynan Tournament Thursday, Nov. 17 to Saturday, Nov. 19.

The Lady Mustangs won the first two games of tournament Thursday with wins over the Sinton Pirates, 53-49, and the Taft Greyhounds, 43-6.

On day two of the tournament, the Lady Mustangs fell to Falls City, 44-30, and Jourdan, 61-37.

In the final day of the tournament, the Lady Mustangs capped off with two wins over Bloomington and George West to secure fifth place. Mady Velasquez was named to the All-Tournament team.

The Lady Mustangs faced the Gonzales Lady Apaches last Monday.

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs will host the Skidmore-Tynan Lady Bobcats Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Tip off is set for 5 p.m.

Lady Apaches start 4-0, beat Lady Mustangs

FROM STAFF REPORTS

For the first time in seven years, the Gonzales Lady Apaches are 4-0 to start a season.

The Lady Apaches went on the road and defeated the Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs, 38-33, in Nixon on Monday, Nov. 21. The last time Gonzales started a season with four straight wins was during the 2015-16 season.

Gonzales held a 22-18 lead at halftime and was able to outscore Nixon-Smiley, 16-15, in the second half.

The Lady Apaches will return to the court at Yoakum on Tuesday, Nov. 29, in a non-district game before facing those same Lady Bulldogs two days later at the Marion Tournament on Dec. 1-3.

The Lady Mustangs (6-4) will face Skidmore-Tynan at home at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, in a non-district game and then will play in the Karnes City Tournament on Dec. 1-3.



CONTRIBUTED/TIFFANY TALLEY YATES
Kendall Amaya puts up a three-point shot for Nixon-Smiley against Gonzales on Monday, Nov. 21. The Lady Mustangs kept the game close, but ultimately lost this matchup of county teams, 38-33.



CONTRIBUTED/ERIN SAMPLE MCCRAY
Gonzales Coach Dana Beal-Sestak, right, gives instructions to Sydney McCray and Carlee Ramos during Monday's game between the Lady Apaches and the Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs. Gonzales won, 38-33, to improve to 4-0.



CONTRIBUTED/ERIN SAMPLE MCCRAY
Gonzales senior Carlee Ramos dribbles the ball downcourt during a fast break against Nixon-Smiley on Monday, Nov. 21.



CONTRIBUTED/ERIN SAMPLE MCCRAY
Bella Aguero (2) puts defensive pressure on a Needville ballhandler during the Lady Apaches' 45-31 road win on Friday, Nov. 18.

Lady Apaches stay undefeated in 45-31 win over Needville

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches varsity basketball move to 3-0 of the season with a 45-31 win over the Needville Bluejays on the road Friday, Nov. 18.

In the first quarter the Lady Apaches shut out the Bluejays, 12-0, and the defense only allowed nine points in the first half.

The Lady Apaches struggled in the third quarter, only scoring five points, but quickly turned in around in the fourth quarter, scoring 18 points against Needville.

The Lady Apaches faced the Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs Monday, Nov. 21.

The Lady Apaches will travel to Yoakum Tuesday, Nov. 29, to face the Lady Bulldogs.



CONTRIBUTED/ERIN SAMPLE MCCRAY
Sydney McCray (3) tries to disrupt a pass by a Needville player on Friday, Nov. 18. The Lady Apaches held the Blue Jays scoreless in the first period and won, 45-31.



CONTRIBUTED/ERIN SAMPLE MCCRAY
Sydney McCray (3) and Kilee Schwausch converge on a loose ball for the Lady Apaches while Isabella Ikard (15) watches during the game at Needville on Nov. 18.



CONTRIBUTED/ERIN SAMPLE MCCRAY
Kilee Schwausch goes for a steal against Needville on Friday, Nov. 18. Gonzales proved to be too tough for their hosts as they remained unbeaten.

Apaches seal win with three point against Moulton

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches improved to 4-1 on the season and handed the Moulton Bobkatz their first loss of the season, 53-51, Monday, Nov. 11.

The Apaches dominated the game, leading by as much as 11 points heading into the third quarter against Moulton.

Moulton's defense shut down the Apaches' offense to three points heading into the final

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VANDY VAN EPPS
Apaches center Luke Avant (35) tips off with Moulton player, Trenton Meisetchleader at center court for the Monday, Nov. 21.

Apaches improve to 3-1 with Luling win

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Apaches won two in a row with a 58-40 win over the Luling Eagles Friday, Nov. 18 at home.

Senior forward Josh Esparza led the Apaches with 16 points in the win over the Eagles, and senior Angel Martinez was second in points with 13 points.

Apaches vs Luling STATS

- Angel Martinez – 13 points
- Josh Esparza – 16 points
- Luke Avant – 8 points
- Gavin Lekgega – 8 points
- Weston Ruddock – 4 points
- John Rivera – 3 points
- Chrisean White – 3 points
- Ryder McGehee – 1 point
- Parker Storey – 2 points

Lady Apaches named to All-District volleyball squad

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Lady Apaches varsity volleyball received All-District recognition in 4A District 28 on Thursday, Nov. 17.

FIRST TEAM ALL-DISTRICT

Senior outside hitter Kristyn Baker

SECOND TEAM ALL-DISTRICT

Senior outside hitter McKenzie Hodges and junior middle hitter Sydney McCray

ALL-DISTRICT HONORABLE

Junior setter Macy Sample, junior outside hitter Kelly Breitschopf, and senior defensive specialist Maddy York.

ALL-DISTRICT ACADEMIC

McKenzie Hodges, Sydney McCray, Dakota Schmidt, Hannah Avant, Kelly Breitschopf, Macy Sample, Tara Lester, Maddy York, Kristyn Baker, Carlee Ramos, and Alyson Jahns.

Hunters reminded to report antlerless deer harvest in Gonzales County

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) wants to remind hunters to report their harvest during the antlerless deer season, Nov. 24-27.

Mandatory reporting is required for any antlerless deer harvested during the four-day doe season, along with any antlerless deer harvested during the archery, youth-only and muzzleloader seasons. Within 24 hours of harvest, hunters in the 21 counties listed below must report their harvest to TPWD using either the free My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile app (for iOS and Android) or on the My Texas Hunt Harvest web page.

Counties required to report their harvest include Austin, Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Comal (east of I-35), De Witt, Fayette, Goliad (north of US 59), Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays (east of I-35), Jackson (north of US 59), Karnes, Lavaca, Lee, Travis (east of I-35), Victoria (north of US 59), Waller, Washington, Wharton (north of US 59) and Wilson.

Additionally, for the four counties that remain dedicated to archery-only hunting (Dallas, Grayson, Rockwall and Collin), hunters are now required to report all white-tailed deer harvests within 24 hours through the My Harvest Hunt App during all white-tailed deer seasons. Accurate reporting allows agency wildlife biologists to properly study hunting impacts on local herds and develop more hunting opportunities.

For more information about hunting regulations, methods and seasons, consult the 2022-23 Outdoor Annual. Hunters can download the Outdoor Annual app for free for iOS and Android.

CWD TESTING

TPWD reminds hunters that agency wildlife biologists and animal health officials are collecting and testing Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) samples from hunter-harvested deer to get a clearer picture of the prevalence and distribution of the disease across Texas. Proactive monitoring improves the state's response time to CWD detection and can greatly reduce the risk of the disease further spreading to neighboring captive and free-ranging populations.

Hunters in surveillance and containment zones must meet submission requirements of harvested CWD susceptible species. Additionally, hunters outside of established surveillance and containment zones are encouraged to voluntarily submit their harvest for testing at a check station, for free, before heading home from the field. Hunters can find a map of TPWD check stations for all CWD zones on the TPWD website. Hunters can also contact their local biologist to submit a sample.

For more information about CWD, visit the TPWD web site or the TAHC web site.

Rainbow trout stocking returns statewide

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The annual Texas winter tradition of rainbow trout stocking is heading back to waterbodies across the state to kick off the holiday season. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will begin stocking thousands of rainbow trout on Nov. 23, the day before Thanksgiving.

TPWD plans to stock 337,469 rainbow trout in Texas from Nov. 23 through March 3. Palmetto State Park, between Luling and Gonzales, will receive 900 rainbow trout from A.E. Wood State Fish Hatchery on Jan. 4. Most trout stocking occurs between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Exact times are unavailable. Total quantity is distributed over the scheduled stock dates.



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Luke Avant (35) defends Moulton's Talan Darilek (3) from shooting the ball in the third quarter of the Gonzales-Moulton game. The Apaches will host the Nixon-Smiley Mustangs Tuesday, Nov. 29 at the Apache Gym.

APACHES

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minute of regulation.

Apaches head basketball coach Matthew Hart talked about his team's struggles and gave a lot credit to Moulton's defense for playing tough.

"They did a little bit better job defensively in the fourth quarter," Hart said. "But I'm glad our guys were able to pull it off and play composed enough to pull out the victory and hit some big baskets towards the end of the game."

The Bobkatz took the lead, 51-49, with less than 30 seconds left, but sophomore guard Gavin Lekgega sealed the win with a three-pointer in the corner.

Lekgega talked about that three-pointer and what went through his mind when it went in. He said he didn't realize that he made the three until he heard the crowd roar.

Hart and Lekgega's teammates junior forward Parker Storey, who recorded back-to-back steals in the first half, and senior guard Angel Martinez, who recorded 33 points, talked about Lekgega's game winning three.

"I was very excited for him, because at the time, we had a couple turnovers and I told him, you've got to remain confident, you've got to stay confident, because something like that might happen," Hart said.

Martinez said he thought Lekgega was going to miss the shot,



Apaches sophomore guard Gavin Lekgega (1) battles Moulton's Atley Pilat (5) in a non-district contest Monday, Nov. 21 in Apache Gym. Lekgega sealed the win for the Apaches with a three point shot putting them up 53-51 over Moulton.

but he was excited that his teammate made the "tough shot" to win the game.

"We were down by one, I kicked out the ball to Gavin and he made it. I was getting all excited ... It was pretty stressful at the end, but worked out," Storey said.

The Apaches traveled to San Antonio Tuesday, Nov. 22, to face an Alamo Heights team that is 5-1 on the season. Results were not available at press time as that game began at 12:30 p.m.

"We're gonna have to be ready to go and we're going to have everyone kind of watch a little bit of film on Alamo Heights that I uploaded for them to see," Hart said "But just be aware that we got another one to get to and we got to keep growing and keep pushing forward from where we are right now."

The Apaches next home game, they'll host the Nixon-Smiley Mustangs on Tuesday, Nov. 29. Tip off is set for 7 p.m.

Waelder places six on All-District lists

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Six Waelder Lady Wildcats athletes earned 28-A All-District recognition in volleyball, according to Waelder head coach Mackinly

Pilat.

Luz Ramos was named to first-team All-District, while Lorelei Moreno and Yesica Ramos were named to the second team and Isabella Nava and Alexa Mendiola

were named honorable mention.

Earning Academic All-District recognition were Yesica Ramos, Luz Ramos, Isabella Nava, Lorelei Moreno, Alexa Mendiola and Ana Balderas.



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2022 Gonzales Inquirer

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Cast your votes today!

- Winners will be announced in a special edition on January 5, 2023.
- Nomination ballots will be accepted until December 1, 2022.
- Final voting will be December 8 to December 14, 2022!

The Gonzales Inquirer bears sole responsibility for the contest.

Here it is!

The official ballot of the Inquirer's annual readership survey!

Attention Inquirer readers: Here is your chance to vote for your favorite-Readers' Choice! Vote for your favorite in more than 100 categories. Choices for all categories must be in the greater Gonzales County area which includes: Gonzales, Harwood, Waelder, Nixon, Smiley, Moulton, Ottine, Cost, Belmont, Flatonia, Shiner, Yoakum, Cuero, Hochheim, Leesville, Westhoff and Luling.

Business

- Best Antique Store _____
- Best Appliance Store _____
- Best Architect _____
- Best New Auto Dealership _____
- Best Pre-Owned Auto Dealership _____
- Best Auto Parts _____
- Best Auto Repair _____
- Best Backhoe/Tractor Service _____
- Best Bank/Financial Institution _____
- Best Beauty Shop _____
- Best Bed and Breakfast _____
- Best Body Shop _____
- Best Boutique _____
- Best Building Supplies _____
- Best Car Wash _____
- Best Caterer _____
- Best Cattle Company _____
- Best Child Care _____
- Best Children's Wear _____
- Best Chiropractor _____
- Best Craft Store _____
- Best Costume Jewelry _____
- Best Computer Service _____
- Best Contractor (Building/Remodeling) _____
- Best Convenience Store/Gas _____
- Best Cosmetics _____
- Best Deli _____
- Best Detail Shop _____
- Best Dollar/Discount Store _____
- Best Drilling Company/Where _____
- Best Dry Cleaners _____
- Best Electricians _____
- Best Farm Equipment _____
- Best Farm Supply Store _____
- Best Feed Store _____
- Best Fertilizer _____
- Best Fine Jewelry _____
- Best Firearms _____
- Best Florist _____
- Best Funeral Services _____
- Best Furniture _____
- Best Gift Shop _____
- Best Grocery Store _____
- Best Hardware _____
- Best Health/Fitness Business _____
- Best Heating/AC _____
- Best Hotel/Motel _____
- Best Hospital _____
- Best Insurance Company _____
- Best Internet Provider _____
- Best Investment Firm _____
- Best Landscaping/Ground Main _____
- Best Law Firm _____
- Best Liquor Store _____
- Best Lawn and Garden Products _____
- Best Loan Company _____
- Best Marketing/Design _____
- Best Men's Wear _____
- Best Money Mngt. Company/Where _____
- Best Monument Co. _____
- Best Newspaper _____

- Best Nursing Home/Assisted Living _____
- Best Oil Change _____
- Best Pet Grooming _____
- Best Pest Control _____
- Best Pharmacy _____
- Best Phone Service _____
- Best Physical/Occ. Therapy _____
- Best Pro. Photography _____
- Best Plant Nursery _____
- Best Plumbing Business _____
- Best Poultry Supply _____
- Best Printing _____
- Best Real Estate Firm _____
- Best Rental Center _____
- Best Restaurant _____
- Best Restroom - Men _____
- Best Restroom - Women _____
- Best Royalties Company/Where _____
- Best Storage Units _____
- Best Tax Preparer _____
- Best Tanning Salon _____
- Best Thrift Store _____
- Best Tires _____
- Best Title Company _____
- Best Trucking Company/Where _____
- Best Veterinarian _____
- Best Western Wear _____
- Best Window Tinting _____
- Best Women's Wear _____

Fun Stuff

- Best Campground/RV Park _____
- Best Civic Club _____
- Best Comm. Festival/Event _____
- Best Family Entertainment _____
- Best Fishing Hole _____
- Best Hiking Trail _____
- Best Live Play Performance _____
- Best Movie Theatre _____
- Best Music Venue _____
- Best Night Club/Bar _____
- Best Park _____
- Best Place to Swim _____
- Best Place to Work _____
- Best Public Boat Ramp _____
- Best School _____
- Best Wedding Venue _____

People

- Mr. Gonzales County _____
- Ms. Gonzales County _____
- Best Accountant _____
- Best Bank Teller/Where _____
- Best Barber/Where _____
- Best Bartender/Where _____
- Best Beautician/Where _____
- Best Carpenter _____
- Best Car Salesperson/Where _____
- Best Cashier/Where _____
- Best CNA/Where _____
- Best Coach/Where _____
- Best Comm. Icon _____

- Best Comm. Volunteer _____
- Best Delivery Driver _____
- Best Dentist/Where _____
- Best Doctor/Where _____
- Best Elected Offi cial _____
- Best EMS Worker _____
- Best Firefighter _____
- Best Government Employee _____
- Best Insurance Agent/Where _____
- Best Lawyer/Where _____
- Best Local Band or Musician _____
- Best Manicurist/Where _____
- Best Massage Therapist _____
- Best Mechanic/Where _____
- Best Nurse/Where _____
- Best Nurse Practitioner; Phys. Asstant./Where _____
- Best Peace Officer _____
- Best Pharmacist _____
- Best Pharmacy Technician _____
- Best Postal Carrier _____
- Best Real Estate Agent/Where _____
- Best Receptionist _____
- Best Salesperson/Where _____
- Best School Principal/Where _____
- Best Teacher/Where _____
- Best Truck Driver/Where _____
- Best Wait Person/Where _____
- Best Welder/Where _____

Food and Drink

- Best Appetizers _____
- Best BBQ _____
- Best Breakfast _____
- Best Breakfast Tacos _____
- Best Buffet _____
- Best Chicken Fried Steak _____
- Best Chili _____
- Best Coffee _____
- Best Doughnuts _____
- Best Drive Thru _____
- Best Fine Dining _____
- Best French Fries _____
- Best Fried Chicken _____
- Best Hamburgers _____
- Best Hot Sauce _____
- Best Ice Cream/Yogurt _____
- Best Iced Tea _____
- Best Italian Food _____
- Best Kids Meal _____
- Best Lunch Specials _____
- Best Margarita _____
- Best Mexican Food _____
- Best Mixed Drink _____
- Best Pizza _____
- Best Salad Bar _____
- Best Sandwiches _____
- Best Soup _____
- Best Steak _____

Contest Rules

These ballots will determine nominees for a final round of voting in December. In occupations that Texas law requires a license or certification to practice, only those who meet the requirements will advance to the final round. For example, only licensed physicians are eligible for Best Doctor. Primary care providers who are credentialed as physician's assistant or nurse practitioner can be nominated in the PA/Nurse Practitioner category. Nurses who do not work as a primary care provider can be nominated under the Best Nurse Category. You must name the facility where your nominated health care provider works. Only ballots taken from The Gonzales Inquirer will be counted. NO COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Businesses nominated have to be in Gonzales County area and individuals nominated must live or work in Gonzales County. Ballots may be dropped off at the newspaper at 622 St. Paul Street or mailed to Readers Choice 2022, Box 616, Gonzales, TX 78629. Nomination ballots will be accepted until Dec. 1, 2022. Finalists will appear on Thursday, Dec. 8. Final voting will take place from Dec. 8-14. Winners will be announced on Jan. 5, 2023.

EGG drop



GVEC lineman Lane Mills stands in the cherry picker bucket while lineman Adam Ramirez passes egg drop projects to him.



Some egg drop projects were not so fortunate as others.



Lineman Adam Ramirez and teachers Brandi Pish and Carol Farek wait to load up projects on the cherry picker outside Gonzales Junior High School, across from the Gonzales Memorial Museum.



Nick Villa used balloons to slow the free fall of his project to great success. Lane Mills dropped the project from 20 feet and the egg easily survived.

PHOTOS BY LEW K. COHN



Science teachers Michele Duke and Carol Farek await another project drop while Hays Gray grabs his stuffed animal and balloons, which also survived the 20-foot drop.



Among those who had successful egg drops early on were, from left, Michael Modgling, Ellie Lester, Maggie Farrar, Emma Stewart, Lilah Coke, Brinklee Marrow and Reagan Daniel.



Ellie Lester is all smiles as she stands next to GJHS assistant principal Allison Marrow because her project survived.



Jason Whitted and Ashton Tijerina are happy their projects managed to escape relatively unscathed.

WINTERFEST

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served rural Gothic church and its newly renovated turn-of-the-century rectory.

This year, doors open to a fabulous residential renovation of the oldest co-educational college west of the Mississippi and gives visitors an intimate peek inside the doors of a Victorian masterpiece in transition.

Next door, a 1936 Magnolia Oil Station complete with some great classic cars awaits visitors. Even the spot where you can purchase or pick up your online tickets is a restored 1914 historic home and will have a great car out front during tour time.

The same over-the top exuberance that created the circa 1895 Kennard House drives the restoration in progress and its current owner's willingness to share some of his stories of the restoration challenges and joys.

John Edgecomb refers to himself as merely the steward of this architectural masterpiece and expressed his commitment to its protection and of the story of its place in Texas history. In the same block as his home is the Magnolia Oil Service Station. It is now his workshop and the repository for some of his coolest cars.

Step back in history at the 1885 JB Wells house museum and homestead grounds. This DAR maintained property is a treasure trove of tangible Texas history and is filled with original furniture, decorative objects and documents. Weather permitting, the grounds of the original homestead and the summer kitchen will open to visitors this Winterfest.

Visitors will need to allow ex-

1



J.B. Wells House Museum
833 Mitchell Street

2



W.M. Atkinson House/
The Old Gonzales College
820 Saint Louis Street

3



Episcopal Church of the Messiah and Manse
721 Saint Louis Street

4



J.B. Kennard House
621 Saint Louis Street

5



1936 Magnolia Oil Station
624 Saint Lawrence Street

tra time to study the interior the charming Rural Gothic Episcopal Church of the Messiah. Constructed in 1880 services have been held within these walls without interruption since that

time. The interior of church, the pews and altar are constructed of local black walnut, and of special interest is the fascinating tale of the hand-carved angel lectern.

On the northeast corner of the campus sits the imposing old rectory, welcoming visitors this Winterfest for the first since the recent renovation. Surrounded with historical memorabilia and photos, but updated for modern uses the rectory helps the visitors understand some of the possibilities of how to preserve history in the 21st century.

The stately structure of the Old Gonzales College beckons visitors and even its new owners from around the globe. Today, the remaining building is the occasional residence to a family who resides in Geneva, Switzerland, but often chooses to spend their holidays in this gracious piece of Texas history.

The college is one of the most remarkable examples of how a 19th century building can be blended into 21st century design and new purpose. The central building that was originally the woman's college was built in 1853 still stands proudly on the avenue that was the path of The Runaway Scrape.

In its heyday the college boasted both a male and female college and flourished until the ravages of drought and civil war finally closed its doors. This Winterfest, those very those doors are open once again.

You don't want to miss this Winterfest Tour of some of the jewels of Gonzales ... homes, museums, churches, and grounds in which to stroll. Tour tickets are available online at Gonzaleshistorichomes.org and at Laurel Ridge (the 1914 Judge Frank Fly Home) 827 Saint Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas. Call 830-672-2484 for more

GUN

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erty not part of the school grounds, or if the individual possessing the firearm is licensed to do so by the state; a weapon that is "not loaded and in a locked container, or a locked firearms rack that is on a motor vehicle;" or by an individual for use in a program approved by a school in the school zone; by an individual in accordance with a contract entered into between a school in the school zone and the individual or an employer of the individual; by a law enforcement officer acting in his or her official capacity; or "that is unloaded and is possessed by an individual while traversing school premises for the purpose of gaining access to public or private lands open to hunting, if the entry on school premises is authorized by school authorities."

A district "may not prohibit a person who holds a license to carry a handgun under Government Code, Chapter 411, Subchapter H, from transporting or storing a handgun or other firearm or ammunition in a locked, privately owned or leased motor vehicle in a parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area provided by the district, and may not regulate the manner in which the handgun, firearm, or ammunition is stored in the vehicle, provided that the handgun, firearm, or ammunition is not in plain view." However, this does not authorize a person to possess, transport, or store a handgun, a firearm, or ammunition in violation of Education Code 37.125, Penal Code 46.03, or other law.

It was not immediately known whether the weapon belonged to a faculty member, student or visitor to the campus. Gonzales High School was hosting a College Night for juniors and seniors in the high school library from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, so there were extra vehicles on campus after normal school hours.

A concerned citizen told the Gonzales Inquirer their child had reportedly seen a student with a gun in the parking lot and that same student may have been seen with a knife on campus the day before. The caller said their child had reported what had been seen.

"Our Crisis Intervention Team investigates every incident thoroughly. What I can share is that after investigating and reviewing all the details, our CI team found information reported to be a non-credible threat," Johannsen said.

"Our top priority is the safety of our students and staff and we take that seriously. Just recently, Gonzales ISD launched a new communication tool that allows students, parents and community members to send safety alerts to GISD administrators. It takes the participation of everyone in our community to keep our learning environments safe. Which is why we encourage parents to talk to their students about the importance of keeping our schools safe."

To send reports from the Web go to: <https://tips.anonymousalerts.com/gonzalesisd>.

To send a report from your phone:

- Download the Anonymous Alerts® app for free from the Apple Store, Google Play store, or the Chrome store
- Start the App, enter activation code: gonzalesisd
- Send important reports to school officials
- Add a screenshot, photo or video

Anyone with more information about the incident also is encouraged to contact the Gonzales ISD Police Department at 830-519-4196.

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