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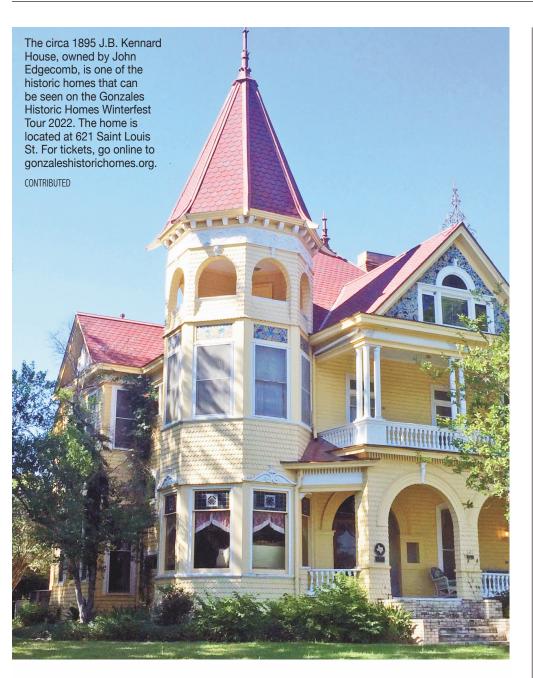
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BY BETTY COHN

Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Main Street "Candyland" Winterfest is this weekend, and the event will be filled with fun activities for the entire family. Winterfest will have more than 30 food trucks, Santa's

Market vendors for shopping, bands and many other activities.

On Friday, Dec. 2, at 5 p.m., the downtown business Jingle Mingle will kick off the festivities along with beats by DJ Buddy from 5 p.m. to 7:30

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GEDC approves paying for museum upgrades

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation will foot the bill for \$325,000 in structural improvements to the Gonzales Memorial Museum after approving a budget amendment for that amount at their Monday, Nov. 28,

That work will include drainage improvements to the underground crawl space, structural repairs and ventilation with Hodges Construction performing the work. That project is expected to start in mid-December and be completed by Sept. 30, 2023.

The City Council will first need to approve the expenditure at their own meeting on Dec. 8 before the funds can be used. GEDC originally approved a motion to obligate the funding at their Sept. 26 meeting, with \$150,000 coming from a line item in the 2022-23 budget

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EMS officials honor Wenske with highest citizen award

Gonzales County man saved father's life with emergency procedure

BY LEW K. COHN AND EDDIE CALLENDER JR.

A Gonzales County man who gave his own father an emergency cricothyrotomy and CPR to save his life received the highest non-professional award given by emergency medical providers in the Lone Star State last week.

At the Texas EMS Conference in Austin on Tuesday, Nov. 22, the Texas Department of State Health Services' EMS/Trauma division presented Joseph Wenske the 2022 EMS Citizen of the Year Award. A packed house of several hundred EMS personnel, physicians, educators, DSHS statewide leaders gave Wenske a standing ovation as the tale of his heroism was recounted.



Joseph Wenske, left, stands by his biggest fan, his dad Ben Wenske, after receiving the state EIVIS Citizen of the Year award last week. Joseph's quick thinking and courageous action saved his father's life.

The award nomination criteria states the Citizen Award "honors a private citizen for a heroic lifesaving act or unique advocacy of EMS."

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County signs contracts with Brazos, Bell for juvenile detention

BY LEW K. COHN

Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County on Nov. 14 agreed to additional contracts for secure, short-term detention services for juvenile offenders with both Brazos and Bell County during their regular meeting.

The reason for contracting with those counties and six others -San Patricio, Fort Bend, Hays, Guadalupe, Victoria and Grayson is a statewide shortage of available juvenile detention beds that has counties scrambling to find space, officials said.

While the cost to house an adult offender in another county

See **DETENTION**, page 17



The Gonzales Spade & Trowel Garden Club cut the ribbon with the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce for the lighting of the stars at the Gonzales Memorial Museum Monday, Nov. 28. The Garden club began this project in 1996 and completed many projects for the "beautification of Gonzales."

Commissioners appoint two to county SART

BY LEW K. COHN

Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners on Monday, Nov. 28, unanimously appointed the First Assistant County Attorney

David Smith and interim Waelder Police Chief Cesar Lopez to the Gonzales County Sexual Assault Response Team.

Each county is required by the Texas Legislature by Senate Bill 476 to form an

adult SART "in an effort to create a statewide infrastructure of resources, awareness, connection, and coordination to address sex crimes locally,"

See **SART**, page 16

Unemployment rate holds steady at 3.1 percent in **Gonzales County**

BY BETTY COHN

Gonzales Inquirer

Unemployment in Gonzales County remained steady at 3.1 percent in October 2022, the second to lowest rate of all seven counties which comprise the Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, according to state Labor Market Information (LMI) figures released by the **Texas Workforce Commission** (TWC).

For the entire Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, the unemployment rate for October 2022 was 3.7 percent, slightly lower to the state average of 3.8 percent. This represented a total of 3,304 residents in Gonzales, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria counties seeking employment out of a total

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Stars come alive in the Village

BY BETTY COHN

Gonzales Inquirer

Experience pioneer life during the happiest time of year at the Gonzales Pioneer Village annual Stars in the Village event, which is offered on three separate dates to give all community members and visitors a chance to join in the fun.

The event will be offered Saturday, Dec. 3; Friday, Dec. 9; and Saturday, Dec. 10, from 6-9 p.m. This event is hosted by and held at the Gonzales Pioneer Village, 2122 N Saint Joseph St.

The event will have candle making, churning butter, spinning, making corn shuck dolls, ornament making, popping popcorn around the campfire, hot chocolate, wassail and holiday cookies, as well as roasting marshmallows around the campfire.

The event will be offered for both adults and children, with tickets at \$8 for adults, and \$5 for kids under 12 years of age.

For further information on this Stars in the Village event visit pioneervillage1835.com or by calling the office during open hours at 830-672-2157.

Nixon to celebrate 'Miracle on Main Street'

BY BETTY COHN

Gonzales Inquirer

The City of Nixon, in partnership with Nations Christian Fellowship, presents "Miracle on Main Street," Saturday, Dec. 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., with activities at the Nixon Community Center, 302 E. Central Ave., as well as along Main Street in Nixon.

A community lighted Christmas parade will begin at 6:30 p.m., with community participation encouraged. There will be a town Christmas with fun, activities, prizes, giveaways, food and so much more from 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Nixon Community

Sign up to have an entry in the lighted parade, set up a booth and give away goodies to the community, or simply bring the whole family out to enjoy the

If you are a community member, local business, church, or organization and would like to promote/ market by setting up a booth or sponsor an activity please contact Jason Montoya at 830-534-8569 or montoya.jason@yahoo.com.

To sign up for parade, please contact Loyce Rice or the City of Nixon.

FCCLA HOSTS THANKSGIVING LUNCH AT LEGACY RANCH



The Gonzales High School FCCLA team recently organized a Thanksgiving Day feast at Legacy Ranch in Gonzales. Students teamed up with Gonzales Elementary, collecting hundreds of cans of corn and green beans as well as boxes of stuffing. HEB and local insurance agencies also donated turkeys and pies for Legacy Ranch. The children housed at Legacy Ranch helped in making their own Thanksgiving Day lunch, which was a formal, sit-down meal complete with candles and linens. The FCCLA team will continue to serve Legacy Ranch by organizing a pajama drive as well as a Christmas gift drive. If you would like to help, please bring a pair of new pajamas to the front office at Gonzales High School before Dec. 7. Please call Sara Breitschopf with any questions at 830-263-0024.

Garden club's project aims to light up the holidays at the Gonzales Memorial Museum

BY BETTY COHN

Gonzales Inquirer

The Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Gonzales is sponsoring a city beautification project in an effort to light the stars around the fence at the Gonzales Memorial Museum for the Christmas holi-

The lighting of the stars is sponsored every year, along with ongoing multiple beautification projects within the city that the

club sponsors and spearheads. The other locations sponsored through the year include Market Square, Kerr Creek Gazebo, the mural display at the public library, and the courthouse grounds.

To help with the lights for the holiday season (or any other ongoing project), checks may be made to Spade and Trowel Garden Club, and you may donate as a gift, in memory of another individual, or as a direct donation.

Amounts start at \$1 (which lights one bulb) or other amounts. Each star holds 60 lights, which equals \$60, and the Garden Club — as well as the entire community

— will be grateful for your help with the beautification of the city of Gonzales.

Donation forms may be printed from the Spade and Travel Garden Club Facebook page, with the form to be included with all donations to clarify how and where the donation should be utilized.

BYK USA DONATES TO GONZALES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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BYK USA donated \$7,000 to the Gonzales Fire Department to help further develop the GFD's Technical Rescue Services. The donation will be used to purchase specialized tools and skills training for various rescue scenarios, including confined space rescue, vehicle extrication, rope rescue, structural collapse, and water rescue. BYK is proud to support the GFD in providing this important service to all the people who live and work in Gonzales. BYK also hosted GFD's Nov. 10 Thursday Night Drill, serving an appreciation dinner to all the firefighters, providing a tour of the site, and conducting training on the site's fire hazards.

Registration under way for VC's spring classes

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Registration for Victoria College's traditional Spring 2023 classes those that lead to a degree, certificate or university transfer - is now under way and will run through Thursday, Jan. 12 at 5 p.m.

Eligible students can register online via the Pirate Portal or schedule an appointment with an advisor. Appointments can be scheduled by visiting VictoriaCollege.edu/ Advising.

Payment plans are available, with 25% due by noon on Dec. 16 for students who enroll Nov. 18-Dec. 16; or 50% due by 5 p.m. on Jan. 12 for students who enroll Dec. 16-Jan. 12.

Students can also apply for financial aid and scholarships. Administrative offices for Victoria

College will be closed Dec. 18-Jan. 1 for Winter Break. For more details on registration and to search course offerings, visit VictoriaCollege.edu/ClassS-

chedule or call (361)

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Broccoli, butterflies and harvesting spinach

Q. How often should we have to apply Bt to protect our broccoli and cabbage from cabbage loopers? We have sprayed every 2 weeks for six weeks, but the foliage is nearly stripped from the plants. Any ideas?

A. You should notice a reduction in damage within 2 days after you spray Bt . How old is your Bt product? Is it more than 1 year after it was first opened? Did

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you spray under the leaves as well as on the top of the foliage? Did you mix the Bt with water at the ratios described on the label? It also helps the spray to be more effective if you add 2 teaspoons of dish detergent to the mix for every gallon of water. Are there any

other insects such as cucumber beetles or grasshoppers feeding on the plant? You may want to obtain some new Bt if yours is old, or even try a spray with malathion in case the feeding insect is not a caterpil-

Q. Our local nursery already has peach trees for sale. What are the best choices for this area?

A. My favorites are Florida King, Junegold, and La Feliciana. All three varieties have low enough "chill requirements" to produce fruit most years. Florida King usually produces in early May, Junegold

in early June and La Feliciana in late June.

that you recommend? A. Yes, I have three books I recommend. Check out "Butterfly Gardening For the South" by Geyata Ajilvsgi as a basic text. For an ID guide for adult butterflies consider "Butterflies of North America " by Jim P Brock & Kenn Kaufman. It is also important to have

Q. Do you have a book on butterflies

a guide for caterpillars, consider "Caterpillars in the Field and Garden" by Thomas Allen, Jim Brock, and Jeffrey Glassberg.

Q. What is the best way to harvest spinach?

A. Rather than harvesting a whole plant at a time I like to have enough plants that

I can harvest leaf by leaf as it is needed for salads and recipes. The leaf by leaf harvesting allows you to take advantage of the long production season of spinach, Eight to twelve plants should be enough for a family of four.

Q. How much cold can cyclamen tolerate before we need to cover them?

A. My beds close to the house tolerate 28 degrees, but you may want to cover them with at least one layer of Insulate when temperatures are forecast for 30 degrees or lower if your beds are less sheltered than mine.



Looking for the best way to harvest spinach? Take it leaf by leaf in order to get the most out of the plant's long production season.

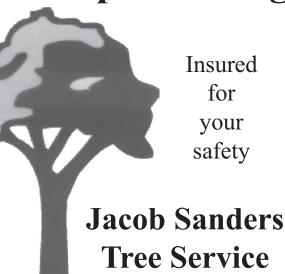
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Deadline nears to apply for SBA working capital loans due to drought

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Director Tanya N. Garfield of the **U.S. Small Business** Administration's Disaster Field Operations Center-West reminded small nonfarm businesses in 107 Texas counties and neighboring counties in New Mexico and Oklahoma of the Dec. 22 deadline to apply for an SBA federal disaster loan for economic injury. These low-interest loans are to offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by drought in the following primary counties that began Nov. 1, 2021.

Primary Texas counties include Hays, Throckmorton, Titus, Tom Green, Trinity, Upshur, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Ward, Webb, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Wilson, Winkler, Wise, Wood, Yoakum, Young, Zapata and Za-

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Neighboring Texas counties are Andrews, Angelina, Archer, Atascosa, Bandera, Baylor, Bexar, Blanco, Caldwell, Camp, Clay, Cochran, Coke, Collingsworth, Comal, Concho, Cooke, Crane, Crockett, Denton, Dimmit, Donley, Duval, Ector, Edwards, Foard, Franklin, Frio, Gaines, Glasscock, Gonzales, Gray, Gregg, Guadalupe, Hardeman, Harrison, Haskell, Hemphill, Henderson, Hockley, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Irion, Jack, Jim Hogg, Karnes, Kaufman, Kinney, Knox, La Salle, Loving, Marion, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Midland, Montague, Morris, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Polk, Rains, Reagan, Real, Red River, Reeves, Roberts, Runnels, San Jacinto, Schleicher, Shackelford, Smith, Starr, Stephens, Sterling, Sutton, Tarrant, Terrell, Terry, Travis and Walker;

According to Garfield, small nonfarm busi-

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nesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private nonprofit organizations of any size may apply for **Economic Injury Disaster** Loans of up to \$2 million to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. "Economic Injury Disaster Loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact," said Garfield. "SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted

> Garfield added. The interest rate is 2.83 percent for businesses and 1.875 percent for private nonprofit organizations with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based on each applicant's financial

by the disaster. Economic

injury assistance is avail-

able regardless of wheth-

er the applicant suffered

any property damage,"

condition. By law, SBA makes **Economic Injury Disaster** Loans available when

the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. The Secretary declared this

disaster on April 22, 2022. **Businesses** primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency about the U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance in

drought disasters. Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at https:// disasterloanassistance.

sba.gov/.

Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba. gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.



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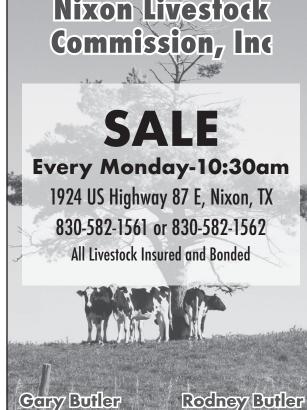
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There was no sale on November

Stirring things up

Dear Violet,

My mom was the kind of mom who cooked every night, beginning our week with a large family style Sunday dinner, filled with wonderfully delicious dishes that are now cherished and considered, by most of the family, as family heirlooms.

The issue at hand for my family is that my mom's recipe box and binder filled with her hand made recipes has gone missing. The last known person to have the recipes was my sister-in-law, who said she returned it to my mom prior to my mom's sudden passing at the beginning of 2022 due to COVID-19. The recipes are nowhere to be found and my three sisters and I (a son) are all very upset.

My youngest brother, who is the only other son, as well as the husband of the person who had the recipes last, refuses to search his house and has taken the position that if his wife said she returned the recipes, then she returned the "damn recipes."

My father has searched his and my mom's home, as well as all of us kids, no recipes. Oddly enough my sister-in-law made one of my mom's favorite recipes for my brother's birthday, in June, and though she claims it was "purely from memory," it was perfectly executed. She then made my mom's potato salad in late August at our family reunion. Again, "by memory," and again, exactly like my mother's recipe. I want my mother's recipes, and my brother refuses to address this any further. What recourse do myself and my sister's have at this point?

Missing my mother and her culinary comfort,

Hungry for my childhood

Dear Hungry,

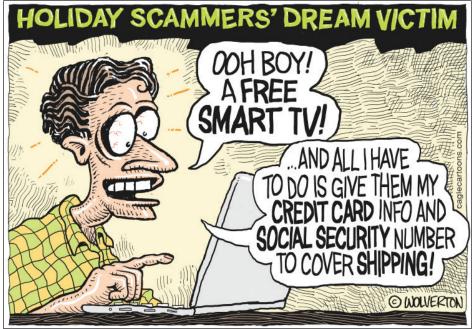
Family memories and recipes are very important to our lives, and keep many parts of our life alive, especially when the person who created these memories has left this earth. It does seem doubtful that your sister-in-law would be able to flawlessly and without a misstep recreate several recipes of your beloved mother's without either the original recipe, a photocopy, or a photographic memory.

If she has the book, what would be the reason for her to deny the family access, in your opinion, as this may help to solve the matter, once discussed? If she has photocopies, of even just a few recipes, I would assume she would make those available to the family, and if she had a photographic memory this would, most likely, already have been something known by her spouse, so not sure if you can address that with your sibling, directly, or not.

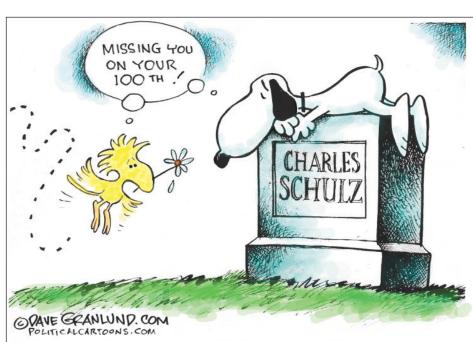
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GONZALES CO. HISTORY

- 1837 December 14, legislature of Republic of Texas created Gonzales County (same area as DeWitt Colony). First County Court organized with B.D. McClure as Chief Justice. San Antonio and Victoria were also incorporated.
- 1845 December 29, Texas became a state, and Gonzales County is formed into present size and shape.
- 1878 T.J. Ponton House built at 424 St. Peter Street. Later the home of Madden Fly and later still, Buffington Funeral Home (Legend says that parts of the old Ponton House were incorporated into the new house.)
- 1889 December 12, up to this date 10,937 bales of cotton have been shipped from Gonzales.
- 1893 December 3, six a.m., County Courthouse burned to the ground.
- 1905 Mass grave found at the A. Fischer homestead site on St. Michael Street when excavations began for Harwood's new warehouse (the block at the southwest corner of St. Joseph and St. Michael intersection. In 1901 Walnut Ridge was erected on the northeast lots of this block. The warehouse was likely on the west side of Walnut Ridge.)
- 1910 December 10, the population of Texas is now at 3,896,542
- 1917 December 3, New Playhouse Theater became known as the Crystal Theatre



OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

I've always been blessed with good doctors, from the age of 4. For instance, Johns Hopkins Hospital doctors, over a period of seven years, cured me of a heart murmur by age 11 and set me free medically to do anything I wanted.

Two weeks ago, Dr. Commie Hisey whose father-in-law said he could do anything he set his mind to — my doctor since 1993, cured me in a very short time of lingering health problems caused by strep throat — the same disease which caused rheumatic fever when I was 4, living in Aberdeen, Maryland.

I want to thank Commie for discerning what to do to make me well again, and keeping my daughter in Atlanta and me informed, as he did it (but first, asking me for my approval to discuss with her).

In addition, Dr. Todd; nurses Elizabeth, Andrea, Ariana, Renee and Beth and the dietician at Sievers Hospital, Cynthia Green aided Commie professionally.

Cynthia provides delicious meals anyone can eat from 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (or take-out). Meals are listed on the website and Facebook.

Pastor Jo Ann Leifeste, retired

Dear editor,

In February 2020, I attended a Q&A meeting with the former mayor, along with many people of the Gonzales, Texas, community, At this meeting, I brought up the topic of the Tejanos, which in Spanish means Texians.

These groups of Hispanic volunteers sided with the settlers that wanted to

be free from the Mexican dictatorship and fought alongside the Texian Army against Santa Anna's army. They were instrumental in the battles that helped propel the Texian Army into victory and helped form our great state of Texas.

I believe these men that sacrificed so much — some, even, their lives — deserve to be honored and remembered. A lot of these stories that the Tejanos were involved in actually transpired here in Gonzales and I urge everyone to take a look at the Tejano Volunteer Group site and look up the stories of the "Runaway Scrape," "The Flores Brothers" and our very own "Come & Take It" for insight to who these brave men

At this site, you will also see a tribute story dedicated to the "Old 18" because the Tejanos will always honor the sacrifice and sacred memories of their Texian brothers. I'm hoping the mayor and the Gonzales City Council will honor the promise of the previous administration and do right by these Texas heroes by placing informational panels similar to the ones they created for the African-American community downtown.

I would like to see these panels erected near the old Riverside School, where the children in our community practice their quinces (Spanish Sweet 15th birthday party). I believe this will also help attract more tourists to our historically rich town and generate revenue for the small businesses operating in our community. These brave Tejanos fought for our Texas Independence: now it's only right we fight to honor their legacy.

Thomas Enriquez Gonzales



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nally stopped, they were like the season's final flailing of turkeys soon to be main courses on Thanksgiving tables.

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For some journalists, however,



minds continue to spin — conjuring, probing, marveling and expressing thoughts about life, sometimes exceeding sublime or falling short of ridiculous.

Dromgoole

Such is the mind of my friend Glenn Dromgoole, a talented wordsmith who fell into the swirling word pool, splashing about in it for some half-century....

Glenn's latest book, Just Happy to be Here, has 247 pages of words written "to encourage, enlighten, entertain," and they do. The reading evokes both tears and laughter. Starting out as a preacher's kid — then writing and editing for Texas newspapers—he switched gears a while back. Far from retired, he continues his fascination in the great ocean of words.

Now, he publishes, reviews and sells books with his wife, Carol, at their Texas Star Trading Company, a book, gift and gourmet shop in Abilene. (I should mention that during his collegiate days at Texas A&M University, he was editor of The Battalion. Maybe that's because some members of the administration who chafed at his "why" or "why not?" questions may still be living, and might buy books.)....

Old-time newspaper folks remember when stories went from typewriters to Linotype, and space often dictated shortening of type. The unused lines became "overset," usually never to see the light of day.

His latest literary effort is a cornucopia of life's "overset," capturing feelings, hopes, admissions and challenges not covered in his earlier books or in the dozens of books that

he has published He has been my friend for some 55 years. I can easily imagine his being the preschooler asking, "Why is a cow?" or the university newspaper editor questioning "the way we've always done it." Unquestionably, though, he's always made his communities better places to live, and his writing of prose and poetry has warmed hearts across the land, encouraging with his "sunny-side up" views....

There's no way to describe his newest book; it covers many unlikely topics, including a chapter on commas. (I wrote the previous sentence mainly to show him I know how to use semicolons — sometimes.)

He deals lightly with "the grammar police," writing more often about life's experiences, liberally sprinkled with whimsey and such. I particularly enjoyed the chapter, "My Dog and Your Dog," where he contrasts "me and mine" versus "thee and thine."

Some items warrant referencing here: "When my dog barks, it is simply expressing itself. When your dog barks, it is being obnoxious." Dozens of two-liners later, it closes with, "My dog accepts me unconditionally. Your dog accepts you anyway."....

I hasten to add that Glenn offers practical suggestions worthy of consideration by "powers that be." One would make the term "student athlete" more accurate — and far less "oxymoronish" - In describing make-up of many college football and basketball teams.

It could make good sense determining outcomes of games that are tied at the end of regulation play.

Instead of overtime periods to break ties, coaches shall choose 11 players from each team in football (five in basketball) to meet at midfield or midcourt for an academic shootout of questions concerning science, math, history, geography and literature....

My friend risks copyright infringement of the late comedienne Minnie Pearl. She was always "Just-so-PROUD-to-be-here." Like Minnie Pearl, though, he's always had "what

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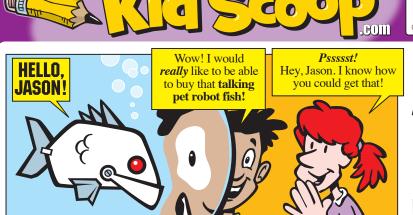
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\$59 HE NEEDED TO BUY THE

TALKING PET ROBOT FISH?

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Wendy gave me a great idea! It really worked! GREAT ADVICE!

I worked hard for my money. Put a check in the box next to each job that I did. If you checked the right

boxes, they add up to exactly \$10. ☐ Mowed the lawn\$3

me to do that every morning!) \$0

☐ Walked the dog\$2

☐ Did the dinner dishes five nights \$5

☐ Made my bed (mom expects

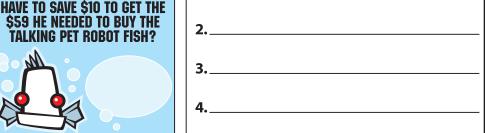
Kid Scoop Together:

Your name:

Learning buddy's name:

Can you predict?

Look through the newspaper and find a headline that interests you. Read the headline and look at any photos that accompany the article. With your learning buddy, discuss what you think the article will be about. Make a list of information you both expect to find in the article:

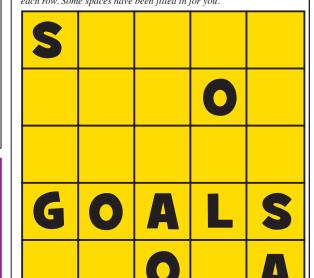


Now read the article together. Which of your predictions were accurate? Which were not? List five facts you learned from the article:

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Identify main idea and supporting details in expository text; make and check predictions.

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word GOALS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



> Write On! **Money Problems**

Write a word problem using money. For example: If Tom has \$2 and Annie has \$4, how much money do they have altogether?

How Jason Got the Robot Fish



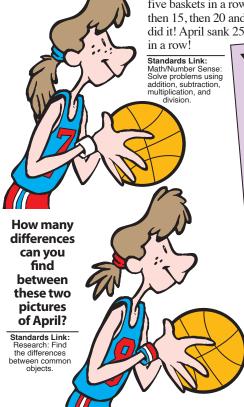
That seemed like an enormous amount of money, but Wendy suggested I think of the \$59 as a series of smaller goals.



Solve problems using addition, subtraction, Standards Link: Math/Number Sens

My Basketball Goal

April wanted to be able to sink 25 baskets in a row. At first she could only sink about three in a row. Twenty-five was a big goal, but breaking it into smaller goals saved the day.



First, April set the goal of sinking five baskets in a row. Then 10, then 15, then 20 and finally—she did it! April sank 25 baskets

Third:

Fourth:

You Can Do It! What is a big goal you would like to achieve? Is it saving money, improving how well you play a sport or completing a big homework project? My Goal: ____ Break your goal into smaller goals: Second: ____

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save \$10. After I did

that, I made the goal

to save \$10 again.

Goal! Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository responses to a prompt; main idea and details



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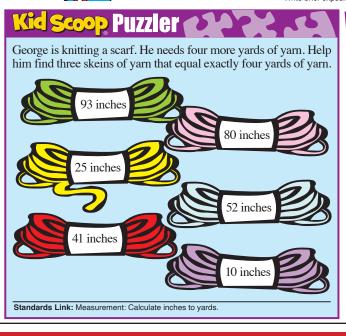
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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GVTC's Give Back Project celebrates 10th year

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Thanksgiving Give Back Project is The GVTC Foundation's largest community project of the year. When this project was initiated, the vision was to provide a meal to neighbors experiencing hardship, with the hope that they would place their worries aside for the day and enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal with their families.

Since 2012, the foundation has partnered with local food pantries, which select the recipients in the GVTC service area. As the project grew, organizations were invited to participate by collecting food items to make a complete Thanksgiving meal. The meal includes a frozen turkey, all the traditional sides, bread, and dessert. GVTC employees and their families package and personally handdeliver the meals the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

The goal for the 10th annual event was to provide for 500 families. Despite the rain and cold weather, volunteers were able to deliver meals to 616 families, well-exceeding expectations and helping feed thousands in our commu-

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

This year's project wouldn't have been possible without the help of volunteers, 12 local food pantries, and one Meals on Wheels program. Over 25 community organizations collected food and funds for this project. The GVTC Foundation



extends a sincere appreciation to all that participated.

- H-E-B
- Brookshire Brothers Canyon Lake
- Bimbo Bakeries
- Local Food Pantries included:
- The Hope Center
- Habitat for Safe Seniors
- Helping Hands at Rebecca Creek • CRRC of Canyon Lake
- Hill Country Daily Bread Ministries
- Provisions Outreach of Bulverde • Meals on Wheels Bulverde Spring
- **Branch Activity Center** • Blanco Good Samaritan Center
- Gonzales Christian Assistance Ministries
- Hill Country Family Services • Children Centre Los Niños
- Community Bible Church Bulverde Organizations included:

- Bill Brown Elementary • Blanco Middle School
- Boerne Community Theatre
- Boerne YMCA
- Boerne ISD
- Boerne Education Foundation
- Bracken Christian School
- Canyon Lake High School Student Council • Church Hill Middle School
- Comal County Senior Citizens
- Foundation Communities in Schools
- Contractors Helping Kids
- Davenport High School Band
- Gloria Deo Academy • Gonzales High School Anchor Club,
- FCCLA, and Leo's Club • Kendall County Juvenile Probation
- Living Rock Academy
- Paschal Elementary -CIS Site Rebecca Creek Elementary

- Rotary Club of Boerne
- Shepherd of the Hills (S.W.A.T.)
- Smithson Valley High School Family and Community Services & JROTC Sonora Bank Bulverde
- STEPS Solutions That Equip People for Success • Faith Alive Church

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- The Vine Wellness Group
- Texas Valor Softball Veramendi Elementary
- Since its launch, the Thanksgiving Give Back Project has helped 2,736 families. The GVTC Foundation continues to serve its mission to profoundly

enhance the quality of life in the com-

munities served through charitable

contributions and volunteerism.

As the need in the community increases, the effort of the project continues to gain attention and partnerships. Several commitments were already made for the upcoming year. Donations and food contributions allow the project team to increase the number of families

GVTC employees, donors, and customers have a passion for this heartwarming event. The GVTC Foundation is grateful for the opportunity to help the community this holiday season and is already looking forward to next year.

supported annually. All are invited to

If you wish to learn more about The GVTC Foundation and how you can get involved in community outreach efforts, email info@thegvtcfoundation.com or visit thegytcfoundation.com.



Gonzales Master Gardeners (GMG) accepts a Power Up grant for \$20,000. This grant will help GMG fund important renovations to its greenhouse. Donated in 2014, this previously owned facility is used for education, training and to grow the vast majority of herbs, plants, trees and flowers sold during two annual plant sales. These events constitute GMG's major fundraising efforts. The greenhouse then, is critical to the organization's yearly funding, helping sustain its mission of providing horticulture information to the general public and education for local school children. Numerous GMG personnel participated in the check presentation, as did members of GVEC's Board of Directors and a representative from A&M Agri-life Extension. Pictured, in no particular order, are GVEC Board Member Bubba Schmidt, GVEC Board Member Morris Harvey, GMG President Nick Wentworth, GMG Vice president Cheryl Hillman, GMG Secretary Carolyn Parratt, GMG Treasurer Dave Burrough, Texas A&M Agri-life Extension Agent Dwight Sexton, and Former GMG President Arline Schacheri.

Gonzales Master Gardeners receive Power Up grant

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Guadalupe Valley **Electric Cooperative** (GVEC) Power Up community grant program continues to grow, with 13 more nonprofit organizations receiving approximately \$189,031 in grants. These grants, which provide funding assistance for community projects, are made possible by the generous donations of GVEC members supporting the charitable Power Up program.

Since the first grant distribution in 2012, more than \$3.4 million in grants have helped fund 213 community projects benefitting GVEC members and citizens in communities GVEC serves. These projects range from the purchase of life-saving equipment for first responders and medical facilities to the renovation of local museums, parks, historic places, and community meeting spaces.

In the most recent round of distributions, Gonzales Master Gardeners (GMG) received a Power Up grant for \$20,000. GMG will use this grant to help fund important renovations to its greenhouse.

Donated in 2014, GMG uses this previously owned facility for education, training and to grow the vast majority of herbs, plants, trees and

flowers sold during two annual plant sales. These two events constitute GMG's major fundraising efforts. The greenhouse then, is critical to the organization's yearly funding, helping sustain its mission of providing horticulture information to the general public and education for local school children.

Other Power Up grants awarded during this cycle include: \$15,000 to Hallettsville Lions Club for a sunshade canopy to shield playground equipment at Hallettsville City Park; \$20,000 to Lavaca Swimming Pool for enhancements to overall facility safety; \$10,665 to Lavaca County EMS for ice machines at its three EMS stations; \$14,289 to Moulton Little League for an on-field sprinkler system; \$15,000 to Sweet Home American Legion, Post #571, for installation of handicap parking near the main entrance of the Legion Hall; \$8,000 to Yorktown Assistance Ministries for purchase and installation of a 12foot cooling fan for use in a food storage area; \$20,000 to TruLight127 Ministries for construction of a Youth Mind & Body Strengthening Facility; \$2,257 to Seguin Art League for portable exhibit systems; \$20,000 to Habitable Spaces to upgrade its teaching kitchen with commercialgrade equipment; \$3,820 to Guadalupe Robotics

4H Club to purchase

new robotics equipment, laptops and a storage cabinet; \$20,000 to Everyday Christian Fellowship Church for lighting of an outdoor basketball court, volleyball courts, a playground and a football field; and \$20,000 to Schertz-Cibolo Cemetery Association for a rain catchment system with a solar powered pump. "Although applying

for a Power Up grant can be competitive as many worthwhile organizations submit applications each cycle, you shouldn't let this discourage you from applying," says Christine Presley, GVEC Community Relations Representative. "We receive applications for many worthy projects but can only select a few each distribution cycle. If you didn't receive a grant this time around, we urge you to apply again and to check in with us anytime. We're here to answer your questions and assist with the application process. We'll do everything possible to help you submit a wellprepared packet."

The next application deadline for the Power Up community grant program is February 15, 2023. For program qualifications, an application or helpful information on submitting a befitting application, visit gvec. org, or call Presley at 830-857-1218 for assistance. Grant applications are also available at GVEC's five area offices.

Santa's Helpers looks to brighten up the holidays for local seniors

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Help brighten this Christmas for a senior in the Gonzales community (Country Village Square Apartments) by donating a gift.

Holidays are hard for seniors who are isolated and alone. Santa's Helpers will deliver the gifts in time for Christmas spreading cheer and making this holiday a little nicer for seniors who may be on a tight budget or fixed

income.

participate.

Bring your gift by Dec. 16 to Country Village Square Apartments, 1800 Waelder Road, Gonzales, TX 78629. Drop off gifts with the resident service coordinator or arrange for pick-up by contacting the coordinator at 830-672-

Suggested gifts include house slippers/socks, pajamas, robes, blankets, household supplies (gift basket), personal care/toiletries (gift basket) or HEB/Walmart gift cards.

Tractor Supply to host kids craft event

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Tractor Supply store is inviting all the young artists out there to celebrate the upcoming holiday season with an Ornament Craft activity.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., the store will host a craft event where young customers can decorate a Christmas ornament with stickers and other colorful extras, while supplies last. The interactive craft provides a fun way for youth to get in the holiday spirit with colorful ornaments in the shape of twinkling lights.

Once complete, each participant can take their free craft home to decorate their Christmas tree.

"We enjoy spending quality time with our

customers during the holiday season, particularly with a fun, creative craft for the kids to take home," said Gonzales store manager, Lydia Grifaldo. "Ornament decorating sparks the joy of Christmas and encourages the young members of the Gonzales community to use their imagination and creative spirit. Whether our young customers use

their ornament as a gift

for family and friends or hang it on their Christmas tree, we know they will be proud of their festive creation."

The event welcomes customers to shop, explore and celebrate the season with their family and our team members. The Ornament Craft event will be held Dec. 3 at 1619 Hwy 90A. Contact **Gonzales Tractor Supply** store at 830-672-5707 for more details.

Waelder ISD will be accepting enrollment for PK3 students

December 12th through December 15th for classes beginning January 4th. Please call 830-239-5600 with questions and/or details.



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Deputies search for hit-and-run driver

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales County Sheriff's deputies are looking for a vehicle involved in a hit-and-run accident with a utility pole inside the city of Waelder the night after Thanksgiving.

According to GCSO, just after 11 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, dispatchers received a call about a white truck that

was driving reckless and had struck a utility pole in Waelder. Deputies were sent to an address where the vehicle possibly involved was parked.

During the investigation, it was learned that a utility pole belonging to the city was damaged and had to be replaced. City officials have indicated they do wish to pursue criminal charges against the individual or individuals

involved in the wreck.

Anyone who witnessed this incident or may have further information about the person or persons involved is asked to contact Crimestoppers at 830-672-8477. You need not reveal your identity and may be eligible for a reward if information provided leads to a successful arrest and prosecution.



FILE PHOT

Last year, there was an inflatable snow globe at the Winterfest. This year, there will be other rides and games for kids, including a giant inflatable "snow mountain," carousel swing and Candyland obstacle course.

WINTERFEST

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p.m., followed by performances by the Zydeco band Travis Matte & The Kingpins from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Country music artist Tanner Usrey will be performing from 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Get an early start at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, with Breakfast with Santa, sponsored by the Rotary Club, at First Methodist Church, 426 Saint Paul St. Advance tickets required (available for purchase at the Chamber of Commerce). Individual tickets are \$8 per person. Tables of 8 are \$50 and tables of 10 are \$60. Enjoy pancakes and a photo op with Saint Nick!

Independence Square then will play host to Santa's Market vendors, opening at 10 a.m., with many events including Candyland photo ops, cookie decorating, hot cocoa and ornament making as well as writing letters to

Santa.

At noon, VFW Post 4817 is sponsoring a stew, beans and chili cookoff and Bloody Mary contest will take place. At 2 p.m. the Gonzales Elks Lodge is sponsoring a corn hole tournament.

Texas Hero Square will have kids rides and games beginning at 10 a.m., including a giant inflatable "snow mountain", carousel swing and Candy-

land obstacle course.

The historic homes tour is from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, sponsored by the Historic Homes Association (advance tickets required, which may be purchased online at gonzaleshistorichomes.org or in person at Laurel Ridge, 827 Saint Joseph St.).

ell St.); W.M. Atkinson House/Old Gonzales College (820 Saint Louis St.); Episcopal Church of the Messiah and Manse (721 Saint Louis St.); J.B. Kennard House (621 Saint Louis St.); and 1936 Magnolia Oil Station (624 Saint Lawrence St.)

Stars in the Village, hosted by and at Pioneer Village, will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, with both online tickets and tickets available at the event available.

The city of Gonzales tree lighting ceremony will be held at the official city tree at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in Independence Square and then the annual Lighted Christmas Parade will begin at 7 p.m. to finish out the festivities, and the entire community is invited to attend and to participate. See page 18 for parade route.

JOBS

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workforce of 89,994 people.

The only county reporting in lower than Gonzales County is Dewitt County, with the lowest unemployment rate at 3.0 percent; followed by Gonzales at 3.1 percent; Lavaca, Jackson and Calhoun counties at 3.3 percent; Victoria was at 4.1 percent and Goliad County at 4.5 percent.

For October 2022, there were 292 individuals in Gonzales County seeking employment out of a workforce of 90,374 with 9,261 reported as employed. In September 2022, there were 269 people seeking work in Gonzales County out of an employment force of 8,434 for a total unemployment rate of 3.1 percent. In October 2021, Gonzales County had an unemployment rate of 3.6 percent.

Unemployment rates since October 2020 for Gonzales County are:

- October 2020, 5.3 percent.
- November 2020, 5.7 percent.
- December 2020, 5.2 percent.
- January 2021, 5.6 percent.February 2021, 5.7 percent.
- March 2021, 5.4 percent.April 2021, 4.7 percent.
- May 2021, 4.7 percent.
- June 2021, 5.1 percent.
- July 2021, 4.3 percent.
- August 2021, 3.9 percent.September 2021, 3.8 percent.
- October 2021, 3.6 percent.November 2021, 3.5 percent
- December 2021, 3.2 percent
- January 2022, 3.6 percent
- February 2022, 3.4 percent
- March 2022, 2.7 percent.April 2022, 2.6 percent.
- May 2022, 2.9 percent.
- June 2022, 3.5 percent.July 2022, 3.2 percent.
- August 2022, 3.2 percent.
- September 2022, 3.1 percent.October 2022, 3.1 percent.

NEWBURY

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you see is what you get" sartorial leanings. He doesn't care for neckties, and when being "groomed" for Abilene's "citizen of the year" award in 2013, he wore a bowtie. To him, a "come-as-you-are" invitation means open collar with hair in "wake-up-and-locked" position.

This book is available on Amazon, but he'd prefer orders to the Dromgooles' store (www.texasstartrading.com). He autographs store-bought books, of course. (Final note: Glenn has little use for quotation marks. That's why I'm using them excessively.)

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to write weekly and speak throughout Texas. Phone: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Facebook: Don Newbury.

VIOLET

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This should not pull your family apart, but a memory this special should bring you all together. If necessary, hire a mediator to discuss the matter, though, if your brother and his wife continues to deny they have the documents, you may have no further recourse and may have to let the matter

Best of luck,

Violet

Dear Violet is a relationship advice column, covering both domestic relationships and familial relationships, as well as friendships. If you have something you want to get advice about, write in and get a third party, no ax to grind perspective.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS WAELDER ISD's

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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

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WALTER MANSFIELD, Deceased, were issued on November 28, 2022, in Cause No. PW22-0234, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: REBECCA MANSFIELD, Independent Executor of the Estate of WALTER MANSFIELD.

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

REBECCA MANSFIELD, Independent Executor of the Estate of WALTER MANSFIELD, Deceased c/o CHRISTIE ORTMAN FULLILOVE 403 St. George

Gonzales, Texas 78629

Dated the 28 day of November, 2022.

CHRISTIE ORTMAN FULLILOVE Attorney for: REBECCA MANSFIELD

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Request for Proposal (RFP) for Administration

Re: Texas General Land Office ("GLO") Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT), Resilient Communities Program

Dear Service Providers:

Attached is a copy of the City of Gonzales' Request for Proposals ("RFP") for professional administration services. These services are being solicited to assist the City of Gonzales in its application(s) for and implementation of one or more contracts, if awarded, from the GLO's CDBG - MIT program. The City of Gonzales is considering applying for such funding for planning activities.

Service providers may submit proposals for any or all activities. Multiple contracts may be awarded as a result of this solicitation. The City of Gonzales will, in its sole discretion, determine the number of contracts awarded, and may decide not to award any contracts.

The submission requirements for this proposal are included in the attached RFP and can be found online at www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/cdbg-dr-grant-application. Please submit a proposal of services and statement of qualifications to citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 2:00 PM on December 16, 2022. It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting provider. The City of Gonzales reserves the right to negotiate with any and all service providers submitting timely proposals.

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Sincerely,

Tim Crow Interim City Manager

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Administration **Professional Services - Cover Letter**

December 1, 2022

Re: Texas CDBG -MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG MITMOD)

Dear Service Providers:

Attached is a copy of the City of Gonzales Request for Proposals ("RFP") for professional administration services. These services are being solicited to assist the City of Gonzales in its application(s) for and implementation of one or more contracts, if awarded, from the GLO's CDBG MIT-MOD program. The City of Gonzales is applying for such funding for engineering, grant administration, infrastructure construction and activities as indicated in the attached Scope

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Sincerely,

Tim Crow Interim City Manager

Request for Qualifications"(RFQ) for **Engineering - City of Gonzales, Texas**

December 1, 2022

Re: Texas CDBG-MIT Regional Mitigation Program's Method of Distribution Development (CDBG MIT-MOD)

Dear Engineering Service Providers:

Attached is a copy of the City of Gonzales, Texas, Request for Qualifications for engineering services. These services are being solicited to assist the City of Gonzales in its application and project implementation of a contract(s), if awarded, from GLO CDBG MIT-MOD Program. The City of Gonzales will be applying for such funding to support infrastructure activities in the City of Gonzales.

Multiple contracts may be awarded as a result of this solicitation.

The submission requirements for this proposal are also included on the attached Request for Qualifications (RFQ) form. Please submit a proposal of services and statement of qualifications to:

Kristina Vega, City Secretary City of Gonzales 820 St. Joseph Street Gonzales, Texas 78629

The deadline for submission of proposals is December 16, 2022 at 2 p.m. Please provide one digital copy of your proposal of services and statement of qualifications to citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov, as well as four (4) hard copies to address above. Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting firm.

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Sincerely,

Tim Crow Interim City Manager

Cooking with Parind

Gourmet dark chocolate makes great hot chocolate

Hello everyone. My name is Parind Vora. In this column we talk cooking, tricks to cooking, and sometimes eating.

We are just getting in to winter, so it's been a rather cold so far, but it has not been miserable, yet. I made some gourmet hot chocolate using real Belgian chocolate.

People have asked for the recipe so I thought I would share that in today's column.

Dark chocolate is predominantly 2 ingredients. Cacao and cocoa butter (collectively called cacao liquor). The darker the chocolate the less cocoa butter it contains and a higher % of cacao. The higher cacao content also makes the chocolate deeper, contains more nuance along with the prerequisite accompanying bitterness. Also, the % of chocolate is based on the cacao liquor and not the cacao solids so two 70% chocolates can have different cacao solid contents.

Chocolate is a tropical product that is refined in other places like France, Belgium, Germany and the US predominantly.

We will use Callebaut 45% cacao chocolate that is readily available at 'whole paycheck' type grocery stores or on-line. You can get it either as small chips or bars. Either will do though the bar you will need to shave finely and not just cut break it up into chunks.

So now let's get started.



Hot chocolate

- Dark chocolate hot chocolate
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups whole milk
- ½ cup heavy whipping cream 1 cup Callebaut 45-60% cacao chocolate finely shaved/chopped ½ cup sugar
- Homemade whipped cream or marshmallows if desired.

Tiny pinch of salt & a small pinch finely ground pepper to taste

In a big enough pot (double the liquid contents) scald all the dairy, the sugar, salt & the black pepper over medium low heat until all of the sugar is dissolved.

Turn off the heat and add all of the chocolate and whisk until the chocolate melts and is incorporated completely into the dairy.

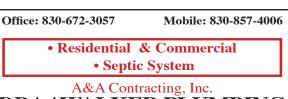
Put in pre-heated cups and top with whipped cream or the marshmallows and serve immediately.

If the kids are within eyesight but preoccupied by other matters, feel free to spike any of the adult hot chocolate with two fingers of any good Catholic whiskey like Jameson's. Protestants will use Bushmill's, of course. Those of us who remain unaffiliated may use anything they fancy like Basil Hayden's, Lagavulin or even Baileys or Kahlua.

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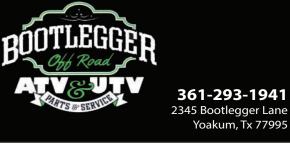




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Forgiveness is a choice

Hey there folks, I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. Getting time off during the holiday season is always more than welcome, as we get to hang out and spend time with family and friends, that we may have been too busy to see as much as we would've liked.

Unfortunately for many people, the holiday season can also be a bit of a downer. Missing the people, pets, places, things, and situations that were so much of our happy place at one time, but now, have sadly passed on.

Paraphrasing (with a different meaning in mind) the old Stephen Stills song; If you can't be with the ones you've loved, love the ones you're with. As long as God's gifted us with the breath of life, there's no time like the present to show people how much we care about and appreciate them, for being a part of, and enriching our lives. In the words of Benjamin Franklin "Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today." I've known way too many people that didn't take the chance when they had it and unfortunately, have lived with a lot of



...we all make way too many mistakes in life. That doesn't mean that they can't be corrected along the way, minimizing the damage, and restoring a loving relationship that. to some, may have looked unsalvageable.

regret ever since. Please don't be one of them.

If you've read the last couple of articles, you know that this holiday season is different for me, as my father passed away earlier this month. It seems as though, especially as we get older, that love, loss, and the pursuit of God becomes more of a full time job. God blessed my dad with over ninety years here on earth, overcoming many things, and helping him to sur-

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vive the rest. What else could a person reasonably ask for?

You may have also read that, due to many circumstances, me and my dad basically had a long distance relationship for most of our lives, but still kept in touch regularly, and loved each other very much. As strange as that may seem to some people, we made peace with it long ago, and it worked for us. Many times throughout the years, and as recently as a month ago, he apologized for not being a better father to me, and I apologized for not being a better son to him. I assured him that even though our relationship wasn't optimal by the worlds standards, that it was always a very important part of my life, and that I was very proud to call him my father. People being people (none of us are perfect) and truth be told, we all make way too many mistakes in life. That doesn't mean that they can't be corrected along the way, minimizing the damage, and restoring a loving relationship that to some, may have looked unsalvageable. James 5:16 says; confess your sins and

may be healed.

My father came into this world and grew up having to navigate some pretty rough conditions. Hailing from the Kentucky and Ohio area, his family survived the great depression any way they could, leaving in its wake a family of severe alcoholics. He didn't talk much about them, as they were not a loving family to begin with, and addicted to alcohol, became mean and violent over the years. At one point when he was about eleven, he and his brothers were living on the streets and eating out of dumpsters to survive. Hanging out with the wrong crowds and eventually succumbing to an ever increasing battle with alcohol, his brothers spent much time in jail for wrecks, theft, fights etc, culminating in a police shooting during a bar brawl. It seems to me that God may have had his hand on my dad from an early age, knowing that he would eventually accept him, as he escaped the addiction and troubles that plagued the rest of his family... thank you, Lord!

Until next time, love you guys, Eric.

CHURCH BRIEFS

COMMUNITY CANTATA

A community cantata will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. with a chili supper to follow. Please make plans to celebrate the season with fellowship and beautiful music. The Presbyterian Church is located at 414 St. Louis Street, Gonzales.

CUERO COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The Cuero Community Breakfast returns from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at the First Presbyterian Church of Cuero, 302 N. McLeod, Cuero. A full breakfast, including sausage, pancakes, biscuits, sausage gravy, etc will be prepared and served.

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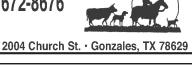
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MARIA DE JESUSA ALMARAZ

Maria De Jesusa Almaraz, 105, of Waelder, passed away Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Maria was born June 1, 1917, in Saltillo, Mexico to Juan Molina and Lucia Velasquez Molina. She married Cesario Almaraz on January 29, 1941, in Waelder, Texas.

Maria was a homemaker and a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church. She was dedicated to spreading the love of our Lord Jesus Christ through his mother the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe as a member of the Guadalupana Society. She enjoyed visiting with family after Sunday Mass. She believed in the power of prayer and faithfully recited the Rosary. She loved getting together with her daughters as well as church members to make tamales. She greatly enjoyed quilting and had made quilts for family as well as friends. Her other past times included gardening, working her flower beds, and feeding



stray cats. She loved her family with her whole heart and would do anything to help anyone.

She lived during the most eventful century of this world's history and on her 100th Birthday the Mayor of Waelder proclaimed June 1, 2017, as "Jesusa Almaraz Day". Family, friends and the community of Waelder gathered to celebrate this incredible milestone.

Maria is survived by her loving family; daughters, Rosa Martinez (Arturo) of Austin, Josephine Rosas (Steven) of Waelder, Janie Melchor (Samuel) of Waelder, sons, Robert Almaraz (Victoria) of Houston, Rudy Almaraz (Lolly) of Katy, and Joe Almaraz of Houston.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband Cesario Almaraz and daughter Beatrice Amezquita (Manuel).

Pallbearers will include Ralph Almaraz, Manuel Amezquita, Robert Martinez, Gabriel Rosas, Eddie Almaraz, and Brenden Rodriguez. Honorary pallbearers will include Gilbert Rosas and Rene Castillo.

A visitation will take place at Seydler- Hill Funeral Home in Gonzales,Tx Friday, November, 18th 5PM to 7PM with a rosary following at 7PM. A funeral mass will take place at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Waelder,Tx on November 19, 2022 at 10am, interment will follow at Waelder Community Cemetery.

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

LLOYD DARWIN WARD

Lloyd Darwin "Chicken Hawk" Ward, 82, of Gonzales went to his Lord and Savior Saturday, November 26, 2022. Darwin was born July 11, 1940 in Clovis, NM to Lloyd T. Ward and Beulah Ball Ward. He married Susan Kay Low on April 15, 1978 in Valley Mills, TX. He was a member of Eastside Baptist Church and a 50year member of Iredell, TX Masonic Lodge # 405 AF&AM.

Darwin was raised in Portales, NM where he worked on a New Mexico ranch for 15 years. He bought a tractor trailer and hauled lumber and then starting hauling cattle. He continued working as an independent truck driver and hauling cattle until 2002 when he retired. After years of driving a big rig, Darwin had driven over 3 million miles. Considering the moon is 238,855 miles from earth, Darwin had driven that distance several times with return trips.

Darwin enjoyed rodeos and especially bull riding events. He was an awesome storyteller and enjoyed sharing many good jokes. He was a very hard-working man and could generally fix most anything. He loved to



tinker and keep himself busy. But when it was time to come to the table to eat, he was cleaned up, hair combed nice and ready to receive his meal as a gentleman. He enjoyed attending Sunday worship services and loved to listen to country gospel songs and old country music. But there was nothing more exciting for Darwin than proudly watching his grandsons play baseball and football.

Darwin is survived by his adoring wife of 44 years, Susan K Ward of Gonzales, daughter, Julie McLain (James) of Earth, sons, Jimmy Dale Ward (Patsy) of Elida, NM, Kennon Lee DuBose (Tamra) and Greg DuBose all of Gonzales, sister, Beverley Bryant (Joe Mike) of Portales, NM, brother-in-law

and sister-in-law, Billy Bob and JoAnn Low of Gonzales, grandchildren, Logan McLain and friend Beth, Orrin McLain (Darcy), Ethan McLain, Jesse Ward (Michelle), Lindsey White (Cody), Dakota DuBose, and Brandon DuBose, and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Martha King and brother-in-law, Aubrey King and brother, Garry Ward.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 pm Wednesday, November 30, 2022 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with a funeral service being held at 2 pm Thursday, December 1, 2022 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with Rev, Robert Ramirez officiating. Honorary pallbearers: Dakota DuBose, Brandon Du-Bose, Logan McLain, Orrin McLain, Ethan McLain, Jesse Ward, Preston Crabb and Payne Crabb. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Eastside Baptist Church Building and Grounds Fund. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

David Anthony Williamson

David Anthony Williamson, 70, of Gonzales, answered the call of his Lord and Savior Wednesday, November 10, 2022. David was born March 29, 1952 in Shiner to Novel G. and Carolyn Frances Ogston Williamson. David had been a longtime member of the First Baptist Church before joining Emmanuel Fellowship Church where he has worshipped since 1992. David had married Michelle Ruth Martin on July 16, 1977 in Corpus Christi. They later divorced in 1992. David had been a member of the Gonzales Lions Club and the Gonzales Volunteer

Fire Dept. David was raised in Gonzales and graduated from GHS in 1970. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University in 1976 and a master's degree in Industrial Engineering in 1977. He worked in various fields before going to work for Kitchen Pride where he remained for over 20 years as a night grower.

David was a unique character and enjoyed being so. One could hear David approaching from a distance for the keys jingling from his massive key chain. Typically adorned in his double pocket shirts, navy pants and suspenders, David never put on airs, he was who he was, and folks could accept him just as he was or not, it was ok by him. He deeply cared about people but was not certain how to communicate his



feelings with others. If a person seemed receptive to dialogue, he would steal minutes to hours telling stories mixed with interesting and random facts with bits of theology thrown in for good measure. David always tried to be thoughtful of the needs of others and did his best to find a way to serve those that he could.

David cherished his relationship with God. He had and understanding of scripture that was well advanced. He knew the importance and power of prayer and was stalwart in praying for others as well as being receptive and humbled of other's prayers for him. He was good provider for his family and led his family in his faith of Jesus Christ the best he could. He had an amazing 5 octave singing voice and treasured singing gospel songs.

David loved his family and adored his grandchildren. His travels to visit them took him to Japan 5 times, Germany, Kansas, and Missouri to see them. He was traveling home from a recent visit in Missouri when he became

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Gloria Box, M.D (830) 672 - 8497 ill and passed away with family nearby. David Williamson was indeed a unique character of Gonzales, and he will be sorely missed. David is survived

by his loving family, daughters, Rebecca Joy "Becca" Palmer (Curtis) of Waynesville, MO, Megan Leigh Falconer (Sean) of Springfield Missouri, sister, Susie Dietz (Hank) of Fruitland, ID, grandchildren, Miracle Palmer, Samuel Palmer, Gloriana Palmer and Benton Falconer and 5 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandson, Sterling Louis Palmer, and sister, Frances Jean Kelley.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 pm Friday December 2, 2022 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 am Saturday, December 3, 2022 in the First Baptist Church with Pastor Lynn Wilson officiating. Burial will follow in Hermann Sons Cemetery. Pallbearers: Curtis Palmer, Sean Falconer, Paul Neuse, Matthew Grey, Elojio De-Luna, and Greg McLain. **Honorary Pallbearers:** Frank Ball and William Martin. Memorials may be made to Emmanuel Fellowship Church, Gonzales First Baptist Church or the First Baptist Church in Waynesville, MO. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

James "Rusty" Lehnert

James August "Rusty" Lehnert, 82, of Gonzales, passed away Sunday, November 20, 2022. He was born August 30, 1940 in Lavaca County the son of Fred and Agnes Ehler Lehnert. He graduated from Gonzales High School with the Class of 1958. He married Ellen Marie Breitschopf on September 2, 1962. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church and served with the Texas Air National Guard.

He was employed with Goodyear in Gonzales as an assistant manager, Mc-Caskill Used Cars and as sales manager with John Whitt Chevrolet. He later joined the Gonzales Independent School District Maintenance Department where he retired. Rusty



enjoyed cabinet making, woodworking, hunting and fishing. Through the years he also managed Little League teams.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years Ellen Lehnert of Gonzales, daughter Karen Voss of San Marcos, sons Todd Lehnert of Round Rock and Kevin Lehnert of Gonzales. Grandchildren: Collin Voss, Connor Voss, Kyle Voss, Lindsey Lehnert, Teiara Lehnert and Kellen Lehnert; sister Dorothy Taylor and brother Lawrence "Red" Lehnert. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Ed, Harvey, Fred and Gary and sister Rose.

Graveside services will be held 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at the Gonzales Memorial Park Cemetery with Larry Fortune officiating.

Friends may sign the guestbook and leave condolences by visiting www. seydlerhillfuneralhome.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home 906 St. Paul, Gonzales, TX

MARY LEONA RABEL

Mary Leona Rabel, 77, of Harwood, passed away Thursday, November 17, 2022, in Gonzales, Texas surrounded by her loved ones. She was born July 12, 1945, in Shiner, Texas to Jim and Bertina Broz.

Mary had a love for animals, she loved her many dogs over the years and her cat Colony. She loved feeding hummingbirds and stray animals. Mary enjoyed puttering around with her plants and cactuses. But, most of all she enjoyed going shopping



with her daughter and going to thrift stores.

Mary is survived by her husband Vernon Rabel of Harwood, and daughter Judy Rabel of Houston, her sisters Lillie Mansfield of Cuero, Janie Rollins (Ronnie) of Columbus, numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brothers Jimmy Broz, Michael Broz,

and Richard Broz.
She was deeply compassionate for others and will be deeply missed by those who knew her, she

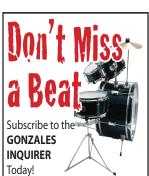
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RANDY GAY SQUYRES

Randy Gay Squyres, 70, of Gonzales passed away early Monday at her home with her devoted husband of 52 years by her side. She was just three months shy of her 71st birthday.

She was born in Burnet on Feb. 6, 1952, to Wilburn Warren Jarvis and Joyce Annagay Phillips Jarvis, one of three girls.

She moved several times as a young girl, the family following her father's job with Texas Eastern. Just before her fifth birthday, Randy and her family located in Cuero, the place they all call their hometown.

She graduated from Cuero High School in 1970 and married the love of her life, "Rusty," at Calvary Baptist Church in Cuero, just days after she crossed the stage at graduation.

Their golden anniversary fell the same year the pandemic arrived, and they were hoping to finally celebrate their many years together sometime in the months ahead.

Randy Gay loved spending time with family and friends and was fondly remembered as a fine cook whose recipes were always in demand. She was also someone who never missed an occasion to send someone a card, be it their birthday, Easter or just because.

She and Rusty relocated to the nearby town of Gonzales when their daughters were still quite young. She worked several jobs through the years, but a career wasn't what

Randy's husband probably said it best: "She lived for her family." First, for their two daughters, Jennifer and Amy, and then for their grandchildren, Zachary and Sheela. Later still, they were blessed with two great grandchildren, William and Colby.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin "Rusty" Squyres of Gonzales; two sisters, Susan Roggenkamp (and Dennis) of Anchorage, Alaska, and Debbie Black of Victoria; two

daughters, Jennifer Horecka (and Bobby) of Hallettsville and Amy Webb (and Kenneth) of Fordtran; four grandchildren, Zachary Webb (and Danielle) of Yoakum, Sheela Webb (and fiancé Omar) of Yoakum, Bradley Horecka of Terrell and Aryn "Nick" Horecka of Dallas; two great-grandchildren, William and Colby Webb of Yoakum; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home of Gonzales. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and a celebration of life will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, both taking place at Seydler-Hill with the Rev. Lynn Wilson of Emmanuel Fellowship Church in Gonzales officiating. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens in Cuero.

Pallbearers will be Kenneth Webb, Zachary Webb, Sheela Webb, Bobby Horecka, Aaron Steelman, Jason Haile, Sam Saunders and Douglas Wright. Honorary pallbearers are Robert Squyres Jr., Charles Stone and Marcus Pridgeon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given in Randy Gay's name to the St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office

11/13/22 - 11/19/22

11/13/22

 Nicoletti Jr., Bruce Evan, 01/1988, Shiner: Local Warrant - Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon, Requires \$250,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

• Windham, William Travis, 01/1989, Gonzales: Local Warrant - Resist Arrest Search or Transport, Local Warrant - Violate Bond/ Protective Order; Released -Warrant Recalled

 Cochran, Christie Michelle, 11/1983, Devine: Criminal Trespass, Requires \$2,500 Bond; Assault Public Servant, Requires \$7,500 Bond; Remains in Custody

• Zarate-Valdez, Jose Antonio, 02/1981 Gonzales: Commitment/ Sentence - Driving while Intoxicated 3rd or More; Released - Weekender

11/14/22

 Victor-Brenes, Neftali. 10/1995, Fort Worth: Local Warrant - Sexual Assault;

Released on \$50,000 Bond

11/15/22

· Satterlee, Zachary, 05/2003, Austin: Local Warrant - Possession Marijuana <2 oz; Released on \$15,000 Bond

11/17/22

• Sprouse, Philip Newton 05/1961, Beaumont: **Hardin County Warrant** Theft of Material Alum/ Bronze/Copper/Brass <\$20 K: Hardin County Warrant -Theft of Material Alum/ Bronze/Copper/Brass <\$20 K; Hardin County Warrant -Theft of Material Alum/ Bronze/Copper/Brass <\$20 K; Hardin County Warrant -Theft of Material Alum/ Bronze/Copper/Brass <\$20 K; Remains in Custody

• Trigo Jr., George S., 06/1975. San Antonio: Local Warrant - Unlawful Possession Firearm by Felon, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

• Hernandez, Angelica Lynn, 10/1988, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence -

Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G; Released - Weekender

• Rodriguez, Jose Andres, 08/1989, Nixon: Commitment/Sentence -**Possession Controlled** Substance PG 1 <1G; Remains in Custody

11/19/22

• Walker, Teterick Lamar, 03/1978, Killeen: Public Intoxication; Released on Order to Appear

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Gonzales County Sheriff's Office

11/20/22 - 11/26/22

 Alvarez, Jennifer, 07/1982, Luling: Local Warrant - Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence w/Intent to Impair, Requires \$50,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

11/22/22

· Martinez, Micah Christian, 06/1994, Baytown: Local Warrant - Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G, Requires \$25,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

11/23/22

 Eads, Jacob Less, 08/1989, Kingsbury: Local Warrant - Possession Controlled Substance PG

1/1-B <1G; Local Warrant -Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, Requires \$75,000 Bond: TDCJ - Detainer, Remains in Custody

11/25/22

 Finch, Matthew Ryan, 06/1994, Nixon: Local Warrant - Evading Arrest Detention w/Vehicle, Released on \$50,000 Bond · Solis, James Elis,

11/1976, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence -**Possession Controlled** Substance PG 1 <1G, Released - Weekender • Hunt, Dondre Anthony,

11/1993, Gonzales: Local Warrant - Burglary of Habitation, Local Warrant -Burglary of Habitation, Requires \$75,000 Bond; Caldwell County Warrant -

Criminal Nonsupport, Requires \$500 Bond, Remains in Custody

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TERESA ANN MARTIN WASHICHEK Payne, Prestonn Har-

Teresa Ann Martin Washichek, of Gonzales, went to be with her lord and savior on Sunday November 27,2022 at home surrounded by her family. Teresa was born on September 21,1951 at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas to Dred Martin, Jr. and Margaret Elaine Spahn. Teresa was

married to her lifelong

best friend Fred Washichek September 26,1969 at the First Baptist church in Gonzales. Teresa pursued many career paths in caring for others, her latest was a bus driver with Gonzales ISD. Teresa is survived by her hus-

band of 53 years Fred Washichek Sr., Daughter Candy Washichek (Brown), her sons Kenneth Kuchynka (Donna) and Fred Washichek Jr. (Christyne), Grand children Kevin Brown (Debbie), Christopher Brown (Cheyenne), Debra Washichek (Marcus), Nicole Washichek (Pete), Will Irle, Logan Kuchynka, Hanah



len, Torilynn Harlen, and Samantha Moore. Her great-grand kids are Jayden, Brayden, Corbin, Colby, Cooper, Hagen, Tino, Easton, Ryan, Emmylynne, Kutter, and Mayah. She is also survived by her sisters Penny and Dawn, and her brother Johnny, Teresa dedicated 40 years of her life to the Girl

Scouts and loved every single one of her girls; she was an inspiration to everyone in many ways. Teresa is proceeded in death by her parents, her two brothers Glenn and Dred (Hondo) and her beloved in laws Frank and Frieda Washichek.

A visitation will be held Friday, December 2nd, 2022, from 10am to 12pm followed by a funeral service at 12pm at Seydler-Hill Funeral

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

Woman's Study Club meets for Quilt Program

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Woman's Study Club met on Nov. 9 at the home of Noell Ince. Vice President Ince called the meeting to order in the absence of the president. Eleven members and a guest were present. After a short business meeting, the program was introduced.

Denise Green, owner of Holly Dee Quilts in Luling, gave a delightful program about her shop, her quilts, and her experiences with other quilters. She opened the shop in Luling in 2016 and teaches classes (beginners and advanced), sells fabric and all things quilt-related.

She had brought a variety of quilts — some ld, some new, some very traditional, and some very modern and abstract. Each has a story about the fabric, the family or friends who were involved in the making or who inspired the quilt. Her quilts represent friendships and travels and are very precious.

The club enjoyed Green's presentation and seeing the exceptional quilts. Many questions were asked and stories about quilts meaningful to members were related.

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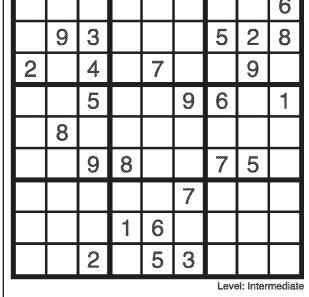
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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

SPORTS

Apaches begin basketball season with new coach

BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches varsity basketball team are back in action for the winter sports

The Apaches begin their 2022-23 campaign under new head coach Matthew Hart with a 4-2 record. Hart spoke to the Gonzales Inquirer before the season started about his excitement to be working with this group of players.

"We had a good summer, the guys bought in and we have guys playing over the summertime...So they are prepared. They listened (responded) and they played. They listen to what I'm saying. And they do a good job of responding," Hart said.

The team has been working together since the off season, and Hart said the players have been working hard throughout their strength and conditioning program.

"It was a good opportunity for the kids to get a lot of basketball that they wouldn't get, normally," Hart said, referring to the fact that many of the team players are also on other sports teams and have, in the past, not had prep time between sports to prepare.

The Apaches finished third in district last season and were bi-district finalists; Hart hopes he can improve the team more from last season's success. Part of that plan includes Hart's plan to have returning starter Angel Martinez back on the team for his senior year. Hart is looking forward to having his leadership on this year's team.

(Martinez is) a born leader, one of those guys that you can tell him something and he will lead. We are relying a lot on those guys," Hart said. "I think our kids have bought into the idea that we need to make the playoffs and win the district championship."

Continuing to talk about the strength of this year's team, he said that the "biggest strength" is that the players all like each

"These guys really do want to work for each other and I think one thing we always talk about is that we are a brotherhood, and we're trying to play for each other," Hart said.

The only weaknesses that Hart expressed concern about was the pace of the game, for his team. He said they need to figure that out and that it will involve further game experience for some of his players.

The Gonzales Apaches varsity basketball season is in progress.

The Apaches next three games:

At Hallettsville (Tuesday, Dec. 6), Navarro Tournament (Thursday, Dec. 8 to Saturday, Dec. 10), vs. Navarro (Tuesday, Dec. 13).

Apaches drop road game to Alamo Heights Mules, 86-21

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Apaches fell on the road to the Alamo Heights Mules, 86-21, on Tuesday, Nov. 22. This is the Apaches' second loss of the season; they dropped to 4-2 for the

The Gonzales Apaches returned home Tuesday, Dec. 29 to face the Nixon-Smiley Mustangs at home.

Please see related story on this page for the full game recap of the Gonzales vs Nixon-Smiley game.



Mustangs Bradyn Martinez (1) moves the ball the court against Apaches Gavin Lekgega (1). The Mustangs won the season opener against the Apaches, 65-49, Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Mustangs win season opener against Apaches



Mustangs senior guard Dustin Mejia moves the ball down the court for the Nixon-Smiley. Mejia shot four three pointers in the, 65-49, win over the Apaches.



Apaches Angle Martinez (4) moves the ball the Nixon-Smiley basket with Mustangs Dustin Mejia defending Martinez. Martinez scored 20 points in the, 65-49, loss to the Nixon-Smiley Tuesday, Nov. 29.

BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches (4-3) and the Nixon-Smiley Mustangs (1-0) squared off on the basketball court Tuesday, Nov. 29. in a Texas 97 showdown.

The Mustangs beat the Apaches, 65-49, to begin their season 1-0 after canceling the first three games due to players participating in the football playoffs.

Mustangs head basketball coach Carlton McKinney knew his team had a couple days of practice leading into the Gonzales game, and he told his players that this game was about

getting some game conditioning. "We started out really well. Fatigue set it in on and as you can tell ... we let them [Gonzales] make a run, but I like the way they battle back. We got a lot of work to do, and it's good to start up with a win," McKinney

The Apaches struggled against the Mustangs offense; Nixon-Smiley shot multiple threes in the first half and Gonzales trailed as high as 20 points after the first half.

Apaches head basketball Matthew Hart said his team had a rough second quarter against Nixon-Smiley,

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GONZALES:

Gavin Lekgega - 11 points Weston Ruddock - 1 point Angel Martinez - 20 points Chrisean White – 9 points Jermaine Upshaw – 4 points Ryder McGehee - 2 points Luke Avant - 2 points

Dusty Mejia-22 points Carl White Jr.-13 points Braxton Regalado-10 points Bradyn Martinez-10 points Kade Dixon-5 points Luke Moses-3 points Aiden Johnson-2 points

Nixon-Smiley Mustangs prep for new season on the court

BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs varsity basketball team kicked off their 2022-23 season on the road against Gonzales on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The Mustangs pushed their season later due to players on the football team for their playoff run. Head varsity basketball coach Carlton McKinney is his 23rd season with the team and is looking forward to this year's

"We probably have about 15 or so kids that aren't involved in football that we've got started. We only had maybe two to

three practices. But I got three or four kids that are probably going to be varsity kids within that group," McKinney said. McKinney said the senior

group this year has been part of the varsity team for four years and have played a lot of min-

utes over the last season. "They understand the expectation within our district, although we lost Stockdale, who was a powerhouse last year,

you still have the Coles and the Randolphs within that district," McKinney said. The Mustangs had a district realignment this season and

McKinney hopes it'll help

his team make the playoffs

this season. McKinney said Cole, Marion and Stockdale were heavily senior led teams last year, but he "anticipates" Marion, Randolph, and Cole to not be as good as last season, but that they will make the playoffs.

"If we can stay healthy, if we can bring that same kind of desire and intensity to this year's

season as we did last year, I expect this to be right during the mix [for a playoff spot] at the end." McKinney said. McKinney went over the strengths and weaknesses

of this year's team; for the

strengths, it's the experience.

McKinney said these players

have been playing for a couple of years and the "continuity of knowing each player." "For us moving forward is

just continuing to improve on that continuity throughout the team, even with the young guys that we included in the varsity and just continue to try to get better," McKinney said.

For the weaknesses for the team, McKinney said it's about skills, and he continued the

more skilled his team gets, the better basketball players they become. The expectations are high

for this year's team to return to playoffs. McKinney said the

team was in the playoffs every

year and had a big run, and he knows it's been too long.

"I tell them all the time, I'll look at the banners and say it's been too long, we don't have anything up there that has a two in front of it. So we need to make sure we're doing everything we can to get back to where we believe we belong, which is in the playoffs every year," McKinney said.

Nixon-Smiley Mustangs next three games: Karnes City Tournament (Thursday, Dec. 1 to Saturday, Dec. 3), at Stockdale (Tuesday, Dec. 6), and Moulton Tournament (Thursday, Dec. 8 to Saturday,

Lady Apache basketball returns to the court

BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales Inquirer

The Lady Apaches varsity basketball team kicked off their season strong with a 4-0 start. This is the first time the Lady Apaches achieved this since 2015-16.

Head Lady Apaches basketball Dana Beal Sestak took over a team that went 6-26 last season and 0-8 in district. Sestak kicked the season off by returning to the fundamentals of basketball, improving on decisionmaking so her team can play the game, and improving on the defense.

"We're fast paced; I like to do a lot of transition, a lot of high pressure defense, and so we

have the kids to be able to do that. You have to have the kids before you can actually implement that," Sestak said.

Sestak is excited to work with this group of players this season. Sestak said that the team members are excited, they play fast-paced and they are quick.

"They like to play hard-nosed defense, and that just kind of fits into my personality. I'm really excited about how they're coming together as a team, how they're talking together, they're gelling, they're communicating out on the floor," Sestak said.

The Lady Apaches have three seniors, Maddie York, Carlee Ramos, and Hailey Bairrington. Sestak said these seniors have not only shown themselves to be great on the court for the team this year, but also are positive leaders.

"They're very positive, they're very accepting of their role encouraging their teammates. Obviously, they haven't all played with this group before, but they're very open to this style of play. They're definitely going to be a big part of our team," Sestak said.

The Lady Apaches will be in District 28-4A this year due to the district realignment; Cuero and La Vernia also joined Gonzales in its district with new teams from the San Antonio area. Sestak is excited to face the new teams in the district

like San Antonio Memorial, San Antonio Fox Tech, YWLA and San Antonio JFK.

"I just think seeing some new programs and new faces, we don't have that stigma that we've been playing these teams for years and we have this kind of record on them. We get to go in, everything fresh, doing what we do," Sestak said.

One of the biggest strengths of the team this year is their growing relationship, and the members working together as a team.

"They're very encouraging to each other, they're very positive. We're seeing a lot of positive encouragement of development of the younger kids," Sestak said.

The potential weaknesses for the team this season includes learning a new system under a new head coach. Sestak said her team knows they'll be doing things different from last season and added their adaptability will be important as the season progresses.

The expectations for the 2022-23 Lady Apaches is to play together as a team, play hard to represent themselves, their families and Gonzales, Sestak said.

The Lady Apaches next three games: Marion Tournament (Thursday, Dec. 1 to Saturday, Dec. 3), vs. Weimar (Tuesday, Dec. 6) and the Goliad Tournament (Thursday, Dec. 8 to Saturday, Dec. 11).



Mustangs' Carl White (14) moves the ball to the Apaches side of the court with Gonzales's Chrisean White (5) defending

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but turned it around in the second half, cutting the Mustangs' lead to nine points.

"I thought in the second half we came back and we kind of found a little bit of rhythm, and like I told the guys, we got to have four full quarters where we play well, or three of the four," Hart said. "That's something that Nixon-Smiley did; they had a couple more good quarters than us. But I think overall, the second half, I liked how we responded."

The Apaches will face Hallettsville Tuesday, Dec. 6, and will travel to Navarro for a tournament Thursday, Dec. 8 to Saturday, Dec. 10.

Hart said heading into those games, it'll help get the new faces experience on the varsity team and it'll be a learning experience, too.

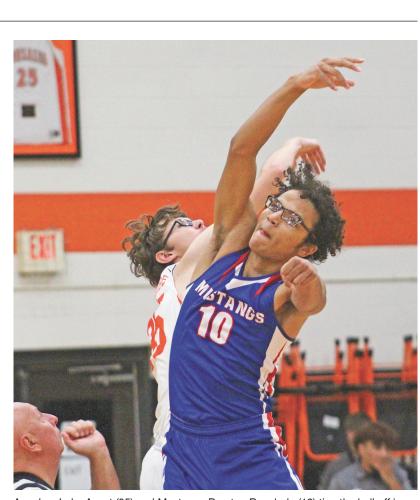
"Some of these guys, it's their first year on varsity, so getting experience is probably some of the biggest things for us ... so getting their feet wet and trying to grow as a team and being able to rely on each other is something that we're gonna build off of," Hart said.

Hart added it's about playing the games, learning from them and correcting the mistakes.

The Mustangs will be traveling to Karnes City for their first tournament Thursday, Dec. 1 to Saturday, Dec. 3 of the season and McKinney hopes that the win will give them a boost heading into Karnes City this weekend.

McKinney noticed the defense struggled and allowed Gonzales to stay in the game in the second half, and he'll be working on defense heading into the tournament.

'If we can continue to work on our defense, I feel pretty good about our chances moving forward [in the season]," McKinney said.



Apaches Luke Avant (35) and Mustangs Braxton Regalado (10) tips the ball off in the air at center court to start the game Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Apache Gym.



Apaches sophomore guard Gavin Lekgega (1) at the free throw line for Gonzales. Lekgega scored 11 points in the 65-49 loss to Nixon-Smiley.

Lady Mustangs fall to Skidmore-Tynan

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs were handed their fifth loss of the season by Skidmore-Tynan, 74-22, on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

The Lady Mustangs lost their second straight game, and will travel to Karnes City for the second tournament of the season Thurs-

day, Dec. 1 to Saturday, Dec. 3. Nixon-Smiley will travel to Kenedy Tuesday, Dec. 6 for its final non-district game of the season before district.

Lady Mustangs looking to compete in 2022-23 season

BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs returned to the court under second-year head coach Jordan Estrada.

The Lady Mustangs are currently 6-4 for the season and started the season strong, winning four of their first five games. Estrada spoke to the Gonzales Inquirer about the 2022-23 Nixon-Smiley Mustangs.

"This year I have six returners from last year, and then I'm adding in seven of my younger girls that I'm moving up from JV and I'm really excited about all of them," Estrada said.

Out of the six starters, three of them are seniors (Mady Velasquez, Criselle Stansel, and Natalee Mendez). Last season, the Lady Mustangs finished third place in the district, won a bi-district title and were area finalists. Estrada said last season set the tone for what her team can do this season, especially having her six returners back.

"My six returners coming back are pretty hungry for taking that next step. Our goals are the same thing, to push ourselves to get as good as we can during this preseason, pre-district, schedule. Then, hopefully, by the time we hit district, we're ready to roll," Estrada

The Lady Mustangs had district realignment this season, but it'll be the same with the exception of Stockdale leaving the

"We actually shortened our district schedule quite a bit, which gave me the opportunity to pick up some games against some different teams that we haven't seen before, with different skill levels, and some different things that'll prepare us for the postseason," Estrada said.

The strength of the Lady Mustangs to watch out for is the defense, and Estrada said her team has always competed well on the defensive side of the ball, as well as having the same coach for consecutive

"I think coming into this year, this is the first year in a while that the Nixon Smiley basketball team has had the same head coach back to back years. The consistency is going to help the girls quite a bit because they were able to kind of start buying into what we were doing last year and (we) saw the result from it," Estrada said.

One of the weaknesses the Lady Mustangs will work on is getting the seven new players at the same starters.

"It's going well, but the varsity level experience is going to be what we need to work on before we hit district play," Estrada said. The expectations are high for the Lady Mustangs and Estrada said the team is going to compete at "every level with whoever they play."

We are facing some new people some bigger schools. And I'm just looking forward to see my girls compete," Estrada said.

The Lady Mustangs' next three games: Karnes City Tournament (Thursday, Dec. 1 to Saturday, Dec. 3), at Kenedy (Tuesday, Dec. 6) and vs Marion (Tuesday, Dec. 13).

Yoakum hands Lady Apaches their first loss

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches are undefeated no more with their 39-34 loss to the Yoakum Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Sophomore Bella Aguero led the team with 11 points against Yoakum.

Senior Mady York and Aguero led the team with four steals.

Freshman Isabella Ikard led the Lady Apaches with five rebounds in the loss against Yoakum.

The Lady Apaches will travel to Marion for their first tournament of the season, Thursday, Dec. 1 to Saturday, Dec. 3. Gonzales will host

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Bella Aguero: 11 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 steals, 1 Kilee Schwausch: 7 points, 4 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 steal, 1 block Mady York: 6 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 block Sydney McCray: 6 points, 2 rebound, 1 block Isabella Ikard: 2 points, 5 rebounds Haley Cantu: 2 points, 1 rebound, Abbie Villanueva: 1 rebound, 1 steal Carlee Ramos: 3 steals, 1 block

Weimar for a non-district match Tuesday, Dec. 6, in

Hailey Bairrington: 1 rebound

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Apache Gym.



CONTRIBUTED

Gonzales County ESD 1 nominated Joseph Wenske for the EMS Citizen of the Year award. In Austin to see Joseph receive his award were, from left, Capt. Scott Evan (who was on the emergency call), Wenske (with his award), Deputy Chief Belinda Richter (who was also on the call), and EMS Chief Eddie Callender.

award

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Nominations are accepted from across the state of Texas. Wenske was nominated by **Gonzales County Emergency** Services District No. 1.

The state's top EMS administrator, Joe Schmider, presented the award to Wenske as a second official read the harrowing account of how Joseph courageously saved the life of his father, Ben, this past March.

ESD 1 and Gonzales County Judge Pat Davis had previously presented Joseph Wenske a special lifesaving award recognizing his heroics at their own banquet on March 29 four weeks to the day Joseph Wenske had to cut his own father's throat in order to help him breathe again.

Ben Wenske was at his home near Moulton in northeast Gonzales County on March 1 when he started having trouble breathing due to an allergic reaction to a medication, which caused his tongue and throat to swell. He managed to call his wife, Elizabeth, at her job in Lavaca County to let her know of his distress before becoming unable to speak. Elizabeth had a co-worker call 911 and she called Joseph to let him know about her husband's medical

Joseph arrived at the home before EMS to find his father in "severe respiratory distress." Realizing his father's life was in jeopardy because he could not breathe, Joseph



Joseph Wenske receives his award from state EMS chief Joe Schmider during the Texas EMS conference in Austin.

put Ben in his truck with the thought of taking him to the medical help, but realized time was running short to save his father's life.

Wenske had the presence of mind to take his father out of the truck, place him onto the ground and perform an emergency cricothyrotomy procedure he had only witnessed before on TV shows and in the movies, using a small bo cutter knife in his pocket that held a razor blade he had just replaced a few days prior.

Noticing Ben was still not breathing and had no pulse, Joseph performed three

rounds of CPR until he was able to regain a pulse on his dad. EMTs arrived and were able to use the hole Joseph cut to insert an endotracheal tube while they stabilized his vital signs and reversed the allergic reaction.

Ben Wenske was then airlifted by helicopter to M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, where he was treated and eventually released. Because of his son's quick thinking, he was present along with Joseph's mother Elizabeth and wife Hope to see Joseph saluted by the state's EMS personnel.

Nominations sought for Chamber board

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture will hold its annual election of board members on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023.

Nominations of people to be considered for the board can be sent to the Chamber office by

calling 830-672-6532 or emailing director@gonzalestexas. com on or before Monday, Dec. 12. The nomination committee will nominate not less than eight nor more than 10 entries for the ballot.

From the list of nominees, five directors will be elected to serve a three-year term.

MUSEUM

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for Community Facility Development and the remaining \$175,000 coming from EDC fund balance.

"The board is pleased to help preserve the Museum which houses the cannon and other important artifacts," said Jennifer Kolbe, GEDC executive director.

The GEDC board also approved a Main Street Improvement grant for property at 810 Saint Paul Street, where Guillermo Palomera will open Willie's Sports Bar and Grill in the building which was formerly the Silver Star years ago. Palomera plans to pave the parking lot, add a fire suppression system, and make other improvements to the building to get it ready for businesss and will employ a minimum of 5 employees.

"We look forward to seeing another building in the historic Main Street district preserved for years to come," Kolbe added.

Board members also approved a contract with the Texas ED Connection, a marketing and lead generation firm that works to attract small to midsize manufacturing companies to Texas.

"Gonzales can then respond to request for information from these companies as to why we are a good location for their firms," Kolbe said. "Manufacturers create primary jobs, which is the focus of business retention and attraction for the GEDC.

"Primary job employers make goods that are exported outside of the region, the money they make from selling these items is then brought into the community and used to pay employees, utilities, raw materials, local suppliers and

often results in contributions to support community events like Winterfest and organizations like Little League, Norma's House and others."

The board thanked former board members Andy Rodriguez, Gerri Lawing and Larry Wehde for their service to GEDC and the community. The current board includes president Ken Morrow; vice president Chris Brunken; secretary Dr. Elmer Avellenada; treasurer Rafe Jackson; and directors Dan Blakemore, Melissa Cowey and Ryan Lee.

The financial statements were approved and will be filed for audit. Sales tax revenue continues to trend upwards, Kolbe said.

The board also reviewed the report of the recent Board retreat, a marketing report from the real estate agent that has the Lynn Theater listed, and updates on various GEDC funded city projects.

A closed session was held under Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person. No action was taken after the closed session.

The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation is a Type 4b Texas economic development corporation that collects a one-half cent sales tax off taxable goods purchased in the City of Gonzales for the purpose of promoting economic development in Gonzales, Texas. The board meets the fourth Monday of the month. Readers can learn more about the GEDC by visiting www. GonzalesEDC.org.

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said Brent Gindler, an investigator for the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office who is the presiding officer of the Gonzales County SART. Gindler spoke to commissioners on Monday before they took action.

"A SART is a formalized coordinated response to a sexual assault that allows multi-disciplinary professionals to coordinate and develop interagency responses to work together to address sexual assault by providing wrap-around support and communication," Gindler added.

SART teams are required to meet at least quarterly and must develop "a written protocol for responding to adult

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sexual assault survivors within the community," Gindler said.

The SART also must present a report to the commissioners court no later than Dec. 1 of every odd-numbered year that includes a list of active members a copy of their written protocol, and a summary of report numbers and case dispositions.

"Our team has worked over the past year to formulate a set of protocols that we believe will benefit our community and the victims of sexual assault," Gindler added.

Commissioners also voted to approve an interlocal agreement with the city of Gonzales to allow the county to build

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a new radio communications tower on Farm-to-Market Road 532, east of County Road 341, next to the city water plant. The county applied for a grant under the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program that would pay for the tower to be built,

similar to how the new tower was built in Smiley.

Commissioners also approved the purchase of an automatic license plate recognition (ALPR) trailer from Jenoptik for the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office, which will use an \$85,535 Operation Lone Star grant to pay for the equipment.

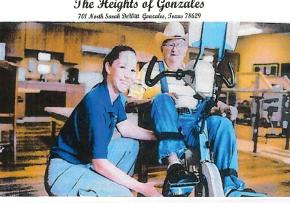
Sheriff Keith Schmidt

said the ALPR uses advanced camera technology to record and classify license plates of passing vehicles that can aid in fighting drug and human

trafficking, especially along Interstate 10. The technology it uses is similar to what is employed by toll roads in Dallas, Austin and Houston.



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You can find your policy limits on the front page of the policy or ask your agent. If the amount is lower than the estimate to rebuild, you may need to make changes.

3. Check your insurance coverage regularly.

Check your coverage when you renew your policy each year. You should also talk to your insurance agent if you remodel or make upgrades. A new deck, garage, or kitchen can increase the cost to rebuild.

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The City of Gonzales will hold a rededication ceremony Friday, Dec. 2, for the Gonzales Memorial Museum reflecting pool and the Eggleston House. Both recently underwent renovations, including replacing the recirculating pump at the pool and replacing the roof on the house.

Rededication set for Memorial Museum pool, Eggleston House

FROM STAFF REPORTS

There will be a rededication ceremony held this Friday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m. for the reflection pond at the Gonzales Memorial Museum, 414 Smith St., followed by a similar ceremony at the neighboring Eggleston House, 1303 St. Louis St.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will then hold an open reception at the Eggleston House at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

The recirculating pump recently was replaced at the reflecting pool at the museum, as well as repairs made to the concrete, plumbing and electrical systems.

The Gonzales Memorial Museum is a Centennial Historical Memorial Museum that commemorates the Immortal 32 who died in the Alamo. The Come and Take It Cannon which fired the first shot for Texas Independence on October 2, 1835 is prominently displayed. Other exhibits inside the museum include period rifles, ammunition, uniforms, and more.

Other objects and artifacts reflect early life in Gonzales, including vintage clothing, household goods, and archival photographs, and all help tell the story of this community, a pillar in the state's historic

march towards independence.

The museum itself is an elegant Art Deco complex which includes two exhibition wings, an outdoor 500-seat amphitheater, and a reflecting pool designed by the San Antonio architectural firm of Phelps and Dewees. The complex is constructed of shell limestone and trimmed in Cordova cream limestone. The central exterior entry features a monument comprised of pink granite and a bronze sculpture by artist

Raoul Josset. The Eggleston House project was being done to improve the overall appearance of the 178-year-old structure and to

enhance the visiting experience for patrons of the historic structure, which was one of the first in the state of Texas to receive a Texas Historical Commission medallion. The work was performed by Hodges Construction Services of Smithville and a portion of the work was paid for with a grant received by the DAR.

The Eggleston House was built by Horace Eggleston, a veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto, in 1848, about 12 years after the Runaway Scrape and the burning of Gonzales. It was one of the first permanent structures erected in Gonzales and was originally located 600

feet of the Guadalupe River on Saint Michael Street, using walnut and oak trees from the Guadalupe riverbank.

The house was gifted in 1954 to the city by Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Smith Jr. and the Gonzales City Council employed Fred B. Miesenhelder to move it to its current location along Saint Louis Street near the intersection with DeWitt Steet.

The Eggleston House is open for self-guided tours under the care of the Gonzales Memorial Museum staff. No staff member is present at the house. There is a recording detailing the history of the house and its occupants.

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can range from between \$50 per day to \$75 per day, based on contract rates, the cost to house a juvenile inmate can run

between \$100 per day to as much as \$250 per day. It especially costs more to house juveniles who have already been tried and

convicted of an offense as there are certain services that must be provided to those who have already been prosecuted.

Gonzales County Judge Pat Davis said the costs are higher for housing juvenile inmates than adult offenders due to specific state requirements that must be met when taking care of younger offenders. Also, he said there are fewer counties in the state who accept and house other counties'

"We've had a bunch of

ers) who have come in and we've had no beds to put them in and some of these offenders really need to go to detention until they can get a plan in place for them," Davis said. "Putting them on a (electronic) monitor is just not like putting them in a facility."

'Our juvenile probation department works really hard, but sometimes they need places to put kids because there really is no

other place to put them," added County Attorney Paul Watkins, whose office prosecutes criminal offenses by both adults and minors.

Commissioners also voted to reappoint Gonzales County Emergency Services District No. 1 commissioners Rene De La Garza, Linda Carter and Tony Stone to a two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 2023, and ending Dec. 31, 2024.



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Dear Santa,

Love,



'PARADISE LOST AND FOUND' CAST



The Shiner Gaslight Theatre Board of Directors commends the cast and crew of the fall production, "Paradise Lost and Found" for their dedication and effort. The Board congratulates those who won awards for outstanding work voted by the cast and crew. Pictured from the left, back row, are cast members Erika Baker, Jodi Adamék, Steve Liberti, Gabe Adamek, Sarah Liberti, Anna Neskora, Luke Maier (Best Adult Debut Award), Teri Deringer, Bill Matthys (Sister Michelle Award). Front row are Krystal Chavez and Tatum Carson (Best Youth Debut Award). Not pictured are Elaine Berkovsky (Lamplighter Backstage Award), Janet Spies who portrayed Clara on Nov., 9, 18, 19, 20, crew members Darcy Hermes and Briana Baker. This play was the directorial debut for Cuero resident Bill Matthys. Matthys has acted in many Gaslight plays, first appearing in a production in 2001. He took the major step to director in "Paradise Lost and Found" with outstanding success.



December 2nd & 3rd



Over 30 Food Trucks & Santa's Market Vendors

Come get your Christmas Shopping done!

Friday, December 2nd

5:00 pm - Downtown Merchant

Jingle Mingle

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm



7:30pm - 9:00pm **Zydeco Band Travis Matte &** The Kingpins

9:30pm - 11:00pm - Tanner Usrey



Saturday, December 3rd

9:00 am - Breakfast with Santa

Sponsored by Rotary Club (advanced tickets required) purchase tickets at Chamber of Commerce

Independence Square

10:00 am - Santa's Market Vendors Open

Fun Candyland Photo Ops Cookie Decorating, Hot Cocoa,

Letters to Santa & Ornament Making

12:00 pm - Stew, Beans & Chili Cook Off & **Bloody Mary Contest**

Sponsored by VFW # 4817

2:00 pm - Corn Hole Tournament

Sponsored by Gonzales Elks Lodge 3:00 pm - Christmas Carols & Live Music

7:00 pm - Lighting of the Christmas Tree

Texas Hero Square

10:00 am - Kids Rides & Games

Giant Inflatable "Snow Mountain" Carousel Swing Candyland Obstacle Course

2:00 pm - Historic Homes Tour

Sponsored by Historic Homes Association (advanced tickets required) purchase tickets online at https://www.gonzaleshistorichomes.org/

6:00 pm - Stars in the Village

Hosted at Pioneer Village (tickets available for purchase at entrance of Pioneer Village)

7:00 pm - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 ANNUAL 'ED CHRISTMAS PARADE



























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In order to prepare for our annual Winterfest celebration, please be aware of the following downtown road and parking closures.

Friday, December 2, 2022 @ 7:00 am

- No Parking Independence Square
- · St. George street closed at St. Paul and St. Joseph
- · St Paul Street closed at St George and St Lawrence · No Parking North/East end of Texas Hero Square
- Saturday, December 3, 2022 @ 9:00am
 - · St Joseph Street closed at St George and St Louis · St. George street closed at St. Paul and St. Joseph

· St Paul Street closed at St George and St Lawrence

- · All cars must be removed from parade route by 5:00pm

· No Parking North/East end of Texas Hero Square

· St Lawrence closed at St Paul and St James

· St James Street closed at St Louis and St Lawrence

Saturday, December 3, 2022 @ 6:00pm PARADE ROUTE - close cross streets

- · St Louis cross streets closed at College Street, Hamilton Street, St Peter Street, St Paul Street, St Joseph Street, St James Street
- · St Lawrence cross street closed at College Street, Hamilton Street, St Peter Street, St Paul Street, St Joseph Street, St James Street

· 7:00pm – close traffic on St Louis and St Lawrence between College Street and St James Street during parade