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# Tucy: MLK's 'Dream' lives on in Gonzales

#### **BY VANDY VAN EPPS**

**Gonzales** Inquirer

The legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived on at the 20th annual MLK march in Gonzales Monday,

Jan. 16.

Hundreds of people gathered on Texas Independence Square as they

lined up to march to the Edwards High School, where the Edwards Association held its annual MLK

celebration.

Edwards Association President David Tucy was impressed by the turnout for this year's march.

See MLK, page 15

# **City council** to discuss **Mixed Use** zoning, Lynn Theatre sale

#### **BY VANDY VAN EPPS**

**Gonzales** Inquirer

The Gonzales City Council will meet for their next regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, Jan. 19 with huge agenda items to be discussed.

One of the big items in the upcoming meeting is a presentation regarding action to rezone for Downtown Mixed Use (DMU).

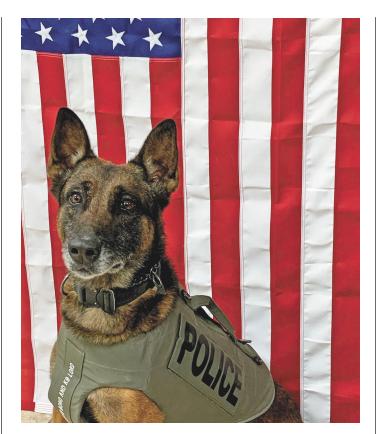
In February 2021 the council adopted an updated zoning ordinance; the updated zoning ordinance included a new zoning disitrict for downtown Gonzales called the DMU.

Since adopting the new DMU district, there have been properties who have requested to be changed, and were changed, to the new

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### **Chamber nominations open** for Walshak, service awards

munity. The nominee must be



### Yoakum plane crash kills 4 from church in Tennessee

#### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is requesting nominations for the David B. Walshak Lifetime Achievement and Community Service awards.

The David B. Walshak Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to honor a local individual for outstanding lifetime service to the coma resident of Gonzales County or be a good-standing member of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture. Any job-related task or duty for which nominees are paid a salary will not be considered.

The Community Service Award is an annual award given to an individual, busi-

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### Gonzales sees modest increase in sales tax allocations check

#### **BY LEW K. COHN**

Inquirer Publisher

The city of Gonzales' first sales tax allocation check for 2023 was modestly more than last year at this same time, according to Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar's office.

Hegar announced he will send Texas cities, counties,

transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.07 billion in local sales tax allocations for January, 7.6 percent more than in January 2022.

These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

See SALES TAX, page 15

### Nixon K9 officer Cygan receives body armor

#### **SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER**

The Nixon Police Department's K9 officer Cygan will have greater protection when he performs his duties, thanks to the donation of body armor by a nonprofit organization. K9 Cygan has received a

See K9, page 16

### **GUWCD holds Western Mitigation Fund workshop**

#### **BY CLAYTON KELLEY**

For the Inquirer

The Gonzales Underground Water Conservation District began the process of amending the contract of the Western Mitigation fund, which is currently without funds after

reportedly spending most of its mitigation funding in 2022 during Gonzales' third worst drought on record.

The Western Mitigation fund, which aims to offset the effects of outside pumping within the district — such as Guadalupe Blanco River Au-

thority in the Carrizo aquifer reportedly spent \$366,450 in 2022, with \$208,000 being directly after Gonzales' extreme drought conditions in November in the Carrizo aquifer.

"Usually that transition between summer and fall is the

highest mitigation time," GU-WCD General Manager Laura Martin said. "Those (November) invoices were all submitted for October. That drought hit and we still hadn't gotten any rain and people started

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#### **BY BOBBY HORECKA**

Special to the Inquirer

Four of the five people aboard a single propeller aircraft that had radioed in it was about to land on a scheduled flight to the Yoakum Regional Airport were confirmed dead after the plane went down just a few miles northeast of its intended destination Tuesday morning,

See CRASH, page 15

### Let the good times continue to roll at event

#### **BY BETTY COHN**

**Gonzales** Inquirer

The Gonzales Independent School District Education Foundation's highly anticipated 2023 Casino Night event returns Saturday, Feb. 18 and again will be held at the J.B. Wells Expo Center (1653 CR 197) with doors planned to open at 5 p.m.

There are many options available to donate to this wonderful cause, while having an amazing time, with High Roller Tables, VIP tables, and General Public Admission tickets available.

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# Police respond to gun violence comments at Nixon-Smiley

#### **SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER**

Law enforcement responded to two separate incidents involving students making inappropriate comments regarding possible gun violence on campus at Nixon-Smiley CISD, school officials said in a press release this week.

"The Gonzales County Sheriff's Department and the Nixon Police Department handled the situations immediately upon their notification," said N-SCISD Superintendent Jeff VanAuken. "Due to the fact that neither incident created an immediate threat to the district, there was no need for a lockdown. Both students involved are receiving appropriate consequences for their actions in these events."

VanAuken said the incident presented "a teaching opportunity for the students" in that how the words they say matter and can have consequences. "There were no weapons on campus and no weapons involved and no immediate threat to our campus," VanAuken said. "On investigation, neither student had any access to weapons. Because of these incidents taking place, we felt it was perfect timing to make sure parents teach their children that they are responsible for the comments they make. The incidents were not related to each other." VanAuken did not name which campus the incidents took place at and the identities and ages of the students involved are not being released, due to confidentiality concerns.

"Due to these recent events, we believe it is the perfect time to remind your child that if they are aware of any threats of violence at or against the school to notify an administrator or teacher immediately," VanAuken said in his release. "It is also important to remind them that they are responsible for any comments they make. In today's climate, any comment made involving school violence will be taken very seriously and may result in severe consequences. The district is committed to providing the students of Nixon-Smiley CISD with an environment in which they feel extremely safe and an excellent atmosphere for their educational experience!"

# OUTSTANDING YOUTH







#### What are synonyms for Outstanding? How about Cooper LaBuhn, Dylan Krenmeller, and Angel Gallegos? These three students were named winners in the recent Gonzales Noon Lions and Gonzales Breakfast Lions Club Local Outstanding Youth Contest. Congratulations and good luck to Cooper, who will represent the Gonzales clubs in the district midwinter competition later this month. This was the Local Outstanding Youth Contest, sponsored by the Gonzales Noon Lions and the Gonzales Breakfast Lions Club. Three students from Gonzales High entered the contest. Each student was evaluated on high school grade point average, three letters of recommendation, a 750-1,000 word essay on the subject of "the impact of technology on their generation and future generations," and a resume highlighting their community service, and leadership positions. The students, also, had a personal interview that consisted of answering six current event questions. All three contestants did a very good job. Cooper LaBuhn took first and won \$250. Dylan Krenmueller took second and won \$100. Angel Gallegos took third and won \$75. Cooper will also be representing Gonzales at the Lions District Midwinter convention which will be held in Gonzales on Jan. 21 at Victoria College. Good luck Cooper!

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#### **HELPING THOSE IN NEED**



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This is what it looks like when the community steps up to help their neighbors in need. Gonzales ISD is thrilled to have the support of the Gonzales Noon Lions and Gonzales Breakfast Lions Clubs. Gonzales ISD accepted a donation for its homeless student population, which will be used to purchase supplies for Apaches in need. Representatives of the Gonzales Noon Lions Club and Gonzales Noon Lions Club Foundation presented checks to Gonzales Independent School District McKinney-Vinto program liaison Jennifer Molnoskey and GHS Principal John Basha.

### Waelder Councilman Sam Ramirez dies at age 66

#### **FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Sam Ramirez, 66, who was elected to the Waelder City Council just last May, died Jan. 3, 2023.

Ramirez, who was born in Waelder on Jan. 17, 1956, owned his own construction company, The Zerimar Corporation, for more than 20 years in Houston before retiring and moving operations to his hometown in 2022. He and his

wife, Beatrice, owned a ranch in Waelder, where Ramirez would spend most of his free time, fishing, raising cattle and enjoying time with family and loved

ones. He ran for Waelder City Council in May 2022 and was elected to one of two spots on



the council by receiving the most votes of the three candidates. His community service also included helping flood victims to safety dur-

ing Hurricane Harvey in 2017 and regularly attending the Waelder Livestock Show.

### Kelley Loop house fire ruled unintentional

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

A house fire that happened last month in the 1600 block of County Road 342 (Kelley Loop) was a total loss of about \$98,180 and appears to have been unintentionally started.

According to a report by Gonzales Fire Department, firefighters were dispatched to the residence for a structure fire at about 9:38 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, with the structure fully involved and sounded a mutual aid request to Ottine, Waelder and Belmont VFDs. Gonzales County Sheriff's Office also provided assistance.

Power was cut off at the exterior breaker panel and Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative disconnected the power at the utility pole as firefighters began working to extinguish the fire and protect exposed areas. Crews also had to cool

down a propane tank burning from the relief valve. The fire was under control by 10:32 a.m. and mop-up operations continued until 1:55 p.m. In addition to the loss of the structure, valued at \$78,180, the contents of the home were valued at \$20,000. A total of 12 firefighters and seven apparatus responded to the blaze.

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January 24th Shiann Bowers

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Chris Espinosa

Patricia Govett

Ian McLain

Mary Miller

Brandi Vinklarek

Devin Vinklarek

**January 25th** 

Kathleen Allen



Riley Brown Kelley Decker Robin Guerra Katherine Miller Kathy Lamprecht Sam Turk

**January 20th** Jonathon Harkey Diane Hurley Virginia Pirkle

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January 22nd Ella Mae Finch

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SUNNY	<b>Januany 20</b> 67°/41°	Plenty of sun 0% chance of rain ● RealFeel 67
PARTLY SUNNY	<b>Januany 21</b> 60°/42°	Partly sunny 25% chance of rain ● RealFeel 57
SUNNY	<b>Januany 22</b> 63°/46°	Plenty of sunshine 0% chance of rain ● RealFeel 67
WINDY	<b>Januany 23</b> 63°/46°	Windy with increasing clouds 3% chance of rain ● RealFeel 58
MOSTLY CLOUDY	<b>Januany 24</b> 60°/43°	Mainly cloudy, showers around 58% chance of rain ● RealFeel 54
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# **Deadline approaching for SBA Working Capital Loans**

#### **SPECIAL TO THE** INQUIRER

Director Tanya N. Garfield of the U.S. Small **Business Administration's Disaster Field Operations** Center-West reminded small nonfarm businesses in seven Texas counties of the Feb. 13, 2023, 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 Caldwell County as well as neighboring counties of Bastrop, Fayette, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays and Travis that began April 19, 2022.

According to Garfield, small nonfarm businesses, 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 by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the applicant suffered any property damage," Garfield added.

The interest rate is 2.94 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.

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 June 13, 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, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA assistance.

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 information. 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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Q. What determines whether a tree produces fall color or not? I have two Texas red oaks about the same size but the color of their leaves is inconsistent and different almost every year.

A. There are several factors that affect how much color is reflected in the leaves every fall. Among the factors are the species of the tree. Your red oaks are inconsistent, but the same species of a tree is likely to be relatively consistent. The temperature and

moisture available in the summer also influence the amount and description of color. A streak of sunny cool weather in combination with moist soil is thought to result in more fall leaf color. Fall color is unpredictable so don't bet much money on the expected results.

Q. Is it best for the lawn to rake and remove the leaves?

A. If the leaf drop resulted in a very deep cover of leaves there is some potential to retard the lawn green up but I wouldn't think there is much especially with our climate and soil conditions. The leaves usually decompose within several weeks of dropping from the trees and the resultant organic remnants are a positive addition to the lawn nutritional situation. If you don't want to tolerate the leaves for even the small time it takes them to decompose, rake them up to use as mulch in the shrub beds or the compost pile. Mowing the leaves also speeds up the

#### LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

74-79; Canners, 28-48; High vielding fat cows, 74-77. Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 98-110; Light weights and medium quality bulls. 85-94. Stockers Cows: \$750 to \$2,300. Pairs: \$850 to \$1,900.

Slaughter Cows - \$35-81 Slaughter Bulls - \$86-110 Stocker Cows - \$460-1100 Pairs: \$1050

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Temperature, moisture decide trees' fall colors

decomposition process.

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Q. What is the lush green grassy plant that is growing on my lawn? The Christmas freeze browned it but only for a few days.

A. Based on your description I believe it is rescue grass, an annual winter weed. If you mow it it makes an attractive winter lawn until March when it works hard to produce seed for next winter. The contact herbicides for grasses such as Poast and Grass be Gone work well to control it in



borders. Q. How do we know when we can start harvesting onions?

A. You can harvest green onions within a few weeks of planting. In fact it is important

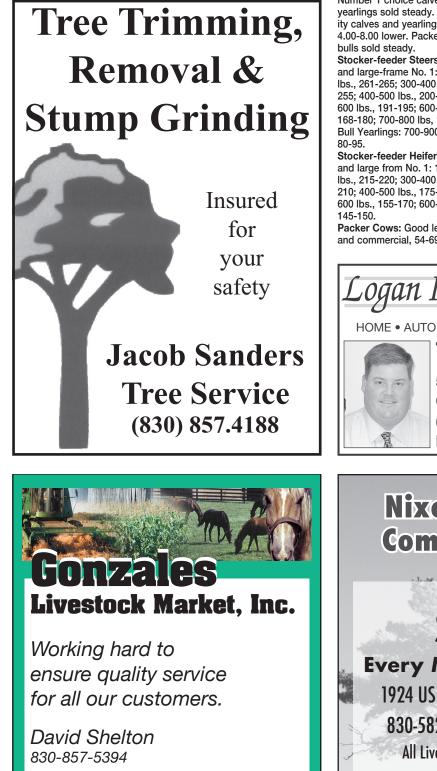
that there be at least 6 inches between the onions that you are growing to maturity if you want them to grow to full size. It is also important to fertilize the onions as they grow. They usually reach maturity at the end of May. The tops will flop over when they are done growing.

Q. We are having trouble finding any stock transplants to replace those we lost in the Christmas freeze. Will planting seed work?

A. Seed works for sweet peas and zinnias, but I have never had any success with growing stocks by seed. Perhaps you can just plant some extra rows of alyssum or dianthus? They are both fragrant and there seems to be transplants available at area nurseries.

> 1350 (Middle Aged) - 550-875 Cow/Calf Pairs - 1100-1300 Bulls: Heavy High Yielding - 90-104 Light & Low Yielding - 60-89 Feeder Bulls - None Sheep & Goats: Nannies (Young) - 150-370 (Thin & Old) - 90-140 Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.40-3.00 (Small & thin) - 2.00-2.40 Wethers -2.81-3.05 Billies - 1.50-2.65 Pairs - None Barb. Ewes (Young) - 140-175 (Small & Old Ewes) - 85-130 Barb. Lambs (Fat) - 1.40-1.75 (Small & Thin) - 1.80-2.30 Wooled Ewes - NONE Wooled Bucks - 1.15-1.55 Lambs - 1 50-1 75 Barb. Bucks - 500-800





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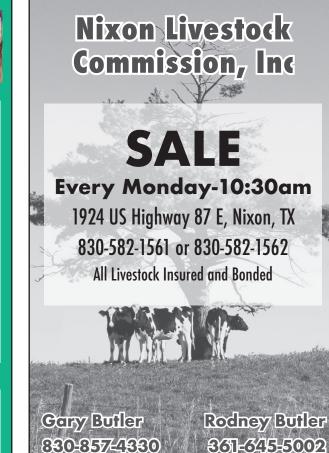
and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 261-265; 300-400 lbs., 225-255; 400-500 lbs., 200-230; 500-600 lbs., 191-195; 600-700 lbs, 168-180: 700-800 lbs. 151-165. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs.,

Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 215-220; 300-400 lbs., 207-210: 400-500 lbs., 175-205; 500-600 lbs., 155-170; 600-700 lbs.,

and commercial, 54-69; Cutters,

NIXON LIVESTOCK January 16 Cattle – 1638 Steers: 200-300 lbs - \$181-240 300-400 lbs - \$174-250 400-500 lbs - \$165-220 500-600 lbs - \$155-200 600-700 lbs - \$146-195 700-800 lbs - \$131-159 Heifers: 200-300 lbs - \$150-230 300-400 lbs - \$149-263 400-500 lbs - \$146-203 500-600 lbs - \$142-195





Packer Cows: Canner and Cutter Cows: \$57-85 Utility & Fat Cows: \$55-82 Low dressing canner cows: \$35-55 Poor/Weak: \$15-35 Packer Bulls: Heavyweight Bulls: \$101-108 Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$88-100 Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$70-87 600-700 lbs - \$139-180 700-800 lbs - \$101-135

Stocker Cows: Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$1100-1250 Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$825-1125 Good Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: 2 pair \$1225-1300 Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings: Number 1 steer & bull calves: Under 200 lbs.: \$165-255 200-300 lbs.: \$180-275 300-400 lbs.: \$182-270 400-500 lbs.: \$180-247.50 500-600 lbs.: \$172-215 600-700 lbs.: \$158-190 700-800 lbs.: \$148-170 Number 1 heifer calves: Under 200 lbs: \$155-240 200-300 lbs.: \$155-235 300-400 lbs.: \$160-225 400-500 lbs.: \$155-210 500-600 lbs.: \$152-185 600-700 lbs.: \$145-170 700-800 lbs: \$130-158 **Replacement Heifers:** 350-750 lbs.: \$160-230 The market was higher again this week. #1 kinds sold \$4 to \$8 higher on the heavy weights and \$6 to \$15 higher on the light weights - instances of \$20 higher. Överall a very strong sale. Packer cows & bulls sold \$3 lower on a total supply of 225 head. SEGUIN CATTLE CO. January 11 Market steady from last week on all classes. Packer cows & bulls steady. Cattle - 1202 Sheep & goats - 522 Medium & large frame #1

Steers: 200-300 lb. 1.70-2.62 300-400 lb. 1.80-2.55 400-500 lb. 1.67-2.30 500-600 lb. 1.30-2.06 600-700 lb. 1.17-1.74 700-850 lb. 1.30-1.66 Medium & large frame #1 Heifers: 200-300 lb. 1.38-2.40 300-400 lb. 1.62-2.34 400-500 lb. 1.51-2.08 500-600 lb. 1.23-1.78 600-750 lb. 1.30-1.62 Cows: Utility & commercial - 70-86 Cutters - 46-69 Canners - 32-45 Palpated cows (young) - 900-

#### CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET January 13, 2023

Number of head 1,967 There were 177 cows and 44 bulls. A good run of cows and bulls sold to a steady market. Tops on packer cows was off \$12/cwt from last week while the tops on bulls was up another \$5/ cwt. 35 of the 44 bulls sold brought \$100/cwt or higher. The quality of the cows was responsible for lower tops. Demand remains very strong. The calf market was consistent with last week's big rise. Average calf was almost identical to last week. It was a very strong and solid market across the board on all classes 85.00-120.00 Packer bulls: Packer cows: 60.00-80.00 canners & cutters 15.00-47.00 poor & weak 85.00-111.00 Palpated: 6 bred \$1,350 PAIRS: 3 Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH) Under 200 lbs. NONE 213.50-250.00 200-249 lbs. 250-299 lbs. 196.00-260.00 300-350 lbs. 208.00-244.00 350-400 lbs. 210.00-252.00 400-450 lbs. 193.00-244.00 450-500 lbs. 184.00-220.00 500-550 lbs. 171.00-209.00 550-600 lbs. 171.00-202.00 600-700 lbs. 164.00-194.00 700-800 lbs. 153.00-161.00 (AVG-HIGH) **Bull Calves:** 173.00-225.00 Under 250lbs 250-300 lbs. 192.00-255.00 300-350 lbs. 205.00-254.00 350-400 lbs. 203.00-250.00 400-450 lbs. 186.00-242.00 450-500 lbs. 183.00-224.00 500-550 lbs. 170.00-200.00 550-600 lbs. 166.00-201.00 600-700 lbs 155.00-178.00 Over 700 lbs. 145.00-174.00 **Heifer Calves:** (AVG-HIGH) under 200 lbs. 169.00-198.00 200-250 lbs. 153.00-200.00 250-300 lbs 146.00-196.00 300-350 lbs. 168.00-226.00 350-400 lbs. 172.00-242.00 400-450 lbs. 168.00-222.00 450-500 lbs. 162.00-216.00 500-550 lbs 155.00-180.00 550-600 lbs. 152.00-188.00 600-700 lbs. 149.00-170.00 Over 700 lb 134.00-155.00

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## Health discussion about trauma

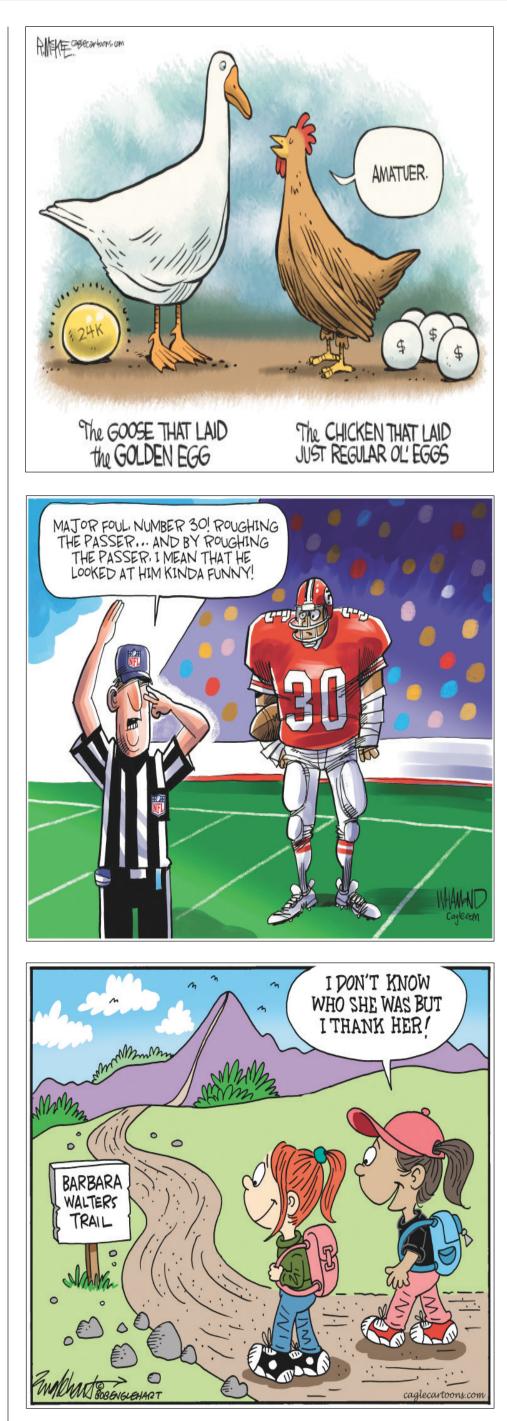
**BY BETTY COHN Gonzales** Inquirer

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a type of mental health condition that is the direct result of a traumatic, terrifying, stressful, or painfully emotional event. This condition is such that it may lead to a variety of different types of adjustment difficulties. PTSD symptoms vary in intensity over a period of time, with some of these memories either at an almost subconscious level, or, at times, rising forcibly to the surface causing a mental health crisis.

Reminders of certain specific events that have happened to an individual during their lifetime can vary in level, much as the events, themselves, vary in level form person to person in both intensity and types of trauma. These traumatic conditions or events may also present in a more or less stressful manner to each particular individual, independent of the severity or length of trauma, in and of, itself.

This is believed to be attributed to degrees of coping abilities, up to and including denial. The way any person perceives or remembers events is the factor that most importantly impacts the severity of not only the symptomatic presentation, but how the individual person reacts at the time of the PTSD onset triggering event, and even the management of the same of PTSD.

As a person might well imagine there are many terrible things that people do to hurt each other all the time, and many of these lead to anxiety, or other under diagnosed mental health issues over time, however, with PTSD the events are usual related to more intensely painful physical and/or emotional type traumas. Examples include sexual assault or abuse, childhood abuse, prolonged emotional abuse, going through periods of extreme lack of food or housing, and of course, combat experiences during physical fighting during the cour military mission, or another. Individuals can not just "stop thinking about these things" and being told "you're not currently under threat this minute" is not helpful, because anything can cause these severe traumatic memories to re-surge as if the event is happening all over again. A car back firing can sound very much like a gun firing, or, even worse in today's world, the sound of a gun firing could be actually happening somewhere near the individual. A former victim of sexual abuse or assault may believe that an individual in the grocery store parking lot is following them, and, if it's happening or not it can lead to a PTSD event. Complicating matters further does the PTSD sufferer ignore these feelings out of a misguided belief it's a memory response, at their own possible peril? Post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms may happen within a month of the traumatic event, or may sometimes not appear until many years after the actual event. Memory repression may happen, as well as both financial limits and remaining psychotic social stigmas that still exist in 2023. These symptoms may cause significant problems in both social or work situations, as well as in personal relationships. In certain cases. PTSD symptoms can be grouped into four types; intrusive memories, avoidance, negative changes in thinking and mood, as well as changes in both physical and emotional reactions to both real and perceived situations. These symptoms can vary over time, and may also vary from person to person. These symptoms will generally include intrusive memories (which include unwanted memories of the traumatic event); reliving the traumatic event in a flashback, as if it is currently occurring, again; dreams or nightmares; emotional distress or physical reactions to any situation that reminds you of the traumatic event; avoiding thoughts or talking about the event(s); avoiding places, people or activities that remind you of traumatic event; negative changes in thinking and mood



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### Shall we pray?

nherent with insistence to dig ever deeper - rarely satisfied with merely getting to the bottom of things — are the risks of learning more than we want to know. There are ever so many places to dig, with ever-growing types of tools with which to excavate.

Years ago, the late German Emperor Otto von Bismarck warned that laws — like sausages — are far better if we don't see them being made.

His quote — even if pilfered from someone else - came to mind following the heart attack of National Football League player Damar Hamlin early in the Monday Night football game on January 2....

Whatever the eventual results of this unfortunate event, it caused the sports world to fall prayerfully to its knees, petitioning restoration of a young man whose life suddenly was infinitely more valued than a football game.

Perhaps some of the same people intent on saying "Happy Holidays" rather than "Merry Christmas" days earlier were united with others, unashamedly praying to God Almighty, the Great Physician.

If all of us could be aware of sickness and affliction around the world, we'd be overwhelmed. But on January 2, the spotlight was on a football field, and Damar was at its center.... \*\*\*\*

The act of prayer — often ignored and little valued — was jolted back into prominence throughout the land.

Professing Christians sometimes admit their prayers to be "a last resort." Someone deeply rooted in the faith responded that it matters not "which resort," even if not the "first one."

The episode caused old and young, men and women and folks at opposing ends of political persuasions to be united in the matter of prayer. On the radio and TV airwaves for days following, "prayer" may have been the most word most heard, sometimes from folks we'd least expect ....

The episode made me think of famous quotes about prayer, one of which I've heard from grade school days. No doubt, it is familiar to you as well. It reads, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Perhaps I should have left it at that. After all, I was unaware of its origin, merely thinking that it was penned by some famous preacher. Turns out, the author was famous, but with leanings more clearly toward poetry than to clergy. While learning more about the life of Alfred Lord Tennyson, I felt drawn to his poetic genius, and less to his life wracked by sorrow, illness and discord. His life was torn by much; I'll leave it at that....

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From a selfish standpoint, I finally have something in common with a professional football player.

I, too, was felled by a heart attack, and I, too, was immediately attended by health professionals, both for CPR and jolts from an AED machine.

My "moment," too, was at the center of things, since I had just begun extending welcome and making announcements during a Sunday morning church service in October, 2021. I tumbled from the platform, landing on our senior pastor, seated on the first row....

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Admittedly, that's where comparisons end. His episode was witnessed by 70,000 or so in person, with millions more viewing on television. Mine was viewed by 300 worshipers, as well as several dozen watching the service online. Yet, responses were similar, albeit on far different scales. Fans broke into prayer for Damar by the millions. For me, it was a few hundred. I place highest values on these prayers, as I'm sure he does.

For many years, when friends have mentioned prayers for me, I've answered that "I need the prayer and they need the practice." Such remains so.

Finally, it is noteworthy that Damar's heart issues also have brought out the generosity of Americans. His "Go Fund Me" initiative — intended to provide toys for children in his hometown of Pittsburgh, PA — had reached \$2,500 by year's end. Now, the figure is approaching \$10 million, likely to go higher....

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

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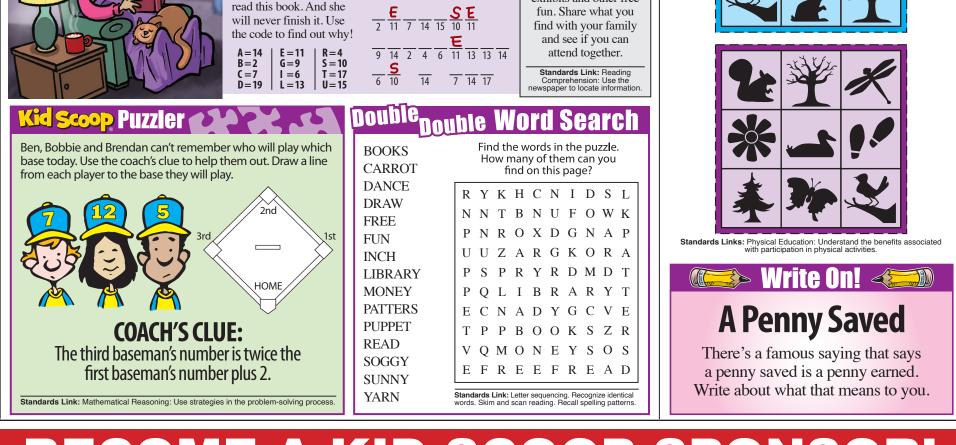




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#### **OBITUARIES**

Bertha Lea Cuvelier, 78, of Gonzales, TX passed away peacefully in her sleep on Tues-day, January 10, 2023. Bertha was born on February 19, 1944 to Thomas Adolph Hill and Ida Mary Robinson. After Bertha graduated from Gonzales High School, she went on to study nursing at Victoria College.

During college she worked as an EMT. After graduating with a degree in Nursing, she spent her career at Cartwheel Lodge Nursing Home in Gonzales, TX where she worked her way up to becoming Director of Nursing and later transitioning into Social Direc-tor. During her career, she trained many people in the medical field and cared for a large portion of Gonzales community members.



In 1978, Bertha met Donald Cuvelier at the introduction of a mutual friend, and they were married the following year. Bertha described Donald as the love of her life and they spent many happy years together fishing, hunting, camping, singing, traveling, and enjoying time with family and friends.

When Bertha retired, she spent her time volunteering at First Baptist Church and The Heights nursing home. She and Donald were very active in their church community and loved singing with The Glory Bound Singers.

Bertha was preceded in death her parents, Adolph and Ida, as well as her husband Don-ald. She is survived by her sister Annie Ganly and her husband Harvey and their chil-dren; her son Bruce Rusling and his wife Debra, her son Ray Rusling and his wife Tara, her son Ronald Rusling and his wife Robin, her daughter Kristi Stanton and her hus-band Craig, her stepson Scott Cuvelier, and her stepdaughter Sherri Schellenberg and her husband Dale. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

The family will receive friends from 9 am to 10 am Saturday, January 14, 2023 in Sey-dler-Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow in the funeral home at 10 am with Rev. Josh Breslaw officiating. Interment will follow in Hermann Sons Cemetery. Pall-bearers: Bruce, Ray, Ronald, and Colin Rusling, Craig Stanton, and Rick Shannon. Honorary Pallbearer: Kyle Rusling. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Gonzales. 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.

#### SHINER SENIOR CLASS **VISITS NASA**

The senior class from St. Paul High School went on a field trip with Math teacher Donna Hagel. The field trip to the Johnson Space Center in Houston focused on the role that calculus plays in all things that NASA does. The students participated in simulations and met with mathematicians and scientists who discussed their roles. It was a great way for students to see how math and science is used in everyday life.

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#### LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

**Gonzales County Sheriff's Office** 

Sheriff's Report

01/08/23 - 01/14/23

#### 01/08/23

 Cagle, Allen Michael, 12/1988, Leesville: Assault causes Bodily Injury Family Member, Released on \$4,500 Bond

#### 01/11/23

 Valdez Jr., Albert, 05/1967, Lockhart: Local Warrant - Terroristic Threat of Family/Household, Requires \$1,500 Bond

• Rodriguez, Rae Dawn, 10/1993, Smiley: Local Warrant - Burglary of Habitation, Released on \$7,500 Bond

#### <u>01/12/23</u>

 Lynn-Carrigan, Kaylee Lisette, 07/2003, Houston: Local Warrant – Possession Controlled Substance PG 2 >4G <400G, Released on \$50,000 Bond

• Martinez, Gerardo Yban, 07/2002, Gonzales: Local Warrant - Possession Controlled Substance PG 1/1-B <1G, Released on \$5,000 Bond

 Rios, Jose Almazan, 12/1999, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Sexual Assault Child, Released on \$100,000 Bond

#### 01/13/23

• Solis, James Elis, 11/1976, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G, Released – Weekender

 Boatright, Joann, 09/1966, Floresville: Commitment/Sentence - Assault Public Servant, Released – Weekender

Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processing's:

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### Cuero Chamber launches new quarterly Lunch and Learn Series

#### **SPECIAL TO THE** INQUIRER

The Cuero Chamber of Commerce and Explore. US have partnered to offer a dynamic Affinity Program, which will be featured in the first of their new quarterly Cuero Chamber Lunch and Learn Series on January 25th at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum. The event also features presentations from Drew Scheberle, Executive Director from Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives & Sr. Advisor to the Texas Association of Business; Maggie Cromeens, Cuero Development Corporation Executive Director; and George Lane, CEO of Explore.US. This first luncheon program is designed to bring traffic to our business community, with a focus on Chamber Members, and particularly those members who can benefit most from a highly

enhanced, totally accountable digital marketing program," said Angie Cuellar, Cuero Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. "We are thrilled to have three dynamic speakers to kick off our first Lunch and Learn Chamber Luncheon sponsored by Explore.US

members and can be secured by calling the Cuero Chamber of Commerce at (361) 275-2112c or visit: https://conta. cc/3QKivrg.

George Lane, CEO of Explore.US, will present the website, discuss the media campaigns, and make an offer exclu-

**Gonzales Healthcare Systems** 

sive to those Chamber members wishing to be included in the marketing program. Explore.US partners with Chambers throughout Texas and the US to showcase the best of communities, large and small. "We are looking forward to this robust opportunity coming to

Cuero, so please reserve your seat as early as possible, as space is limited," said Cuellar.

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Cuellar invites Cuero Chamber members to join for lunch, networking, and discovering how the Cuero Chamber works for their members in business, advertising and economic development. The Event, hosted by Explore.US, is Wednesday, January 25, 2023, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum, located at 302 N Esplanade St, Cuero and will be catered by KeKe's Café.

Registration is \$25 per Cuero Chamber member; \$30 for non-Chamber

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EOG RESOURCES, INC., [RRC Operator No. 253162] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec., Bk. BATEMAN,S Survey, A-1, EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1) Field, GONZALES County, being 14.6 miles SE direction from COST, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected person include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463 6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Feb 3, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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Lease/Unit Acres	: 1980.77
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	: 1.0
Lease Lines	: 606.0 F NE -L, 830.0 F SE L
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EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1) :

Survey Lines:

Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. Optional Rules 330/0, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Patrick Mendoza, at (210)403-7700.

Para: Todas las agencias, los grupos y las personas interesados

Por el presente, se notifica que la Ciudad de Gonzales (Entidad Responsable) bajo la Parte 58 ha determinado que las siguientes medidas propuestas (Proyectos) bajo el programa de CDBG-MIT y el Número de Subvención del HUD B-18-DP-48-0002 se ubican en un aliviadero reglamentario, una llanura aluvial centenaria y un humedal ribereño, y la Ciudad de Gonzales identificará y evaluará alternativas factibles a ubicar la medida en el aliviadero, la llanura aluvial y el humedal y los potenciales impactos sobre el aliviadero, la llanura aluvial y el humedal de la medida propuesta del Proyecto, según lo requerido por las Órdenes Ejecutivas 11988 y 11990, en conformidad con las normativas del HUD de 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C Procedimientos para tomar decisiones sobre gestión de llanuras aluviales y protección de humedales.

La Ciudad de Gonzales propone reemplazar alcantarillas de drenaje pluvial, reemplazar vados y excavar y aplanar un canal existente para aumentar la resiliencia ante futuros casos de inundaciones y reducir o eliminar el riesgo de pérdida de vida a largo plazo, las lesiones, los daños y las pérdidas materiales y el sufrimiento y las adversidades, mediante la atenuación del impacto de futuras catástrofes. La construcción se producirá aproximadamente 200 pies al norte del cruce de las calles Johnson y St. Andrew (29.509008, -97.442915) y aproximadamente 100 pies al norte del cruce de las calles Johnson y St. Andrew (29.508651, -97.442790). La excavación del canal se producirá dentro de una parte del Arroyo Tinsley al noreste del cruce de las calles Johnson y St. Andrew. Estas actividades beneficiarían a 7,130 personas, de las cuales 4,085, o un 57.29%, tienen ingresos bajos a moderados. Se asignarán \$403,365.40 a la rehabilitación o reconstrucción de mejoras públicas y se financiarán a través del Programa de CDBG-MIT bajo el Número de Subvención del HUD B-18-DP-48-0002.

Según el Mapa de Tasas del Seguro contra Inundaciones de FEMA, Panel Comunitario 48177C0240D, vigente desde el 22 de enero de 2020, el proyecto se ubica dentro del Aliviadero Reglamentario y la llanura aluvial centenaria (Zona AE; Elevación entre 283 y 287 pies). Aproximadamente 0.89 acres del proyecto se producen en el Aliviadero Reglamentario y 0.04 acres se producen dentro de la llanura aluvial centenaria (Zona AE). El cruce de las calles Johnson y St. Andrew (29.509008, -97.442915) interseca el humedal ribereño que incluye al Arroyo Tinsley. Aproximadamente 0.13 acres del proyecto se producen dentro del Arroyo Tinsley, un humedal ribereño.

El presente aviso tiene tres objetivos principales. En primer lugar, las personas que pueden verse afectadas por las actividades en llanuras aluviales y aquellas interesadas en la protección del medio ambiente natural deberían recibir una oportunidad para expresar sus inquietudes y proveer información sobre estas zonas. Invitamos a los comentaristas a ofrecer lugares alternativos fuera de la llanura aluvial, métodos alternativos para lograr el mismo objetivo del proyecto y métodos para minimizar y mitigar impactos. En segundo lugar, un programa adecuado de aviso público puede ser una herramienta educativa para el público. La diseminación de información y el pedido de comentario público sobre llanuras aluviales puede facilitar y mejorar las campañas federales para reducir los riesgos y los impactos asociados con la ocupación y la modificación de estas zonas particulares. En tercer lugar, como una cuestión de imparcialidad, cuando el gobierno federal decide que participará en medidas que se llevan a cabo en llanuras aluviales, debe informar a quienes podrían correr riesgos más grandes o continuos.

La Ciudad de Gonzales debe recibir los comentarios por escrito en la siguiente dirección a más tardar el 03 de febrero de 2023, dirigidos a Tim Crow en 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629. También pueden enviarse comentarios por correo electrónico escribiendo a tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov.

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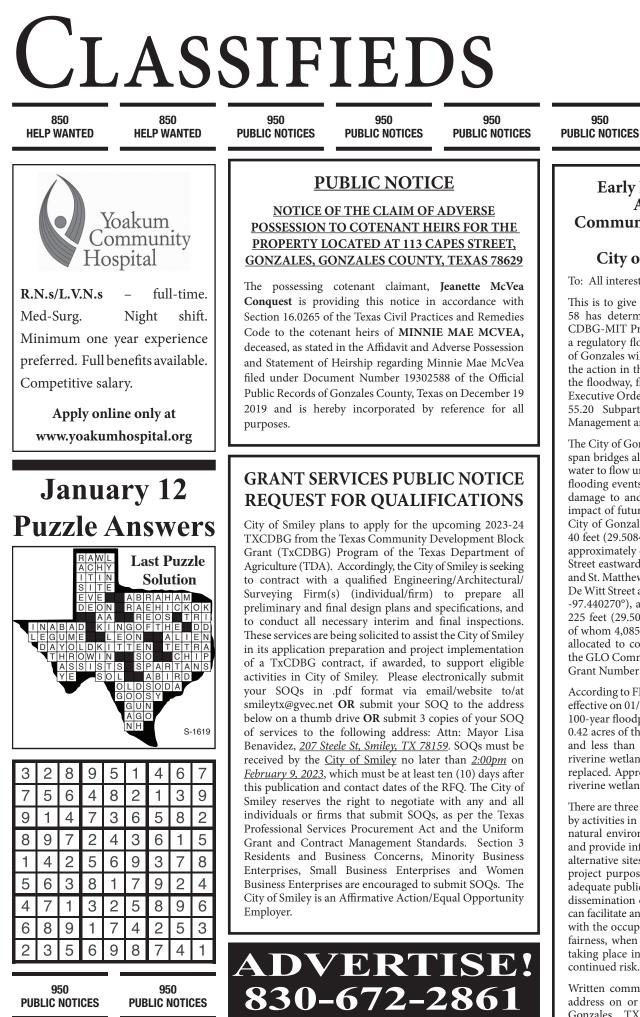
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#### **RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS** OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 01 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jan 13, 2023 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Feb 3, 2023 Address: Railroad Commission of Texas

Rule 37 Case No. 0338487 Status/Permit No. 886859

Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed Activity in a Floodway and Wetland **Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation** (CDBG-MIT)

#### **City of Gonzales Street Improvements Project**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

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This is to give notice that the City of Gonzales (Responsible Entity) under Part 58 has determined that the following proposed actions (Project) under the CDBG-MIT Program and HUD Grant Number B-18-DP-48-0002 are located in a regulatory floodway, 100-year floodplain, and a riverine wetland, and the City of Gonzales will be identifying and evaluating practicable alternatives to locating the action in the floodway, floodplain, and wetland and the potential impacts to the floodway, floodplain, and wetland from the proposed Project, as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands.

The City of Gonzales is proposing to replace six (6) existing box culverts with free span bridges along Tinsley Creek in the eastern part of Gonzales. This will allow water to flow unimpeded during flood events and will increase resilience to future flooding events and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters. The project will involve the following locations in the City of Gonzales: Johnson Street and St. Andrew Street eastward approximately 40 feet (29,508409°, -97,442474°), Moore Street and St. Lawrence Street eastward approximately 400 feet (29.505183°, -97.441688°), Moore Street and St. Lawrence Street eastward approximately 400 feet (29.504198°, -97.441247°), De Witt Street and St. Matthew Street eastward approximately 250 feet (29.503185°, -97.440725°), De Witt Street and St. Michael Street eastward approximately 250 feet (29.502171°, -97.440270°), and De Witt Street and St. Vincent Street eastward approximately 225 feet (29.501174°, -97.439868°). These activities would benefit 7,130 people, of whom 4,085, or 57.29%, are of low to moderate income. \$3,375,101.60 will be allocated to construction/reconstruction of streets and will be funded through the GLO Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program under HUD Grant Number B-18-DP-48-0002.

According to FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel 48177C0240D, effective on 01/22/2020, the project is located within the Regulatory Floodway and 100-year floodplain (Zone AE; Elevation between 279.6-283 feet). Approximately 0.42 acres of the project occur in the Regulatory Floodway (Zone AE Floodway), and less than 0.01 acres occur within the 100-year floodplain (Zone AE). A riverine wetland feature, Tinsley Creek, extends under each of the bridges to be replaced. Approximately 0.12 acres of the project occurs within Tinsley Creek, a riverine wetland.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Commenters are encouraged to offer alternative sites outside of the floodplain, alternative methods to serve the same project purpose, and methods to minimize and mitigate impacts. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by the City of Gonzales at the following address on or before 02/03/2023, Attention: Tim Crow at 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629. Comments may also be submitted via email at tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov.

Date: 01/19/2023

#### Aviso anticipado y revisión pública de una actividad propuesta en un cauce aliviadero y humedal Subvención en Bloque para Desarrollo Comunitario – Mitigación (CDBG-MIT) Proyecto de mejoras viales de la Ciudad de Gonzales

ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EOG RESOURCES, INC., [RRC Operator No. 253162] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec., Bk. BATEMAN, S Survey, A-1, EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1) Field, GONZALES County, being 14.6 miles SE direction from COST, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected person include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at (512)463 6751. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Feb 3, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

#### THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1)

Lease/Unit Name	: SMOKY MOUNTAINS L				
Lease/Unit Well No.	:11H				
Lease/Unit Acres	: 2356.64				
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	: null				
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	: 372.0				
Lease Lines	: 3747.0 F NE L, 831.0 F SE L				
Survey Lines	: 2798.0 F E (river) L, 3747.0 F NE L				
Wellbore Profile(s)	: Horizontal				
Lateral : TH1					
Penetration Point Location	1				
Lease Lines:	3023.0 F NE L				
	386.0 F SE L				
Terminus Location					
Lease Lines:	3975.0 F NW L				
	764.0 F NE L				
Survey Lines:	5109.0 F NW L				
	365.0 F NE L				
Field Rules for ALL fields	Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:				

EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1):

Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. Optional Rules 330/0, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 12500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Patrick Mendoza, at (210)403-7700.

Para: Todas las agencias, los grupos y las personas interesados

Por el presente, se notifica que la Ciudad de Gonzales (Entidad Responsable) bajo la Parte 58 ha determinado que las siguientes medidas propuestas (Proyecto) bajo el programa de CDBG-MIT y el Número de Subvención del HUD B-18-DP-48-0002 se ubican en un aliviadero reglamentario, una llanura aluvial centenaria y un humedal ribereño, y la Ciudad de Gonzales identificará y evaluará alternativas factibles a ubicar la medida en el aliviadero, la llanura aluvial y el humedal y los potenciales impactos sobre el aliviadero, la llanura aluvial y el humedal del Proyecto propuesto, según lo requerido por la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y 11990, en conformidad con las normativas del HUD de 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C Procedimientos para tomar decisiones sobre gestión de llanuras aluviales y protección de humedales.

La Ciudad de Gonzales propone reemplazar seis (6) alcantarillas de cajón existentes por puentes con luz a lo largo del Arroyo Tinsley en la parte este de Gonzales. Esto permitirá circular el agua sin obstáculos durante casos de inundaciones y aumentará la resiliencia ante futuras inundaciones y se reducirá o eliminará el riesgo de pérdida de vida a largo plazo, las lesiones, los daños y las pérdidas materiales y el sufrimiento y las adversidades, mediante la atenuación del impacto de futuras catástrofes. El proyecto incluirá las siguientes ubicaciones en la Ciudad de Gonzales: las calles Johnson y St. Andrew hacia el este aproximadamente 40 pies (29.508409°, -97.442474°), las calles Moore y St. Lawrence hacia el este aproximadamente 400 pies (29.505183°, -97.441688°), las calles Moore y St. Lawrence hacia el este aproximadamente 400 pies (29.504198°, -97.441247°), las calles De Witt y St. Matthew hacia el este aproximadamente 250 pies (29.503185°, -97.440725°), las calles De Witt y St. Michael hacia el este aproximadamente 250 pies (29.502171°, -97.440270°) y las calles De Witt y St. Vincent hacia el este aproximadamente 225 pies (29.501174°, -97.439868°). Estas actividades beneficiarían a 7.130 personas, de las cuales 4,085, o un 57.29%, tienen ingresos bajos a moderados. Se asignarán \$3,375,101.60 a la construcción o reconstrucción de calles y se financiarán a través del Programa de Mitigación de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario de GLO bajo el Número de Subvención del HUD B-18-DP-48-0002.

Según el Mapa de Tasas del Seguro contra Inundaciones de FEMA, Panel Comunitario 48177C0240D, vigente desde el 22 de enero de 2020, el proyecto se ubica dentro del Aliviadero Reglamentario y la llanura aluvial centenaria (Zona AE; Elevación entre 279.6 y 283 pies). Aproximadamente 0.42 acres del proyecto se producen en el Aliviadero Reglamentario (Aliviadero Zona AE) y menos de 0.01 acres se produce dentro de la llanura aluvial centenaria (Zona AE) . Un característico humedal ribereño, el Arroyo Tinsley, se extiende debajo de cada uno de los puentes que se reemplazarán. Aproximadamente 0.12 acres del proyecto se producen dentro del Arroyo Tinsley, un humedal ribereño.

El presente aviso tiene tres objetivos principales. En primer lugar, las personas que pueden verse afectadas por las actividades en llanuras aluviales y aquellas interesadas en la protección del medio ambiente natural deberían recibir una oportunidad para expresar sus inquietudes y proveer información sobre estas zonas. Invitamos a los comentaristas a ofrecer lugares alternativos fuera de la llanura aluvial, métodos alternativos para lograr el mismo objetivo del proyecto y métodos para minimizar y mitigar impactos. En segundo lugar, un programa adecuado de aviso público puede ser una herramienta educativa para el público. La diseminación de información y el pedido de comentario público sobre llanuras aluviales puede facilitar y mejorar las campañas federales para reducir los riesgos y los impactos asociados con la ocupación y la modificación de estas zonas particulares. En tercer lugar, como una cuestión de imparcialidad, cuando el gobierno federal decide que participará en medidas que se llevan a cabo en llanuras aluviales, debe informar a quienes podrían correr riesgos más grandes o continuos.

La Ciudad de Gonzales debe recibir los comentarios por escrito en la siguiente dirección a más tardar el 03 de febrero de 2023, dirigidos a Tim Crow en 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629. También pueden enviarse comentarios por correo electrónico escribiendo a tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov.

Fecha: 01/19/2023

#### **MCCOY'S GIVES TO GISD ED FOUNDATION**



The Gonzales ISD Education Foundation would like to express their deepest gratitude for the \$2,000 donation given by McCoy's Building Supply. With this contribution, it helps the continuity of the foundation's commitment to serving the Gonzales Independent School District.

### HEALTH

(including negative self thoughts or negative thoughts of those around you, as well as hopelessness about the future; memory problems, feeling detached from family or friends, or having difficulty maintaining close relationships. The individual may also experience lack of interest in activities once enjoyed; feeling emotionally numb; being easily startled or frightened; trouble concentrating or sleeping; angry outbursts; overwhelming guilt or shame; and not only being on guard for danger but acting out in self destructive ways.

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Get immediate emergency help if you think that you or someone you know may hurt themselves (or others) by calling 911 immediately. You may also, alternatively, if safely possible, transport the person to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Betty Cohn is a retired registered nurse with 35 years of experience in the medical field in a variety of roles. She will write a semi-monthly column about medical-related topics and welcomes questions and suggestions at bospangle@yahoo.com.





# Gonzales drops district contest to Cuero, 56-34

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Apaches dropped to 1-3 in District 28-4A play with a 56-34 home loss to Cuero on Friday, Jan. 13.

Gonzales started out strong by taking a 6-0 lead, only to find themselves outscored 17-4 the rest of the first period. In the second period, the Gobblers scored the first six points and outscored the Apaches, 15-7, to take a 32-17 halftime advantage.

Unfortunately, the Apaches could not get any traction going against Cuero, as they were outscored, 24-17, in the second half.

Gonzales played another district contest at Young Men's Leadership Academy in San Antonio on Tuesday, Jan. 17. They were then scheduled to play San Antonio Fox Tech at home at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20.

**SPORTS** 

Weston Ruddock (2) dribbles and gets ready to shoot a three-pointer against the Cuero Gobblers on Friday, Jan. 13. Gonzales lost the game, 56-34.

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### Lady Apaches fall to Cuero

#### **BY VANDY VAN EPPS** Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches varsity lost a district game against the Cuero Lady Gobblers, 56-13, Saturday, Jan. 14.

The Lady Apaches struggled against Cuero, scoring only eight points in the first half, and struggled to get rebounds and get shots in.

"We just have got to continue to work on the things that are the most important in our scheme of things," Lady Apaches head basketball coach Dana

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## Apaches FC falls to Lockhart





### YWLA sweeps season series against Lady Apaches

#### **BY VANDY VAN EPPS** Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches varsity basketball tipped off the second half of district play against the YWLA Lady Cardinals at home Tuesday, Jan. 17. Cardinals lead to 38-20 entering the fourth quarter.

"Right before half, we really were able to pick it up on defense. Our defense, in the second quarter, we were able to do a lot of things that we've been working on. And I'm a believer that defense fuels the fire for the offense," Lady Apaches head basketball coach Dana Sestak said. Gonzales stepped up against the Lady Cardinals, getting keys shots and rebounds from Mady York, Bella Aguero, Carlee Ramos and others to get them back in the game.

"It's important anytime for anybody to step up in the second half. And we need that so when you've got the leadership and that fuels the fire, and again, it kind of gives a spark to everybody else," Sestak said. The Lady Apaches have a huge rematch against San Antonio Fox Tech, to whom they lost in a close contest at home, 47-43. already played a team, seeing them in person versus seeing them on film, is something that's different," Sestak said. "Definitely, I think it'll help us with our confidence and our advantage knowing that was a game we should have won. And then now, being able to step up and play like we did tonight, I think that'll help us as well." The Lady Apaches hit the road against Fox Tech Friday, Jan. 20 in San Antonio. Tip off is set of 7 p.m.

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Gonzales Apaches FC returned to action against Lockhart Tuesday, Jan. 17 on the road.

The Apaches FC fell to Lockhart, 6-0, snapping their two-game win streak from the Pleasanton tournament over the weekend.

Gonzales allowed five goals in the second half against Lockhart, which broke open what had been just a 1-0 deficit at halftime.

The Apaches FC will travel to Canyon Lake Thursday, Jan. 19 for their third and final tourney of the season before the start of district play.

Gonzales will host San Antonio JFK Friday, Feb. 3 for the district opener.

### Lady Apaches FC compete in Wimberley Tournament

#### **FROM STAFF REPORTS**

The Gonzales Lady Apaches FC traveled to Wimberley Thursday, Jan. 12 for a threeday tournament.

The Lady Apaches FC finished 1-2 in the tournament, beating Pleasanton, 1-0 and losing to Kyle Lehman, 3-0, and Godley, 1-0.

Gonzales will close out their non-district games against Schertz Clemens Friday, Jan. 27 on the road.

The Lady Apaches will open district at home against the San Antonio JFK Lady Rockets Friday, Feb. 3

The Clemens game starts at 7 p.m.

The JFK game starts at 5 p.m.

Cardinals, 55-35, to open the second half of district.

Entering the second half of the game, the Lady Apaches trailed, 30-5, against YWLA, but quickly started to get some readjustments to cut the Lady

"I think anytime you've



# Apaches FC finishes strong in Pleasanton tournament

#### BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches FC traveled to Pleasanton for their second tournament of the season Friday, Jan. 13 through Saturday, Jan. 14.

The Apaches FC struggled in the first match of the tournament against Port Lavaca-Calhoun, losing, 7-1.

Gonzales head soccer coach Shea Seip said his team got "out-physicaled" by Calhoun and started off slow in the game.

The Apaches FC continued struggling with missed opportunities to score in the first half against Calhoun, and that's been a problem since the season started.

"We get down there, we take our shots and then they hit the post. We just can't finish. That's our number one goal is to finish shots off and we'll start winning games," Seip said.

Gonzales faced tough competition against Floresville, Poteet and San Antonio Fox Tech in the tournament.

"I love having these [tournaments], especially the 4A teams, because we're going to see these teams in the playoffs," Seip said.

Seip added that his team needs to start stronger and faster in the first half of the games.

"Playoffs, it's one game and you're done. So we've got to get in that habit of coming out strong," Seip said.

Gonzales finished 2-1-1 in the Pleasanton Tournament, beating Poteet, 8-0, and Fox Tech, 5-3, and tied with Floresville, 1-1.

The Apaches faced Lockhart Tuesday, Jan. 17 and will travel to Canyon Lake Thursday, Jan. 19 for their final tournament of the season.

#### GONZALES JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL

7A defeated Cedar Creek, 43-16. Record is now 3-3 Game Highlights: Jonalyn Hunt: 5 points/ 3 assists/2 steals Lainey Witzkoske: 4 points/ 1 assist / 2 steals Carsyn Carrizales: 14 points/1 rebound/1 assist/ 6 steals Kianni Rodriguez: 4 points / 2 rebounds Ainsley Wundt: 1 rebound Dezarae Molina: 2 points / 1 rebound Gabby Cobbler: 8 points / 3 steals Parker Petras: 8 points / 2 rebounds / 1 assist / 1 block Viviana Barrientos: 4 steals

Offensive player of the game: Carsyn Carrizales Defensive player of the game:

Jonalyn Hunt

Gonzales B Team played against Cedar Creek. The Lady Apaches walked away from the game with Melanie Soto scoring 2 pts, Mariah Ramos scoring 1 pt, Bryanna Canales scoring 2 pts, Jade Rosas scoring 1 pt, Ashlyn Clack scoring 4pts and our offensive player of the game Jenesis Banda with 6 pts and 3 turnovers and our defensive player of the game Jade Rosas. The Lady Apaches played hard and came home with a win.

# Gonzales Youth Basketball League tip offs new season

#### BY VANDY VAN EPPS Gonzales Inquirer

The children of Gonzales showcased their basketball skills for the tip off to the 2023 Gonzales Youth Basketball League season Saturday, Jan. 14.

Children as young as four or five years were learning the basics of basketball and up to the senior division from children in the junior high level.

Basketball has been a tradition in Gonzales since the Gonzales Apaches won the state title in 1973.

"It's a great tradition within our community and with our schools. And so the kids just want to play. And we have a great advisory board doing that. And the board went to work and did a lot of great things in the community getting the kids to sign up making it affordable for them, and finding ways to encourage them to come out and play," Isaac Anzuldua said.



Children in the GYBL junior division go after the ball in the first game of the Gonzales Youth Basketball League at the Gonzales Junior High School Gym Saturday, Jan. 14.

Anzuldua said the advisory board is comprised of Anthony Kuntschik, Mark Hastings, Charles Hastings, David Schautteet, Jenae Cantu, Cedric Nichols, Christina Jahns, and Joey Rivera, and sponsored by Faith Family Church, with a partnership with Gonzales ISD for the use of the junior high and other locations for the children to use to play basketball.

The league tipped with GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda shooting the first shot of the league.

Dr. Avellaneda said he is glad that the district

had a small part of the vision led by the advisory board to bring GYBL to life.

"We are thankful to have partnered with our community with Isaac, his volunteer coaches and everybody that helped to put this vision together, we're happy to



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPP

GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda shoots the basketball to tip off the Gonzales Youth Basketball League for its inaugural season Saturday, Jan. 14.

be a small part of it," Dr. Avellaneda said.

Anzuldua said it was important to partner with the school district and hope these children who are in the league would become the next state champion, either with the Apaches or Lady Apaches.

"We're all going to win state one day and it's the beginning of GISD has done great things to help us and accommodate us and we're very thankful for the partnership that we have," Anzuldua said. Anzuldua would like to thank H-E-B for providing water to the league and Sonic for providing drinks and season-end awards.

"We have some other exciting news coming out. We'll be offering a challenger division game on February 4, to make sure everybody in the committee is incorporated. All we're doing, it's important that we build a strong community for Gonzales some that we can grow from," Anzuldua said.

#### **NIXON-SMILEY TEAMS COMPETE IN TOURNAMENT**





CONTRIBUTED

On Saturday, Jan. 14, the Nixon-Smiley seventh grade boys and girls competed in the Nixon Lions Club basketball tournament. The Lady Mustangs finished second while the Mustangs finished first in their division.

### Mustangs powerlifting competes in St. Joseph meet

#### **STAFF REPORT**

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### Marion sweeps Lady Mustangs

#### **STAFF REPORT**

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs kicked off the second half of district with a 53-34 loss to the Marion Lady Bulldogs Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Marion swept the 2022-23 season series

from the Lady Mustangs, who have lost three of their last four games.

Nixon-Smiley is back on the road again as they face Giddings Friday, Jan. 20, in a non-district contest. Tip off is set for 6:15

p.m.

### Mustangs beat Marion on road

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score not posted) in district play. Nixon-Smiley will have a bye this Friday and will resume district play against the Randolph Ro-Hawks at home on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Powerlifting season has arrived as the Nixon-Smiley Mustangs and Lady Mustangs competed in the St. Joseph Barbell Bash in Victoria over the weekend.

The teams' second meet will be in Somerset Saturday, Feb. 11. Results from the St. Joseph meet:

#### GIRL'S POWERLIFTING 97 lbs Weight Class

5th Place Syriana Pantoja (Total Weight Lifted: 295 lbs)

#### 123 lbs Weight Class

7th Place Kaylie Morin (Total Weight Lifted: 490 lbs) 8th Place Cecilia Villanueva (Total Weight Lifted: 480 lbs) 132 lbs Weight Class

6th Place Raelyn Mcghee (Total Weight Lifted: 400 lbs)

#### 148 lbs Weight Class

7th Place Katelyn Fernandez (Total Weight Lifted: 555 lbs) 9th Place Janice White (Total Weight Lifted: 535 lbs) 10th Place Jaylee Bustos (Total Weight Lifted: 520 lbs) 11th Place Ashly Garcia (Total Weight Lifted: 515 lbs) **165 lbs Weight Class** 3rd Place Janaelyn White (Total Weight Lifted: 720 lbs) 4th Place Zulema Rodriguez

(Total Weight Lifted: 655 lbs) 7th Place Gabriella Villalobos (Total Weight Lifted 560 lbs)

#### **BOY'S POWERLIFTING**

3rd Overall Team of the Meet out of 10+ Teams

#### 114 lbs Weight Class

2nd Place Cesar Vasquez (Total Weight Lifted 695 lbs)





#### 123 lbs Weight Class

3rd Place Aiden Flores (Total Weight Lifted 725 lbs) 4th Place Eduardo Betancourt (Total Weight Lifted 670 lbs)

#### 132 lbs Weight Class

1st Place Tyler Barrientez (Total Weight Lifted 965 lbs)

4th Place Jose Olvera (Total

Weight Lifted 835 lbs) 148 lbs Weight Class

#### 3rd Place Oscar Acosta (Total Weight Lifted 1085 lbs)

181 lbs Weight Class

Lady Mustangs powerlifting teams competed at the first meet of the 2023 season at Victoria St. Josephs Barbell Bash. The guys finished third overall as a team out of more than 10 teams. Gavino Moreno and Tyler Barrientez won their weight classes for the boys, while Cesar Vasquez finished second in his class. Aiden Flores, Oscar Acosta, Omar Morales, Jesus Espino and Kevin Zavala all finished third in their classes.

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs and

3rd Place Omar Morales Navarro (Total Weight Lifted 1195 lbs) 198 lbs Weight Class 3rd Place Jesus Espino (Total

Weight Lifted 1275 lbs) 220 lbs Weight Class

1st Place Gavino Moreno (Total Weight Lifted 1270 lbs)

242 lbs Weight Class 3rd Place Kevin Zavala (Total Weight Lifted 1275 lbs)

275 lbs Weight Class 8th Place Noah Jenks (Total Weight Lifted 975 lbs)

#### STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs varsity basketball closed out the first half of district with a win over the Marion Bulldogs Tuesday, Jan. 17 on the road.

The Mustangs improved to 3-1 (GHNO Tip off is set for 7:30 p.m.

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The 8th grade A team defeated Cedar Creek, 23-10. Their season record is now 5-1. Gabby Torres - 2 points Dixie Lester - 2 points Kea'Anna White - 1 point Jordyn Gonzales - 8 points Blakely Mercer - 6 points Kendall McDow - 2 points Ahyanah Browne - 2 points The Apache 8th grade B-team caged the Lady Eagles with a score of 20-5. Kaelynn Mendiola scored 6 points, Chel-

sie Gonzales scored

6 points, Alize Miller

scored 4 points, Liliana

Borjon scored 2 points,

and Keiryah Greathouse scored 2 points. Kaelynn Mendiola had a nice three pointer that ignited the energy of the game in the first half. Chelsea Gonzales kept the game alive on defense with numerous steals and rebounds.

Liliana Borjon, Kaelynn Mendiola, and Alize Miller also played an outstanding defensive game forcing numerous turnovers. Liliana Borjon and Keiryah Greathouse protected the basket and had countless rebounds under the goal. This victory could not have been accomplished without the contribution of the entire team. The Lady Apaches are 6-0 this season.



Lady Apaches sophomore Bella Aguero (2) dribbles the ball with Kilee Schwausch (5) down on Cuero's court Saturday, Jan. 14.

#### GONZALES CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

Sestak said. "We've got to work on our rebounding, you've got to own the board, we've got to be able to make the shots, we have to limit the number of shots that the other team makes underneath basket."

Gonzales closes out the first half of district with a 1-5 record in district play, and the Lady Apaches will be making some adjustments heading into the second half of district play, especially after already playing these teams.

"It gives us a better idea of not only what the other team can do against us, but what we can do and what we can prepare ourselves for, you know, maybe offensively, we can make a few little tweaks, we can do some things, even defensively," Sestak said.

The Lady Apaches kicked off the second half of district against YWLA Tuesday, Jan. 17 at home, and will face San Antonio Fox Tech on the road Friday, Jan. 20.

Tip off against Fox Tech is set for 7 p.m.

# VC sees enrollment growth at start of the spring semester

#### **SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER**

Victoria College administrators reported a four-percent increase in credit-hour enrollment at the start of the Spring 2023 semester on Tuesday. Students are enrolled in 21,398 course credit hours compared to 20,561 credit hours last spring.

You could feel the excitement on campus as students began their first day of classes.

"It's great to see so many smiling faces on campus, and we're excited about the growth we're experiencing," said Dr. Jennifer Kent, VC President. "The increase in credit-hour enrollment means our students are taking more classes compared to last spring. And that's just for our traditional courses that lead to degrees, certificates, and university transfer. We're looking forward to growth in our continuing education and adult education courses, as well."

VC employees greeted stu-



Celeste Castillo, VC student begins the first day of the Spring 2023 semester.

dents throughout the day Tuesday and provided them with campus maps, information, and snacks at locations around campus.

"While our students are excited to begin or continue their educational journeys at Victoria College, we also realize that many of them are nervous," said Kent. "All week long, students will find our caring campus welcoming them with warm smiles and friendly greetings."

As of Tuesday, 2,674 students are enrolled in the spring semester. Registration for spring fast-track classes, which begin March 20 and take eight weeks to complete, will continue through noon on March 10.

# Raymie Zella to retire from City of Cuero

Zella

#### **SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER**

As the Jan. 9 Cuero City Council came to a close, one last announcement was shared. Raymie Zella announced his plan to retire as City Manager for the City

of Cuero, projecting a target retirement date at the end of June or possibly July.

Zella shared in the letter he read to the City Council that this would provide ample time to find the next person to lead the City of Cuero staff. Following his announcement, he was thanked by Mayor Sara Post Meyer for his service and dedication during his tenure and was given a standing ovation by City Council and City of Cuero staff in the audience.

Per his letter, Zella shared that his time with the City of Cuero started May 1, 2009 and soon he will celebrate 14 years of service. "My work at the City of Cuero has been very rewarding and I have made lifetime friends and memories that I will cherish forever," said Raymie Zella, City of Cuero City Manager. "I have had the pleasure of

working with great Councilmen and a Mayor who has been a great inspiration to me to be the best City Manager I could." Zella shared that

three of the Council members who hired

him are still serving today on City Council. "The employees that I work with on a day to day basis are some of the best any manager could ask for," said Zella. "All of the employees with the City are some of the best around in their field. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the City of Cuero and I will do my part to make the transition to the next manager as smooth as possible."

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ness or organization for meritorious service for one of the following: historic preservation, promotion of the arts, education, commerce/industry, youth motivation, or volunteer work. Nominees must live in the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture area.

The award can be considered posthumous provided his/her death occurred within the last three years for which the award is being presented. Previous recipients of the David B. Walshak Lifetime Achievement Award or the Community Service Award shall be ineligible for nomination.

Award nominations can be made by emailing admin@ gonzalestexas.com or calling the Chamber of Commerce at 830-672-6532.

Recipients of the awards will be announced at the Chamber's annual banquet to be held the evening of Thursday, March 2, Texas Independence Day, at JB Wells Expo. The theme, Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture presents: An Independence Ball. Awards will be presented. New board members will be announced and retiring board members and officers will be recognized.

Tables and tickets are for sale

in the Chamber office for the program, dinner and dancing. Board member nominations have also been mailed to members of the Chamber of Commerce. Nominations can be dropped in the ballot box located at the Chamber: 304 Saint Louis Street.

#### THE DAVID B. WALSHAK AWARD

The David B. Walshak Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a person who has proved worthy of distinction in the Community. This Lifetime Achievement Award is appropriately named after a man who gave of himself unselfishly to his family, friends, church and community.

A banker by profession, David B. Walshak was a two-time recipient of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year Award," once in 1961, the other in 1972. He served as Director and President of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and in 1974 was a Charter Member of the Minutemen, ambassadors of our Chamber of Commerce. He served as Chairman of the Gonzales Sesquicentennial Committee from 1973-1975, President of the Gonzales Area Development Corporation and Director of the Texas Allied Poultry Association from 1975-1976.

He served as Past President of many organizations, such as the Gonzales Noon Lions Club, the Gonzales Apache Quarterback Club, the Gonzales Baseball Association, the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation/ Texas Rehabilitation Hospital and the Board of the Gonzales Independent School District. He was a member of the Gonzales Apache Band Boosters, the Parish Council of the Saint James Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, where he served as Grand Knight of Council #5090 in Gonzales. He was a member of the Texas National Guard, where he was given the opportunity to aid the victims of Hurricane Carla; he was instrumental in organizing a United Fund Community project and was the Chairman of the United Fund Drive for four separate years and chaired the Cancer Drive on two separate occasions.

ried him from a professional baseball team shortly after graduation in high school to 26 years of play by play announcing of Gonzales Apache football games for the local radio station. In those 26 years he only missed three games. He managed Little League teams from 1955-1960, then again from 1967-1974, and he also managed Youth League Baseball.

David B. Walshak earned recognition from many sources such as: Outstanding Young Men of America in 1965; Personalities of the South in 1973, 1974 and the Bicentennial Edition in 1976; Notable Americans of the Bicentennial Era; Presidential Commendation "in recognition of exceptional service to others, in the finest American tradition; from President Richard M. Nixon in 1973; Honorary Membership into the Texas 4-H Clubs in 1975; Honorary Chapter Farmer in the FFA; Honorary Membership in the Young Farmers in 1976; South Central Texas Semi-Pro Baseball Hall of Fame in 1973; Lions Club "Citizen of the Year" Award in 1975 and "Who's Who Among Texas Bankers" in 1975.

#### COUNCIL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

zoning designation.

"City staff feels that most of the commercially used properties in the downtown area would greatly benefit from rezoning to DMU," City Manager Tim Crow stated in a notice to council members. "To help kick start the use of this district and continue to encourage the preservation of existing buildings, renovation, and revitalization of downtown, staff would like to provide an opportunity to property owners of downtown commercially used property to voluntarily rezone to DMU free of charge."

In other big agenda items, the council will discuss alternative grants for a construction of a pedestrian trial along Church Street, and will make the final decision on the status of the Lynn Theatre.

David's love for sports car-





# Oh, Fittle Fattle!

Howdy fellow Gonzalonians. I don't know about you, but I really enjoy making up my own words. It somehow makes me feel intellectually superior, an attitude which I'm sure could be heavily debated, and debunked, judging from my many mistakes along the way. This is where personal perspective plays such a big role, as it's important to be our own cheerleader at times, so as not to allow ourselves to drown in lake inferior. Funny thing is, by no means of my own, my pride was once again kept in check by the fact that I had to look up the word intellectual to make sure my spelling was correct. Staying within my philosophy of not taking ourselves too seriously, if any of you have ever wanted to write anything but have been intimidated by the prospect, just keep in mind that if this geniot (genius / idiot hybrid), that still types with only two fingers (unless one has a blister), has been writing this short blurp for over four years now...well, how hard can it really be? It's always been

my contention that if there's something that many people can do, we can also learn to do it if we apply ourselves.

Seeing as how we're still in January, the month where many resolutions are born, and consequently die, I want to encourage you not to give up on them too early. What ever they may be, just start slowly and allow yourself to adjust to the new routine. It seems to me, speaking from experience, that we often shoot ourselves in the foot by allowing ourselves to become overwhelmed by focusing on the end goal and the work it will take to achieve it. Instead, start small and allow yourself to dabble and have fun playing at it, and praising yourself for the little successes as they come. Eventually, you'll look back and be amazed at what you've accomplished. I really didn't know if I had it in me to start a business. raise a family. build my own house, become debt free, learn five different instruments and video production in order to have a



youtube channel, or write for this paper, but this approach has served me well for many years now, and is highly recommended. Just learn to have fun and enjoy it!

You may be wondering about today's weird title. After reading Betty Cohn's last article "grandma's cookies" (good one, Betty) and the weight gain that most Americans, including myself, constantly battle, I thought the title pitting fit against fat made sense. It stems from the snack Fiddle Faddle (trivial nonsense-by definition), which is just popcorn and peanuts covered in sugar, clearly ripping off good old Cracker Jacks, sans the prize. Yep, we were gypped. With grocery shelves packed with fake / modified foods loaded with addictive sugar, it's no wonder we struggle so hard, but lets face it, sugar is

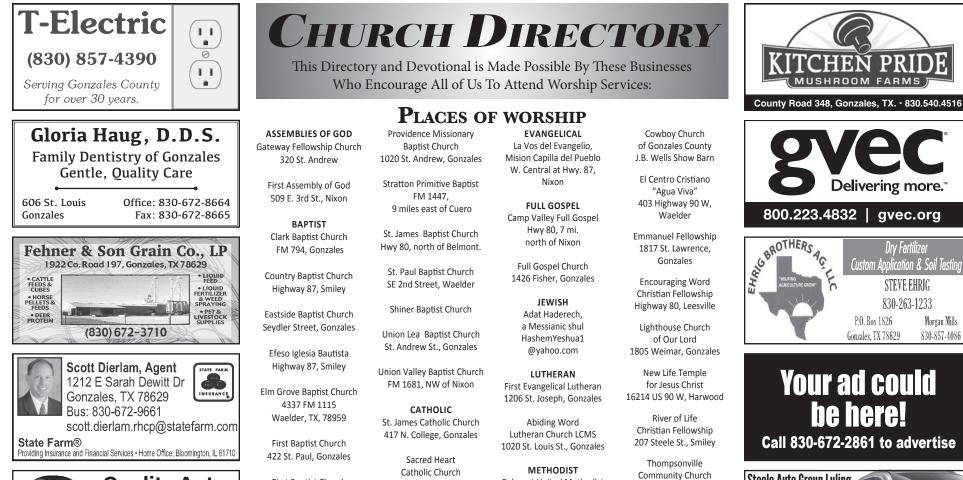
fun...or is it? Proverbs 25:27 reminds that it's not good to eat too much honey. According to the CDC websight, 78% of people who were hospitalized, needed a ventilator, or died from COVID-19 were overweight or obese, as it contributes to impaired immune function and decreased lung capacity. I've noticed that after slowly reducing my portions, cutting junk food, and exercising with somewhat consistency, I feel and look better, and haven't had so much as a cold in years ... thank you Lord! The good news is that you can start to make choices towards a healthier tomorrow if need be, and you "Don't" have to kill yourself at it...yeah, baby steps, that's the way to go. Fat didn't happen overnight, and neither will fit. So, if you need to head in that direction, today's as good a day to start as any. Besides, I need y'all around to read my dribble, cause I really do ...

Love you guys, Eric.

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### **SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS**

County	_ City	\$ Rate	Net Payment This <b>\$</b> Period	Comparable Payment Prior <b>\$</b> Year	% \$ Change	\$ Payment YTD	Prior Year \$ Payment YTD	% \$ Change
Gonzales	Gonzales	1.500%	\$264,442.35	\$260,724.40	1.42%	\$264,442.35	\$260,724.40	1.42%
Gonzales	Nixon	1.500%	\$31,187.56	\$31,544.10	-1.13%	\$31,187.56	\$31,544.10	-1.13%
Gonzales	Smiley	1.000%	\$2,453.88	\$2,513.31	-2.36%	\$2,453.88	\$2,513.31	-2.36%
Gonzales	Waelder	1.500%	\$9,864.44	\$6,369.64	54.86%	\$9,864.44	\$6,369.64	54.86%

### SALES TAX

For the month of January 2023, Gonzales County municipalities received a combined \$307,948.23 in sales tax allocations, up \$6,796.78 or nearly 2.6 percent more than the \$301,151.45 received during January 2022. That amount was down \$53,373.25 from the combined \$361,220.48 received by municipalities in Gonzales County last month.

Sales tax allocations for Gonzales, the largest city in the county which generates the lion's share of sales tax revenue, were \$264,442.35, up \$3,717.95, or 1.42 percent, from the \$260,724.40 received in January 2022.

In December 2022, the city had received a record-high \$318,120.09 the first time the amount has exceeded \$300,000 in any month, as a successful Come and Take It and an increase in oil patch and construction work helped push sales tax collections to new heights. Sales tax receipts for Nixon were

\$31,187.56, down \$356.54, or 1.13

percent, from the \$31,544.10 received during January 2022. The amount was just \$178.02 less than the \$31,365.58 the city received in December 2022.

Waelder received a total of \$9,864.44 in January 2023, the fourth-best month ever for the city, eclipsing last month's total of \$9,104.43. This is also \$3,494.80, or 54.86 percent, more than the \$6,369.64 Waelder received in January 2022. The city's best month ever was in June 2019, when it received \$12,260.87, while in October 2022, the city received \$11,234.05.

Finally, Smiley's sales tax receipts were \$2,453.88, down \$59.43 or 2.36 percent from the \$2,513.31 received in January 2022 and down \$176.50 from the \$2,630.38 the city received in December 2022.

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

#### MLK CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"Today, Dr. Martin Luther King, the celebration, it just means so much to me. It just touched my heart. It touched me to see all of the races coming together. It touches me to see everybody coming together to try to achieve a common goal," Tucy said.

This year marks 20 years of the annual march and Tucy remembers that first march and how it grew in the last two decades.

The difference from the first march was, in that first year, they didn't have a JROTC marching with the American flag, Texas flag and the MLK banner — and this year, they had more people participate.

"We have more participation from U.S., city and county officials and all our elected officials. We're just so grateful for them to be here, and



Tena Roaches sings gospel music with a megaphone in celebration legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the 20th annual MLK march in Gonzales.

to show that they are participating in this most wonderful day," Tucy said.

The year 2023 will mark the 60th anniversary of Dr. King's march to Washington, D.C., where thousands gathered at the Lincoln Memorial as he gave his "I Have A Dream" speech on Aug. 28, 1963.

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character," Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Aug. 28, 1963 in Washington D.C.

Tucy was 11 years old in Gonzales when Dr. King read his speech and Tucy recalled how it impacted the African-American communities in the United States.

"I was just looking yesterday, over here at the old Edwards Campus. Years ago, you wouldn't have seen what I saw yesterday. Little black kids and white kids, Hispanic



PHOTO BY NADINE REX

Four people were killed and another person was injured when a single-engine plane crashed near the intersection of FM 317 and County Road 462 near Yoakum late Tuesday morning.

#### CRASH CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

officials said.

"We can confirm that there were five people on board the aircraft and that four of those people are now deceased," Lavaca County Sheriff Micah Harmon reported that afternoon, having been on scene for close to four hours at that point.

"We have several agencies here on scene assisting us in securing the scene, but we won't be able to say much of anything or do much else until the feds arrive." By feds, Sheriff Harmon was referring to investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the National **Transportation Safety** Board (NTSB), who had been called in to survey the damage and try to determine its cause, said Sgt. Rueben San Miguel, public information officer for the Victoria regional office of the Texas Department of Public Safety. "Our main function here is to secure the scene until they arrive, and that could take several more hours still," he said. He also confirmed the number of passengers and the four fatalities,

adding that the lone survivor from the crash managed to crawl free of the wreckage, where he was later found by first responders and rushed to Citizens Medical Center in Victoria, where he was listed in stable condition at about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon.

Sgt. San Miguel said that the pilot had radioed ahead to Yoakum Regional, telling the tower that they would be landing crash was received at 10:47 a.m.

Wreckage from the crash was found in a field just a few miles northeast of the plane's intended destination at the Yoakum Regional Airport. Aboard were members of Harvest Church, located in Germantown, Tenn., a suburb of Memphis.

The church identified the four people killed as Bill Garner, the church's executive vice president; Steve Tucker,



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kids playing out here on the campus of the Edwards High School," Tucy said.

"When I was growing up, you would never have seen that in this area of this town. But now you see it and I just love it. And I just sat there and my heart was just filled with joy," Tucy continued.

Tucy appreciated what everyone's been doing around the city and county.

"We would like to see more inclusion and recognition here in the city of Gonzales. And then as we go forward, we're going to try to act on that," Tucy said.

Tucy also thanked Mike Baker, Robert Gaundre, Kenneth Fink, George Fink, and Dale Graham for providing the meal for the MLK luncheon. soon on a scheduled flight to that location.

Nothing in that communication stood out as troublesome or indicated that were having any sort of trouble, and no additional radio traffic or distress calls were received.

Rather than make that landing as intended, San Miguel said "something caused the plane to crash and it is not evident what that is at this time."

Based on those time log reports, San Miguel said they believe the plane went down at about 10:50 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17.

According to computer call logs at Yoakum EMS the first reported 911 call on the



Although largely intact, bits of the plane's hull were scattered across a field not far from the intersection of FM 317 and County Road 462, a few miles outside the city limits of Yoakum.

Given that no obvious cause for the crash could be identified, teams from the FAA and NTSB likely will have to reconstruct the flight data and review each mechanical and structural component of the plane to determine what exactly caused the crash, San Miguel said.

Two Lavaca County Justices of the Peace were on scene assisting, including Precinct 4's Hallie Hall out of Yoakum and Precinct 3's Mark Yackel from Shiner.

There were also crews from the Yoakum Fire Department, Yoakum EMS, Yoakum Police, Lavaca County EMS, Sweet Home Fire Department, Lavaca County Sheriff's Department, Texas **Regional Emergency** Management as well as officials from the Yoakum Fire Department, Lavaca **County Emergency** Management Office.

Although skies had largely cleared by Tuesday afternoon, a thick milky white fog and heavy mist clung to the area earlier in the day, from before sunrise to as late as 9:45 that morning.





#### K9 CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

bullet and stab protective vest, thanks to a charitable donation from nonprofit organization Vested Interest in K9s Inc. K9 Cygan's vest was sponsored by Will and Beckie Palmer and is embroidered with the sentiment "In honor of K9 Bono and K9 Lord."

"The Nixon Police Department K9 Unit wishes to thank Vested Interest in K9's Inc. and the Palmer family for their generous donation," said Nixon Police Chief Miguel Cruz Cantu.

Vested Interest in K9s Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States.

This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is made in the United States, custom-fitted, and certified by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s Inc. has provided more than 4,845 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of S6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The NII sets the standards and testing protocols for body armor ratings and levels, which dictate the caliber and threat level that body armor plates can withstand. Specifically, they test and certify body armor to ensure that a bullet does not puncture the plate and that the wearer is protected against blunt trauma. These NIJ body armor ratings range from level I to level IV. The NIJ certification is the only certification nationally recognized for commercial use by law enforcement and the U.S. military.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or

#### CASINO CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Don't wait too long, though, because this is one of those yearly events which sells out quickly.

As a special treat, this year's Casino Night event will be featuring dinner prepared by none other than renowned celebrity chef, Nedra Harris. Ms. Harris not only entered the worldrenowned Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School of Chicago, but may also say she is one of only a few who have had the opportunity to meet the world famous chef Wolfgang Puck. Harris was also a contestant on the internationally known Hell's Kitchen competition show, also allowing her to learn under the famous chef Gordon Ramsey.

Currently Harris is the personal chef to many well known and respected celebrities, athletes, and has even cooked, personally, for Pope Francis. No doubt the meal at this year's event will to be not missed.

This annual event will not want to be missed this year,

with a night of fantastic fun, fabulous food, and, of course, not only fun at casino games but being able to donate to our local educational goals.

VIP, High Roller, and individual tickets may be purchased by registering at the foundation website, located at gonzalesedfoundation.com, or by contacting any Foundation Board member.

High Roller Table (\$3,000 donation) includes a reserved sponsor table, 10 entry tickets,

and meals, 20,000 casino chips, 10 drink tokens, exclusive sponsor signage, special recognition announcement, charcuterie layout on table and a special gift.

VIP table (\$1,000 donation) includes a reserved sponsor table, 10 entry tickets, and meals, 10,000 casino chips, 10 drink tokens and exclusive sponsor signage.

General admission tickets (\$75 donation) also include the world famous chef meal, as well as 10,000 casino chips.

#### GUWCD

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seeing the effects of not only the water producers pumping, but everybody pumping to supply for their cattle and their hay."

GBRA is asking the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District to increase its permit from an original 15,000 acre-feet of water rights in the Carrizo Aquifer to 24,000 acre-feet, an increase of 9,000 acre-feet.

As an option in a last case scenario, the GUWCD has asked to pull funds from the Eastern Mitigation to the Western and are still awaiting further updates. This is the first of many workshops to the Western Mitigation fund contract.

There is a cap of \$40,000 for those who will be needing the mitigation program when it will be in place, which could take weeks or months according to Mike St. John, Precinct 2 director, at the most recent board meeting.

According to GUWCD, there will be six primary changes to the Western Mitigation Program to help resolve financial instability. They claim this was necessitated by the lack of funding that has occurred as a result of both an extended drought third biggest on record in 2022 for the county — and the rise of both material and labor costs in handling mitigation requests.

The six key issues were ordered by importance for those affected by outside drainage in the Carrizo Aquifer, with the top three being residential homes who have one or more residents over 65 years of age; any residential home near Carrizo regardless of age (under 65); and a residential home with a livestock concurrent use of ground water from a Carrizo well, respectively.

Going down that list, the bottom three considerations included a non-residential home that's primary use is livestock; any secondary home irrespective of any age; and any non-residential home that's primary use is solely for business or commercial purposes respectively.

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If multiple Carrizo wells exist on a single property, then only one will be in qualification. GU-WCD will look at each of these wells on a case-by-case basis.

This decision, made at the Jan. 10 GUWCD board meeting, was met with some citizen pushback — with many concerns regarding the amount of drainage being pumped in such a concentrated area.

A preliminary contested case hearing on the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority's request to drill three additional water wells in the Carrizo Aquifer has been set for Thursday, Feb. 16, before hearing examiner Judge Stephen B. Ables.

The individuals who are protesting the permit application have until Jan. 23, 2023, to submit all briefs to Ables for review, while the applicants have until Feb. 6, 2023, to submit their responses. The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District, 522 Saint Matthew Street, Gonzales.

Readers affected by Western mitigation funding can email the Gonzales Inquirer at publisher@gonzalesinquirer.com to share their comments.



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