

God’s Storehouse holds ribbon cutting for new food pantry

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

For 40 years God’s Storehouse has been serving the Nixon community through its food pantry and resale shop at the Nixon Methodist Church — an outgrowth of the vision of the late Virginia and Sidney Wynne, the late Dorothy Richardson and Gladys Finch.

The one thing the organization lacked until now, however, was a bigger building of its own for the food pantry. On Thursday, Nov. 21, members of the community joined with God’s Storehouse for a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for



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Gladys Finch, one of the founders of God’s Storehouse in Nixon, cuts the ribbon during a Thursday, Nov. 21 ceremony at the new food pantry facility at 401 N. Franklin Ave.

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COURTESY/GONZALES COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Fire crews from Gonzales, Yoakum and Cuero battle a blaze that burned several tanks at an oil field facility in the Dreyer community just before 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Oil tanks explode in Dreyer community

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Fire departments from Gonzales and DeWitt counties responded to an explosion at an oil tank facility on Farm-to-Market Road 443

near the county line in the Dreyer community at just before 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 21. It took first responders several hours to get the blaze at 3743 FM 443, which has a Shiner address, under control,

but fortunately, no injuries were reported, said Gonzales County Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshal Jimmy Harless.

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Resident discusses branding opportunities with Nixon City Council

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Efforts are under way to help promote new branding for the city of Nixon that capitalizes on the area’s frontier heritage and culture, local volunteer Pablo Aguirre told member of the Nixon City Council during their Monday, Nov. 18 meeting. Aguirre congratulated the

council and city employees, the Lions Club and the Rancho-Nixon Historical Association for improvements being made in the community.

“All of these things that are going on in the community are so noticeable,” Aguirre said. “It’s all positive things that are happening. The town is get-

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County received \$525,000 to supplement law enforcement and prosecutor salaries

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales County received \$525,000 from the Rural Law Enforcement Grant Program in fiscal year 2024 — part of \$225 million Texas Comp-

troller Glenn Hegar said his office delivered to rural law enforcement and prosecutor offices.

The Rural Law Enforcement Grant Program, administered by the Comptroller’s office,

was enacted by Senate Bill 22 during the 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, which appropriated \$330 million for the 2024-25 biennium to fund

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Historic landmark celebrated at Gonzales county’s oldest African-American church

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The congregation of Gonzales County’s oldest African-American church, St. James Missionary Baptist Church — under the leadership of Pastor Rev. Kenneth Gordon — is proud to announce the designation of the church with a historical landmark, celebrating its 157 years of service and history in the Gonzales community.

The church’s storied heritage and significance were honored at

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ONE-WAY BRIDGE



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Temporary traffic lights have been put up on Texas 97 since Nov. 14 as the road is down to one lane less than half a mile northeast of the intersection with Texas 80. The work is part of a \$410,000 project to replace the bridge and approaches on Texas 97 at Red Branch that TxDOT first approved in fiscal year 2023. The original structure was first built in 1935 and was considered to be in fair condition but expected to see a threefold increase in traffic by 2040.

Smiley City Council discusses rate increases, water well repairs

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Smiley City Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the Municipal Building.

One of the big topics from last Wednesday’s meeting was discussing the rate increase and the cost of the repairs for water well No. 1.

The council approved getting a loan for the repairs of the well and discussed how to inform the residents of Smiley about the water

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NIXON TREE LIGHTING SET

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The City of Nixon will hold a festive tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, at the Nixon Community Center, 302 E. Central Ave., Nixon.

CITY OF NIXON

Miracle on Main to feature day of events

FROM STAFF REPORTS

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Nixon and Miracle on Main Street will be back, bigger and better

than before on Saturday, Dec. 14.

The event is a partnership between Nations Christian Fellowship and the

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Commissioners canvass 2024 general election

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Gonzales County commissioners held a special called meeting Monday, Nov. 18, to canvass the Nov. 5 general election.

County Elections Administrator Gwen Schaefer said the only issue they had the entire election was on Election Day when “somebody walked off with one of the ballots” at one of the voting pre-

cincts, which automatically voided that ballot as an election security issue.

“Once they walk out, they can’t come back in,” Schaefer said to commissioners.

There were 285 absentee ballots, which Schaefer called a really good amount, plus 5,941 votes cast during early voting and 1,568 on Election Day for a grand total of 7,794 out of the county’s 13,272 registered voters — a turnout of a little more than 58.7 percent.

The precinct with the highest number of votes cast was Precinct 1 (Randle-Rather Building) with 1,729, while the lowest can be found in Precinct 14 (Cheapside) with 72, but it also had the highest percentage turnout overall at 82.76 percent. The lowest percentage turnout was Precinct 4 (City of Nixon) which only saw 38.71 percent of its total voters take part in the election. It was the only voting precinct below 50 percent turnout.

| VOTER PRECINCT AND TURNOUT AMOUNT | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | – 60.73 percent (1,729 of 2,847) |
| 2 | – 52.78 percent (1,036 of 1,963) |
| 3 | – 53.99 percent (960 of 1,778) |
| 4 | – 38.71 percent (425 of 1,098) |
| 5 | – 68.81 percent (525 of 763) |
| 6 | – 64.51 percent (349 of 541) |
| 7 | – 74.73 percent (411 of 550) |
| 8 | – 62.31 percent (291 of 467) |
| 9 | – 57.34 percent (719 of 1,254) |
| 10 | – 57.38 percent (412 of 718) |
| 11 | – 82.52 percent (203 of 246) |
| 12 | – 65.41 percent (121 of 185) |
| 13 | – 66.75 percent (263 of 394) |
| 14 | – 82.76 percent (72 of 87) |
| 15 | – 72.97 percent (278 of 381) |



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From left are RWOYA Education Committee Chair Jackie McNerney, Daniel Miller (guest speaker), Mariela Grifaldo (fourth place) and RWOYA President Vicki Vickers.



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From left are RWOYA Education Committee Chair Jackie McNerney, Daniel Miller (guest speaker), Kaylie Ramirez (second place) and RWOYA President Vicki Vickers.

Moulton takes first overall in RWOYA annual Constitution Essay Contest

Gonzales has other two essay winners

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Republican Women of the Yoakum Area announced the winners of the 15th Annual Constitution Essay Contest Ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at the Yoakum Community Center.

The winners were chosen from high school seniors of home schools, public, and private schools in Lavaca, DeWitt, and Gonzales counties. There were 177 essays submitted. President Vickie Vickers introduced Education Committee Chair Jackie McNerney to announce this year’s contest winners.

Coming from Moulton High School were first-place winner,

Moises Manzano for \$1,300 cash prize, Zachary Sturm, third place for \$600, and winning Moulton government teacher Cody Broussard, who received \$300. Other winners were Kaylie Ramirez, second place for \$800, and Mariela Grifaldo, fourth place for \$400, both from Gonzales High School.

The essay question for the contest this year was regarding the 10th Amendment; “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, not prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.” Students wrote a two-to-three page essay double spaced which was not identified by name or school name. The essays were judged by six judges on content of ideas, and organization of thought.

Guest speaker Mr. Daniel Miller, past candidate for Texas lieutenant

governor and president of the Texas National Movement, congratulated all contest winners. Mr. Miller’s presentation focused on federalism, sovereignty of the states, and the importance of local self-government.

Students were served a lunch of barbecue sandwiches prepared by Shiner Spoetzl Bar-B-Q.

RWOYA is a Republican women’s organization with men as associate members from Lavaca, Gonzales, and DeWitt counties. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Yoakum Community Center, Yoakum. Lunch is served with freewill donation appreciated. Program speakers focus on political topics. The RWOYA mission is to educate voters and support Republican candidates.

Visitors are encouraged and welcome.

Main Street’s Winterfest float offering space for signs to local businesses

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Gonzales Main Street businesses are being offered a chance to feature their business on the official Main Street float for the Winterfest Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Get your business in the spotlight as Main Street lights up the night during the parade. Bring a 24-inch by 36-inch wide banner or sign to attach to the sides of their festive float. Make sure your banner or sign has

grommets for easy attachment. Without grommets, they’ll need to drill into the banner, which could affect its future use!

This is only for Main Street businesses and you have through close of business Wednesday, Dec. 4, to bring your banner or sign to the Main Street office.

For more information, contact your Main Street representative or reach out to Main Street director Tiffany Padilla at tpadilla@gonzales.texas.gov.

Winterfest Main Street Business Christmas Decorating Contest returns this season

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All businesses in the footprint of the Gonzales Main Street District are eligible and encouraged to take part in the 2024 Winterfest Business Christmas Decorating Contest this year, so get ready to spread some holiday cheer and showcase the magic of the Main Street District.

This is your chance to show off your business’s unique personality, helping to make our community a one-of-a-kind destination this holiday season. Best of all — it’s completely free to participate!

Submit your application by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, to be included in the contest. Your 12-foot display (window, storefront, sidewalk, etc.) must be fully decorated and lit by Monday, Dec. 2. Displays should be visible to the public (either from outside or with approval for inside displays). Family-friendly designs are a must — let’s keep it festive and fun for all ages! Be creative: incorporate this year’s enchanting theme, “An Enchanted Christmas,” and let your imagination run wild!

Judging will take place the evening of Monday, Dec. 2, so make sure your lights are on from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Judging criteria includes Presentation, Workmanship, Originality and Use of Lights.

First, second, and third-place winners will receive award certificates, recognition in the Gonzales Inquirer and shoutouts on various social media platforms.

Winners will be announced on Tuesday, Dec. 3. Make your storefront the talk of the town this holiday season and help create a magical atmosphere for locals and visitors alike!

Let’s make it an Enchanted Christmas to remember!

Download an application from GonzalesMainStreet.com. For more information, contact Tiffany Padilla, Gonzales Main Street Director, at (830) 672-2815 or tpadilla@gonzales.texas.gov.

Nixon Chamber of Commerce sponsors annual Christmas Decorating Contest

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Nixon Area Chamber of Commerce presents its annual Christmas Decorating Contest and invites businesses and residences to participate.

Unleash your decorating skill and possibly win a prize after judging takes place Dec. 13-14. Entry is open to all. The top 3 businesses and top 3 residences will be recognized.

Celebrations Birthdays

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| November 28th Tom Daniel Granelle Hendricks Sean Zambrano | November 29th Lisa Hernandez Deidra Kuntschik | December 1st Dennis Droupy Kevin Johnson | December 2nd Donna Behrendt Abbie Dolezal Kyle Fortenberry Lania Karol Andrea Lee Sandy Moore | December 3rd Mattie Ramos | December 4th Betsy Boenisch Cheyenne Brown Jerry Floyd Bo Ivey Kim West |
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Gonzales Weather

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|  | November 28 63°/45° | Cooler with intervals of clouds and sun 5% chance of rain • RealFeel 64 |
|  | November 29 62°/48° | Clouds giving way to sun 7% chance of rain • RealFeel 60 |
|  | November 30 65°/48° | Mainly cloudy with rain and drizzle possible 30% chance of rain • RealFeel 62 |
|  | December 1 64°/47° | Sunshine and some clouds 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 61 |
|  | December 2 64°/51° | Sun through high clouds 0% chance of rain • RealFeel 64 |
|  | December 3 67°/44° | Cloudy with occasional rain 55% chance of rain • RealFeel 64 |
|  | December 4 58°/39° | Clouds giving way to some sun 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 54 |

Black Friday Giveaway

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On growing spinach, planting wildflowers and raking leaves

Garden
Q&A with **CALVIN FINCH**



Q. My kids love spinach. There are 4 of us, how much will we have to plant to provide a good supply for salads and recipes?

A. I recommend planting 4 spinach plants for every person in the household so you can try to harvest one third of the foliage of each plant every 2 weeks. Fertilize and water them generously and place a plant every 2 feet in the row.

Q. There is some controversy about whether we need to rake up the leaves on the lawn or it is best to let them decompose on the lawn, what is your opinion?

A. I have always left the leaves to decompose on the lawn because it provides valuable organic

material.

Most of the time I try and mow the leaves to speed of the decomposition. It would also work to put the leaves in the compost pile, just don't waste them by discarding them in the garbage.

Q. Is it a good time to plant wildflower seeds now? We like bluebonnets but what else should we plant?

A. I like coreopsis, bee balm, fire wheel, poppies, and blue curl in addition to bluebonnet. All but the blue curl is part of most Texas mixes, but you have to get some blue curl seed from a neighbor who has grown it, or you can buy it from Native American Seed Co in Junction. It grows in sun or shade

and is a favorite of butterflies and hummingbirds in the spring. Plant your seed now by spreading it on bare soil.

Q Primula is very beautiful but also very expensive, Is there any problem with it and cold weather in the winter?

A. You are right on both counts, primula is both beautiful and expensive. It is not overly sensitive to cold. Cover the plants with an agricultural fabric or other cloth when the temperature is forecast to be under 28 degrees. The real threat is from slugs and snails . To protect it from the pests, apply a dose of Sluggo or another slug and snail bait. The same treatment works to protect pansies.



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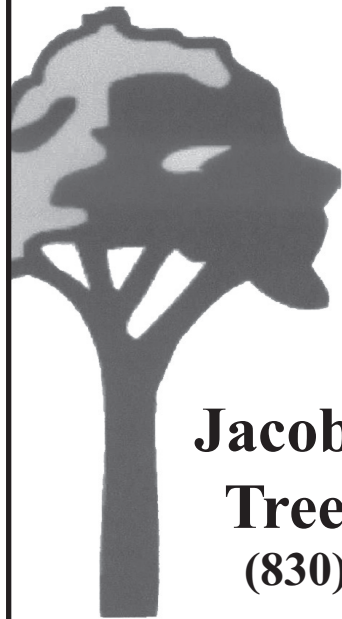
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GARDENING CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Have you ever considered purchasing a living Christmas Tree that you could use to decorate for the Holidays and then plant it as a landscape feature in the landscape? Select the right species that is prepared appropriately, and the arrangement works well. I have both an Arizona cypress and a deodora cedar that are over 25 feet tall landscape features now that started as six feet tall Christmas trees and after 4 weeks in that role were moved from the house into the holes that were pre-positioned and dug for a successful transition. The deodora cedar was sheared to a Christmas tree shape and the Arizona cypress natural shape was suitable. In addition to knowing where you are going to plant the trees and digging the holes early so you can plant the trees as quickly as possible, also have plenty of help to move the trees, they are heavy! Start with your favorite retail nursery to find the right species, size and sheared shape to best meet your needs.

It is not too late in December to plant winter annuals for color. Cyclamen and primula for the shade are especially beautiful. Snapdragons, stocks, calendulas, alyssum, dianthus, sweet peas,

pansies, and violas do well in the sun. Transplants work best for a December planting for all the selections except sweet peas, use seeds planted against a tomato cage or other trellis for sweet peas. Expect most of the winter annuals to bloom until May. The dianthus and sweet peas will usually bloom into June. The pansies and violas are the most cold tolerant and usually make it through the winter without any protection from all but the coldest spells. Cover the cyclamen with agricultural fiber when the temperature is forecast to drop below 30 degrees F.

Move your bougainvillea, tropical hibiscus, plumeria, mandivilla and other subtropical plants into a greenhouse or other shelter when the temperatures start hitting 40 degrees. Be prepared to cover the citrus trees, especially the lemons and limes when temperatures are forecast to fall to 26 degrees. The protection works best when you have a tent-like structure made from plastic pipe to hold the fabric in place. Wind is usually part of the cold weather. If it gets colder than 26 degrees, heat the inside of the tent with a mechanic's light or a poultry heat lamp. Make sure the lights are not heatless LED versions.

December is also a good time to plant recommended shade tree varieties in the San Antonio area. Our soil is often very difficult to dig so take advantage of the planting services of your favorite nursery if you want to plant a large specimen. If you want to dig the hole yourself pick a relatively small transplant such as under 15 gallons, Often the small transplants catch up and pass the growth rate of the larger transplants because the smaller plants become established quicker. The recommended shade trees include anaqua, Texas red oak, cedar elm, live oak, Mexican sycamore, bur oak, Mexican white oak, chinkapin oak, and Montezuma cypress. If you follow the CPS Energy planting recommendations, you will save energy costs and be eligible for a \$50 rebate.

In the vegetable garden it is still a good time to plant spinach, onions, the cabbage related greens, turnips, beets, carrots, English peas. rutabagas, beets radishes and lettuce. Remember if you plant cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts or other greens have a Bt product such as Bio -Worm Killer or Dipel on hand to spray the foliage at the first sign of any foliage damage.

LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

November 23rd, 2024

Cattle - 1237

Compared to our last sale:

Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold very active with 300-500 lbs. selling 10.00-15.00 higher. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows and bulls sold steady. Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 345-450; 300-400 lbs., 285-405; 400-500 lbs., 270-342; 500-

600 lbs., 215-323; 600-700 lbs., 230-265; 700-800 lbs., 225-243. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 165-202.

Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 310-375; 300-400 lbs., 285-340; 400-500 lbs., 241-323; 500-600 lbs., 210-263; 600-700 lbs., 215-241.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 101-108; Cutters, 107-112; Canners, 75-85; High yielding fat cows, 99-109.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 128-149; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 120-126. Stocker Cows: \$900 to \$1,800. Pairs: \$1,500 to \$2,700.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

NO SALE NOVEMBER 25TH

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Cattle on hand: 1889

Packer Cows:

High Dressing: \$107-118

Medium Dressing: \$100-112

Low Dressing: \$88-100

Poor/Weak Cows: \$75-90

Packer Bulls:

High Dressing: \$144-151

Medium Dressing: \$118-143

Low Dressing: \$110-118

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers:

None

Medium Stocker Cows &

Heifers: \$1200-1600

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: None

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: None

Stocker & Feeder Calves &

Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$255-400

200-300 lbs.: \$285-390

300-400 lbs.: \$290-400

400-500 lbs.: \$260-360

500-600 lbs.: \$235-290

600-700 lbs.: \$220-260

700-800 lbs.: \$210-240

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$240-380

200-300 lbs.: \$250-355

300-400 lbs.: \$260-325

400-500 lbs.: \$235-305

500-600 lbs.: \$225-285

600-700 lbs.: \$208-232

700-800 lbs.: \$190-224

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: None

The calf market was much higher this week. Heavier weights sold \$2 to \$5 higher. Average of all calves sold was \$9 higher.

Winter grazing demand very strong. Packer cows and bulls sold \$2 to \$4 lower on a supply of 160 head. No sale Tuesday November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.

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CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

November 22, 2024

Number of head 2,133

There were 263 cows, 24 bulls, 3 horses and 1 sheep. The packer market on cows and bulls remains steady as last week, and the demand is still strong. The calf market was up this week in most of the weight classes with some ranging \$5-10 higher. ** NO SALE, FRIDAY 11-29-2024 ** We genuinely appreciate all our sellers and buyers. Please continue to pray for rain in our area.

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Packer bulls: | 138.00-148.00 |
| Packer cows: | 105.00-123.00 |
| canners & cutters | 89.00-115.00 |
| poor & weak | 1750-2000 |
| Palpated: 10 BRED | one @ \$2,500 |
| PAIRS: | Steer/Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH) |
| 200-250 lbs | 304.00-380.00 |
| 250-299 lbs | 306.00-420.00 |
| 300-350 lbs | 298.00-420.00 |
| 350-400 lbs | 305.00-405.00 |
| 400-450 lbs | 283.00-385.00 |
| 450-500 lbs | 269.00-342.00 |
| 500-550 lbs | 247.00-316.00 |
| 550-600 lbs | 238.00-302.00 |
| 600-700 lbs | 225.00-291.00 |
| 700-800 lbs | 206.00-240.00 |
| Heifer Calves: | (AVG-HIGH) |
| 200-250 lbs | 270.00-310.00 |
| 250-300 lbs | 262.00-330.00 |
| 300-350 lbs | 270.00-342.00 |
| 350-400 lbs | 259.00-390.00 |
| 400-450 lbs | 253.00-312.00 |
| 450-500 lbs | 239.00-325.00 |
| 500-550 lbs | 234.00-290.00 |
| 550-600 lbs | 226.00-297.00 |
| 600-700 lbs | 199.00-256.00 |
| Over 700 lbs | 173.00-212.00 |



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Keep holiday parties festive: Always find a sober ride

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Thousands of Texas families are devastated by drunk driving crashes every year, and the problem gets worse during the holidays. In fact, one in four traffic deaths across the state are caused by drunk drivers, and that ratio increases to 28% during the holiday period.

When asked in a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) survey, the majority of participants who admitted to driving after drinking said they've most often done so after being at a friend's house.

That's why over the next few weeks, TxDOT is reaching people as they're buying beverages for holiday get-togethers. TxDOT will bring its mobile interactive exhibit to Walmart stores to engage and remind shoppers about the deadly dangers of drinking and driving.

"It's not okay to drink and drive," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "It's not okay for a friend or family member to go through the death of a loved one at the hands of people who are drinking and driving. It's always possible to find a safe and sober ride home, so make it a priority any time you drink."

Just ask the friends and family of the 126 people killed and 272 people seriously injured by drunk drivers during Thanksgiving and the holiday season last year. What's meant to be a joyous time will never be the same for them.

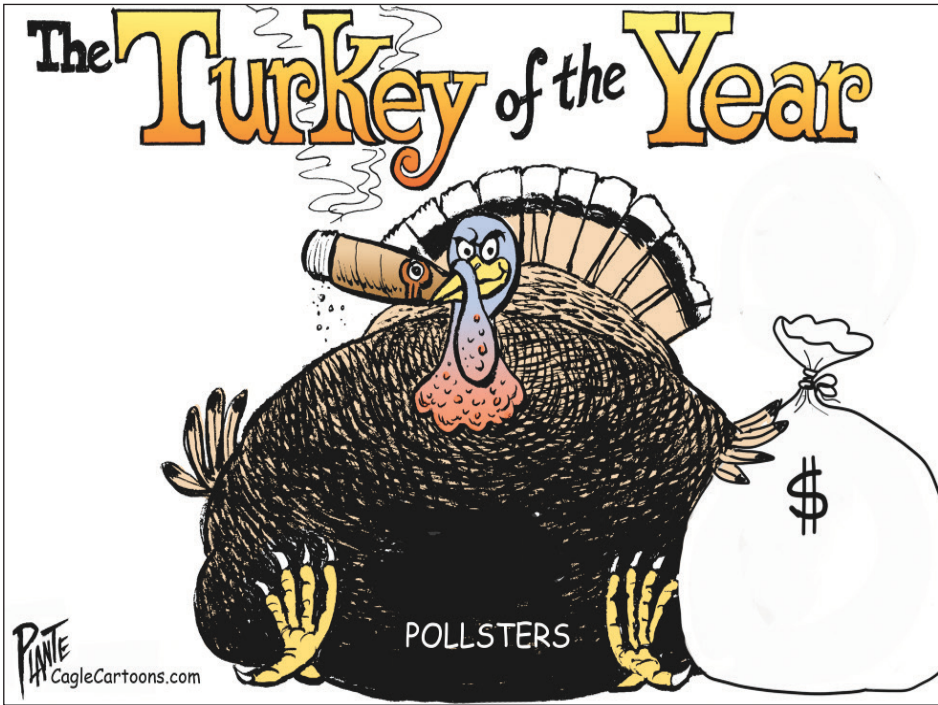
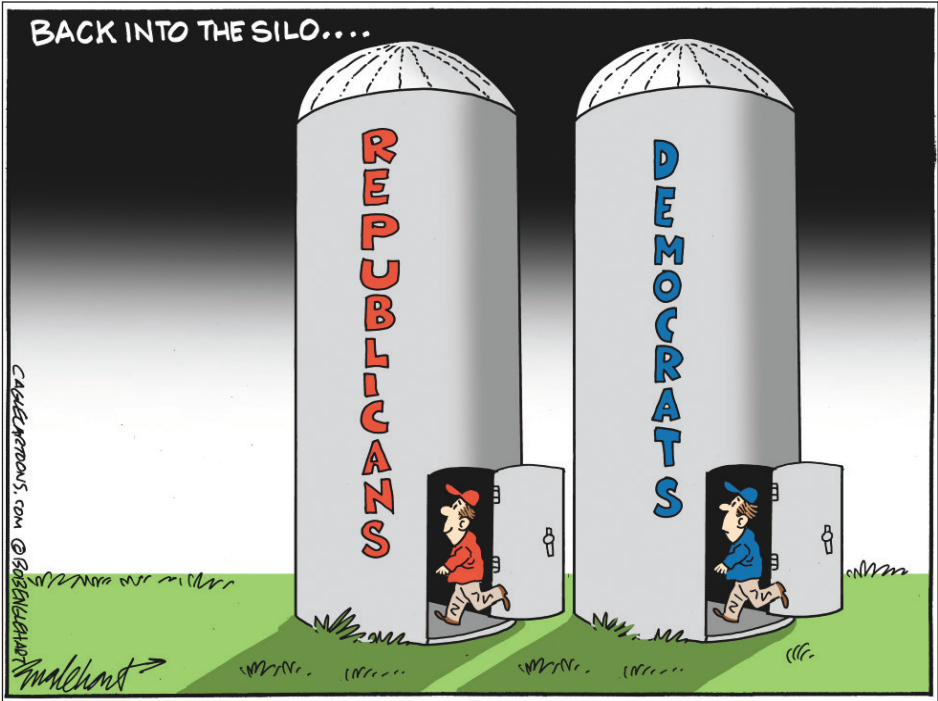
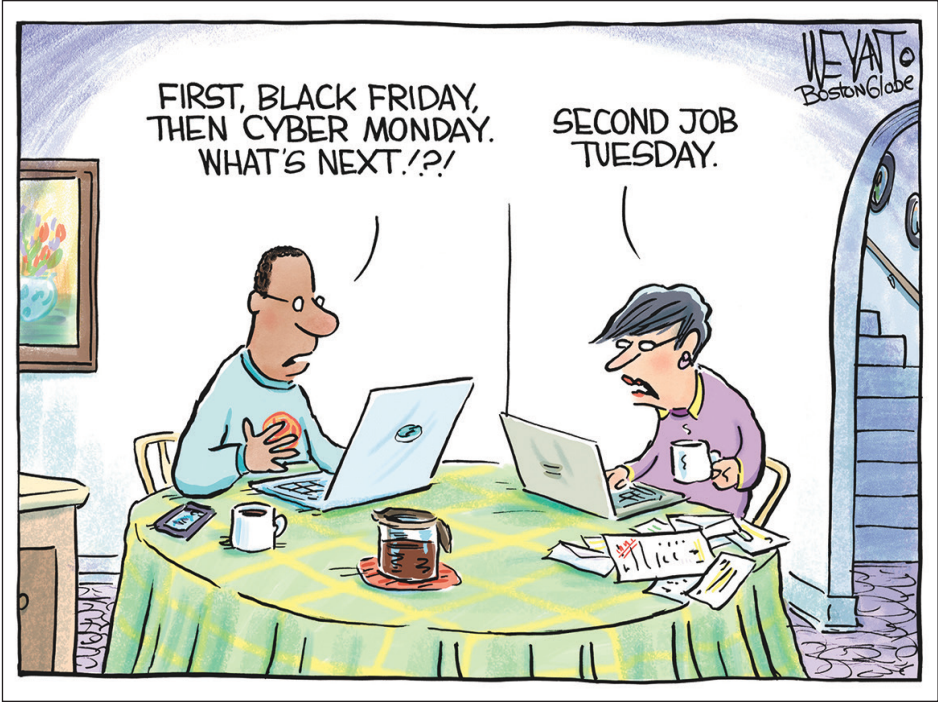
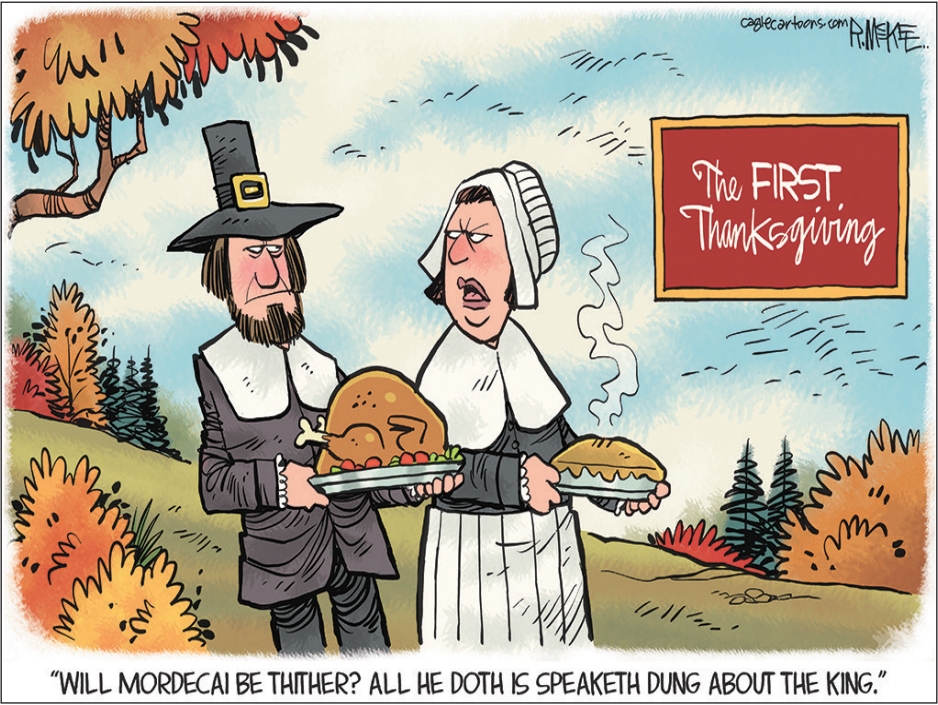
Yolanda Carson of Mansfield, Texas, knows that pain all too well. She lost her 23-year-old daughter, Jade Jiles, in a 2013 drunk driving-related crash. Jade was rescuing a friend's blind dog who'd run into the street when an impaired driver struck and killed them both.

"Our family continues to be devastated by Jade's passing. She had such a bright future ahead of her. She was working two jobs to pay for college, with plans of becoming a teacher. She also had a six-month-old son named Jacob," said Carson. "She'll never get a chance to step into the classroom or watch her son grow up. All because someone made the choice of getting behind the wheel after drinking."

Drunk driving crashes are preventable 100% of the time. If you drink any amount of alcohol, do not get behind the wheel. Designate a sober driver, use a rideshare service or taxi, call a sober friend or family member, or use public transit. You can also just stay where you are until you're sober.

The Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign also includes PSAs on TV, radio, billboards, online and at bars, restaurants and convenience stores statewide. The campaign supports a heightened law enforcement period from Dec. 13 through Jan. 1, when more officers will be on the alert looking for drunk drivers.

Drive Sober. No Regrets. is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.



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DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Mostly miscellany...

Here comes another "Mother Hubbard" column. That's how preachers sometimes describe their sermons--comparable to "Mother Hubbard" dresses. They cover everything but touch nothing....

Why are we not surprised? Researchers claim that many companies are taking advantage of the inflationary climate. Their deception is called "shrinkflation." Some devious practices are "double-whammies," with prices going up and product size going down....

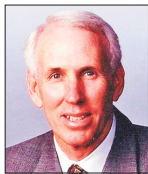
An egregious example is found on candy aisles, where Reese's Peanut Butter Cup miniatures tempt many. They're even "more miniature" now and cost more; prices have skyrocketed 68% in five years.

Admittedly, higher prices abound on the other aisles, too. Manufacturers of paper products have tricked us, too. Most eyes cross when customers try to figure the real cost for rolls of towels and bathroom tissue. "Squeezing the Charmin" may soon be a punishable offense....

A political academician used the color wheel describing the recent election, generally resulting in a "deeper shade of red."

This is similar to an old Oklahoma State University ad that jabbed the University of Texas, known for its "burnt orange" school color. The ad claimed OSU's to be "a brighter shade of orange."....

Former Texas A&M Coach R. C. Slocum--an all-time great--turned 80 on November 7. The



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winningest coach in the history of both Texas A&M University and the old Southwest Conference was flooded with hundreds of birthday wishes. This coaching legend "bleeds maroon."

But he was born in Orange, TX. I doubt that the shade was burnt....

We're used to athletic teams having "official" connections with specific companies, as if their endorsements mean anything.

Here lately, though, the hair on the back of my neck stiffens when I see the ad claiming Southwest Airlines to be the "official airline of the Southeastern Conference." It reminds me of the gutted Southwest Conference, its death knell sounding when Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Texas A&M bolted for the Southeastern Conference. I don't think the SWC had an "official" airline. An "official" bus line? Maybe. Several of the schools were located too close to each other to justify flights. Oh, well, if regional rivalries are ever needed again, the TV/NCAA moguls will tell us.

Come Nov. 30, Texas and Texas A&M renew a football rivalry that never should have ended. They'll hook up in College Station. It won't be on Thanksgiving like yesteryear, when kick-off starting times of the teams' nationally-televised games dictated turkey-carving time....

It was Sunday lunchtime when Southlake's Philip Odette ordered "take-out" food for his family. "Be right back," he assured.

Before arrival at the restaurant, however, he noticed a "FOR SALE" sign on a ritzy home he'd always admired, and two more equally bold words--OPEN HOUSE--were too much. He stopped, entered the open front door and moved about freely, the aroma of candles luring him from room to room. How fortunate, he thought, to be the only one touring the home. Then, immediate mortification set in. He was standing in the doorway of the master bathroom, discovering a woman--amply covered in a large bath towel--applying eye make-up.

Saying nothing, he ran from the premises, floor-boarded his car and glanced once more at the sign. In small type under the large, bold letters--proclaiming "FOR SALE/OPEN HOUSE"--the sign read: "2-4 p.m." It was 12:30 at the time....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, is one of the nation's longest-running syndicated humor columns. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.

Letters to the Editor Policy

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

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Further questions may be directed to Publisher Lew Cohn, 830-672-2861.



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Isabella Ikard (15)--First Team All-District (middle)

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Apaches named to All-District squads

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches varsity volleyball team capped off their 2024 season with All-District honors. Juniors Aubrey Lindemann and Isabella Ikard were named first-team All-District for District 28-4A; Ikard lead the team with 110 kills and 22 blocks for the 2024 season; Lindemann finished second with 59 kills and 120 assists. Sophomores Shakayden Clack and Blakely Mercer were named second team All-District; Mercer led the team with 97 digs and finished second in aces with 19, and Clack lead the team with 135 assists. Freshman Parker Petras, sophomore Gabriella Torres



Blakely Mercer (21)--Second Team All-District

and junior Alaina Valle were named All-District honorable mentions. Academic All-District: Lyndie Blackwell, Clack, Jordyn Gonzales, Ikard, Dixie Lester, Lindemann, Mercer, Petras, Torres and Valle.



Aubrey Lindemann (3)--First Team All-District



Shakayden Clack (7)--Second Team All-District

Lady Apaches compete in Seguin Tournament

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches travel to Seguin Thursday, Nov. 21 for their first tournament of the 2024-25 basketball season. The Lady Apaches played five games total at the tournament; they squared off against East Central, New Braunfels Canyon, Cedar Ridge, Kenedy and Pleasanton. The Lady Apaches went 2-3 in the tournament. The Lady Apaches will go on the road Monday, Nov.

25 for a game against the Randolph Lady Ro-Hawks; please see next week's Inquirer for the full Lady Apaches vs Randolph game. The Lady Apaches returned Tuesday, Nov. 26 home against the Poth Lady Pirates; please see next week's Inquirer for the full Lady Apaches vs Poth game. Gonzales will travel to La Grange Tuesday, Dec. 3 for a game against the Lady Leopards. The La Grange game starts at 7:15 p.m.



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Apaches senior guard Jzyah Melancon (3) dribbles the ball down into Lockhart territory Friday, Nov. 22.

Lockhart hands Apaches first loss of the season

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches Apaches traveled to Lockhart for a battle of unbeaten teams Friday, Nov. 22. The Apaches entered the game 2-0 and the Lockhart Lions were 5-0. The Apaches and the Lions battled hard in the first half as Gonzales got keys shots from seniors Gavin Lekgega and Jzyah Melancon, but Lockhart took advantage of Gonzales' turnovers and scored on them as the Apaches fell, 71-52. "They're a good team. I told our guys that we're a good team. We're still kind of finding ourselves. We've got football guys coming in late. As you saw, most of our guys are football guys, so we're still putting it together," said Apaches head basketball coach Steven Pinchback "We need a little bit more focus. They're still young, even though we have some seniors, but overall we're young. We



Apaches senior center Jermaine Upshaw (0) jumps in the air for the tip off of the Lockhart game.

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Apaches senior senior Gavin Lekgega (1) battles a Lockhart defender in the non-district game.

GONZALES COUNTY YOUTH LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP PARADE



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS
The Gonzales Apaches 6U and 8U parents line up in the streets of St. Joseph for the championship parade that started from Apache Stadium to Texas Independence Square Friday, Nov. 22.



Mustangs compete in Poteet tournament

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs traveled to Poteet Thursday, Nov. 21 for their first tournament of the basketball season.

The Mustangs took on Poteet, YMLA and KIPPUP in the tournament; MaxPreps had one score reported, the Mustangs fell to the YMLA Lions, 77-24.

The Mustangs will go on the road Friday, Nov. 29 for an in-county game against the Gonzales Apaches.

The last two seasons, the Mustangs have beaten the Apaches; the last time the Mustangs lost to Gonzales was a tournament game in the 2021 season.

The Gonzales game tips off at 11:30 a.m.



PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Left: Mustangs senior Tristen Mikesch (1) takes a shot against Nordheim in the season opener. Above: The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs in the huddle with their head coach Carlton McKinney in the season opener against Nordheim.

Lady Mustangs travel to Yorktown for tourney

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs traveled to Yorktown Thursday, Nov. 21 for their first basketball tournament of the 2024-25 season.

The Lady Mustangs took on four teams at the tournament; they squared off against Runge, Banquete, Industrial and Natalia.

The Lady Mustangs kicked off the tournament with wins against Runge, 83-9, and Banquete, 53-45, but the next day they fell to Industrial, 48-24, and Natalia, 52-48.

Nixon-Smiley traveled on the road for back-to-back games against George West, Monday, Nov. 25 and Lytle Tuesday, Nov. 26; highlights of the George West and Lytle game will be in next week's issue of the Inquirer.

The Lady Mustangs will travel to Kenedy for a game against the Lady Lions.

The Kenedy game tips off at 6:30 p.m.

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just got to learn how to lock in a little bit more. But that's that comes with growth of the season," Pinchback added.

The Apaches took on the Lehman Lobos Monday, Nov. 25 at home and Pinchback and his team are ready for them.

"I've already been watching film on them, their athletic group they kind of press, kind of like this I don't think they're as athletic I think they're in the same district, so it'll be another tough battle, but I used to coach at Lehman, so it's a little bit more personal. We're going to try to have some fun and do the things we need to do to get the victory," Pinchback said.

The Apaches traveled to the Frost Bank Center in San Antonio for a game against Laredo LBJ Wednesday, Nov. 27 and will return home Friday, Nov. 29 for an in-county game against the Nixon-Smiley Mustangs.

The Nixon-Smiley game tips off at 11:30 a.m.



VANDY VAN EPPS

Apaches sophomore forward Damion Hunt (2) shoots two free throws in the Lockhart game Friday, Nov. 22.

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TEXAS Health and Human Services

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- The Rural Sheriff's Department

- The Rural Constable's Office Salary Assistance Grant provides financial assistance to constable's offices. The grant funding must be used to provide a minimum salary of \$45,000 to an elected constable who makes motor vehicle stops in the routine performance of the constable's duties. Gonzales County was not eligible for this funding as elected constables in the county already had a salary greater than \$45,000 at \$55,061 each.

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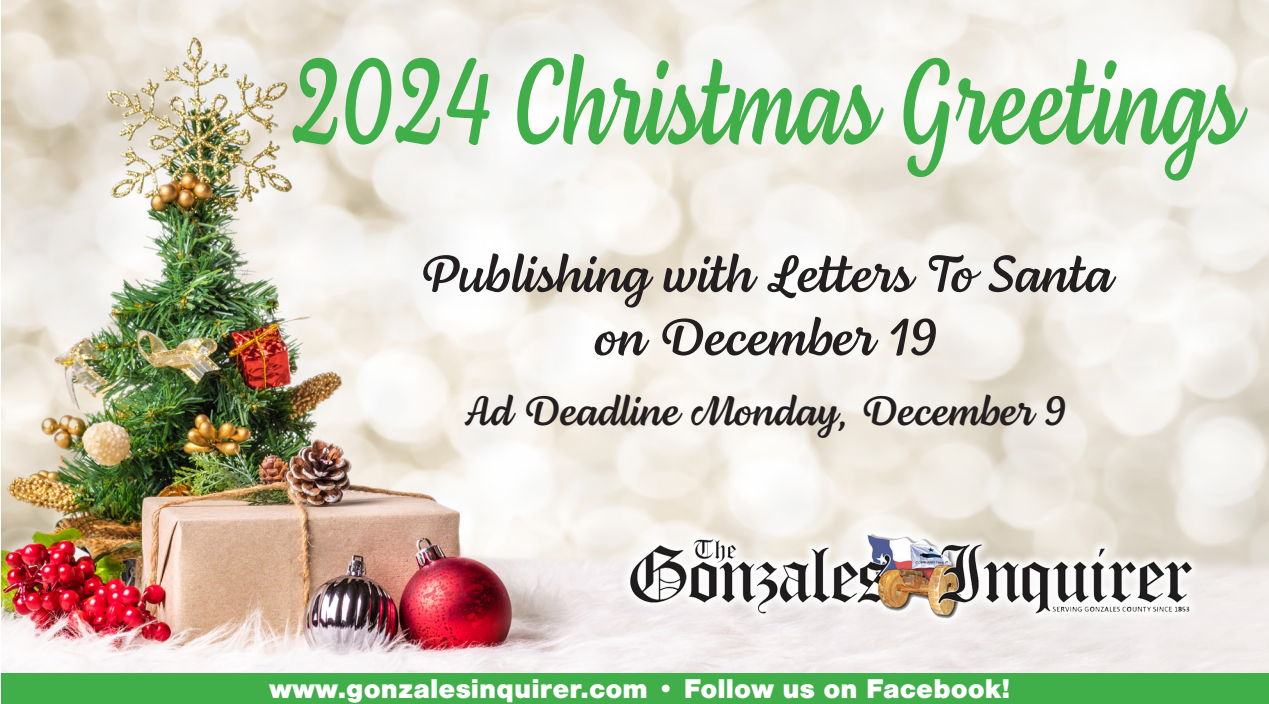
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THE GONZALES V.F.W. Post 4817 Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Post Home on the Harwood Road. All members are invited and encouraged to attend along with anyone who is eligible to join is welcome. A light meal will be served. For more information contact Dorothy Gutierrez, 830-263-4771, Donna Trammel, 830-203-0716 or Janice Walleck, 830-263-4770.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Malt Beverage Off-Premise Permit by ANHA BIZ LLC., doing business as PRIMOS FOOD MART, to be located at 1315 Seydler Street, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas 78629-2730 . Manager of the said company is Shafik Maknojia.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS NIXON-SMILEY CISD State Financial Accountability Rating

Nixon-Smiley CISD will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM Monday, December 9, 2024, in the Nixon-Smiley High School LIBRARY, 800 Rancho Road, NIXON

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Nixon-Smiley CISD's 2023-24 rating on the state's financial accountability system.

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NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS

The Gonzales Central Appraisal District is seeking proposals for Group Health/Life/AD&D Insurance. A statement of the benefit specifications may be obtained from the district office free of charge.

Proposals must be received by the Gonzales Central Appraisal District office, Physical Address: 301 St. Joseph Street, Suite A, Gonzales, Texas 78629, Mailing Address: P.O. Box 867, Gonzales, Texas 78629, no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, December 19, 2024.

All proposals must be addressed to the Board of Directors of the Gonzales County Appraisal District. All proposals must be sealed and marked on the outside of the envelope "Group Health/Life/AD&D Insurance".

Proposals will be opened and the contract awarded at the Board of Directors meeting to be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 301 St. Joseph Street, Suite A, Gonzales, Texas. All persons submitting proposals are welcome to attend.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. If a proposal is accepted it will be the proposal considered most advantageous to the Gonzales Central Appraisal District. All parties submitting proposals shall use lump sum pricing. The method of payment will not be more often than monthly from the District's General Operating Fund. No bond is required.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CITY OF GONZALES
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
& CITY COUNCIL

The City of Gonzales, by this instrument, notifies the public of PUBLIC HEARINGS on the following project:

1) An amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gonzales for the property commonly known as 1132 Seydler Street, said property being currently zoned as C-2, Heavy Commercial District and seeking to be rezoned SF-6, Single Family 6 District.

PROPERTY OWNER: Christie E Reed Krueger
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PT 4 Range VII
PARCEL: 12481
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1132 Seydler Street

2) An amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gonzales for the property commonly known as 418 St. Michael Street, said property being currently zoned as SF-6, Single Family 6 District and seeking to be rezoned C-1, Light Commercial District.

PROPERTY OWNER: Charlie & Kathleen Burrier
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: BLK 28 PT LOTS 5 & 6
PARCEL: 11955
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 418 St. Michael Street

The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing on December 2, 2024 at the Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph St. at 5:15 p.m.,** to allow public comment on a possible amendment to the Official Zoning Map of the City of Gonzales for the listed property. After consideration and recommendation by Planning & Zoning Commission and Public Hearing, the amendments will be presented to **City Council for a Public Hearing and possible approval on December 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gonzales City Hall, 820 St. Joseph St.**

The City Council encourages citizens to participate in the public comment and public hearing process for all applications for zoning or rezoning before the City Council. Citizens unable to attend meetings may submit their views to Kristina Vega, City Secretary for the City of Gonzales, by mailing them to P.O. Drawer 547, Gonzales, TX 78629. For additional information, contact the City Secretary office at (830)-672-2815.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sandra Lee Parr, Deceased, were issued on November 21, 2024 in Cause No. PW24-0378, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: David Truman Parr.

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

c/o: **Robert W. Bland**
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 119
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Dated the 21st day of November, 2024.

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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Byron Allen Freeman, Deceased, were issued on November 21, 2024 in Cause No. PW24-0377, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Roger Gray.

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

c/o: **Robert W. Bland**
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Dated the 21st day of November, 2024.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN A BENEFICIAL LAND USE PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0004467000

APPLICATION. City of Gonzales, P.O. Box 547, Gonzales, Texas 78629, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew beneficial land use Permit No. WQ0004467000 to authorize the land application of wastewater treatment plant Class B biosolids for beneficial use on approximately 45.4 acres. The beneficial land use site is located on the north side of County Road 488, approximately 0.2 mile north of the intersection of County Road 488 and Farm-to-Market Road 532, and approximately 2.5 miles northeast of the City of Gonzales, in Gonzales County, Texas 78629. TCEQ received this application on October 9, 2024. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Gonzales City Hall, 820 North St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application, including any updates, and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage:
<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/sludge-applications>. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
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ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the countywide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A person who may be affected by the application may request a hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

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

Further information may also be obtained from City of Gonzales at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Ryan Wilkerson, Plant Manager, (830) 672-2815.

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COMISIÓN DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DE TEXAS

AVISO DE RECIBIMIENTO DE LA SOLICITUD E INTENCIÓN DE OBTENER UN PERMISO DE USO BENÉFICO DEL SUELO RENOVACIÓN

DE PERMISO N.º WQ0004467000

SOLICITUD. La Ciudad de Gonzales, P.O. Box 547, Gonzales, TX 78629 ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) para renovar el permiso de uso benéfico del suelo N.º WQ000446700 para autorizar la solicitud de tierra de residuos de plantas de tratamiento de aguas residuales para uso benéfico en aproximadamente 45.5 acres. El sitio de uso benéfico del suelo se encuentra aproximadamente 0.2 millas al norte de la intersección de County Road 488, y Farm-to-Market Road 532 y 2.5 millas al noroeste de la Ciudad de Gonzales en el condado de Gonzales, Texas 78629. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el 9 de Octubre. La solicitud de permiso estará disponible para ver y copiar en la alcaldía dirección 820 North St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas antes de la fecha de publicación de este aviso en el periódico. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o instalación se proporciona como cortesía pública y no como parte de la solicitud o aviso. Para conocer la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud.
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AVISO ADICIONAL. El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud está administrativamente completa y llevará a cabo una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Una vez completada la revisión técnica de la solicitud, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un bosquejo del permiso y emitirá una decisión preliminar sobre la solicitud. **El aviso de la solicitud y la decisión preliminar se publicarán y enviarán por correo a aquellos que están en la lista de correo de todo el condado y a aquellos que están en la lista de correo para esta solicitud. Ese aviso contendrá la fecha límite para enviar comentarios públicos.**

COMENTARIO PÚBLICO / REUNIÓN PÚBLICA. Puede enviar comentarios públicos o solicitar una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es para brindar la oportunidad de enviar comentarios o hacer preguntas sobre la solicitud. La TCEQ convocará una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que existe un grado significativo de interés público en la solicitud o si lo solicita un legislador local. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia de caso impugnado.

OPORTUNIDAD PARA UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO. Después de la fecha límite para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios oportunos y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos relevantes y materiales, o significativos. **A menos que la solicitud se remita directamente para una audiencia de caso impugnado, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud se enviarán por correo a todos los que hayan presentado comentarios públicos y a las personas que estén en la lista de correo para esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el correo también proporcionará instrucciones para solicitar la reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para solicitar una audiencia de caso impugnado. Una persona que pueda verse afectada por la solicitud puede solicitar una audiencia.** Una audiencia de caso impugnado es un procedimiento legal similar a un juicio civil en un tribunal de distrito estatal.

PARA SOLICITAR UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO, DEBE INCLUIR LOS SIGUIENTES ELEMENTOS EN SU SOLICITUD: su nombre, dirección, número de teléfono; nombre del solicitante y número de permiso propuesto; la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad/actividades en relación con la instalación propuesta; una descripción específica de cómo se vería afectado negativamente por la instalación de una manera que no es común para el público en general; una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho controvertidas que presente durante el periodo de comentarios y la declaración "[Yo/ nosotros] solicito/amos una audiencia de caso impugnado". Si la solicitud de audiencia de caso impugnado se presenta en nombre de un grupo o asociación, la solicitud debe designar al representante del grupo para recibir correspondencia futura; identificar por nombre y dirección física a un miembro individual del grupo que se vería afectado negativamente por la instalación o actividad propuesta; proporcionar la información discutida anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación y distancia del miembro afectado de la instalación o actividad; explicar cómo y por qué el miembro se vería afectado; y explicar cómo los intereses que el grupo busca proteger están relacionados con el propósito del grupo.

Tras el cierre de todos los periodos de comentarios y solicitudes aplicables, el Director Ejecutivo remitirá la solicitud y cualquier solicitud de reconsideración o de una audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración en una reunión programada de la Comisión.

La Comisión sólo podrá conceder una solicitud de audiencia de un asunto impugnado sobre cuestiones que el solicitante haya presentado en sus observaciones oportunas que no hayan sido retiradas posteriormente. **Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de una audiencia se limitará a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas con preocupaciones relevantes y materiales sobre la calidad del agua presentadas durante el periodo de comentarios.**

La TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso sin brindar la oportunidad de una audiencia de caso impugnado si se cumplen ciertos criterios.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si envían comentarios públicos, una solicitud de una audiencia de caso impugnado o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, se le agregará a la lista de correo de esta solicitud específica para recibir futuros avisos públicos enviados por correo por la Oficina del Secretario Oficial. Además, puede solicitar ser colocado en: (1) la lista de correo permanente para un nombre de solicitante específico y número de permiso; y/o (2) la lista de correo para un condado específico. Si desea ser colocado en la lista de correo permanente y/o del condado, especifique claramente qué lista(s) y envíe su solicitud a la Oficina del Secretario Oficial de la TCEQ a la dirección a continuación.

INFORMACIÓN DISPONIBLE EN LÍNEA. Para obtener detalles sobre el estado de la solicitud, visite la Base de Datos Integrada de los Comisionados en www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Busque en la base de datos utilizando el número de permiso para esta aplicación, que se proporciona en la parte superior de este aviso.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN DE LA AGENCIA. Todos los comentarios y solicitudes públicas deben enviarse electrónicamente a <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, o por escrito a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información de contacto que proporcione, incluido su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física, se convertirá en parte del registro público de la agencia. Para obtener más información sobre esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, llame al Programa de Educación Pública de la TCEQ, sin cargo, al 1-800-687-4040 o visite su sitio web en www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener más información de la Ciudad de Gonzales en la dirección indicada anteriormente o llamando a Ryan Wilkerson gerente de planta al (830) 672-2815.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND
INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT
RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010488001

APPLICATION. City of Gonzales, P.O. Box 547, Gonzales, Texas 78629, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010488001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0027243) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 2,250,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 1.7 miles southwest of the intersection of State Highway 146 Spur and U.S. Highway 90A, near the city of Gonzales, in Gonzales County, Texas 78629. The discharge route is from the plant site to Guadalupe River Below San Marcos River. TCEQ received this application on November 4, 2024. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Gonzales City Hall, Main Desk, 820 North Saint Joseph Street, Gonzales, in Gonzales County, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application, including any updates, and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pendingpermits/tpdes-applications>. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-97.436944,29.49&level=18>

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the countywide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

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

Further information may also be obtained from City of Gonzales at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Ryan Wilkerson, Plant Manager, (830) 672-2815.

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COMISIÓN DE CALIDAD AMBIENTAL DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS



AVISO DE RECIBO DE LA SOLICITUD Y
EL INTENTO DE OBTENER PERMISO PARA LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA
RENOVACION

PERMISO NO. WQ0010488001

SOLICITUD. La Ciudad de Gonzales, P.O. Box 547, Gonzales, Texas 78629 ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas (TCEQ) para renovar el Permiso No. WQ0010488001 (EPA I.D. No. TX 0027243) del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas de Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) para autorizar la descarga de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no sobrepasa un flujo promedio diario de 2,250,000 galones por día. La planta está ubicada aproximadamente a 1.7 millas al suroeste de la intersección de la Carretera Estatal 146 Spur y la Carretera Federal 90A, cerca de la ciudad de Gonzales en el Condado de Gonzales, Texas. La ruta de descarga es del sitio de la planta a el Río Guadalupe, abajo del Río San Marcos. La TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el 4 de Noviembre del 2024. La solicitud para el permiso estará disponible para leerla y copiarla en el Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Gonzales, Mostrador Principal, 820 North Saint Joseph Street, Gonzales, en el Condado de Gonzales, Texas antes de la fecha de publicación de este aviso en el periódico. Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o de la instalación es proporcionado como una cortesía y no es parte de la solicitud o del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud.
<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-97.436944,29.49&level=18>

AVISO ADICIONAL. El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativamente completa y conducirá una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Después de completar la revisión técnica, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y emitirá una Decisión Preliminar sobre la solicitud. **El aviso de la solicitud y la decisión preliminar serán publicados y enviado a los que están en la lista de correo de las personas a lo largo del condado que desean recibir los avisos y los que están en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud. El aviso dará la fecha límite para someter comentarios públicos.**

COMENTARIO PUBLICO / REUNION PUBLICA. Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO. Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todo los comentarios públicos esenciales, pertinentes, o significativos. **A menos que la solicitud haya sido referida directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también proveerá instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.** Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

PARA SOLICITAR UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU SOLICITUD LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre, dirección, y número de teléfono; el nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad/actividad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma cómo usted sería afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que usted presente durante el período de comentarios; y la declaración "[Yo/nosotros] solicito/solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado". Si presenta la petición para una audiencia de caso impugnado de parte de un grupo o asociación, debe identificar una persona que representa al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro; identificar el nombre y la dirección de un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; proveer la información indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y su distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; explicar cómo y porqué el miembro sería afectado; y explicar cómo los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

Después del cierre de todos los períodos de comentarios y de petición que aplican, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier petición para reconsideración o para una audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración durante una reunión programada de la Comisión. La Comisión sólo puede conceder una solicitud de una audiencia de caso impugnado sobre los temas que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios oportunos que no fueron retirados posteriormente. Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de la audiencia estará limitado a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas a intereses pertinentes y materiales de calidad del agua que se hayan presentado durante el período de comentarios. Si ciertos criterios se cumplen, la TCEQ puede actuar sobre una solicitud para renovar un permiso sin proveer una oportunidad de una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

LISTA DE CORREO. Si somete comentarios públicos, un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o mas de las listas correos siguientes (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de el solicitante indicado por nombre y número del permiso específico y/o (2) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico. Si desea que se agrega su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) y envía por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN A LA AGENCIA. Todos los comentarios públicos y solicitudes deben ser presentadas electrónicamente vía <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/> o por escrito dirigidos a la Comisión de Texas de Calidad Ambiental, Oficial de la Secretaria (Office of Chief Clerk), MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información personal que usted proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física pasarán a formar parte del registro público de la Agencia. Para obtener más información acerca de esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, llame al programa de educación pública de la TCEQ, gratis, al 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

También se puede obtener información adicional de la Cuidad de Gonzales en a la dirección indicada arriba al llamando a Sr. Ryan Wilkerson, Gerente de la Planta al 830-672-2815.

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Holiday side dishes will be a bit more expensive

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Consumers will pay slightly more this year when they prepare side dishes that make the Thanksgiving meal, a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist said.

There will be some good buys possible this year, but overall, the meal will cost more, said David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist and professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Bryan-College Station.

“We’re looking at overall retail prices being a little higher this year,” Anderson said. “These retail prices include what it costs to get it packaged and to the store, so that doesn’t necessarily mean higher prices are happening at the farm level.”

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics latest Consumer Price Index shows that at-home food prices have risen 1.1% over the last 12 months.

A MIXED SHOPPING BAG OF PRODUCE PRICES

Anderson said there’s some interesting data from the October reports by U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service, which provides produce prices after surveying 29,000 grocery stores about their specials, features and items on sale.

Green beans and russet potatoes are Thanksgiving dinner items where consum-

ers might see slight savings or fairly stable prices, but many other items will be higher unless they find a grocery store with an advertised special, he said.

Green beans are \$1.82 per pound on average this year compared to \$1.99 per pound last year. Russet potatoes will cost about 88 cents per pound this year, compared to 85 cents per pound last year.

Another cost savings may be found with apples, Anderson said. With such a large variety of apples offered, it could pay to shop around. For example, varieties like Gala and Granny Smith are cheaper in dollars per pound than a year ago, while Fuji apples are a little more expensive.

Staples of the season, like cranberries, sweet potatoes and onions, also saw a price jump.

Cranberries went from \$2.01 for a 12-ounce bag last year to \$2.34 this year. Anderson said this could directly result from fewer outlets featuring them in their sales this year. Last year, of the surveyed outlets, 14,300 outlets featured cranberries in ads, but only 5,300 had cranberries on sale this year.

Sweet potatoes will cost about 80 cents per pound this year compared to 69 cents per pound last year, and fewer outlets also had them as a featured sale item.

“They also have yellow onions selling for \$1.06 per pound this year versus 74



The Thanksgiving table side dishes will cost consumers a little more this year than last year, but a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist said there could be some savings with regional sales.

cents per pound last year,” Anderson said. “In percentage terms, that’s one of the bigger jumps.”

SOME BAKING INGREDIENTS RISE AS WELL

The biggest price jump will be felt on baked goods and deviled eggs, if that’s a side dish headed to the Thanksgiving feast, as the price of a dozen eggs has risen from \$2.07 last year to \$3.37 this October.

“Eggs are quite a bit more

expensive after the industry was hit by the avian influenza issue, which really cut our egg production,” Anderson said. “The holidays are a high-use time with all the baking, but this shouldn’t come as a surprise because the consumer has seen those prices rise over the entire year.”

Anderson said the monthly Consumer Price Index, which reports on milk, cheese, sugar and flour, indicated consumers would see a mixed bag of prices.

Milk rose to \$4.04 per gallon

this year compared to \$3.93 per gallon a year ago, while cheddar cheese stayed flat at \$5.84 per pound this year compared to \$5.85 last year.

The report indicated sugar prices have declined slightly in recent months, but they are higher than a year ago, he said. And flour prices are lower this year than last year.

“We know wheat prices are pretty low, so it is probably a case where lower wheat prices translate back to lower flour prices,” Anderson said.

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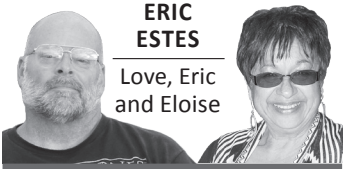
Fuzzy Wuzz-He?

Victoria Symphony Orchestra to present Music of Queen

Howdy y'all. Please excuse me, it's four in the morning and I'm still gathering my thoughts as I wait for the coffee to kick in. Why am I trying to write an article at four in the morning, you ask? Good question, asking myself the same. Long story short, my racoon buddies were knocking on the window demanding more food. Since tonight was the first time this fall the temperature dropped into the thirties and they're still trying to fatten up for the winter (something we seem to have in common), thought I'd help them out. And as things go, once my mind wakes up, sleeping is no longer an option. I don't know if it's just me, but trying to hit the bathroom without using your mind is a daunting task, as I've become painfully aware of. I tried wearing my mask, flippers and splash guard, but just end up in the shower anyway. Sorry for that horrible mental image, my therapist says there's not much hope but hey, another cup of coffee might help?

After finishing up my thoughts on living alone while growing older last week, I realized that I seem to be hung up on talking about aging. I guess that's because I'm getting older and it's kinda scary, making me sometimes pee a little (woops, wet my flippers again). While aging has its perks, like writing for the local paper and coming across like a complete nut job, it's still hard to wrap your head around, as it's not speculation any longer, but an actual encroaching reality. So, come on old age, I'm still swingin'...lets see what you've got!

If you're wondering about today's title, it's just some thoughts about life's journey, and the ironic humor behind it. Growing up in the 70's and inspired by the hippie movement, I longed desperately to grow my hair out. I fantasized about it trailing behind me as I ran down the beach, with hoards of tanned bikini-



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

clad babes chasing me, wanting this fine specimen of young manhood all to themselves. Yep, that never happened, but it was fun to imagine! When "The Beatles" (a very popular old school band, for you young 'uns), first came to America, they were ridiculed for having long hair, half way over their ears. Once, when mine got to that length, as my dad introduced my sister and I to his parents, my grandfather commented on what a fine pair of daughters he had. Ah, what do old people know anyway? Woops, I am an old people.

While in high school and playing in bands, I continued my quest, determined that nothing would stop me. At sixteen, working for a unionized grocery store with a dress code, I had to wear a wig to pursue my dream. The men working there would often pull it off when cute girls were around trying to embarrass me, but to no avail. Graduating high school looking like "Teen Wolf", by the time I was nineteen it was half way down my back, with an eight inch beard to boot...goal accomplished. My parents, while once picking me up from the airport mistook me for a homeless person, but hey, that change did come in handy!

As life takes over and age wreaks its havoc, I went through years resembling Friar Tuck with the fried egg look. While not part of my original fantasy, my disposition was still sunny-side up. These days, peach fuzz is the name of the game, but IMHO, still rockin' the casbah. No shampoo, no comb, no worrying about style. Now I tell children who ask where my hair is, that wear it on the inside so it doesn't get messed up. Yep, attitude is everything, but does beg the question; Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear, Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair, Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't really Fuzzy, Wuzzy?

Until next time, love you guys, Eric.

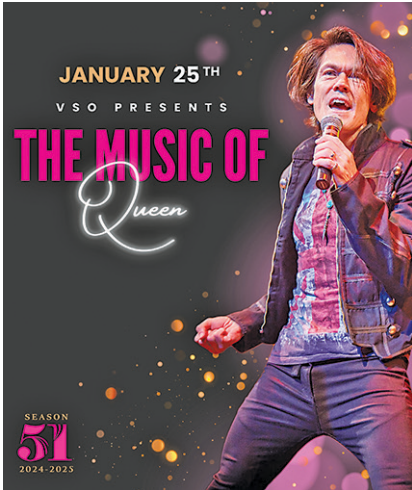
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Rock legends meet symphonic brilliance on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. as the Victoria Symphony presents The Music of Queen. This highly anticipated concert will transform the stage into a celebration of one of the most iconic bands of all time, blending their greatest hits with the majesty of a live orchestra.

Get ready to be transported by the electrifying energy of Queen's legendary catalog, featuring timeless songs like "We Will Rock You," "Bohemian Rhapsody," "Somebody to Love," and many more. This one-night-only performance will take you on a musical journey that captures the raw power and emotion of the originals, elevated by symphonic arrangements that bring new life to these beloved classics.

Seats for this event are already in high demand. Fans of Queen and live music alike are encouraged to act quickly to secure their spot at this unforgettable concert. With buzz building across South Texas, tickets won't last long. Don't wait—make your plans now to be part of this exhilarating evening.

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Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at victoriasymphony.com/tickets. Don't wait—secure your seats today and be part of an unforgettable night of music and magic with The Music of Queen.

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The volunteers with SBAG will be working with Nixon-Smiley Consolidated Independent School District to make sure children in need in the community get these toys.

Gonzales named one of nine close-knit towns to visit in Texas

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales has been named one of nine close-knit towns to visit in Texas by World Atlas, a website which contains not only maps but informative stories about destinations worldwide.

The article notes that Texas “is a state of vast contrasts — where sun-drenched coastlines meet sprawling deserts, beautiful Hill Country rolls into winding rivers, and prairies blend into mountainous terrain.”

“Once a frontier filled with Native American tribes, Spanish missions, and later, German and Czech immigrants, Texas has a history that’s as complex as its landscape. The Texas Revolution of 1836, fought and won for independence from Mexico, set the stage for a culture defined by resilience and community,” the article states.

“Today, Texas proudly retains that same spirit, which is evident in its small towns that offer a welcoming attitude that’s become a hallmark of Texan hospitality. These towns, preserved in their charm and rich in heritage, serve as mini-hubs for tourism, welcoming visitors with a taste of true Texas camaraderie.”

Gonzales is, of course, recog-

nized for being “The Lexington of Texas,” where the first shot of the Texas Revolution was fired on Oct. 2, 1835 — ten years after the founding of the town. That event is commemorated at the Gonzales Memorial Museum.

“This museum, an elegant Art Deco building, not only pays homage to the heroes of the revolution through its extensive exhibitions but also serves as a communal gathering place with its 500-seat amphitheater,” the article states. “Further exploring Gonzales’s historical landscape, the Gonzales Pioneer Village offers visitors a tangible experience of the town’s storied past, with its collection of replica antique buildings and a late 19th-century Greek Revival house museum. These landmarks are not just tourist attractions but are central to the community’s identity, fostering a deep connection among residents and visitors alike through the preservation and celebration of their local history.”

The idyllic beauty of Palmetto State Park north of town is also recognized for “an array of outdoor activities, from swimming and birding to hiking, allowing locals and tourists to engage with nature while bonding over the beauty of their environment.”

The author of the article was also

impressed with how committed the community is to preserving its history which is “further exemplified by the 100 historical markers scattered throughout, which provide a self-guided tour of significant events like the 1835 Battle of Gonzales. These markers not only educate but also instill pride in the residents, enhancing the close-knit feel of the community.”

Other towns which made the list are Granbury, Fredericksburg, Bastrop, Wimberley, Boerne, Salado, Rockport and Marble Falls.

“These are places where festivals fill the streets, locals greet you with a smile, and community pride is unmistakable. Join us on a journey through these nine small Texan towns that promise more than a visit—they offer a true sense of belonging,” the article states.

“Texas towns reflect diverse natural landscapes, historical significance, and cultural traditions. Their preservation efforts, community-oriented events, and tourist attractions showcase a robust commitment to heritage, making them uniquely close-knit, attractive destinations with strong regional identities.”

To read the full article, go to <https://www.worldatlas.com/cities/9-close-knit-towns-to-visit-in-texas.html>.



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Holly, jolly trolley Christmas in Gonzales

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Not only can you have a “holly, jolly” Christmas in Gonzales, but you can have a “holly, jolly trolley” Christmas as well.

The Gonzales Historic Homes Association will hold an epic Christmas Light Trolley Tour on Friday, Dec. 6, with rides at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. You can ride around Gonzales seeing the dazzling Christmas lights in a vintage trolley!

Loading and unloading will take place at The Alcalde Hotel, 614 St. Paul St., Gonzales. You can start your evening with a hot chocolate from The Alcalde Coffee Shop before you board the trolley.

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COURTESY/GISD

Cooking with Parind

Lollipop, lollipop ...
grilled prime lamb lollilops!

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

We are just getting to the Thanksgiving. This year has flown by...probably because I'm old. Thankfully the weather is fall-ish. So, we're contemplating grilling something outside so we can enjoy the cooler evenings.

A grilled lamb dish that has tons of flavour as well as some refreshing acidity. It's also perfect for a picnic that can be eaten at room temperature!

I suggest you get a prime grade lamb rack either locally or one of the 'whole paycheck' type stores or even from the internet. Two states that are known for their lamb in the chef world are Colorado and New Mexico though Texas is making a strong showing these past few years. Have the lamb frenched (the bones trimmed of meat to make it pretty) or buy it that way if that appeals to your sensibilities.

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½ cup of strong olive oil (Greek or Italian)
1/6 cup red wine vinegar

Mix all of the chimichurri ingredients together the night before and let the flavour meld. Taste with dry bread to check the seasoning and adjust as necessary but just don't eat all of the chimichurri.

GET THE GRILL HOT (AT OR OVER 500F)

While the grill is heating up cut the lamb racks into 1 or 2 bone

chops by cutting in between the rib bones working around the chine bone. A flexible boning or filet knife works well or just power through the chine bone using a heavy chef's knife 8" or longer.

Season the lamb with kosher or sea salt. Let sit for 10-15 minutes than grill quickly (1 min per side) so it is cooked medium

rare or to your preference of doneness. Serve this dish "family style" on a platter. Serve with the chimichurri on the side as a dipping sauce.

I would serve this dish with a nicely chilled rosé from Provence or a rough and tumble Rosso di Montalcino from Italy or any other sangiovese clone you enjoy. Cheers.



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ACROSS

- sports number abbr.
- ZZ Top, e.g.
- TXism: "he can ____ all day and dance all night" (stamina)
- Johnny Cash's "____ Named Sue"
- TXism: "can't carry a ____" (bad singer)
- dir. from Uvalde to New Braunfels
- prints produced by silkscreens
- Rice won "____ College Bowl" in 1966
- TXism: "he's too lazy to ____ flies"
- actor Keith of 1953 "Son of Belle Starr"
- TX Charley Pride's "Then ____"
- Lone ____ State
- Eagle Pass FM
- TX George Strait sang "What ____ You Say to That" (1999)
- TXism: "if it ain't true, there ____ Texas"
- seven day period epic film "Ben ____"
- TXism: "____ old range cow"
- one who hoes
- this Richard was the 15th governor of Texas
- TXism: "she could talk the legs off ____"
- be concerned
- school of dolphins
- "north" below the border
- farm buildings
- WWII forerunner of the CIA
- TXism: "it's ____ worth didley squat"
- "Dirty ____" of Eastwood film franchise
- TXism: "attracted like flies ____"
- TX Strait won 5 CMA "____ Vocalist" awards
- find a sum
- XIT Ranch once stretched through ____ Texas counties
- Yoko ____

DOWN

- TX George H.W. signed the first two "____ Reduction" treaties
- paper: "Quanah ____-Chief"
- TX Willie's "Farm ____" was in 1985 in Illinois
- TXism: "seein' eye ____" (agreeing)
- TXism meaning "I declare" (2 wds.)
- "so ____ and yet so far"
- this Howe managed the Astros
- Texas-based airline until 1982 (abbr.)
- more unattractive
- an ole grouch
- a TX Farr of the "Sons of the Pioneers"
- "encapsulated" graphics file (abbr.)
- TX Waylon Jennings was narrator of "____ of Hazard"
- made a sleeping noise
- "____ Municipal Airport," San Antonio reliever airport
- Cowboy Hankins went to Seahawks of this state in 2024 (abbr.)
- TX Vikki Carr hit: "It Must Be ____"
- Baird's six-man class (2 wds.)
- dance (2 wds.)
- obsessions
- this Lynn was great Steelers' WR
- former Nacogdoches AM or FM
- "bear" in Mexico
- "weave" past tense
- TXism: "hot enough to sunburn a ____ toad"
- Mexican style ____ sauce
- Emmitt Smith could ____ the ball
- horse gait
- "couldn't ____ less"
- "the ____ of my existence"
- TXism: "that bucket won't ____ milk"
- TX empresario, Edwards

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test.

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

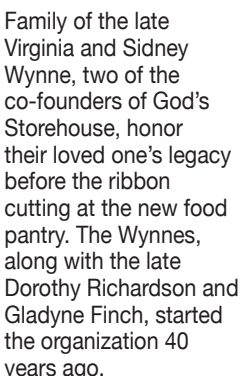
Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

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Johnny Hewell, a trustee at the Nixon Methodist church who was chairman for the building project, praised God as well as the foresight of the Wynnes, Richardson



God's Storehouse's new food pantry served a record 100 families on Thursday, Nov. 21, the day of its ribbon cutting.



LEW K. COHN

Hewell said a Power Up grant from GVEC for \$20,000 helped

...ing to have lasted over about 40 years," Finch said. "It was nothing that I did. It was just something that God worked through me and I appreciate the opportunity to do that and the ability to be able to serve the people of Nixon."



Static electricity is the probable cause for the oil tank fire at the Crescent Energy facility just inside the Gonzales County line in Dreyer.

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Harless said a decision was made to "wait for the fire to burn down until we

The owner of the tank batteries is Crescent Energy and it is located just inside the Gonzales County line. Firefighters from Gonzales Fire, Shiner VFD and Yoakum Fire were all on scene, Harless said.

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"Because we did not have a town hall when the disaster happened

- approved Christmas bonuses.



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BRANDING

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ting cleaned up. The roads are so much improved. You guys are all working towards trying to push our our community forward.

“The Lions Club, they’re doing all kinds of things. Donald Hoffman, with the Historic Association, is doing some terrific work around the community that’s giving us sort of a brand and it’s showing that we are indeed a vibrant community here in this town.”

Aguirre said he has been working on small community projects with several people, including one with Nixon FFA teacher Clarence Bahlmann and another with Steve Pompa of Ascend Promotional Products.

Bahlmann’s students have volunteered to help build a “giant chair” that could be placed by the Aphne Pattillo Nixon Public Library, with the water tower in the background, for photo opportunities.

“It’s a fun activity, and it’s mostly for photo ops,” Aguirre said. “A giant chair — you’ll see them in a lot of different communities that are trying to attract tourism. They are trying to develop their community pride. They’re boosting their economic development. They’re using their brand.”

Branding is where his project with



A new monument at the intersection of Texas 80 and US 87 in Nixon honors the first responders serving the city and proclaims it to be Mustang Country in honor of the school mascot.

Pompa comes in and together, they have developed a logo that would have the state of Texas in a rope outline with the words “Legendary Nixon.”

“What I’d like to do is to actually start branding anything that we do from this point forward that is positive for Nixon with that particular logo that says ‘Legendary Nixon,’ falling in lines with what Donald Hoffman and the Historic Association are trying to do to differentiate

our community from all the other ones, with all of the history that we have here,” Aguirre said.

“Branding is really important for a really small town. You’ll see that in some communities like Gonzales with ‘Come and Take It.’ When you hear that, you hear Gonzales. So what we do is we start using the brand, slowly but surely, and then when they hear ‘Legendary Nixon,’ they’ll know that it’s us.”

Aguirre said he will be going to different civic organizations in town, including the Lions Club and the American Legion, among others, to encourage them to use the logo and branding to be consistent.

“If we start using them, we think that we will attract tourism and some visitors to our community,” Aguirre said. “Those are the kinds of activities that are attracting tourism and visitors. It’s also building another thing called community pride, and I think that’s been lacking in Nixon for a long time, but I love what we’re starting to see here.

“It’s going to boost economic development. It can attract businesses and investors and entrepreneurs hopefully into this community so that we can bring in more business, especially if the business people see us as business friendly, then they

would be more likely to come to Nixon and invest in our community.”

Aguirre praised the council and city for putting up a new monument wall next to Dairy Queen at the intersection of Texas 80 and U.S. 87 at the red light.

“We want to differentiate ourselves from other towns,” Aguirre said. “We have a lot of towns that are 30 miles away, everything’s relatively close, so we do want to differentiate ourselves from that, and therefore we’re going to be more competitive for attracting visitors and businesses and new residents.

“People are moving into our community, so it’s good to promote our local businesses. If the businesses have this logo that we can work with, ‘Legendary Nixon,’ maybe they can move their marketing to try to take advantage of that, and it would also help those businesses.

“It’s going to preserve our heritage and our culture here in Nixon, celebrating our town heritage while it’s drawing interest from outsiders,” Aguirre added. “It’s not going to be easy to build a very strong brand, but it sure is worth it. It’s also never too late to start.”

Council members did not make any commitment but appear willing to take Aguirre’s words under advisement.

MIRACLE

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City of Nixon and will have a day chock full of activities to get everyone into the holiday spirit.

It all starts with the first-ever Nixon Santa Shuffle 5K, presented by the Lone Star Endurance Athletes at 8:30 a.m., starting at the Nixon Community Center, 302 E. Central Ave. This is a fun run and walk for community members of all ages and fitness levels at a distance of 5K (3.1 miles).

Proceeds benefit the Lone Star Endurance Athletes Track & Cross Country Scholarship for NSCISD students. Registration is only \$20 for adults & \$10 for students and free for kids 10 and under. Paid participants receive a T-shirt and Finisher medal.

The run will start and end at Nixon City Hall. Runners will run down North Second, across Washington Avenue, up by the school and head back toward Second on Lowery Avenue. The run will continue up toward the cemetery for one loop around the cemetery and back

down Second toward City Hall. The course will be well marked and easy to follow.

Holiday-themed attire and a festive attitude are encouraged for all who sign up. Awards will be given for best individual and group outfits. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/3ZmxNsf>.

Come have breakfast with Santa Claus at the Nixon Community Center from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and get a free photo with the big guy. Then, starting at 10 a.m., there will be fun activities including a Moon Bounce, games and other things for the kids to enjoy!

A Christmas volleyball tournament begins at 9 a.m. in the lot next door to the Community Center. There is a \$100 registration fee. For more information, contact Sonny at 830-534-3496 or Gloria at 830-857-4742.

Wilson County Car Club will have a Show and Shine beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Cars will also be taking part in

the lighted parade later that evening.

There will be a Christmas Cook-off for Chili and Desserts. Entry fee for each is \$20 per entry. Cook at home and bring in for a 2 p.m. turn in at City Hall. Chili pays out 100 percent to the winner with awards for first, second and third, while Desserts pay out 70 percent to the overall winner and 30 percent to best decorated with awards to first, second and third. For mre information about these contests, contact Travis Hansen at 830-534-5732.

At 3 p.m., Cleto Rodriguez will have a comedy show (adults 17 and up only please) at the Nixon Community Center. At 4 p.m., there will be a concert with live Christmas music by Glory Road.

The lighted Christmas parade takes place down Main Street at 6:30 p.m. The deadline to enter is Nov. 29 and to enter, email ncfsmiley@gmail.com or call 830-534-6658. After the parade, there will be a DJ Dance and prize giveaway at the Community Center parking lot.



The Grinch rides a motorcycle in the 2023 Nixon Miracle on Main Lighted Christmas parade. There will be even more activities to enjoy in 2024 with a whole day of events taking place on Saturday, Dec. 14, with most happening at the Nixon Community Center, 302 E. Central Ave.

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

Gonzales Main Street Winter Fest



Friday, December 6th

Last day to drop your letter in Santa’s Mailbox at Santa’s Depot!
Located at St Andrew Street & St Peter Street

Santa arrives at 6pm by TXGN locomotive to Santa’s Depot

Visit Santa between 6:30pm - 8:30pm!

Golden Ticket Giveaway for a ride with Santa on the Christmas Trolley to Independence Square for the Christmas Tree Lighting!

Christmas Tree Lighting at 8:45pm

Saturday, December 7th

9am Pancake Breakfast with Santa
At Methodist Church

WinterFest: 12pm – 10pm, FREE to attend!
Some ancillary events require ticket purchase

Santa’s Market, food vendors, kids activities, and live entertainment all day!

7pm Christmas Parade begins at Gonzales Jr High School and travels through downtown Gonzales





