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Hospital performs active shooter drill

First responders participate in an emergency drill at Gonzales Healthcare Systems.

LIZ ADAMS



By LIZ ADAMS
Gonzales Inquirer

At 10:01 a.m. on Wednesday, Gonzales Healthcare Systems held an active shooter drill in cooperation with the Gonzales Police Department. Law enforcement vehicles were summoned to the scene with reports of an active shooter outside the emergency room. Hospital staff were evacuated while the situation was updated to include new information.

Dispatch described an incident in which one female had been shot in the leg and additional gunfire had led to another victim inside the business office being hit in the shoulder and torso. Traffic on Sara DeWitt was diverted. Emergency responders exited an ambulance and lifted a stretcher. A suspect was reportedly identified, and officers soon confirmed that the scene was secure. In less than 20

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Gonzales terminates Main Street director

By LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales Main Street director Liz Reiley was terminated by the City of Gonzales on Tuesday afternoon, less than 48 hours after the completion of what she considered to be a successful Winterfest weekend event. "I am pretty devastated by this and really shocked," said Reiley, who was hired as the Main Street program manager after longtime director Barbara Freidrich retired in May 2020. "I have nothing bad to say about the city and I very much enjoyed my time working here."



Reiley

Efforts to reach City Manager Tim Patek for comment were unsuccessful before press time Wednesday, Dec. 8. As city manager, Patek is the chief administrative and executive officer of the city and may "appoint, and when necessary for the welfare of the city, remove any employee of the city, except as otherwise provided by the City Charter," according to his job description.

Reiley said she was told Tuesday a written complaint had been filed against her for an incident

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TOUR BRINGS HISTORY Home for the Holidays



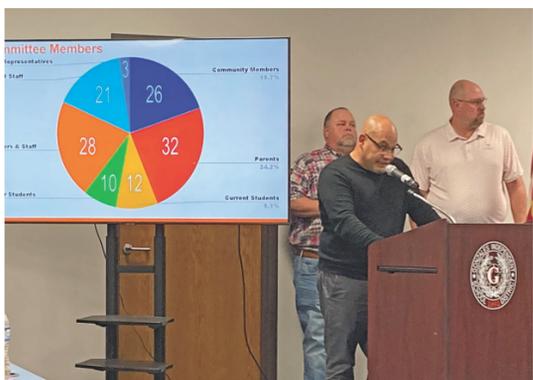
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Among the six historic homes open to last weekend's tour, one popular stop was a two-story white house on Mitchell Street. Neatly decorated for the season, this home provided a taste of history with holiday spirit.

Visitors crowded around docent Lynette Slinker as she shared peach pie from a Dutch oven in front of the outdoor kitchen that J.B Wells, Sr. and his family once used. She described the process of raising corn and cooking it with lye to soften it and make hominy as the Wells family did in the 1890's. As a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Slinker has often explained the ways life in Texas changed over the last century.

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Sandra Mauldin welcomes visitors to experience Christmas in the 1890's as visitors tour Gonzales historic homes.



Long-Range Facility Planning Committee presents improvement plan to include recommendation for new high school campus.

GISD board approves agreements with Cannon and Starling solar firms

By LIZ ADAMS
Gonzales Inquirer

Following a public hearing regarding the district's consideration of solar agreements on Monday, the GISD board called its regu-

lar meeting to order. Gonzales Youth Soccer League director Jesse Elizondo spoke during public comments on the benefits of adding junior high school soccer, including future positive outcomes for academics and scholarships.

Savannah Bland addressed GISD board during public comments to

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Miller bests Blakemore in District 4 runoff

By LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Ronda Miller has won the race for the vacant District 4 Gonzales City Council seat, defeating former Councilman Dan Blakemore, 197-156, in complete but unofficial election returns announced Tuesday, Dec. 7.



Miller

Miller took a 152-117 advantage after early and absentee voting and then outpolled Blakemore, 45-39, on election day to claim victory.

The council must first can-

vass the election results and certify them before Miller will be able to join the rest of the council on the dais. Miller will step into the unexpired term of former Councilman Rob Brown, who resigned in July after he moved out of the city to the Dallas-Forth Worth Metroplex for his business.

"Thank you to all who made this possible. I appreciate all who voted and all who worked so diligently to get the voters to the polls," Miller said. "I look

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Unemployment rate falls again in the county

By LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Unemployment in Gonzales County dropped from 3.8 percent to 3.6 percent in October 2021, which once again made it the lowest rate of all seven counties which comprise the Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, according to state Labor Market Information (LMI) figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

For the entire Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, the unemployment rate for October 2021 was 4.9 percent, or just barely above the state average of 4.8 percent.

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Gonzales Shooting Team hosts first SCTP shoot



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Kinley Cernosek won first place in the Sporting Clays Varsity Individual and second place Varsity Female in the 5-Stand event.

Special to The Inquirer

Several weeks ago, the Gonzales Shooting Team was honored to host its first SCTP shoot for the San Antonio/Austin Division. The shoot was held at Moyesway Shooting Sports in Kingsbury, Texas.

The Scholastic Clay Target Program provides student athletes aged elementary through college with a supportive environment where shooting sports serve as catalysts for teaching life lessons and skills that emphasize positive character traits and citizenship values.

This is the second year that the GST has been involved with the SCTP. Team members were very excited to have a great turnout, with four schools with multiple athletes from each, participating in the event that involved a Sporting Clays event and a 5-Stand event.

Some GST highlights include:



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The Gonzales Shooting Team recently hosted its first SCTP shoot for the San Antonio/Austin Division.

- Gonzales Shooting Team: Second Place Team in the Sporting Clays Event.
- Gonzales Shooting Team: Second Place Team in the 5-Stand Event.
- Kinley Cernosek, HOA for the event, first place Sporting Clays Varsity Individual (with a 96, her personal best sporting clays score of her shoot-

- ing career!) and second place Varsity Female in the 5-Stand event.
- Sporting Clays Rookie Division:
 - First Place: Colsen Boehm
 - Second Place: Barrett Fehner
- 5-Stand Rookie Division:
 - First Place: Barrett Fehner

- Second Place: Colsen Boehm
- Intermediate Advanced Sporting Clays and 5-Stand Events:
 - First Place: Colt Robinson
 - Second Place: Cooper LaBuhn
 - Third Place: Wesley Manuel



Best Dressed Santa: Stacey Garcia – Tia

PEACH CREEK PUP CHRISTMAS PHOTO WINNERS

Peach Creek Antiques recently held a Pup Christmas Photo Contest on Friday, Dec. 3. Pictured are the winners of the contests. Gifts were donated by E-Barr Feeds, Guadalupe Valley Vet Clinic, Peach Creek Antiques and Tractor Supply Co.

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER



Smallest Dog: Stacey Garcia – Doodlebug



Biggest Dog: Brenley Massie – Nala



Best Overall Dog: Renee Rathmann – Ace

MEDAL WINNER



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Gonzales Shooting Team member, Coy LaBuhn, a Gonzales High School freshman, participated recently in the National Sporting Clays Championships hosted by the NSCA/NSSA. The competition was held in San Antonio at the National Shooting Complex. Thousands of participants of all ages were included in the multi-day event. Coy earned the medalist distinction of seventh place individual in Division D. We are very proud of Coy's performance and his representation of our school and our community.

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Celebrations

Birthdays

December 9th Natalie Herman Wyatt Johnson Melissa Schauer	Wence Coronado Patrick Laredo Sammie Malatek Carolyn Nall Clayton Trammell Angel Zavala	Dillard Glass Glenn Glass Curt Ramkisson Nancy Sanders Tyree Schurig Doug Walshak
December 10th DeNessa Baker Chris Flach E.A. Reeh Barrett Shelton Cherrise Wiley	December 11th Aaron Etzler Randy Joshua Tovar	December 12th Lee Ann Caraway
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Gonzales Weather

	December 9 81°/69°	Partly sunny and very warm 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 81
	December 10 84°/65°	Clearing, very warm and humid 13% chance of rain • RealFeel 85
	December 11 73°/39°	Winds subsiding, not as warm 15% chance of rain • RealFeel 70
	December 12 65°/39°	Plenty of sunshine 3% chance of rain • RealFeel 67
	December 13 66°/49°	Cloudy 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 65
	December 14 74°/54°	Cloudy 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 75
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Garden Q&A

Leaves make positive addition to compost and mulch blends

CALVIN FINCH
Gardening Q&A



Q. The leaves from our Texas red oaks are falling on the lawn. Based on your articles I am all set to use the leaves for mulch in the shrub border and am going to combine them with our pulled zinnias for the compost pile. The plan was set but then my neighbor said that the oak leaves had toxins and were not appropriate for mulch or compost. Why would he say that?

A. All leaves have a different chemistry, and some are more potent than others but the leaves in our area are positive additions to the compost and mulch of our landscapes. Organic material is an especially important addition to our alkaline soil and high temperatures where organic material decomposes quickly. It is even valuable to leave the leaves to decompose on the lawn. Speed up the decomposition by mowing the leaves.

Q. What is the advantage of feeding suet along

with sunflower seeds in bird feeders?

A. As popular as sunflower seeds are to many species of resident and wintering birds in this area the suet attracts additional species that are insect eaters. In my landscape insect eaters such as orange-crowned and myrtle warblers, mockingbirds, thrashers, downy and ladderbacked woodpeckers, and kinglets are attracted to the suet. Use pepper flavored suet and the squirrels will pass it up.

Q. Our zinnias have been great this summer blooming very well but now they are turning brown. Is it the cool weather causing this?

A. The browning is due

to a fungal disease, powdery mildew, that is also related to the cool damp weather. It is finally time to pull the zinnias and replace them with snapdragons and stocks, cool weather flowers for full sun.

Q. Why are some of our oaks losing their leaves but some of the same species still have green leaves? Is it a disease problem?

A. Each oak, even when they are the same species have different genetics, so they respond differently to the same weather and soil. It is not usually a disease issue. Sometimes there is also a difference in the access to the sun, air movement, soil depth, and fertility. Shrubs or other plants reproduced from the same vegetative source will often react more consistently to their localized environment.

Q. Will the herbicide Grass Be Gone kill the weed annual blue grass? Are there other products that will also work without hurting the Bermuda grass lawn?

A. Yes, if the annual blue grass is green and actively growing Grass Be Gone, Poast and other contact herbicides for grass will kill the weed. Unfortunately, the products will also kill Bermuda grass if it is actively growing. If you wait until the Bermuda grass is dormant and brown due to cold weather the damage to the lawn grass will be minimal.

Green Clover 4H has busy meeting

Special to The Inquirer

The Green Clover 4H Club had their November meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 4:30 p.m. The group had their creative juices flowing and made handcrafted Thanksgiving cards for the Gonzales Meals on Wheels program to hand out alongside their Thanksgiving meal

distribution to the elderly.

They also welcomed Becky Velasquez from the Legacy Ranch. Legacy Ranch of Gonzales County, currently houses approximately 50-75 children that are in the foster care system. The young ladies that are in the 'Duds to Dazzle' 4H group have hand cut and sewn Christmas stockings for these

kids.

The Green Clover group kindly asks you to partner with them by donating items, for kids of all ages, to fill these stockings to help make their Christmas a bit brighter.

Please contact Kamii Ramos, Suzanne Sexton, Jessie Campion or Gretchen Hilt to arrange donation drop off.

LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales Livestock Market

December 4, 2021

Cattle 1818

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer bulls sold steady while packer cows sold steady.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 189-190; 300-400 lbs., 185-188; 400-500 lbs., 169-184; 500-600 lbs., 145-165; 600-700 lbs., 136-141; 700-800 lbs., 121-129.
Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 80-95.
Stocker-feeder Heifers: Medium and large from No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 160-165; 300-400 lbs., 143-146; 400-500 lbs., 139-141; 500-600 lbs., 129-137; 600-700 lbs., 122-125.
Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 48-58; Cutters, 61-63; Canners, 32-44; High yielding fat cows, 54-61.
Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 84-89; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 74-81.
Stocker Cows: \$600 to \$1,200. Pairs: \$750 to \$1,300.

Nixon Livestock

December 6

Cattle - 1588

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$148-158-200

300-400 lbs - \$164-174-213
400-500 lbs - \$146-156-201
500-600 lbs - \$133-143-180
600-700 lbs - \$124-134-159
700-800 lbs - \$114-124-140
Heifers:
200-300 lbs - \$138-148-176
300-400 lbs - \$135-145-200
400-500 lbs - \$126-136-187
500-600 lbs - \$119-129-160
600-700 lbs - \$115-125-165
700-800 lbs - \$107-117-125
Slaughter Cows - \$22-73
Slaughter Bulls - \$80-95
Stocker Cows - \$460-1100
Pairs: \$760-1300

Our last sale of 2021 will be on December 13, 2021. Our first sale of 2022 will be January 3, 2022!

Cuero Livestock Market Report

on December 3, 2021

Number of head 2,189

There were 170 cows and 21 bulls. The market was stronger on both packer cows and bull. Tops packer cows were \$12/cwt higher while the top bulls \$5/cwt. Market may have turned the corner after fall runs.

Once again the calf market was stronger across the board with some tops over \$4/cwt higher. Lower qualities and large bull calves continue to be discounted. However even the classes below no 1's are showing increases. A definite continuation of the turn up started the week before Thanksgiving. The average value of a calf was up over \$35/head.

Packer bulls: 70.00-93.00

Packer cows: canners & cutters 48.00-72.00

poor & weak 15.00-40.00

Palpated: 35 bred per hd \$900-\$1,125

PAIRS: 1 \$1,400

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. NONE

200-249 lbs. 164.00-194.00

250-299 lbs. 156.00-198.00

300-350 lbs. 154.00-198.00

350-400 lbs. 150.00-198.00

400-450 lbs. 154.00-192.00

450-500 lbs. 146.00-194.00

500-550 lbs. 138.00-172.00

550-600 lbs. 139.00-162.00

600-700 lbs. 133.00-149.00

700-800 lbs. 127.00-143.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs 150.00-195.00

250-300 lbs. 149.00-198.00

300-350 lbs. 151.00-198.00

350-400 lbs. 149.00-205.00

400-450 lbs. 156.00-191.00

450-500 lbs. 150.00-186.00

500-550 lbs. 145.00-178.00

550-600 lbs. 138.00-162.00

600-700 lbs. 125.00-153.00

Over 700 lbs. 115.00-137.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

under 200 lbs. 159.00-204.00

200-250 lbs. 110.00-150.00

250-300 lbs. 126.00-158.00

300-350 lbs. 125.00-198.00
350-400 lbs. 127.00-176.00
400-450 lbs. 128.00-190.00
450-500 lbs. 130.00-165.00
500-550 lbs. 129.00-171.00
550-600 lbs. 127.00-160.00
600-700 lbs. 122.00-156.00
Over 700 lbs. 116.00-134.00

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Sale date: November 30

Cattle on hand: 2233

Packer Cows: Canner and Cutter Cows: \$46-69

Utility & Fat Cows: \$48-66

LightWeight Canner Cows: \$24-45

Poor/Weak: \$10-25

Packer Bulls: Heavyweight Bulls: \$88-97

Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$78-87

Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$63-77

Stocker Cows: Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: None

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$700-1,100

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: None

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$900-1,260

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings: Number 1 steer & bull calves: Under 200 lbs.: NONE

200-300 lbs.: \$155-215

300-400 lbs.: \$148-212.50

400-500 lbs.: \$146-205

500-600 lbs.: \$136-175

600-700 lbs.: \$122-155

700-800 lbs.: \$115-147.50

Number 1 heifer calves: Under 200 lbs: NONE

200-300 lbs.: \$130-170

300-400 lbs.: \$130-165

400-500 lbs.: \$126-160

500-600 lbs.: \$120-152.50

600-700 lbs.: \$116-138

700-800 lbs.: \$110-125

Replacement Heifers: 350-700 lbs.: \$135-190

LAST SALE 12/14/21, FIRST SALE, 1/4/22

The market was higher this week. #1 types in all weigh brackets sold \$3 to \$5 higher with instances \$6 to \$8 higher on light weights. #2 and plain-kinds continue severely discounted.

Packer cows & bulls sold \$2 to \$3 higher on 450 head total.

Seguin Cattle Co. Market Report

Sale date: December 1

Quality was very good. Stocker cattle a full \$10 better. Packer cows & bulls 3-5 better.

Cattle: 702

Sheep & Goats: 969

Medium & Large Frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb.: \$1.10-2.02

300-400 lb.: \$1.43-2.00

400-500 lb.: \$1.35-1.95

500-600 lb.: \$1.32-1.60

600-700 lb.: \$1.23-1.50

700-850 lb.: \$1.21-1.37

Medium & Large Frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb.: \$1.00-1.56

300-400 lb.: \$1.27-1.68

400-500 lb.: \$1.32-2.02

500-600 lb.: \$1.31-1.58

600-750 lb.: \$1.14-1.65

Cows: Utility & Commercial: \$57-75

Cutters: \$45-56

Canners: \$35-44

Palpated Cows (Young): None

Palpated Cows (Middle Aged): \$400-900

Cow/Calf Pairs: \$350-950

Bulls: Heavy High Yielding: \$80-90

Light & Low Yielding: \$76-579

Feeder Bulls: None

Sheep & Goats: Nannies (Young): \$250-370

Nannies (Thin & Old): \$140-240

Kid Goats (Fat): \$3.90-4.45

Kid Goats (Small & Thin): \$3.20-3.90

Wethers: \$2.35-3.60

Billies: \$3.12-4.50

Pairs: None

Barb. Ewes (Young): \$185-335

Barb. Ewes (Small & Old Ewes): \$90-180

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

Barb. Lambs (Small & Thin): \$3.40-3.55

Wooled Ewes: None

Wooled Bucks: \$2.40-2.90

Lambs: \$3.20-3.60

Barb. Bucks: None

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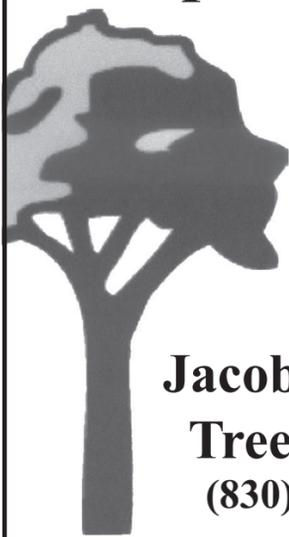
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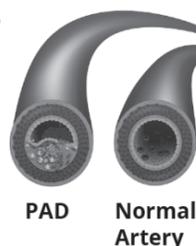
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Capitol HIGHLIGHTS

State lowers price cap for power providers

The state's Public Utility Commission last week lowered the maximum allowable wholesale price for electricity by almost half, from \$9,000 per megawatt hour to \$5,000.

The move came after prices soared to the maximum during last February's deadly freeze, causing financial havoc along with the widespread power outages. A number of electric providers declared bankruptcy after being faced with enormous bills, including Brazos Electric Power Cooperative and Griddy Energy.

As the Austin American-Statesman reported, the state's largely deregulated electricity market provides financial incentives to prompt power generators to deliver more electricity to the grid during peak demand. But those incentives came with steep prices, and some Griddy customers received electric bills of nearly \$10,000. Those bills were ultimately forgiven under an agreement negotiated by the attorney general's office.

Peter Lake, chairman of the PUC, said lowering the price ceiling will "make sure the people of Texas are not exposed to those extraordinary high prices" again, the Statesman reported.

However, the CEO of the state's largest power generator worries the state has not done enough to insulate itself against another deadly freeze. Curt Morgan of Vistra Corp. said that while his company has spent \$50 million this year weatherizing more than a dozen plants, the state still hasn't ensured a reliable supply of natural gas. The Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the natural gas industry, is still working to finalize rules that would set weatherization mandates. However, those rules would not go into effect until early 2023, the Texas Tribune reported.

Morgan told legislators that Vistra's plants couldn't get enough natural gas to run anywhere near full capacity during the freeze. "Why couldn't we get it?" Morgan said. "Because the gas system was not weatherized. And so we had natural gas producers that weren't producing."

State to get \$35 billion in infrastructure funds

In the next five years Texas will get more than \$35 billion in federal funding for roads, public transportation and water system improvements, The Dallas Morning News reported. The funding is part of the massive infrastructure bill Congress passed in November to provide \$548 billion in new investments across the country over five years.

The state's road system got a "D+" in a 2021 report card from the American Society of Civil Engineers.

"Current funding levels and resources from the state's gas tax are inadequate to keep up with Texas' projected growth, leaving a \$15 billion annual gap through 2040," the engineering report said.

The federal funding also includes \$1.2 billion for Texas airports, \$537 million to replace and repair bridges and at least \$100 million for broadband expansion, according to The Morning News.

Webinars explain tuition fund

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund is offering a series of webinars to provide an overview of the state's prepaid college tuition plan. In addition, the webinars will explain scholarship opportunities that are available. Anyone interested can sign up for a webinar at www.texastuitionpromisefund.com/events/.

New COVID-19 cases, deaths increase

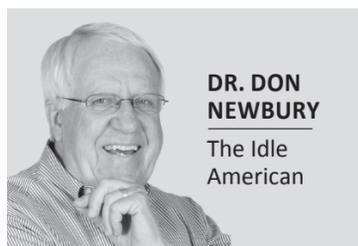
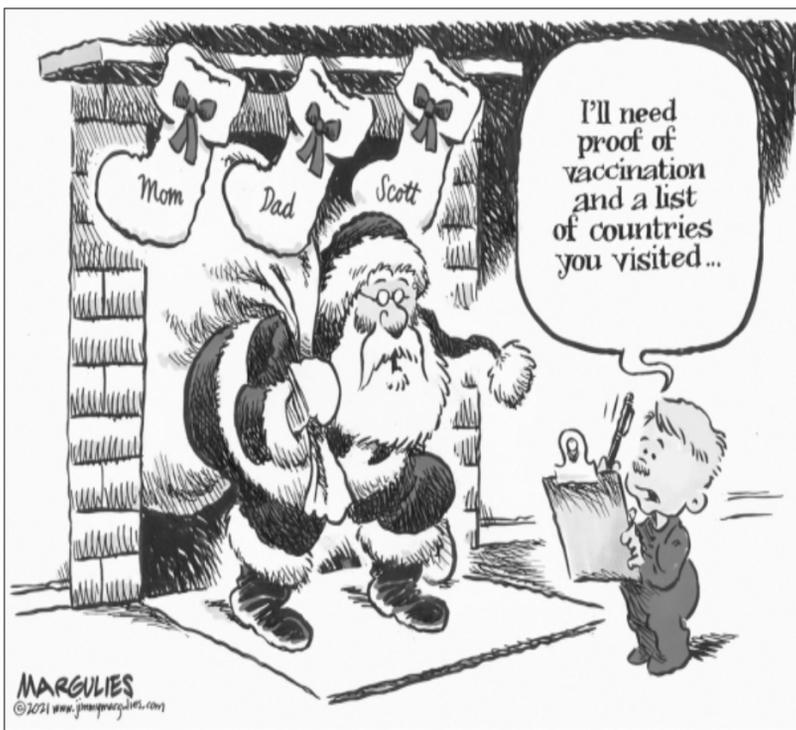
The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas in the past week rose to 30,201, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University — the highest level since late October. A total of 564 deaths were reported. The Delta variant continues to be the dominant strain, infecting mostly unvaccinated Texans.

Judge blocks social media censorship law

A federal judge in Austin last week blocked the state's social media censorship law before it took effect, the Houston Chronicle reported. House Bill 20 prohibited social media sites like Facebook and Twitter from censoring users "based on their political viewpoints."

U.S. District Judge Robert Pitman wrote in his ruling that the bill violates the sites' First Amendment right to moderate content on their platforms. Abbott had pushed for the bill, saying in a Twitter video, "Freedom of speech is under attack in Texas. There is a dangerous movement by some social media companies to silence conservative ideas and values." The state is expected to appeal Pitman's ruling.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.



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With Will, there was a way

Oh, that the inimitable Will Rogers were alive today. The need for his disarming smile and positive spirit helped Americans survive the Great Depression. He'd go a long way today in bringing people together as mounting challenges blot out our better acts and kinder nature.

Even Will might not know where to start. An introductory rope trick wouldn't help.

I think he would still contend that all he knows is "just what he reads in the papers," still claiming that to be an "alibi for ignorance." Today, he'd exclude a significant number of so-called newspapers, and who knows what he'd do with social media?...

I'm pretty sure he would never claim that all he knows springs from computer screens, smart phones and virtually all politicians. (He might even call for term limits.)

I'm in that crowd believing that most journalistic integrity resides largely in the hearts and minds of many traditional news sources, particularly the local ones.

I admit, however, that many social media platforms serve folks who are bent on squeezing every detail possible on many subjects. I'm satisfied to use it to keep up with friends and former students across a 40-year career in higher education, plus glean occasional bonuses of laughs and/or inspiration....

Successfully crediting social media sources is difficult. Often, the best we can hope for is giving credit to whom-ever posts items, original or not.

Following is a Facebook post by former WFAA-TV news anchor, Dr. John McCaa, who was to a region what Walter Cronkite was to the nation. He was a no-nonsense news personality, worthy of trust and admiration.

His humanity shone through with a winning smile, and his posts are from the mind of a trusted news authority. Many of them elicit thigh-slapping laughter. Here's a caption he recently posted under a dog photo: "After listening to his owner drone on for hours, Ralph decided he wasn't cut out to be a support dog after all..."

Gone are the days when friends greet us with, "Have you heard the joke about?" I don't remember the last time a friend shared one.

What people say and do continue to be worthy of smiles. For example, during my growing up years, sand laden with uranium was credited for being a cure-all. Folks hurried to locales far and wide, eager to rent "sitting spots" in the storied sand. The best sand, many contended, was miles away, sometimes in contiguous states.

And whatever happened to Aggie jokes? Some of them annoyed a few Texas A&M graduates who thought the jokes were "rotten to the corps." Analysis of Mississippi State's recent upset of the Aggies in football led to responses that could become Aggie jokes....

One die-hard fan thinks the loss may be attributed to Coach Jimbo Fisher's mental acuity being compromised because he recently received the COVID-19 vaccine. He contends that the vax sometimes increases mental fog and confusion.

Most studies reveal, however, that such lingering "brain fog" is limited to a few recovering COVID-19 patients.

All I know is that the list of excuses used for game losses continues to grow....

The longer I live the more I realize that on my "know and don't know" scales, the latter is the heavy weight.

This Thanksgiving, I am thankful to the Almighty for sparing my life, and for my family, defibrillators, stents and health care professionals. I'm comforted by memories of folks who made the world a better place, including Will Rogers, Dr. Billy Graham, Kate Smith and Dale Carnegie. Finally, consider this cartoon showing a little girl with a sobering question at her Thanksgiving feast. "Why can't we be this thankful every day?"...

Dr. Newbury is a longtime university president who continues to speak and write. Contact him at 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Facebook: Don Newbury. Twitter: @donnewbury

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tax revenue generated by solar farm seems 'neighborly'

Dear editor,
A few weeks ago I read a Letter to the Editor from a Mr. Sonsel and would like to follow up on some of his thoughts.

As for sand blowing, most of Gonzales County is rural and we have dust blowing. As for the possible "flooding" as I recall Oak Creek Subdivision is on a hill. I am as concerned about wildlife as anyone but I doubt that many rural county residents would object to there being a few less hogs. We also enjoy the purple martins and have several nesting locations for them.

As for the solar panels producing heat I guess I am misinformed; I thought their purpose was to absorb heat and generate electricity. As for the glare, most solar arrays I have observed are angled upward and I suppose at some times could cause some glare but then there are many things that from time to time could cause some irritation for a short intervals. I am sure the solar companies have considered the possibility of glare dangers and irritations.

I have recently returned to reside in

Gonzales County with my wife. I graduated from Gonzales High School in 1963. My ancestors moved to Gonzales County in approximately 1902 and have been land owners in the county since the mid-1930s. To the best of my knowledge we have always tried to be neighborly and accommodating to those around us as I believe most county residents are.

I feel that being a good citizen of the county, or nation for that matter, is to try to do what is of benefit to the majority of the citizens. As we all know you cannot please everyone all the time. But yes, the addition of solar arrays' tangible value to the county, not to mention, as I understand it, significant tax revenue which cannot do anything but benefit all residents of the county. That seems pretty neighborly to me.

From what I have read, the property tax would increase approximately 250 times over the agricultural assessment. If the citizens of the county do not want this I see it as offering an employee who you pay \$20 per hour a raise to \$1,000 per hour and they say, "no, I'm satisfied with the \$20." I guess everyone gets to make their own choice.

William K. (Bill) Knox
Gonzales

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Snowman Puzzles

Chill out with this cool collection of brrrr-ain teasers.



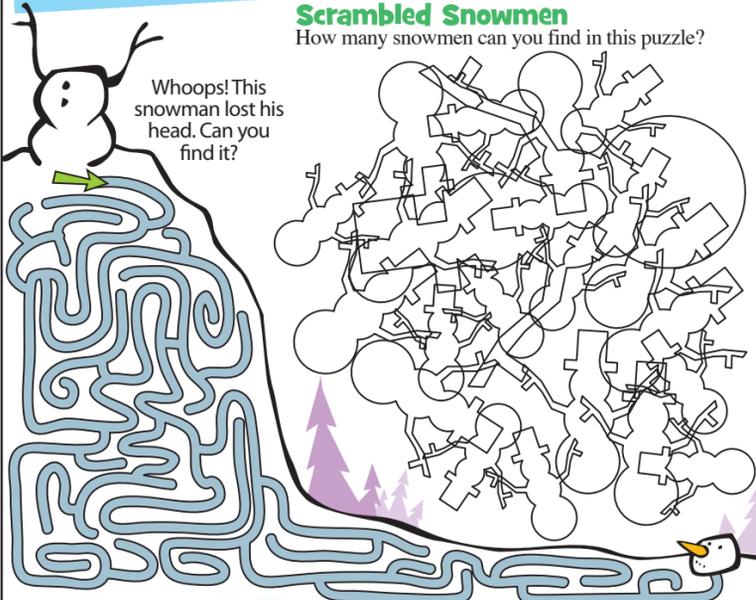
What did the scarf say to the hat?

Cross out the words that rhyme with **FREEZE**.

"TREES YOU SQUEEZE GO ON KNEES AHEAD KEYS PLEASE AND I'LL BEES JUST HANG SKIS AROUND BREEZE"

Scrambled Snowmen

How many snowmen can you find in this puzzle?



Whoops! This snowman lost his head. Can you find it?

What is a snowman's favorite food?

R I D C J E R B L E
K R H G M E P R F S

What does a snowman put on a taco?

W O S H A I Y L B L
T Y N P B E Q P J
P W E D R K S

What do you call a family of snowmen around a cozy fireplace?

T P G U Y D T D
W L H E U S

Kid Scoop Together

What is sometimes bigger than Santa, sometimes smaller than Santa, but doesn't weigh anything at all?

To reveal the answer, use the hints to fill in the empty boxes and create 3-letter words. The answer will appear by reading shaded boxes vertically.

1.		H	
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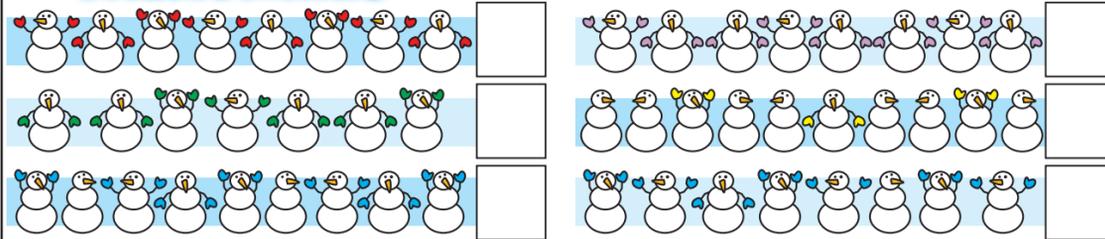
HINTS:

1. Frosty wears one on his head.
2. Taking a tiny drink of hot cocoa.
3. The opposite of the happy.
4. What's left after a fire.
5. Timid
6. Movie stars do this.
7. A weak light, not bright.
8. To pull a vehicle with another.
9. The opposite of lose.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Frozen Followers

Draw the snowman that should come next in each row to continue the pattern.



Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Complete patterns.

Snowman Stumper

The kids on Holly Lane built these four snowmen. Can you figure out who made each of these snowmen?

Kayla's snowman is between Jordan's snowman and Greg's snowman. Sophie's snowman is next to Jordan's snowman. Greg's snowman is not the largest.



Standards Link: Problem Solving: Use a variety of strategies, including logic, to solve problems.

Extra! Extra!

Winter Words

Look through the newspaper for words that could be used to describe a cold winter. Use them in a sentence to describe the weather today.

Standards Link: Writing: Write sentences using descriptive details.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Aunt Artica likes lots of ornaments on her Christmas tree. But she doesn't have room for all of them. By adding the numbers on the ornaments, can you circle the ones she can use? The total can't be higher than 50 or less than 35. Then have a friend try. Who was able to use the most ornaments?



Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums.

Double Double Word Search

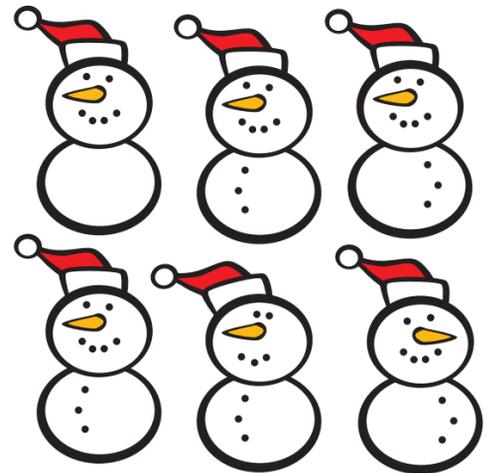
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RIDDLE
CHILL
HOT
COLD
LOST
SKIS
COZY
FIND

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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V	L	M	O	S	Z	T	O	H	D
Y	L	P	I	O	R	E	L	O	D
Z	O	R	Z	Y	D	U	E	W	L
O	H	W	I	N	T	E	R	R	E
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Find the two identical snowmen.



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Lynette Slinker explains how the outdoor kitchen was used by the Wells family more than a century ago.



The home at 833 Mitchell St. was one of six historic homes open for tours during Winterfest last weekend. It was the home of J.B. Wells, Sr. and his family.

TOUR

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Although the house was remodeled by the Wells family thirty years after they purchased it in 1890, much of the structure and many original items have been kept on display there. Josephine Wells and her son, J.B. Wells, Jr. played essential roles in keeping the history alive for future generations to experience.

"It's just amazing that somebody would keep so much, and it was because of her storytelling that her son felt like this was what he wanted to do to share the house with the public. He gave this to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. The J.B. Wells Park and Santa Anna Mound, he gave to the city of Gonzales. Across the road, on the other side of the river, he gave that to the Presbyterian church. Just a tremendous gift of history and stories about our heritage," said DTR member and Gonzales native, Sandra Mauldin.

According to Mauldin, the wallpaper in the parlor is original though some of the wallpaper was done around 1920 and in 1958, the youngest son married. Portraits of the three children hang in the upstairs hall. "Charlie and Effie were about seven and 12 when they came. J.B. Junior was born the year after they moved in," Mauldin said.

A portrait of J.B. Wells, Sr. could be seen near the doors to the upstairs sleeping porch. Mauldin explained that the

family often used the outdoor kitchen in the summers due to the heat a cast-iron stove could generate.

"It's such a time capsule," said Mauldin, pointing to Effie's hats, which have remained in the bedroom that belonged to her. In another bedroom, pants, shirt, tie, belt, hat and cane that belonged to J.B. Wells, Jr. hung on a rack near the door. His pipe sat on a table. A model of the Alamo could be seen by the bedside, an example of his handiwork.

In the spacious downstairs bedroom, visitors could view the couple's Italian marble fireplace. A wardrobe, dresser, trundle bed, two quilts, and even a modest sugar bowl displayed behind the glass door of a cabinet all came with stories of the past.

"When Mrs. Wells, Sr. married J.B. Wells, Sr., her grandfather, James Hodges asked her what she wanted as a wedding gift. She said she wanted that sugar bowl," Mauldin explained, adding that it had been buried in the Runaway Scrape.

Wooden letter blocks, flutes, spinning tops and marbles that had been the youngest son's toys were displayed in the downstairs bookcase. His cradle was kept in an upstairs bedroom.

The house is open every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and appointments can also be made for tours.

It's just amazing that somebody would keep so much, and it was because of her storytelling that her son felt like this was what he wanted to do to share the house with the public. ... Just a tremendous gift of history and stories about our heritage.

— Sandra Mauldin, Gonzales native & DTR member

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Virtual job fair offers convenience for jobseekers, employers

By LIZ ADAMS
Gonzales Inquirer

As the job market has changed over the past two years, Workforce Solutions Golden Crescent is offering new strategies to match the needs of applicants and employers with safety and convenience in mind. On December 15, Golden Crescent will host a virtual job fair designed with booths that mimic the traditional in-person

job fair experience. According to Business Solutions Representative Chris Perez, applicants will enter a virtual lobby to find information about companies and links to their websites.

The purpose of holding a virtual job fair was to provide local job information in a user-friendly way like job boards that are currently available online, but with opportunities to interact with employers during the job fair.

“Organizations like it because they don’t have to travel to the job fair,” said Perez, who added that the safety benefits made sense for both employers and applicants who want access, but also want to take precautions like distancing.

“I think any kind of job fair that educates applicants about the jobs we have is a positive for us. It was definitely a creative solution they came up with during COVID for

recruitment,” said City of Victoria Human Resources director Cheryl Marthiljohni.

The city is an employer that’s made frequent use of Golden Crescent job fairs, whether they have taken place online or in person.

“We’ve had this platform since 2020,” said Perez, though he explained that it has recently been upgraded and will require users to create new accounts.

Workforce Solutions offers career counseling, assessment testing, helps to match qualified applicants to job openings and supplies space for interviewing, along with training for new and expanding businesses, human resources services and several special services for youth, veterans and those with disabilities.

Information about their services can be found at gcworkforce.org.

GISD

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express her concerns about solar projects in Gonzales County. Bland said solar panels would create eyesores and negative impacts for agriculture and that she believed companies seeking to install solar plants in Gonzales County would exploit the community.

CPA Preston Singleton reported the year’s revenue exceeded expenditures by \$3.1M. GISD board members approved the Annual Financial and Compliance Report for the fiscal year that ended on Aug. 31, 2021.

An update was provided on behalf of the Long-Range Facility Planning Committee of 132 committee members who have met over the past 8 months to determine district priorities and make recommendations for improvements. The committee discussed the benefits of adding a new high school campus, a plan the members suggested would improve all campuses over the next 15-20 years.

Board findings were approved under the Texas Economic Development Act related to the Application for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes from Cannon Solar, LLC.



Sara Leon of Sara Leon & Associates takes questions from trustees after GISD public hearing.

Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes with Cannon Solar, LLC.

Board findings were approved under the Texas Economic Development Act related to the Application for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes from Starling Solar, LLC. A Resolution of the Board of Trustees was approved, designating the Starling Solar Reinvestment Zone. The members approved an agreement for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operation Taxes with Starling Solar,



Savannah Bland addresses GISD board during public comments to express her concerns about solar projects in Gonzales County.

lar, LLC.

Representatives were accepted for the Lone Star Investment Pool. The Annual Investment Report and a Resolution Related to Review of Investment Policy and Investment Strategies were approved.

Findings of Fact Regarding Political Boundaries of Gonzales ISD were approved.

The trustees considered and approved a revision to the District

Compensation Plan to allow ACE instructors to be paid \$50 per hour as long as funds are available.

The board approved an interlocal contract with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Energy Conservation Office for an Interior LED Lighting Retrofit Schools Program.

TASB Board Policy Update 118 was accepted.

A report on the FCCLA Region was given by student Lisbet Alvarez.

JOBS

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This represented a total of 4,354 residents in Gonzales, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria counties seeking employment out of a total workforce of 89,613 people.

After Gonzales County, Lavaca County recorded the lowest unemployment at 4.2 percent, followed by DeWitt, Calhoun and Jackson counties, each at 4.4 percent. Victoria County logged in at 5.5 percent, while Goliad County logged in at 5.8 percent.

For October 2021, there were 343 individuals in Gonzales County seeking employment out of a workforce of 9,570, with 9,227 reported as employed. In September 2021, there were 367 people seeking work in Gonzales County out of an employment force of 9,725 for a total unemployment rate of 3.8 percent.

In October 2020, Gonzales County had an unemployment rate of 5.3 percent as 521 individuals were seeking work out of a labor force of 9,853.

The 3.6 percent unadjusted unemployment rate for October 2021 is also the lowest seen in Gonzales County since it was just 2.8 percent in February 2020 — one month before the beginning of COVID-19 shutdowns in the state of Texas.

Unemployment rates since January 2020 for Gonzales County are:

- January 2020, 3.0 percent.
- February 2020, 2.8 percent.
- March 2020, 4.0 percent.
- April 2020, 6.7 percent.
- May 2020, 7.8 percent.
- June 2020, 7.1 percent.
- July 2020, 6.8 percent.
- August 2020, 4.8 percent.
- September 2020, 5.9 percent.
- October 2020, 5.3 percent.
- November 2020, 5.7 percent.
- December 2020, 5.2 percent.
- January 2021, 5.6 percent.
- February 2021, 5.7 percent.
- March 2021, 5.4 percent.
- April 2021, 4.7 percent.
- May 2021, 4.5 percent.
- June 2021, 5.1 percent.
- July 2021, 4.3 percent.
- August 2021, 3.9 percent.
- September 2021, 3.8 percent.

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

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

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BYRON EMERSON JOHNSTON



On December 5, 2021, Byron Emerson Johnston, 83, passed away peacefully at home in Leesville, Texas. Emerson, as he was known, was born on February 15, 1938 in Union Valley, Texas to Byron and Beatrice (McCracken) Johnston.

On August 26, 2002, Emerson married Genelda Lee Harris in Seguin, Texas. During his lifetime, Emerson worked in the oil field, and a steel mill, but spent the last 10 years of his career as a maintenance worker for the City of Seguin. He is preceded in death by his parents, Byron, and Beatrice Johnston; brother, Willie Marvin Johnston; and sister, June Johnston.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 20 years, Genelda Lee Johnston; children, Debra Sue Streetman (Johnny), Dusty Wayne Johnston

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Burial will follow at Leesville Cemetery in Leesville, Texas. Reverend Michael Cowey will be officiant of the services. Serving as Pallbearers will be Justin Streetman, Troy Swanson, Chad Swanson, Shane Mattix, Joel Mattix, Eric Mattix, and Dustin Pullin. If desired, donations may be made in Emerson's name to the National Kidney Foundation at www.kidney.org, or St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org. You are welcome to sign the online guestbook at www.finchfuneralchapels.com. Services in care of Finch Funeral Chapel, LLC.

(Diana), Barbara Swanson (T.J.), Reba Mattix (Kenny), Debbie Ann Pape (Ryan), Butch Pullin (Claudia), Rocky Pullin (Sandy), and Pam Harvey (Morris); 20 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; brother, Eddie Johnston (Joyce); numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Visitation with the family will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 5:00pm-7:00pm, at Finch

(COOKIE) LINDA KELLEY DEAL



(Cookie) Linda Kelley Deal joined her Heavenly Family Sunday, November 28, 2021. Cookie was born August 18, 1941 as the third child of Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Kelley of Gonzales, Tx. Cookie was a 1959 graduate of Gonzales High School.

Linda married Robert Odell Deal of Waelder in

1962. Linda loved bowling. She was a homemaker, great mother and wife.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Buckey and David Lee. She is survived by son (Bobby) R.O. Deal, Jr. and husband, Robert O. Deal.

No service is planned at this time.

VICTORIA M. COBLER



Victoria M. Cobler went to be with the Lord December 4, 2021. She was born December 23, 1925, in Waelder, Texas to Juan R. & Petra Delgado Martinez. On April 15, 1995 she married Ernest Franklin Cobler in Gonzales. Victoria was a longtime member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Waelder, where she was a member of the St. Patrick's Guadalupanas.

Survivors are her four daughters, Beatris Arriaga of Blackwell, Oklahoma, Andrea Gonzales of Luling, Texas, Cecilia & Jesse Rodriguez Sr. of Petersburg, Texas, and Dolores Wilson of Blackwell, Oklahoma; sons, Felix & Melody Villalobos of Galena Park, Texas, and Paul

& Patricia Villalobos Jr. of Galena Park, Texas; 15 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; and a sister, Paula Wiggins of Waelder, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Vicente Vil-

lalobos; two sisters, Georgia Meza and Isadora Cedilio; and four brothers, Santos Martinez, Seferino Martinez, Bonifacio Martinez & Larry Martinez.

Pallbearers are Kenny Hernandez, Daniel Martinez, Eric Martinez, Michael Rodriguez, Jesse Rodriguez Jr., Tina Rodriguez. Honorary pall bearer is Armando Martinez.

A Mass was held for her at 10 a.m. Tuesday December 7, at St. Patricks Catholic Church of Waelder. Burial will follow in the Waelder Community Cemetery. Services under the direction of O'Bannon Funeral Home, 210 S. Laurel, Luling, Texas 78648. (830)875-5713.

LEE ORNELAS



Lee Ornelas, 63, went to be with his heavenly Father on Thursday, December 2, 2021. Lee was born in Gonzales, Texas, to Leon and Dora Ornelas. As a lifelong Gonzales resident, Lee went to Gonzales High School and married Mary Jane Martinez, also of Gonzales, on July 10, 1976, and soon started a family. Lee spent most of his career in the construction industry operating heavy machinery and as a foreman at Cal-Maine Foods. Lee truly loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren and he also enjoyed listening to music and watching movies.

Lee is loved and will be greatly missed. Lee is survived by his wife, Mary, children, Jennifer Ornelas of Waelder, Texas, Christopher Ornelas of Cedar Park, Texas, and Eric Ornelas of Gonzales, Texas, Mother, Dora Ornelas of Gonzales, Texas, brothers and sisters, Mary Amaya (Ruben) of Missouri City, Texas, Lupe Ornelas of

Ornelas, Jayla Ornelas and 8 great-grandchildren. Lee is preceded in death by his father Leon Ornelas Sr.

The family received friends from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday, December 6, 2021, in St. James Catholic Church with a Holy Rosary at 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial followed at 11 a.m. in St. James Catholic Church with Fr. Jason Martini as celebrant. Pallbearers were Isaiah Camarillo, Noah Camarillo, Blake Ornelas, Jeremy Ornelas, Joey Ornelas, Brandon Martinez, Aidan Hernandez, and Adam Quintero.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any memorials be given to the Catholic Community of Gonzales. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneral-home.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

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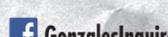


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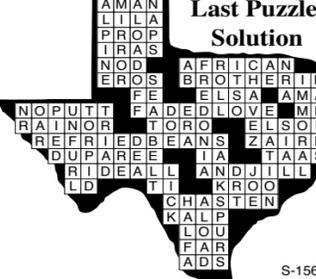
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New year (and clean slate) on the horizon

Hello again, I hope all is well. It's hard to believe we're in the home stretch, the final few weeks of 2021. I'm praying that everyone has a fantastic Christmas, of course at the top of the list, remembering that it's in celebration of the birth of Jesus. I'm also praying that you'll be able to enjoy the holidays with some sense of normalcy, after the few weird years we've all been through, so eat, drink and be merry (as they say), having as much fun as you can muster

Fortunately, after a rather exhausting year of remodeling, while I still have a ways to go, the major (hardest) parts are behind me, and I can ease up and catch my breath. Now I'm just puttering around doing easier things like resurfacing my slate. After twelve years in this house, it was definitely in need of some TLC. While there's no slate on the floors, I have five archways, a four by eight kitchen table, a four by eight shower enclosure, a twelve foot entertainment center, and eighty feet of bars and counter tops. Now they're so "chiny" I can see myself, not necessarily a good thing at this juncture. Is it just me or are younger people prettier than old folks, oh well, gotta be happy with where ever we find ourselves on the

timeline of life and just be glad we're still around to complain about it!

For anyone that isn't familiar with slate, it's a layered rock stemming from highly compressed shale. It naturally comes in different hues of gray, tan, red, purple, green and black,



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Love, Eric and Eloise

highly modeled, with no two pieces being the same. I find that since we live in a world so full of artificially manufactured products, it's nice to be surrounded by some-

thing real, and also compliments my barnwood nicely. As Eloise often said..."I love house!" The thing I love most about it; it's paid for...thank you Lord!

Speaking of "slate", it's also a term used in modeling and acting to introduce one's self before proceeding with the audition. I know this because, when our youngest son Matthew was about nine he did some modeling and practiced his slating with vigor. Sporting Erik Estrada (Ponch on the 80's show CHiPs) hair and smile, he was a shoe-in for advertising trendy boys fashion wear, appearing in several ads. Eloise shot the pictures for his portfolio consisting of nature and informal shots as well as my favorite, him in a suit leaning on a red ferrari... fun times.

On a different note, I've noticed for several years now that the sunflower stalks under my street light where my meter boxes are located, continue to thrive and flower months after all the rest have died off. In pondering what may be causing this phenomenon, my brain was stuck on the idea of some electrical force at work, while completely overlooking the most obvious solution, the extra light they are receiving. My daughter-in-law was kind enough to bring this to my attention and after I did some research, confirmed it. I couldn't believe I missed such a simple and obvious explanation.

After some research I discovered that within scientific circles they sometimes use the phrase "ships not seen", referring to the story (whether true or not) that native Indians didn't notice approaching ships because not having seen them before, their minds didn't perceive them. Basically, when your mind is locked into one train of thought, others go unnoticed. I believe this is why many people can't see Christ for who he truly is, they've been looking at him through a people filter and getting a distorted image. Now, locked into this mindset, they've come to believe God is as messed up as we are. I highly recommend removing the blinders and taking another look... it worked wonders for me.

Until next time, love you guys, Eric.



Nixon-Smiley Band Boosters to hold silent auction December 13

Special to The Inquirer

There will be a silent auction hosted by the NS Mighty Mustangs Band Boosters on Thursday, Dec. 16, in the Content Mastery Classroom across from the Red, White and Blue gym. Item previews will be available online beginning Dec. 13 and in person beginning at 5:45 p.m. Dec. 16. The Winter Band Concert begins at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16.

If you would like to contribute to the Silent Auction, items are due before Friday, Dec. 10. If you would like to bid on auction items prior to the concert, please contact Lisa Jackson at the High School.

Bidding will close at 6:15 p.m. Dec. 16 and winners will be announced during the concert, and auction winners can pick up their items after the Band Concerts. Delivery will not be available.

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OBITUARY



GLORIA ANN ROMERO

Gloria Ann Romero, age 78, passed away Saturday, November 20, 2021.

She was born July 20, 1943 in Gonzales to Alvaro and Theresa Vasquez Gonzales.

She was formerly the head baker at H & H Cafe and Bakery. She enjoyed watching high school football games, playing softball, dancing and cherished her time with family. She was a devout Catholic, devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Ray H. Romero; son, Michael Anthony Rodriguez (Mary) of Lytle; daughters, Denise Freudensprung (Fred) of Sweeny, Tracie Pena (Victor Devall) of Killeen and Beckie Gomez (Jacob) of Round Rock; 11 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Kocian of Victoria, Alice Leist of Yoakum and Jane Carrillo of Sweeny; brothers, Daniel Rivera of Edinburg and Eliseo (Junie) Rivera of Victoria.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021 at Thiele-Cooper Funeral Home with Deacon Dennis Kutach officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

On-line guest book may be signed at www.thiele-cooper.com Arrangements by Thiele-Cooper Funeral Home 361-293-5656.

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VC's Gonzales Center to offer craft skills course



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Victoria College's Gonzales Center is accepting registrations for its "Core Curriculum: Introductory Craft Skills" course that will be held Jan. 3-Feb. 7.

Special to the Inquirer

Victoria College's Gonzales Center will offer its "Core Curriculum: Introductory Craft Skills" course from 6 to 10 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 3-Feb. 7.

The course, which will be held at the VC Gonzales Center Workforce Training Building, is a prerequisite for all of VC's Workforce & Continuing Education industrial trades courses.

Successful completion qualifies students to register for VC's electrical; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and welding courses – all of which are offered at VC's Gonzales Center.

The course provides an introduction to basic safety, construction math, hand tools, power tools, blueprints, basic rigging, communication skills and basic employability skills. Following successful completion of

the class, National Center for Construction Education & Research (NCCER) certification and a certificate of completion will be awarded.

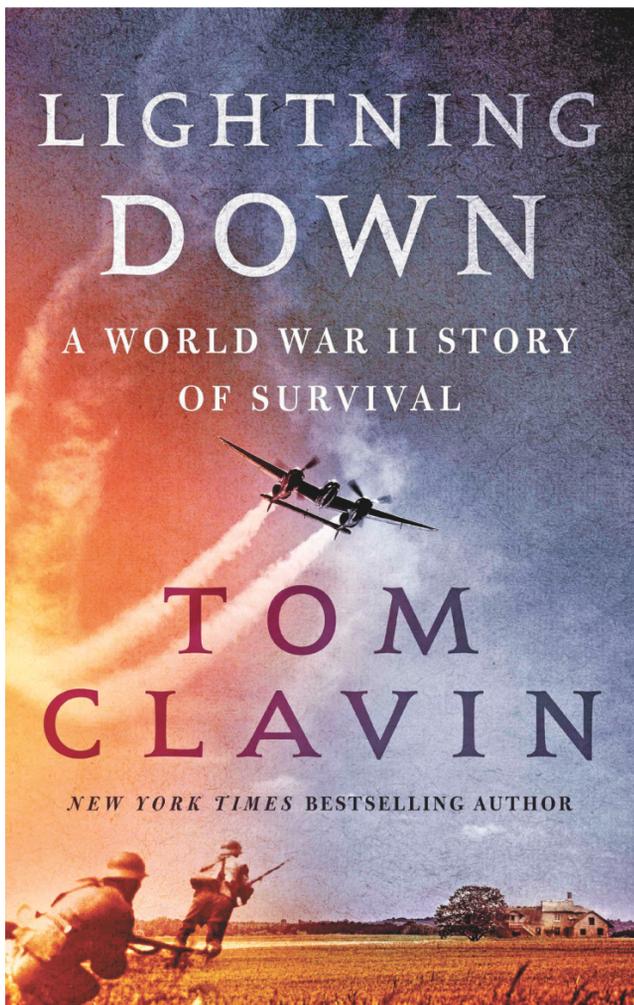
"NCCER's industry-recognized credentials provide students and craft professionals with essential skills," said Rachel Nessel, VC Workforce & Continuing Education director. "NCCER Core Curriculum: Introductory Craft Skills is common to all NCCER training and is required for NCCER certification for all Level 1 courses."

The cost for "Core Curriculum: Introductory to Craft Skills" is \$340. Financial aid and scholarships are available.

The VC Gonzales Center Workforce Training Building is located at 424 E. Sarah DeWitt Drive in Gonzales.

For more information on the course or other offerings at Victoria College's Gonzales Center, call (830) 672-6251.

Review: 'Lightning Down' a winner for WWII buffs



"Lightning Down: A World War II Story of Survival" by Tom Clavin, c.2021, St. Martin's Press, 320 pages

The Bookworm Sez

The storm's a-coming.

You can smell it in the air: rain's on the way, maybe thunder, maybe more, but the high winds are what you hate. They make you run for shelter and pray hard. The storm's a-coming, and in "Lightning Down" by Tom Clavin, it's never as mild as you hope it'd be.

As a young man on the farm near Ferndale, Washington, all Joe Moser wanted to do was to fly airplanes – the P-38 Lightning, to be specific – but though it was his deepest desire, he knew that it probably wasn't possible: as the oldest son of a widowed mother, Joe had to take care of the farm and besides, piloting a P-38 was something only for college graduates.

Joe was doing chores when he heard of the attack on Pearl Harbor and, like most young men then, he hastened to sign up to for the military. He tested for the Army Air Corps but, though the rules were relaxed, his scores were too low for pilot school and it looked like Joe was headed for the infantry until someone rechecked those scores. Suddenly, he was on his way to twenty-plus months of training before being sent to England to pilot the P-38.

That was a job he turned out to be good at. It didn't take long for him to receive a Distinguished Flying Cross and shortly after that, a promotion to first lieutenant. Writes Clavin, "He was still only twenty-two years old."

Surely, Joe Moser knew the danger of what he was doing, but

he chose not to dwell on it. He went out every day and did his job, hoping "he would get out of this thing yet in one piece." By early August of 1944, he'd had forty-three missions "under his belt" and he was looking forward to rotating out and going home.

But on August 13 – his forty-fourth mission – Joe was shot down and captured...

Now, here's the thing: if author Tom Clavin had stopped right there, you'd still have a heckuva heart-pounding in your hands with "Lightning Down."

But that's not the end of this story, not by a long shot.

Clavin takes this tale beyond, not to a rugged POW camp run by the Red Cross, but into the Buchenwald Concentration Camp where Lt. Moser was sent after his capture, then along a forced march that reads like a fever-dream. Not one single thing in this narrative is softened: Clavin relentlessly plunges readers directly into the horror of the camp in passages that are almost numbing in their content and number and nightmarish detail, but that are broken up sometimes by moments of courage. We know how this ends – Moser is saved, right? Right? – but we really don't know, not until it actually happens.

This book is an absolute winner for your Dad, your Granddad, your uncle, anyone who's a veteran or a World War II buff or readers seeking a tale of heroism. Find it now, and let "Lightning Down" strike you.

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- Houston space org.
- some Texans have big ones
- TX Barry Corbin film: "The Night the Lights Out in Georgia"
- gusher (___out)
- GPS accident avoidance? (2 wds.)
- TXism: "confused ___ goat on astroturf"
- TXism: "a watched pot ___"
- country of Texas (abbr.)
- TX Drew Brees' number as a Saint
- this Tommy lost a coin flip and thus was not on TX Holly's fateful flight
- this gold medalist Mary Lou now lives in Houston
- TXism: "___ scootin'" (dancing)
- a stallion, or a type of poker
- hosp. trauma area
- leading male star of 1945 "San Antonio"
- Nacogdoches' FM KJCS started with this call sign
- this agcy. approved 3 COVID vaccines
- TXism: "a sight for ___"
- (pleasing)
- snow glider
- TX-based bus company: ___hound
- "red touch ___ feller" (coral snake)
- lion exhibit sounds at the Abilene Zoo
- world distress signal
- "___ omission"
- this Burleson was first president of Baylor
- TXism: "up ___ snuff"
- Metroplex airport be given out
- "Red River Rivalry" month
- increase the bet in poker
- express disgust
- TXism: "take a look ___"
- (investigate)
- "to ___ is human"

DOWN

- home of "Schlitterbahn WaterPark Resort" (2 wds.)
- TX Nolan Ryan, as a baseball pitcher
- Sutton County seat
- TXism: "green ___-week-old corn" (inexperienced)
- Texas has 563,000 members of one camping shelter
- Adam's mate
- Ricky Nelson plane crashed near ___Kalb, TX in 1985
- talked tediously
- TXism: "talked ___ streak" (TXism for 13 down)
- TXism: "___ me a bill of goods" (lied)
- "___ the season"
- part of Abilene metro area
- atomizers
- mats to prevent slippage (2 wds.)
- TX Ely who was a TV Tarzan (init.)
- plural of 31-across
- former Cowboy quarterback, Aikman
- "laid ___"
- (buried)
- employees/shareholders lost billions in Enron
- TXism: "write ___ he can't read fast"
- TXism for "errand boy"
- "___ a penny, in for a pound"
- in Haskell County on U.S. 380
- donned after a bath
- this TX James won the Medal of Honor
- 66 TX high schools have this mascot

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

Kolkhorst receives 'Big Voice for Little Texans' Award

Special to The Inquirer

Texas CASA has honored State Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst (R-Brenham) with the "Big Voice for Little Texans" Award for her legislation to reform and improve residential treatment centers that house children and youth in foster care with higher needs. Texas CASA also recognized her leadership on securing increased state funding to support CASA programs and to support the ongoing rollout of Community-Based Care in Texas.

"Child abuse and neglect have no place in Texas and I am proud to work with organizations like CASA to be an advocate for our most fragile young people across the state," said Kolkhorst. "This is an issue that should bring every Texan together, to shine a light in the darkness and offer hope to struggling children and families and give them hope for a brighter future."

During the 86th Legislature, Senator Kolkhorst who Chairs the Senate Committee of Health & Human Services passed Senate Bill 781 that raises standards for Residential Treatment Centers (RTC) in conformance with the federal Family First Act. The bill also provides more regulatory authority for dealing with RTCs that don't meet required standards, it requires greater community engagement and planning when an RTC is seeking licensure, and it strengthens child safety and runaway prevention procedures at these facilities.

Senator Kolkhorst was also the key decision maker in supporting an increase in CASA funding of \$1.75 million a year, funding that is absolutely vital to supporting the 72 CASA programs statewide and their efforts to serve as many children in foster care as possible.



CONTRIBUTED

State Sen. Lois Kolkhorst receives award from Texas CASA Leadership.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office Nov. 28 – Dec. 4

Nov. 29:

- Robert Jason Welch, 43, Gonzales, Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon. Requires \$85,000 Bond. Remains in Custody.

Nov. 30:

- Billy Lopez Padron, 41, San Marcos, Local Warrant – Engage in Organized Criminal Activity. Local Warrant – Engage in Organized Criminal Activity. Requires \$20,000 Bond. Remains in Custody.
- Michael Anthony Perez, 41, Commitment/Sentence – Manufacture Deliver Controlled Substance PG 1 >4G <200G. Remains in Custody.

Dec. 1:

- George Reynaldo Trevino, 23, Victoria, Local Warrant – Possession Marijuana <2 oz. Requires \$1,000 Bond. Remains in Custody
- Frank Jacob Jalufka Jr., 49, Gonzales, Local Warrant – Driving while Intoxicated 3rd or More. Requires \$50,000 Bond. Remains in Custody

Dec. 2:

- Latauria Mae Sanders, 36, Giddings, Local Warrant – Aggravated Assault Date/Family/Household Member w/ Weapon. Requires \$35,000 Bond. Remains in Custody.

Dec. 3:

- Joseph Lee Vallicillo, 34, Gonzales, Local Warrant – Assault Family/Household Member Impede Breathing/Circulation. Released – Weekender
- Angel Salazar Jr., 53, Houston, Commitment/Sentence – Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G. Released – Weekender.
- Clyde Douglas Staton, 46, Luling, Possession Controlled Substance PG 1 <1G. Released on \$4,000 Bond. Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence w/Intent to Impair. Released on \$5,000 Bond. Local Warrant – Criminal Mischief >\$100 <\$750. Released on \$750 Bond. Local Warrant – Theft of Material Alum/Brnz/Copper/Brass <\$20K. Released on \$4,000 Bond

Statistics:

- Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processings: GCSO: 9; DPS: 1; GPD: 1; WPD: 1; NPD: 1. Total: 13.

Gonzales Police Department

11/29/2021 – 12/05/2021
Arrests

12/01/2021

- Micheal Dwaine Siptak, 39, from Gonzales, Texas, Warrant.

12/02/2021

- A juvenile, 16, from Gonzales, Texas, Unlawful Carrying Weapon.

12/05/2021

- Isaiah Gihon Franklin V, 22, from Gonzales, Texas, Simple Assault.

There were 313 Calls for Service Cases:

- 1 Possession of Controlled Substance PG 1
- 2 Criminal Mischief
- 1 Theft
- 1 Assault by Threat
- 2 Possession of Marijuana
- 1 Burglary of a Habitation
- 1 Unlawful Carrying of Weapons
- 1 Theft of Firearm
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Apaches save best for final period, beat Eagle Pass 58-56

By LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

When the pressure was on in the fourth period, the Gonzales Apaches turned up the pressure on Eagle Pass and it lifted them to a 58-56 come-from-behind home win Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Gonzales jumped out to an early 4-2 lead and held a 6-5 advantage early, but the Eagles started lighting up the nets from the three-point line and used that to take a 16-12 lead at the end of the first period.

The two teams both kicked their transition games into gear in the second period, but while the Eagles were hitting their outside shots, Gonzales was having a little more trouble on the perimeter. That difference helped Eagle Pass increase their lead to 35-29 at the break.

In the third period, the Apaches went on a 11-4 run to take a 40-39 lead with 4:16 left in the third quarter, thanks to fast break points by Angel Martinez, Jeremiah Hastings and Xavier Aguayo. However, the Eagles would score the next six points, including a pair of free throws after a technical foul on Martinez, to take a 45-40 lead at the end of the third period.

That set up a thrilling fourth period which saw the lead change several times. Gonzales went on a 7-0 run to claim a 47-45 lead with 5:45 left in the period. Eagle Pass would reclaim the lead at 49-47 and then Gonzales tied it at 53-53 with 1:48 left in the game. A drive by Aguayo for a bucket put the Apaches up 55-53 with 1:01 left. A converted free throw and another basket made it 58-53.

Eagle Pass hit a late three-pointer with 23 seconds left to narrow the lead to 58-56, but Gonzales was able to thwart any further comeback to cap off an incredible win.



LEW K. COHN

Xavier Aguayo (2) finishes off a steal with a fast-break layup and gets fouled as well during the first period of the Apaches' 58-56 home win over Eagle Pass on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

In the fourth period, the Apaches outscored the Eagles, 18-11.

Hastings led Gonzales with 16 points, while Aguayo had 15 and

Martinez had 11. The win moves Gonzales' record to 6-3. They next take on Karnes City at home at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9.

Apaches place fourth in Cedar Creek tourney

From staff reports

The Gonzales Apaches won two of their five games in the Cedar Creek tournament last week, advancing to the third place game before falling to Pflugerville Hendrickson, 70-49, on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Coach Alex Paramski said the team, which is now 5-3 on the season, had big contributions throughout the tourney from Brady Barfield, Angel Martinez, Jeremiah Hastings and Xavier Aguayo.

Third Place Game

Gonzales kept it close in the opening quarter as Hendrickson took a 18-15 lead after the first period. The Apaches did have a lead at 12-10 before an 8-3 run put the Hawks ahead. In the second period, Hendrickson outscored Gonzales, 21-16. The Apaches were able to keep within three points at 27-24 until the Hawks closed out the period with a 12-7 spurt that

made the halftime score 39-31 in favor of Hendrickson.

In the third period, Gonzales outscored Hendrickson, 12-11, and closed to within seven at 50-43 on a Xavier Aguayo three-pointer from near half-court at the buzzer. It appeared momentum was on the Apaches' side, but the Hawks went on a 9-0 run to start the fourth period and would outscore Gonzales, 20-6, in the final 12 minutes to claim the win.

Earlier games

On Friday, Dec. 3, the Apaches' defense was front and center as Gonzales beat Taylor, 40-33, and Lockhart, 54-40, to advance to the third-place game.

On Thursday, Dec. 2, the Apaches had their hands full in contests with Brenham (a 66-39 loss) and host Cedar Creek (a 80-42 loss).

Gonzales was scheduled to play at home vs. Eagle Pass at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, and at home against Karnes City at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9.

Lady Apaches go 1-4 in Karnes City tourney

From staff reports

The Gonzales Lady Apaches finished the Karnes City tournament with a 1-4 record with losses to Yorktown, host Karnes City, Shiner and Blanco, but they also got a victory over Stockdale to break a five-game losing streak.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, the Lady Apaches lost to Blanco, 35-24. Gonzales (4-10) held a 7-6 lead after the first period, but an 18-2 run by the Lady Panthers in the second period gave Blanco a 24-9 halftime lead that was insurmountable, even though Gonzales outscored the Lady Panthers, 15-11 in the second half.

On Friday, Dec. 3, Gonzales had a very strong defensive outing against Stockdale in a 61-38 win at the Karnes City tournament on Friday, Dec. 3.

Gonzales had its best offensive output of the season with the 61 points scored and while they shot just 33 percent from the field, they did hit 47 percent of their three-point attempts and made 67 percent of their

free throws. Bella Aguero, Madison York and McKenzie Hodges all hit three-pointers in the game.

Meanwhile, the Lady Apaches held Stockdale to just 19 percent from the floor and no three-pointers made and just 36 percent from the free-throw line. The Lady Apaches also hammered the boards with a 75-38 advantage.

Gonzales lost to Shiner, 55-38, on Friday, Dec. 3, as well. They also lost to Yorktown, 41-33, and to host Karnes City, 71-37.

Against Yorktown, Gonzales fell behind big early, 16-5, in the first period. The Lady Wildcats extended their lead over the Lady Apaches to 24-9 at the break. In the second half, Gonzales attempted to mount a comeback and outscored Yorktown, 24-17, but it wasn't enough to make up for the early 15-point deficit.

The Lady Apaches were scheduled to play at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at home against Sealy and then on the road Friday, Dec. 10, at Mathis.

LADY APACHES COME OUT ON TOP



LEW K. COHN

Niyahna Lowery (1) tries to get past a Sealy defender in the first period of the Lady Apaches' 66-54 home win on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Gonzales zipped out to a 17-6 lead after the first eight minutes of play and never trailed in the contest.



LEW K. COHN

Delaini Seger-Gordon (20) takes the ball to the hoop in traffic against the Sealy Lady Tigers while Kilee Schwausch (5) looks on Tuesday, Dec. 7. Gonzales won big, 66-54, to improve their record to 5-10 overall.

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STEVE FOUNTAIN

Maely Bracamontes looks in at teammate Liz Ramos before putting up a shot against Moulton on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Ladycats drop district debut to Moulton

By STEVE FOUNTAIN
Waelder ISD

The Waelder High School girls basketball team had a tough start to 1A District 30 play, dropping a 56-23 decision to visiting Moulton on Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Both teams started slowly, with Moulton holding a 3-1 lead with 3:47 left in the first period. Moulton surged ahead in the second period, taking a commanding 27-4 lead

into the half. All of Waelder's points came on free throws as the offense struggled to generate good shots, and failed to convert their shot attempts from the field.

It was more of the same in the second half. Moulton led 47-11 after three periods. Susana Yanez scored Waelder's first field goal of the game with 3:55 left in the third.

Waelder (0-1, 1-3) managed to outscore Moulton, 12-9 in the fourth period.

Moulton improved to 10-4 on the year.

Jalissiah Thompson scored nine points for Waelder.

Waelder went 1-2 in non-district play, posted a 48-22 win over Calvert on Nov. 30, while dropping games to Smithville, 42-35, and McMullen County, 67-18.

Thompson led the team with 14 points against Smithville. Against Calvert, Thompson and Maely Bracamontes each scored 12 points.

NIT champs!

Nixon-Smiley wins Nordheim title on last-second bucket

From staff reports

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs — champions of the 2021 Nordheim Invitational Tournament — after scoring the final basket with 2.1 seconds left to defeat the host Nordheim Pirates, 49-48, on Saturday, Dec. 4.

The thrilling victory now has Nixon-Smiley at 5-0 on the season as the team has outscored its opponents by a 318-191 margin. The Mustangs are averaging

more than 63 points per game and allowing just a little more than 38.

Stats from the championship game were not yet available.

"Although there were several outstanding individual performances, it was truly a complete team effort and victory," Mustang Coach Carlton McKinney said. "We would also like to recognize and thank all of the fan support not

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Lady 'Stangs go 2-3 at Karnes City Classic

From staff reports

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs went 2-3 in their five games in three days at the Karnes City Classic tournament last week, running their season record to 7-5.

"Overall, the tournament tested us and put us in some situations that we have not been in yet this season," Lady Mustang Coach Jordan Estrada said. "It was a great experience for us as a team, and will help us tremendously moving forward. Thank you to everyone who came out to support!"

In the opening game on Thursday, Nixon-Smiley took on Skidmore-Tynan. The Lady Mustangs jumped out to a big lead, taking a 19-2 lead in the first period. Despite scoring just 18 points the rest of the game (six in each

of the final three periods), Nixon-Smiley emerged victorious with a 37-35 win.

Mady Velasquez had 14 points to lead the Lady Mustangs, while Greenlee Houseton had nine and Abby Fox had six. Natalee Mendez and Criselle Stansel each had four points.

Their second game of the tourney saw Nixon-Smiley play Blanco, the team which knocked them out of the playoffs last season. A nailbiter, the game continued into overtime after regulation ended in a 43-43 tie, but the Lady Mustangs fell, 50-47, after one OT period.

Houseton had 16 points to lead Nixon-Smiley, while Velasquez and Fox each scored 12 points. Kendall Amaya had five points and Men-

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2021 NIXON-SMILEY FOOTBALL ALL-DISTRICT AWARDS

1ST Team

- Free Safety - Bradyn Martinez - Jr.

2nd Team

- Running Back - George Rodriguez - Jr.
- Offensive Line - Dakota Oneal - Soph.
- Strong End - Holden Canion - Jr.
- Linebacker - Eric Rivas - Sr.
- Linebacker - John Garza - Fresh.
- Defensive Tackle - Christopher Jantes - Soph.

Honorable Mention

- Running Back - Dario Jantes - Sr.
- Running Back - Bradyn Martinez - Jr.
- Defensive Back - Leonard Zamora - Sr.

Academic All-District

- Eric Rivas - Sr.
- Jeremiah Munoz - Sr.
- Martin Moreno - Sr.
- Armando Medel - Sr.
- Sebastian Ortiz - Jr.

- Kevin Zavala - Jr.
- Fernando Mejia - Jr.
- Jose Perez - Jr.
- Holden Canion - Jr.
- Luke Moses - Soph.
- Kade Dixon - Soph.
- Dakota Oneal - Soph.
- Jesus Espino - Soph.
- Derek Maldonado - Soph.
- John Garza - Fresh.
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WILDCAT MURAL



Waelder High School senior Ryan Valdez spear-headed the painting of a Wildcat mural in the school's weight room. He was assisted by fellow students Maely Bracamontes and Xitlaly Hernandez. Others who helped were Juan Macias and Madison Hadnot.
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NIXON-SMILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

On Monday, Dec. 6, the Nixon-Smiley Middle School Lady Mustangs played against Randolph.

In the seventh grade game, the Lady Mustangs came up short, losing 37-20. Leading the way was Grace Gomez with 10 points and Raven Barrera with 4 points. Kourtney Johnson and Jocelyn Vasquez had a number of steals.

In the eighth grade game, the Lady Mustangs won, 13-11. Alize Davila led in scoring with 7 points. Defensively, Sandra Valerio, Tyra Ortiz, Janice White, Josi Ellis and Madison Cisneros pressured Randolph, creating a number of steals and turnovers.

Their next games are Monday, Dec. 13, at rival Stockdale.

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This past weekend, the eighth grade Lady Mustangs took part in 26th annual Nixon-Smiley Lions Club Tournament. They finished the tournament in third place.

In their first game, the Lady Mustangs came up short, losing to Yoakum, 36-13. Leading the way was Alize Davila with 11 points.

In the consolation game, the Lady Mustangs beat Natalia, 28-10. Alize Davila led in scoring with 18 points and Mady Cisneros with 4 points. Defensively, Sandra Valerio, Tyra Ortiz, Janice White, Josi Ellis and Coralee Barillet pressured Natalia, creating a number of steals.

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On Monday, Nov. 29, the seventh and eighth grade Lady Mustangs traveled to Cole to take on the Cougars.

The seventh grade Lady Mustangs came out with a victory, 37-26. They were led by Grace Gomez with 20 points, Kourtney Johnson had 9 points, Raven Barrera contributed 4, while Gabi Limon and Zeanna Croft each chipped in a bucket. Defensively, they were led by Kourtney Johnson and Jocelyn Vasquez with numerous steals and forced turnovers.

In eighth grade action, the Lady Mustangs came up short against Cole, 19-8. Alize Davila contributed 4 points, Dulce Mosqueda had 3 and Cora Barillet had 1 point. Defensively Janice White and Tyra Ortiz lead the way with numerous steal, forced turnovers and rebounds.

GONZALES JR HIGH SPORTS ROUNDUP

7th Grade Boys

On Monday, Dec. 6, the 7th grade B team fell to Navarro, losing 18-8. The offensive player for the game was James Meeh with 4 points. The defensive player of the game was Ayden Hunt with 4 rebounds.

The 7th grade A Boys Basketball team lost to Navarro, 13-12. Keath White led the team in scoring with 6 points. Tyler Griffin and Tommy Barnes each had 3 points. Breailien Jones, the player of the game, led the way on defense.

8th Grade Boys

The 8th grade B team lost to Navarro, 24-5. Leading scorers were Mike Castillo III and Jackson Robinson each scoring two points. Hagan Brown added the last point going 1 for 2 on the free throw line. The Apaches play the Pleasanton Eagles to end a homestand Dec 13.

The Apache 8th grade A team lost to Navarro, 38-22. Leading scorer was Lanom

Rhoades with 8 points adding to the Apache attack was Oren Miller with 6, Brandon Dubose with 4, Travis Malveaux with 3 and ending the scoring Jayden Gonzales added a bucket. The team played with heart and scored the majority of their points in the second half, outscoring Navarro in the last two quarters. The Apaches end their homestand against the Pleasanton Eagles Monday, Dec. 13.

8th Grade Girls

On Monday, Dec. 6, the Lady Apache 8th Grade A Team traveled to Navarro to play their fourth season game. The Lady Apaches played a hard-fought game and took a tough loss with a score of 29-12. Isabella Ikard was the top scorer with 8 points. Hailey Camarillo and Yazmin Barrientos both scored 2 points apiece under the basket. Defensive player of the game was Isabella Ikard. A team's record is now 1-3.

GONZALES SPORTS BRIEFS

Gonzales Little League registration

The Gonzales Little League Baseball registration is still open through Dec. 15 at a cost of \$50 per child. From Dec. 16-31, registration will have a \$25 late fee attached.

For more information, go to <https://clubs.bluesombrero.com/gonzalesll>.

High school softball umpires needed

The Tri-County Softball Umpire Association will hold its first meeting for the

upcoming 2022 High School Softball Season in Hallettsville. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hallettsville ISD Boardroom. Anyone interested in umpiring is strongly encouraged to attend so we can plan for the new season. For more information please call E.L. Moore at 361-293-5160, Robert Klekar at 361-798-6248, or Terry Patek at 361-676-2941. Umpiring is a great way to give back to the great sport of softball and to our local communities.

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dez had two for the Lady Mustangs.

The third contest of the tournament saw Nixon-Smiley return to winning form with a 40-28 victory over Goliad. The Lady Mustangs ended the first period with an 11-9 lead and a 10-4 second period made it 21-13 at the half. In the second half, they outscored Goliad, 19-15.

Velasquez had 13 points to lead Nixon-Smiley, while Houseton had six and Mendez and Madisyne Rice had five. Stansel had four, while Ariel Villaneuva had three and Fox and Deanna Amaya each had two.

The Lady Mustangs lost to McMullen, 42-31, in their fourth game of the tournament. Nixon-Smiley took a 10-5 lead in the first period and still held a 17-15 lead at the break. However, the Lady Mustangs were held to just 14 second-half points while McMullen County put up 27 in the final two periods for a come-from-behind win.

Velasquez and Fox each scored eight points, while Houseton had five. Rice scored four, Mendez had three, Kendall Amaya had two and Deanna Amaya had one.

The final game of the

tournament was a rematch between Nixon-Smiley and a Yorktown squad they beat on the road in the first game of the season. This time around, the Lady Wildcats came out on top with a 40-38 win over the Lady Mustangs.

Velasquez had 12 to lead Nixon-Smiley, while Houseton and Kendall Amaya each had 10. Mendez scored three and Fox had one.

The Lady Mustangs were scheduled to play at home against Kenedy on Tuesday, Dec. 7, and then at the Moulton Invitational Tournament Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 9-11.

SOCCER FRIENDLY



Waelder Middle School coach Austin Johanningmeier recently organized a lunchtime friendly among four teams of 6th graders from the school. The games were part of the soccer program getting underway at the school.

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only in the championship game but throughout the entire tournament. Your support was a huge factor in the success of the team. Thank you again!"

During their first game of the tournament on Thursday, the Mustangs had no problems at all with Runge as they rolled to an 85-26 victory. It may have been Nixon-Smiley's first tournament game this season, but they looked in championship form.

They jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter, 24-10, and never looked back.

After a strong start, the Mustangs went on to shut

down the Runge offense, allowing only just six points in the entire second half.

The Mustangs were led by Dustin Mejia with 19; Bradyn Martinez with 16; Kade Dixon with 11; Holden Canion with 10; Luke Moses with seven; Ruben Bomer with six; Fernando Mejia and David Abundis each with four, and Aiden Flores with three.

The second game on Friday saw Nixon-Smiley take a 51-35 win over the Industrial Cobras. After a tough start, the Mustangs worked their way into a 28-21 halftime lead. They

dominated the second half defensively only giving up six points in the third quarter and eight points in the fourth.

The leading scorers for the Mustangs included Dustin Mejia and Bradyn Martinez with 14 each; Luke Moses with eight; David Abundis with seven; Jeremiah Munoz with six; and Holden Canion with two.

The Mustangs were scheduled to travel to Bloomington to take on the Bobcats on Tuesday, Dec. 7, and then go to the Moulton Invitational Tournament on Thursday and Friday.

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Nixon-Smiley Middle School invites families to campus for a fun Family Night with holiday themed decorations, snacks, games and prizes.

Nixon-Smiley welcomes families with Family Night open house

By LIZ ADAMS
Gonzales Inquirer

“Here’s an easy one! What’s four times seven?” Eighth grade science teacher Michael Billings listened as dozens of students called out the answer to the multiplication question that would earn them a bingo square. “Okay, this one is a little tougher,” said Billings, asking the group, “What’s six times nine?”

Math bingo was only one of the activities fifth to eighth grade students and their families found when they entered the Nixon-Smiley Middle School classrooms on Tuesday evening for Family Night open house. Christmas themed snacks and punch were served while families made their way from one classroom to the next.

Students from all grade levels sat together to construct Christmas trees out of spaghetti and gumdrops. At the next stop, they made Christmas ornaments. Students who followed the candy path to participate in all of the classrooms were invited to enter a drawing for a prize.

Assistant principal Brittany Rogers said, “we haven’t been able to have a lot of things we normally have like Thanksgiving lunch with all of our families so this has been really the first time that we’ve been able to welcome our families into school.”

Rogers explained that most of the teachers were volunteering after hours to help out with the event.

“It’s been a team effort,” said Rogers, adding, “we also have student organizations here. We have National Junior Honor Society, student council, junior historians and No Place for Hate.”

Texas History teacher and coach Jonathan Miller chatted with students about the origins of the Santa Claus story and how ideas evolved about Santa after European immigrants brought their traditions with them to the United States. Parents of students with younger



Students make Christmas ornaments at Nixon-Smiley Middle School.

or older siblings were able to bring the whole family along for treats and games. Sixth grade student Summer Henderson said she liked the Christmas lights.

Instructional Facilitator Melissa Baethge said her favorite part of the event was decorating cookies. She

liked the Polar Express activity, as well.

Counselor Darby Clardy, who has been with the district for six years and helped plan the activities with Baethge said the best part of the event was bringing the families together.



History Teacher Jonathan Miller points at the map to show students where Santa stories originated.

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Farmers, ranchers establish policy goals at annual TFB meeting

Special to The Inquirer

Texas farmers and ranchers established policy to help guide the agricultural advocacy efforts of Texas Farm Bureau (TFB), the state’s largest general farm and ranch organization.

Policies regarding livestock, private property rights and foreign ownership of agricultural land were among the policies approved by the nearly 700 voting delegates gathered at the organization’s 88th annual meeting’s business session Dec. 5 in Corpus Christi.

“Our business session provides Farm Bureau leaders from across the state an opportunity to set the policy goals of the organization for the coming year,” said TFB President Russell Boening, who was re-elected TFB president at the conclusion of the business session. Boening was first elected president of the organization in Dec. 2014.

Delegates approved several resolutions related to animal welfare. They supported a resolution that would require livestock health evaluation training for animal control and law enforcement personnel.

Delegates supported a resolution that would establish an assistance program for full or partial reimbursement to landowners for property damages due to illegal bailouts and chases.

Other resolutions approved by delegates pertained to eminent domain. Delegates supported requirements for companies with easements to install and maintain erosion control methods where the easement crosses a stream, creek, river or other erosion-prone areas identified by the property owner. Delegates also supported a resolution that opposes the use of eminent domain to acquire private property for renewable energy projects.

Farm Bureau leaders approved policy supporting financial compensation to farmers, ranchers and individuals for contamination of groundwater wells, surface water for nearby farms, livestock and irrigation water sources in a farm or ranch is adversely impacted by hazardous or toxic waste.

State resolutions adopted at the TFB annual meeting become policies that guide the organization in 2022. National resolutions adopted by the voting delegates are sent to the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) for consideration in its resolutions process.

In other action, Pat McDowell of Wheeler County, Mark Daniel of Baylor County, Kevin Wilkerson of Van Zandt County, Sam Snyder of Callahan-Shackelford County, John Griffith of Cherokee County and Allen Kaminski of Austin County were re-elected to two-year terms on the state board of directors.

For more information, visit <https://texasfarmbureau.org>.



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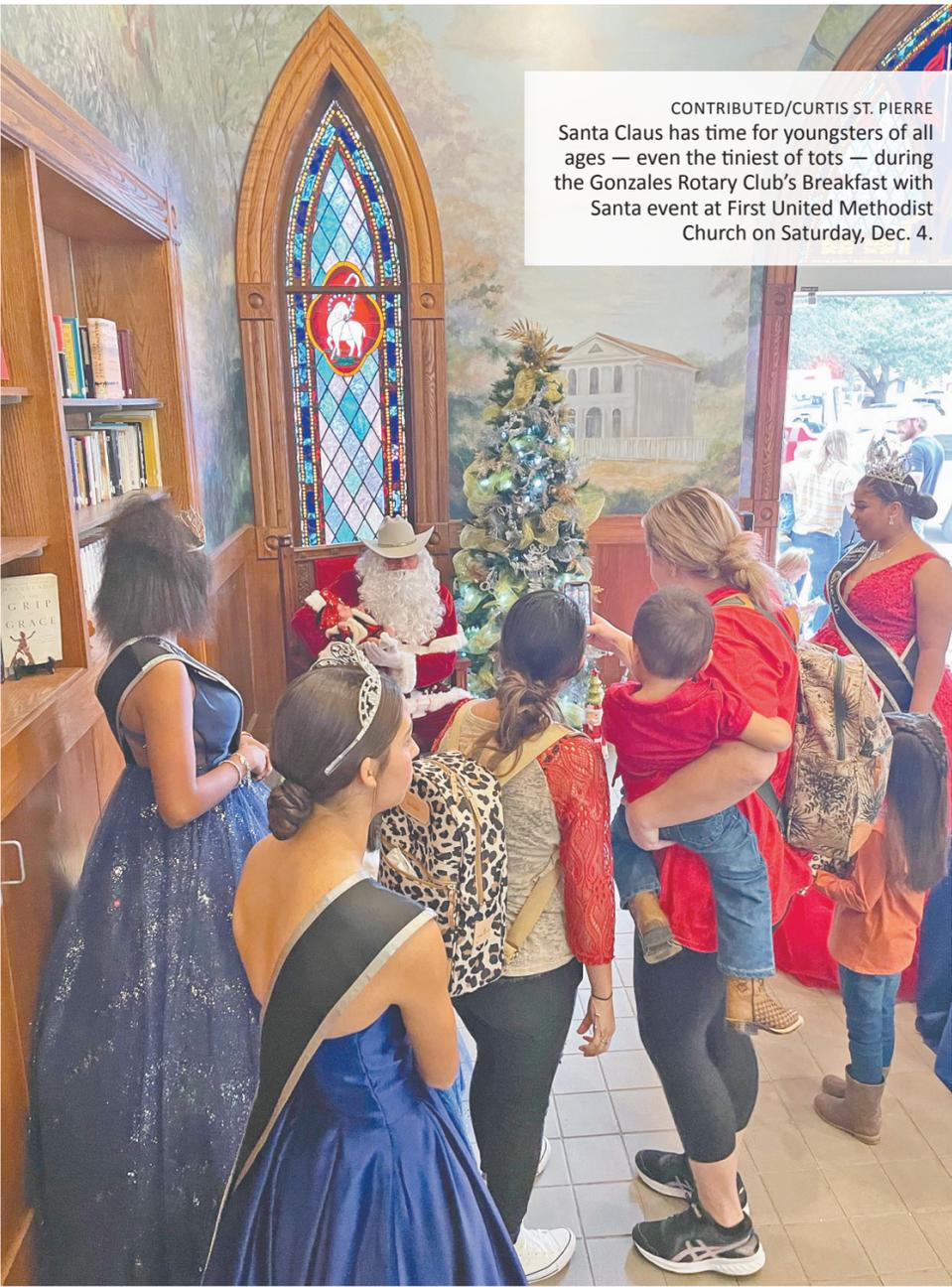
Eric Peterson directs Concerto de Coro de Navidad choir performance accompanied by Amy Williams Saturday afternoon.



Twirlers march in lighted parade in downtown Gonzales.



A giant inflatable snow globe is the place to jump, dance and play on the downtown square during Winterfest weekend.



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Santa Claus has time for youngsters of all ages — even the tiniest of tots — during the Gonzales Rotary Club's Breakfast with Santa event at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, Dec. 4.



Miss Teen International Texas Belen Leon waves to parade-goers as downtown fills with music and Christmas lights for Winterfest.



Brandi Behlen provides live outdoor music for Winterfest.

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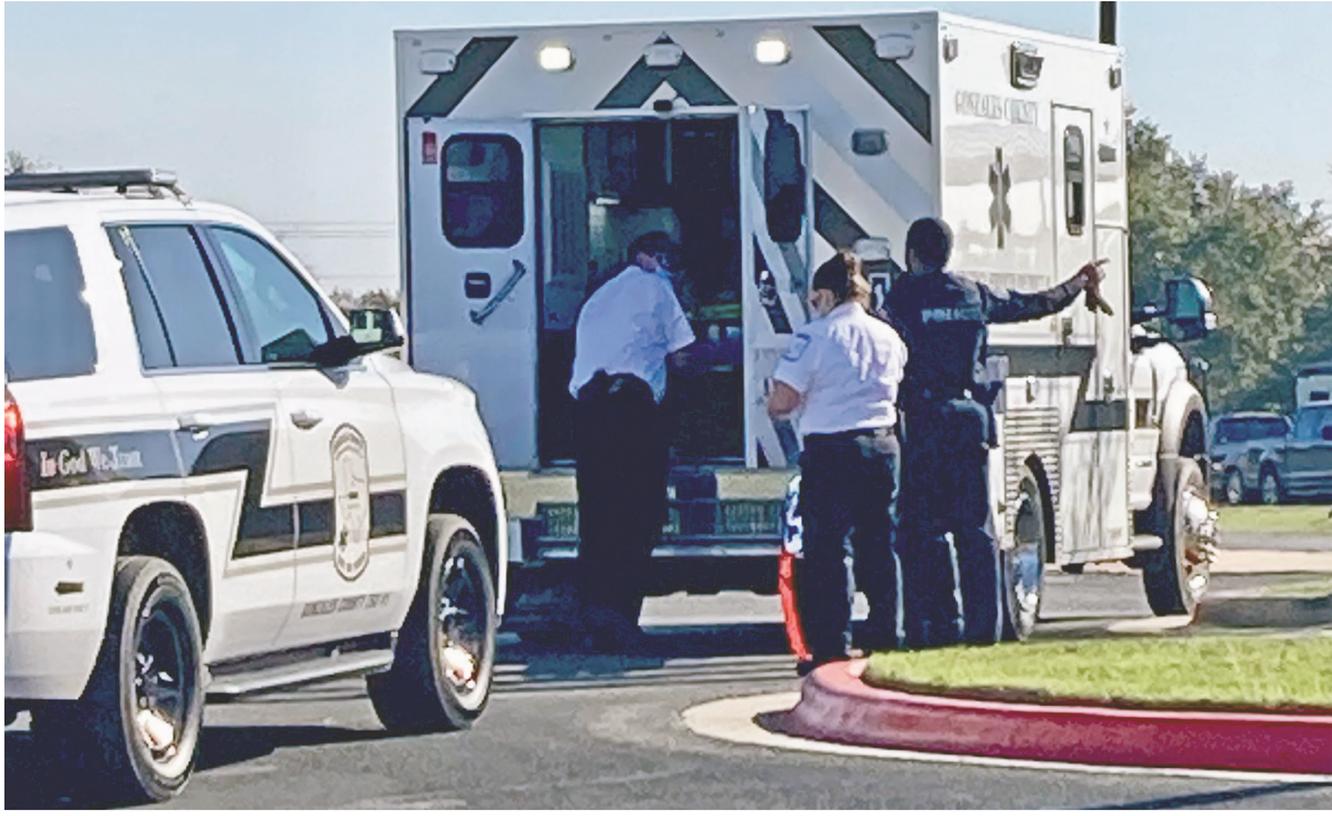
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forward to working with those on council, and even more so, to working with the residents of District 4 as well as all community members.

“I am grateful to be able to serve, to help, and to represent the community as a team. My goal is to work together and make decisions with you instead of for you.”

I want to thank everyone for their support during this special election process,” Blakemore said. “Three elections in 12 months for the same seat required dedication from candidates and citizens alike.

“My platform was ‘Gonzales First.’ That was the focus throughout the campaign and will remain the focus. The voters have chosen, so the need now is to support our elected officials and continue to keep ‘Gonzales First.’”



An active shooter drill takes place outside the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Emergency Room.

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that had happened during Winterfest, but she did not know who had initiated the complaint.

“I thought we had what was, for the most part, a very successful Winterfest event that was exponentially larger than any others we have held and it made a little money back for the Main Street Program,” Reiley said. “It was very chaotic as an event this large can be whenever there are a lot of volunteers and you have to be in more than one place at once as the person who knows what is going on. But this was a very good event.

“I was told the Lions’ CASI Chili Cookoff was the largest they have had. We had a great turnout for the Grinch movie on Friday and the parade went super smooth and Dan Blakemore was gracious and kind to play Santa for us. We even added a car show on Sunday that was really neat.”

Reiley, a Gonzales High School graduate, was hired by the city after four years as the administrative assistant for the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture. She said she is not sure what job she will seek next, but said “this may be a good time to do some ‘spring cleaning’ to get my house in order and then we will see what God has in store for me next.”

Gonzales Mayor Connie L. Kacir confirmed Reiley was no longer an employee of the city and was complimentary of her work in the Main Street program.

“Liz Riley was a lovely addition to our team,” Kacir said. “We were honored to have worked together during her employment tenure with the City of Gonzales. We wish her much success in seeking future career opportunities.

“I do not have any further comment regarding personnel matters,” Kacir added.

DRILL

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minutes, the simulated threat was diffused. Emergency Room Supervisor Cerena Michalec informed the public that the incident was only a drill and that there was no danger.

Hospitals, schools, businesses and organizations have ramped up these drills in recent years due to an increase in violent incidents that have taken place in settings where hazards and vulnerability pose greater risks and challenges.

Since these situations can arise spontaneously or with the specific intention to do harm, school and hospital employees have taken required emergency preparedness training and continue taking on more responsibility for knowing what to do should they ever face a real threat.

In similar exercises, hospital staff have rehearsed scenarios in which the shooter fires on patients in a waiting room in order to ex-

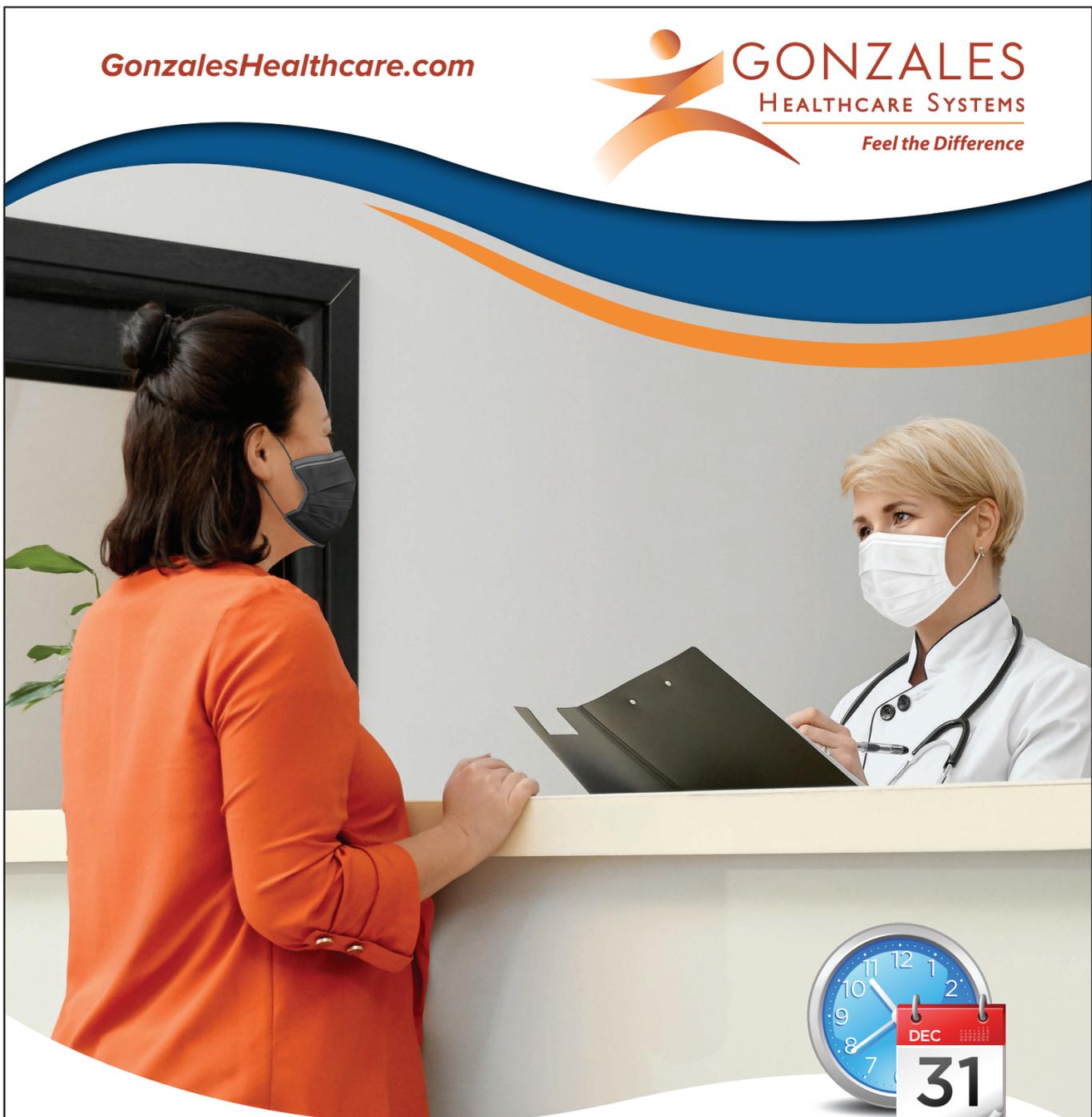
pose those employees in any role to the things they might hear or see in an active shooter situation and give them opportunities to practice staying alert, locating the building’s exits and knowing when to run, hide or fight.

“It’s repetition and training for the officers and it allows them to get familiar with the layout of the campus. This gives them the opportunity to find out where the exits are, especially for new of-

ficers. Students doing drills get the chance to learn what to do in case something were to happen at school,” said Gonzales County Emergency Management Coordinator Jimmy Harless.

Although staff members, patients, students, and community members have sometimes found emergency drills frightening, sensible training has been proven to save lives.

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