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GONZALES COUNTY

## Fire danger increases as drought index rises

**BY LEW K. COHN**  
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County emergency officials are warning residents to “try not to burn unless absolutely necessary” as the county’s drought index rises and there is “no foreseeable rain in the immediate future.”

County Emergency Management Director and Fire Marshal Jimmy Harless said county fire departments and state agencies had their hands full battling a brush fire Monday, July 17, near

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COURTESY/NIXON FIRE AND RESCUE

Hay bales on a truck caught fire on Texas 80 south of Nixon, causing traffic to be diverted for some time on Monday, July 17. Area firefighters have been busy battling a number of fires as hot and dry weather has created dangerous conditions in Gonzales County.

## Lynn Theater talks continue with Gonzales City Council

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

The future of the Lynn Theatre as a topic of conversation returned to the Gonzales City Council in a packed Thursday, July 13 meeting at City Hall.

The theater was put back onto the market in May 2023. Gonzales Economic Development Board president Ken Morrow said to Gonzales Inquirer in the May 15 issue that he received a brief email from a representative of the original purchasers, Christi Ortman Fullilove, stating that Sydney Allen and Devon Warzecha no longer wished to purchase the theater building from the GEDC and the city of Gonzales.

The Durham Brothers group once again have been given another shot to purchase the theater under the group name Hub City Revitalization LLC.

“David and I love going to movies. I’m sure there’s tons of people here in the audience that love movies and love going to see that experience,” Doug Durham said.

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Above: Guy Lahav, Kenadee Barnett, Kena May, Jessica Barnett, Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Miguel Moreno, Kylee Bairrington, and Haley Bairrington pass out school supplies for the inaugural Gonzales School Supply Drive and Giveaway at the Edwards Community Center Saturday, July 15. Below: Karson Smith holds up his bag of school supplies that he got from the giveaway.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

## Gonzales community hands out school supplies

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

The new school year is around the corner for many children in Gonzales, but they’ll not return to school empty-handed.

Families gathered at the Ed-

wards Community Center for the inaugural Gonzales School Supply Drive and Giveaway Saturday, July 15.

Three-hundred bags of school supplies were distributed to students of Gonzales

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## Sales tax allocations grow modestly for Gonzales

Nixon sees bump from sales during Feather Fest

**BY LEW K. COHN**  
Inquirer Publisher

Sales tax allocations for the city of Gonzales saw modest growth this month, rebounding from last month’s drop.

Meanwhile, the city of Nixon received a healthy bump in sales tax that could be attributable to their Feather Fest on Cinco de Mayo held in May while Waelder is now within \$4,000 of

See **SALES TAX**, page 16

## New Gonzales Fire Station in the works

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Fire Department are planning to have a second fire station in the near future.

The plans for a new station were presented at the Thursday, July 13 Gonzales City Council meeting.

Ray Holliday and Sarah Fletcher of BRW Architects showed off different locations and designs where the potential fire station would be located.

BRW was brought into Gonzales in 2021 to do a study about the “possible second fire

station,” Holliday said.

“We finally got contracted in spring of 2022 and did the study in the spring and took it into the fall and worked closely with Chief [Wade] Zella,” Holliday continued.

BWR has been in business for 39 years and has designed 352 fire stations in the last 23 years, Holliday said.

The Gonzales Fire Department was founded in 1884 and the current station was founded in 1908; the station went through two different remodels in 1918 and 1958,

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VANDY VAN EPPS

Gonzales Mayor Steve Sucher walks back into the city council chamber from a closed session meeting regarding the Lynn Theater Thursday, July 13.

## Area health organizations gather for COPE meeting

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

Health organizations gathered at Gonzales Community Health Center Tuesday, July

18 for a proposed project.

Debbie Marshall, of Community Health Centers of South Central Texas, had a vision to combine and utilize health resources from Gonzales and the surrounding area.

“Back in December 2022, I wanted to find a way to pull all the resources together that all of us in the community always worked so

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# Pilot Club of Gonzales earns international recognition

**BY VANDY VAN EPPS**  
Gonzales Inquirer

The Pilot Club of Gonzales continues to show growth within the community, so they have received international recognition for their efforts.

The club received the Outstanding Growth Award from Pilot Club International Saturday, July 1 at their convention in Bellevue, Wash.

Linda Vaclavik, the president of Pilot Club of Gonzales, said the club grew 93 percent from last year and had more growth

than any other Pilot Club nationwide.

Vaclavik credits the club's growth to the new young members that have joined.

"We started getting some younger members in the club from the Gonzales community. And they in turn, either worked or knew other people that would have liked to be a member of Pilot. And they brought them to the meetings as guests, and they decided to join us," Vaclavik said.

Most of the new members are in their 20s and 30s, Va-

clavik added.

The Pilot Club of Gonzales has been showing its presence in the community, including being part of the community school supply drive headed up by the Edwards Association.

"It's vitally important to have our people out there, the Pilots out there, wearing our shirts and name badges so that we get the recognition that we are involved with many things in the community," Vaclavik said.

The Pilot Club of Gonzales was founded in 1973 and recently celebrated its 50th

anniversary of the founding of the club.

The mission of the Pilot Club is to improve life in the community with friendship and service.

"Our focus is to bring awareness and support for those with brain-related disorders and traumatic brain injuries," Vaclavik said. "So we have a presence in the schools with working with the special education departments and special needs as well as we're a major supporter of the Texas Traumatic Brain Injury Association."

Vaclavik said the Pilot Club of Gonzales will continue to be a presence within Gonzales by word of mouth.

Their presence on social media has helped the club growth, Vaclavik added, and posting pictures of them serving community will help get more people to join.

"We're going to continue with that with talking it up to everyone [on social media]. And we're ready for this year. We've got three new members in July, so we're off to a good start again," Vaclavik said.

## Bethany Community of Hope plans reunion

**SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER**

Bethany Community of Hope began with a ministry to women in 2010 called Christian Women's Job Corps, which taught women life skills such as personal development, financial management, nutrition, as well as a daily Bible study, and computer skills class.

The women seen in the photo were instrumental in getting it organized as well as providing a home to work from, the former Episcopal rectory which was renamed Bethany House. It was active there until 2016, when the organization founded a transitional home for women in recovery from drugs, alcohol, prison, and other life altering experiences. They sponsored four residents at a time in a small home on St. Paul Street, which they named Stella's House, after Sherry Poe's grandmother and granddaughter.

The women were able to focus on their recovery by becoming active in the recovery communities in the area as well as finding work and paying fines, saving money, furthering their education, and restoring family relationships. They were in that home until October 2020, when they found themselves in need of another



CONTRIBUTED

Some of the original members of the Bethany Community of Hope Women's Ministry are, from left, Kris McLain, Candice Witkowski, Dawn McMillon, Marilyn Price, Perri Bell, Sherry Poe, Connie Behrend, Connie Kridler, Marian Hays, April Whitescarver, Debbie Ruddock, Julie Winton and Weldene Robinson.

place from which to operate quite suddenly. They were offered a stand-alone brick building close to downtown which had housed the WIC offices years ago.

They turned the offices into bedrooms, of which they now have five for four residents and one house manager. They call this place Stella's Refuge, as it certainly provides a safe and secure place for the women to continue in their recovery program, develop healthy relationships, and to find

their place in society and began their journey back to a productive life.

It is a great honor to minister and serve in this area and as volunteers, they can say it is more a blessing to them than it is to those who stay with them. They learn from each of the women who come through the doors and enjoy getting to know them in a special way.

So, in honor of all those who worked as volunteers, those who donated, and for the resident women themselves, they

are hosting a reunion for all who have been with the organization from 2012-2023 on Saturday, July 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Gonzales Episcopal Fellowship. Participants will enjoy a slide show, and testimonies from many participants, as well as have a light finger food lunch. If you were there during those years of 2010-2023, please drop by. They consider it an honor to know each of you. For more info, please call Sherry Poe, 830-857-4960.

## June water level reports show recovery from year-long drought

**BY CLAYTON KELLEY**  
For the Inquirer

Reports from the Gonzales Underground Water Conservation District July 11 meeting shows improvements in water levels for the first time in a year.

"The June water level reports were great. We actually recovered from the drought of last year and we're seeing numbers that are comparable to 2021 and 2022," GUWCD general manager Laura Martin said.

Water levels were collected from a total of 187 observation wells, including 78 in the Carrizo Aquifer, 11 from Wilcox Aquifer, 27 from Queen City Aquifer, 18 from Sparta Aquifer, and 48 from Yegua-Jackson Aquifer.

A drawdown map shows a concentrated area of drawdown approximately 20 to 30 feet on the northeastern side of the district between Gonzales and Wealden.

On the southwestern side, the district map shows a concentrated area of drawdown of about 70 feet centered between the San Antonio Water Systems well field and the Schertz-Seguin Local Government Corporation and the Canyon Regional Water Authority well fields.

### 25TH DISTRICT COURT SENTENCINGS

The following sentences were handed down by 25th District Court Judge William Old III during a July 7 hearing:

- Kenneth Berry, failure to comply with sex offender registration, three years Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division with 164 days credit.
- Anthony Gutierrez, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance, dismissed.
- Tamia Lee, possession of a controlled substance, taken off docket and placed in pre-trial diversionary program.
- Juan Mejia-Arenas, smuggling of persons, two years in TDCJ-ID with 210 days credit.

- Luis Sosa-Chinnchilla, smuggling of persons (waived), plea guilty to count two of money laundering, six months state jail facility with 171 days credit.
- Pedro Valdez Jr., driving while intoxicated, five years in TDCJ-ID with 304 days credit.
- Norman Wooley, manufacture of a controlled substance, dismissed.
- Juan Daniel Martinez, evading arrest with a vehicle, five years TDCJ-ID with 86 days credit.
- Laura Perez, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, 10 years TDCJ-ID with 469 days credit; possession of a controlled substance, two years state jail with 471 days credit.

- James Jordan, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, eight months state jail and 253 days credit. Bond revocations, reinstatements
- Isabel Hernandez, theft of property, late, taken into custody, Kurt Hopke appointed.
- Orlando Silva-Alvarez, smuggling of persons, new bond set \$20,000 cash.
- Christopher Henson, possession of a controlled substance, unauthorized use of a vehicle, bonds reinstated.
- Randy Ramirez, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, aggravated kidnapping, taken to jail.
- Gabriel Juarez-Castruita, assault family violence, new bond set at \$50,000 cash.

## Guadalupe, Gonzales County HD44 GOP exploratory meeting set

**SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER**

House District 44 voters are invited to participate and share their ideas at the Texas HD44 Exploratory Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Rudy's BBQ, 15560 IH 35 N (access road) in Schertz/Selma.

Come early to eat and socialize with friends. The purpose of this meeting is to ask questions of the candidates and determine which Republican candidate to run in the 2024 primary election opposing current state Rep. John Kuempel and to determine methods and sources of campaign funding for the candidate. Filing dates open on Nov 11, 2023 and close on Dec 11, 2023.

This is a grassroots committee, not part of any political party. The hope is to elect the best candidate who shares conservative values, supports the Republican Party of Texas platform and will work to pass the RPT legislative priorities.

Questions may be directed to TxHD44EC@gmail.com.

### Celebrations Birthdays

<b>July 20th</b> Nicole Boehm	Natalie Horner
<b>July 21st</b> Haley Boatright Stephanie Fehner Rebeka Morgan Floyd Toliver	<b>July 24th</b> Mona Bivins Robert Guerra Leticia Musick Annette Philippus Gene Tieken
<b>July 22nd</b> Amber Breitschopf Case Johnson Gloria Medellin	<b>July 25th</b> Ian Riker Kelly Stewart
<b>July 23rd</b> Sheila Hilt	<b>July 26th</b> Jose Contreras Kristien Kotzebue Imogene Rainey Kelly Rathmann

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	<b>July 20</b> 103°/75°	Plenty of sun, hot and less humid 8% chance of rain • RealFeel 105
	<b>July 21</b> 102°/76°	Sunny and very warm 20% chance of rain • RealFeel 106
	<b>July 22</b> 103°/77°	Hot with plenty of sunshine 5% chance of rain • RealFeel 105
	<b>July 23</b> 101°/76°	Mostly sunny and very warm with a thunderstorm in parts of the area 42% chance of rain • RealFeel 104
	<b>July 24</b> 100°/77°	Partly sunny and very warm with a thunderstorm in parts of the area 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 101
	<b>July 25</b> 97°/75°	Mostly cloudy, very warm and humid 25% Chance of rain • RealFeel 96
	<b>July 26</b> 98°/77°	Very warm with plenty of sunshine 20% chance of rain • RealFeel 107

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## Milk prices slump despite summer demand bump

### SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Summer demand for ice cream and other dairy-based cold treats has historically contributed to higher milk prices for producers, but that has not been the case so far in 2023, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Rising temperatures typically deliver the one-two price punch of higher demand and reduced production going into the dog days of summer, but dairies are currently producing a glut of milk. As a result, retail prices for an array of dairy-based products, including cheese and ice cream, remain high while producers are seeing low prices for raw milk.

Jennifer Spencer, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension dairy specialist, Stephenville, said milk prices were historically high for producers in 2022. Prices per hundredweight ranged between \$23-\$25 for most of the year and peaked at \$25.87 in June and July last year.

However, prices per hundredweight have steadily declined this year and were \$17.32 per hundredweight in the most recent U.S. Department of Agriculture report, she said. Hundred-weight prices for producers were around \$15 in 2020 and \$17 by June 2021 as the pandemic interrupted typical demand, including cheese and butter for restaurants and carton milk for schools.

See MILK, page 15

## Garden Q&A

with CALVIN FINCH



**Q. Our Arizona ash is 40 years old and has slits in the bark on one side of the tree that drips a very sticky sap onto our front step. Do you know what it is and how to treat it?**

A. It sounds like the bacterial disease called "slime flux" or "wet wood". It infects a number of tree species including ash and elm. The infected sap that emerges from the cracks has an unpleasant smell and is sticky. The treatment has involved drilling a hole at an upward angle into the infection area and then placing a tube in the hole so the slime that is under pressure in the tree can flow out. In my experience, however it is usually best just to let the tree, especially a 40-year-old Arizona ash just drip

## Controlling sand burs, taking okra back from fire ants, and more

the material out every year.

It usually only flows until summer each year. If the infected tree is old like the ash you described, and or close to the house or vehicles, call in the arborist to assess its danger.

**Q. The sand burs are all over our yard. What can we do to control them?**

A. It is too late to provide much control this late in the summer but try to drag a piece of carpet over the lawn area so the stickers will accumulate on the rug piece instead of your pets. Next year on March 1 and then again about June 15 apply one of the preemergent herbicides for grassy weeds such as "Crew" or "Dimension" to prevent the sand bur germination. Follow the label directions.

**Q. Our okra is still producing pods, but it is getting more difficult to harvest them because of the fire ants. It appears they are eating the aphids and even the immature flowers and pods! Is**

that possible? What should we do to take our okra back?

A. Fire ants have a long history of herding aphids and eating immature okra blooms and fruit. You can wash them off with water pressure when you are ready to harvest but I think it works best to use an insecticide with Spinosad as the active ingredient and labeled for control of ants in the vegetable garden.

**Q. My Dreamland zinnias that I planted last spring dropped most of their seed and new plants have germinated. They have already begun to set flower buds. Is there enough time left in the growing season to let them finish their development and bloom?**

A. Absolutely, they often last until Thanksgiving, which is another 4.5 months of flowers for cutting, nectar for butterflies and hummingbirds and more seed for the cardinals and lesser goldfinches. Zinnia are an amazing plant.

## LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

### GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

July 15th

Cattle – 1637

Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold steady. Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 300-305; 300-400 lbs., 295-298; 400-500 lbs., 255-285; 500-600 lbs., 230-245; 600-700 lbs., 215-225; 700-800 lbs., 206-212. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 95-145.

Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 265-285; 300-400 lbs., 242-260; 400-500 lbs., 230-235; 500-600 lbs., 215-224; 600-700 lbs., 195-210.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 82-90; Cutters, 94-109; Canners, 52-77; High yielding fat cows, 91-102.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 121-130; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 100-115.

Stocker Cows: \$750 to \$1,700. Pairs: \$1,100 to \$1,800.

### NIXON LIVESTOCK

July 10th

Cattle – 1835

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$230-240-360  
300-400 lbs - \$241-251-310  
400-500 lbs - \$222-232-295  
500-600 lbs - \$210-220-268  
600-700 lbs - \$197-207-240

700-800 lbs - \$184-194-226

Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$213-223-295  
300-400 lbs - \$215-225-290  
400-500 lbs - \$198-208-253  
500-600 lbs - \$192-202-256  
600-700 lbs - \$185-195-224  
700-800 lbs - \$174-184-197  
Slaughter Cows - \$36-104  
Slaughter Bulls - \$86-130  
Stocker Cows - \$650-1100  
Pairs: \$1295-1360

### HALLETTVILLE LIVESTOCK COMMISSION CO., INC.

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Cattle on hand: 2302

Packer Cows: Canner and Cutter Cows: \$78-107

Utility & Fat Cows: \$75-100

Light Weight Canner Cows: \$55-83

Pair/Weak: \$48-60

Packer Bulls: Heavyweight Bulls: \$116-126

Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$105-118

Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$98-110

Stocker Cows: Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: NONE

Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1100-1500

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: NONE

Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves: Under 200 lbs.: \$230-300

200-300 lbs.: \$240-310

300-400 lbs.: \$235-300

400-500 lbs.: \$225-275

500-600 lbs.: \$220-275

600-700 lbs.: \$205-240

700-800 lbs.: \$185-236

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs: \$210-300

200-300 lbs.: \$220-275

300-400 lbs.: \$210-280

400-500 lbs.: \$215-275

500-600 lbs.: \$200-255

600-700 lbs.: \$190-225

700-800 lbs.: \$175-215

Replacement Heifers: 350-700 lbs.: \$230-85

The calf market was much higher this week. Calves in all weight brackets sold \$6 to \$10 higher with heavier weight steers as much as \$15 higher. Packer cows & bulls sold \$2 to \$3 higher on a total of 300 head.

### SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

July 12

Market very active on all classes. Stocker cattle steady with packer cows & bulls 2-5 better.

Cattle - 985

Sheep & goats – 1241

Medium & large frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb. .70-1.92-3.07

300-400 lb. .70-2.22-2.95

400-500 lb. .20-1.89-2.64

500-600 lb. .50-1.67-2.60

600-700 lb. .65-1.74-2.35

700-850 lb. .70-1.29-2.01

Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:

200-300 lb. 1.00-1.77-2.72

300-400 lb. .40-2.01-2.76

400-500 lb. .50-2.05-2.57

500-600 lb. .50-1.82-2.31

600-750 lb. .65-1.79-2.12

Cows:

Utility & commercial – 80-96-112

Cutters – 63-71-80

Cannors – 61-65-69

Palpated cows (young) – None

Cow/Calf Pairs – 500-1600

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding – 1.10-1.28

Light & Low Yielding – .73-1.09

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies – 65-300

Kid Goats (Fat) – 2.80-3.57

Wethers -1.29-3.40

Billies – 1.05-2.10

Dorp. Ewes – 45-125

Dorp. Lambs (Fat) – 1.80-2.30

Wooled Ewes – 90-110

Wooled Bucks – .87-1.50

Lambs – 1.65-1.95

Barb. Bucks – 1.75-3.40

### CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

July 14, 2023

Number of head 1,895

There were 234 cows and 29 bulls. The packer market on cows and bulls drifted a little higher with top packer bull at \$135/cwt while top packer cow was at \$109.00. Both were two dollars higher than last week's tops.

The calf market was strong and consistent with the levels of last week. Demand was very active across the board. Overall the average calf was same with 19 pounds more weight but a lower by \$8/cwt average price.

Packer bulls: 110.00-135.00

Packer cows: canners & cutters 91.00-109.00

poor & weak 30.00-50.00

Palpated: 33 BRED 110.00-146.00

PAIRS: 20 \$975-\$1,975

Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. NONE

200-249 lbs. 271.00-310.00

250-299 lbs. 227.00-288.00

300-350 lbs. 239.00-302.00

350-400 lbs. 238.00-280.00

400-450 lbs. 212.00-259.00

450-500 lbs. 232.00-270.00

500-550 lbs. 220.00-252.00

550-600 lbs. 221.00-266.00

600-700 lbs. 210.00-236.00

700-800 lbs. 207.00-217.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs 251.00-304.00

250-300 lbs. 243.00-288.00

300-350 lbs. 221.00-290.00

350-400 lbs. 225.00-280.00

400-450 lbs. 225.00-260.00

450-500 lbs. 225.00-256.00

500-550 lbs. 217.00-247.00

550-600 lbs. 216.00-245.00

600-700 lbs. 202.00-244.00

Over 700 lbs. 196.00-215.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

under 200 lbs. 226.00-280.00

200-250 lbs. 185.00-264.00

250-300 lbs. 211.00-285.00

300-350 lbs. 202.00-285.00

350-400 lbs. 210.00-250.00

400-450 lbs. 208.00-254.00=> replacement

450-500 lbs. 201.00-248.00

500-550 lbs. 208.00-260.00=> replacement

550-600 lbs. 202.00-228.00

Over 700 lbs. 175.00-217.00

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Dear Editor,**  
Wait? What?

The city of Gonzales is going to spend eight million dollars to build a new fire station?

It appears there are some ventilation issues at the current fire station affecting the city firefighters and there seems to be a need for separate male-female bathrooms because we have female firefighters. These are legitimate concerns, but shouldn't they be addressed for less than eight million dollars?

The current downtown fire station was renovated in the early 1950s (I was at the ribbon cutting) and was altered several times since. Surely a few more alterations would not damage the integrity of this valuable structure and would not cost eight million dollars! By the way, where does the city plan to get the eight million dollars?

What about the proposed location of Fire Station No. 2 (That is what the city calls it)? Apparently, the desired location is on the far reaches of East Avenue, adjacent to the existing city water stand pipe (water tower). Is the proposed site in the city limits? Probably not important that a fire station be in the town it serves.

However, it is strange that it would be located in a residential area and across the road from a nursing home. The residents of the nursing home will certainly enjoy the roar of the fire trucks, the sirens and the clanging bells at various times of the day and night.

I think the city should modify the existing fire station to provide a healthy work environment for our firefighters. We do not need Fire Station No. 2. Oh, did I say it would cost eight million dollars?

Thank you.

**Bob Burchard**  
Gonzales, Texas

**Dear Editor,**

In the July 13 edition of the Gonzales Inquirer, a story headlined "Deputies seize handgun, detain illegal immigrants after pursuit" was published. The story then begins with "An illegal immigrant has been booked..."

As you know, words matter. And the AP has long changed its style-book, dropping the term "illegal immigrant." In 2013, the AP told users that illegal should describe only an action. Not a person. And using illegal immigrant to describe a person is dehumanizing, and the AP even argued it was linguistically inaccurate.

In future stories, at the very least, please refer back to the AP Style-book. An award-winning newspaper should not be ignoring the low bar of following these basic standards.

**Jose Torres**  
Austin, Texas

## Letters to the Editor Policy

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

Letters must either be about Gonzales County, from a resident of Gonzales County, or in response to a story that appears in print or online in The Inquirer.

Examples of content that will cause letters to be rejected include the following:

- Confusing or unclear points.
- Crude language.
- Poor taste.
- Disrespectful comments regarding a group's or individual's ethnicity, gender, religion, culture, sexual orientation or race.
- Other incendiary language or remarks.
- Endorsements for or complaints about individually named commercial products or services.

- Poetry.
- Personal attacks.
- "Thank You" letters that go beyond general thanks to the community; attempt to serve as an advertisement for a company, individual or political party; or is submitted in lieu of a paid "Thank You" advertisement.

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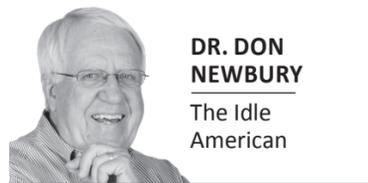
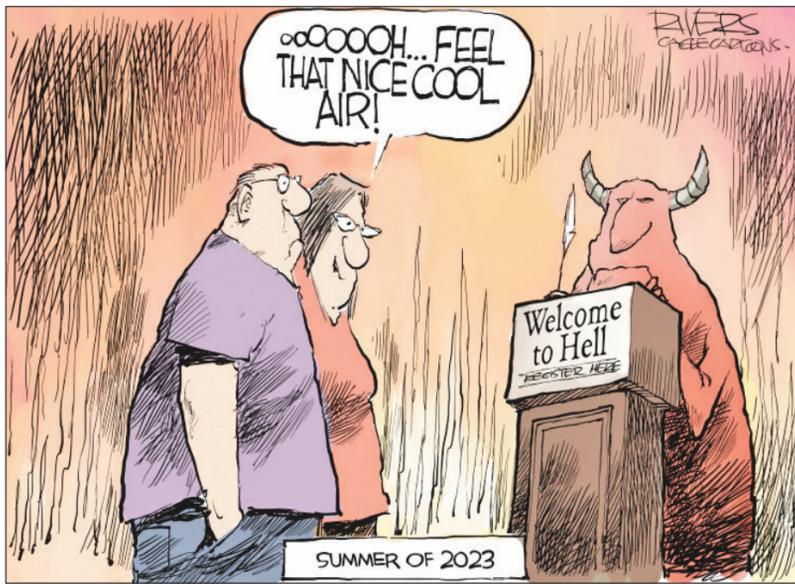
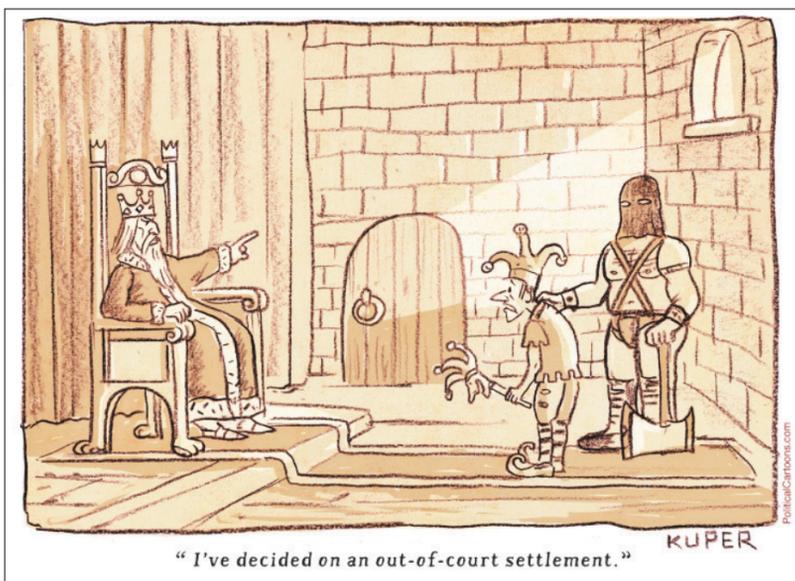
Only letters written exclusively to the newspaper will be published. Letters to a third party or those written to more than one newspaper are not accepted. "Wallpaper" – submissions that are in large part copied-and-pasted from another author or organization – will not be published.

Letters written in response to other letter writers should address the issue at hand. Discourse should be civil and people should be referred to in a respectful manner. Letters referring to news stories should also mention the headline and date of publication.

All letters must be signed and include the writer's street address or route address telephone number, which will be used for verification purposes only.

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**DR. DON NEWBURY**  
The Idle American

## A good deed gone wrong...

As productivity lessens in later life, one is sometimes guilty of over-analysis, probing the depths of understanding too far.

Been there lately? If not, maybe you're not old enough, or perhaps you've learned to downplay interest in the "I-wonder-whys" of life.

This week, my route to productive missions was sidetracked by a proverb dating back 900 years and a Portuguese custom which faded from practice some 300 years ago....

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I will deal with each topic forthwith, hopeful that you'll choose other pursuits if neither of them piques your interest.

First, the proverb: "No good deed goes unpunished."

Second, the long-abandoned practice in a monastery near Lisbon, Portugal. In the 1700s, monks and nuns there used egg whites to starch their cassocks, clerical collars, robes and habits....

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I confess that my mind goes into "tilt mode" when confronting some words and phrases. I can never remember if there is a difference in "flammable" and "inflammable." When trying to remember the difference in "imply" and "infer," my mind scrambles.

On the "good deeds" thing, I think I have a current example that helps me to understand the meaning of the phrase--one which seems to be a mishmash of Biblical references....

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Here goes: My wife and I--living in the first of 10 homes built on our cul de sac some 20 years ago--are beneficiaries of generous neighbors who suit us to a "T." The "T" is a perfect alphabetical choice; they truly are Trophy neighbors.

Soon after moving in, the man next door--claiming to desire "more exercise and more sweat"--asked if I minded his mowing and edging our yard. Minded? During half of my professional years, yard care was provided. I immediately granted him permission; We don't even own a rake!

He was heaven-sent; I imagined hearing the rustle of angel wings as he spoke. He has mowed/edged dozens of times--methodically and punctually--the way perfectionists do....

That said, he has continued this good deed weekly in all growing seasons. We've offered "thank-you's," which seem minor indeed, and handed off some foodstuff from time to time. I'm sure, though, that he'd keep right on mowing without thought of reciprocation. He mentions regularly how much he enjoys these labors.

Surely the "good deed" thing fits in because soon, he was punished!

He and his wife, planning a two-week vacation in Florida, asked if we'd keep an eye on things, pick up packages delivered to their front porch and ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO MOW OUR YARDS....

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I agreed, engaging a student to mow and edge at the end of week one. He was unavailable for the second mowing, however. Others begged off, most with lame excuses. On mowing day, there was a cool breeze, with a temperature in the low 80s. I decided to mow their front yard, with rest stops, if needed. It was, at most, a 30-minute job. I was a bit flagged. But, I proceeded non-stop, perhaps a bit short of "flying colors" and a flag that wasn't noticeably limp.

I plumb forgot that our neighbors have one of those "see all" security cameras. Moments into my venture, they spotted me on their phone screens, almost a thousand miles away. My "good deed" could well have been punished. They sent texts to "cease and desist" mowing immediately. (I did, right after that last swath.)

They didn't call the sheriff, nor even initiate the conversation upon returning home. We apologized, of course, promising to be more specific about arrangements in the future which will NOT involve my participation....

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Now, the egg-white starching. Maybe real starch came along. Maybe they ran out of ways to use egg yolks.

Uh, maybe the "yolk's on us"....

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### Kid Scoop Together: Wet Work

# CHILL OUT!

Would you like to splash around in some water on these hot summer days? Try this activity and tell your mom you are doing a science experiment!

## How many drops will stay on a penny?

### Stuff you'll need:

- a penny
- an eyedropper
- liquid detergent
- tap water
- paper towel
- a place to work that your parents won't mind getting wet!



### Follow these steps:



Wash your penny. Rinse it and dry it well.



Place the penny on a flat surface that's okay to get wet.



Fill the eyedropper with water and slowly drop water onto the penny, one drop at a time. Count how many drops you can add.



What shape does the water take? Repeat three times and find the average number of drops the penny can hold.



Repeat this experiment with cold water and then with hot water. Does the temperature of the water change the number of drops that fit on the penny?



Add a drop of soap to the water. Does this change the number of drops that fit on the penny?

Try this same activity with different liquids such as cooking oil, rubbing alcohol, liquid detergent, salad dressing, etc. Compare how many drops of each liquid fit on the top of a penny.

**Standards Link:** Nature of Science: Students understand the nature of scientific inquiry (using tools, making observations, recording notes).

## Frosty Find-It



### Look closely and find:

- toothbrush
- paper airplane
- baseball
- strawberry
- apple
- envelope
- watch
- sunglasses

## What's up?

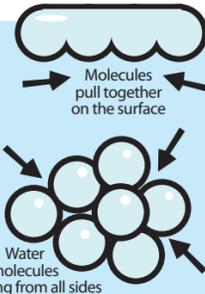
As drops are added, they gradually mound into a dome instead of just flowing off the penny. Each drop raises the surface of the dome, until it gets too big and breaks.

The dome shape is caused by **surface tension**.

## Surface what?

Surface tension is caused by the grouping of molecules. Under the surface of the water, each water molecule attracts and is attracted to molecules on all sides of it.

The surface molecules are attracted to the molecules below and to the sides. But there is nothing above the surface molecules to pull upward. The surface molecules pull together and act like a "skin" on the surface of the water.



**Standards Link:** Physical Science: Students know that matter has different states (i.e., solid, liquid, gas) and that each state has distinct physical properties.

## FRIGID FACTS!

The largest hailstone ever recovered in the United States, a seven-inch (17.8-centimeter) wide chunk of ice almost as large as a soccer ball, was found in Aurora, Nebraska.

## Extra! Extra! Cool Search

Look through the newspaper and find:

- a temperature
- a measurement
- a date
- a time
- a number that tells how many
- a weight

**Standards Link:** Research: Understand that the newspaper has an organizational structure.

Jacob wants to earn \$38 to buy a house for his dog, Jacob Junior. He is willing to work, but wants to do jobs that keep him wet and cool on hot summer days. He only did the jobs on the list below that included water in the work. Check off the jobs he did. Did he raise his \$38?

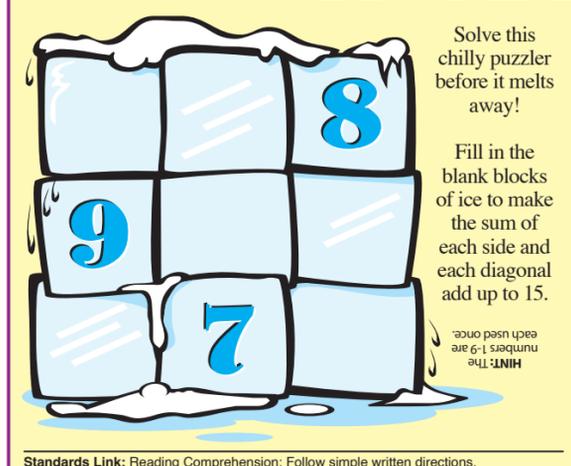
**HINT:** Underline each word that gives a clue that the job included water.

- Washed Mr. Thompson's car ..... \$12
- Watered Mrs. Toya's houseplants ..... \$3
- Rinsed Grandma's porch off with the hose ..... \$5
- Walked Aunt Jenny's dog ..... \$6
- Washed Aunt Barbara's dog ..... \$8
- Returned mom's books to the library ..... \$3
- Washed Uncle Bill's new car ..... \$10



**Standards Link:** Number sense: Calculate sums using money.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler



Solve this chilly puzzler before it melts away!

Fill in the blank blocks of ice to make the sum of each side and each diagonal add up to 15.

**HINT:** The numbers 1-9 are each used once.

**Standards Link:** Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

MOLECULES  
TENSION  
SURFACE  
WATER  
DROPS  
SKIN  
FRIGID  
BLANK  
WEATHER  
LIQUID  
WET  
DOME  
CHILL  
MELTS  
SALAD

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

W	S	A	L	A	D	N	M	E	A
T	R	E	T	A	W	O	E	C	R
K	N	A	L	B	E	I	L	A	E
R	E	D	D	U	D	S	T	F	H
X	N	O	I	C	N	S	R	T	
R	M	I	G	U	W	E	T	U	A
E	E	I	K	R	Q	T	L	S	E
D	R	O	P	S	L	I	M	O	W
F	E	N	T	C	H	I	L	L	M

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

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OBITUARIES

RENE RAMIREZ



Rene loved all kinds of music, but his favorite musician was Koe Wetzel and looked forward to any opportunity he had to see him in concert. If there was an opportunity for him to do something outside, Rene was all in. He would never turn down a good time, or a cold beer. But most of all, it was important to Rene to spend quality time with his family.

Along with being a great friend and family man, Rene was a dedicated worker. He never complained about going to work or picking up a shift. Even when he was working in west Texas during the heat of summer he worked extra shifts.

Rene's legacy lives on through his huge inviting smile which will be

remembered by his wife Heather, his two sons Ayden and Alexander James Ramirez, and anyone that knew him. He is also survived by his parents Reyes and Maria Angelica "Helen" Ramirez, his in-law's victor and Julie Alaniz, Jose and Laura Zendejas, his brothers Marcus Ramirez (Kimberly) and Matthew Ramirez (Amanda), sister-in-law Samantha Alaniz, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family will receive friends at Seydler Hill Funeral Home on Monday, July 17th, 2023, from 9:00am to 9:30am with a Rosary at 9:30 am conducted by Deacon Alfonso Moreno. A funeral service will start at 10:00am with Pastor Robert Ramirez officiating from Eastside Baptist Church in Gonzales. Interment will follow at Gonzales Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers include Darron Hernandez, Marcus Ramirez, Matthew Ramirez, Benjamin Perez, Jose Lucio, and Raynaldo Flores III.

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

JAMES DERWARD 'BUNKIE' SELMAN, JR.



James Derward "Bunkie" Selman, Jr. passed away peacefully on July 13, 2023, at the age of 92 with his family by his side. He was born December 7, 1930 in Cuero, Texas to James Derward Selman and Annie Marie Hamon Selman. He was nicknamed "Bunkie" by his father. The name Bunkie came from a comic strip character in the 1930s. He grew up in Gonzales, Texas on the family ranch in the Hamon Community. Bunkie enjoyed the country life and ranching.

He graduated from Gonzales High School in 1948 and married his high school sweetheart Janet Terrell Selman. Bunkie and Janet were happily married for 60 years until Janet's passing in 2010.

Bunkie played high school football and was an accomplished calf roper, placing second in the first Texas High School Rodeo Championship. He graduated from his beloved Texas A&M University in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Husbandry degree and received his Masters Degree in Agricultural Education in 1971. He continued on as a calf roper with the Texas Aggie Rodeo team. He enjoyed watching all Aggie sports, especially Texas A&M football.

Bunkie served in the Korean War as First Lieutenant. He was discharged from active duty on July 4, 1954, and continued service in the military reserves. After his discharge, he began his career with Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service because of the severe drought in the 1950s. He served as County Agricultural Extension Agent in Cameron, Willacy, and Travis Counties, and was District Agricultural Agent for the Rio Grande Valley. He continued to enjoy ranching in Gonzales during his career in the extension service.

After retiring from the Extension Service in 1986, Bunkie then began ranching full time. He was an advocate for cattleman and served as President and Director Emeritus of the Independent Cattleman's Association. He was also a member of the National Cattleman's Beef Association, appointed by the US Secretary of Agriculture to Cattleman's Beef Promotion and Research Board, a member of the Texas Beef Council, and National Cattleman's Beef Board. Bunkie's active community involvement included serving on the board of directors for the State of Texas Fair and Rodeo in Austin, Texas. He was a board member for State Bank, Central Texas Bank, and Texas United Bankshares. He leaves as his legacy the Selman Ranch, established in 1861, which was recognized by the State of Texas as a Family Land Heritage at the Texas State Capitol as the result of operation by the family for over 150 continuous years.

Bunkie was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved hunting on his ranches in Gonzales and South Texas and hunted throughout the United States, Central America, South America, Canada, and Africa.

Bunkie spent his years here on earth full of life, faith and family. He was a rancher, educator, hunter, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was a longtime member of the Gonzales Methodist

Church and attended the East Side Baptist Church. He was a man of faith and was looking forward to spending eternity with the Lord.

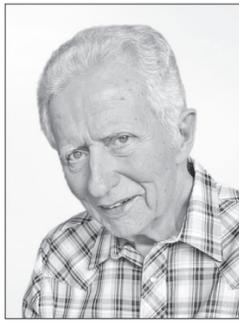
He is preceded in death by his parents James Derward and Annie Marie Selman, his wife Janet Terrell Selman and their daughter Jana Jill Selman.

He is survived by sons James Derward Selman III (Teri Danish) of Port Isabel, Texas, Dr. Bill Selman (Claire) of Lockhart, Texas; Grandchildren, Blythe Kirchner (Brent), JD Selman IV, Jena Jill Selman, Weston Selman (Brittany); and his great-grandchildren Audrey Kirchner, Corbin Kirchner, and Steven Edward Selman; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other extended family. He also leaves behind his companion of many years, Mary Jones, and her family.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 pm Tuesday July 18, 2023 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 am Wednesday, July 19, 2023 in the First Methodist Church with Dr. Matt Pennington and Rev. Robert Ramirez officiating. Interment will follow in the Gonzales Masonic Cemetery. Pallbearers will be JD Selman IV, Weston Selman, Brent Kirchner, Scott Bateman, Jeff Terrell, David Terrell, Bryant Terrell, and Joe Terrell. Honorary pallbearers are Jack Bateman, Verlin Calhahan, Buddy Wood, Bill Quinney, John Armstrong, and John Paul Jones.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the East Side Baptist Church, First Methodist Church, or the Independent Cattleman's Association. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting [www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com). Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

ALLEN ROY SAMSEL



Allen was born in San Antonio, Texas on September 7th, 1940, to Robert and Mary Samsel. After graduating from Harlandale High School in 1958, where he served as band president (and played the coronet), he attended Sul Ross State University, where he earned a B.S. in Geology, with a minor in Biology. "it was B.S. alright... I never used it," he said many times. In 1965, he moved his family to Gonzales, Texas, where he purchased a fast food restaurant, the Dairy Kreem, and promptly opened the private dining room to all members of the public - a controversial move at the time. He eventually expanded, with the purchase of the Dairy Mart, partnership in Poochy's Fried Chicken (in both Gonzales and Yoakum), and creation of the Clothes Tree (in both Gonzales and Luling).

Over the years Allen became a prominent civic leader, offering much of his time, energy, and resources in support of the community. He was often seen manning the booths at events or preparing meals for donation, usually with a quick banter, a kind word, or comedic one-liners. He regularly supported the town youth, either through employment or sponsorship, and proudly prepared and delivered the food for the bus ride to all away games, for the entire Gonzales High School football team. Go Apaches!

Allen was a long-time member of Hermann Sons Lodge #175, a charter member of the Gonzales Elks Lodge, past President of the Gonzales Evening Lions Club, past President of the Gonzales Volunteer Ambulance Corps, past Treasurer of the Gonzales Riding Club, member of the Rodeo Planning Committee, the Pioneer Village Development Committee, and many other local planning groups and community organizations.

Eventually, he left Gonzales, and in 1982 relocated to the Dallas-

Fort Worth area, where he was blessed to meet the love of his life, Jane. They were married in 1989, and blended their two families together, which included Allen's three children: Laurina, Allene, and Ryan; and Jane's three children: Deanne, Robert, and Jon. Allen was eventually blessed with sixteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In 1984, Allen started his second career, in the industrial flooring business. As Vice President of Texas Industrial Floors, he cultivated relationships with large clients, such as General Dynamics (now Lockheed Martin), Alcon Labs, and Bell Helicopter, to name a few. He also developed the industrial flooring division at Sealco, before retiring in 2005, and is often credited for having mentored many of the current leaders in the industry today, including

his son Ryan. Allen moved with Jane to "the lake" in 2003, and they built a home inside the Gainesville Boat Club, where he eventually served as Vice Commodore, Commodore, and Director. When he wasn't entertaining family and friends on the boat, traveling the country in the RV, or flying to other parts of the world with Jane, he enjoyed spending many peaceful and relaxing hours on the porch, appreciating the beautiful view of the water.

Allen was a devout Christian, and a long time member and deacon of Sherwood Shores Chapel. He discovered the Lone Star Cowboy Church in 2019, which he enjoyed the music and the donuts!

Celebration of Life was held Saturday, July 8th at the Lone Star Cowboy Church in Whitesboro, TX.



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**LLOYD BOYCE NEEDHAM**



July 27, 1936 - July 8, 2023  
A Memorial Service for Lloyd Boyce Needham will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the First Baptist Church in Flatonia. Boyce Needham, 86, of Hallettsville, passed away on July 8, 2023. He was born in Shiner, Texas on July 27, 1936, to Edward Earl and Zora Almedia (Cowan) Needham.

From early childhood and until late in his life, Boyce was always involved in raising, auctioning, or managing cattle. Boyce grew up working at the Flatonia Livestock Auction barn, an operation founded in 1948 by his parents Earl and Almedia Needham and the Beken family of Weimar.

In addition to working at the auction barn, Boyce also was involved in his school's FFA program, raising animals for the local livestock shows. He graduated from Flatonia High School and Texas A&M where he earned a bachelor's degree in animal science. After college he married and started working as a cattle buyer for Harrell Cattle Company and moved to Gonzales Texas.

He worked as a rancher and cattle buyer, while mentoring his two sons in the skills of the cattle business. During this time, he connected with his high school sweetheart and married again. They shared a dream of moving to Montana and for eight years lived in Rona, Montana as a full time rancher. Boyce returned to Gonzales, Texas and ranched till his health became an issue.

Boyce was a loving husband, father and cowboy and will be missed dearly by his family and friends.

Boyce is survived by his wife LaVonne (Schulte) Needham; two sons, Jason Lane Needham, and wife Charlene and Dane Neil

Needham both of Gonzales; four step daughters, Kelley Kriston and husband Michael of Bradenton, Florida, Laurie Cavazos and husband Raymond of Victoria, Texas, Jamie Stavino and husband Michael of Victoria, and Holly Haas of Austin; two sisters, Jewel Earline Moffett and husband Nelson Ross of Georgetown and Virginia (Ginny) Lynn Sears of Flatonia; grandchildren Brittany Ashton Needham Copeland, Coltyn Wade Needham, and Brett Neil Needham; step grandchildren Ryan, Kaitlyn, Treton, Kristin, Ray, Carly, Bobby, Jade, Heath, Cole, Ashley, Paige and Drew; along with numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Brian Wade Needham.

The family request that memorial donations be made to the Gonzales Livestock Show Committee.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Fayette Memorial Funeral Home in La Grange, Texas. Share your thoughts and fond memories online at [www.fayette-memorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.fayette-memorialfuneralhome.com)

**FRANCISCO 'FRANK' ROSALES JR.**



Francisco "Frank" Rosales, Jr. passed away on Monday, July 10, 2023. He was born on May 30, 1971, in Houston, Tx to his parents Juanita "Janie" Ramirez Rosales and Francisco "Frank" Rosales, Sr. Frank was born and raised here in Gonzales and graduated from Gonzales High School in 1990. He was previously employed by J Bar B Foods and his current employer was Adam's Extract & Spice LLC. Frank was a hard-working man with strong family values. He was a son, a brother, and an uncle; his life was fulfilled by the abundance of love he had at home.

movie theatre night; it was his weekly routine and he looked forward to catching the latest movies. He had a kind and caring soul, he constantly prayed for the safety of his brother Christopher and his nephew Jeremiah as they are law enforcement, he prayed that they would be protected and would be kept out of harm's way. Frank held onto the importance of his family, he kept them in his prayers, and he showed them his love by always being present in their lives.

He is survived by his parents Janie Rosales and Frank Rosales, Sr., his sisters Cynthia Sanchez (Raul), Michelle Cantu (Bobby), his brother Christopher Rosales

(Veronica Serna), his 3 nieces, 4 nephews, his 2 grandnieces, and 2 grand-nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandnephew Kyrie Salinas, his maternal grandparents Domingo and Juana Ramirez, and his paternal grandparents Jose and Porfiria Rosales.

Frank was greatly loved by his family and friends; and although his time was cut short, he leaves behind a lifetime of memories that he will always be remembered by.

A visitation will take place Monday, July 17, 2023, at Seydler - Hill Funeral Home from 5:00pm to 7:00pm with a Rosary following at 7:00pm conducted by Deacon John Klapuch. A funeral service will be held at Two Rivers Bible Church Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 10:00am conducted by Pastor Jesse Elizondo.

Pallbearers will include Bobby Cantu, Raul Sanchez, Christopher Rosales, Jordan Salinas, Jeremiah Cantu, and Damien Ramirez. Honorary pallbearers include Justus Cantu.

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

**LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS**

**Gonzales County Sheriff's Office**

07/09/23 - 07/15/23

07/09/23

• Vanega-Centeno, Josue Ediel, 09/2004, Houston: Warrantless/On-View - No Drivers License Issued, Released - Order to Appear

07/10/23

• Sanchez, Farah Lynn, 05/1977, Smiley: Warrantless/On-View - Agg assault date/family/house w/weapon, Released - \$20,000 Bond

• Hyatt, Christopher Brent, 03/1974, Stockdale: Warrantless/On-View - Poss CS PG 1/1-B<1G, Requires \$5,000 Bond; Warrantless/On-View - Poss CS PG 1/1-B>=1G<4G, Requires \$10,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

07/11/23

• Fields, Keyshann Malik, 10/1996, Waelder: Other Agency Hold - Proh substance/item in correctional facility, Released - \$1,000 Bond

07/12/23

• Deffendall, Brennan Avery, 04/2001, Waelder: Other Agency Hold - Criminal Trespass, Released - \$1,500 Bond

• Ramirez, Nicolas Andrew, 01/2000, Waelder: Local Warrant - Burglary of Habitation, Requires \$7,500 Bond; Local Warrant - Theft

Prop>+\$2,500-\$30K, Requires \$5,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

07/14/23

• Casares, Ashley Nicole, 12/1990, Luling: Local Warrant - Assault Public Servant, Remains in Custody

• Arrellano, Jarrette Andrew, 01/2000, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence - Poss CS PG 1<1G, Released - Weekender

• Stewart, Harley Nicole, 06/1995, Gonzales: Local Warrant - Poss CG PG 1/1-B<1G, Released - Weekender

• Rios, Rodolfo Abel, 06/1980, San Antonio: Local Warrant - Poss Marij <2oz, Released - \$1,500 Bond

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

GCSO	10
DPS	02
GPD	04
WPD	01
NPD	01
GISD	00
SMO	00
Constable 1	00
Constable 3	00
Constable 4	00
DWCSO	00
DEA	00
TPW	00
GCAI	00
Rangers	00
Other	00
Total	18

**Gonzales Memorial Hospital Auxiliary installs new officers**

BY ELIZABETH BRELSFORD BENNETT  
Special to the Inquirer

The Auxiliary of Memorial Hospital, Gonzales, Texas, met June 27, 2023 at Thrive for their installation luncheon. Prior to being served a tasty lunch of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings prepared by the Hospital group of Toni and her crew, Barbara Koricanek led us in a prayer of Thanksgiving.

Following our meal, the officers for 2023-2024 were installed by Pilots Nancy Logan and Scotty Beth Baker.

The minutes of May were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was read.

2nd Vice President, Irene Oakes reported 138 hours in volunteer duties were worked for the month. Betty Neubauer received a 100 hour bar for Volunteer hours. Congrats!!

Good cheer Chairman, Elizabeth Bennet reported sending a yearly total of 26 Birthday cards, 4 Thinking of you cards and 2 Sympathy cards.

Scholarship Committee Chairman, Betty Fink, reported one application for a scholarship of \$1,500.00 per semester. Chairman Fink made a motion to award this, seconded by Kay Konecky. The motion passed.

Under Special Projects: According to Holly Danz we should be able to act on a special project after the first of the year.

The theme for the Auxiliary for 2023-2024 is Breast Cancer Awareness. We will be receiving new pins expressing that idea along with our new yearbooks.

We discussed how we might make the Gift Shop more inviting to Shoppers. It will be worked on.

There were 12 members present and 5 guests present at the meeting.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 25th at 2:00 p.m. at Thrive.

A side note: Come visit the Shop, see current changes. The way to grow is to be involved, enjoy the position of being a Volunteer, help grow the group, so many ways to express your talents as well as caring for others consider. Come visit and be fruitful, Thanks!

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**ACROSS**

- album by Texas group "ZZ Top": "\_\_\_ Hombres"
- sharpen
- TXism: "\_\_\_ bien" (good)
- TX Sam Rayburn was a 24-\_\_\_ congressman
- this Moe was TCU basketball coach (1987-94)
- pamper place
- Panna \_\_\_\_, Texas
- "masticates," if you wanna get fancy
- Ector County seat
- in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- TXism: "\_\_\_ a junkyard dog"
- "found \_\_\_ wrote years ago"
- you can \_\_\_ free 72-ounce steak at the "Big Texan"
- this Carter founded the "Fort Worth Star-Telegram"
- Morton Salt is doing this in Grand Saline, Texas
- TXism: "got tumbleweed blood in his veins"
- "don't \_\_\_" (don't annoy)
- TXism: "high \_\_\_" (costly)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ picture"
- Waxahachie is seat of this county
- TXism: "\_\_\_ Catholic?" (yes)
- natural skill, aptitude
- Mule \_\_\_\_, Texas
- do the butterfly or backstroke
- can order it sweet in Texas cafes (2 wds.)
- oil or gas additive
- Vice President, TX John, said his job "\_\_\_ worth a bucket of warm spit"
- TX Janine Turner was in "Cliffhanger" filmed in the \_\_\_
- Water \_\_\_ was city of Austin's first name
- Popeye's girl, Olive
- national anthem writer, Key (init.)
- TXism: "short as \_\_\_ memory"
- 500 sheets of paper
- "there \_\_\_ such thing as a free lunch"
- TXism: "tough \_\_\_ old boot"
- Texas has 14 of these appellate courts (abbr.)
- TXism: "old \_\_\_ sin"
- morning time (abbr.)
- pen tip
- TXism: "mosey \_\_\_ to the trough" (join in)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ of a cosmetics empire"
- dad's mate
- TXism: "short as \_\_\_ memory"
- it runs along the Euphrates
- entangle
- old Oilers coach: \_\_\_ "Bum" Phillips (abbr.)
- "Pleasant, Texas (abbr.)
- TXism: drunk \_\_\_ a skunk"
- a "yes" vote
- foolish or gullible people
- TXism: "can't make a silk purse out of \_\_\_ ear"
- in Collin County on U.S. 75
- a rope is tied to this on a boat
- TXism for "relatives" \_\_\_ Colony, Texas
- \_\_\_ Jo, Texas (abbr.)
- hires
- sole apiary regulator in Texas (abbr.)
- Livingston is the seat of this county

**DOWN**

- Texas-connected Jimmy Webb wrote "By \_\_\_ Phoenix"
- in Falls County on U.S. 77
- front door, e.g.
- where two pieces of fabric are sewn
- TXism: "hobble your lip" (\_\_\_ up)
- San Saba, TX: "The \_\_\_ the World"

**SUDOKU**

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9		8		2				5
	6			4				
	1		9					
		6		8				3
					2	5	6	7
	2							4
	3							7
7						1		

Level: Intermediate

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

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

Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

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**CALL TODAY**

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**JOEL'S OUTDOOR SERVICES.** Skid Steer Service. Dump trailer & flatbed trailer for hire. Fence Cleaning, Bulldozing & Firewood for sale. Lot cleaning. Tree trimming. 830-832-6985.

### 400 DIRT, GRAVEL

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PHONE: 830-582-1343

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**TEXAN NURSING AND Rehab** of Gonzales is now hiring for the following position: Full Time: C.N.A., all shifts; LVN, all shifts, full-time, with a \$1000 Sign On and Referral Bonus. Individual should be multi-task oriented, self-motivated, and must enjoy working around the elderly. Please apply in person: Texan Nursing and Rehab of Gonzales, 3428 Moulton Rd., Gonzales, Texas 78629. EOE

**CAL MAINE FOODS INC.** is hiring for Plant Palletizers & Cleanup positions. Benefits include: Vacation, Sick Leave, Hosp. Ins., Dental, Vision, 401K, ESOP. Apply in person. Cal-Maine Foods Inc. 1680 CR 431 Waelder, TX 78959. Mon-Fri 7-4. 830-540-4205 or 830-540-4684.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Cause No. 28,429

THE STATE OF TEXAS)  
COUNTY OF GONZALES)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas Notice is hereby given as follows:

To the Unknown Owner(s) of Thomas Harold Fears, Jr. (collectively, "Condemnees")

and all other persons, including adverse claimants, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, to-wit:

**Being property situated in John E. Garwin Survey, Abs. 22, Gonzales County, Texas, in a called 577-acre tract of land recorded in Volume 135, Page 48, Clerk Records of Gonzales County, Texas.**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SUED and Ironwood Midstream Energy Partners, LLC, as Condemnor, has sued Condemnees, by petition filed on December 27, 2022, in a suit styled Ironwood Midstream Energy Partners, LLC v. Unknown Heirs of Thomas Harold Fears, Jr., for the acquisition of easement rights that are described in the live pleadings in this suit now pending in the 2nd 25th Judicial District Court of Gonzales County, Texas, and the cause number is 28,429. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY.**

Condemnor seeks easement rights on the above-described property by the power of eminent domain.

All parties to this suit, including Condemnor and Condemnees, shall take notice of all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein.

The address of Condemnor, Ironwood Midstream Energy Partners, LLC is 15727 Anthem Parkway, Suite 510, San Antonio, Texas 78249.

Failure to respond may result in judgment by default or judgment in the absence of objections rendered for the relief demanded in the petition.

You are hereby commanded to appear at a Special Commissioners Hearing on the 25th of July, 2023, to be held at 10:00 a.m. in the District Courtroom of the Gonzales County Courthouse, 414 St. Joseph Street, 2nd Floor, Gonzales, Texas 78629.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in Gonzales County, Texas, this 26th day of June, A.D., 2023.

*Janice Sutton*, Gonzales County District Clerk  
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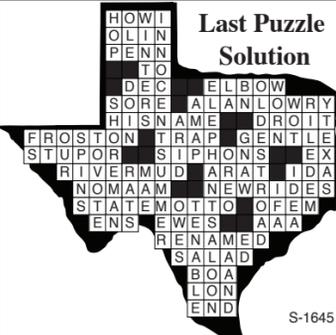


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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Ello Adolph Filip were issued on July 11, 2023, in docket number PW23-0277, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to Dennis Grey Filip. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:

Representative  
Estate of Ello Adolph Filip  
c/o Noel Henry Reese  
417 St. George Street, 2nd Floor  
P.O. Box 887  
GONZALES, TX 78629

Dated 7-11-23



Noel Henry Reese  
Attorney for Administrator of the Estate of Ello Adolph Filip



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**ATTENTION WAELDER ISD REGISTERED VOTERS**

Waelder ISD is seeking information from voters concerning facility needs of the school district and needs your feedback. A survey is being sent to random selected voters in Waelder ISD by DM30 Consulting. The survey will include a stamped return envelope for your convenience.

Voters who do not receive a mailed survey may take the survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/waelder2023>

A pin number will be required to participate in the online survey and the pin number may be acquired by emailing your name and address to Dr. Ken Young at [duckman30@gmail.com](mailto:duckman30@gmail.com)

All surveys must be returned by July 29. The school district encourages your participation in the survey and welcomes your input as we discuss facility needs of our students and staff.

Thank you.

## Construction Advertisement and Invitation for Bids

The City of Waelder will receive bids for GLO-CDR Drainage Improvements, 2017 Hurricane Harvey-DR 4332 (GLO Contract No. 20-065-112-C309) until 10:00 AM on Friday, July 28, 2023 at City Hall, 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 28, 2023 at City Hall, 300 Highway 90 West, Waelder, Texas.

Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows:

- Roadside ditch grading and enlargement.
- New culvert installation.
- Reinforced concrete paving.
- Asphalt street/driveway repair.

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at BEFCO Engineering, Inc., 485 N. Jefferson, La Grange, TX 78945 (979) 968-6474.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$100.00 with the Engineer for each set of documents obtained. The deposit will not be refunded. Electronic copies may be obtained at no charge by request at [office@befcoengineering.com](mailto:office@befcoengineering.com).

A bid bond in the amount of 5 percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Waelder or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than, the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and Related Acts) wage rate, as issued by the Department of Labor Texas General Land Office and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual identity, gender identity, or national origin.

The City of Waelder reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by City of Waelder for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

All contractors/subcontractors must not be debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in the System for Award Management (SAM.gov).

City of Waelder  7/10/2023  
City Manager Date

## Notice of Public Hearing

**Gonzales Economic Development Corporation**

In accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Section 505.159 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, a Type B economic development corporation, on Monday, July 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at Gonzales City Hall, located at 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas, will conduct a public hearing on the following project: sale of the Lynn Theater, located at 510 Saint Paul Street, to HUB CITY Revitalization, LLC, a Texas limited liability company. It is requested that you make your views known, either in person or by writing to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL COLLECTING PIT FACILITY PERMIT

On April 1, 2023, BES, Environmental Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1167, Kingsville, Texas 78364 filed an application with the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert a commercial disposal facility to a collecting pit washout facility. This new washout facility will utilize the existing saltwater disposal equipment to collect crude, saltwater, oil-based muds, and solids from contract haulers in the area. Liquids and solids will be hauled to an approved disposal system in the area. The only addition to the existing site is a slightly angled cement bay and cement berm on the east side of the washout bay to protect from spills when trucks back into the site.

The proposed Mary Haley pit facility site is located 0.34 miles east of Smiley, Texas in the Peter Winn Survey, Abstract 464, Gonzales County. The proposed site is located on real property owned by BES, Environmental Services, Inc.

Affected persons may protest this application. Protests must be in writing and must be received by the 15th day after the last publication of this notice. The last date of publication of this notice is expected to be July 27, 2023 which means protests should be received by August 11, 2023. Protests must be sent to:

Technical Permitting Section  
Oil and Gas Division  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
P.O. Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711  
(Telephone 512-463-3840)

## NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS § BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE  
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and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the 25th District Court of Gonzales County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on June 14th, 2023, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in August, 2023, the same being the 1st day of said month, inside the Gonzales County Courthouse Lobby at 414 N St Joseph St., in the City of Gonzales, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m., beginning at approximately 10:00 a.m., on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Gonzales and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Cause #: 26,824 OVATION SERVICES, LLC V. REGINALD AHART AND THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DOROTHY AHART (IN REM ONLY); Judgment Date: March 22, 2023 Tax Acct #'s: 13681-25000-00000-00000; 13681-25000-00050-00000 Order of Sale Issued: April 28, 2023

Legal Description: BEING SIX (6) ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE NATHANIEL OSBORNE SURVEY OF 13 ½ LABORS IN GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF 150 ACRES OF LAND CONVEYED BY F.F. WOOD TO SCOTT HOPKINS BY DEED DATED MARCH 14TH, 1874, RECORDED IN VOL. "U" PAGE 368 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS, AND THE PARTICULAR PART THEREOF HEREBY INTENDED TO BE CONVEYED AS DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS IN WARRANTY DEED FROM SCOTT AND POLLY HOPKINS TO TOM TERRY IN VOL. 118 AT PAGE 19 & 20 AND FILED FOR RECORD ON JANUARY 21ST, 1922, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PART TAKEN FOR ROAD PURPOSES. Commonly known as: 3639 FM 1116, Gonzales, Texas 78629  
Judgment Amount: \$48,725.23 plus penalties and interest that has accrued from March 22, 2023

any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Gonzales County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s) interest, penalties, and cost. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

NOTES: ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. This property may have other liens, taxes due or encumbrances, which may become the responsibility of the successful bidder.

Dated at Gonzales, Texas 6/14/2023

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Sheriff Keith Schmidt,  
Gonzales County, Texas

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Drew Nidey

## Media Release: Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Nixon-Smiley C.I.S.D. 2023-2025

The Nixon-Smiley C.I.S.D. announces today it will operate the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for the 2023-2024 school year. Schools qualifying to operate CEP serve breakfast and lunch to all children at no charge and eliminates the collection of meal applications for free, reduced price and paid student meals. This approach reduces burdens for both families and school administrators and helps ensure that students receive nutritious meals.

For additional information please contact the following person:

Nixon-Smiley C.I.S.D.  
Attention: Lora Torres, Child Nutrition Director  
P.O. Box 400  
Nixon, Texas 78140  
[torres@nixonsmiley.net](mailto:torres@nixonsmiley.net)

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## NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS, AND FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

07/13/2023

These notices shall satisfy three separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Gonzales.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 31, 2023, the City of Gonzales (City) will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as City of Gonzales Flood and Drainage Improvements (Project).

The City is proposing to replace storm sewer culverts, replace a low water crossing, and excavate and grade an existing channel to increase resilience to future flooding events and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters. Construction shall take place within and adjacent to a portion of Tinsley Creek approximately 200 feet north of the intersection of Johnson Street and St. Andrew Street and approximately 100 feet north of the intersection of Johnson Street and St. Andrew Street. These activities would benefit 7,130 people of whom 4,085 (57.29%) are of low to moderate income. \$403,365.40 of the project will be funded through the CDBG-MIT Program under HUD Grant Number B-18-DP-48-0002; the amount of funding that will come from the City is currently undetermined.

### FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

This is to give notice that the City has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment.

A review of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel 48177C0240D, effective on 01/22/2020, shows 0.89 acres of the site is located within the Regulatory Floodway (Zone AE Floodway), less than 0.01 acres occur within the 100-floodplain (Zone AE), and approximately 0.13 acres of the Project is located within the Tinsley Creek riverine wetland feature. Construction of the project is considered a functionally dependent activity.

The City has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: 1) different box culvert size and elevation, 2) locations outside of the floodplain, and 3) the no action alternative. An evaluation of Alternative 1 determined that setting the culverts at a higher elevation in order to minimize excavation within the floodplain and wetland was not practicable because of rising flood elevation concerns. The chosen culvert size and elevation will be needed to improve flood water conveyance and reduce risk to area residents. Regarding Alternative 2, as all Tinsley Creek culverts and low water crossing are located in the floodway, there are no alternative project locations outside of the floodplain. The project is considered a functionally dependent activity, and the site selected was determined to provide the maximum benefit to residents living in the Project area. The no action Alternative 3 would prevent the project area culverts and low water crossing from being replaced, leaving area residents at greater risk for flood damage to their homes and businesses should another disaster. The no action alternative therefore fails to address the need for improved resilience against floods.

Construction of the Project was the preferred alternative because it is not anticipated to

## DECLARACIÓN DE HALLAZGO DE IMPACTO NO SIGNIFICATIVO, AVISO DE INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITAR LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS Y AVISO FINAL Y EXPLICACIÓN PÚBLICA DE UNA ACTIVIDAD PROPUESTA EN UNA LLANURA ALUVIAL DE 100 AÑOS Y HUMEDALES

07/13/2023

Estos avisos satisfarán tres requisitos de procedimiento distintos pero relacionados para actividades que emprenderá la Ciudad de Gonzales.

### SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

En o alrededor del 31 de julio de 2023, la Ciudad de Gonzales (Ciudad) presentará una solicitud ante la Oficina General de Tierras de Texas (GLO) para la liberación de fondos del Programa de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario - Mitigación (CDBG-MIT) bajo el Título I de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974, según enmendada, para llevar a cabo un proyecto conocido como Mejoras de Inundaciones y Drenaje de la Ciudad de Gonzales (Proyecto).

La ciudad propone sustituir las alcantarillas de aguas pluviales, reemplazar un cruce de agua bajo y excavar y nivelar un canal existente para aumentar la resistencia ante futuras inundaciones y reducir o eliminar el riesgo a largo plazo de pérdida de vidas, lesiones, daños y pérdida de bienes, así como sufrimientos y penurias, al disminuir el impacto de futuros desastres. La construcción tendrá lugar dentro y adyacente a una porción de Tinsley Creek aproximadamente 200 pies al norte de la intersección de Johnson Street y St. Andrew Street y aproximadamente 100 pies al norte de la intersección de Johnson Street y St. Andrew Street. Estas actividades beneficiarán a 7,130 personas, de las cuales 4,085 (57.29%) tienen ingresos bajos o moderados. \$403,365.40 del proyecto se financiarán a través del Programa CDBG-MIT bajo la subvención del HUD número B-18-DP-48-0002; el importe de la financiación que aportará la Ciudad es actualmente indeterminado.

### AVISO FINAL Y REVISIÓN PÚBLICA DE UNA ACTIVIDAD PROPUESTA EN UNA LLANURA ALUVIAL DE 100 AÑOS Y HUMEDALES

Por la presente se notifica que la Ciudad ha llevado a cabo una evaluación, tal y como exigen los Decretos 11988 y 11990, de conformidad con la normativa del HUD en 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C Procedimientos para la toma de decisiones sobre la gestión de llanuras aluviales y la protección de humedales, para determinar el posible efecto que su actividad en la llanura aluvial y el humedal tendrá en el entorno humano.

Una revisión del Mapa de Tasas de Seguros Contra Inundaciones de la FEMA, Panel Comunitario 48177C0240D, vigente el 22/01/2020, muestra que 0.89 acres del sitio están ubicados dentro de la vía de inundación reglamentaria (vía de inundación de la Zona AE), menos de 0.01 acres están dentro de la llanura aluvial de 100 años (Zona AE) y aproximadamente 0.13 acres del Proyecto están ubicados dentro de la característica de humedal ribereño de Tinsley Creek. La construcción del proyecto se considera una actividad funcionalmente dependiente.

La Ciudad ha considerado las siguientes alternativas y medidas paliativas a adoptar para minimizar los impactos adversos y restaurar y preservar los valores naturales y beneficiosos: 1) diferentes tamaños y elevaciones de las alcantarillas, 2) ubicaciones fuera de la llanura aluvial y 3) la alternativa de no actuar. Una evaluación de la Alternativa 1 determinó que la colocación de las alcantarillas a una mayor altura para minimizar la excavación en la llanura aluvial y el humedal no es viable debido a los problemas de elevación de la inundación. El tamaño y la elevación de la alcantarilla elegidos serán necesarios para mejorar la conducción del agua de las inundaciones y reducir el riesgo para los residentes de la zona. En cuanto a la Alternativa 2, dado que todas las alcantarillas del arroyo Tinsley Creek y el paso de aguas bajas están situados en la zona inundable, no existen ubicaciones alternativas del proyecto fuera de la llanura aluvial. El proyecto se considera una actividad funcionalmente dependiente, y el emplazamiento seleccionado se determinó para proporcionar el máximo beneficio a los residentes que viven en la zona del Proyecto. La Alternativa 3 de no actuar impediría la sustitución de las alcantarillas de la zona del proyecto y del paso bajo el agua, dejando a los residentes de la zona en mayor riesgo de sufrir daños por inundaciones en sus hogares y negocios en caso de producirse otra catástrofe. Por lo tanto, la alternativa de no actuar no aborda la necesidad de mejorar la resistencia frente a las inundaciones.

aggravate current hazards to floodplains or permanently disrupt floodplain or wetland values. Based on the environmental review, the project as proposed, with the adapted best management practices, would not pose any significant hazards or adverse conditions for people, habitat, or the community at this location. The City will require adherence to Federal, State, and Local regulations and permitting practices. These include, but are not limited to, restriction of vehicle and material staging in floodplain and wetland areas and protecting floodplains and wetland features through silt fencing and appropriate management of construction waste and debris.

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

### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Gonzales City Hall, 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629. The record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mr. Tim Crow, Gonzales City Manager, via 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629 or by email to tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov. All comments received by July 28, 2023, will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City certifies to the GLO that Tim Crow in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City to use Program funds for the project.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of fund and the City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by GLO; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, or by email at env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tim Crow, City Manager, City of Gonzales

La construcción del Proyecto fue la alternativa preferida porque no se prevé que agrave los peligros actuales para las llanuras aluviales ni que altere permanentemente los valores de las llanuras aluviales o los humedales. En base a la revisión ambiental, el proyecto propuesto, con las mejores prácticas de gestión adaptadas, no plantearía ningún peligro significativo ni condiciones adversas para las personas, el hábitat o la comunidad en este lugar. La ciudad exigirá el cumplimiento de las normativas federales, estatales y locales y de las prácticas de concesión de permisos. Estas medidas incluyen, entre otras, la restricción del estacionamiento de vehículos y materiales en llanuras aluviales y humedales y la protección de las llanuras aluviales y los humedales mediante vallados y una gestión adecuada de los residuos y escombros de la construcción.

Este aviso tiene tres objetivos principales. En primer lugar, las personas que puedan verse afectadas por actividades en llanuras aluviales y humedales y las que tengan interés en la protección del entorno natural deben tener la oportunidad de expresar sus preocupaciones y aportar información sobre estas zonas. En segundo lugar, un programa adecuado de notificación pública puede ser una importante herramienta educativa para el público. La difusión de información sobre llanuras aluviales y humedales puede facilitar y potenciar los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos asociados a la ocupación y modificación de estas zonas especiales. En tercer lugar, en aras de la equidad, cuando el Gobierno federal decida participar en actuaciones que tengan lugar en llanuras aluviales o humedales, debe informar a quienes puedan correr un riesgo mayor o continuado.

### HALLAZGO DE IMPACTO NO SIGNIFICATIVO

La Ciudad ha determinado que el proyecto no tendrá un impacto significativo en el entorno humano. Por lo tanto, no es necesaria una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental bajo la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental de 1969 (NEPA). Se puede encontrar información adicional sobre el proyecto en el Registro de Revisión Ambiental (ERR) archivado en el Ayuntamiento de Gonzales, 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629. El expediente está disponible para su consulta y puede ser examinado o copiado los días laborables de 8 de la mañana a 4 de la tarde.

### COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO

Cualquier persona, grupo u organismo puede presentar comentarios por escrito sobre el ERR al Sr. Tim Crow, Administrador de la Ciudad de Gonzales, a través de 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629, o por correo electrónico a tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov. Todos los comentarios recibidos hasta el 28 de julio de 2023 serán considerados por la Ciudad antes de autorizar la presentación de una solicitud de liberación de fondos. Los comentarios deben especificar a qué Aviso se refieren.

### CERTIFICACIÓN MEDIOAMBIENTAL

La Ciudad certifica a la GLO que Tim Crow, en su calidad de Administrador de la Ciudad, consiente en aceptar la jurisdicción de los Tribunales Federales si se presenta una acción para hacer cumplir las responsabilidades en relación con el proceso de revisión ambiental y que estas responsabilidades han sido satisfechas. La aprobación de la certificación por parte de la GLO satisface sus responsabilidades bajo la NEPA y las leyes y autoridades relacionadas y permite a la Ciudad utilizar fondos del Programa para el proyecto.

### OBJECIONES A LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS AND FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

07/13/2023

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Gonzales.

### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about July 24, 2023, the City of Gonzales (City) will submit a request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the release of Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as City of Gonzales Street Improvements (Project).

The City is proposing to add free span bridges to the following intersections in Gonzales: Johnson Street and St. Andrew Street eastward approximately 40 feet, Moore Street and St. Lawrence Street eastward approximately 400 feet, De Witt Street and St. Louis Street eastward approximately 200 feet, De Witt Street and St. Matthew Street eastward approximately 250 feet, De Witt Street and St. Michael Street eastward approximately 250 feet, and De Witt Street and St. Vincent Street eastward approximately 225 feet. These activities would benefit 7,130 people of whom 4,085 (57.29%) are of low to moderate income. \$3,778,467.00 in CDBG-MIT funds was awarded to this project; the amount of funding to come from the City is currently undetermined. The project will increase resilience to disasters and reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship, by lessening the impact of future disasters.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at Gonzales City Hall, 820 St Joseph St Gonzales, TX 78629 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8 A.M to 4 P.M.

### FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF A PROPOSED ACTIVITY IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND WETLANDS

This is to give notice that the City has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Protection of Wetlands, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment.

A review of FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, Community Panel 48177C0240D, effective on 01/22/2020, shows 0.42 acres of the site is located within the Regulatory Floodway (Zone AE Floodway) and approximately 0.04 acres occur within the 100-floodplain (Zone AE) and approximately 0.12 acres of the Project is located within Tinsley Creek riverine wetland feature. Construction of the project is considered a functionally dependent activity. All construction activities will be limited to already disturbed ground surfaces.

The City has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: 1) reduction in size, 2) locations outside of the floodplain, and 3) the no action alternative. An evaluation of Alternative 1 determined that the proposed Project activities represent the minimum improvements necessary to provide adequate drainage and access to citizens in the affected area; therefore, a reduction in size is not practicable without increasing the flood hazard risk level in the Project area. Regarding Alternative 2, as all crossings are located over water features, there are no alternative locations of crossings that are located outside of the floodplain. The crossings

selected were determined to provide the maximum benefit to residents living in the Project area. Further, water crossings are considered functionally dependent and are allowable within the floodplain. The no action Alternative 3 would not allow the street improvements, resulting in increased evacuation and flood risk during future storm events. The no action alternative would leave residents and businesses in Gonzales with potential unsafe conditions and damage to their properties. This alternative fails to meet the purpose and need of the Program, to alleviate the incidence of flooding to homes, businesses, and roadways in a portion of the city that is prone to frequent and recurrent flooding.

Construction of the Project is the preferred alternative because it is not anticipated to aggravate current hazards to floodplains or disrupt floodplain or wetland values. Based on the environmental review, the project as proposed, with the adapted best management practices, would not pose any significant hazards or adverse conditions for people, habitat, or the community at this location. The City will require adherence to Federal, State, and Local regulations and permitting practices. These include, but are not limited to, restricting vehicle and material staging within floodplain and wetland areas, as well as protecting floodplains and adjacent wetland features through silt fencing and appropriate management of construction waste and debris.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Mr. Tim Crow, Gonzales City Manager, via 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629, or by email to tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov. All comments received by July 21, 2023, will be considered by the City prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City certifies to the GLO that Tim Crow in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. GLO's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City to use Program funds for the project.

### OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

GLO will accept objections to its release of fund and the City's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by GLO; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Heather Lagrone, Texas General Land Office, PO Box 12873, Austin, TX 78711-2873, or by email at env.reviews@recovery.texas.gov. Potential objectors should contact GLO to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Tim Crow, City Manager, City of Gonzales

## AVISO DE INTENCIÓN DE SOLICITAR LA LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS Y AVISO FINAL Y EXPLICACIÓN PÚBLICA DE UNA ACTIVIDAD PROPUESTA EN UNA LLANURA ALUVIAL DE 100 AÑOS Y HUMEDALES

07/13/2023

Estos avisos satisfarán dos requisitos de procedimiento distintos pero relacionados para actividades que emprenderá la Ciudad de Gonzales.

### SOLICITUD DE LIBERACIÓN DE FONDOS

En o alrededor del 24 de julio de 2023, la Ciudad de Gonzales (Ciudad) presentará una solicitud ante la Oficina General de Tierras de Texas (GLO) para la liberación de fondos del Programa de Subvención en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario - Mitigación (CDBG-MIT) bajo el Título I de la Ley de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario de 1974, según enmendada, para llevar a cabo un proyecto conocido como Mejoras de las Calles de la Ciudad de Gonzales (Proyecto).

La Ciudad propone añadir puentes de luz libre a las siguientes intersecciones en Gonzales: Johnson Street y St. Andrew Street hacia el este, aproximadamente 40 pies, Moore Street y St. Lawrence Street hacia el este, aproximadamente 400 pies, De Witt Street y St. Louis Street hacia el este, aproximadamente 200 pies, De Witt Street y St. Matthew Street hacia el este, aproximadamente 250 pies, De Witt Street y St. Michael Street hacia el este, aproximadamente 250 pies, y De Witt Street y St. Vincent Street hacia el este aproximadamente 225 pies. Estas actividades beneficiarían a 7,130 personas, de las cuales 4,085 (57.29%) tienen ingresos bajos o moderados. Se concedieron \$3,778,467.00 en fondos de CDBG-MIT a este proyecto; la cantidad de financiación que aportará la Ciudad es actualmente indeterminada. El proyecto aumentará la resiliencia ante las catástrofes y reducirá o eliminará el riesgo a largo plazo de pérdida de vidas, lesiones, daños y pérdida de bienes, y sufrimiento y penurias, al disminuir el impacto de futuras catástrofes.

Las actividades propuestas están categóricamente excluidas de los requisitos de la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental (NEPA) en virtud de la normativa 24 CFR Parte 58 del HUD. Un Registro de Revisión Ambiental (ERR) que documenta las determinaciones ambientales para este proyecto se encuentra archivado en la Alcaldía de Gonzales, en 820 St Joseph St Gonzales, TX 78629 y puede ser examinado o copiado los días hábiles de 8 A.M a 4 P.M.

### AVISO FINAL Y REVISIÓN PÚBLICA DE UNA ACTIVIDAD PROPUESTA EN UNA LLANURA ALUVIAL DE 100 AÑOS Y HUMEDALES

Por la presente se notifica que la Ciudad ha llevado a cabo una evaluación conforme a lo exigido por la Orden Ejecutiva 11988 y/o 11990, de acuerdo con la normativa del HUD en 24 CFR 55.20 Subparte C Procedimientos para la toma de decisiones sobre la gestión de llanuras aluviales y la protección de humedales, para determinar el posible efecto que su actividad en la llanura aluvial y el humedal tendrá en el entorno humano.

Una revisión del Mapa de Tasas de Seguros Contra Inundaciones de la FEMA, Panel Comunitario 48177C0240D, vigente el 22/01/2020, muestra que 0.42 acres del sitio están ubicados dentro de la vía de inundación reglamentaria (vía de inundación de la Zona AE) y aproximadamente 0.04 acres están dentro de la llanura aluvial de 100 años (Zona AE) y aproximadamente 0.12 acres del Proyecto están ubicados dentro de la característica de humedal ribereño de Tinsley Creek. La construcción del proyecto se considera una actividad funcionalmente dependiente. Todas las actividades de construcción se limitarán a las superficies del suelo ya alteradas.

La Ciudad ha considerado las siguientes alternativas y medidas paliativas a adoptar para minimizar los impactos adversos y restaurar y preservar los valores naturales y beneficiosos: 1) reducción del tamaño, 2) ubicaciones fuera de la llanura aluvial y 3) la alternativa de no actuar. Una evaluación de la Alternativa 1 determinó que las actividades del Proyecto propuestas representan las mejoras mínimas necesarias para proporcionar un drenaje y un acceso adecuado a los ciudadanos de la zona afectada; por lo tanto, no es factible una reducción del tamaño sin aumentar el nivel de riesgo de inundación en la zona del Proyecto. En cuanto a la Alternativa 2, dado que todos los cruces se sitúan sobre elementos acuáticos, no hay ubicaciones alternativas de los cruces que se sitúan fuera de la llanura aluvial. Los cruces seleccionados se determinaron para proporcionar el máximo beneficio a los residentes que viven en la zona del Proyecto. Además, los pasos de agua se consideran funcionalmente dependientes y están permitidos dentro de la llanura aluvial. La Alternativa 3 de no actuar no permitiría la mejora

de las calles, lo que aumentaría el riesgo de evacuación y de inundación durante futuras tormentas. La alternativa de no actuar dejaría a los residentes y negocios de Gonzales en posibles condiciones de inseguridad y daños a sus propiedades. Esta alternativa no cumple el propósito y la necesidad del Programa, de aliviar la incidencia de inundaciones en viviendas, negocios y carreteras en una parte de la ciudad propensa a inundaciones frecuentes y recurrentes.

La construcción del Proyecto es la alternativa preferida porque no se prevé que acentúe los peligros actuales para las llanuras aluviales ni que altere los valores de las llanuras aluviales o los humedales. En base a la revisión ambiental, el proyecto propuesto, con las mejores prácticas de gestión adaptadas, no plantearía ningún peligro significativo ni condiciones adversas para las personas, el hábitat o la comunidad en este lugar. La ciudad exigirá el cumplimiento de las normativas federales, estatales y locales y de las prácticas de concesión de permisos. Estas medidas incluyen, entre otras, la restricción del estacionamiento de vehículos y materiales en las llanuras aluviales y las zonas de humedales, así como la protección de las llanuras aluviales y los humedales adyacentes mediante el vallado y la gestión adecuada de los residuos y escombros de la construcción.

Este aviso tiene tres objetivos principales. En primer lugar, las personas que puedan verse afectadas por actividades en llanuras aluviales y humedales y las que tengan interés en la protección del entorno natural deben tener la oportunidad de expresar sus preocupaciones y aportar información sobre estas zonas. En segundo lugar, un programa adecuado de notificación pública puede ser una importante herramienta educativa para el público. La difusión de información sobre llanuras aluviales y humedales puede facilitar y potenciar los esfuerzos federales para reducir los riesgos asociados a la ocupación y modificación de estas zonas especiales. En tercer lugar, en aras de la equidad, cuando el Gobierno federal decida participar en actuaciones que tengan lugar en llanuras aluviales o humedales, debe informar a quienes puedan correr un riesgo mayor o continuado.

### COMENTARIOS DEL PÚBLICO

Cualquier persona, grupo u organismo puede presentar comentarios por escrito sobre el ERR al Sr. Tim Crow, Administrador de la Ciudad de Gonzales, a través de 820 St Joseph St., Gonzales, TX 78629, o por correo electrónico a tcrow@gonzales.texas.gov. Todos los comentarios recibidos hasta el 21 de julio de 2023 serán considerados por la Ciudad antes de autorizar la presentación de una solicitud de liberación de fondos. Los comentarios deben especificar a qué Aviso se refieren.

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## NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ANN BRELSFORD WAGENER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of ANN BRELSFORD WAGENER were issued on July 11, 2023 in Cause No. PW23-0273 pending in the County Court, Probate Docket, of Gonzales County, Texas, to:

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

DATED this 11th day of July A.D. 2023.

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# A Time to Laugh



**ERIC ESTES**  
Love, Eric and Eloise

Welcome back, I hope life finds you well and that your sense of humor is still somehow intact. Sometimes life has a way of temporarily beating us down, leaving only the love of God, love of family and friends, and the ability to laugh through it all to keep us going. During those times when all is going well, regular laughter can increase our joy exponentially. As we grow older, if we've laughed the recommended minimum or beyond, we should start to resemble a Shar Pei dog, sporting many wrinkles, many stemming from deeply etched laugh lines. So, if you feel you're falling behind in this area, it's never too late to crack a smile and let the belly laughs begin. This concept has literally helped me over more humps than I can count and is highly recommended. I tend to believe that a sense of humor is one of God's greatest survival mechanisms, and should be practiced daily with reckless abandon. If you're not sure that God has a sense of hu-

mor, just look in the mirror before your next shower!

Eloise and I could find something humorous in just about any given situation, and it enhanced our marriage beyond what words can explain. On one occasion, our car locks were giving us trouble, and as I was unlocking them from the outside, she was trying to unlock them from the inside, causing her some frustration.

As she crossed her tolerance threshold, with eyes blazing, she hit me with a totally made up- ridiculous expletive, causing me to buckle with laughter, which made her even more frustrated. After being freed from her temporary prison, and realizing the sheer stupidity of the situation, we were both laughing so hard as we entered the store we

were at, that dozens of patrons gave us weird looks before busting out themselves. I guess it's true, laughter really is contagious.

As if it weren't extremely obvious already, I sure do miss her; my wife, best friend, and emotional support animal...sorry honey? I use to call her my furry little pet, and really miss petting her a lot, but that's a whole nother story. I truly believe that your spouse should absolutely be the best friend you've ever had, if not, it's never too late to start cultivating that deep, meaningful and fun relationship, as it will set your earthly existence on a whole new level altogether...nothing to lose but the scowl.

Biblically speaking, Proverbs 17:22 explains that "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." King Solomon in Ecclesiastes reminds us that there's a season for everything; a time to cry and a time to laugh. In my version "EcclesiESTES", there's a time for tennis balls

and a time for Nerf balls. A time for combat boots, and a time for slip-ons. A time to enjoy the view in the mirror, and a time to try and not wake the neighbors as you scream at the hideous sight before you. Let's just say that if my skin gets any more leathery, I'll make a nice pair of boots.

For me, humor and faith seem to go hand in hand. I once met a small woman named Faith who named her son Ohye. I responded at what an unusual name that was, and she explained that it was biblical; Ohye of little Faith So, be mindful to laugh at life, not like the firefly who wasn't paying attention and rear ended the firefly in front of him. Fortunately he's ok, turns out he was just a little "light" headed! I'll leave you with a tidbit of wisdom I heard on aTV show that sums up good advice for surviving the ups and downs of our journey here...Don't sweat the petty stuff, and don't pet the sweaty stuff!

Have a great week, love you guys, Eric.

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# Gonzales County Veterans Memorial Association 11th Annual Golf Tournament

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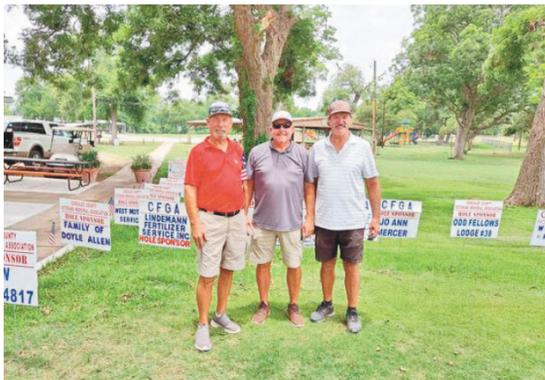
Above: The first place team in the 11th annual Gonzales County Veterans Memorial Association Golf Tournament was comprised of Jeff Natho, Josh Gray, Keith Wenske. The tournament was held July 4.

## LONGEST DRIVE



Longest Drive winner is Jake Hall. Closest to pin #9 winner is Ryan Lee. Closest to pin #4 winner is Micah Carson. Closest to pin #6 winner is Bill Hyman.

## SECOND PLACE (3-WAY TIE)



Chuck Emmick, Mike Turk, Mike Higgenbotham

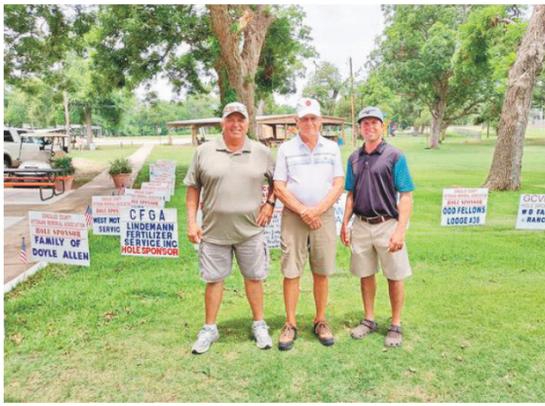
## 1/2 SUPERMAN DRIVE



The winning team of the 1/2 superman drive: Kameron Kraft, Cody Jeter, Randall Dupree (not pictured)



John Parrott, Hector Sanchez, David Balch



Charlie Aleman, Bill Hyman, John Hahn

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# Houston Livestock Show awards scholarships to FFA members

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Seventy Texas FFA members representing 55 FFA chapters from across Texas were presented with \$1.4 million in scholarships from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo during the 95th Annual Texas FFA State Convention in Dallas, Texas on Thursday, July 13.

Scholarship recipients were selected by Texas FFA officials based on the students' involvement with the program, academic and FFA achievements

and financial need, as well as the FFA member's performance in an interview process. Each scholarship recipient will receive a \$20,000 scholarship from the Rodeo to apply toward a four-year undergraduate degree at a Texas college or university of their choice.

"The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo awarded its first academic scholarship to a member of Texas FFA in 1957 and it's a tradition we're proud

to continue today," said Chris Boleman, president and CEO of the Rodeo. "FFA members share the Rodeo's passion for agriculture and many of the recipients go on to pursue careers in agriculture, making these scholarships particularly meaningful to us at the Rodeo."

The top four schools these students will be attending are Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, West Texas A&M University and Tarleton State University. Of the 70 FFA

scholarship recipients, the top four majors include Animal Science, Agricultural Business, Agricultural Communications and Agricultural Economics.

The Texas FFA Association was chartered in 1929 and contributes to a model of secondary agricultural education in which students take part in classroom instruction and supervised agricultural experiences. The FFA is an integral part of the school's agricultural

science program, guided by FFA's mission to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

These 70 FFA scholarships represent a portion of the Rodeo's annual commitment of more than \$22.5 million to support Texas youth and statewide educational programs in 2023.

# Author Abby Johnson to speak to Guadalupe Co. Republican Women

## SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Guadalupe County Republican Women's annual Happy Hour will feature former Planned Parenthood director turned pro-life champion and national best-selling author Abby Johnson as a special guest speaker about the progress of the pro-life movement following the overturning of Roe v. Wade and highlight the work of local nonprofit South Texas Pregnancy Care Center (STPCC), along with executive director Janice Weaver on Thursday, August 24.

The social/happy hour will be held at the Seguin Brewing Company, at 111 W. Gonzales Street in Seguin, beginning at 5:30 p.m., with food and drinks available to attendees on their own.

A diaper drive will be held in conjunction with this event and attendees are encouraged to bring a package of diapers (any size) to help STPCC provide to their clients. Copies of Abby's books will be available for purchase. Reservations are not required for this event - everyone is welcomed.

Johnson has always been fiercely determined to help women in need. This desire is what led Abby to a career with Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, and caused her to flee the organization, becoming an outspoken advocate for the pro-life movement.

During her eight years with Planned Parenthood, Abby quickly rose through the organization's ranks and became a clinic director. However,

Abby became increasingly disturbed by what she witnessed. Abortion was a product Planned Parenthood was selling, not an unfortunate necessity they were fighting to decrease. Desperate and confused, Abby sought help from a local pro-life group. She swore that she would begin to

advocate for life in the womb and expose abortion for what it truly is.

Today, Abby travels across the globe sharing her story, educating the public on pro-life issues, advocating for the unborn, and reaching out to abortion clinic staff who still work in the industry. She is

the founder ProLove Ministries, which identifies gaps and helps to provide collaborative resources to nonprofits working to promote life, as well as the founder of And Then There Were None, a ministry designed to assist abortion clinic workers in transitioning out of the industry. She also organizes the annual Pro-Life Women's Conference.

Abby lives in Texas with her husband and eight precious children.

South Texas Pregnancy Care Center (STPCC) is Seguin's local pregnancy care center that provides resources, classes, pregnancy testing and counseling and more for pregnant and parenting moms and dads and their families. Executive Director Janice Weaver will provide more information on how attendees can help support this effort, as well as share an update on the center's new building progress.

More information is available at [www.guadalupe-county-rw.com](http://www.guadalupe-county-rw.com).



Johnson

## GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



The winning team from the July 12 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Jake Barnick, Blake Cox, Brant Philippus, Lance Lopez and Seth Brzozowski.



The second-place team from the July 12 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Gary Schroeder, Adrian Leon, Spencer Breitschopf, David Hernandez, Derek Grahmann and Hector Sanchez.



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## MILK

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They were around \$19 per hundredweight before the pandemic.

Spencer said lower milk prices put pressure on a dairy operation's ability to turn profits as other production costs, such as feed, fuel and labor continue to rise.

"Breakeven is different for every operation, but these prices may not be good for some producers," she said. "They may have been optimistic in 2022 and expanded, but when prices drop \$5-\$6 per hundredweight, it makes it hard."

Texas continues to add milk cows and production capacity as the number of dairy operations decline, Spencer said. There were 325 dairies in operation during 2021 and 319 dairies in 2022, while those operations added 20,000 cows to the statewide dairy herd.

### ICE CREAM DEMAND DECLINING, PRODUCTION RISING

David Anderson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension economist, Bryan-College Station, said the lack of a summer price bump could be attributed to a few factors. U.S. dairy production is up, but it appears that overall milk demand is struggling a bit. "The milk market is complex, and that makes it interesting," he said. "There is a seasonality to the supply side and the demand side that keeps the market constantly moving."

Spring conditions typically provide a flush of new grass and hay, silage and other forages, and ideal weather that pushes milk output by cows higher. Milk output slows as temperatures rise in the summer, while demand for ice cream increases.

In August, the built-in demand for carton milk at schools pushes demand during the heat of summer. The holiday season delivers another level of demand as consumers increase their use of cheese, milk and other dairy products for baking. In May, creameries

produced 2.6% more hard ice cream than at that time last year. Retail prices for ice cream remained relatively high despite low milk prices, he said. The Consumer Price Index showed May ice cream prices were \$5.80 per half-gallon versus \$5.35 per half-gallon at the same time last year.

Retail prices were showing signs of trending downward, he said. Cheddar cheese was \$5.84 per pound, it's lowest price since this time last year when a pound of cheese was \$5.65.

Demand for the range of dairy-based products from protein powder, cheese and ice cream continues to push overall milk demand upward despite falling demand for specific products like liquid milk. It takes roughly 10 pounds of milk to make 1 pound of cheese. The cheese-making process produces whey, which is used in protein products.

Surprisingly, Anderson said ice cream consumption has steadily dipped over the last few decades. The U.S. consumed 18.2 pounds, a little over 4 gallons, of ice cream per capita in 1975 compared to 16.2 pounds in 2002, 13.2 pounds in 2012 and 12 pounds in 2021.

Cheese shows consistent demand, and processing plants continue to expand to keep pace. Two new cheese-making facilities in Abilene and Lubbock are expected to be online this fall and in 2024, respectively.



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# SALES TAX

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its best-ever year for sales tax collections, according to Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar's office.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for July, 7.5 percent more than in July 2022.

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

For the month of July 2023, Gonzales County municipalities received a combined \$321,927.37 in sales tax allocations, up just \$13,700.74 or 4.44 percent more than the \$308,226.63 received during July 2022.

For the year, county mu-

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Gonzales	Gonzales	1.500%	\$273,468.95	\$270,052.39	1.26%	\$1,855,917.18	\$1,809,647.03	2.55%
Gonzales	Nixon	1.500%	\$36,005.59	\$29,468.69	22.18%	\$236,388.83	\$204,369.47	15.66%
Gonzales	Smiley	1.000%	\$2,590.91	\$2,582.49	0.32%	\$22,742.19	\$16,975.20	33.97%
Gonzales	Waelder	1.500%	\$9,861.92	\$6,123.06	61.06%	\$81,431.00	\$45,245.40	79.97%

municipalities have received \$2,196,479.20, an increase of \$120,242.10 or 5.79 percent above the \$2,076,237.10 received through the first seven months of 2022.

Sales tax allocations for Gonzales, the largest city in the county which generates the lion's share of sales tax revenue, were \$273,468.95, up \$3,416.56 or 1.26 percent above the \$270,052.39 received during July 2022.

For the year, the city has

received \$1,855,917.18, up \$46,270.15 or 2.55 percent, above the \$1,809,647.03 received at this same point in 2022.

Sales tax receipts for Nixon were \$36,005.59, up \$6,536.90, or 22.18 percent, above the \$29,468.69 received in July 2022. The city held its Feather Fest on Cinco de Mayo two-day festival on May 5-6 on the property adjacent to City Hall and saw increased spending during the month on taxable items.

For the year, the city has

received \$236,388.83, up \$32,019.36, or 15.66 percent, above the \$204,369.47 received at this same point last year.

Waelder received a total of \$9,861.92, up 61.06 percent or \$3,738.60, above the \$6,123.06 received in July 2022. For the year, Waelder has received \$81,431.00, up \$36,185.60, or 79.97 percent, above the \$45,245.40 received at this point in 2022. The city is now just \$3,345.57 off the record \$84,776.57 it received in all of

2022.

Finally, Smiley's sales tax receipts were \$2,590.91, up just \$8.42, or 0.32 percent, from the \$2,582.49 received in July 2022. For the year, the city has received \$22,742.19, up \$5,766.99 or 33.97 percent above the \$16,975.20 received in the first seven months of 2022.

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



VANDY VAN EPPS

Doug (middle right) and David (middle left) Durham in the city council chamber for the Thursday, July 13 meeting. The Durham brothers return to the city council meeting in a second attempt to purchase the Lynn Theater.

# LYNN

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The theater, located on the corner of St. Paul and St. Lawrence streets, has been closed since 2020 due to financial issues, and many residents of Gonzales want the theater back up and running again.

"I do believe that we have an opportunity to truly have a movie theater here again. It will add to the quality of life. It will add to the vitality of downtown, all of which I do believe will help also spur growth," Gonzales resident James Lawrence said.

"In our town, we have so many things to offer right now — great eating places, good places to shop, nice facilities to stay at, but we still don't have really much of anything in the way of entertainment, especially for our families," Cathey Crawley said.

Gonzales has a high number of Hispanic families in the community who focus on the "nuclear family," according to Crawley.

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"We have a lot of different types of families these days, but they all need to be able to have times, points and opportunities to be together as family at events. Movies allow that," Crawley said. "If they can go in their own town, they can go more often because they don't have the cost of travel."

Both Crawley and Lawrence told the council to consider the bid the Durham Brothers have, and Crawley added that they have the best interest at heart for the Lynn and the community.

"They will work diligently to get this open now versus a year or two from now to allow our families to have somewhere to go for extra fun," Crawley said.

The council returned from a closed session discussion with no vote

at this time, and Mayor Steve Sucher said the council has directed the staff to continue negotiations with the Durham group on the purchase of the theater, and are looking forward to receiving a "finalized agreement in the near future."

In other business, the council approved the following agenda items: --approved policies and procedures relating to the naming of parks and trails in the City of Gonzales --approved the budget amendment to the operating budget for fiscal year Oct. 1, 2022, and ending Sept. 30, 2023; General Fund: \$1,104,915.04 in expenses and \$1,069,929.10 in revenue; Water Fund \$1,158,067.34 in expenses; Electric Fun: \$680,830.

# COPE

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hard to be able to provide the people," Marshall said.

That idea became Community Outreach People Empowerment (COPE), and Marshall said COPE wants to provide people of communities that they serve with resources by category that they need.

Categories includes: health care, senior care, child care, housing, finances, dental care and more.

CHCCTX has been serving the community of Gonzales for more than 56 years, and Marshall wants to expand that with the help of other organizations.

"We wanted to see what we could do beyond the walls of the clinical side of things. how do we help the people of our community with not just the health disparities, but provide them with resources for many other things, being able to improve their quality of life, their mental health, help them with financial, food, and all of everyday challenges," Marshall said.

At the meeting, Marshall invited several organizations that can put their input what they can to combine resources.

The organizations were Guadalupe Regional Medical Foundation, Blue-

bonnet Trails, Wesley Nurses, Methodist Ministries, Boy Scouts of America, Noon Lion Club, Victoria College, Volunteers of America, Community Action of South Central Texas, Concordia University of Texas, and Golden Age Home.

Community residents Estela Chapa and Mara Jabsen and Mayor Steve Sucher were in attendance.

"We just continue to grow this program as we find the need to provide a hub for easy access to resources throughout the community for so many different areas of need," Marshall said.

Even though COPE is in a work in progress, it doesn't stop the organization from showing their passion on the project.

"We're just really excited to be able to get involved with the communities that we serve and come together. I call this my togetherness program. And that togetherness program is what's gonna make all of us be there for the people and empower the people," Marshall said.

The hub space for COPE is still in work in progress, and Marshall said they are in the process of looking for funding and support.

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# FIRE

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Palmetto State Park.

“Even though Gonzales County is not yet under a burn ban, please treat it like it currently is,” Harless said. “We are dry and will continue to get worse. We have had several grass/brush fires in our surrounding counties

“I’m asking for everyone’s voluntary compliance so we don’t continue to stress our first responders and damage property.”

On Monday afternoon, the Ottine Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to a brush fire off of County Road 273 with Belmont, Gonzales and Luling fire departments called in to provide mutual aid. The Texas A&M Forest Service was called in to provide two dozers to help dig fire lines as a Blackhawk helicopter attempted to make bucket drops of water to attack the blaze.

Also on scene were the Texas Department of Public Safety, Gonzales County Emergency Management and Texas Department of Emergency Management to assist with incident command, while Gonzales County Emergency Services District No. 1 brought in their rehab trailer to keep firefighters hydrated.

According to incident command, “crews made an aggressive attack from all sides and were able to stop the progression of the fire at approximately 55 acres.

“No structures were lost and we did have one firefighter get transported to Gonzales for heat related injuries,” according to a statement on Facebook. “He is do-



Hay bales smolder and smoke along Texas 80 south of Nixon on Monday. Fortunately, no one was injured although traffic had to be rerouted. COURTESY/NIXON FIRE & RESCUE

ing well. Crews will be back out on the fire tomorrow (Tuesday, July 18) doing more extensive mop up and ensuring that the fire is completely contained and controlled.

“There are still some smoldering trees and things along County Rd 273 that are well within the burned area and the Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office has been advised and will contact us to assess the situation if needed.”

In Nixon, hay bales on a truck caught fire on U.S. 80 south of the city limits on Monday, causing the roadway to be shut down briefly to divert traffic. U.S. 80 was reopened later Monday and no injuries were reported.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS), which monitors wildfire conditions for the state, uses the Keetch-Byram Drought Index

(KBDI) for determination of drought conditions within the State of Texas. KBDI was developed by John L. Keetch and George Byram with the US Forest Service Southeastern Research Station to correlate the effects of drought on wildfire potential.

The KBDI is based on a daily water balance, where a drought factor is balanced with precipitation and soil moisture (assumed to have a maximum storage capacity of eight inches) and is expressed in hundredths of an inch of soil moisture depletion.

The KBDI attempts to measure the amount of precipitation necessary to return the soil to full field capacity. It is a closed system ranging from 0 to 800, where 0 represents a saturated soil, and 800 an absolutely dry soil. At any point along the scale, the KBDI value indicates the amount of precipitation it would take to bring the moisture level back to zero, or saturation.

On Tuesday, July 18, Gonzales County had a KBDI average of 555, with a high of 625 near Ottine in the northern portion of the county and a low of 386 on US 183 near the DeWitt County line. This represents an increase of 176 points over the average of 379 reported on Saturday, July 1.

When the KBDI falls between 600-800, this is often associated with more severe drought with increased wildfire occurrence. Intense, deep-burning fires with extreme intensities can be expected. Live fuels can also be expected to burn actively at these levels.



A billboard on a Texas highway is one of the ways rural volunteer fire departments are trying to recruit more members into their ranks. While they are the front line of defense, VFDs are struggling to retain their rosters. CONTRIBUTED

## Grant program offers boost as rural fire departments battle recruitment challenges

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The Plantersville-Stoneham Volunteer Fire Department sits across from the town’s Baptist church on F.M. 1774 and is otherwise surrounded mostly by pastureland. The community, a quiet railroad town in southern Grimes County, measures its population in the hundreds.

But Plantersville isn’t isolated. The nearby Texas Renaissance Festival draws thousands of people each fall. Sprawling Conroe is only a 30-minute drive away, and urbanization is just down the road in other parts of neighboring Montgomery County.

Fire Chief Jessica Bomar believes the growth may be moving toward the community faster than many people realize, and she is working to position her department to be prepared for the additional calls for service the future holds.

Staffing the rural department hasn’t always been easy. When Bomar became chief in December, there were eight volunteers. In just a few months, the department has added five new members through a community outreach campaign that included recruitment information at community events.

“We would love to be able to respond to medical calls,” Bomar said. “We just need more members.”

A shortage of volunteers is a challenge facing rural fire departments across the state. To help combat the issue, Texas A&M Forest Service recently introduced a new grant to help departments bolster staffing and enhance community fire protection.

The Volunteer Recruitment Resources grant is available through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program to certain volunteer fire departments that serve rural communities or areas with a population of 10,000 or less and meet other basic federal requirements.

The \$3,000 grants can be used to purchase banners, signs, billboards, flyers, postcards and other approved items. The grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis and nearly \$300,000 has been awarded to more than 100 departments so far. Funding for the program is provided

by the U.S. Forest Service.

Jason Keiningham, Texas A&M Forest Service Capacity Building Department Head, said the pilot project is an attempt to help departments attract people dedicated to serving their communities and he anticipates additional funding to become available next fiscal year.

“Volunteer fire departments are the front line of defense for many communities, and we recognize the challenges they face in recruiting new members,” he said. “Through these grants, we hope to inspire individuals to step forward and make a meaningful difference in their community.”

Bomar said she’s including all the Grimes County fire departments in her plans for the recruitment grant her department received.

“We’re hoping to work in unison with the other departments to coordinate recruitment efforts, so we all get the benefits,” she said. “We want to blast it everywhere between all the departments.”

Bomar, who joined the department in 2019, said she could use the grant funding to help battle misconceptions about serving in the department, including the myth that you have to respond to fires.

“You don’t have to run into burning buildings to be a firefighter,” she said. “That’s not all that we do. There are a lot of things you can do to help — public service, community events, school visits, teaching about fire safety.”

There is almost always something happening at the fire station, Bomar said, and all it takes is a willingness to help the community.

“If you want to be involved, show up and be involved,” she said. “We could use the help.”

Keiningham said the grant program was not meant to be a one-time solution, but a step toward sustained recruitment efforts.

“We understand the need for rural fire departments to have a strong volunteer base,” he said. “We want to help empower residents to participate in the well-being of their communities.”

Applications for the Volunteer Recruitment Resources grant are available at <http://TexasFD.com/RuralVFDAssistanceProgram>.



Firefighters from Ottine VFD, Belmont, Gonzales, Luling and the Texas A&M Forest Service battled a 55-acre fire near Palmetto State Park that fortunately did not destroy any structures. One firefighter had to be treated for heat-related injuries. CONTRIBUTED/EDDIE CALLENDER

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## STATION

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according to Fletcher.

Fletcher added that the current station is one of the top five oldest fire stations in Texas.

Holliday and Fletcher went over four

potential sites for the proposed new station and went over three designs that GFD and the city can consider.

This was not an action item for the city council to vote on.

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The community of Gonzales working together to pass out school supplies to the children in the area Saturday, July 15 at the Edwards Community for the inaugural Gonzales School Supply Drive and Giveaway. Three hundred bags were on display to be distributed to children in need of school supplies. PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

## SUPPLIES

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ISD, Grace Christian Academy, Emmanuel Christian School and Legacy Ranch.

Several organizations, churches, GISD administrators and others handed out supplies to the children that need them to kick off the new school year.

Isaac Anzaldua and Kena May of the Pilot Club, and Pastor Robert Ramirez of Eastside Baptist Church, talked about the community coming together for one common goal: to help the children of Gonzales.

“Well, I just praise God, that it’s all community-driven, that we can all come together as a community for one purpose, and that is for the kids. So this is what’s exciting for me,” Ramirez said.

“It a great task that Gonzales cannot handle,” Anzaldua said, and added when partnering with “friends, family, and love for the community,” great things happen.

“We have over 300 bags [of school supplies]. In addition, we’ll be able to sponsor all teachers in their classroom from GISD, Emmanuel Christian School, Grace Christian Academy, and Legacy Ranch as they will all receive supplies from the community of Gonzales,” Anzaldua said. “So we thank all the businesses, the sponsors, the organizations and again, the friends and family, the community has been so generous and making donations.”

Last year, there were several different school supply drives, but this

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—Isaac Anzaldua, Pilot Club member

year, the community got together for one drive.

“We realize that a community, it’s one heartbeat, and we realize that we all have to come together to do one thing and that’s to serve each other,” Ramirez said. “So, as we come together as a community, it just brings not only glory to the Lord, but it brings glory to the community and what we do.”

The children of Gonzales, with smiles, were excited to receive their supplies and to know they’ll have the items they need for the new school year.

“It’s great seeing their their smiling happy faces and to get things to kids. school supplies for the year.” May said.

“It’s very joyous to see how excited they are about it to come in and know they’re receiving what they need to be successful this year. It’s a wonderful thing to be able to provide those to the community,” Anzaldua said.



Members of the Eastside Church in a prayer circle to give prayer to the children and families that received their school supplies.



Isaac Anzaldua, Lois Wilson and Pastor Robert Ramirez at the inaugural Gonzales School Supply Drive and Giveaway Saturday, July 15 in the Edwards Community Center.



Lisa Johnson (middle) holding her grandchildren Karson (left) and Kenzie Smith (right) with their school supplies they got from the Gonzales School Supply Drive and Giveaway Saturday, July 15, at the Edwards Community Center.



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