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GONZALES COUNTY

Commissioners lay down law on raises

Elected officials expected to pay full salaries or face consequences

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners discussed giving a \$1.50 per hour raise — \$3,120 per year — across the board to

all county employees during a budget session Monday, July 31, at the Courthouse.

Commissioners also talked about what they could do to bring the salaries of the constables and JPs up to be more in line with other elected officials, including a possible \$1 per hour raise, or an extra \$2,080. And they spoke about possibly raising the salary of the lead assistant county attorney to \$110,000 and the salary for the second slot to \$100,000 in order to possibly attract a candidate

to help with a backlog of cases in that department.

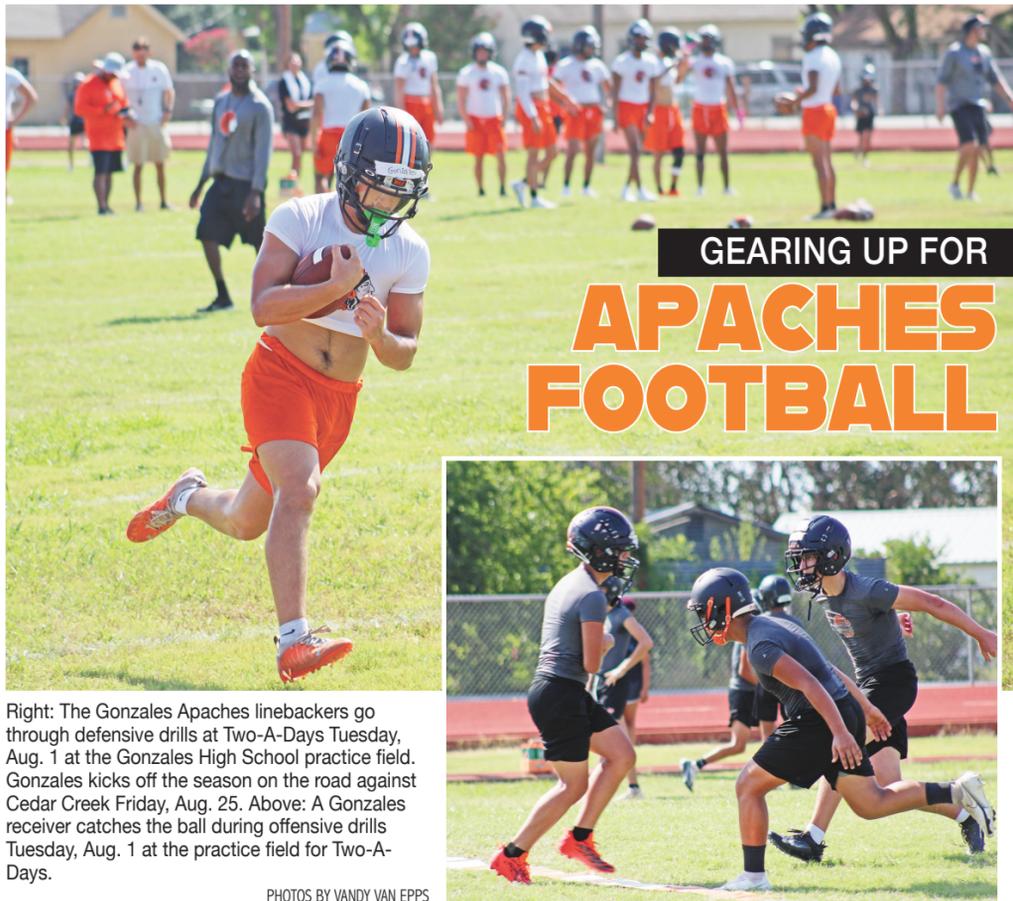
While the court did not make any formal decisions on any of those issues, they did pass an edict unanimously that if an employee is not receiving the full budgeted salary amount for their position — and that employee has been with the county at least one year and is not on disciplinary action — then no raises will be given to anyone in that employee's department.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie

Brzowski asked for clarification from Judge Pat Davis, who made the motion, about what the intent was.

"If I had four people working for me and three of them are making \$25 an hour and I've got one who is making \$22 an hour and he is not on disciplinary action and he's been there a year, but that's all I want to pay him right now, if I don't pay him that \$25 per hour, then my department isn't going to get the

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GEARING UP FOR **APACHES FOOTBALL**

Right: The Gonzales Apaches linebackers go through defensive drills at Two-A-Days Tuesday, Aug. 1 at the Gonzales High School practice field. Gonzales kicks off the season on the road against Cedar Creek Friday, Aug. 25. Above: A Gonzales receiver catches the ball during offensive drills Tuesday, Aug. 1 at the practice field for Two-A-Days.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Rabies outbreak grows in South Texas; skunk found in Gonzales

BY LEW K. COHN
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A rabies outbreak across South Texas has public health officials warning residents and animal health workers to exercise caution, including in Gonzales, where a skunk was reported to have tested positive for the disease.

"Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Public Health Region 8 has seen an increase in skunks testing positive for rabies in Victoria County and surrounding areas," PHR 8 announced

in a release to local media. "The south-central skunk rabies variant is endemic to Texas, and rabid skunks present significant exposure risks to domestic animals and humans with a concern for spillover into other wildlife species.

"DSHS recommends people in the affected and neighboring counties be vigilant to avoid contact with skunks, foxes, and other wildlife, especially those exhibiting abnormal behavior. Pet owners should also ensure pets are

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POSITIVE HIGH-RISK ANIMAL RABIES CASES Public Health Region 8, 2021-23*

Species	2021	2022	2023
Bat	36	18	6
Fox	2	3	3
Raccoon	9	2	1
Skunk	9	5	20
Total	56	28	30

*As of 7/31/2023

GISD board pores over facilities report

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales ISD school board met for a special called meeting Thursday, July 27 at the GISD Administration building.

GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda went over the facilities report with school board members in regards to a potential bond election in November as well as the community input meeting set for Thursday, Aug. 3.

"This information is the foundation, it's not solidified. It's basically 'here's what we've come up with and board members, we want y'all to review it. We want

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Avellaneda previews GISD Community Bond meeting

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales ISD school board has had opportunity to hear feedback from each other

regarding a potential bond election. Now, it's time for the community to have a turn to speak.

The board will have a

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Gonzales City Council discusses fiscal 2024 budget

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

Discussions for the 2023-2024 budget have

begun for the Gonzales City Council with a special called meeting held Wednesday, July 26.

Several different departments were in attendance to discuss their proposed budgets to the council, and most of them will have the same budget as last year, but there is increase for travel for training.

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Gonzales residents chill and relax in the pool for the first-ever Grill & Chill Picnic Saturday, July 29, hosted by Community Health Centers of South Central Texas.

VANDY VAN EPPS

CHCSCT hosts Grill & Chill picnic

BY DEBBIE MARSHALL
Special to the Inquirer

Community Health Centers of South Central Texas hosted a memorable Grill & Chill picnic, dedicated to honoring the hard work and dedication of their over 255 employees who tirelessly care for patients across the five counties they serve. The event was a heartfelt gesture of appreciation for their exceptional efforts.

Baker Boys BBQ stepped up to the

grill and prepared a mouthwatering feast of grilled chicken, brisket, and sausage, all served alongside delectable sides of potato salad and beans. This delightful spread was generously sponsored by Luling Chevrolet, showing support for the cause.

The Boy Scouts of America Scout Masters took charge of grilling up hotdogs and hamburgers, while the Boy Scouts themselves served the

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Area first responders battle fires on I-10

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
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First responders from Gonzales County and surrounding counties rushed to an 18-wheeler fire Thursday, July 27 on Interstate 10 West near the westbound 642 mile marker.

The Gonzales Sheriff's Office said on its official Facebook page they received multiple 911 calls about the blaze, which happened at about 3:33 p.m.

"Deputies and Texas Highway Patrol responded and found a semi-truck trailer on fire, which

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Victoria College awards degrees, certificates to graduates

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Victoria College awarded degrees and certificates to nearly 550 graduates at the end of the 2022-23 academic year.

Following are the Victoria College graduates grouped by their cities of residence:

CUERO

- Twanisha Adams
- Brandy Cole
- Crystal Eichhorn
- Daundra Eldridge
- Deona Gandy
- Ashley Gonzales
- Roberto Hinojosa
- Jacob Keith
- Braden Kribo
- Ginny Landgraf
- Jalen McCarthy
- Haley Morris
- Trace Reed
- Cindy Serrano
- Madeline Torres
- True Trevino



VC awarded nearly 550 graduates at the end of the 2022-23 academic year at the Victoria Fine Arts Center.

- Danielle Wade
- Andrew Washington
- Travis Young

GONZALES

- Asia Adams
- Dora Almaguer

- Mauricio Cintora Gonzalez
- Dorothy Escamilla
- Marina Gates
- Erin Heller
- Monica Matamoros
- Catherine Stakes
- Mallory Vara

HARWOOD

- Cristal Garcia

LEESVILLE

- Molli Broadway

LULING

- Shannon Hare
- Joy Johnson
- Mia Wilson

NIXON

- Maria Ruiz
- Jake Torres
- Alfredo Valerio
- Jesus Vasquez

SEGUIN

- Vanessa Casso

SHINER

- Jeffrey Fishbeck
- Joshua Janecek
- Jacob Malinovsky
- Haleigh Meyer
- Kenneth Robinson

SMILEY

- Chalee Mejia
- Gloria Ramirez

WESTHOFF

- Angeles Cruces
- Tzee Kwang Perry Tong

YOAKUM

- Ashley Bennetsen
- Summer Boothe
- Madison Bridges
- Ashley Garza
- Denise Garza
- Johan Hernandez Gonzalez
- Leslie Jimenez
- Jarius Jones
- Kayleen Jurena
- Kayla Kimes
- Dylan Lauer
- Lauren Leslie
- Ava Muenich
- Austin Points
- Charley Rosales
- Angelette Siegel
- Dhruv Suthar
- Will Tyler

GC 4-H Awards Banquet honors many

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The 2023 Gonzales County Awards Banquet was held July 21, 2023, at the First Methodist Church of Gonzales. Judge Patrick Davis attended the banquet, and we are grateful for his support. 4-H members were recognized for participating in County, District and State 4-H events. Gonzales County excelled in Record Books with the following 11 books placing at the District 10 competition:

- Augustus Sexton, Beef, 3rd Place Senior
- Audrey Lindemann, Poultry, 4th Place Senior
- Nehemiah Elizondo, STEM, 5th Place Senior
- Addyson Kardosz, Food & Nutrition, 5th Place Senior
- Audrey Thibodeaux, Health, 2nd Place Senior
- Ahren Hattenbach, Citizenship, 3rd Place Intermediate
- Elisabeth Irving, Vet Science, 1st Place Intermediate



- Jaxon Beck, Leadership, 1st Place Intermediate
 - Adysen Janacek, Goat, 2nd Place Intermediate
 - William Miller, Poultry, 3rd Place Intermediate
 - Evan Roehr, Health, 1st Place Intermediate
- The following six seniors received scholarships from the Gonzales County 4-H Adult Leaders Association: Savay Sexton, Cooper LaBuhn, Madisyn Rice, Preston Rice, Brendon Mercer, and Cecilia Villasana. The highlight of the banquet was the announcement of the Star Awards, the highest award a 4-H

member can obtain. This year the Gold Star winners were Madisyn Rice and Preston Rice of Nixon 4-H. Next, we recognized the highest award for 12- to 13-year-olds. This year the Junior Miss Award went to Elisabeth Irving and the Junior Mister Award went to Ahren Hattenbach. The I Dare You Award recognizes excellence in character, personal development, and potential for leadership and it was awarded to Evan Roehr. Each 4-H club had the opportunity to choose one leader that has been ex-

tremely valuable to their success this year. The following leaders were recognized:

- Green Clover - Gretchen Hilt
- Horse Project - Amy Thibodeaux
- Leesville - Tracy Gillman
- Nixon - Loyce Rice
- Robotics - Christina Hattenbach
- Sundowners - Erin LaBuhn
- Waelder - Norma Puente

Please call the AgriLife Extension office at 830-672-8531 if you are interested in joining 4-H.

Texas sales tax holiday coming up Aug. 11-13

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Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar is reminding shoppers they can save money on clothes and school supplies during the state's sales tax holiday Aug. 11-13. State law exempts sales tax on qualified items — such as clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks — priced below \$100, saving shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. The dates of the sales tax holiday and list of tax-exempt items are set by the Texas Legislature.

"As Texans prepare for the back-to-school bell, this is the perfect time to take advantage of the opportunity to save money on everything from blue jeans to ballpoint pens," Hegar said. "As the father of three, I know how these expenses can add up." The Comptroller's

office estimates that shoppers will save \$136 million in state and local sales tax during this sales tax holiday. Apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free are listed on the Comptroller's website at [TexasTaxHoliday.org](https://www.texas.gov/tx-tax-holiday). Qualifying items can be purchased tax free online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) when either:

- the item is both delivered to, and paid for by, the customer during the exemption period; or,
- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



COURTESY/GISD

Region 13 Education Service Center celebrated and recognized the 2023-24 Teachers of the Year on July 24. Present from Gonzales ISD were Chief of Communications, Marketing, Safety and Security Veronica Johannsen, Gonzales Junior High Principal Karen Perez, seventh grade teacher Tracy Patek (the GISD Teacher of the Year) and Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda.

Smiley advertising for city secretary

Jewett to take on interim role

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The city of Smiley has named city clerk Scott Jewett the interim city secretary until a new one can be hired later this month.

Mayor Lisa Benavidez said Tuesday the position is being advertised for two weeks in the

Gonzales Inquirer after Deborah Bustamente resigned last month. "We have not hired anyone full time as of yet," Benavidez said. "Mr. Scott is working as an interim until we can find a full-time secretary. We will take applications for two weeks and from there, we will see who applies. We hope that, by our next meeting, which is the third week in August, we can appoint someone."

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Celebrations

Birthdays

<p>August 3rd Stefanie Gonzales Tommie Hall Maddie Lindner Andrew Rodriguez Brandon Ramirez-Sirildo Chelsey Trevors</p> <p>August 4th Kim Avant James Fehner Greg Grier Alice Hermann Elizabeth Hillman Elijah Mathis DeEtte Mills Donald Pearson Tia Williams</p> <p>August 5th James Posey Alford Julie Marie Alford Ruth Guerra Peggy Janota Daphne Koerm Boyd Lawing</p>	<p>Vivian Nesloney Melda Rios</p> <p>August 6th Janet Baker Lara Bastin Casey Chavarria Bob Erickson Roland Martinez James Schellenberg Jeff Simper Tommy Wilson Rachel Zamora</p> <p>August 7th Beverly Pekar Bond Julie Burek Patricia Camarillo Elizabeth Cook Edward Cuvelier D'Laine Easley Donnie Glass Sascha Kardosz Christie Krueger Ashley Pirkle Tony Powers</p>	<p>Shelli Van Kirk Lorelei White</p> <p>August 8th Carol Lynn Bautista Kennon Lee DuBose Astin Flach John Hahn Christal Haub Larry Hernandez Mildred Lauraine Nancy Null Donnie Petru Seth Rainey John Turk Belinda Walker</p> <p>August 9th Jason Campion Leonard Frederick Natalie Jackson Marlene Metzler Charles Patterson Donald Rihn Jonathan Rosenaur Walter Vernon</p>
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	August 4 100°/77°	Mostly sunny, very warm and humid 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 103
	August 5 101°/76°	Very warm with plenty of sunshine 5% chance of rain • RealFeel 104
	August 6 103°/77°	Mostly sunny and very warm 10% chance of rain • RealFeel 105
	August 7 102°/75°	Mostly sunny and very warm; a thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 107
	August 8 101°/76°	Mostly sunny, very warm and humid 20% chance of rain • RealFeel 107
	August 9 97°/77°	Thickening clouds, very warm and humid 20% chance of rain • RealFeel 110

Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

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Q. Why is it a problem to use a fertilizer designed for lawns and gardens for a plant in a container?

A. Plants growing in the soil such as grass or vegetables can tolerate a fertilizer that is constructed simpler that relies on salts to carry its nutrients. A plant in a container usually has less soil to dilute the fertilizer and the salts injure the plant parts such as roots.

Q. What is the issue with using a string mower on a lawn around the shade tree base? Our landscape care company has several customers that do not allow the use of string mowers on lawns because they say they damage trees.

A. When string mowers are used to remove weeds at the base of newly planted trees, the trees are inevitably wounded by the string mower with partial girdling occurring and the trees never fully recover. The wounded trees grow slower and are more susceptible to drought and other stresses.

Q. What is the cause of the decline in Monarch Butterfly numbers?

A. There are a number of contributing issues. Monarchs migrate over thousand of miles from Canada to Mexico and so are at the mercy of the weather on their annual migrations North and then South. Monarchs only lay their eggs on milkweed plants so they need plenty to be available during the breeding season. The



Monarchs also breed at least 3 different times each year with all breeding adults dying after each generation is hatched. The Migrating Monarchs are susceptible to insect sprays as caterpillars and adults. The wintering grounds in Mexico have been vulnerable land use that disrupts the Wintering populations.

Q. When do we plant our winter vegetables and what vegetables are included?

A. We start planting the winter vegetables in September except for tomatoes, peppers, eggplants and okra which should be planted already. Plant broccoli, kale, lettuce, beets, radish, cauliflower, cabbage, rutabagas, turnips, Swiss chard next month. Onions are usually planted in December and spinach in October

PVAMU, UAPB to host African-American forestry conference Aug. 29-30

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) are hosting the third annual Sustainable Forestry and African American Land Retention (SFLR) Joint Regional Conference from Aug. 29-30.

Themed "Sustaining Forests and Saving Our Land," the virtual conference will gather forestry and land management experts to offer critical insight into retaining land within family generations and growing generational wealth.

The SFLR Program assists African American forest landowners with entry into forest management and addressing barriers to land retention.

Several notable conference speakers include PVAMU's newly appointed President, Tomikia P. LeGrande, Ed.D., Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources and Director of Land Grant Programs, Gerard D'Souza, Ph.D., USDA Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environ-

ment, Homer Wilkes, Ph.D., and many more.

Guests can also expect to hear speakers discuss navigating matters related to heirs' property, carbon credits, carbon sequestration, suitable methods of climate-smart agriculture, and much more. There are over five million acres of forestry in East Texas — the most abundant is pine, with over a million acres of oak-pine timberland, followed by oak-hickory as the second most abundant.

This conference is free, and all are welcome to attend. To register for the conference, please use this link. You may also access the registration link at www.pvamu.edu/sflr or by scanning the registration QR Code below. For more information, please contact PVAMU Program Coordinator and SFLR Joint Regional Conference Co-Chair, Ms. Angela Moore, at amooore@pvamu.edu, 936-261-5002, or UAPB KIITF Coordinator and SFLR Conference Co-Chair, Ms. Kandi Williams, at williamska@uapb.edu, 870-571-9428.

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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

July 29th
Cattle - 1165
 Compared to our last sale: Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady with a slightly weaker undertone. Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold steady to 2.00 higher.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 315-320; 300-400 lbs., 280-298; 400-500 lbs., 253-275; 500-600 lbs., 233-245; 600-700 lbs., 220-225; 700-800 lbs., 219-221. **Bull Yearlings:** 700-900 lbs., 95-145. **Stocker-feeder heifers:** Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 265-285; 300-400 lbs., 247-255; 400-500 lbs., 228-235; 500-600 lbs., 221-224; 600-700 lbs., 195-215. **Packer Cows:** Good lean utility and commercial, 82-90; Cutters, 94-108; 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 31st
Cattle - 1233
Steers: 200-300 lbs - \$267-277-325; 300-400 lbs - \$232-242-310; 400-500 lbs - \$212-222-293; 500-600 lbs - \$208-218-260; 600-700 lbs - \$200-210-253; 700-800 lbs - \$185-195-223. **Heifers:** 200-300 lbs - \$237-247-305; 300-400 lbs - \$225-235-290; 400-500 lbs - \$205-215-305; 500-600 lbs - \$197-207-265

600-700 lbs - \$190-200-218
 700-800 lbs - \$177-187-230
Slaughter Cows - \$65-116
Slaughter Bulls - \$90-126
Stocker Cows - \$600-1000
Pairs: NONE

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Sale date: July 25th
Cattle on hand: 2400
Packer Cows: Canner and Cutter Cows: \$82-107; Utility & Fat Cows: \$80-102; **Light Weight Canner Cows:** \$58-85; **Poor/Weak:** \$48-66; **Packer Bulls:** Heavyweight Bulls: \$116-125; Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$105-118; **Lightweight Canner Bulls:** \$92-110; **Stocker Cows:** Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$1350-1500; Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1025-1325; **Good Cow & Calf Pairs:** 1 pair - \$1800; **Medium Cow & Calf Pairs:** \$1300-1500; **Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:** **Number 1 steer & bull calves:** Under 200 lbs.: \$240-310; 200-300 lbs.: \$235-320; 300-400 lbs.: \$235-315; 400-500 lbs.: \$225-275; 500-600 lbs.: \$220-260; 600-700 lbs.: \$205-245; 700-800 lbs.: \$190-232.50; **Number 1 heifer calves:** Under 200 lbs.: \$220-300; 200-300 lbs.: \$190-280; 300-400 lbs.: \$220-285; 400-500 lbs.: \$215-260; 500-600 lbs.: \$200-245; 600-700 lbs.: \$190-220; 700-800 lbs.: \$175-215; **Replacement Heifers:** 350-700 lbs.: \$235-280; **The calf market was once again very strong this week. All**

weights and classes sold fully steady and very active. Hot, dry conditions have pastures suffering in our area. Packer cows and bulls sold fully steady on a total supply of 300 hd.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

July 26th
 Quality not as deep on all classes. Market softer due to quality. Packer cows and bulls 2 & 3 softer. **Cattle - 1971**
Sheep & goats - 996
Medium & large frame #1 Steers: 200-300 lb. .85-2.13-3.10; 300-400 lb. .40-1.71-2.92; 400-500 lb. .45-2.01-2.92; 500-600 lb. .50-1.89-2.40; 600-700 lb. .60-1.83-2.32; 700-850 lb. .80-1.71-2.17; **Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:** 200-300 lb. .65-2.06-2.90; 300-400 lb. .60-1.87-2.85; 400-500 lb. .60-1.98-2.55; 500-600 lb. .45-1.76-2.35; 600-750 lb. .50-1.81-2.07; **Cows:** Utility & commercial - 55-91-109; Cutters - 62-72-83; Canners - 55-66-78; **Palpated cows - 600-1200**
Cow/Calf Pairs - 525-600
Bulls: Heavy High Yielding - 1.10-1.25; Light & Low Yielding - .88-1.09; **Sheep & Goats:** Nannies - 50-220; Kid Goats (Fat) - 1.80-2.65; **Wethers - 2.10-2.60**
Billies - 1.30-2.00
Dorp. Ewes - 35-105
Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 1.70-2.80
Wooled Ewes - 80-95
Wooled Bucks - .85-1.20
Lambs - 1.20-1.80
Barb. Bucks - 200-1200

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

July 28, 2023
Number of head 1,531

There were 220 cows and 26 bulls. The packer market was once again stronger this week. The top bull was \$5 higher bringing \$124/cwt, and the top packer cow was \$2 higher bringing \$111/cwt. The calf market was once again fully steady to higher than last week. The demand was strong and it was an active market across the board. **Packer bulls:** 100.00-130.00; **Packer cows:** canners & cutters 60.00-111.00; poor & weak 30.00-50.00; **Palpated:** 24 bred 80.00-109.00; **PAIRS:** 2 \$1275.00; **Steer Calves:** (AVG-HIGH) Under 200 lbs. none; 200-249 lbs. one-300.00; 250-299 lbs. one-250.00; 300-350 lbs. 267.00-304.00; 350-400 lbs. 255.00-292.00; 400-450 lbs. 235.00-270.00; 450-500 lbs. 232.00-270.00; 500-550 lbs. 228.00-250.00; 550-600 lbs. 224.00-254.00; 600-700 lbs. 215.00-240.00; 700-800 lbs. 204.00-231.00; **Bull Calves:** (AVG-HIGH) Under 250lbs 233.00-300.00; 250-300 lbs. 242.00-310.00; 300-350 lbs. 241.00-300.00; 350-400 lbs. 230.00-274.00; 400-450 lbs. 232.00-268.00; 450-500 lbs. 228.00-276.00; 500-550 lbs. 221.00-246.00; 550-600 lbs. 216.00-246.00; 600-700 lbs 201.00-226.00; **Over 700 lbs. 192.00-215.00**; **Heifer Calves:** (AVG-HIGH) under 200 lbs. 229.00-255.00; 200-250 lbs. 207.00-250.00; 250-300 lbs 235.00-298.00; 300-350 lbs. 226.00-292.00; 350-400 lbs. 219.00-258.00; 400-450 lbs. 212.00-239.00; 450-500 lbs. 208.00-240.00; 500-550 lbs. 209.00-275.00; 550-600 lbs. 203.00-235.00; **Over 700 lbs 167.00-228.00**

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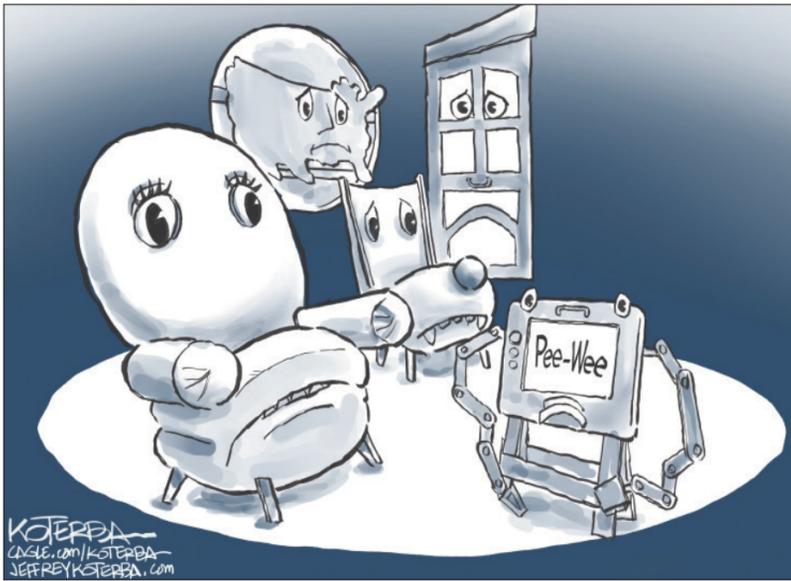
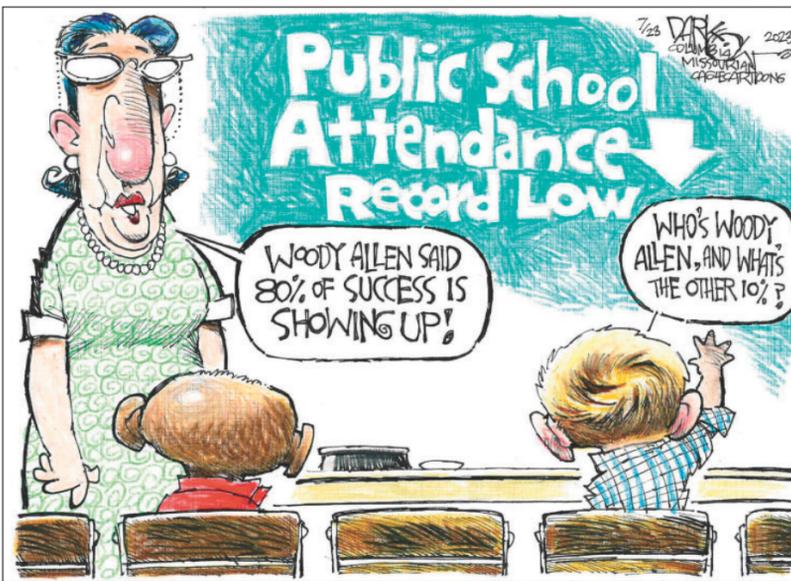
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GONZALES CO. HISTORY

- 1885** - August 15, Dr. J.C. Jones House is begun, 108 Hamilton Street (Block 43). In the October 17 issue of The Inquirer is the statement that the citizens are calling it "the dengue house" because it is such a large, expensive house and the frequency of the disease called "dengue fever" helped Dr. Jones pay for the house.
- 1887** - August 13, the Inquirer reports that the City Council has passed an ordinance requiring property owners to keep their sidewalks in good repair. If the owner is notified and fails to comply, the City will hire the work done and charge the property owner. If this fails, a part of the property owners' land will be sold in order to pay for the sidewalk repairs.
- August 27, Boothe & Son have had a water trough built on the square in front of their store for the convenience of their customers.
 - August 27, several large bulls have been seen roaming the streets early in the morning. They are frightening to the women who are out early and the Inquirer wonders if the City could arrange to have these bulls captured and confined until their owners may be found and fined.
- 1899** - August 17, David S.H. Darst is reported to possibly be the oldest Mason living in Texas. He was made a Mason in 1846 and is now seventy-eight years old. His mother, Margaret, who was an Alamo widow, is still living in Gonzales.
- 1901** - August, City Council declared: no bicycles or velocipedes may be ridden on sidewalks in City; all utility posts must be out of the streets; the ordinance against throwing trash must be enforced more strictly; the City must enact an ordinance stating that the City limits be the livestock limits
- 1907** - J.M. Mohrmann bought out his partner, Kelly, to found Mohrmann's Drug Store in the west corner of the Randle-Rather Building. Later it was moved to 407 St. George Street and then in 1974 to 413 St. George Street. (During this time the store changed hands at least once and was re-purchased by the Mohrmanns after WW II).
- 1910** - August 22, Mr. C.E. Dilworth has let the contract for the building of a fine two-story brick home to be built on the site of his present home at 222 Saint Peter Street. The G.W. Littlefield House, built in 1885, was then situated at 222 St. Peter. The Littlefield house was purchased by T.F. Harwood and will be moved to the vacant lot at 510 Saint Matthew Street.
- 1912** - August 1, the San Antonio/Aransas Pass Railroad has made contract with the light company to install street lights at their crossings at Wallace, Water, College, and Hamilton Streets. Also a light at the passenger depot.
- August 15, five electric fans are installed in the Methodist Church. The Baptists got fans earlier this year.
- 1913** - August 28, C.C. DeWitt is reported to have died at his home in Houston. He was brought to Gonzales where he was buried in the DeWitt family cemetery which was called "Mason's Mound". Later known as "Santa Anna Mound" and then "DeWitt Mound".
- 1915** - August 12, Broers family burial ground on East Avenue belonging to Fred Boothe and Mrs. Jahnke is being cleared. The graves will go to either the Masonic Cemetery or the IOOF Cemetery. The first grave was in 1849 when the Broers family first came to Gonzales and this particularly referenced stone will go to the IOOF Cemetery. (This block is bordered on the north by St. Andrew Street, on the east by Fair Street and on the south by St. Lawrence Street; it is a parcel of land about fifteen yards square, situated nearly in the center of the block where Broers and others were buried. This is the block where the old Cotton Mill stood.)



DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Mort on migration...

My intrepid Uncle Mort does much "huffing and puffing" about state and national politics. At the end of the day, though—when everything is said and done—always more is said than done.

Sometimes he claims to see two imaginary punching bags, one inscribed "Austin" and the other "Washington, DC." He flails away at them as if his mid-air punches land squarely on noses of ne-er do wells in both capitals.

"I know I'm biased," he admits. "But we've had occasional statesmen at both levels in by-gone years and would be hard-pressed to find any now..."

He claims to feel sorry for all decision-makers who are frustrated about our border policy.

"Years ago, I kidded about it," Mort said. "Way back there when federal troops were sent to guard the Rio Grande River, I kidded that national leaders were way off base. Yankees swarming across the Red River through Oklahoma were the bigger problem. Clearly, the troops were guarding the wrong river."

With most efforts to control illegal migration from Mexico failing, Mort believes the State of Texas initiative—called "Operation Lone Star"—is a 14-carat mess. He thinks a more apt name would be "Operation Blown Star..."

Mort leans heavily on this modified expression: "Southern born and southern bred, and when I die, I'll be southern dead." (He's kept a couple of apple crates full of Confederate money, just in case.)

Years ago, he drove a tour bus through Civil War battlefields. He pointed out various battles, all won by troops of the Confederacy. One day, a little old lady from Connecticut asked, "Didn't the Union army win any battles?"

"Not while I'm driving this bus they didn't," Mort snapped....

Mort continues his pleas to radio and television news folks to start pronouncing "Uvalde" correctly. He knows that Spanish pronunciation varies from the way most townspeople in the South Texas community pronounce it.

"The news people ought to pronounce it the way the folks who live there do," Mort maintains. Quite simply, he thinks the accepted pronunciation is "U-val' (like VALue)-dy," not "U-vol' (like VOLume)-dy."

He commends the distinct minority on radio and TV news who pronounce it correctly and understands the confusion of a visitor who wondered if it is "Heeco" or Hico, "Chee-co" or Chico? (A new TV weather guy in the Metroplex called Lipan (LY'-pan) "Lip'pen" a while back.)....

Slack is understandably cut for radio/tv sports people covering the Tampa Bay Rays. The Rays have two "Loves," Joshua and Brandon. They are not related and pronounce their last names differently. The former pronounces his last name like Lowes, the home improvement store. Brandon favors a different pronunciation, rhyming with "How now, brown cow?"

Tampa Bay fans may have other names for this pair, and for the rest of the team, too. They don't cotton to the way the Rays played recently in Texas, where they lost all three games to the Rangers....

One of the Texas Rangers' great moments (and there are many) occurred when Alex Speas provided critical relief pitching for the final game against the Rays. In the minors for six seasons, he survived Tommy John surgery and COVID 19 pandemic issues before his major league debut against Tampa Bay. The 25-year-old struck out the first three batters he faced. His mother—present in the grandstands—was delighted with her son's sterling performance. It was fun to watch her dancing around in euphoria.

A paraphrased poem is worth remembering: "Bullfight critics, ranked in rows, crowd the vast arena full, but the only one there who really knows, is the one whose job's to fight the bull..."

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APACHES TAKE THE FIELD

The Gonzales Apaches offensive line gets ready for a new season. Dave Campbell's Texas Football projected the Apaches to finish fourth in 4A DII District 12 for the 2023 season.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



Above: The Gonzales Apaches walk to the sideline for a break from practice Tuesday, Aug. 1. Gonzales kicks off its district opener at home against the Caldwell Hornets Friday, Oct. 6 at Apache Field. Below, right: Apaches offensive line coach Saul Hinojosa Jr. with his linemen Tuesday, Aug. 1 at the Gonzales High School practice field for Two-A-Days. Below, left: The Apaches line up for an offensive play call at the Gonzales High School practice field.



A Gonzales receiver sprints into position to catch the ball at practice for Two-A-Days.

GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS



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The winning team from the July 26 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Mike Higginbotham, Chuck Emmick, Dee Bairington, Donnie Janicek and Bill Kessler.



The second-place team from the July 26 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Jake Barnick, Randy Reed, Zack Reed, Chris Jeanes and Tylan Peterson.

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WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!

The Thompsonville Ice Cream Social Scholarship Fundraiser was a huge success and organizers are sending a shout out to all the ice cream and sweet eaters that joined them. They had half a dozen different homemade ice creams and over a dozen different homemade desserts. Lots of socializing among family and friends was enjoyed by all. They had a cool time inside and out, thanks to GVEC's Port-A-Cool. Again, thanks to the community's generous giving, they awarded 10 Gonzales County students each with a \$1,500 scholarship this year.

2ND 25TH DISTRICT COURT SENTENCINGS

The following sentences were handed down by 2nd 25th District Court Judge Jessica Crawford during a July 26 hearing:

- Joe Luis Garcia, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, four years Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division with 115 days credit.
- Tyler Sidney King, aggravated assault with a deadly

weapon, one year deferred adjudication (five years original sentence) and restitution of \$3,605.50. Fines, attorney fees and court costs waived.

- Douglas Wayne Hunt, failure to comply with a sex offenders duty to register for life, two years Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division with credit.
- Stephanie Medrano, possession of a controlled substance PG 1/1B >=1G<4G, tampering or fabricating

physical evidence with intent to impair, eight years deferred adjudication, \$750 fine plus court costs.

- Rufus Lee Tumlinson, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance PG 1 >=4G<200G, 10 years deferred adjudication, \$1,500 fine plus attorney's fees and court costs. Three other counts (possession of a controlled substance PG 1 >=4G<200G, burglary of a habitation, burglary of a building) all dismissed.

BOND REVOCATIONS FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR

- Kristina Marie Contreras, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance PG 1 >=1G,4G, new bond set at \$100,000.
- Juan Ramon Hinojosa, possession of a controlled substance PG 1 <1G, new bond set at \$100,000.
- Juan Mojica Torres, driving while intoxicated third or more IAT, new bond set at \$100,000.

MEETING

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special meeting tonight, Thursday, Aug. 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the GISD Administration building about the bond election.

GISD Superintendent Dr. Elmer Avellaneda said the district needs guidance and is seeking feedback from the community about a possible bond issue on the ballot in November.

"At the end of the day, these schools are the community's schools. These children are the community's children and our constituents are the taxpayers, so their feedback is crucial to the success of a potential bond," Avellaneda said.

The district has been livestreaming their bond meetings on Facebook, including, most recently, the ethics training that goes along with proposing a bond issue.

Avellaneda said whenever there is a potential bond issue, it is important that he, the board and staff know the rules and regulations.

"I want to make sure that everyone is aware of the laws and regulations and the ethics that comes with a potential bond proposal. So we have attorneys coming to present that information and the rules, laws regulations for bond ethics," he said.

The district is looking into a new high school, athletic complex and safety and security upgrades, and Avellaneda said there are discussions on various proposition; however they need community guidance before they may proceed further.

"It's crucial to get guidance from the community on what they would like to see in their school district, what they would like to see in their schools. We really do need to solidify what propositions the community would support," Avellaneda said.

"My responsibility as a superintendent is to make sure that I'm seeking feedback from the community. The community is guiding us on what they would support, proposition wise," Avellaneda said. "I relay that back to the school board so when it's time to officially call the bond for a potential November election, the board is well aware of the community and what they would support."

Avellaneda said he is excited to have 100 community members give feedback about the potential bond.

"I can't stress this enough — it is probably my third time saying this — but it's the community's schools and its children. They deserve to have an input on a potential bond proposal," Avellaneda said.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. this evening.

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THE CITY OF Smiley is accepting applications thru August 4, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. for a full-time clerk. Seeking an individual with the following qualifications: H.S graduate, type at least 40 words per minute, an accounting background and familiar with Quickbooks. Previous experience working with the public, must be able to be bonded. Applications may be picked up at Smiley City Hall, 207 Steele Street, Smiley, Texas 78159. Resumes may be mailed to Smiley City Hall, P.O. Box 189, 207 Steele Street, Smiley, Texas 78159.

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FARM and RANCH: 4875 Sandy Fork Road, Harwood, 4 bdrm, 2 ba, Built 2003, 26+ Acres, \$750,000

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HISTORIC HOME - 803 Saint Lawrence Street, Gonzales, 4 bdrm, 2 ba, 2 Story, Built 1897, 2776 sqft, \$475,000
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**DESIGN BUILD SERVICES FOR NIXON-SMILEY CISD
 2023 BOND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
 REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is intended to solicit qualifications (Respondents) with capabilities to design and construct improvements for NIXON-SMILEY CISD ("Owner"). For the purpose of this RFQ, "Respondent" refers to any entity or team that is qualified to provide all of the improvements as listed in this request. It is the intent of Owner to select the Respondent demonstrating the best overall value to the Owner, and to enter into an agreement to provide design and construction services for NIXON-SMILEY CISD 2023 Bond Construction Project to Owner. Improvements may include but are not limited to, Construction of new educational facilities and renovations to include the following spaces: Educational Space, Administration Offices, Restrooms, CTE rooms and shop space, new transportation facility, Athletic Improvements, MEP work, Site Work, Security and other improvements as needed. All design and construction is expected to meet current codes and standards for Nixon and Smiley, TX.

**Sealed responses shall be received no later than:
 Tuesday August 15, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME**

RETURN RESPONSE TO:
**Name: Nixon-SmileyCISD c/o Bobby Tober
 bobby@sledge.biz**

Please mark subject line:
 "DESIGN BUILD SERVICES – NIXON-SMILEY CISD 2023 BOND PROJECTS"

Responses received after the deadline will not be considered.

Requests for an electronic copy of the RFQ package may be sent to Bobby Tober at bobby@sledge.biz Clarification of any part of this solicitation must be in writing at least three (3) business days prior to the due date. Such clarification requests may be emailed to Bobby Tober at bobby@sledge.biz

Requested clarifications will be provided to all known responders as a written addendum to the RFQ. It is the responder's responsibility to verify the issuance of Addenda in regard to this RFQ.

**Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in
 Career and Technical Education Programs**

Gonzales ISD offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources; Business, Management, and Administration, Education and Training; Health Science; Human Services; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security; Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics; Arts, Audio/ Visual Technology and Digital Communications; and Hospitality and Tourism. Admission to these programs is based on student request and coursework prerequisites.

It is the policy of Gonzales ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

It is the policy of Gonzales ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Gonzales ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendent, at 1615 Saint Louis Street, Gonzales, TX 78629, 830- 672-9551.

**Notificación Pública de No Discriminación en
 Programas de Educación Profesional y Técnica**

Gonzales ISD ofrece programas de educación técnica y profesional en Agricultura, Alimentos y Recursos Naturales; Negocios, Gestión y Administración, Educación y Formación; Ciencia de la salud; Servicios Humanos; Derechos, Seguridad Pública, Correccionales y Seguridad; Transporte, Distribución y Logística; Artes, Tecnología Audiovisual y Comunicaciones Digitales; y Hotelería y Turismo. La admisión a estos programas se basa en la solicitud del estudiante y los prerrequisitos del curso.

Es la política de Gonzales ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o discapacidad en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales según lo exige el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmendada; Título IX de las Enmiendas Educativas de 1972; y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmendada.

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Gonzales ISD tomará medidas para garantizar que la falta de conocimientos del idioma inglés no sea una barrera para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para obtener información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos de queja, comuníquese con la Coordinadora del Título IX, Dr. Elmer Avellaneda, Superintendente, en 1615 Saint Louis Street, Gonzales TX, 78629, 830-672-9551.

July 27 Puzzle Answers



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**City of Gonzales
 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM
 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The City of Gonzales will conduct a public hearing on August 10, 2023 at 6 p.m. at 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629 concerning the closeout of its Community Development Block Grant funded through the Texas Department of Agriculture (#7220052 2020 DRP). This hearing will be held to review the City's program performance, including the actual use of funds and total funds expended. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the City to arrange for such assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the City at citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov or at 830-672-2815 at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. *Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la ciudad antes de las audiencia publica.*

**Ciudad de Gonzales
 SUBVENCIÓN EN BLOQUE PARA DESARROLLO
 COMUNITARIO DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE
 AGRICULTURA DE TEXAS PROGRAMA DE
 REVITALIZACIÓN DEL CENTRO DE LA CIUDAD
 AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA**

La Ciudad de Gonzales llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el 10 de agosto de 2023 a las 6 p.m. en 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629, con respecto al cierre de su Subvención en Bloque para Desarrollo Comunitario financiada a través del Departamento de Agricultura de Texas (#7220052 2020 DRP). Esta audiencia se celebrará para revisar el desempeño del programa de la Ciudad, incluido el uso real de los fondos y los fondos totales gastados. Las personas con discapacidades que deseen asistir a esta asamblea deben comunicarse con la Ciudad para organizar dicha asistencia. Las personas que necesiten dispositivos o servicios auxiliares para esta asamblea deben ponerse en contacto con la Ciudad enviando un correo electrónico a citysecretary@gonzales.texas.gov o llamando al 830-672-2815 al menos dos días antes de la asamblea para que puedan hacerse los arreglos necesarios. *Para residentes necesitados de intérpretes, favor de comunicarse con la Ciudad antes de la audiencia pública.*



**Gonzales Economic Development Corporation
 Request for Proposals – GEDC RFP 2023-01
 Professional Services**

The Gonzales Economic Development Corporation (GEDC), requests proposals for Professional Services for GEDC to be presented to GEDC.

Proposal Deadline **NOON August 15, 2023.**

Electronic submissions are encouraged and should be submitted to GEDC@gonzales.texas.gov with "GEDC RFP 2023-01" in the subject line.

Hand delivered submissions are acceptable and should be delivered to:
**GEDC
 Attn: Susan Sankey GEDC RFP 2023-01
 820 N. St. Joseph Street
 Gonzales, Texas 78629**

About GEDC
 GEDC directs economic development for the City of Gonzales, Texas, strengthening the local tax base, and improving the economic environment of the community.

Additional background and information can be found by visiting www.gonzalesedc.org

Scope of Work
 GEDC is interested in hiring professional services for brand and logo development and comprehensive marketing strategy, including digital and print. This marketing campaign will include, but not limited to: website design, website targeting and retargeting, extended reach, premium news content, social media platforms, email marketing, contextual, geo targeting and fencing to include national and international search capabilities, mobile, tablet, and pre-roll video, develop keyword categories and implement SEM and SEO strategies. This service will also provide comprehensive analytics to assess marketing strategies to include, but not limited to: conversion tracking, view through and click analytics at the lowest possible CPM rate.

We seek a partner with a proven track record for creative excellence in brand development and execution to help us:

- Evaluate our brand and develop a brand platform for GEDC, including positioning, personality, image, promise, differentiation, and value proposition.
- Develop a comprehensive brand strategy (including brand architecture) for a multifaceted brand.
- Create the brand identity including logo design, brand identity standards/guidelines/systems.
- Develop a strategy to gain organizational consensus for the brand's position.

- Proposal Requirements**
- Provide a brief description of your firm's structure and capabilities.
 - List all services provided in-house and services provided by any outside consultants. If any services are to be provided by outside consultants, please provide a brief description of the firm, its role, and capabilities.
 - Describe in detail your approach and process for brand development.
 - Submit a detailed schedule with your proposal for the project which includes critical milestones, assuming work to begin September 2023.
 - Provide a detailed fee proposal which outlines the specific activities that will be performed during the services, including the total long-term cost to the GEDC to acquire vendor's goods or services.
 - References: Supply at least three (3) references that have used your professional services for a similar project. Include a contact name, address, and a contact phone number.
 - List of all contact information, including address, email, and phone number.

Proposal Evaluation
Proposals are due to GEDC no later than NOON August 15, 2023. Selection criteria are outlined below and will be used to evaluate proposals.

GEDC will intend to negotiate contract terms with the most qualified vendor. If unsuccessful, GEDC would intend to then negotiate with the next most qualified vendor, until reaching satisfactory contractual arrangements. This RFP does not commit GEDC to award a contract to pay any costs incurred in the preparations or submissions of proposals. GEDC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP, waive minor technicalities and also the right to reject any of all bids for any reason, and to negotiate with any of the vendors or other firms in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the GEDC.

- Selection of the successful proposal will be made by GEDC upon the bidder demonstrating:
- Responsiveness to work scope and program needs (30%)
 - Demonstrated experience and expertise in similar projects (30%)
 - Cost-effectiveness (30%)
 - Comprehensiveness (10%)

Contract Terms
The proposed contract period for services is through September 30, 2025.

To the extent allowable by law, all materials produced, data collected, and reports generated by the contractor/subcontractor on behalf of GEDC are confidential and become the exclusive property of GEDC. The contractor/subcontractor may not share program materials, customer data, industry or program participant contact information, etc. unless explicitly authorized by GEDC to do so.

This RFP does not commit GEDC to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal, or to procure or contract for services. GEDC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals received because of this RFP, to negotiate with all qualified bidders, and to cancel the RFP, in part or in its entirety, at its sole discretion.

Questions regarding this RFP should be submitted no later than August 10 to Susan Sankey, GEDC Director.

Contact info:
Susan Sankey
 GEDC@gonzales.texas.gov
 830-672-2815 ext. 1600

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Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of David Anthony Williamson, Deceased, were issued on July 25, 2023, in Cause No. AD23-0266, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Rebecca Joy Palmer and Megan Williamson Falconer.

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

c/o: **Robert W. Bland**
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 119
GONZALES, TX 78629

Dated the 25th day of July, 2023.



Robert W. Bland
Attorney for Rebecca Joy Palmer and Megan Williamson Falconer
State Bar No: 24044756
P.O. Box 119
GONZALES, TX 78629
Telephone: (830) 672-2437
Facsimile: (830) 672-2439
E-mail: rbland@gvec.net

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association, Inc. is soliciting bids for meal preparation for the home delivered meal program. The contract is October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024. We reserve the right to reject any and/or all bids. Bids must be received in our office (NOT postmarked) by 12:00 Noon August, 24, 2023. Bid packages may be picked up at 818 Seydler St. in Gonzales.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Gonzales ISD is requesting proposals for two (2) Yamaha 411 SWC Silver Sousaphones with Cases (or similar product).

Proposal packets are on the Gonzales ISD website (www.gonzalesisd.net). Proposals may be mailed or hand delivered to 1615 St. Louis Street, Gonzales, TX 78629 (M-Th 8a-4p) or submitted via email to amanda.smith@gonzalesisd.net. Regardless of delivery method, all proposals must be received prior to, or at, 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. The district has the right to accept or reject any proposal based on the district's best interest.

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August Honeymoon

Howdy. Hope y'all are surviving the heat just fine. The last few days haven't even hit one hundred, so I broke out a sweater just in case. I don't know about you, but I actually do enjoy the heat. This old body and overly worn joints seem to be much more fluid when properly warmed up, allowing me to strut like a fifty two year old on date night. Being raised in Miami with no air conditioning and only a small, but awesome oscillating fan to sleep by, to this day, I just can't sleep without a breeze. So, if you're a little too warm, don't sweat it (pun intended), as fall is closing in fast.

I've recently (thank God) finished scrubbing and recoating my metal roof with white rubber, something I wasn't really looking forward to, as I've done it several times over the years and knew what to expect. Both me, and the house, are glad it's done and are much cooler as a result. Not only does this coating reflect most of the heat away from the house, but also adds to the longevity of the roof and structure, and also seals against leaks. I did somewhat enjoy the experience though, as I went up late mornings and early evenings, taking in the view from on high and reveling in the nice breezes of the south Texas summers (most days). After staring at that ultra bright white, looking at anything else



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

seemed like I had on sunglasses. I'm sure it's just an optical illusion from my eyes trying to slam shut. Funny thing was, that I saved several toads from on top of the roof, didn't even know they could climb. One got away and jumped off, but caught himself with one foot and climbed back up. Yep, that could've been disastrous for the little fellow as he wasn't wearing any safety gear or a parachute!

I'd like to give a quick shout out to God for watching over me, and allowing me to do all of these repairs with no injuries incurred, 'cause I just don't bounce like I used to. Watching the roof go from dirty to white, I couldn't help but think of something from the book of Isaiah where God tells him that; if we'll seek justice, and are willing to be obedient, though our sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow. I fully realize that by accepting Christ our sins are forgiven, but sometimes I still feel like the dirty snow that the plows have shoveled off the roads. I do find it comforting to know that God has forgiven me, even

if I still struggle with forgiving myself at times...thank you Lord!

Here's some August fun facts; while August actually means "inspiring admiration", it was originally named Sextilis... sounds more like the origins of Mel Tillis to me? The current name was derived from Augustus Caesar. On August 3rd, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain in hopes of discovering the new world. The first week is "simplify your life" week, and who couldn't use more of that. August is also known as the month of Honeymoon, as this is when honey is harvested from beehives. Eloise and I celebrated our honeymoon in August of '93. Yep, she was my honey and I was her hive...harvest me Honey... yahoo!

Days celebrated are: the 3rd, national watermelon day / 5th, national underwear day / 10th, lazy day / 13th, left-handers day / 16th, roller coaster day / also known as sandwich month, as sandwiches originated in August of 1762. On August 28th, Martin Luther King Jr. shared that he had a dream that, one day this nation would rise up and live out the true meaning of "All men were created equal". Sorry Martin, sad to say we're still working on that one.

Love you guys, Eric.

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GONZALES Independent School District 2023-2024 Academic School Year Calendar

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	Important Dates Please note: Staff Development/Student Holidays are reflected on the calendar, by color only All Staff First Day 8/2/2023 First Day of School 8/15/2023 Student and Staff Holiday (Labor Day) 9/4/2023 Student and Staff Early Release 10/6/2023 Student and Staff Holiday (Fall Break) 10/18/2023-10/20/2023 Student and Staff Holiday (Thanksgiving) 11/20/2023-11/24/2023 Student and Staff Early Release 12/22/2023 Student and Staff Holiday (Winter Break) 12/25/2023-1/5/2024 Student and Staff Holiday (MLK Holiday) 1/15/2024 Student and Staff Holiday (Spring Break) 3/11/2024-3/15/2024 Student and Staff Holiday (Good Friday) 3/29/2024 Last Day of School (Early Release) 5/23/2024 Graduation 5/24/2024 Bad Weather Day 5/28/2024-5/29/2024 Grading Period 1st Nine Weeks 8/15/2023-10/13/2023 2nd Nine Weeks 10/23/2023-12/22/2023 3rd Nine Weeks 1/9/2024-3/8/2024 4th Nine Weeks 3/18/2024-5/23/2024 Testing Dates EOC Retest 12/5-12/15/2023 STAAR Window 4/16/2024-5/10/2024 Holiday Bad Weather Make-Up Day Staff Development/Student Holiday Early Release Testing Window New Teacher Inservice
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	
MAY	JUNE	JULY	

NIXON-SMILEY 2023-24 School Calendar

(23) August 23 7820/17	Board approved: 4/17/2023 Revised: Dates are subject to change	(20) February 24 9015/20
S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 [9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Staff Development/Workday (Mandatory) Student Holidays Aug 1-8; Jan 3 First day / last day for students - Aug 9 - May 17 Graduation - May 17 7:30pm Mustang Stadium	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
(20) September 23 9015/20	School Holidays September 4 Labor Day October 9 Columbus Day November 20-24 Thanksgiving December 20-29; Jan 1-3 Christmas January 15 Martin Luther King Day February 19 Presidents Day March 11-15 Spring Break March 29 Good Friday April 1 Easter Monday District closed - summer vacation	(15) March 24 5980/15
S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Required Student Intercession (for grades 5-12 only) Oct 10-11; Dec 18-19*; Mar 7-8*; May 16-17* Bad Weather Make-up Day for Staff & Students minutes are added to the school day to cover 2 bad weather days Minutes per day 75,600 mandatory minutes for students Elem 7:40 - 3:20 - MS/HS 7:50 - 3:40 (460 min day) left corner of month = teacher days / right corner = student minutes Student Early Release Days 7:40am - 12:15pm = 275 min Sep 18, Nov 6, Dec 19, Feb 5, Mar 8, Apr 15, May 17 (Staff work full days) Staff Early Release Days: Dec 19; Mar 8; May 17	S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
(21) October 23 8740/21	STAAR Testing Schedule (dates are subject to change) Dec. 5-15 - Alg. I, Bio, US History, Eng. I & Eng II Apr. 16-26 - Gr. 3-8 Reading, English I & English II Apr 23- May 3 - Gr. 5 & 8 Science, Gr. 8 SS, Bio., US History Apr. 30 - May 10 - Gr. 3-8 Math & Algebra I >May administer assessments on Monday of second testing week. June 17-20 - Alg. I, Bio, US History, Eng. I & Eng II Retests June 24-27 - retests if necessary	(21) April 24 9475/21
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WAELDER 2023-24 SCHOOL CALENDAR

July 2023	July	January 2024	January
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	3 District Closed (July 3-7) 14 District Closed 21 District Closed 28 District Closed	Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 Christmas Break (Jan 1-5) 8 Student Holiday, Teacher In-service 15 Student & Staff Holiday, MLK Day
August 2023	August	February 2024	February
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	7 Teacher In-service (Aug. 7-14) 15 First Day of School	Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	16 Student & Staff Holiday Waelder 4-H Livestock Show 19 Student Holiday, President's Day
September 2023	September	March 2024	March
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 Student Holiday, Teacher In-service 4 Student & Staff Holiday, Labor Day	Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	8 Bad Weather Day 11 Spring Break (Mar. 11-15) 29 Student & Staff Holiday
October 2023	October	April 2024	April
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	6 Student Holiday, Teacher In-service 9 Student & Staff Holiday, Columbus Day	Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 Bad Weather Day 26 Student & Staff Holiday 29 Student Holiday, Teacher In-service
November 2023	November	May 2024	May
Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	3 Student Holiday, Teacher In-service 20 Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 20-24)	Su M Tu W Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	23 Last Day of School 24 Student Holiday, Teacher In-service 25 Graduation-Teacher Work Day 30 Summer School Teacher Work Day
December 2023	December	June 2024	June
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FRANK RAPHAEL FRYER, SR.



Frank Raphael Fryer, Sr. was born on April 30, 1933 in Gonzales, Texas (Lone Oak Community). He was one of eight children born to Bessie Hopkins Fryer and Brack Fryer, Sr. He confessed to Christ at an early age and was a member of Lone Oak Methodist Church, later transitioning to Henson Chapel United Methodist Church. He learned early the value of Christianity, family, education and hard work.

Frank graduated from Edwards High School in the Class of 1951. He attended Prairie View A&M University (interrupted by mandatory Military Service). Frank completed his education at Samuel Huston College (now Huston-Tillotson) with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Education. In addition, he completed his Certification in Special Education at Prairie View A&M University. Frank was a Veteran of the Korean War Conflict, where he served with distinction and was honorably discharged as Corporal in the U. S. Army.

Frank was united in holy matrimony to his high school sweetheart, Florence Naomi Mathis, for 67 years. Into this union four children were born: Janice, Bessie, Frank Jr., and Wanda.

Frank was first employed at Edwards High School as a Coach and teacher for several years. Other educational leadership employment as a Head Football Coach and teacher included high schools in Hearn and Rosebud, Texas. Coach Fryer was employed by Gonzales Independent School District for 28 years and is fondly remembered as a motivational leader for the Paposes (future Apaches) in all sports. He

is known for establishing the moniker, "Papoose Pride." Frank established the first black Boy Scout Troop in Gonzales that received numerous awards at State-level Jamborees.

Growing up in the Lone Oak Community the family raised turkeys and livestock. He, his brother Winston, and later Lacy assisted their Father Brack at his employer the Texas A&M Experiment Station in Gonzales County. Frank was an avid sportsman making sure to update his license for whatever was in season. His favorite coon dogs were Jet, Astro and Key Largo. In addition, he introduced later generations to hunting, fishing, and camping. Frank greatly enjoyed playing dominoes, even using them as an educational tool to teach students to count and multiply.

Known for his physical strength, one of his grandmothers nicknamed him Sampson. However, Frank was also known for his compassionate, gentle soul, and loyal friendship. We recall his support of neighboring senior citizens who were basically living off the land, without electricity, plumbing, and transportation by giving them rides into town on Saturdays to shop at the market, never asking for anything in return. His giving nature also led him to carry them plates from Fryer Family holiday

celebrations.

His organizational affiliations were the Masonic Lodge, founding member of the Gonzales County Water Board, Old Timers Club, and the Gonzales County Teachers Retirement Association. Various offices held at Henson Chapel were: Choir President, Administrative Council Chair, SPRC (Staff Pastor Relations Committee) President, and United Methodist Men President.

His warm and jovial personality made kids gravitate to him to learn his secret handshake. He loved working in the yard. His attention to detail resulted in him receiving the city of Gonzales, Yard of the Month.

His character was the epitome of the type of men we need in our world today. We thank Jesus for sharing him with our family and community. He will be missed!

Frank went home to be with the Lord on July 28, 2023 at the age of 90. He was preceded in death by his wife (Florence); daughter (Janice); parents (Bessie and Brack); sister (Joycesteen); brothers (Brack Jr., James Elmo, and Lacy); sisters-in law (Clara Fryer, Franner (Sugar) Brasfield, Carolyn Fryer, Dorothy Mathis, Lawanda Mathis, Bessie Randle, Josie Stevens, Reene Mathis, and Gracie Mathis; brothers-in law (Joseph Ruffin, Floyd Lott, Walter Mathis, Ross Mathis, Edward (Son) Mathis, Elias (Koochie) Mathis, and Topsy (Bubba) Mathis.

He leaves to cherish his memory: son - Frank, Jr.; Daughters - Bessie Naomi and Wanda Denise; grandchildren - Jon Carter, Dakota Ronstand, Aukievah (KIKI) Fryer; Sisters - Cloteal Lott and Bobbie Courett; brother Lawrence Winston Fryer, Sr.; sisters-in-law Willie Mae Dyer and Magalene Mathis; brothers-in-law William Brasfield, Sr. and Manzola Courett; God-daughter Gervaise Ford-Wilson, and a host of

nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Pallbearers: Lacy Troy Fryer, Jr., William Brasfield, Derrick Todd Courett, Earl Lott, George Mathis, Jr., Norman Dyer, Jr., Jeffery Mathis, Benny Smith, Jr., Danny Armelin, Khevin Armelin, Winston Fryer, Andrew Smith, Ervin Randle, Jr., Colby Clack, Jim Randle

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The Family of Frank R. Fryer expresses gratitude and heartfelt thanks to everyone for their prayers, support, texts, cards, food, calls, visits and many acts of kindness.

Special thanks to Davita Dialysis, Gonzales County EMS, GRMC- Seguin, Dr. Garth Vaz, Krissy Johnson/staff, Pam Smith Catering for the sick and shut-in and long time coaching partner and friend from the Lone Oak community, John Zavadi.

Services Entrusted to the Professional Care of: Harris Funeral Home 127 Highway 90A Gonzales, Texas 78629 Phone (830)672-1075; Fax (830)672-2294 Email: gharris154@gmail.com

Services: Saturday, August 5, 2023, 11 a.m. First Methodist Church 426 St. Paul Street, Gonzales, Texas Reverend Matt Pennington, Pastor Reverend Allen Noah, Officiating Reverend Johnny Toy, Eulogist

SHIRLEY DIAN TOMAS



Shirley Dian Tomas, 76, of Gonzales, passed away Thursday, July 27, 2023. She was born May 15, 1947 in Gonzales the daughter of Barney and Ruby Decker Baker. She graduated from Gonzales High School Class of 1965. She retired in 2012 from the University of Texas Medical Branch where she was a medical records supervisor. She married Randall Tomas on June 17, 2011 in Gonzales.

She was a talented artist and created many paintings. She loved cooking, dancing and music. She is survived by her husband Randall Tomas of Gonzales; son Todd Ivey of Gonzales; daughter Ginger Ray Easterling of Luling; sister Cookie Cox and husband Bobby of Gonzales. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father Harold Perdue, husband Walter Stanley Ivey, sons Joshua Patrick Ivey, Gregory William Ivey, infant son Jeffrey Regan Millican and infant daughter Anissa Dian Millican.

Her family wishes to thank the Heights of Gon-

zales and Heart to Heart Hospice for their excellent care.

Shirley would want everyone who knew her and loved her to find peace in her passing and requested to have private family services at a later date.

Memorials in memory of Shirley may be made to the Gonzales Animal Shelter, the American Cancer Society or the donor's choice of charities.

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

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

BARBARA NELL CHESSHER WALKER



Barbara Nell Chessher Walker, age 81 of Seguin, passed away on August 1, 2023. Barbara was born on July 26, 1942, in Nixon, Texas to Doris Nell (Billings) and Lillard Hugh Chessher.

Barbara was a graduate of Nixon High School Class of 1960 in Nixon, Texas. She attended Texas Christian University. Barbara worked in several banks throughout Seguin and Nixon during her career as a personal banker. Barbara and Bobby were founding members of Lifegate Ministries and Lifegate Christian School in Seguin where they remained actively involved until their health declined.

Barbara enjoyed gardening, especially antique roses, spending time with all her cats and dogs, and taking trips. She was blessed to spend this past Mother's Day with her entire family at Port Aransas.

Barbara is preceded in death by her loving husband of 45 years Bobby Jay Walker and her parents. Survivors include her loving sons, Jim Weaver and his wife Kelly, Ty Weaver, and wife Kishna; grandchildren who knew and loved her as Grandma, Lyndsay Shearrer and husband Taylor, Garrett Weaver, Brock Weaver, and Nicole Weaver; great-granddaughter, Kinley Shearrer; brother, Bill Chessher and wife Brenda; niece, Brandi Schonberg;

nephew, Steven Chessher; special cousin, Patsy Brandenberger and her daughters, Sammie Veit and Jodie Mahan; several great-nieces and great-nephews; numerous cousins, other loving family members, and friends.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 7, 2023, at Tres Hewell Mortuary Chapel followed by funeral services at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Robert K. Odom officiating. Interment will follow at Guadalupe Valley Memorial Park. A reception will follow in the Lifegate Ministries Fellowship Hall.

Barbara loved her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with all her heart and now is in his presence. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lifegate Ministries, 395 Lifegate Lane, Seguin, Texas, 78155.

You are invited to sign the guestbook at www.treshewell.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Tres Hewell Mortuary, 165 Tor Dr., Seguin, Texas, 78155, 830-549-5912.

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VC'S EMS program accepting applications for Fall 2023

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Victoria College is accepting applications for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Program. VC's EMS Program provides quality EMS education to meet the growing demand for competent EMT's and Paramedics. The program is currently accepting

applications for the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) Certificate, and Paramedic Certificate.

EMS is a selective- admissions program. You must complete all prerequisites, which include acceptance into Victoria College, EMS application, immunizations,

background check, drug screen, TSI or equivalent complete and interview with the Suzie Jechow, VC's EMS Program Director.

Application deadline is Monday, Aug. 14. For admission information, visit VictoriaCollege.edu/EMS or email Susie Jechow, VC's EMS Program Director at Susie.Jechow@VictoriaCollege.edu.



Victoria College's EMS Program application deadline is Monday, Aug. 14.

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SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Gonzales, the "Cradle of Texas Independence", will celebrate the firing of the first shot for Texas Independence this year on Friday, Oct. 6 through Sunday, Oct. 8. "Come and Take It" was the battle cry of the colonists when the Mexican military demanded the return of the cannon previously given to them for their protection from the Indians.

October 2, 1835 is designated as a Texas Heritage Day. The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture and the Come and Take It Celebration cordially invite you to be a part of this year's celebration and visit the site where Texas Independence began.

This year's "Come & Take It Parade" will be held Saturday, Oct. 7 at 10:30 a.m., with judging to begin promptly at 9 a.m. Please be in place as early as possible. Awards will be presented to the winners as they pass the START point of the parade.

Parade rules are available at the Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture office and online at gonzalestexas.com.

Deadline for entries: Entries are FREE until Aug. 11. Entries between Aug. 14- 25 are \$10.

Entries between Aug. 28-Sept. 8 are \$30. Entries between Sept. 11-22 are \$50.

Entries between Sept. 15-29 are \$100.

No entries will be accepted after Sept. 29. No exceptions!

Please note that there is a limit on parade entries. First come first serve. Please address any questions you may have to:

Gonzales Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture
Attn: Parade Committee
304 Saint Louis St.
Gonzales, Texas 78629

2023 Schulenburg Festival on tap for Aug. 3-6

'National Party of Texas' packed with entertainment for all

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

It's almost time for the 2023 Schulenburg Festival — Aug. 3-6. The annual event brings thousands of attendees for their various activities, including live music all weekend, two nights of rodeo competition, cook-offs, parade, sports activities, and more.

The Schulenburg Festival is also known as the "National Party of Texas" and they try to live up to that name.

"I'm not really sure when we started calling ourselves that," says Director Nicole Michalke. "It's on our annual posters going back to the year 2000, so at least that long. And over time I've realized that the word 'party' fits what we do better than anything else. To me, we're not a concert or even a music festival, as we are more than just music. When you throw a party, people will be having a good time together, but will often gravitate to enjoy different activities. There will be a group manning the grill, some sitting in the kitchen visiting, a few more watching a ball game, and then another group in the back yard playing cornhole or washers. Well, that pretty much describes the Festival."

The word "party" is defined as "a social gathering of invited guests, typically involving eating, drinking, and entertainment." The Schulenburg Festival fits that to a "T", starting with the entertainment.

LIVE MUSIC ALL WEEKEND

No party would be complete without music. A hallmark of the Schulenburg Festival is live music all weekend, on the stage under the Pavilion.

Headlining this year are Cory Morrow and Jacob Stelly on Friday night, and William Clark Green on Saturday. "We love having Texas music acts on our stage and this year all three of our headliners are proud Texans. Many of their songs relate to small-town Texas life, but also larger themes that are common to all," says Michalke. Cory Morrow is making his second appearance at the Festival, a long way from his show in 2001, where he followed Gary P. Nunn. Since then, he has sold hundreds of thousands of albums and has been a staple on the Texas music scene. William Clark Green is also a returning performer, with his first Festival show occurring in 2016. Green has been selling out crowds in Texas and beyond, and this year he made his debut at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. Michalke adds, "We are pumped to have both of these solid acts in our lineup this year. Both of them are guaranteed to get the crowd involved for the party atmosphere that we are known for."

The Festival is always looking to showcase up and coming talent as well, and Jacob Stelly fits that bill. Although fairly new to the Texas and Red Dirt Music scene, he has already garnered a following.

Thursday night, the Festival has free live music with Southbound 955, an area band that started while its main members were still in high school. Friday's opening act is The Barditch Hippies, a duo from the Luling area who are actually both veteran "Emotions Band" performers and have been performing around the Coastal Plains area since 2015.

Saturday has live music from 12:30 pm till 1 am. The Texas Sundown Band starts things off, followed by Tracy & Resendis. The ever-popular, high-energy Texas Unlimited

Band (TUB) will get the crowd warmed up for William Clark Green, and will then follow Green's show with even more crowd-pleasing songs.

Sunday afternoon starts with The Dujka Brothers, and then Texas Unlimited will close out the weekend.

RODEO ACTION

The Festival includes two nights of rodeo action, and Festival Rodeo Director Ronnie Wick invites everyone to attend. "The big-city rodeos are fine, but you are so far away from the action. You might even have to look at screens to really see what's going on. At our rodeo, you can get up close and personal and really feel the excitement." In addition, world-famous Hall of Fame rodeo clown Leon Coffee will be there to entertain the crowds and protect the participants. Mutton bustin' will take place both nights, so the young kids can get in on the cowboy action too. The rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, and includes bareback riding, bull riding, saddle bronc riding, breakaway, steer wrestling, barrel racing, team roping, and tie down.

COOK-OFFS, SPORTS ACTIVITIES, AND MORE

Cooks can test their skills in the chili, BBQ, beans, and bloody Mary contests. The Festival includes both CASI and IBCA-sanctioned chili and BBQ competitions, for cooks wishing to earn points in those areas, and also local contests open to everyone.

Sunday's parade through downtown Schulenburg to Wolters Park is a "can't-miss" event. The parade usually has 60-70 entries, including beautiful floats from area towns, comical entries, class reunion floats, patriotic and musical entries, fire trucks, and the ever-popular Shriners attractions.

For those who like to pursue other competitive activities, the Festival includes softball, golf, and 3-on-3 basketball tournaments. The Navidad Valley Cattlewomen Fun Run takes place Saturday morning, and the Young Farmers annual Egg Toss and Cow Chip Throwing contests are unique endeavors. New this year is a 3-point shooting contest as part of the basketball tournament, and the first-ever cornhole tournament.

Dozens of arts and crafts vendors will be set up near the Pavilion for shopping as well. Class reunions will be going on under the Pavilion on Saturday afternoon for several Schulenburg and Bishop Forest High School graduates.

The younger crowd can sign up for the kiddie parade and tricycle races, and everyone can try their skill at dunking a cheerleader.

Thursday night, Aug. 3, is considered the "warmup party" night with rodeo slack and free live music from the area band "Southbound 955". Admission is free on Thursday for the music and Rodeo. Food and drinks will be available as well.

FOOD & DRINKS, WITH A LARGER PURPOSE

Attendees will have several food and beverage options. Some of the booths are operated by local non-profits.

"Sometimes people forget why we throw this big party every year," says longtime President Michael Zweschper. "Of course, we do love to get everyone together for a good time and to show off our small town, but at the end of the day, we are also raising funds to put back into our community."

For more information and updates, see the Festival website at www.schulenburg-festival.org and follow them on social media.

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- 1 TX George W.
- 5 Baird High School class (2 wds.)
- 6 St. Marks in Dallas is a ___ school
- 7 29th and 32nd governor "___" Ferguson
- 8 TXism: "living high on the ___" (rich)
- 9 in Eastland County on highway 6
- 15 TX Ryan Palmer is on PGA ___
- 16 in Cameron County on highway 107
- 19 soft fruit that is not commercially grown in Texas
- 21 hollow unleavened breads
- 22 Galveston's "Bishop Palace" (2 wds.)
- 27 TX Gramm, U.S. senator (1985-2002), and representative (1979-83)
- 28 kin to the llama
- 29 mockery, ridicule
- 30 TXism for "leave it alone" (3 wds.)
- 32 late TX Helmond of TV show "Who's the Boss?" (init.)
- 33 "North ___" & Rodeo" in Denton
- 36 "___ and void"
- 37 Del ___, Texas
- 38 former Cowboys tight end, Jay
- 39 using electronic sounds to substitute for expletives
- 41 fish appendage
- 42 married woman, south of the border
- 45 TXism: "easy as falling off ___"
- 46 this Sarah made the first "lone star" flag (init.)
- 47 natural hair style worn by some Texas black folks
- 48 TXism: "the ___ is in the fire" (trouble)
- 49 most graceful
- 52 "Zeke's" college state

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DOWN

- 1 TX Wills, "Western swing" musician
- 2 "one" in Mexico
- 3 Baylor County seat
- 4 TXism: "___ snappin' turtle"
- 8 "___ for the best"
- 9 "All the Gold in California," Texas group (2 wds.)
- 10 TXism: "dab it ___"
- 11 late Texas actor, Rip (init.)
- 12 Jason Spezza went from the Dallas Stars to this Toronto team (2 wds.)
- 13 got ___ in my shirt (tear)
- 14 TXism: "___ lick off" (none)
- 15 TX Shelley Duvall's "Tall ___ Legends"
- 16 TX Ellerbe book: "And ___ Goes"
- 17 tackling Dak for a loss
- 18 TXism: "happy ___ in slop"
- 20 actress in Texas-filmed "Silkwood"
- 22 TXism: "old ___ dirt"
- 23 TXism: "fat as a boardinghouse ___"
- 24 ___ gallon hat
- 25 TXism: "___, half a dozen of the other"
- 26 singer Randy who has a ranch outside Tioga, Texas
- 28 "ready, willing, and ___"
- 31 TX Cyd Charisse birth name
- 34 this Fred won TX Byron Nelson Golf Classic, 1987 (init.)
- 35 this Stilwell started Port Arthur (init.)
- 37 "One ___, one Ranger"
- 40 map or plan for a piece of land
- 43 org. of the Texans and the Cowboys
- 44 Palmeiro left the Rangers for this Baltimore team
- 50 TXism for "hello"
- 51 "___ Siecke State Forest"

SUDOKU

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.



Lifeguard Ivanna Vazquez keeps everyone safe at the pool for the first annual Grill & Chill by Community Health Centers of South Central Texas on Saturday, July 29.



Jose Romo (left) takes on Victor Ostiguin (right) in a game of ping-pong at the Grill & Chill event Saturday, July 29. Other activities includes air hockey, water slides, a dunk tank and more.

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Bruce Maulding (right) with his mother Sally Maulding (left) passes out brisket and barbecue to families at the Grill & Chill event at Disciple Oaks Camp & Retreat.

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food, ensuring all guests were well-fed and taken care of throughout the event. They made sure everyone stayed hydrated, keeping the cheerful atmosphere going strong.

The day was filled with endless fun and excitement for all attendees. There were plenty of activities to keep both young and old entertained. The children enjoyed train rides, a dunking station, bas-

ketball, swimming, mechanical ball, and a bounce house – a true playground of joy!

The opportunity to express heartfelt appreciation to our devoted staff made the event an amazing adventure. Seeing everyone come together, bonding over laughter and smiles, was a testament to the strong sense of community within our organization.

We extend our deep-

est gratitude to everyone who contributed to this memorable day and made it a resounding success. It's through the dedication of our employees that we can continue to provide exceptional care to our patients, and we are immensely grateful for their unwavering commitment. Thank you all for being part of this incredible journey of caring and compassion.

RAISES

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raise?" Brzozowski asked.

"Let's just say I don't think he's as good as the other employees and I'm not gonna give him that \$25; we're giving him 22," he added. "Does that mean the whole department — if I don't give him that raise, because I'm feeling that way since I'm the head of the department — the whole department doesn't get the raise?"

"If the reason you're paying \$22 is because he's not up to par and he ain't quite where he needs to be, then that's fine. But if you don't have any problem with your employee and he's still

not being paid the full amount, then, yes, that's what I'm saying," Davis replied.

Brzozowski sought advice from County Attorney Paul Watkins about whether the court could withhold a raise to an entire department because a department head is not paying employees a full budgeted salary.

"The issue is the department head has the right to determine how much they pay, but the commissioners get to determine how much the budget is going to be," Watkins said. "You're using one against the other." "What if we just didn't

budget for that person and he just gets the money he's been paying him?" Brzozowski asked.

"I don't think so, because then you are identifying an individual and that's a department head's authority (to decide what to pay them)," Watkins responded. "If you affect the budget for the entire department, then I think you have the authority to do that."

"If they're not on any type of disciplinary action through you, as the elected official, and they've been with us at least over a year, then they should be entitled to what they make, because

if you don't want that employee, they should be gone," Davis added.

Watkins said the commissioners cannot adjust a salary for an individual employee, either up or down, because they lack the authority to override another elected official or department head's authority.

"You can say we're not going to give you any more money for the department," Watkins said. "If you could go in and order the department head to pay that amount, we wouldn't be having this conversation. What you can do is say we're not giving any raises at all.

"You can't micromanage the department. You can't come into Paul's office and say 'You're not paying so and so enough money and they should be getting the max. You can't do that. If you wanted to incentivize me to do that, one of the ways to do that is to affect my budget because you do have the authority to do that.'"

Watkins questioned why a department head would be keeping an employee at a lower salary beyond a probationary period if they were unhappy with the work being performed by the employee in the first place.

"In my department, we do a 90-day probationary period," Watkins said. "At the end of 90 days, you come in and sit at our meeting and either get your job or you don't. I had a gentleman that came in and on the 90th day he was just fine, but on the 93rd day, he was fired because he changed in three days."

Davis noted that the county pays its employees "very well and you have the option to hire the best person for that amount of money."

"If they're not doing that good of a job, get somebody else," Davis said. "But there's a lot of individuals within our departments that have worked here for a

long time and they're still not getting paid the full amount and then we have some elected officials come in and say they want a raise. Well, you have the opportunity to give this employee some more money and you haven't given it to him first."

Precinct 4 Commissioner Collie Boatright said the court sets budgets based upon what it expects expenditures to be and when employees are not paid the full salary, it impacts the budgeting process.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Kevin La Fleur asked "who is going to be the shepherd of this?" to which Brzozowski said Auditor Becky Weston would have to determine who is in compliance and who is not and keep commissioners abreast of the reason if an employee is not receiving the full salary.

Watkins also said department heads should have to "justify" what they are paying their employees.

"If you were to say to a jury, 'This person never did quite meet my standards but I never made a decision on them,' then that's just discrimination," Watkins said.

None of the commissioners singled out a particular department or department head in their discussions.

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 4. Buy your own plan from an insurance company or HealthCare.gov. If you get coverage through your employer and Medicare, ask which one pays first and which one is "secondary."

2. Do you have retirement and savings accounts?

Ask your employer for a statement of any accounts you'll take with you. These could be retirement accounts, annuities, life insurance, or long-term care insurance.

3. Do you need life insurance?

If you have life insurance, consider whether you still need it. If no one is relying on you for income, maybe you can sell your policy or stop it. If your policy has cash value, you can get the money you built up. Ask about any charges or fees before stopping or selling a policy.

If you only have life insurance to pay funeral expenses, there are cheaper plans that pay expenses. Ask a trusted friend or financial adviser about other ways to pay.

4. Do you need long-term care insurance?

Not everyone needs long-term care insurance. It's usually a good idea if you have significant assets you want to protect. Premiums get higher as you get older, so don't wait too long to buy it if you want it.

5. Keep your family or a trusted source in the loop

Share your insurance policies and cards with anyone who will – or is planning to – help manage your money as you age. This ranges from health, long-term care, and life insurance to car and home insurance policies.



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RABIES

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vaccinated against rabies as required by state law.”

The City of Gonzales announced Tuesday there had been a rabies outbreak in the city and that a skunk was captured that had been showing signs of rabies. The animal tested positive.

“If you see any animals displaying signs, please contact dispatch at the Police Department,” the city stated. “Animal bites (to humans or pets) and exposures should be promptly reported to the local rabies control authority via the Police Department at 830-672-8686. The PHR 8 Zoonosis Control Program can provide recommendations on animal quarantine, testing and rabies risk assessment for human exposures.”

There have been a total of 30 rabid animals reported in DSHS Public Health Region 8 in 2023, of which 20 have been skunks. In addition to the one in Gonzales County, there have been 11 in Victoria County, three in Lavaca County, two each in Atascosa and Kerr counties and one in Wilson County. There have also been six rabid bats, three rabid foxes and one rabid raccoon.

Rabies is a viral disease that affects the central nervous system and is most often transmitted by rabid animal bites. A person may get rabies from a rabid animal when it bites them or the animal’s saliva touches their eyes, nose, mouth, or a break in the skin. In rare cases, people can get rabies from scratches, abrasions, or open wounds that are exposed to saliva or other infectious material from a rabid animal.

High-risk species for rabies in Texas include skunks, bats, foxes, raccoons, and coyotes, and those high-risk species should be tested for rabies if they have had contact with people or pets. People who are bitten by or exposed to an animal should notify animal control and consult with a health care provider to determine the need for rabies post-exposure prophylaxis.

People can’t tell if an animal has rabies by just looking at it. Avoid contact with wildlife and unknown animals. People with a bite, scratch, or other exposure to an animal should immediately wash the wound with soap and water and talk to a healthcare provider. The location of the animal, if known, should be reported as soon as possible to the local rabies control authority and/or animal control.

Pet owners should ensure their dogs and cats are vaccinated against rabies, as required by state law. Animal owners should also consider vaccination of livestock and other animals that may have frequent interaction with the public and/or risk of exposure to rabid wildlife.



VANDY VAN EPPS
First responders put out an 18-Wheeler fire on West bound Interstate 10 near the 642 mile marker Thursday, July 27.

FIRE

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had started a large grass fire. The semi-truck was hauling crushed vehicles,” GCSO said on its Facebook page.

Multiple fire departments (Gonzales, Waelder, Ottine, Belmont, Flatonia and the Texas Forest Service) as well as Gonzales EMS rushed to the scene of the fire.

GCSO had assistance from Texas Department of Public Safety troopers and the Waelder Police

Department to shut down all the westbound lane to I-10.

“Several Florida Highway Patrol troopers, who were on the way to the border, also stopped to assist with lane closures and escorted fire trucks through the congested traffic,” GCSO said.

No information about what caused the fire or if there were injuries at the scene was stated in the Facebook post.

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your feedback, we just need your guidance. For me, as a superintendent, I need y’all to steer me in the direction that this board would like to see,” Avellaneda said.

Jerry Vaughn of Region 13 Education Service Center (ESC) spoke to the board at last Thursday’s meeting and went over data while taking in comments from the board.

“This is your school district as your kid; this is your project. We don’t have a dog in the hunt on where you go, we just want to help guide where you want to go correctly, wherever that is,” Vaughn said.

Region 13 ESC’s goal is help schools that are doing projects to be “reasonable, accountable, transparent and efficient,” Vaughn said.

Vaughn went over the potential new high school, new athletic complex and safety upgrades.

“You are in that focus planning phase right now. We’re trying to get you focused on what you want to do. And so when I say the term ‘scope,’ scope, to me, means what is the project,” Vaughn said.

Vaughn went over state guidelines with the board

regarding land that is greater than five acres, which must include performing a cultural survey.

“What we’re trying to prevent is — if you have something that’s culturally significant, and it takes the Historical Commission to make that call, by the way, state law says so ... if it’s significant, they potentially could stop working the area of your site, if you were in the middle of construction, it would be extremely costly,” Vaughn said.

Vaughn added if they learn anything “too surprising,” they know pretty quickly.

“So, I don’t want you to panic about this. I do think it’s important and responsible for us to do; that’s why we suggested that,” Vaughn said.

The board will discuss more about the potential bond election at the special called meeting tonight, Thursday, Aug. 3 at the GISD Administration building, where the whole community can give their opinions about the bond issue.

In other board business, the board approved one other agenda item:

--approved the delegate/ delegate alternate to the TASB Delegate Assembly.

BUDGET

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“Training is what is going to make us more successful. I’m a firm believer that our employees need to be trained, because it does provide a better service to our community,” Gonzales City Manager Tim Crow said.

Main Street, the Parks Department, the Golf Course, and City Secretary’s office have also requested an increase in travel for training.

Crow said this year’s budget will include a \$1 per hour salary increase for employees and an increase in contributions to employee’s retirements from five percent to six percent.

“It will help us in employee retention, and the longer we can keep our employees, the more efficient we become. That also equates to a better service to the community so that’s also figured into this general fund budget as well,” Crow said.

Crow mentioned the building inspector, which will no longer have a full departmental budget because the city is working with a company on contract.

“Finding a building official is almost an impossible feat. Right now, the private sector are hiring them out as fast as they come along,” Crow said.

“We’re looking at not eliminating the position, just not funding for now. And if we wind up with an opportunity where we had a good qualified candidate come in, we might look at refunding that position,” Crow added.

The council went over the Master Rate Fee schedule in the second part of the budget meeting Thursday, July 27.

More about the second part of the meeting, including the master rate fee schedule, will be followed up on in the Aug. 10 edition of the Gonzales Inquirer.



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