

County accepts Courthouse planning grant, discusses plans for annex renovation

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County will accept a \$1,095,429 planning grant from the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program after voting 4-1 to do so on Monday, Aug. 26.

Commissioners also discussed work that would need to be done to refurbish and restore the Gonzales County Annex building and reviewed

design plans from O’Connell Architecture LLC and Wiss Janney Elstner (WJE) Engineering showing what departments would have space in the revived building.

The county will be required to come up with a 30 percent match of a little more than \$469,000 for the grant, which can be used to develop construction documents for the full restoration of a historic courthouse. Gonzales County

had 90 days from July 29 to accept or decline the grant. The matching funds are being budgeted over the course of the next two fiscal years.

During a workshop on county buildings and repairs, the court discussed the plans, which show the main entrance on the southwest side would lead into a secure, screening area with a metal detector before coming into the lobby. Offices accessible from the lobby

include JP 1, County Judge, District Clerk, Veterans Service, the District Courtroom, County Courtroom/Commissioners Court, Game Warden, County Attorney and Constable Pct 1.

On the southeast side of the building, there is a secure entrance for the Adult and Juvenile Probation offices so these individuals do not have to go through the main lobby to get to their destination. The northeast corner of the build-

ing is where records storage and IT servers are located.

“They went around and visited with everybody in order to make that a functional place, somewhat temporarily, but it’s allowed every office that’s in there to have the opportunity to visit (with WJE),” County Judge Pat Davis said, noting that the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office will remain at

See **ANNEX**, page 13

GISD says Apache Field not ready for Week One

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches will have to wait until Sept. 20 for their first home game of their 2024 season.

Gonzales ISD announced Friday, Aug. 23, that Apache Field will not be ready for the season opener against the San Antonio Central Catholic Buttons on Friday, Aug. 30.

Instead of hosting the non-district game against SACCHS, the Apaches will have to wait until Week 4, when they welcome in the Pleasanton Eagles at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20.

“We know that many of our staff, community

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Gonzales Healthcare Systems CEO Brandon Anzaldúa (second from left) and the doctors, nurses and members of the hospital’s surgical staff toss shovels of dirt to symbolize breaking ground on a new surgical wing and patient room remodel project on Thursday, Aug. 22. The new wing is projected to be open in November 2025.

Breaking new medical ground in Gonzales

GHS celebrates start of construction on surgical wing, hospital room remodel

BY LEW K. COHN
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Gonzales Healthcare Systems officials and the community celebrated a mo-

ment three years in the making with a groundbreaking Thursday, Aug. 22, for a new surgical wing and remodel of existing patient beds at the hospital.

GHS CEO Brandon Anzaldúa, members of the GHS Board of Directors and members of the GHS Foundation Board of Directors turned symbolic shovels of dirt in a median behind the hospital where the 12,000-square-foot expansion will be built in a 14-month timeframe.

Doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals who will be working in the new building also had their turn at turning earth to celebrate the occasion.

“Today marks a pivotal moment in our journey toward advancing healthcare and enhancing the lives of our community members,” Anzaldúa said. “As we gather here for the groundbreaking of

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County to replace CR 385 bridge with assistance from TxDOT

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County will work with the Yoakum district office of the Texas Department of Transportation to replace a bridge on County Road 385 over Clear Fork Creek in Precinct 2 after approving a resolution and waiver Monday, Aug. 26.

TxDOT administers the federal off-system bridge program,

See **BRIDGE**, page 14

Commissioners approve order for Nov. 5 general election, name judges

BY LEW K. COHN
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Gonzales County commissioners approved an order for the Nov. 5 general election, approved precinct locations and appointed election judges and alternates during their regular meeting Monday, Aug. 26.

Early voting hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 21-25; 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 26; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 27; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 28-Nov. 1.

The main early voting location will be the Randle Rather Building, 427 St. George St., Gonzales. Branch

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CITY OF SMILEY

Council tables selling land to ESD 2

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Smiley City Council met for their regularly scheduled meeting Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Smiley Municipal Building.

One of the continuing topics at last

Wednesday’s meeting was the discussion of selling two acres of land to Gonzales County Emergency Services District No. 2.

The land will be used for the future Gonzales County South Fire

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GISD approves new tax rate for 2024-25 school year

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales ISD Board of Trustees met for a special called meeting Monday, Aug. 26 at the GISD administration building.

The main topic of the meeting was the 2024-25 tax rate and budget for the school district, both of which the board approved Monday night.

This year, the tax rate went up 3.87 cents for a total of 86.34 cents; last year it was at 82.47 cents.

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Unemployment rate drops to 4.0 percent in Gonzales County

BY BETTY COHN
Gonzales Inquirer

Unemployment in Gonzales County decreased to 4.0 percent in July 2024, down 0.1 percent from the 4.1 percent recorded for June 2024, with the county continuing to place the third-highest of all seven counties which comprise the Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, according to state Labor Market Information (LMI) figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

For the entire Golden Crescent Workforce Development

Area, the unemployment rate for July 2024 was also 4.1 percent, lower than the state average of 4.4 percent. This represented a total of 3,810 residents in Gonzales, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria counties seeking employment out of a total workforce of 93,098 people. This represents an increase of 71 people in the labor force and 142 fewer individuals claiming unemployment.

The counties reporting in lower than Gonzales County are Lavaca County, with the lowest unemployment rate at 3.3 percent, followed by Dewitt

County at 3.6 percent, Calhoun County at 3.7 percent, Jackson County following at 3.8 percent. Gonzales follows with 4.0 percent, and Goliad with 4.1 percent, rounding out with Victoria County closing in the highest position at 4.6 percent.

For July 2024, there were 382 individuals in Gonzales County seeking employment out of a workforce of 9,550 with 9,168 reported as employed. In June 2024, there were 389 people seeking work in Gonzales County out of an employment force of 9,522 for a total unemployment rate of 4.1 percent. There were 9,133 people

reported as employed.

In July 2023, Gonzales County had an unemployment rate of 3.8 percent as there were 360 individuals in Gonzales County seeking employment out of a workforce of 9,568 with 9,208 reported as employed. Unemployment has not been below 3 percent in Gonzales County since December 2022, when it was 2.7 percent. Unemployment rates since July 2022 for Gonzales County are:

- July 2022, 3.2 percent
- August 2022, 3.2 percent
- September 2022, 3.1 percent
- October 2022, 3.1 percent
- November 2022, 3.1 percent

- December 2022, 2.7 percent
- January 2023, 3.7 percent
- February 2023, 4.0 percent
- March 2023, 3.5 percent
- April 2023, 3.2 percent
- May 2023, 3.5 percent
- June 2023, 3.7 percent
- July 2023, 4.0 percent
- August 2023, 4.0 percent
- September 2023, 3.5 percent
- October 2023, 3.3 percent
- November 2023, 3.1 percent
- January 2024, 3.7 percent
- February 2024, 4.0 percent
- March 2024, 3.7 percent
- April 2024, 3.2 percent
- May 2024, 3.5 percent
- June 2024, 4.1 percent
- July 2024, 4.0 percent



Students from Come and Take It Dance will perform traditional Mexican dances during a 4:30 p.m. performance at the inaugural Fiesta Patrias celebration on Saturday, Sept. 14 in downtown Gonzales on Saint George Street.

Gonzales Main Street and Latinos Unidos will host first-ever Fiesta Patrias

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Gonzales Main Street is joining forces with Latinos Unidos to sponsor the first-ever Fiestas Patrias in downtown Gonzales next month.

The free event is scheduled for 3 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Sept. 14, at 332 Saint George St. and is being billed as an opportunity to help promote education in the community.

There will be live music, a kid zone, a farmer's market, food vendors, a queen coronation, mariachis and a special performance by

Come And Take It Dance students at 4:30 p.m.

There will be free live music from a DJ all day, along with a performance from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. by Clint Taft & Buck Wild Band and a 9 p.m. to midnight performance by Nuevo Camino.

In addition to Gonzales Main Street, sponsors include Eri's Snacks y Mas, Honky Tonk Barber Shop and Covert Hutto.

Fiesta Patrias translates to Patriotic Holidays in Mexico and refers to one of five public holidays

which are celebrated. The timing of this particular fiesta coincides with the Grito de Dolores and the Diez y Seis Anniversary of Mexican independence from Spain.

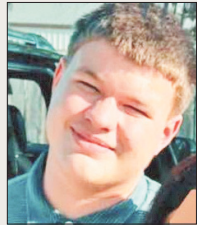
It commemorates Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla's Grito de Dolores, which took place on Sept. 16, 1810, in the village of Dolores near Guanajuato, when the priest rang his church's bells and called for an end to Spanish rule in Mexico. Mexican Independence Day is typically celebrated from the evening of Sept. 15 through Sept. 16.

Autistic teenager missing since June 4

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

An autistic teen with ties to Gonzales has been missing since June 4 and his family and law enforcement continue to search for his whereabouts.

Ryland Lowe, 17, was last seen in Corpus Christi accompanied by a young woman named Kamryn Lynch in a white Chrysler 200. According to the Aransas County Sheriff's Office, which is working the case, Lynch has mentioned that her mother may be involved in selling heroin.



Ryland Lowe

Lowe, who has "high functioning autism" and reportedly can be easily manipulated, could possibly be in Rockport, Nueces County or in Manor. He is the son of Roger A. Lowe and Kara D. Sloan, the brother of Seth Brzozowski and grandson of Danny and Diane Sloan from Gonzales County.

If you have any information, please contact the Aransas County Sheriff's Office at 361-729-2222

More information can be found on the Missing People In America website under Report #2024004449 at <https://www.missingpeopleinamerica.org/missing/Ryland-Lowe>. Only people with official Missing Person Reports with police departments are posted on this site.

Nixon-Smiley Education Foundation knows when to "hold 'em"

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Nixon-Smiley Education Foundation invites the public to "go all in for education" at their sixth annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament at the Nixon-Smiley Livestock Show Barn on Saturday, Sept. 28, 5-10 p.m.

All guests must be 21 or older to attend, with a catered dinner served at 5 p.m. plus drinks (alcoholic and non) as well as eligibility for door prizes included with the entry

ticket.

The top nine players will receive prizes. Everyone in the community is invited to attend, and all proceeds will benefit the Nixon-Smiley Education Foundation, which directly benefits and supports teachers and staff in the Nixon-Smiley Consolidated school district through grants.

Tickets are \$100 each, including dinner and drinks.

For information on becoming a sponsor for

the event, to purchase tickets, or for more info, contact Dr. Wendy

Fuller, wendy.fuller@nixonsmiley.net or 830-582-1536, ext. 103.

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Any files not picked up by October 31, 2024 will be destroyed.

TOP MARKS FOR GONZALES ISD



Gonzales ISD has earned an "A (Superior Achievement)" financial accountability rating from the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). This year is the 22nd year for FIRST ratings and data for this year's rating was derived from the 2022-23 fiscal year. The primary goal of FIRST is to ensure quality financial management practices, improved performance and the management of resources in school districts. It also ensures the maximum amount of dollars are allocated for instructional purposes. The district's chief financial officer is Amanda Smith.

Celebrations

Birthdays

August 29th Mary Todd Carter John Evans Samantha Garcia Lavonne Hyden Debbie Menking Janie Rivera Debbie Turk	Virgie Brown Sequoya Janacek Jeremy Lewis Sammy Villa Ferd West Jr. Donis Wilson	Ray Raley Jr. James Wright
August 30th Sharon Barta Melanie Cowan David Floyd Jr. Kenny Garza Kenny Hodges Sandi Vaclavik Regina Walker	September 1st Patsi Avant Margie Ayres Buttons Brown Britney Caka Patsy Eckols Dalyn Iley Brandy Jones Khalil Smith	September 3rd Parker Clay Shaneesha Green Alyssa Pfuhl Rachel Simpe
August 31st Lisa Brown	September 2nd Billy Mikesh Dagan Pfuhl	September 4th Royce Farrar Rhonda Farrar Hodges Laura Mayers Monica Miller Carolyn Morrow Shelly Nesloney Matt Tenberg

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Gonzales Weather

 PARTLY SUNNY	August 29 95°/75°	Less humid with partial sunshine 17% chance of rain • RealFeel 96
 MOSTLY CLOUDY	August 30 94°/73°	More clouds than sun with a thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon 40% chance of rain • RealFeel 99
 CLOUDY	August 31 96°/76°	Rather cloudy with a couple of thunderstorms 58% chance of rain • RealFeel 108
 MOSTLY SUNNY	September 1 96°/75°	Mostly sunny and very warm with a thunderstorm around 39% chance of rain • RealFeel 96
 MOSTLY SUNNY	September 2 96°/75°	Mostly sunny and hot 2% chance of rain • RealFeel 101
 SUNNY	September 3 97°/77°	Very warm with sunshine 1% chance of rain • RealFeel 99
 PARTLY SUNNY	September 4 93°/72°	Partly sunny 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 92

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Garden Q&A

with
CALVIN FINCH



Q. Our zinnias are in tough shape because of the heat. What is the best strategy for the cut flower garden? Should we replant zinnias or wait until it is time to plant snapdragons, stocks and the other winter annuals?

A. You have lots of choices. The area nurseries still offer Dreamland and other transplants which are in bloom now and often will last until Thanksgiving. You probably could also do a serious deadheading job on the zinnia plants and be generous with the water to produce a new wave of blooms. The winter annuals will start being available in September.

Q. The fall tomatoes in our garden look good with strong foliage and lots of blooms but no fruit. Did we do something wrong or is it just the 100-degree temperatures? What should we do? Will more fertilizer help?

A. Your diagnosis blaming the weather is correct. Fertilize in September again but the key development for fruit production will be when the temperature at night falls below 70 degrees. Be patient!

Q. We attended one of your fall tomato classes and received some of the Oscar Okra seed. The recommendation was to plant some this summer and the rest next spring.

The seed we planted this summer did not germinate. Do you think we did something wrong or was the seed just too old?

A. The seed was several years old, but we thought it would still germinate. I don't know how many attendees planted some of their seed this summer, but no one reported any success. Oscar okra is a wonderful plant, and the seed was free, so I recommend that you try again to get it to grow next spring about April 1.

Q. When will the Monarchs pass through San Antonio on their way to the wintering grounds in Mexico? What should we do about our tropical milkweed? It has attractive flowers and lush foliage, but I don't want it to interfere with the Monarch migration.

A. Milberger's Nursery certified butterfly garden already has hosted migrating Monarchs, and they have produced caterpillars. Tropical milkweed is a favorite source of nectar for the Monarchs along with zinnias, lantana, salvia, mistflower, and Porter weed. As long as the caterpillars are produced in September, they should be able to mature and fly on to Mexico before being caught in the cold weather. Pruning the tropical milkweed foliage back to the ground on October 1 is a reasonable strategy to consider.



SEPTEMBER GARDENING CALENDAR

Some horticulturists and gardeners claim August is the beginning of the winter vegetable gardening period in South Texas; I have better success with a start in September.

A compromise is to have some fall vegetables in place before September. Your fall tomatoes should be starting to produce fruit along with the okra, eggplant, Malabar spinach, and peppers. You may also have planted some cucumbers, zucchini and green beans. They will produce until the cold weather arrives usually about Thanksgiving.

Prepare the bed for the winter plants by incorporating 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow release 19-05-09 fertilizer for every 100 square feet of bed. The planting in September can include broccoli, kale, cauliflower, Swiss chard, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and collard transplants plus seeds of lettuce, turnips, rutabaga, radishes, carrots, English peas, and beets. Wait on onion and spinach until early November.

In the flower garden you can grow both some of the cool weather annuals such as snapdragons, alyssum, and calendula plus the zinnias, vincas, pentas, and moss roses will often survive until Thanksgiving. September is usually the month when we experience the Monarch migrants, so make sure you have some mist flower, lantanas, salvias, milkweeds, and Porter weed along with the zinnias to provide the nectar

they need to make it on to their wintering grounds in Mexico.

September is also a good time to plant your wildflower seed. Most seed varieties do best when spread in full sun on a site where they can make soil contact. For something new include blue curl, a wildflower that will produce attractive blooms in sun or shade in time to provide nectar for the spring Monarchs. Obtain seed from a neighbor growing it, or from Native American Seed Co. on the internet. Blue curl is a 2-foot-tall plant. For a smaller wildflower that attracts butterflies, plant frogfruit. It has white flowers and is only six inches tall.

Early in September it is also important to apply a preemergent herbicide such as Dimension or Crew if you were overwhelmed with winter weeds like most gardeners this year. Just as a reminder the weeds included bedstraw, dandelions, thistle, henbit, chickweed, beggar's lice, annual bluegrass and rescue grass. Be careful not to apply the pre emergent to your wildflower bed!

Fertilize the lawn with a "winterizer" formula such as 15-05-10 at the end of the month or on October 1.

"Winterizers" have a fast release nitrogen source that works well with grass shifting to an autumn growth pattern. Much of the nitrogen is stored in the roots for a fast spring start by the lawn.

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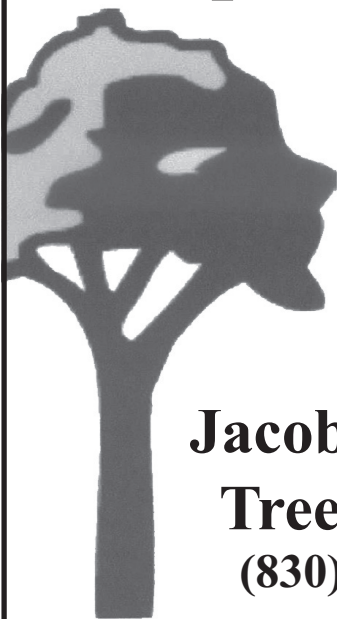
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LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

August 24th, 2024

Cattle - 752

Compared to our last sale:

Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold fully steady on lighter end strong demand on high quality calves. 3.00-5.00 higher across the board. Less quality calves and yearlings sold cheaper. More so on fat bull calves. Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold steady.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 325-500; 300-400 lbs., 275-375; 400-500 lbs., 255-340; 500-600 lbs., 225-265; 600-700 lbs., 219-230; 700-800 lbs., 212-225. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 145-200.

Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 315-375; 300-400 lbs., 285-325; 400-500 lbs., 250-292; 500-600 lbs., 215-265; 600-700 lbs., 223-235.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 125-132; Cutters, 135-141; Canners, 100-121; High yielding fat cows, 130-139.

Packer Bulls: Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 155-163; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 131-152.

Stocker Cows: \$900 to \$2,250. Pairs: \$1,800 to \$2,500.

NIXON LIVESTOCK

August 26th

Cattle - 1195

Steers:

200-300 lbs - \$316-410
300-400 lbs - \$310-395
400-500 lbs - \$267-360
500-600 lbs - \$233-278
600-700 lbs - \$222-245
700-800 lbs - \$217-242

Heifers:

200-300 lbs - \$285-320

300-400 lbs - \$268-320

400-500 lbs - \$242-345

500-600 lbs - \$228-365

600-700 lbs - \$209-285

700-800 lbs - \$203-228

Slaughter Cows - \$98-138

Slaughter Bulls - \$110-170

Stocker Cows - None

Pairs: None

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Sale date: August 20th

Cattle on hand: 1835

Packer Cows:

High Dressing: \$132-145

Medium Dressing: \$120-134

Low Dressing: \$110-122

Poor/Weak Cows: \$90-112

Packer Bulls:

High Dressing: \$155-167

Medium Dressing: \$135-155

Low Dressing: \$120-135

Stocker Cows:

Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers:

None

Medium Stocker Cows &

Heifers: 2 cows - \$1850

Good Cow & Calf Pairs: None

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: 3 Pair

\$2000 - 2250

Stocker & Feeder Calves &

Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$310-460

200-300 lbs.: \$320-380

300-400 lbs.: \$310-365

400-500 lbs.: \$265-350

500-600 lbs.: \$230-290

600-700 lbs.: \$215-260

700-800 lbs.: \$210-241

Number 1 heifer calves:

Under 200 lbs.: \$300-380

200-300 lbs.: \$280-352

300-400 lbs.: \$260-330

400-500 lbs.: \$240-305

500-600 lbs.: \$220-272

600-700 lbs.: \$210-240

700-800 lbs.: \$190-226

Replacement Heifers:

350-700 lbs.: \$280-330

The calf market was lower this

week. Calves sold mostly \$5-\$15

lower. Average of all calves sold

was \$10 lower. Cattle futures

have taken a large drop the last

2 weeks & the market on feedlot

cattle is dropping causing the

lower trends. Packer cows 7

bulls sold \$2 lower on a supply

of 200 head.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

August 21st

Market Trend: Quality not as

deep. Stocker cattle 10 softer

with packer cows and bulls

steady.

Cattle - 592

Sheep & goats - 941

Medium & large frame #1 Steers:

200-300 lb. 1.50-2.39-3.20

300-400 lb. 1.35-2.60-3.25

400-500 lb. 1.00 2.35-3.20

500-600 lb. 1.00-2.14-2.61

600-700 lb. 1.05-1.98-2.44

700-850 lb. 1.30-1.80-2.28

Medium & large frame #1

Heifers:

200-300 lb. 1.75-2.85-3.25

300-400 lb. .70-2.30-3.15

400-500 lb. .95-2.21-2.90

500-600 lb. 1.10-2.10-2.76

600-750 lb. 1.12-1.92-2.34

Cows:

Utility & commercial - .96-1.36-

1.49

Cutters - 1.00-1.12-1.24

Canners - .80-.95-1.10

Palpated cows - 1050-2050

Cow/Calf Pairs - 1725

Bulls:

Heavy High Yielding - 1.50-1.65

Light & Low Yielding - 1.16-1.49

Sheep & Goats:

Nannies - 45-190

Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.20-3.30

Wethers - 1.67-1.85

Billies - 1.00-2.10

Dorp. Ewes - 40-180

Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 1.80-2.70

Woolled Ewes - 90-120

Woolled Bucks - 1.30-1.70

Lambs - 1.70-1.87

Barb. Bucks - 320

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET

August 23, 2024

Number of Head: 1,237

There were 141 cows and 11

bulls. Packer market was strong

for the limited number of head

on hand. Prices were at levels

consistent with the last several

weeks. Tops on packer bulls

was \$164/cwt, while tops on

cows was \$144/cwt. The calf

market was weaker as live cattle

futures have not been favorable

for the last few weeks, despite

the fundamentals of supply and

demand. However, the lighter

ends are as high as ever.

Demand is very strong just at a

lower level.

Packer bulls: 155.00-164.00

Packer cows:

canners & cutters 95.00-144.00

poor & weak 75.00-92.00

Palpated: 26 bred \$1,075-2,550

PAIRS: None

Steer/Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 200 lbs. 275.00 & 465.00

200-250 lbs 300.00-350.00

250-299 lbs 300.00-375.00

300-350 lbs. 311.00-350.00

350-400 lbs. 264.00-335.00

400-450 lbs. 257.00-355.00

450-500 lbs. 244.00-286.00

500-550 lbs 238.00-292.00

550-600 lbs. 240.00-275.00

600-700 lbs 224.00-256.00

700-800 lbs 219.00-238.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)

Under 250lbs One-380.00

200-250 lbs. 325.00-385.00

250-300 lbs. 291.00-317.50

300-350 lbs. 270.00-318.00

350-400 lbs. 258.00-300.00

400-450 lbs. 250.00-305.00

450-500 lbs. 225.00-280.00

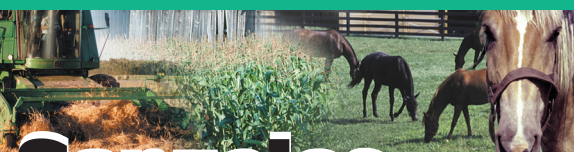
500-550 lbs. 232.00-330.00*

550-600 lbs. 225.00-314.00*

600-700 lbs 220.00-296.00*

Over 700 lbs. 182.00-230.00

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,
It is Sunday afternoon (Aug. 18) and we are about to close this edition of The Real Texas Gun Show, out at the JB Wells Expo Center.
Here is a great Texas shout out to all the patrons and local vendors that have supported the show the past nine years. I have met and made several local people I consider as being friends. That said, this is the fifth show in a row that we have failed to bring in enough patrons to break even by a two-thirds margin.
When your talking the cost of venue, lodging, advertising, fuel and liability insurance, it totals up to \$10,000 to \$12,000.00 in a hurry. So, as much as I dislike doing so, The Real Texas Gun Show is suspending any further gun shows in Gonzales.
We are not going away forever. We are going to return when there is a better economic outlook. If you see a different gun show promoter, look for the name “The Original Gonzales Gun Show.”
Again, thanks to all our friends and supporters.
Aubrey Sanders Jr.
*Owner and promoter
The Real Texas Gun Show*

Letters to the Editor Policy

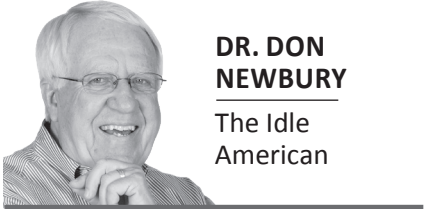
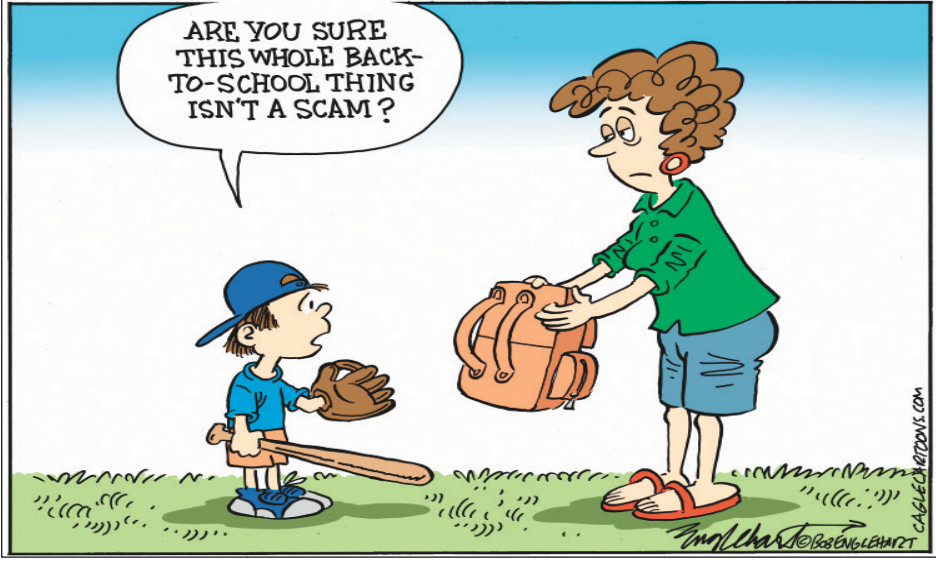
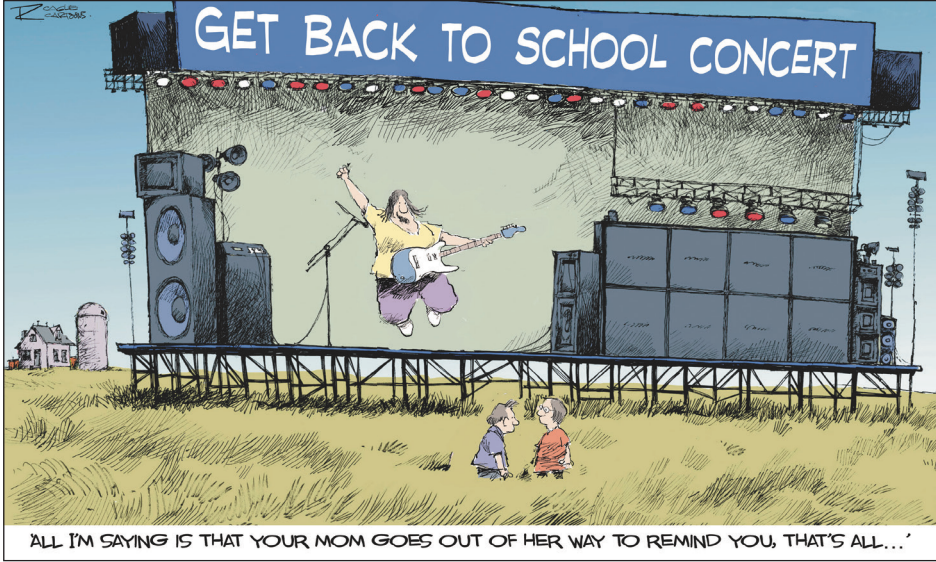
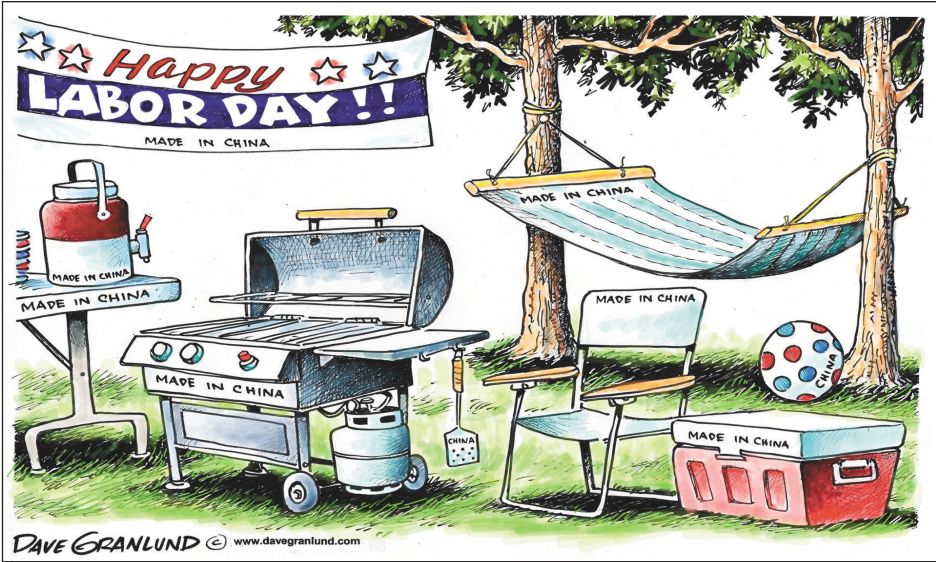
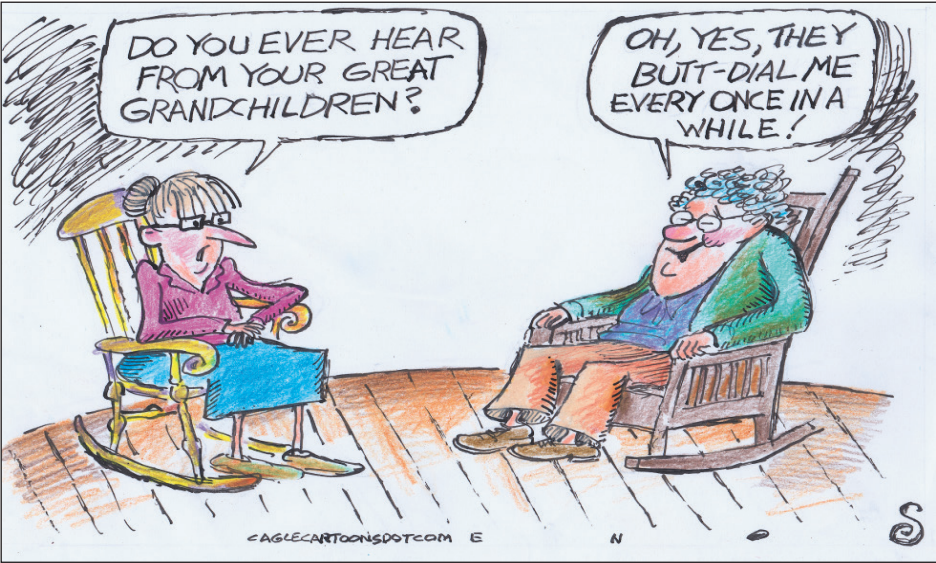
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Not a creature was stirring...

It was the slowest of hot, muggy days in the thicket. Mercury in the thermometer bulged and lodged in three-digit territory. Someone said he saw a dog chasing a rabbit, and both creatures were walking.
The general store cash register had broken the silence twice before two geezers wandered in, and they weren't there to buy anything. Their quest was to find a domino game.
Realizing that commencing with just two players meant that the odds of winning were 50/50, they resorted to one of their oldest pastimes....
One of 'em grabbed the syrup pitcher, carefully pouring a single droplet on the tattered oil cloth table covering. Then came all kinds of silly wagers, such as which fly would discover the sugary treat first, which would become stuck and which would escape and return to flight. It's a "made-up game" closely paralleling the children's book, What to Do When There's Nothing to Do.
The unlikely pastime provides credible evidence that the maxim "fits" when life's shadows grow long. In at least two scriptures we are said to be "once an adult and twice a child."
The old pair soon abandoned the "fly game," since even the pesky flies thought it too hot to aimlessly fly....
They spoke of words they abhor, but grudgingly tolerate. You won't hear "no problem" or "right quick" cross their lips. "No problem" is a catch-all response that no longer means anything, and "right quick" is an expression for the younger crowd, one opined. The geezers "gruffed" about politics, cringing at the thought of broaching a subject that surely would darken their day.
Almost simultaneously, they extracted their wallets. This meant there soon would be multiple pictures of grandchildren, with verbal descriptions--often to the point of excess--for each photo.
Sure enough, one of the old-timers unfurled a packet of photos. So many were unleashed that they almost reached the floor. The other guy--without any grandchildren nor prospect of any--was reminded of childhood days, when perfect attendance at Vacation Bible School warranted pin-on medals. Over the years, he had so many medals hanging from his chest that they--like the string of his buddy's photos--could easily have been tripped over....
"Before you show me pictures of your grandchildren, I want to show you one of my pride and joy," he said, knowing the joke to be so old that describing it merely as rancid would be complimentary.
The old-timer produced a single photo showing his "Pride" (furniture polish) and "Joy" (dishwashing detergent).
There was polite laughter--borderline gratuitous--before the "grandchildless" guy admitted, "No grandkids, but we do have 'grandcats'...."
Watching the vignette unfold, the general store owner said, "Men, I don't think I've shown you a picture of my new grandbaby."
In unison, the two buddies answered, "No, and we really appreciate it."
Oh, me. How often have we "faked it"--reaching for superlatives to thrill parents or grandparents--when we really want to say, "Yep, that's a baby!..."
The man who has only "grandcats" tells about a friend who has pedaled Science Diet dog food for decades.
He poses an unlikely question upon meeting new friends, asking them if they have dogs. If they do, he unerringly offers a sobering observation.
"I hope you're feeding them Science Diet; if you don't, they will die!..."
Such reminders of the pet lover who provided a major distinction between dogs and cats. I thought of several, but remained silent, wanting to "hear her out."
"When you ask a dog to 'stay,' it 'stays,'" she said. "When you ask a cat to 'stay,' it purrs, 'I'll get back with you later.'"
Hard to argue with that. Aren't we fortunate to be able to select the pets we like? A final truth for most: We don't have pets; pets have us....
Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to speak and write. The Idle American, begun in 2003, is one of the nation's longest-running syndicated humor columns. Contact: 817-447-3872. Email: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Website: www.speakerdoc.com.

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SPORTS

Apaches closes out preseason with scrimmage against Goliad Tigers

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Apaches played their last football scrimmage on the road against the ninth-ranked Class 3A-1 Goliad Tigers Thursday, Aug. 22.

Apaches head football coach Joey Rivera was very impressed with the test his team had to face against one of the top teams in the state.

“We’re tested for sure. You know, Goliad has a very good football team, well coached, very disciplined team, very physical. That will get us ready for what we’re about to see for the next 10 weeks, for sure,” Rivera said.

Rivera compared the Goliad scrimmage to the one against Beeville Jones, and he said during this scrimmage, not everything went their way.

“We saw kind of both ends of the spectrum for us. So we’ve got to figure out what I told the guys, we got to figure out that happy medium of not getting too high, not getting too low,” Rivera said.

One of the positives that Rivera saw is that he got to see a lot of players rotating in and out. His team will be coming in healthy to start off the season.

“First, we’ve got a lot of young kids that have a lot of experience to gain, and that’s what we were able to get there in that scrimmage,” Rivera said.

The Apaches kick off the season against the San Antonio Central Catholic Buttons and Rivera is looking forward to the matchup.



VANDY VAN EPPS

The Gonzales Apaches put in a run play against the Goliad Tigers in the scrimmage Thursday, Aug. 22.

“It’s gonna be a big, physical team. Their new football coach Glenn Mangold, coming over from New Braunfels, has a great history of having good football teams,” Rivera said.

The Apaches will play SACCHS Friday, Aug. 30 at Bob Benson ’66 Stadium, 1403 N St. Mary’s St., San Antonio. Gates open at 6 p.m. and kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Tickets: <https://www.cchs-satx.org/apps/pages/tickets>

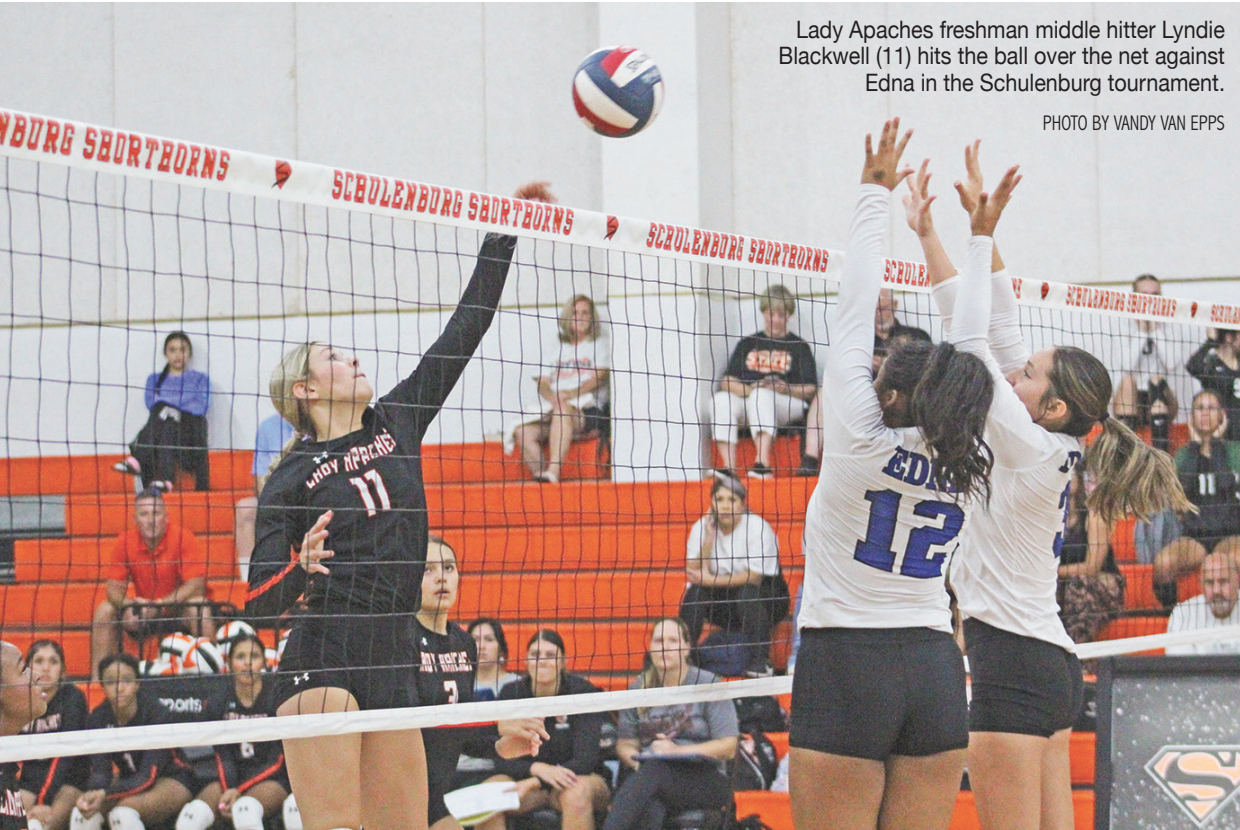
Pre-sale tickets through Aug. 29 are adults \$8, students \$5. All game day tickets are \$10.

Parking is limited, so please carpool or arrive 30-45 minutes before kickoff. No outside food or drink allowed. No re-entry policy: If you leave the stadium, you’ll need to purchase another ticket to re-enter.



Above: A Gonzales defender chases Goliad’s running back in the scrimmage match Thursday, Aug. 22. Left: The Gonzales Apaches and the ninth ranked Goliad Tigers square off at Tiger Stadium Thursday, Aug. 22 in the last scrimmage of the 2024 football season.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS



Lady Apaches freshman middle hitter Lyndie Blackwell (11) hits the ball over the net against Edna in the Schulenburg tournament.

PHOTO BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Lady Apaches hit the road to compete in Schulenburg volleyball tournament

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Lady Apaches traveled to Schulenburg Thursday, Aug. 22 for their last tournament of the season.

The Lady Apaches took on Schulenburg, Edna, Yoakum,

Shiner, Brazos, and Hallettsville.

The Lady Apaches went 1-6 in the tournament; beating Brazos in three sets and losing to Schulenburg, Yoakum, Shiner, Edna, Hallettsville, and Brazos (first match).

Gonzales will have a rematch

against the Edna Cowgirls in a non-district game Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The Lady Apaches’ next three matches after Edna: Friday, Sept. 6: at Weimar, Tuesday, Sept. 10: at Victoria St. Joseph, and Friday, Sept. 13: vs. Nixon-Smilely.

CROSS COUNTRY

Gonzales teams finish strong at Industrial meet

STAFF REPORT

The Gonzales Cross Country teams traveled to Edna for the Industrial meet Saturday, Aug. 24 at Brackenridge Park.

The varsity teams finished strong at the meet with a third-place finish for the Apaches and a second-place finish for the Lady Apaches.

The JV Lady Apaches finished second in their division.

The cross country teams will travel to Schulenburg for their next meet Thursday, Aug. 29.

RESULTS			
Varsity Girls:		Ramos—17:25	Eighth place: Mariah
Seventh place: Jordyn Gonzales—14:32		Eighth Place: Homero R.—17:59	Ramos—17:17
Eighth place: Yaritza Angel—14:35		13th: Carlos Pedraza—18:33	12th: Yazmin Barientos—17:39
19th: Sophia Castro—15:34		20th: Diego Leon—19:15	14th: Viviana Barientos—18:10
25th: Jaelyn Ramos:16:09		42nd: Chris Gonzales—21:32	16th: Alexia Kuntschik—18:12
31st: Kaylie Ramirez: 16:27		43rd: Alex Martinez Gonzales—21:34	21st: Jimena Grifaldo—18:56
46th: Angelina Palacios: 17:43		51st: Cane Cardoza Gonzales—23:00	22nd: Reigna Rhodes—19:22
47th: Kylee Barrington: 17:50			
Varsity Boys:		JV Girls:	JV Boys:
Fourth Place: Christopher		Fifth place: Khloe Garnados—16:55	25th: Kevyn Garcia—23:20:00
			33rd: Osscer Torro—27:30:00
			34th: Martin Ramirez—28:53:00
			35th: Jesus M.—29:37:00

Early errors sink Lady Apaches in Hallettsville loss

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Gonzales Lady Apaches hosted the Hallettsville Lady Brahmas for a non-district volleyball match at the Apache Gym Tuesday, Aug. 27.

The Lady Apaches fell to Hallettsville in three sets (14-25, 21-25, 12-25), losing their 12th match of the season.

The Lady Apaches made some adjustments in the second set and managed to keep the game close against Hallettsville.

“We started playing as a team and not as individuals, and started moving more with the flow of the game,” Lady Apaches head volleyball coach Kim Payne said.

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PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Above: Lady Apaches sophomore defensive specialist Alexis Hernandez (8) hits the ball for Gonzales in the Hallettsville match Tuesday, Aug. 27. Below: Lady Apaches freshman defensive specialist Carsyn Carrizales (13) records a dig in the Hallettsville match Tuesday, Aug. 27.



Mustangs face Kenedy in final scrimmage

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs ended their last football scrimmage on the road against the Kenedy Lions Thursday, Aug. 22.

Mustangs head football coach Paul Kirby was really pleased how his team did against Kenedy with very little film and retaining information, he said.

“I was very pleased with how our players were able to retain the information we taught them all week and to adapt and overcome some adversities throughout the game, especially during that 12-minute live quarter. They really showed some excitement and some enthusiasm, which led to their execution. So it was an overall, very, very good showing for our program,” Kirby said.

One of the things Kirby has noticed from his players is the enthusiasm being instilled into them at the start of the season.

“They’re an exciting young group, they’re fast, they’re physical, and when they really put their enthusiasm into that, they’re very difficult to stop. We’re so young, we’re still have a lot of learning to do. But the retention level of these guys are very smart football players. It’s very hard to find,” Kirby said.

The Mustangs will be heading out on the road for the season opener against the Luling Eagles and this will be first head coaching game for Kirby.

“I’m very excited. I’m very, very excited for these boys that put a lot of work in the past few weeks. They’re preparing very well. This week so far, we taught a lot yesterday, as a new head football coach, I couldn’t be



The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs square off against the Kenedy Lions for the final scrimmage of the season. The Mustangs open up the season against the Luling Eagles on the road Friday, Aug. 30.

happier,” Kirby said.

Kirby and the Mustangs are expected to face a fast and exciting Luling team in the season opener.

“We’ve been preparing for everything, every possible

thing we could get out of their type of offense. We’ve been showing it on our scout team, so we’re expecting a great game from them. They’re like I said, they’re very athletic, especially Tate Lopez, he’s a dude. But I

also expect our dudes to show up. They’re going to show out. So that’s what I’m expecting,” Kirby said.

The Mustangs open up the season in Luling Friday, Aug. 30. Kick off is set for 7:30 p.m.



The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs 2024 cross-country team at the Karnes City meet Saturday, Aug. 24.



The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs 2024 cross-country team at the Karnes City meet Saturday, Aug. 24.

Nixon-Smiley cross country competes in Karnes City

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley cross country teams traveled to Karnes City for their meet Saturday, Aug. 24.

The varsity Lady Mustangs finished 10th overall at the meet; and the varsity

Mustangs finished ninth place overall.

The JV Mustangs took home third place overall in their division; and the junior high Lady Mustangs finished sixth overall and the junior high Mustangs finished second overall at the Karnes City meet.



The Nixon-Smiley Mustangs cross-country team ran in the Karnes City meet Saturday, Aug. 24.



The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs cross-country team ran in the Karnes City meet Saturday, Aug. 24.

RESULTS

Varsity Girls (2 Miles)- 10th Place

Olivia Jackson	27th	12:44
Stephanie Avila	33rd.	13:25
Ruby Mendez	38th.	13:41
Ashly Garcia.	59th.	14:57
Tyra Ortiz.	69th.	15:59
Cali Smith.	70th.	16:03
Alize Davila.	73rd.	17:22

Varsity Boys (3 Miles)- Ninth Place

Dennison Keen.	23rd.	17:12
Elias Villasana.	46th.	18:57
Jayven Robles.	52nd.	20:07
Francisco Acosta.	56th.	20:54
Zechariah Munoz.	57th.	21:53
Oscar Gamez.	*Results Computer	
Malfunction (still awaiting results)		

JV Boys (2 Miles)- Third Place

Layne Stewart.	Seventh.	12:43
Christopher Stansel.	10th.	12:52
Waylon Croft.	11th.	13:21
Gabriel Acosta.	12th.	13:34
Julian Casas.	15th	16:00

JH Girls (2 Miles)- Sixth Place

Mia Rodriguez.	19th	13:57
Ahtziry Espino.	21st.	14:14
Anayeli Hernandez.	23rd.	14:24
Laramie Birdwell.	32nd.	15:15
Kynzli Munoz.	41st.	16:04
Kylie Munoz.	44th.	16:14

JH Boys (2 Miles)- Second Place

Jedidiah Alvarez.	11th.	11:02
Kyzick Jantes.	14th.	11:16
Reagan Ramirez.	15th.	11:19
Case Martin.	19th.	11:37
Jayden Avila.	40th	13:14
Hayden Gordon.	42nd.	13:20
Brayden Trigo.	47th.	13:33
Nathan Ordonez.	48th.	13:36
Brayden Gordon.	51st.	13:50
Corbin Dillard.	59th.	15:47
Cayden Gonzales.	65th.	16:39
Alejandro Olalde.	67th.	16:57
Armando Olalde.	74th.	19:50
Christopher Trigo.	77th.	20:34

Lady Wildcats fall to Luling in three sets

STAFF REPORT

The Waelder Lady Wildcats traveled to Luling for a non-district match against the Lady Eagles Tuesday, Aug. 27.

The Lady Wildcats fell to Luling in three sets.

Waelder will return home for a non-district match against Dime Box Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Waelder is in a four-team district in District 28-A this season with sixth-ranked Fayetteville, Round Top-Carmine and Prairie Lea.

Last season the Lady Wildcats finished 3-15 last a season and 0-6 in district play.

Lady Mustangs compete in Beeville Tournament

STAFF REPORT

The Nixon-Smiley Lady Mustangs traveled Beeville Friday, Aug. 23 for a two-day tournament.

The Lady Mustangs beat George West twice in the tournament, according to Max Preps.

In the first match, the Lady Mustangs swept George West in two sets and in the second tournament match between the two teams, Nixon-Smiley beat George West in three sets.

The Lady Mustangs will head back on the road to Runge for their last tournament of the season.

Nixon-Smiley will return home for a non-district match against the Yoakum Lady Bulldogs Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The next three matches after Yoakum: Friday, Sept 6: vs. Three Rivers, Tuesday, Sept. 10: at Pettus and Friday, Sept. 13 at Gonzales.

VOLLEYBALL

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The Lady Apaches will have a bye Friday, Aug. 30 and will return home Tuesday, Sept. 3 for a non-district match against the Edna Cowgirls.

Gonzales played Edna in the Schulenburg tournament and lost to them, but Payne and her team will be ready for the second time.

“We played Edna, so we kind of know about the caliber they are. We’ve just got to tweak some stuff to what we need to do and fix some holes, and some blocks, and some defensive issues,” Payne said.

The Edna game starts at 6 p.m.



Lady Apaches junior defensive specialist Aubrey Lindermann (3) hits the ball in the air in the match against the Hallettsville Brahmas Tuesday, Aug. 27.

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OBITUARY

JOHN (SONNY) ROBERT WELLS

John (Sonny) Robert Wells, passed away peacefully Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at the age of 81 years old. He was surrounded by his wife and loving family members. He struggled with complications from Diabetes and Lung Cancer, and he is now free from his pain and suffering.

Sonny is survived by his wife Earlene whom he met in Houston on a blind date. The evening they met they danced the night away together with joy and love 43 years ago until his final breath. Love was always in the air when they were together. They had just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on the 21st of July.

Sonny was a hard worker and kind hearted man throughout his life. His motto was “there is no such thing as can’t”. He was always there to help his family, friends and community whenever possible. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather (Poppy) and uncle. His life was enriched by his hobbies, which included hunting, playing poker and golf both as a player and a spectator. He enjoyed following college basketball, golf, and football.

Sonny was born on December 5, 1942 in Houston, Texas. He attended high school in Splendor, Texas, where he played basketball, football and held an undefeated track record for many years. He served on active duty in the United States Navy and received a honorable discharge for his commitment and duty. His



service to our country was a testament of love for his country. This set a strong foundation of discipline that he carried throughout his life and taught to others.

After Sonny’s military service his life included working in a General Motors factory in New York driving an ice cream truck, he was a taxi cab driver in New York City and a big rig truck operator, before moving back to Texas where he would enter the oil field. He owned several businesses in Gonzales. One of them was “Sonny’s Oilfield Supply” which he operated for many years prior to retirement. He was always proud to give back to the community, and he enjoyed supporting the FFA and 4H auctions for the kids. He was a lifelong member of the Gonzales VFW.

Sonny and Earlene spent many years together traveling in their RV across America. Sonny never met a stranger and they made lifelong friends with so many people. In Earlene’s words “it was an experience of a lifetime. There is so much to appreciate in the U.S.A. and words cannot describe

the beauty of our national parks. It was an awesome adventure. I am happy that we were able to experience that together.”

Sonny is preceded in death by his Father, Johnnie Wells and his Mother, Ruth Carter Wells. He is survived by his wife Earlene Wells, and his sister Mickey and her husband Randy Brown and their daughter, Talli Jo and her husband Mitchell and great niece Kooper Lyne Hardcastle, his children, John Wells, Laurie Wells, Brian Wells and his wife Rosangel, Glenn Farago and his wife Christine and Eric Farago and his wife Megan. His loving grandchildren who called him Poppy, Megan Lane, Katie Bokorney, Tyler Wells, Kelly Dolan, Brandon Wells, Zachary Kubsch, Luhana Wells, Austin Wells, and Eric Farago. And his great grandchildren, Denley Mitchell, Faleyn Mitchell, Joseph Bokorney, Emily Bokorney and Oaklee Wells.

In his final days, Sonny received compassionate care at the Silver Pines Nursing Home in Bastrop, Texas, where he praised the staff for their wonderful care.

In accordance with his wishes, Sonny requested no services and will be cremated. His legacy of love, hard work, and patriotism will continue to inspire those who knew him and he will be remembered for his vibrant spirit, love for his family, and friends and his unwavering pride in his Texas heritage and his country.

DEATH NOTICE

Annie “Joyce” Guthrie, 89, of Boise, Idaho, formerly of Gonzales County, Texas, passed away August 19, 2024. Arrangements under the direction of Bowman Funeral Parlor, Garden City, Idaho. www.bowmanfuneral.com 208-853-3131





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• Tyler, Taishawn Emery-Lavell, Age: 27, Converse: Commitment/Sentence – Poss CS PG 2>=1G<4G, Term 12 Days; Warrantless/On-View – Proh Substance/Item in Correctional Facility, Requires \$10,000 Bond; Warrantless/On-View – Poss Marij<2oz, Requires \$1,000 Bond; Local Warrant – Poss CS PF 2>=1G<4G, Requires \$25,000 Bond; Remains in Custody

08/20/24

• Porter, Gerald Ray, Age: 47, Gonzales: Local Warrant – Credit Card or Debit Card Abuse, Requires \$250,000 Bond, Remains in Custody
• Farago, Megan Nicole, Age: 31, Smithville: Warrantless/ On-View – Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member, Requires \$5,000 Bond, Released
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08/21/24

• Gunn, Kyle Raymond, Age: 33, Gonzales: Warrantless/On-View -Poss Marij <2oz DFZ IAT,

Requires \$1,000 Bond, Released

08/22/24

• Sanchez, Hector, Age: 46, Cuero: Local Warrant – Unl Poss Firearm By Felon, Requires \$100,000 Bond; Other Agency Hold – TDCJ Detainer, Remains in Custody
• Rodriguez, Jolanda Sue, Age: 46, Gonzales: Other Agency Hold – Theft Prop >=\$2,500 <\$30K, Requires \$30, 000 Bond, Released

08/23/24

• Salinas, Ernest, JR, Age: 47, Smiley: Commitment/Sentence – Fail to Comply Sex Off Duty to Reg Life/Annual, Term 3 years, Remains in Custody
• Medina, Richard Garcia, Age: 42, Smiley: Commitment/Sentence – Man Del CS PG 1 >=4G<200G, Requires \$50,000 Bond, Remains in Custody
• Lowe, Roger Allen, Age: 61, Gonzales: Commitment/ Sentence – Stalking, Released – Weekender
• Fields, Keyshann Malik, Age: 27, Waelder: Commitment/Sentence – Poss Marij <2oz, Released – Weekender
• Rogers, Joseph Wyman, Age: 47, Gonzales: Commitment/ Sentence – Poss CS PG 1<1G, Released – Weekender
• Smith, Logan Patrick William, Age: 25, Houston: Commitment/Sentence – Poss CS PG 2<1G,

Released – Weekender
• Martinez, Dominic Angel, Age: 23, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Man Del CS PG 1>=4G<200G, Remains in Custody
• Lehnert, Kevin Joe, Age: 53, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Poss CS PG 1/1-B<1G, Released – Weekender
• Rodriguez, Lisa Marie, Age: 34, Waelder: Warrantless/On-View – Assault Causes Bodily Inj, Requires \$4,000; Remains In Custody
• Fennell, Henry Lavall, Age: 59, Austin: Commitment/Sentence – Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more IAT, Remains in Custody

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• Meyer, Nicholas Lee, Age: 39, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence – Driving while Intoxicated w/Child under 15 YOA, Released – Weekender

Total Arrest, Court Commitments, other agency arrest and processing's:	
GCSO	18
DPS	03
GPD	02
WPD	00
NPD	01
GISD	00
SMO	00
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Constable 3	00
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DWCSO	00
DEA	00
TPW	00
GCAI	00
Rangers	00
Other	00
Total	24

DISTRICT COURT SENTENCINGS

25TH DISTRICT COURT SENTENCINGS

AUG. 23

• Richard Strickler, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, four years TDCJ-ID with 129 days credit, unauthorized use of a vehicle, 12 months state jail facility.
• Isaiah Buckram, possession of a controlled substance, four years deferred adjudication, court costs and a \$1,500 fine.
• Jer Mri Ka Davis, possession of a controlled substance, three years deferred adjudication, 20 days Conzales County

Jail (weekends), \$500 fine, attorney fees and court costs.

• Henry Fennell, driving while intoxicated, 25 years TDCJ-ID with 1 day credit.
• Christopher Rivera, possession of marijuana, bail jumping, five years deferred adjudication, plus attorney fees, court costs and a fine.
• Ernest Salinas Jr., failure to comply with sex offender registration, three years TDCJ.
• Karina Williams, possession of a controlled substance, five years deferred adjudication plus a \$1,200 fine, attorney fees and court costs.
• Allen Beene, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, dismissed.
• Rebecca Carre, possession of a controlled substance, dismissed.
• David Horn, burglary of a building, four years TDCJ-ID with 214 days credit.

• Dominic Martinez, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, 12 years TDCJ-ID with 277 days credit.
• Dominic Martinez, assault on a pregnant person, dismissed.
• Phillip Longoria, assault family violence, 10 years TDCJ-ID with credit for 227 days.
• Billy Padron, engaging in organized criminal activity, 10 years TDCJ-ID with 396 days credit.

2ND 25TH DISTRICT COURT SENTENCINGS

AUG. 27

• Ashley Nicole Casares, assault on a public servant, dismissed.
• Jose Guadalupe Garcia-Manzano, driving while intoxicated third or more, dismissed.
• Jose Guadalupe Garcia-Manzano, driving while intoxicated third or more IAT, 10 years TDCJ probated for 10 years, plus attorney fees, court costs and fine.
• Jennifer Mayfield, possession of a controlled substance PG 1/1-B <1G, 180 days state jail with 145 days credit.
• Jose Luis Moreno Jr., possession of a controlled substance PG 1 <1G, 16 months state jail with 520 days credit.
• Paul Evin Pope, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, dismissed.
• Robert Joseph Smith Jr., unlawful restraint, expose to SBI, assault family/house member impeding circulation or breathing, 10 years TDCJ-ID.
• Robert Joseph Smith Jr., unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, evading arrest or detention with a previous conviction, possession of a controlled substance PG 1/1-B=1G<4G, dismissed.
• Deaundre Trevon Boshey Walker, possession of a controlled substance PG 1/1-B <1G, five years deferred adjudication, \$1,750 fine, attorney fees and court costs.
• Robert Jason Welch, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, eight years TDCJ-ID with credit for 220 days.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST MOTORS VSF # 0547154
1701 E. SARAH DEWITT DR., GONZALES, TX 78629
830-672-7323
westmotors.com

1980 Glastron boat and trailer (brown and tan)
Date of tow: 07/17/2024 from Ave F, Waelder, Tx
Charges: Tow - \$225.00
Daily storage \$22.00 from 7/17/2024

White box trailer
Date of tow: 07/11/2024 from Snappy's #8, Waelder, TX
Charges: Tow - \$250.00
Daily storage \$22.00 from 07/11/2024

Small Taxing Unit Notice

The NIXON HOSPITAL DISTRICT will hold a meeting at 6:00 pm on September 16, 2024 at 200 E Second St. to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2024. The proposed tax rate is \$0.0177 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in NIXON HOSPITAL DISTRICT by 7.93%.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DONALD R. ROTHBAUER, Deceased, were issued on August 15, 2024, in Cause No. PW24-0360, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Jennifer Rothbauer.

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 Jennifer Rother Machacek
Machacek & Appelt, PLLC
P.O. BOX 1216
SHINER, TX 77984

DATED the 15th day of August, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern,

There will be free water quality testing this year for residents of Gonzales County Underground Water District. The tests will analyze water for various contaminants, providing a comprehensive understanding of your water quality. Residents are encouraged to participate to ensure their water is safe for consumption and intended use. You can drop off samples between August 12th and August 30th at the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (GCUWCD) office located at 522 Saint Matthew Street Gonzales, TX 78629 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Samples must be returned to the GCUWCD as soon as possible to ensure accuracy. The attached notice includes information on how to collect your water sample for testing.

For questions about sampling, contact Ms. Laura Martin or Ms. Haley Stakes at 830-672-1047 or email us at generalmanager@gcuwcd.org or admin@gcuwcd.org. The results of the water testing will be provided once AgriLife completes the water quality testing.

For more information, visit [Home | Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District \(gcuwcd.org\)](https://www.gonzalescountytx.gov). Join in to learn more about water quality and management in our community and to receive your well water testing results.

ADMINISTRATION/ PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS City of Gonzales

The City of Gonzales plans to apply for the upcoming 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). These services are being solicited to assist the City of Gonzales in its application and administration of the TxCDBG CD contract, if awarded, to support eligible activities associated with the program in the City of Gonzales. Accordingly, the City of Gonzales is seeking to contract with a qualified Professional Administrator or Service Provider (individual/firm) to prepare the application and/or administer the awarded contract. Please electronically submit your proposal in .pdf format via email to citymanager@gonzales.texas.gov. Proposals must be received by the City of Gonzales no later than 2:00pm on September 9, 2024, to be considered. The City of Gonzales reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. City of Gonzales is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por petición.

Public Notice

The Housing Authorities of the City of Nixon and Smiley will hold a public meeting on October 14th, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., at the Housing Authority Office, 506 E 4th St #17, Nixon, TX, to hear comment on the Annual and 5 Year Plan, which is currently on display at the Nixon and Smiley Housing Authority office from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Tuesday and Thursday. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting and make comment. The Housing Authorities of the City of Nixon and Smiley is an Equal Housing and Employment Opportunity.

Public Notice

The Housing Authorities of the City of Gonzales will hold a public meeting on October 17th, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., at the Housing Authority Office, 410 Village Dr., Gonzales, TX, to hear comment on the Annual and 5 Year Plan, which is currently on display at the Housing Authority office from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. The public is encouraged to attend this meeting and make comment. You may request a copy of the plan by email at cristi@kenedyhousing.info. The Housing Authority of the City of Gonzales is an Equal Housing and Employment Opportunity.

CLASSIFIEDS WORK! CALL TODAY - 830-672-2861

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF GARY JAMES SCHROEDER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of GARY JAMES SCHROEDER, Deceased, were issued on August 13, 2024, in Cause No. PW24-0359, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: JENNIFER MARIE GOTTSCHALK, Independent Executor.


Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Jennifer Marie Gottschalk, Independent Executor
Estate of Gary James Schroeder
c/o Kenneth E. Kvinta, P.C.
P.O. Box 775
Yoakum, TX 77995

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


Dated this 22nd day of August, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



by _____
Attorney for Estate:
Kenneth E. Kvinta
P.O. Box 775
Yoakum, TX 77995
kkvinta@sbcglobel.net

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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

PERMIT NO. WQ0002013000

APPLICATION. Holmes Foods, Inc., 101 South Liberty Avenue, Nixon, Texas 78140, which owns a poultry processing facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP) No. WQ0002013000 to authorize the addition of 87.75 acres of additional land application area to increase the total land application area to 429.02 acres and an increase to the disposal of treated wastewater to a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 880,000 gallons per day via surface application. The facility is located at 101 South Liberty Avenue, Nixon, in Gonzales County, Texas 78140 and the disposal site is located on Farm-to-Market Road 1681, approximately one mile northwest of the City of Nixon, in Gonzales and Wilson Counties, Texas 78140. TCEQ received this application on July 24, 2024. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Nixon Public Library, 401 North Nixon Avenue, Nixon, in Gonzales County, Texas, and at Stockdale Public Library, 602 West Main Street, Stockdale, in Wilson County, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application, including any updates, and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tlap-applications>. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.
<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-97.788333,29.271388&level=18>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further information may also be obtained from Holmes Foods, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Vernon Rowe, P.E., Rowenvironmental, at 903-767-0945.

Issuance Date: August 21, 2024

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Notice of Public Hearing To Adopt 2025-2026 Reappraisal Plan For the Gonzales Central Appraisal District

I, John H. Liford, Chief Appraiser for Gonzales Central Appraisal District in accordance with Section 6.05 (i), and Section 25.18, Texas Property Tax Code, give notice on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Gonzales Central Appraisal District to hold a public hearing on September 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the appraisal district office located at 301 Saint Joseph Street, Suite A, Gonzales, Texas, for consideration and adoption of the 2025-2026 Reappraisal Plan. A copy is available at the appraisal district office.

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The bids will be publicly opened in the third floor conference room of the Randle Rather Building, 427 St. George Street at 10:00 a.m. on September 17, 2024. This is a one year contract, the term is October 1, 2024 until September 30, 2025. All bids must be in a sealed envelope clearly marked with Bid Name and Opening Date in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope.

Specifications may be obtained from the County Auditor's office and on the county's web site at www.co.gonzales.tx.us. Bids received after the time and date specified in the specifications will not be considered.

Published Notice of Project Gonzales Economic Development Corporation

In accordance with the Development Corporation Act, Section 505.160 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation, a Type B economic development corporation, is publishing notice of intent to undertake the following project: provide financial assistance to the City of Gonzales, Texas, in an amount not to exceed One Million and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) to be used for infrastructure improvements consisting of public street, water, wastewater for the TXGN property located at Steiren Road, Gonzales, Texas. It is requested that you make your views known, either in person or by writing to the Gonzales Economic Development Corporation.

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TO GONZALES COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

VISIT [TEXAS.GOV/PROPERTYTAXES](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) TO FIND A LINK TO YOUR LOCAL PROPERTY TAX DATABASE ON WHICH YOU CAN EASILY ACCESS INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES, INCLUDING INFORMATION REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT EACH ENTITY THAT TAXES YOUR PROPERTY WILL IMPOSE IF THE ENTITY ADOPTS ITS PROPOSED TAX RATE. YOUR LOCAL PROPERTY TAX DATABASE WILL BE UPDATED REGULARLY DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER AS LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS PROPOSE AND ADOPT THE PROPERTY TAX RATES THAT WILL DETERMINE HOW MUCH YOU PAY IN PROPERTY TAXES.

You may request the same information from the assessor of each taxing unit for your property by requesting their contact information from your Tax Assessor-Collector at:

Crystal Cedillo, TAC
Gonzales County Tax Office
427 Saint George Street, Suite 100
Gonzales, TX 78629
830-672-2841

THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR DOES NOT DETERMINE PROPERTY VALUES OR TAX RATES.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

Janice Sutton
District Clerk, Gonzales County Texas
414 St. Joseph Street, Ste. 300
Gonzales, TX 78629

Andrew M. Abrameit
Abrameit Law Firm, PLLC
P.O. Box 192
Cuero, Texas 77954
Attorney for Plaintiff

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Cause No. 27,851; *Truitt Land Holdings LLC, Plaintiff v. Sustrein Goode, I. Kelly Goode, Jr., Kareem Goode, Melvin Goode, Alvin Goode, Gloria Jackson, Jo Nell Miller, Eural Walker, Jr., Tyrone Loving, Lionel Loving, Terry Clark, Susan Johnson, Stephanie Goode, Evonn L. Walker, Euralene Walker, Vangie Adams, Carol White, Bambi Alford, Alfred Gene Goode, Jr., Verline Celestine, Anthony Goode, Therris Goode, Reginald Pierce, The Unknown Heirs of Latasha Loving Manuel, The Unknown Heirs of Janice Johnson, Rihanna N. Goode, A Minor, The Unknown Heirs Of Frances C. Goode, And Any Other Persons or Entities That Own or Claim An Interest In The Surface Estate In And To That Certain 57.33 Acres of Land, More Or Less, Located In The Prosper Hope Survey, Abstract No. 252, Gonzales County, Texas, Defendants*; in the 2nd 25th Judicial District Court, Gonzales County, Texas.


TO: ANY OTHER PERSONS OR ENTITIES THAT OWN OR CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE SURFACE ESTATE IN AND TO THAT CERTAIN 67.33 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED IN THE PROSPER HOPE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 252, GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at [TexasLawHelp.org](https://www.texaslawhelp.org)."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the PLAINTIFF'S SECOND AMENDED PETITION AND APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, TEMPORARY INJUNCTION, PERMANENT INJUNCTION, AND FOR IN-KIND PARTITION AND TO HAVE IMPROVEMENTS ISOLATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF PLAINTIFF at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 16th day of September, 2024 at or before 10:00 a.m., before the Honorable 2nd 25th District Court of Gonzales County, Texas, at the Courthouse in Gonzales County, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Second Amended Petition was filed on the 24th day of July 2024 in this case, numbered 27,851 on the docket of said court, and styled: *Truitt Land Holdings LLC, Plaintiff v. Sustrein Goode, I. Kelly Goode, Jr., Kareem Goode, Melvin Goode, Alvin Goode, Gloria Jackson, Jo Nell Miller, Eural Walker, Jr., Tyrone Loving, Lionel Loving, Terry Clark, Susan Johnson, Stephanie Goode, Evonn L. Walker, Euralene Walker, Vangie Adams, Carol White, Bambi Alford, Alfred Gene Goode, Jr., Verline Celestine, Anthony Goode, Therris Goode, Reginald Pierce, The Unknown Heirs of Latasha Loving Manuel, The Unknown Heirs of Janice Johnson, Rihanna N. Goode, A Minor, The Unknown Heirs Of Frances C. Goode, And Any Other Persons Or Entities That Own Or Claim An Interest In The Surface Estate In And To That Certain 57.33 Acres Of Land, More Or Less, Located In The Prosper Hope Survey, Abstract No. 252, Gonzales County, Texas, Defendants*.

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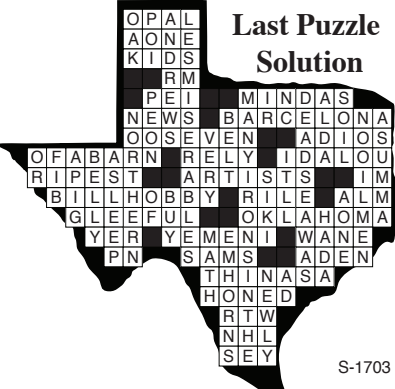
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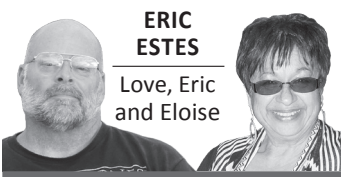
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Before the Rooster Crows

Hey there y'all, I hope every-thing's going just dandy. Well, we just got through our first ma-jor, but short heatwave (in late August?), as the temps hit 105 degrees yesterday. Of course yours truly (not being the brightest lad on the planet), stopped along my drive and decided to trim a few small tree branches hanging over the road. All I had on me at the time was a small hand saw, but since the largest branch was only about 2", I figured I'd make short work of them. Over two hours and 14 gallons of sweat later, reeling from the heat, my thought was "hey stupid" you did it again! It's funny how in our mind nothing seems that difficult, but once real-ity kicks in it's a whole other story. Fortunately, after a cold shower, electrolytes and vitamins, downed with gallons of water, I was (at least temporarily) smart enough to stay inside and recover (quiver) the rest of the afternoon, and feel ready to go this morning...thank you, Lord!

After going to bed about 8:30, I woke up about 4:00am, fully charged and ready to take on the day. I've gotten in the habit of sitting on my back porch with my coffee, petting and feeding my cat and racoons while watch-ing the sun come up, praying and thanking God for all he's done, much more than I deserve. It's a nice peaceful way to get the day started, as there's always plenty to



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

“Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give into temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

Matthew 26:41

do when living the country life. While out there our city siren went off several times, indicating that someone's in need of help. Whenever I hear it I always say a quick prayer that God will be with them in their time of need, and help them get to know him if they don't already, and even better if they do. Shortly thereafter, the roosters around town began to crow. It made me think of when, at the "last supper", realizing that the time of his crucifixion and death was near, Jesus explained that one of them (Judas) would betray him, and that it would've been better for this one to have never been born. After arriving at the Mount of Olives, Jesus explained that because of what was about to take place, all of them would become deserters and the flock would be scattered, but assured them that after he'd risen he would go ahead

of them to Galilee. Peter assured Jesus that he wouldn't desert him, even to the point of death. In Mat-thew 26:34 Jesus said to him "I tell you the truth, Peter – this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny three times that you even know me." Then before going off to pray himself, Jesus asked the disciples to stay awake and pray. Later, he found them asleep and reminded them to "Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give into temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak." (Matthew 26:41).

I think that pretty much sums it up for humanity in general. With God there's no gray area, if we don't have God in our corner, satan takes his place by default. Deception is the only plausible explanation as to why any reason-ably intelligent person wouldn't want God in their corner, as we're all (unknown by most) in an ongo-ing spiritual battle, and as any fighter knows, without the right coach in your corner...you're goin' down!

All I can say, is that after living much of my young life with the wrong coach whispering in my ear, and the devastating results that followed, not only when the sirens go off, but every day, I pray that God will help humanity get to know him if they don't already, and know him better if they do! Have a great week, love you guys, Eric.

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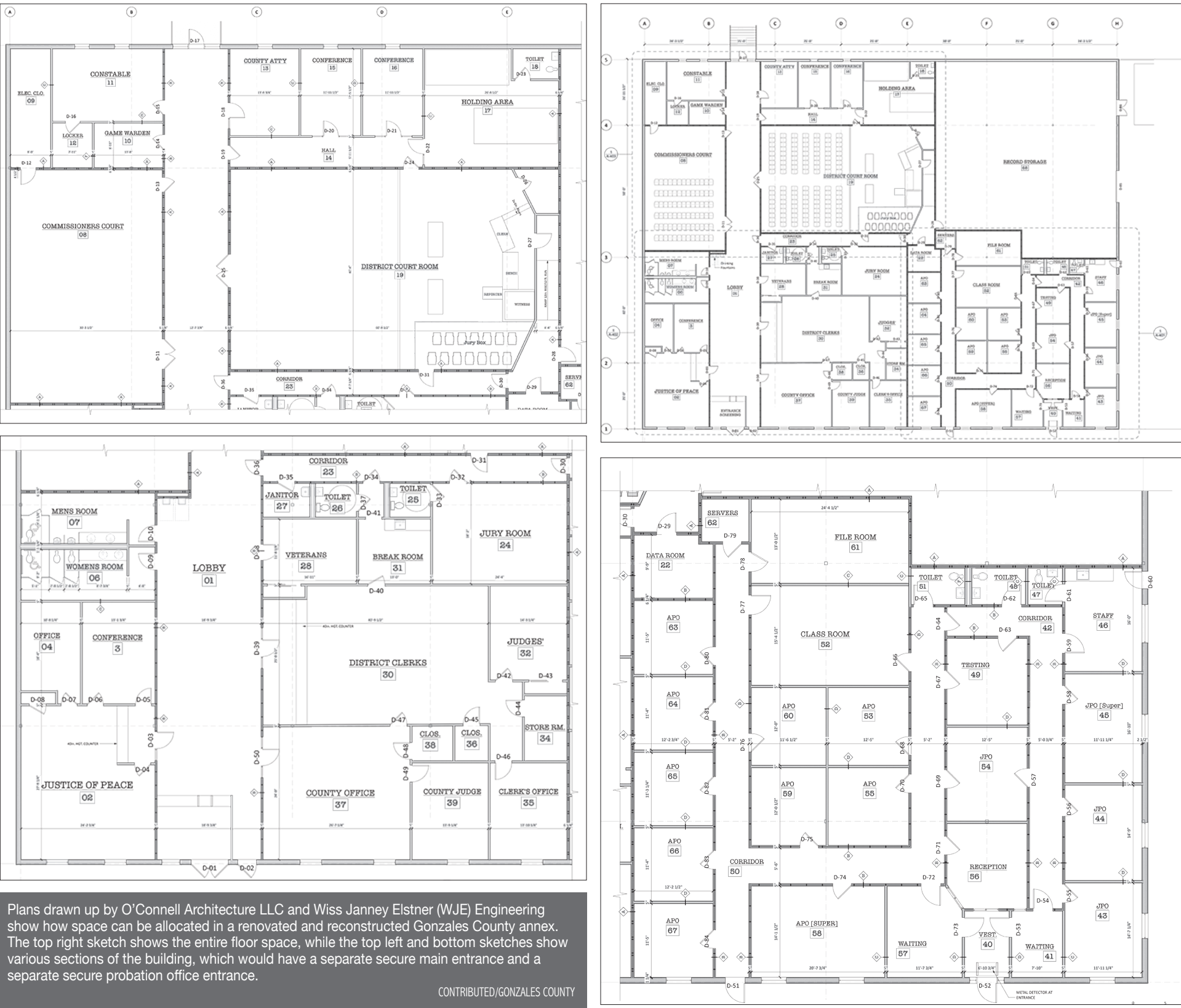
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When the Courthouse renovation is completed, nearly all of the occupants that would be in the west side of the annex would relocate back to the Courthouse, allowing that space to be reallocated.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski asked if the commissioners court could be moved instead to the third floor of the Randle Rather building, which would allow the county to spend less money turning space at the annex into a courtroom.

“It would still be two courtrooms, because you’re going to need two courtrooms, due to the fact that you have justice court, you have district court,” Davis said. “Sometimes — it doesn’t happen all the time — but sometimes you have both district judges here (at the Courthouse), where you have one upstairs and one down here, so you really do need the two courtrooms. And I know that sometimes when they have the visiting judges that come, they have to have a place to go.”

Brzozowski asked Davis if he had any idea how much the annex construction would cost in its entirety or just to replace the annex’s faltering existing walls, to which Davis said they will not know until the engineers can take the plans to work up an estimate. Davis added that all of the load-bearing walls have to be shored up on the exterior first and then renovation on the inside could take place in stages if desired.

“I think we can go ahead and go with it, but we need to break it down,” Precinct 1 Commissioner K.O. “Dell” Whid-don said. “We need to get the outside wall fixed first and see what that’s going to cost and then we’ll know if we go any further or not because we don’t know how much money it’s going to cost.”

Commissioners voted to move forward with the existing plan so the engineers could provide cost estimates in a breakdown for both exterior work and interior work.

Davis said issues at the Randle Rather building involving pieces of the structure coming off the exterior would require an engineer to review and recommend solutions with the county having received a quote of \$15,000 for that process. Commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with bringing in an engineer for the Randle Rather assessment.

Moving into discussion on the Courthouse grant, Brzozowski said he was concerned about spending money on a Courthouse planning grant match when the county doesn’t know how much it will need to fix the annex.

“What concerns me is we got this other building,” Brzozowski said. “I know the courthouse needs to be worked on but I would like to see us fix what we’ve got that’s messed up. This courthouse is workable right now.”

“It’s not workable,” Davis replied. “When it rains, we are full of water in the basement and it just gets worse. I just cannot see us not going out for this grant to get this. We would never be able to restore this Courthouse on our county budget without this grant. I would hate to see us lose a grant that we’re already this far in and got approved for the planning.”

“We may have to consider, depending on how much it

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ACROSS

1 Rangers & Astros sport: ____ ball

5 “Hill Country State Natural ____”

6 Jason Garrett was NFL Coach of the ____ in 2016

7 Tahoka is seat of this county

8 TX V.T. Hamlin comic: “Alley ____”

9 general uneasiness

16 regretted

18 TXism: “useless as ____ a sow”

21 TXism: “____ hill for a stepper” (simple)

22 TX Howard Hughes was a billion ____

23 hosp. imaging tech.

24 ____ chair (sits)

30 Texas legendary pitcher for teams in 1-across

34 star of Texas-based film “Hud” (init.)

35 women of ill repute in early Texas: “____ angels”

36 Ciudad Miguel Aleman is across from this Texas city

37 Texas-filmed “The ____ of Heaven”

39 TXism: “get ____ ____ row” (prepare)

43 throwing weapon

44 former star Cowboy WR, Drew

45 great Texas center fielder, Tris (init.)

46 Hamiltons (money)

47 186,000 miles per second: ____ light

49 muscle injuries

52 Texans like it iced

53 TX Buddy Holly’s “That’ll ____ the Day”

54 TX Hagman had a part in epic “In ____ Way”

55 TX Roddenberry’s “Star Trek” genre: ____ fiction

58 TXism: “I’d have ____ better to die” (sick)

DOWN

1 Seymour’s county

2 Clint Black tune: “Where ____ Now”

3 2nd husband of Texas-born Robin Wright (2 wds.)

4 “____ your keep”

9 first female governor “____” Ferguson

10 TXism: “short ____ ____ eyebrow”

11 wild animal den

12 TXism: “sounds like ____ axle” (bad singer)

13 perfect examples

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Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

BRIDGE

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which provides funding to replace or rehabilitate structurally deficient and functionally obsolete bridges located on public roads and streets off the designated state highway system, including county roads.

The County Road 385 bridge over Clear Fork Creek was just replaced in 2011, but “continues to wash out on approaches,” Precinct 2 Commissioner Donnie Brzozowski said. A December 2023 inspection of the County Road 385 bridge yielded a substructure condition rating of 2 out of 10, down from a 6 rating just two years prior.

“The state wants to build a new bridge there and take that old bridge completely out, and because it’s unsafe,” he added.

The federal government pays for 80 percent of the bridge replacement cost, while the state and county each pay 10 percent. TxDOT will allow the county “to perform, or cause to be performed, an equivalent dollar amount of structural improvement work on other deficient bridges or deficient mainlane cross-drainage structures within its jurisdiction.”

To make up the county’s proposed cost share of \$75,342.93, Gonzales County will replace pipe culverts on County Roads 354, 381, 383, 402, 422S and 444.

In other action Monday, commissioners also approved a memorandum of understanding between the Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office and Smiley Marshal’s Office which will allow the county to lease or loan equipment to the smaller department.

Sheriff Keith Schmidt explained the Smiley Marshal’s Office had wrecked its sole vehicle, forcing Marshal Jason Torres to use his personal vehicle for patrol. GCSO is willing to lease or loan a surplus 2019 Ford Explorer to Smiley until they can purchase a replacement vehicle for their wrecked unit.

“We were thinking about letting them borrow one for a little bit so they can get something else or we could just give them the car, whichever way you think is best,” Schmidt said.

Auditor Becky Weston expressed concern about the liability the county could have if they are simply loaning the vehicle as well as the ability of Smi-

ley to get an insurance rider to cover a vehicle being loaned from GCSO.

Attorney Eddie Escobar, who will be the newly elected county attorney in January, indicated to commissioners that the city’s coverage through TML would be sufficient. Commissioners discussed leasing the vehicle to Smiley for a nominal \$1 per year until Smiley can get a new vehicle of its own.

Commissioners also approved applications by GCSO and Precinct 4 Constable John Moreno’s office for grants from the National Rifle Association (NRA) to purchase gun range equipment (GCSO) and duty weapons and rifles (Precinct 4 Constable).

The court also voted to issue an addendum to add an electrical quick connect item to the bid package for the Gonzales County Radio Communications System Improvements. This will be for a quick connect that would be used as a backup in the event that standard power and initial generators fail. The quick connect would allow the tower to run on a portable backup generator in an emergency.

TAX RATE

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Amanda Smith, GISD chief financial officer, said during the 2023 bond election that the tax rate would go up eight cents if Proposition A, a \$50.6 million bond package, was passed.

“Indeed, the rate did not increase the full eight cents because of property value growth, but the majority of that growth was in the minerals category, not residential,” Smith added.

The board adopted a maintenance and operations tax rate of 73.08 cents per \$100 valuation and a debt service rate of 13.26 cents, which is still expected to generate \$11,417 in local revenue per student compared to the state contribution of \$1,831 per student.

Last year, the district had a maintenance and operations tax rate of 73.31 cents per \$100 valuation and a debt service rate of 9.16 cents as the district had a total taxable value of nearly \$2.73 billion. Property values for the district increased to nearly \$3.18 billion this current tax year.

The average market value of residences in the district improved from \$171,018 to \$179,590. The average taxable value of a residence is expected to be about \$85,447, up from \$60,835 last year, which will lead to anticipated taxes due on an average house going from \$501.71 to \$737.75, an increase of about \$236.04, which averages out to \$19.67 per month more.

The board adopted a general fund budget that has anticipated expenditures of \$34,736,449 against expenditures of \$30,408,065, which will require the use of \$4,328,384 in fund balance and \$500 transferred in from the food service fund. The food service fund calls for against \$2,108,134 in expenditures against \$2,107,634 in revenues, including a \$500 transfer out to the general fund.

Finally, debt service fund calls for expenditures and revenues of \$4,281,857 each.

In other business, the board approved the following agenda items:

- approved the creation of a special finance committee.
- approved the TASB Endorsement Form.
- approved the budget amendments.

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costs, we might have to go out for a bond. I don’t know, but we’re going to have to do something in order to have a place to house folks that work for us. A bond is nothing that would hurt because the county has no debt at this time. A lot of times when you do have debt, it gives you a little bit more spending money for things you need. I don’t think it would affect us that bad in the tax rate at this time.”

“This grant sounds like a good deal, but it comes at a bad time when we’ve got so much stuff,” Brzozowski said. “We’ve got the annex, we’ve got Randle Rather and we have this. The county is in good shape right now, but I’d hate to see us get in a jam. I just want to be clear, I’m not against fixing the courthouse, but not at this time, even with a grant, because we have to spend all that money and it doesn’t even do anything to the building.”

Commissioners then voted on a motion to accept the grant, with Brzozowski being the only vote against the motion.

SMILEY

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Department.

Several members of the council brought their concerns about selling the land to ESD 2.

Councilwoman Lori Price said if the city does sell land to ESD 2 in the future and they shut down the fire department, ESD 2 will own that land and not Smiley.

Jason Whitten of ESD 2 responded back to Price’s concerns.

“ESD 2 has to have a fire department here to protect this spot of the district. I can’t speak for everyone or the county, but ESD 2 must have the fire station here to protect the citizens of Smiley and this fire district,” Whitten said.

The council made the decision to table the item to have further discussions about selling the land to ESD with the mayor present; Mayor Pro Tem Ellis Villasana presided at the meeting in place of Smiley Mayor Lisa Benavidez, who was absent.

In other business, Smiley approved the following agenda items:

- approved the Texas Class.
- approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Smiley City Marshal Jason Torres and Gonzales County Sheriff’s Office.
- approved to transferring other non-real estate assets to Gonzales County ESD District 2.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.2667 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.2667 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.2546 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.2667 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 10, 2024 AT 12:00 PM AT Gonzales Healthcare Systems Thrive Building (Thrive Create Room), 1300 Captain Albert Martin Trail, Gonzales, Texas.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Board of Directors of GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

FOR the proposal:	Kenneth Gottwald	Greg Tieken
	Stephanie Kodack	Wayne South
	Tim Markham	Lisa Gindler
	Gene Reed	

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Sascha Kardosz Kerry Morgan

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.3050	\$0.2667	decrease of -0.0383 per \$100, or -12.56%
Average homestead taxable value	\$151,365	\$163,239	increase of 7.84%
Tax on average homestead	\$461.66	\$435.36	decrease of -26.30, or -5.70%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$15,476,806	\$16,341,108	increase of 864,302, or 5.58%

No-New-Revenue Maintenance and Operations Rate Adjustments

Indigent Health Care Compensation Expenditures

The GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS spent \$3,448,204 from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 on indigent health care expenditures at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year’s enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$187,543. This increased the no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate by \$0.0030/\$100.

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS at 830-672-2841 or tac@co.gonzales.tx.us, or visit www.co.gonzales.tx.us for more information.

NOTICE OF MEETING TO VOTE ON TAX RATE

A tax rate of \$0.3176 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of CITY OF NIXON.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$0.3176 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$0.3176 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$0.3605 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2024 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for CITY OF NIXON from the same properties in both the 2023 tax year and the 2024 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that CITY OF NIXON may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that CITY OF NIXON is not proposing to increase property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

A PUBLIC MEETING TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 16, 2024 AT 5:30 PM AT Nixon City Hall, 302 E. Central Ave., Nixon, TX 78140.

The proposed tax rate is also not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, CITY OF NIXON is not required to hold an election to seek voter approval of the rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the City Council of CITY OF NIXON at their offices or by attending the public meeting mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

Property tax amount = (tax rate) x (taxable value of your property) / 100

FOR the proposal:	Justin LaFleur	Patsy Scherrer
	Patricia Dingler	Jack Rogers
	Shannon Smith	

AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: None

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The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF NIXON last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by CITY OF NIXON this year.

	2023	2024	Change
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.3300	\$0.3176	decrease of -0.0124 per \$100, or -3.76%
Average homestead taxable value	\$76,138	\$87,037	increase of 14.31%
Tax on average homestead	\$251.26	\$276.43	increase of 25.17, or 10.02%
Total tax levy on all properties	\$496,426	\$505,508	increase of 9,083, or 1.83%

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early voting can be done at Nixon City Building, 302 E. Central, Nixon, and Waelder City Hall, 300 U.S. Hwy. 90 W, Waelder.

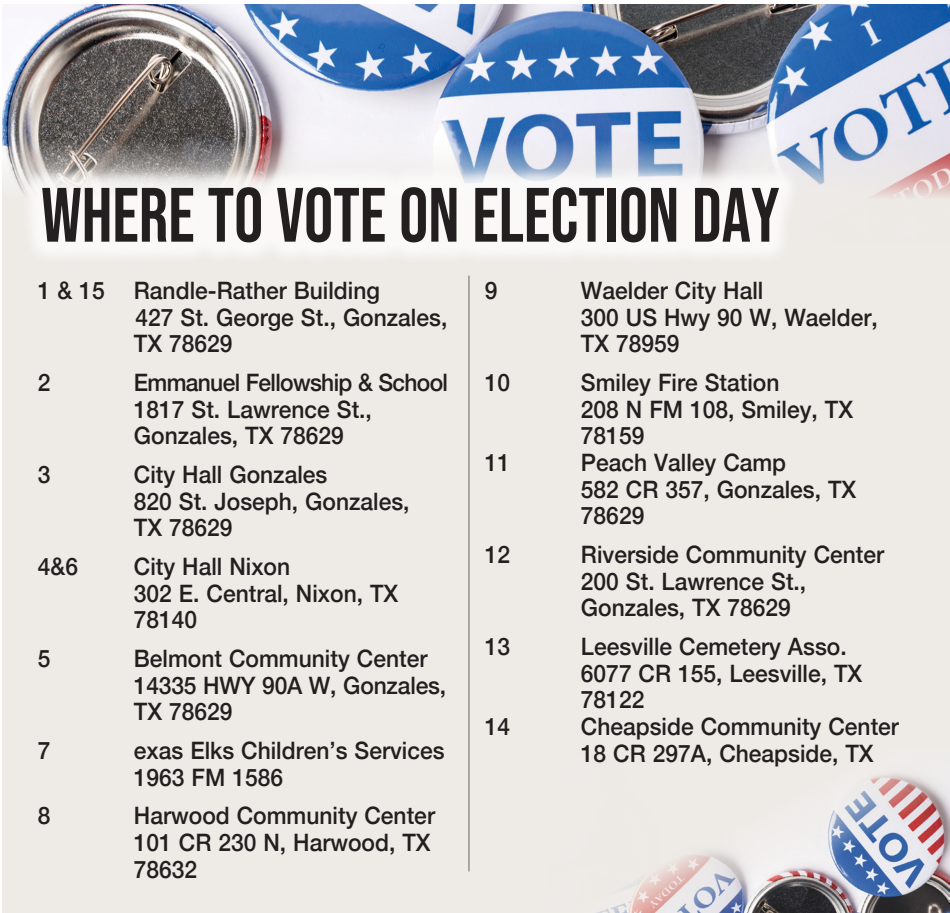
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Gonzales County Early Voting Clerk, Gwen Schaefer, Elections Administrator, P.O. Box 1753, Gonzales, TX 78629. Applications for ballot by mail and federal postcard applications must be received no later than close of business Oct. 25.

LOCAL RACES

There is only one county office on the Gonzales County ballot — Sheriff — as incumbent Keith A. Schmidt, the Republican candidate, will be challenged by former GCSO chief deputy Clay Allen, the Democrat.

There is also a race for the District 44 Texas House seat. Republican Alan Schoolcraft, who unseated incumbent state Rep. John Kuempel, will square off against Democrat Eric Norman.

Other county offices on the ballot are unopposed. They include 25th Judicial District Judge (incumbent Bill Old); 2nd 25th Judicial District Judge (incumbent Jessica Richard Crawford); County Attorney (Eduardo “Eddie” Xavier Escobar is running to succeed Paul Watkins); Tax Assessor-Collector (incumbent Cry-



WHERE TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

1 & 15	Randle-Rather Building 427 St. George St., Gonzales, TX 78629	9	Waelder City Hall 300 US Hwy 90 W, Waelder, TX 78959
2	Emmanuel Fellowship & School 1817 St. Lawrence St., Gonzales, TX 78629	10	Smiley Fire Station 208 N FM 108, Smiley, TX 78159
3	City Hall Gonzales 820 St. Joseph, Gonzales, TX 78629	11	Peach Valley Camp 582 CR 357, Gonzales, TX 78629
4&6	City Hall Nixon 302 E. Central, Nixon, TX 78140	12	Riverside Community Center 200 St. Lawrence St., Gonzales, TX 78629
5	Belmont Community Center 14335 HWY 90A W, Gonzales, TX 78629	13	Leesville Cemetery Asso. 6077 CR 155, Leesville, TX 78122
7	exas Elks Children's Services 1963 FM 1586	14	Cheapside Community Center 18 CR 297A, Cheapside, TX
8	Harwood Community Center 101 CR 230 N, Harwood, TX 78632		

tal Cedillo); Precinct 1 Commissioner (Anton W. “Tony” Matias is running to succeed K.O. “Dell” Whiddon); Precinct 3 Commissioner (Roy A. Staton running to succeed Kevin La Fleur); Precinct 1 Constable (incumbent Johnnie Hall); Precinct 3 Constable (incumbent Derek Johnson); Precinct 4 Constable (incumbent John J. Moreno).

STATE RACES

Contested state races on the ballot include four candidates vying for Railroad Commissioner. They include Republican incumbent Christi Cradick, Democrat Katherine Culbert, Libertarian Hawk Dunlap and Green candidate Eddie Espinoza.

Place 2 Supreme Court Justice will feature Republican incumbent Jimmy Blacklock against Democrat DaSean Jones. Place 4 Supreme Court Justice will feature Republican incumbent John Devine against Democrat Christine Vinh Weems and Libertarian Matthew Secerly. Place 6 Supreme Court Justice will feature Republican incumbent Janne Bland against Democrat Bonnie Lee Goldstein and Libertarian David Roberson.

Presiding Judge Court of Criminal Appeals will feature Republican David Schenck against Democrat Holly Taylor. Place 7 Court of Criminal Appeals Justice will feature Republican Gina

Parker against Democrat Nancy Mulder and Libertarian Mark Ash. Place 8 Court of Criminal Appeals Justice will feature Republican Lee Finley against Democrat Chika Anyiam and Libertarian Stephan Kinsella.

Chief Justice 13th Court of Appeals will feature Republican Jaime Tijerina running against Democrat Gina Benavides. Place 2 13th Court of Appeals will feature Republican Jenny Cron against Democrat incumbent Nora Longoria. Place 4 13th Court of Appeals will feature Republican Ysmael D. Fonseca against Democrat Joe Martinez. Place 5 13th Court of Appeals will feature Republican Jon West against Regi Com-pian Richardson.

State Board of Education District 3 member Marisa Perez-Diaz is running unopposed.

FEDERAL RACES

The race for President sees Republicans Donald J. Trump/JD Vance running against Democrats Kamala D. Harris/Tim Walz, Libertarians Chase Oliver/Mike Ter Maat and Greens Jill Stein/Rudolph Ware.

U.S. Senate race has Republican incumbent Ted Cruz running against Democrat Colin Allred and Libertarian Ted Brown. U.S. Rep. District 27 has incumbent Michael Cloud running against Democrat Tanya Lloyd.

FOOTBALL

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members, and students are excited about the renovations and updates to Apache Field. Unfortunately, after communicating with the project managers, we were informed that our beloved football field will not be ready for our first game,” GISD said in a press release.

Gonzales ISD Director of Operations Gene Kridler told the Inquirer there were multiple factors why the field wasn’t ready in time for the original home opener.

“It was a combination of things. One of the first things was that we started late. It was probably mid-July, I think, when they started killing the old grass and scraping it and getting that done. And we didn’t lay the sod down until Aug. 1, right off the bat. You know, the company wanted 45 days. We wanted 30 to make sure we could get the game in. And unfortunately, we had some armyworms that attacked us,” Kridler said.

Kridler added the district treated the grass in time before the armyworms did any more damage.

“They basically eat the blades of grass all the way down. It would have burned it, scorched it with us. You know, it got some, but fortunately, we were able to catch it and we were able to treat for them, so that helped considerably,” Kridler said.

Other factors which contributed include the contractor doing other jobs and weather delays.

Despite the delay for the Apaches’ home opener, Kridler is excited to have the first home game on the new grass at Apache Field.

“I’m really excited that we were able to do that, that the board decided to do that for the new sod. I think that, just given a little bit more time, the field’s going to be great. This year’s going to be good, but next year will be even better, once the roots take more hold and grow for the whole year,” Kridler said.

Gonzales will instead play this Friday, Aug. 30, at Bob Benson ’66 Stadium, 1403 N St. Mary’s St., San Antonio. Gates open at 6 p.m. and kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF GONZALES

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Gonzales, by this instrument, notifies the public of a PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed Rate Fee Schedule that has been presented to the City Council for their consideration.

PUBLIC HEARING for citizen input regarding the proposed Master Rate and Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.

The City Council will hold a **Public Hearing on September 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the Gonzales Municipal Building, 820 N. Saint Joseph, Gonzales, Texas 78629**, to allow for public comment on the proposed Master Rate and Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.

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

I certify that a copy of the September 5, 2024, Notice of Public Hearing was posted on the City Municipal Building bulletin board on the 15th day of August 2024, at 5:00 p.m. and remained posted continuously for at least 14 days prior to the scheduled time of the meeting.



Kristina Vega, City Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF GONZALES

CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Gonzales, by this instrument, notifies the public of a PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed BUDGET that has been presented to the City Council for their consideration.


PUBLIC HEARING for citizen input regarding the use of City Funds for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR’S BUDGET BY \$40,766 OR 2.28% AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$41,339 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

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Kristina Vega, City Secretary



LEW K. COHN

Members of the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Board of Directors break ground on the new surgical wing expansion and patient room remodel at the hospital on Thursday, Aug. 22. The new wing will include three operating rooms with state-of-the-art equipment, including robotic capabilities. A dedicated entrance will allow surgical patients to enter and leave without the need to go into the main hospital wing.

HOSPITAL

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our new surgery expansion and patient room remodel, we are not just laying a foundation for a building, but for a future filled with hope, innovation and passionate care.

“This expansion represents our commitment to meeting the growing needs of our patients, embracing cutting edge technology and providing our dedicated healthcare professionals with the tools they need to excel.”

The surgical expansion, which is expected to be completed by November 2025, will include three operating rooms with state-of-the-art equipment, including robotic capabilities. A dedicated entrance will allow surgical patients to enter and leave without the need to go into the main hospital wing.

In the main hospital building — where GHS currently operates two Surgical Emergency Units (SEUs), three Obstetrics and Delivery (OB) rooms and 28 Medical/Surgery patient rooms — a remodel will reduce the number of patient rooms to 18, but will result in the addition of full ensuite bathrooms in each patient room, complete with roll-in showers for accessibility.

“These patient room remodels will bring us up to date to 2024,” Anzaldua said. “We celebrated the 45-year anniversary of the facility last fall so we’re in major need of an upgrade.”

Anzaldua praised the cooperative support of the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Board of Directors, the Gonzales County Healthcare Foundation and the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation Board of Directors for making both the expansion and remodel possible.

“We’re not just constructing new spaces; we’re building a legacy of excellence in medical care that will serve generations to come,” Anzaldua said. “Thank you for your unwavering support and for being a part of this transfor-



LEW K. COHN

GHS CEO Brandon Anzaldua tells those present for an Aug. 22 groundbreaking that the hospital is building a legacy of excellence in medical care that will serve generations to come.” He said the patient room remodel in the hospital will add full ensuite bathrooms and bring the hospital into the 21st century.

native milestone.”

“This event celebrates a step in the evolution of Gonzales Healthcare Systems,” said GHS Board President Kenneth Gottwald said. “It’s been a long time coming. A great deal of time, study and planning has gone into this expansion project. We’ve had input from doctors, staff and other members of the community, architects and engineers on what is needed to make this an asset.”

Gottwald said the goal for the expansion is “to provide medical services locally to avoid a lot of the long distance to travel for many of the healthcare needs” and that the end goal will be “a better experience for the patients and their families.”

He said between the surgical wing expansion and remodeling of inpatient rooms in the main hospital building, there will be “a lot of moving parts to



LEW K. COHN

Gonzales Healthcare Systems Board President Kenneth Gottwald said the updates to the hospital, which have been in planning for three years, has been “a long time coming” with a goal “to provide medical services locally to avoid a lot of the long distance to travel.”

this as we go forward, so bear with us as the construction proceeds and all that takes place.”

In conjunction with the planned expansion, the hospital has been recruiting additional surgical specialists to practice their medical expertise at the facility, Anzaldua said.

In an invocation given before Gottwald and Anzaldua spoke, Dr. David Meredith, a family practice and obstetrics provider at the hospital, said everyone involved is “so thankful for expansion and the ability to do more and more things for our community that will help them stay healthy and help them stay well.”

“Lord, I pray for the doctors and the nurses and all the ones that will be taking care of those to be able to do the job that they are able to do as best that they can, and continue to bring more life and more health to our community, so that we can continue to expand, not only here at the hospital, but in our in our community,” Meredith said. “I pray that all the workers that are working on this expansion are well and healthy and stay out of harm’s way and keep this on track so that we’ll be able to do more and

more things for you.”

The Gonzales High School Apache cheerleaders led the crowd in a pep rally cheer to stir up excitement for the project, while Amanda Frederick, the GHS Home Health administrator, sang the national anthem.

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