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GONZALES COUNTY

Commissioners ban outdoor burning

BY LEW K. COHN
Inquirer Publisher

Gonzales County commissioners approved an emergency ban on outdoor burning at their regular meeting Monday, July 24.

The ban is effective immediately and will remain in place until re-

scinded by the court after it has been determined the county has received enough precipitation to cut the fire risk.

However, commissioners also approved an outdoor burn permit form that would be issued by County Emergency Management Coordinator and Fire Marshal Jimmy Harless on a

case by case basis that would allow a resident or business to perform outdoor burning.

"You may not burn without a permit. You must come to my office located at 1811 Water St. (across from O'Reillys Auto) and fill out a burn ban

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"The whole idea is to protect property and our firefighters when Gonzales County is dangerously dry."

—Jimmy Harless, County EMS coordinator and Fire Marshal

Waelder mayor arrested on deadly conduct charge

BY LEW K. COHN
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Waelder Mayor Roy Tovar was arrested by the Waelder Police Department on Saturday, July 1, and charged with deadly conduct discharge of a firearm, a third-degree felony.



Tovar

According to the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office, Tovar was assessed a \$15,000 surety bond and was released on Sunday,

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Main Street gets ready for second Back to School Bash

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

The new school year is around the corner and Gonzales Main Street will kick it off with a big bash.

The second annual Back-to-School Bash will be held at Independence Square — which also will coincide with "Meet the Apache Night" — on Saturday, Aug. 5 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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RAILWAY RIBBON CUTTING



Above: TNW Corporation representatives with TXGN workers, Gonzales city officials, county officials, and more at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of the TXGN Harwood Interchange connection with Union Pacific on Wednesday, July 26. Left: TXGN Railway Superintendent Jeremy Bush cuts the ribbon for the grand opening of the TXGN Harwood Interchange connection with Union Pacific. The event is a celebration of the partnerships with TNW Corporation, Federal Rail Administration, Union Pacific Railway and the community of Gonzales.

PHOTOS BY VANDY VAN EPPS

Smiley City enacts brush fee, seeks secretary

BY CLAYTON KELLEY
For the Inquirer

The City of Smiley enacted a \$25 fee for brush removal at the July 19 meeting.

"We've been doing research throughout the other little small

towns. They say they all charge for picking up brush, so I presented that to the council," Mayor Lisa Benavidez said. "Any time a resident needs brush picked up, they can come and pay at city hall and we will send the men out there. Brush should be cut up and

stacked up within six feet."

Council also approved RISE Broadband to lay fiber optic cable throughout Smiley.

"This will benefit citizens as we provide faster internet with lower

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Unemployment again increases in Gonzales Co.

BY LEW K. COHN
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Unemployment in Gonzales County rose by another two-tenths of a percent in June 2023, according to state Labor Market Information (LMI) figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

Unemployment in the county went up from 3.5 percent in May to 3.7 percent in June; however, Gonzales County did not have either the lowest or highest jobless rate of the seven counties which comprise the Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area.

For the entire Golden Crescent Workforce Development Area, the unemployment rate for June 2023 was 3.9 percent,

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COURTESY/ESD NO. 1

A rendition of how the new ESD No. 1 building in Gonzales, being built on Water Street, will look once it is finished.

Hisey: ESD continues to improve service for county

BY LEW K. COHN
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Dr. Commie Hisey, vice president of the Gonzales County Emergency Services District No. 1 board, gave an

update on that organization to the Gonzales County Commissioners Court on Monday, July 24.

Hisey said he wants to keep the

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Main Street highlights successful summer so far

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
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The Gonzales Main Street Board highlighted past events and other agenda items in its Thursday, July 20, meeting.

The board went over the successes from the Juneteenth and Fourth of July celebrations and the Shop & Stroll Fourth Thursday.

Main Street Director Tiffany Hutchinson-Padilla said the Juneteenth celebration was well at-

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Commissioners approve giving fee proceeds to Juvenile Probation

BY LEW K. COHN
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Gonzales County commissioners on Monday approved an agreement with the County

Juvenile Probation Department to allocate money collected under the Local Truancy Prevention and Diversion Fund for a juvenile alcohol and substance abuse, education and leader-

ship program.

According to Local Government Code Section 134.156, money which the county collects through local consolidated fees on conviction of

nonjailable misdemeanors are to be placed in a local truancy prevention and diversion fund

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GVEC holds annual membership meeting in Gonzales

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

GVEC's 2023 Annual Meeting took place on June 23 at the Gonzales High School Special Events Center. In all, 1,337 members participated: 177 in person and 1,160 by proxy.

Registration began at 5:30 p.m., with GVEC Board President Gary E. Birdwell calling the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Board Director Melvin E. Strey delivered the invocation.

Next came the election of District Directors. All three 2023 elections were uncontested: Lewis Borgfeld was reelected to serve another term as District 2 Director; Morris Harvey was reelected to serve another term as Director of District 5; and Mark Roberts was reelected to serve another term as Director of District 8.

The 2023 annual meeting video, titled A Mighty Purpose, presented an overview of challenges the Cooperative faced in 2022 and how its team of professionals rose to overcome those challenges through dedication, tenacity and an unwavering commitment to the members and customers they serve.

The video also highlighted the more-than-40-years of accomplishments and service to the members of GVEC by Board Directors Lewis Borgfeld and Melvin Strey. The pair stepped down from their executive positions of President and Vice President, respectively, in July 2022. Fortunately, Borgfeld and Strey both chose to continue serving on the Board, representing their districts of 2 and 7.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting video, Board President Birdwell extended a



Cuero resident and community volunteer Linda Anzaldua received a 2023 GVEC Public Service Award (PSA) for her extensive service work and the impact she's made in her community. From left: GVEC Board President Gary E. Birdwell, Anzaldua, GVEC General Manager and CEO Darren Schauer and GVEC Board Secretary/Treasurer Morris Harvey.

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heartfelt thank you to Borgfeld and Strey for their decades of leadership. Birdwell then unveiled plans to dedicate and rename the Community Meeting Rooms at the Schertz and La Vernia GVEC offices to The Lewis C. Borgfeld Community Room and the Melvin E. Strey Community Room, respectively. The beautiful plaques are designed to commemorate both Borgfeld's and Strey's exemplary service and trailblazing leaders to customers and employees of GVEC. The official dedications and ribbon cutting ceremonies will happen

later this year.

A special presentation of GVEC's Public Service Awards (PSA) also took place during the evening. The tradition began in 1986 to recognize people, businesses and organizations who have delivered consistent, unselfish, and considerable service to people around them and their communities. This year, GVEC opened its nominations for the PSA recipients to its members and received 37 submissions.

GVEC's 2023 Individual PSA went to Linda Anzaldua of Cuero. Anzaldua and her hus-

band, Lawrence, have resided full time in Cuero since 2006.

As a retiree in Cuero, she has been involved in many local projects, events and causes including the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum Board, DeWitt Wildflower Association, Keep Cuero Beautiful Committee, Miss Cuero pageant, Cuero Regional Hospital Gala and Taste of the Trail event. In 2010, both Mr. and Mrs. Anzaldua were awarded the Cuero Chamber of Commerce's Community Service Award for their extensive community involvement.

For the past five years, Anzaldua has channeled her love for animals into working on behalf of stray, abandoned, injured, mistreated, and homeless cats and dogs through Cuero Pet Adoptions. She works every day as the center's only full-time, 100% volunteer to ensure all the pets are cared for properly. GVEC was pleased to recognize and honor Anzaldua for all the time she's given and work she's done to help improve the quality of life for all—be it person or pet—who call Cuero home.

GVEC's 2023 Organizational PSA went to the La Vernia Historical Association. The Association was founded in 2002. In 2005, it opened the La Vernia Heritage Museum, which is free to the public and offers permanent and changing exhibits.

The Association voted to build the La Vernia Veterans Memorial in 2007, and after many years of fundraising, including the help of a \$20,000 GVEC Power Up™ grant, groundbreaking for Phase I of the project occurred in 2017. In 2019, Phase II was completed, which includes 10 impressive seven-foot walls inscribed with names of honorably discharged local veterans from each military branch. Phase III is currently underway with an expected completion date of Veterans Day 2023. On hand to accept the award on the Association's behalf were President Elaine Stephens, Vice President Susan Richter, Secretary Nancy Scull, Treasurer Walter Scull and Parliamentarian Graham Lawrence.

Members can view the Annual Report as well as the video presentation online at www.gvec.org.

One kilogram of methamphetamine, 260 grams of cocaine, and 0.5 ounces of marijuana were seized by the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office.

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Task Force recovers vehicles, nabs suspects

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The combined efforts of the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office and the Sheriff's Combined Auto Theft Task Force resulted in the recovery of two sto-

len vehicles, a stolen gun and five arrests.

The special operation was hosted Friday, July 20, by the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office and included personnel from the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office and the San Antonio Police Department.

A Gonzales County deputy stopped a blue 2008 Honda on Interstate 10. As a result of that stop, one kilogram of methamphetamine, 260 grams of cocaine, and 0.5 ounces of marijuana were seized.

The driver, identified as Gilbert Solis Jr., 53, of

San Antonio, was arrested and charged with manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance PG1 >=400G; manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance PG1 >=200G<400G, and possession of marijuana <2oz. Bond was set at \$14,500.

Deputies recover stolen kayaks, arrest one suspect

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On Friday, July 8, Gonzales County Sheriff's deputies took a theft report where an unknown suspect had stolen two kayaks from the Lakewood area. On Wednesday, July 19, the victim of the theft contacted the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office and stated he had seen one of his stolen kayaks tied to the roof of a car traveling on U.S. Highway 90A West.

Deputies were able to locate and make contact with the driver of the vehicle. Once with the vehicle, deputies were able to positively identify the kayak as the one that was stolen. Deputies also placed a male subject in custody for theft.

However, the investigation didn't stop there.

Knowing this was one of two stolen kayaks, deputies went to the subject's residence in Nixon. Once there, deputies were granted consent to search the home by the homeowner and the second stolen kayak, along with some other miscellaneous stolen items, were located in the backyard.

Ultimately, the suspect, who was identified as Michael Allen Villaneuva, 27, of Nixon, was charged with theft >=\$750 <\$2,500, which is a class A misdemeanor. He was released on \$3,000 bond.

"This is a prime example of the exceptional citizens in our county keeping an eye out and reporting it to the sheriff's office. Remember, if you see something, say something," the department said in a statement.



CORRECTION



Reunion celebrating 13 years of ministry to women in Gonzales area through CWJC, Stella's House, Stella's Refuge, has had to change its venue to the Stockton Building right next to the Crystal Theater, across from the Methodist offices and Happy House. Saturday, July 29, 11-2. Look for balloons and a sign. 509 St. Lawrence.

Celebrations

Birthdays

July 27th
Adele Bauerhahn
Tiffany DuBose
Shana Grogan
Dave Hausler
Gretchen Hill

July 29th
Joseph R. Flores
Kris Law

July 30th
Kathy Zella

July 31st
Bastian Cordova
Stacy Davis
Joy Murphy
Blake Petrek
Lolly Reyna
Joshua Miller Torres
Megan Zella

Shirley Carroll
Bo Davis
Janet Mendez
Ronald Ramos
Glenna Reese
Rudy Rodriguez
William Soefje

August 2nd
Brandon Absher
Christina Ramos Cordova
Jymmy Kay Cox
Elsie Martinez
Colbey Ramos
Chastity Rodriguez
Jennifer Tate

Anniversary

July 29th

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Gonzales Weather

	July 27 102°/78°	Hot with intervals of clouds and sun 8% chance of rain • RealFeel 107
	July 28 99°/75°	Sunny and very warm 20% chance of rain • RealFeel 101
	July 29 101°/76°	Very warm with intervals of clouds and sunshine 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 100
	July 30 101°/76°	Cloudy most of the time, hot and humid 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 100
	July 31 102°/75°	Very warm and humid with sunshine and some clouds 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 104
	August 1 101°/75°	Sunny, very warm and humid 5% chance of rain • RealFeel 103
	August 2 102°/76°	Very warm and humid with times of clouds and sun 20% chance of rain • RealFeel 103

Upcoming Events at J.B. Wells Park in Gonzales

July 27th-29th
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PIXABAY

Q. How do you tell the difference between a raven and a crow? We have crows and grackles and now I suspect that the larger bird that is showing up is a raven. What do they eat?

A. The usual way to tell the difference is the size. As you noted, the ravens are larger and less streamlined. Look for a beard shape under the chin. Another good identifying factor is the sound the ravens make. They sound like dogs growling or wooden doors scraping. Ravens are not fussy eaters. They will eat roadkill, insects, grains, and bird eggs. I agree with you that ravens have been more common over the last few years. They have always been somewhat migratory.

Q. Are the oak trees

dropping their leaves early this year because of the drought or heat? What should we do to make sure they do not die?

A. The number of leaves on most trees is determined by the depth of the soil and the rain. This year in the late spring we had good rain for a short time and the trees took advantage. Now they are dropping the excess foliage because the moisture is not available to support it. Every year is a little different and the most adaptable tree species are able to take advantage of the conditions that exist. If you have water available for irrigation it can help

stressed plants but most well adapted species after they are established can survive without it.

Q. I see that there are summer squash plants for sale in the nursery. Is this the right time to plant them?

A. I think it is too early especially with the heat. I would wait until September.

Q. How long will the Whopper begonias last, to provide color in the winter? What do you recommend we plant next?

A. Sometimes Begonias will last well past Thanksgiving and then you can plant cyclamen or primrose.



There was a welcome spell of rain in May but now after a record hot and dry June and July, we are continuing into more of the same in August. Drought restrictions are in place all over the region and the lawns, shrubs and trees are challenged. It is important to keep the plants that are less than 2 years old watered. Watering with a sprinkler works for the lawn but not for the trees and shrubs. Water by hand or let the hose drip if your community's watering restrictions permit it. To be effective the water must seep down into the soil reservoir and soak the root ball.

Hollies are drought tolerant and fared very well in the February and Christmas freezes but it is especially sad when they decline from a drought because they don't signal you that they need water. They go from being heroes of the challenging weather to being dead. There are other shrubs that react the same so that is why it is so important to keep recently planted stock watered.

If you have fruit trees the lack of water also sneaks up on them, they usually do not die but especially peaches and plums will not produce much of a spring crop if the rain or irrigation is denied in August.

Gardeners that invested in the recommended 6 inches of soil under

their lawn are earning the dividends this summer. In the tests we conducted back in 2008 revealed that even St Augustine grass can survive drought when it is growing in 6 inches of soil, if you made the investment and are careful about your water use, your grass and your budget can survive this kind of weather.

In the flower garden if you have been able to water as needed the zinnias, pentas, vincas, moss roses and begonias should be doing well. They will all probably last until Thanksgiving unless we get an unexpected cold spell. Wouldn't that be ironic to get more blasts of cold weather after the record setting hot weather we are being subjected to too!

If you want a tomato crop this fall you need to get the heat setting selections such as Tycoon, Red Snapper, Thunderbird, Red Deuce, Celebrity, BHN 968, and Ruby Crush planted early in August. Prepare the soil for planting by incorporating 2 inches of compost and 10 lb. of slow-release lawn fertilizer such as 19-05-09 into every 100 sq feet of bed. Be ready to protect the plants from a light freeze before Thanksgiving and you can often gain 2 to 3 more weeks of ripening season before the crop has to be harvested early.

LIVESTOCK WEEKLY REPORTS

GONZALES LIVESTOCK MARKET

July 22
Cattle - 1473
 Compared to our last sale:
 Number 1 choice calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Packer cows sold steady & bulls sold steady TO 2.00 higher.

Stocker-feeder Steers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 315-320; 300-400 lbs., 280-298; 400-500 lbs., 253-275; 500-600 lbs., 233-245; 600-700 lbs., 222-225; 700-800 lbs., 219-221. Bull Yearlings: 700-900 lbs., 95-145.

Stocker-feeder heifers: Medium and large-frame No. 1: 150-300 lbs., 265-285; 300-400 lbs., 247-255; 400-500 lbs., 228-235; 500-600 lbs., 221-224; 600-700 lbs., 195-215.

Packer Cows: Good lean utility and commercial, 82-90; Cutters, 94-108; Canners, 52-77; High yielding fat cows, 91-102. **Packer Bulls:** Yield grade 1 & 2, good heavy bulls, 121-130; Light weights and medium quality bulls, 100-115.

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

NIXON LIVESTOCK

July 24th
Cattle - 1544

Steers:
 200-300 lbs - \$213-223-320
 300-400 lbs - \$227-237-330
 400-500 lbs - \$221-231-280
 500-600 lbs - \$213-223-258
 600-700 lbs - \$204-214-245
 700-800 lbs - \$198-208-236

Heifers:
 200-300 lbs - \$193-203-295
 300-400 lbs - \$231-241-295
 400-500 lbs - \$210-220-260
 500-600 lbs - \$204-214-295
 600-700 lbs - \$191-201-248

700-800 lbs - \$176-186-245
 Slaughter Cows - \$65-104
 Slaughter Bulls - \$100-126
 Stocker Cows - \$600-1100
 Pairs: \$895-1235

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Sale date: July 18
Cattle on hand: 2414

Packer Cows:
 Canner and Cutter Cows: \$82-110

Utility & Fat Cows: \$80-102
Light Weight Canner Cows: \$58-84

Pair/Weak: \$48-65
Packer Bulls:
 Heavyweight Bulls: \$116-121
 Utility & Cutter Bulls: \$105-118
 Lightweight Canner Bulls: \$97-110

Stocker Cows:
 Good Stocker/Cows & Heifers: \$1350-1775
 Medium Stocker Cows & Heifers: \$1025-1350
 Good Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1500-1850

Medium Cow & Calf Pairs: \$1300-1500
Stocker & Feeder Calves & Yearlings:

Number 1 steer & bull calves:
 Under 200 lbs.: \$240-310
 200-300 lbs.: \$230-305
 300-400 lbs.: \$235-310
 400-500 lbs.: \$225-280
 500-600 lbs.: \$220-265
 600-700 lbs.: \$205-240
 700-800 lbs.: \$190-232.50

Number 1 heifer calves:
 Under 200 lbs.: \$220-300
 200-300 lbs.: \$220-285
 300-400 lbs.: \$220-285
 400-500 lbs.: \$215-265
 500-600 lbs.: \$200-245
 600-700 lbs.: \$190-220
 700-800 lbs.: \$175-215

Replacement Heifers:
 350-700 lbs.: \$230-285
 The calf market continues very

strong. Most classes sold near steady. Some of the very fleshy kinds sold lower. Overall a very strong sale. Heat is becoming an issue. Packer cows & bulls sold \$2 higher on a total supply of 225 head.

SEGUIN CATTLE CO.

July 19
 Quality of cattle steady off the way through. Market remains steady on all classes with packer cows & bulls steady.

Cattle - 1044
Sheep & goats - 911
Medium & large frame #1

Steers:
 200-300 lb. 1.50-2.59-3.00
 300-400 lb. .60-1.99-2.80
 400-500 lb. .45-2.07-3.10
 500-600 lb. .20-1.84-2.82
 600-700 lb. .50-1.99-2.46
 700-850 lb. .70-1.89-2.46

Medium & large frame #1 Heifers:
 200-300 lb. 1.30-2.13-2.70
 300-400 lb. .45-1.92-2.70
 400-500 lb. .35-2.07-2.38
 500-600 lb. .70-1.94-2.27
 600-750 lb. .64-1.73-2.19

Cows:
 Utility & commercial - .85-.99-1.25
 Cutters - .70-.75-.85
 Canners - .69-.75-.82

Palpated cows (young) - None
Cow/Calf Pairs - 1475-2500
Bulls:
 Heavy High Yielding - 1.12-1.29
 Light & Low Yielding - .95-1.11

Sheep & Goats:
 Nannies - 65-240
 Kid Goats (Fat) - 2.20-3.00
 Wethers - 1.40-2.80
 Billies - 1.40-2.15
 Dorp. Ewes - 60-125
 Dorp. Lambs (Fat) - 1.80-2.30
 Woolled Ewes - 90-110
 Woolled Bucks - 1.00-1.60
 Lambs - 1.55-2.15
 Barb. Bucks - 200-250

CUERO LIVESTOCK MARKET
 July 21, 2023
 Number of head 1,389

There were 163 cows and 23 bulls. The packer market on cows and bulls was more of the same as prices are strong. Top packer bull at \$125/cwt while top packer cow was at \$108.00. The calf market was about \$2.70/cwt higher than last week on the same average weight for over \$13/head more value. It was another strong and solid market on all classes of calves.

Packer bulls: 110.00-125.00
Packer cows:
 canners & cutters 91.00-108.00
 poor & weak 30.00-50.00
 Palpated: 10 BRED 109.00-150.00

PAIRS: 2
\$780 & \$1,450
Steer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
 Under 200 lbs. NONE
 200-249 lbs. 264.00-300.00
 250-299 lbs. 299.00-320.00
 300-350 lbs. 259.00-314.00
 350-400 lbs. 245.00-286.00
 400-450 lbs. 231.00-260.00
 450-500 lbs. 233.00-254.00
 500-550 lbs. 224.00-258.00
 550-600 lbs. 217.00-258.00
 600-700 lbs. 217.00-260.00
 700-800 lbs. 195.00-230.00

Bull Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
 Under 250lbs 245.00-288.00
 250-300 lbs. 251.00-314.00
 300-350 lbs. 250.00-310.00
 350-400 lbs. 222.00-272.00
 400-450 lbs. 226.00-260.00
 450-500 lbs. 225.00-264.00
 500-550 lbs. 222.00-249.00
 550-600 lbs. 212.00-266.00
 600-700 lbs. 213.00-235.00
 Over 700 lbs. 192.00-218.00

Heifer Calves: (AVG-HIGH)
 under 200 lbs. 206.00-240.00
 200-250 lbs. 198.00-242.00
 250-300 lbs. 197.00-264.00
 300-350 lbs. 221.00-285.00
 350-400 lbs. 227.00-285.00
 400-450 lbs. 213.00-246.00
 450-500 lbs. 207.00-255.00
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Gonzales Tractor Supply to host Deer & Wildlife event

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Hunting season is here, and Tractor Supply Company is inviting all of its Gonzales deer and wildlife enthusiasts to stop by for its upcoming Deer and Wildlife event.

On Friday, July 28, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., the Tractor Supply store, located at 1619 Hwy 90A, will host activities related to deer and wildlife.

"At Tractor Supply, we cater to customers who live the Out Here lifestyle, which for many, means an emphasis on hunt-

ing," said Lydia Grifaldo, manager of the Gonzales Tractor Supply store.

"This event is designed for those hunting enthusiasts and touches on everything from managing feed plots and herds to guidance on hunter safety."

In addition to the main event, customers will have the opportunity to enjoy pet care 101.

This event is open to the public and will take place at 1619 Hwy 90A. For more information, please contact the Gonzales Tractor Supply at 830-672-5707.

Record jobs, employment, labor force spotlight Texas momentum

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Texas broke three records again with number of jobs, number employed, and the size of the state's civilian labor force.

Total nonfarm employment increased by 31,100 positions over the month to reach a 21st consecutive series-high level at 13,944,600 jobs and achieved 28 consecutive months of growth. Since June 2022, Lone Star State employment grew by 542,500 positions—the largest annual increase in the nation. Texas' employment growth rate continued to outperform with 4.0 percent annual growth from June 2022 to June 2023—outpacing any other state as well as the nation's more modest 2.5 percent.

The Texas seasonally adjusted civilian labor force grew over the month by 30,500 people to reach 15,039,800 in June. The number of employed also reached a new record high at more than 14,429,900. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.1 percent.

"More than 350,000 people have joined the Texas workforce since June 2022, making the Lone Star State a national leader as the best place to work and to live," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "As a resource for this growing job market, TWC is committed to provide a range of services for employers and job seekers alike."

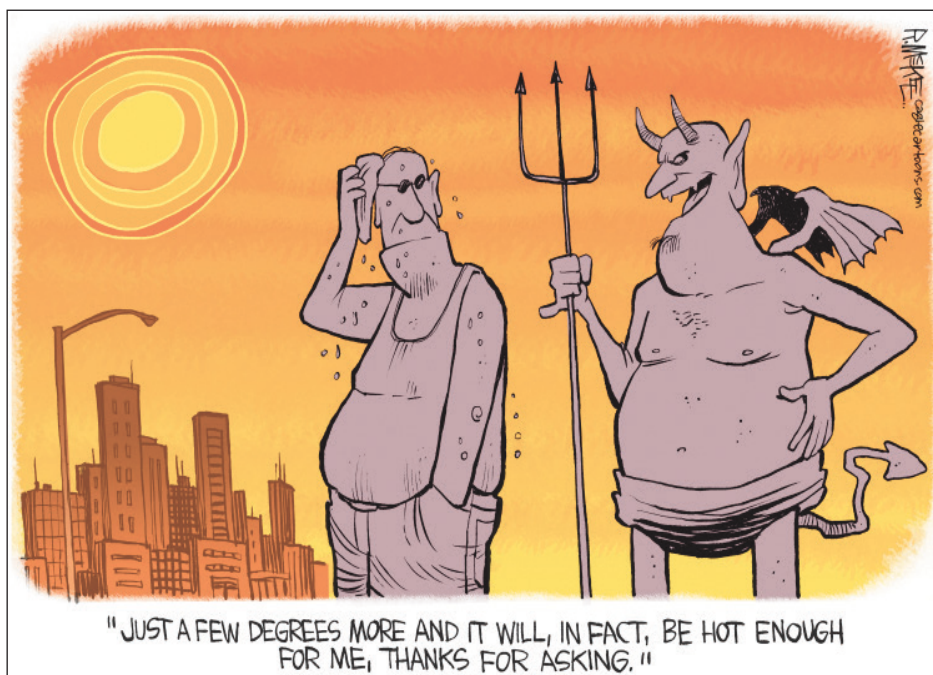
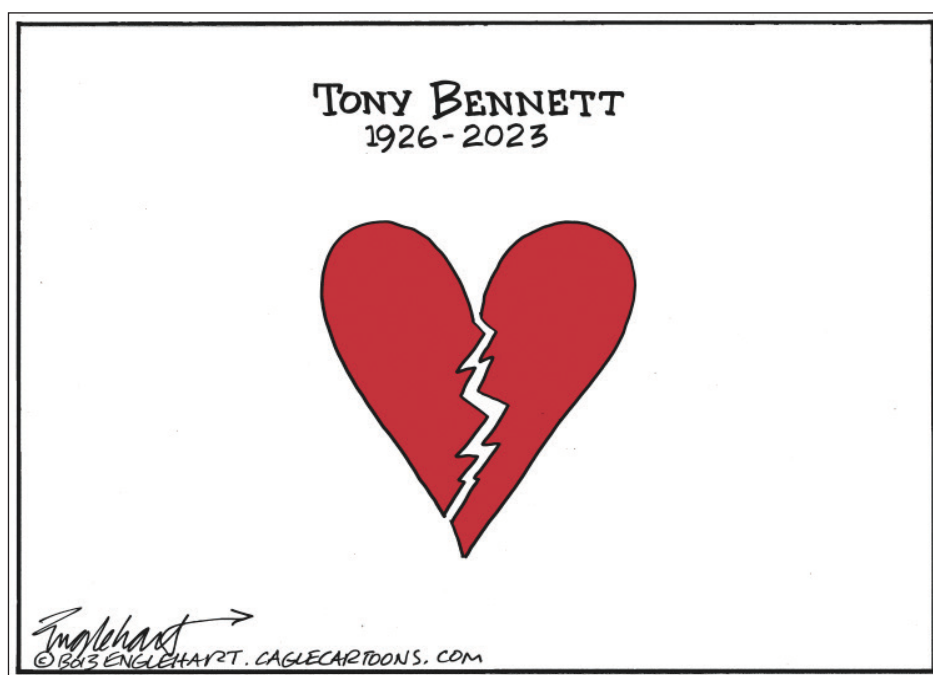
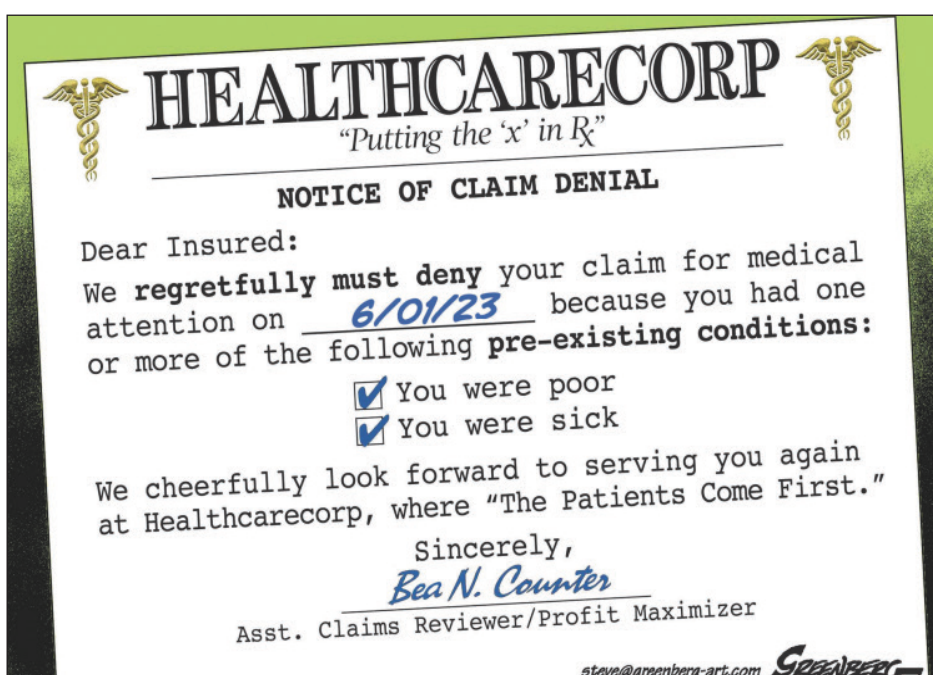
Private Education and Health Services added the most jobs of all the major industries at 11,900—closely followed by Construction with 11,000 positions. Manufacturing gained 6,100 jobs over the month. Texas' annual employment growth through June 2023 was stronger than the national rate in all but one of the 11 industries, Leisure and Hospitality.

"Texas employers are helping Texas stay robust and growing as the state approaches the 14 million mark for nonfarm jobs," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson. "From initiatives like the Texas Conference for Employers and programs like the Skills Development Fund, TWC will continue to encourage that forward drive by providing resources for our Texas employers that include the best employment law education information and the best customized training for current and future workers."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) reached the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.6 percent in June, followed by Amarillo 3.3 percent, then Odessa at 3.4 percent. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA had the second largest over-the-year increase in number of jobs in the nation, not seasonally adjusted. Meanwhile, Midland had the largest percentage increase, followed by Odessa with the second highest increase in the nation among all MSAs.

"Texas continues to expand the labor force with skilled workers, at more than 15 million strong, as we boost careers through opportunities with our apprenticeship, internship, and vocational rehabilitation programs," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III. "TWC and our 28 Workforce Solution Boards help Texans navigate employment services that include career exploration, support services, job fairs, and job training programs."

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit TexasLMI.com.



DR. DON NEWBURY
The Idle American

Radio to the rescue...

When one enjoys a musical comedy as much as we did recently on a trip to our hometown of Brownwood, mass laughter was a tonic. There'd been an almost sold-out crowd of some 300 at the Lyric Theatre, and the experience made the 140-mile drive commencing at 11 p.m. seems less daunting.

My wife and I enjoyed "The Adams Family Musical" to the max. We've never been more entertained. Opening in Chicago in 2009, the play is chock full of lines (I've never known how much a "chock" measures) grammar butchers like the late Casey Stengel and Yogi Berra would have loved.

This pair of baseballers was famous for garbling interviews and would have been right at home in the zany play where one character admitted being compulsive, but not until she'd thought about it for a while....

Anyways, fresh memories from the play and old ones from yesteryear helped us stay mentally alert for the drive home that ended at 12:59 a.m.

Recalled were times when we enjoyed thigh-slapping humor far more often than now. I really miss such laughter and am afraid we've tossed aside the Biblical admonition that a merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Coming to mind were goofs made on radio, and TV situation comedies where vignettes played out repeatedly that still elicited laughs, no matter how many times we heard them on radio or saw them on TV. Who can forget Lily Tomlin, the persimmon-lipped telephone operator on the weekly "Laugh In" TV show, and her question posed each time: "Is this the person to whom I am speaking?..."

Drive underway, I tuned in to satellite radio sports talk show. The interviewee was a professional baseball player who faces the decision of signing a multi-year baseball contract which will pay him hundreds of millions of dollars.

"I know I don't need that much money, but maybe many of my ancestors will enjoy it," he said.

Wow, I guess his answer qualifies for "paying it backwards."....

I laughed for at least a dozen miles, withdrawing other funny moments for my memory bank, most of them sports related.

Forty-seven years have gone by since Thomas (Hollywood) Henderson rendered his clever description of Terry Bradshaw's intelligence. "He couldn't spell 'cat' if you spotted him the 'c' and the 't,'" he claimed prior to Super Bowl XIII.

And what about the baseballer who was an excellent switch-hitter? "Thank God, I'm amphibious," he bragged....

We must not leave out basketballers. When Jason Kidd, current Dallas Mavericks coach, was a Mavericks' player, he vowed to work hard to improve on the previous dismal season.

"We're going to turn things around here 360 degrees," he said....

Scanning the radio dial, I wondered if Radio Station KERF in Del Rio, TX, is still on the airwaves. With its broadcast tower across the Rio Grande River in Mexico, it had souped up power to cover much of the US.

Years ago, it featured 30-minute blocks of preachers, and each sermon was precisely timed. It was, uh, chopped off when 30 minutes had elapsed. One night, a sermon ended with "All the medicine you'll ever need is Jesus." The next sermon began with a commercial stating, "Follow the label; avoid excessive use!..."

Just before arriving home at 12:59 a.m., the names of Jimmy and Eddy Farren came to mind.

They were well-known regionally in the 1950s and wound up owning our community's second radio station, KEAN. Farm boys, they attended Hardin-Simmons University for one day, but joined up with the Harley Sadler tent show when it came to town. They were far better entertainers than grammarians. One day during a newscast, Eddy announced that it had been raining "intermittently off and on in Brownwood."

Okay, so I had a few "goofs" myself broadcasting sports during college years. One New Year's Eve, I wished everyone a "Happy Newbury!"....

Dr. Newbury, longtime university president, continues to write weekly and speak regularly, largely in Texas. Contact by phone, 817-447-3872, or by email, newbury@speakerdoc.com.

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FIFA Women's World Cup

Hi! I'm Lily. I love soccer!

I'm Mason. I love to play and watch soccer!

I'm Zoe. And I love to READ about soccer!

These three friends put together soccer puzzles and fun facts for this special Kid Scoop page about the FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP!

Australia and New Zealand

By Lily

The 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup tournament will take place from July 20 through August 20. The teams will play in Australia and New Zealand.

It takes a month to play all the matches that will lead to one country taking home the trophy!

I drew a map to show the host cities where Women's World Cup matches will take place.



It takes a lot of practice to build the skills needed to compete for a World Cup. Which soccer ball belongs to each player?

LILY

ZOE

MASON

How many soccer balls can you find on this page?



Women's World Cup Teams

By Zoe

The FIFA Women's World Cup soccer championship began in 1991. It is held every four years. Soccer teams from countries around the world compete for a chance to be one of the 32 teams that make it to the Women's World Cup.

I drew flags of the countries that have hosted the Women's World Cup tournament over the years. Do the math to label each flag correctly.

14 + 7 = SWEDEN 18 + 9 = CHINA 19 + 6 = FRANCE
 11 + 11 = CANADA 13 + 6 = UNITED STATES 9 + 9 = GERMANY

The Awesome Trophy

By Mason

The Women's World Cup trophy is really cool. I tried drawing a picture of it, but it took several tries to get it right. Find the two that are exactly the same.

Use the code to learn some facts about the trophy.

Trophy height: inches

Weight: pounds

Extra! Extra!

Soccer Search

Look through the newspaper for 10 words that can be used to describe soccer.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

What's in a name?

By Lily

Soccer is called something else in most countries around the world. Circle every fifth letter to reveal the answer.

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 B Q I G K A J L M
 D L R U F I L

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Double Double Word Search

NEW ZEALAND AUSTRALIA COMPETE MATCHES FLAGS BALL CITIES YEARS TEAMS MAP MONTH READ SKILLS SOCCER TROPHY

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

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Czech Heritage Society announces pageant winners

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The 21st annual Czech Heritage Society Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant 2023 and the first-ever CHS Texas Youth Royalty Pageant 2023, hosted by the Lavaca County Chapter, were held at the KC Hall in Hallettsville on July 22.

Winners of the Queen Pageant were Queen Katie (Kathryn) Kostelnik (Lavaca CHS) and Runner-up Emerson Uptmor (McLennan-Hill CHS).

Winners for the Youth Royalty were: Little Prince Lincoln Holecek - (McLennan-Hill CHS); Little Princess Mabry Sustala— (McLennan-Hill CHS); Runner-up Little Princess Pearl Gibson— (Wharton CHS); Junior Queen Grace Moravec (Brazos Valley CHS); Runner-up Junior Queens: Marley Gibson (Wharton CHS), Amberly Payne (Ellis CHS) Gabbie Salazar (McLennan-Hill CHS).

James Steffek, Lavaca County CHS President, conducted the morning opening ceremonies

that included the flag presentation and Pledge of Allegiance by the American Legion Sweet Home Post 571, singing of the USA, Czech Republic and Slovakia National Anthems led by Destiny and Natalie Hollingsworth-2022-23 Royalty, Invocation by Father Michael Rother, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, and welcome by Audrey Vaclavic Barrera, Hallettsville Mayor Pro tem. The Youth and Queen Pageant competition conducted by Emcee John Gerik followed. It included Kroj modeling, talent, and on-stage interviews. Kathy Podsednik and Lauren Gerik were the pageant directors.

During the breaks attendees perused the vendor booths, displays and silent auction items. The lunch, consisting of roast beef and all the trimmings, was catered by Albert Pozzi.

Afternoon activities began with the crowning of the 2023 CHS Miss Texas Czech-Slovak Queen and Youth Royalty followed by the state business meeting conducted by E. J. Biskup, CHS State President.



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Pictured from left are Czech-Slovak Little Prince Lincoln Holecek, Czech-Slovak Junior Queen Grace Moravec, Czech-Slovak Queen Katie Kostelnik and Czech-Slovak Little Princess Mabry Sustala.

VC offering Super Saturday, Back2School Drive Aug. 5

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Victoria College will offer prospective and current students an opportunity to start or finalize their preparations for the fall semester with a "Super Saturday" event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 5 at the Student Services Building on VC's Main Campus.

Students can talk to an advisor, apply for admissions and financial aid, enroll in classes, make payments and purchase books and supplies. Students will also have the opportunity to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Assessment by ar-

iving before 11 a.m. The test is free to the first 20 students.

Advisors and specialists will be available to offer information on VC's education and training opportunities; degree, certificate and transfer pathways; job-training courses; and adult education offerings.

A Community Resource Fair & Back2School Drive sponsored by Victoria College and HEB will take place from 10 a.m. -noon. The public is invited to pick up free backpacks and school supplies, while supplies last.

For more information, call (361) 573-3291 or chat at VictoriaCollege.edu.

POLICE SEEK TIPS



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The Gonzales County Precinct 3 Constable's Office is requesting assistance from the public with identifying the person/persons involved with the tagging of graffiti on the northeast side of the abutment of the County Road 422 at I-10 crossover, which occurred sometime between 3 p.m. July 19 and 8:30 p.m. July 20. If anyone has information about this incident, contact Deputy Constable Allen Taylor at 830-857-1764 or the Greater Gonzales County Crime Stoppers at 830-672-8477 (TIPS) if you would like to remain anonymous.

Gonzales Master Gardeners accepting applications for fall class

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Would you like to learn more about the culture and maintenance of many types of plants? Would you be eager to participate in a practical and intense training program? Would you look forward to sharing your knowledge with people in your community? And finally, would you have enough time to attend training and to complete the volunteer service hours required? If you answered yes to these questions, the Master Gardener program could be for you!

The Texas Master Gardener program is a program of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service designed to teach a broad fundamental background in horticulture. Classes give students a solid scientific foundation as well as a lot of practical and applied training. Subjects include not only botany and plant fertilizers but also other topics such as how to start and grow plants and cuttings, prepare soil mixtures and install and maintain irrigation in the most water efficient manner. In exchange for their training, persons who become Master Gardeners contribute time as volunteers, working through the Texas AgriLife Extension Office to provide horticulture-related information to the community. The Gonza-

les association conducts the training classes under the supervision of County Extension Agent Dwight Sexton.

The Gonzales Master Gardeners are currently accepting applications for this fall's Master Gardener training class. Classes are scheduled every other Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 12 and will run through May 7. In order to accommodate holidays and spring break, a slight variance in class scheduling may occur. Classes will be held at PACE: Plantatarium A Center for Exploration located at 623 N. Fair Street in Gonzales. The fee for the class is \$185 which includes the costs of a textbook, a soil sample test, entrance fees for class field trips and a state required background check. To obtain an application, visit gonzales.agrilife.org, call 830-672-8531 or go by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office located at 1709 E. Sarah DeWitt Drive in Gonzales. The deadline to submit a completed application is Sept. 1. For more information, call Gail Johnson at 830-491-1996.

The Gonzales Master Gardeners is an all-volunteer organization and a 501(c)(3) dedicated to advancing the mission of horticultural education under the direction of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

Area students awarded scholarship funds

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Seven area students are heading off to college this fall with financial assistance from the Robert Ynclan Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Ynclan was elected sheriff in 2020 for Gonzales County, but passed away at age 63 on September 5, 2021, after a lengthy battle with COVID-19.

Robert's wife, Cynthia Ynclan, serves as president of the scholarship fund, and states "the effort was launched upon the urging of friends and family in 2022 to continue Robert's legacy, and his dedication to the youth of this community. As a lawman, he cared deeply about them and especially fought to shield them from the drugs they were exposed to," she says.

Students applying for a scholarship were required to provide a

personal history, detail the need for assistance, indicate college destination and complete a 200-300 word essay. Grade point average is also a consideration.

Each student was awarded \$500 and below are winners, home school and college destination:

- McKaylah Filla (Nixon-Smilely ISD) Victoria College
- Cardos Mendez (Waelder ISD) Universal Technical Institute
- Jadon Jesus Medina (Gonzales ISD) Universal Technical Institute
- Kendall Narro (Gonzales ISD) Sam Houston State University
- Dalton Pape (Gonzales ISD) Texas A&M University at Kingsville
- Amaya Rodriguez (Gonzales ISD) University of Texas at San Antonio
- Belinda Seng (Grace Academy) Texas A&M University

Funds for the scholarships are raised with BBQ plate sales, a

garage sale, a bake sale, two basket raffles and personal donations. Officers for the fund include Cynthia Ynclan, president; Nora Matias, vice president; Regina Porras, secretary and Donna Spahn, treasurer.

Ynclan adds, "In our first year, we began with just one student from each school district. We will continue to increase giving more scholarships for our students in our area communities who are needing financial assistance to go to college. We also would like to stress that we appreciate everyone's support and donations to our Memorial Scholarship Fund."

Scholarships awarded in 2022, \$500 each, were to the following:

- Emillie Janicek (Nixon Smiley) Tarleton State University
- Javan Marquette (Gonzales ISD) Blinn College
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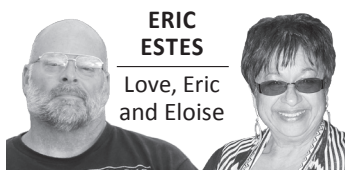
Howdy folks. I'm praying that you're doing alright, regaining a sense of peace and well being after surviving the last several years of confusion and chaos due to an unforeseen pandemic. Covid 19 has had an effect on everyone on planet earth to some degree, and still effects multitudes with lingering difficulties. Fortunately for many, it feels like things have, or are at least starting to return to normal. While this insidious virus has taken quite a toll on humanity, and now has morphed into less severe strains than it's predecessor, it's still lurking in the shadows, possibly becoming part of everyday life from here on out.

With nearly seven million deaths attributed to Covid worldwide, leaving many more millions suffering the loss of loved ones, it's no wonder we're in a mad dash for some sense of normalcy. It's also reported that one in thirteen adults are still suffering ongoing symptoms of this virus such as fatigue, difficulty breathing, heart problems, and joint or muscle pain. It's also estimated that as many as four million American workers are still out of work as a result. Countless more millions of jobs and businesses were lost over the course of the pandemic, many loosing their life savings in the process. It's reported that by the end of 2023, the total Covid cost to the US economy may exceed fourteen trillion dollars. While biblically false teachers

and Satan himself come to kill, steal and destroy, it seems that Covid had the same thought in mind. Yet, for those of us still here, we must find ways of dealing with the aftermath, getting more creative about how we live, while keeping an ear to the ground and our eye on the ball as we proceed forward.

In their 1983 hit song Rock of Ages, the band Def Leppard's opening line was that it's "Better to burn out, than fade away." I can only imagine the number of people who disagree with that philosophy these days. While everyone has suffered an overwhelming sense of burnout over the last four years, probably none have felt it to the degree of our front line heroes in the medical profession. Kudos to all of you for holding the fabric of humanity together, while many of us were sidelined...my hat's off to you. Thank you, and realize your sacrifice is not going unnoticed or unappreciated!

A current article in Radiology Today shed some light on this subject. Dr Jeffery Chick, an expert on physician burnout, speaking at a Society of Interventional Radiology meeting earlier this year stated that due to abrupt lifestyle changes during Covid such as masking, social distancing, and direct occupa-



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

tional exposures, burnout, anxiety, and PTSD has dramatically increased among not only physicians, but all medical staff and patients as well. Dr Paula Novelli says that women were especially

affected. While most Interventional Radiologists share a passion for their profession, now mentally, emotionally and physically exhausted, their mindset has gone from "I can't believe I get paid to do this" to "I just don't want to go to work today". It's estimated that, due to reduced productivity and a high rate of physician turnover, it is costing the US 4.6 billion annually. Many also suffered from moral distress, feeling they were somehow doing something ethically wrong, leading many feeling practically despondent. Fortunately, many organizations are implementing programs to help cope with the Covid aftermath such as mindfulness training, group discussions, work shops, retreats, exercise, and promoting a healthy work / life balance.

As we're all trying our best to reset, for me the scripture that comes to mind is Matthew 11:28, when Jesus said "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." When trying to navigate the trials of life, why not go directly to the source?

Hang in there y'all, love you guys, Eric.

Shiner St. Paul seniors attend Boys State, Girls State

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

This year's St. Paul High School delegates for American Legion Boys State and Girls State are Nate Boedeker and Faith Machart. Both Boedeker and Machart are exceptional examples of what Boys State and Girls State represent.



Boedeker



Machart

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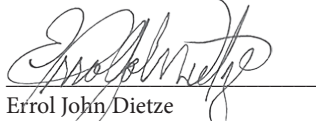
Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Linda Kaye Behring Wilson, Deceased, were issued on July 19, 2023, in Cause No. PW23-0276, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Thomas L. Wilson.

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: **Errol John Dietze**
Attorney at Law
108 N. Esplanade Street
P.O. Box 841
Cuero, TX 77954

DATED the 21st day of July, 2023



Errol John Dietze
 Attorney for Thomas L. Wilson
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 Telephone: (361) 275-5701
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 E-mail: ahemeon@dietze-reese.com

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administrator for the Estate of JOHN ADNA EVANS, JR., Deceased, were issued on July 12, 2023, in Cause No. AD23-0265, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: DEBBIE HANSE, Independent Administratrix of the Estate of JOHN ADNA EVANS, JR.

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DEBBIE HANSE,
 Independent Administratrix, Estate of JOHN
 ADNA EVANS, JR., Deceased
 c/o CHRISTIE ORTMAN FULLILOVE
 403 St. George
 Gonzales, Texas 78629

Dated the 19 day of July, 2023.



Ortmann Fullilove Law, PLLC
 Attorney for DEBBIE HANSE
 Independent Administratrix, Estate of
 JOHN ADNA EVANS, JR., Deceased
 State Bar No.: 24084171
 403 St. George
 Gonzales, Texas 78629
 Telephone: (830) 672-9535
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APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A WINE AND MALT BEVERAGE RETAIL'S PERMIT (BG) BY EL REGIO RESTAURANT LLC TO BE LOCATED AT 513 ST. ANDREW STREET, GONZALES, GONZALES COUNTY, TEXAS 78629. BUSINESS PRINCIPAL PARTIES: VILLEGAS MONCADA AND ADRIANA JULIETA TORRES PEREZ, MEMBERS.

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

In Accordance with V.T.C.A., Local Government Code, §152.905, a PUBLIC HEARING concerning the annual compensation of the Gonzales County Auditor, the Assistant County Auditors, the Court Reporters for the 25th and 2nd 25th Judicial Districts shall be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

This will be a virtual Public Hearing broadcast live on Zoom for those individuals who wish to watch or listen remotely.

To comment during the public hearing, please login into the following Zoom Meeting at:

ZOOM LOGIN (Public Comment Option):

Topic: Gonzales/Lavaca/Colorado County Official Court Reporter/Auditor Hearings

Time: Aug 15, 2023 08:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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

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

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

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

Hand delivered submissions are acceptable and should be delivered to:

GEDC
Attn: Susan Sankey GEDC RFP 2023-01
820 N. St. Joseph Street
Gonzales, Texas 78629

About GEDC

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

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

Scope of Work

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

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

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

Proposal Requirements

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

Proposal Evaluation

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

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

Selection of the successful proposal will be made by GEDC upon the bidder demonstrating:

- Responsiveness to work scope and program needs (30%)
- Demonstrated experience and expertise in similar projects (30%)
- Cost-effectiveness (30%)
- Comprehensiveness (10%)

Contract Terms

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

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

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

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

Contact info:

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

Nixon-Smiley Consolidated Independent School District Nixon, Texas

DESIGN BUILD SERVICES FOR NIXON-SMILEY CISD
 2023 BOND CONSTRUCTION PROJECT
 REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

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

Sealed responses shall be received no later than:

Tuesday August 15, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME

RETURN RESPONSE TO:

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

Please mark subject line:

"DESIGN BUILD SERVICES – NIXON-SMILEY CISD 2023 BOND PROJECTS"

Responses received after the deadline will not be considered.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL COLLECTING PIT FACILITY PERMIT

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

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

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

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Oil and Gas Division
Railroad Commission of Texas
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Media Release: Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Nixon-Smiley C.I.S.D. 2023-2025

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

For additional information please contact the following person:

Nixon-Smiley C.I.S.D.
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Jackson returns to Shiner St. Paul as head coach

His first stint brought Cardinals state title in 1992

BY VANDY VAN EPPS
Gonzales Inquirer

A familiar face is returning to the sidelines of the Shiner St. Paul Cardinals for the 2023 football season.

Head football coach Mike Jackson returns to where his coaching career began with the Cardinals as he hopes to

generate the same results he had when he last coached there 31 years ago.

Jackson has a record of 212-114-4 as a head football coach for both private and public schools (without ever having been an assistant coach). His public school record is 169-100 over 25 seasons, while his private school record is an impressive 43-14-4 over five years.

Jackson coached the St. Paul Cardinals for two seasons, going 14-8-1 and winning the TAPPS Class A football title in 1992 and winning state titles in girls basketball and softball

for the Lady Cardinals; he would go on to win back-to-back championships with two different schools in football as he then guided St. Pius X in Houston to the 1993 state championship in TAPPS Class Super 3A.

In a 30-year coaching career, Jackson has led four different schools (St. Paul, St. Pius X, Charlotte and La Marque) to the fourth round of the state playoffs in public and private school competition.

The resume includes 21 playoff appearances, a Greater Houston Area Coaches Asso-



Mike Jackson

COACHING HISTORY

St. Paul (Shiner) 14-8-1 (2 Seasons) TAPPS 1A, State Championship 1992
St. Pius X (Houston) 29-6-3 (3 Seasons) TAPPS 3A, State Championship 1993
Robstown 4-14 (2 Seasons) UIL 4A
Charlotte 33-12 (4 Seasons) UIL 2A, Region IV Finals 1999
Chavez 39-35 (7 Seasons) UIL 6A
La Marque 64-23 (7 Seasons) UIL 5A, Region III Finals 2011
Grand Oaks 29-16 (5 Seasons) UIL 6A

ciation Hall of Honor inductee (2017), 16 assistant coaches who accepted head coaching jobs and three players that joined the National Football League. He also worked for two years as a principal between

his Charlotte and Chavez coaching gigs.

Jackson and his wife of 20 years, Tracey, have three children: Mariah (11th grade), Jericho (7th grade) and Maverick (first grade).

Emergency rules adopted for breeder deer movement

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

AUSTIN — In response to continued positive detections of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in deer breeding facilities, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has adopted an emergency rule implementing additional movement and testing restrictions for white-tailed deer in deer breeding facilities.

Since June, TPWD has received confirmation of CWD in deer breeding facilities in three counties—Brooks, Frio and Zavala. In 2023 alone, CWD has been detected in nine deer breeding facilities in seven counties. A total of 14 counties have had positive detections since March 2021.

“Since 2021, we have seen an increase in CWD detections from breeder deer at an unprecedented rate,” said John Silovsky, Wildlife Division Director for TPWD. “It’s our hope that these emergency rules will strengthen our surveillance and reduce the number of CWD positive detections across the state.”

This emergency order amends Chapter 31 TAC §65.95, relating to Movement of Breeder Deer. The change requires all breeder deer to be ante-mortem (live-animal) tested for CWD (with a test result of “Not Detected”) before transferring to another deer breeding facility or release site. These changes will be in effect for 120 days but may be extended an additional 60 days.

Additionally, the department has determined that to expedite and facilitate epidemiological investigations, it is necessary to prohibit the removal of identification tags under any circumstance other than allowed by statute. The ability to quickly locate and test breeder deer transferred to a release facility is critical to determining the likelihood of disease transmission.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease found in certain cervids including deer, elk, moose and other members of the deer family. This slow, progressive disease may not produce visible signs in susceptible species for several years after infection. As the irreversible disease process continues, animals with

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— John Silovsky, Wildlife Division Director for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

CWD may show changes in behavior and appearance. Clinical signs may include progressive weight loss, stumbling or tremors with a lack of coordination, loss of appetite, teeth grinding, abnormal head posture and/or drooping ears, and excessive thirst, salivation or urination. Visit TPWD’s recently updated CWD page to find a map of all CWD zones, check stations and positive case tracking. The site also provides answers to frequently asked questions, videos with information from wildlife veterinarians, best management practices for hunters and landowners and review the latest news.



The winning team from the July 19 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Chuck Emmick, Jackie Waldrip, Steve Williams, Bones Williams and Ralph Aguirre.



The second-place team from the July 19 Golf Scramble at Independence Golf Course in Gonzales were, from left, Hector Sanchez, Raul Contreras, Kyle Day, Tanner Walker, Jim Floyd and Baylen Horten.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Gonzales Central Appraisal District Budget

The Gonzales Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2024 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on August 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the appraisal district office, 1709 E. Sarah Dewitt Drive, Unit B, Gonzales, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$1,996,725.00
The total amount of increase from the current year’s budget.	\$ 102,573.00
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	14
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	14

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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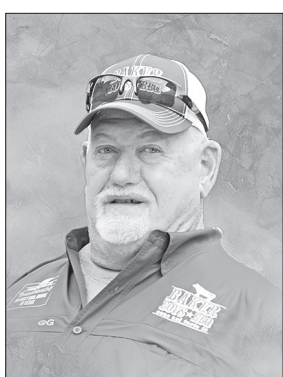
October 28, 1952
- July 20, 2023

Phillip Lynn Baker, 70, beloved father, Papa, and pitmaster was gracefully reunited with his loving wife Sheilah into the kingdom of heaven on Thursday, July 20, 2023.

Phil was born in 1952 to the late Vic and Virgie Baker in Gonzales, Texas and was the second born of four children. Growing up in a small, rural community, Phil and his siblings and neighboring cousins always found ways to play outside whether it be buying sweets at the local candy shop, riding their bikes across town, or making Soda bombs with Coca-Cola bottles Virgie had stored in the back of her beauty shop, waiting for customer use.

In 1971, Phil graduated from Gonzales High School and enrolled in the National Guard. Over his seven-year tenure, it was there that Phil got to visit other states and bigger towns and developed a love of cooking, something that would end up paying off later in life.

Phil met Sheilah Kay Bairrington of Luling, Texas and they were married on March 21, 1980. Irvin Wayne joined the world as their only son in October of 1981 and they settled in nearby Luling. Never meeting a stranger, and always willing to help their neighbors, Phil and Sheilah became heavily involved in their community, often times cooking for benefits, fundraisers and other non-profit events. Phil could always be found bidding on an auction of any kind, whether it was a silent or live auction, as he knew "winning" would benefit a worthy cause. Phil proudly served as the lead cook for the Tom Webb Benefit for the 10 years of its existence. He and Wayne would also participate in multiple cook-offs a year, having placed in many competitions across south Texas.



Phil was also an active committeeman for the Caldwell County Go Texan Committee, having helped the committee get established and later transferred to the Gonzales County Go Texan Committee after moving back to Gonzales. When he wasn't cooking, Phil and Sheilah were actively involved in a Tuesday and Thursday night bowling league at Oil City Lanes. They enjoyed summer vacations at Port Royal with friends they considered family and hitting up the casinos at Couthatta. In fact, a week before his passing, Phil returned home from Couthatta having "Kicked that casino's ---", according to him.

Phil will be remembered for his strong work ethic he took from the National Guard to the oilfield in Caldwell County. He worked every day for 32 years until Sheilah became ill with leukemia in 2012 where he permanently left the industry for good. His knowledge of flow lines in the area were not forgotten as the Railroad Commissioners would often call on Phil to confirm where certain lines were. Phil cared for Sheilah throughout the entire duration of her illness until she passed away in March 2013.

After the devastating loss of his wife, Phil and son Wayne, decided Gonzales, Texas was the perfect place to open a barbeque joint. It had always been Phil and Sheilah's retirement

dream to open a barbeque catering company, where "Phil would smoke the meat and Sheilah would make the sides". Through a lot of patience and perseverance, the father-son team opened Baker Boys BBQ on August 19, 2015. Backed by tremendous community support and loyal followers, Baker Boys BBQ quickly found its way on the Texas Monthly Top 50 List along with their meats made fresh on a daily basis, homemade sausage and sides along with Phil's unique "Stuffed Chicken Leg" earning the joint a spot on the coveted list. For those novice barbeque eaters, a stuffed chicken leg is a chicken drumstick with the center bone removed, seasoned and stuffed with a slice of onion and jalapeño and grilled to perfection. Phil could debone 100 legs in an hour. Baker Boys BBQ would receive the same honor on the next list published in 2021. Through Baker Boys BBQ, Phil's relationship and friendship with Wayne grew stronger and deeper, and Wayne would tell everyone "working with his Dad everyday was one of his life's greatest blessings", and Phil felt the same. They frequented the Shiner Spoetzl Brewery every Friday afternoon after a long week's work.

Phil was promoted to "Papa" in 2016 when his first grandson, Ellis was born, and again in 2019 when Rhett arrived. The trio quickly became inseparable and left a lasting impact on all their lives. Together they made sausage at the restaurant, made friends with the local donut shop, and were always on the hunt for alligators and dinosaurs. Papa always found dinosaurs and hardly any alligators.

When Phil wasn't working or with his grandsons, he could often be found playing cards or dominoes at Dry Lake, Texas (otherwise known as Lakewood to others) telling and retelling stories of the good 'ol days and of he and his friends' past. In fact, Phil will be remembered as an amazing

domino player, and even competed at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo where he placed in a runner up position. "Ten Top Walkabout"

Phil is survived by his loving son, Irvin Wayne Baker and wife Erin of Gonzales; Grandsons, Ellis and Rhett Baker; In-laws, Ira "Bair" and Kate Bairrington of Luling; Sister, Penny Lee and husband Robert of Gonzales; Brother Ronnie Baker and wife Susan of Meridian; Nephews Ryan Lee, Lance Baker (Meghan), and Micah Baker (Kayla); and niece April Bairrington.

Phil is preceded in death by his wife, Sheilah Kay Baker; his parents, Vic and Virgie Baker; his brother, Irvin Ray Baker; nephew Randall "Sport" Wayne Bairrington; and niece Kelsy Shea Baker.

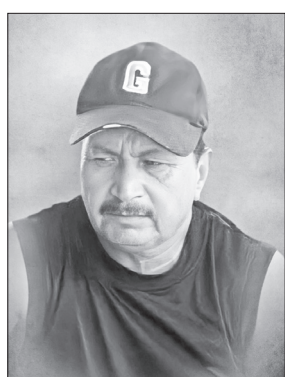
Funeral Services for Phil Baker will be held on Tuesday, July 25 at 10 a.m., at the First Methodist Church of Gonzales, 426 St Paul St, Gonzales, Texas, with Pastor Matt Pennington officiating. Interment immediately following at the Luling City Cemetery. Pallbearers include Ryan Lee, Seth Powell, Lance Baker, Micah Baker, Tracy Windwehen, Roy Staton, Ricky Kotwig and Poochy Kridler. Honorary pallbearers include Brett Hill, Blaine Hill, Carl West, David May, Bubba Clary, Robert Lee, Kevin Bradley, Irvin Windwehen, Richard Robbins, and the Dry Lake Texas Domino Club. A reception will be held at Baker Boys BBQ following burial with special musical guests Bill Pekar and the Rainey Brothers. The family invites you out to share memories and stories over an ice-cold Shiner, and good music in Phil's memory. The family will receive friends at Seydler-Hill Funeral home on Monday, July 24 from 5-7pm. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Gonzales County Go Texan Committee at P.O. Box 81, Gonzales, TX 78629.

PORFIRIO JUAREZ-GALLEGOS

Porfirio Juarez-Gallegos, 65, of Gonzales, passed away Friday, July 21, 2023. Porfirio was born October 6, 1957 in Pena Blanca, Guanajuato, Mexico to Jose Juarez and Angela Gallegos Hernandez. He married Maria Dolores Granados in 1983 in Mexico. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He had worked for Tyson, and J Bar B Foods.

Porfirio was a hard-working man with strong family values. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed the outdoors and tending to his garden where he grew beautiful tomatoes, lush pepper plants and numerous other vegetables. He took great pride in his lawn. He was a strong-willed man and wonderful people person. He taught his children the value of hard work and one's pride from a job well done.

He is survived by his loving family, wife, Maria Dolores de Juarez, daughters, Maria Lilliana Juarez, Rita Esmeralda Juarez (Calvin Allen), sons, Jose Benito Juarez (Jessica), Roberto Granados (Amber), Hector Granados (Dorothy), Jorge Granados (Carrisa), and Jose Eulio Juarez, 20 grandchildren, 8 brothers and sisters. He was preceded in death by his



parents, granddaughter, Zadie Goins, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

The family will receive friends from 1 pm to 1:30 pm Wednesday, July 26, 2023 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with prayers of the Holy Rosary beginning at 1:30 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 pm Wednesday, July 26, 2023 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Gonzales Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers: Jose Juarez, Roberto Granados, Hector Granados, Jorge Granados, Jose Juarez and Jose P. Juarez. In lieu of flowers, friends may make memorial contributions to Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Family and friends may leave their condolences by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

EDWIN C. (BIB) MALATEK JR.

Edwin C. (Bib) Malatek Jr., 84, of Gonzales, passed away on Sunday, July 23, 2023.

He was born on his family farm in Gonzales, Texas, the fourth of seven children, on June 6, 1939 to Edwin & Frances Malatek. He married Jeanette on September 8, 1962.

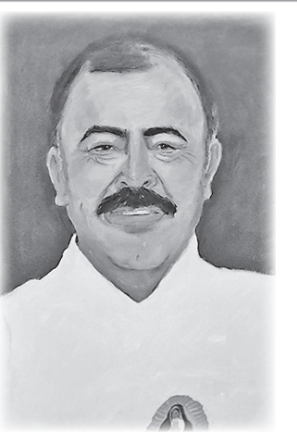
He graduated from Gonzales High School in 1958. After graduating he went to work for the Coca-Cola Company, he joined the National Guard and then went to work for the Texas Department of Transportation, until he retired in September, 1993, after 34 years. Needing something to do after retiring he started raising hogs and chickens. After many years and realizing his health was going downhill, he decided to finally quit. His favorite pastimes were hunting and fishing, which he took his grandchildren many times especially Christian. Christian would say that grandpa wouldn't be quiet. He would either be talking too much or moving



around too much, which is not surprising if you knew him.

He is survived by his wife Jeanette of Gonzales; daughter: Terry Cabler; son's: Gary (Tammy) Malatek, Billy (Ella) Rhoades, grandchildren: Candy (Cole) Henson, Jessica Cabler, Christian Malatek, Keith Gerald, Damaris Green and Cody Green, step-grandchildren: Amber (Scott) Howington, Brittany Dunaaway, CJ McCullough, Derah (Costas) Agouridis, great-grandchildren, Jameson Chappell, Emmett Henson, Trigg O'Neal and Trace Brown, step great-grandchildren, Riley Howington, Ayda Rosenbaum, Aurelious Johnson, Stevie Rosenbaum, Braelyn Rosenbaum, Anieran McCullough, Aydrinna Rosenbaum, Adyson Rose Howington, Lilly Agouridis, Katerina Agouridis and Athena Agouridis, brother, Raymond (Pam) Malatek, sisters, Betty (Harold) Ticken, Ruby Shaver, Barbara Jean Vanek, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Edmond Malatek, sister Mary Ehler, brother-in-law Floyd Shaver, sister-in-law Paulette Malatek, niece Jana Rae Malatek and nephews Jason Finch, Dwayne Malatek and Chris Finch.

The family will receive friends from 5 pm to 7pm Friday, July 28, 2023 in Seydler-Hill Funeral Home, 906 St. Paul, Gonzales, Texas. The family will hold a celebration of life at a later date. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneral.com. Memorials may be made to the First Lutheran Church of Gonzales. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.



Mrs. Ida McGarity: Thank you for the beautiful portrait of our beloved Deacon Alfonso Moreno. We appreciate the time and talent you have displayed through your art that beautifully commemorates Alfonso's time at the church. It is such a special gift to have something so wonderful that we will appreciate for times to come in our family. We also thank Mr. Ralph McGarity for his thoughtfulness shown to us.

Sincerely,
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GONZALES HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS
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GVEC offers energy-efficiency tips for summer electric bill savings

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

As your local electric cooperative, GVEC recognizes the importance of helping their members keep their homes as energy efficient as possible.

That's why they offer valuable services like their HVAC Spec Check or Check-N-Save AC/heating maintenance programs to the public and free home energy audits for members. They also provide helpful tips to help you save energy at home on their website, blogs and across their social media platforms.

As the hot temperatures continue in their area, they want to remind their members and the community of ways they can help conserve energy and lower summer's impact on their electricity bills.

And while some actions may have a larger effect than others, even small measures can help to make a difference. They've classified some of the good, better and best steps you can take to help you practice energy efficiency at home.

GOOD

- Close curtains and blinds during the day to help reduce the amount of heat coming into your home.

- Use ceiling fans in rooms you're in to make the temperature feel up to eight degrees cooler. (Be sure to turn fans off when you leave the room.)

BETTER

- Wash clothes in cold water and take shorter, cooler showers. Heating water can account for 20 percent of monthly energy costs.

- Cook or grill outdoors to not only avoid using your electric stove or oven, but to also avoid heating your kitchen, making your AC/heating system work harder to cool it down.

BEST

- Consider upgrading your conventional tank water heater to a heat pump system. These don't use heating elements to heat water and consume up to 70 percent less energy than traditional tank systems.

- Cooling and heating your home make up about 50 percent of the average electric bill. Narrow the difference between your thermostat setting and the outdoor temperature by setting your thermostat to 78 degrees or as high as you can comfortably handle. For every degree you raise the temperature on your thermostat, you can save up to 4-6 percent on your electricity bill.

- Program pool pumps and hot tub heaters to run intermittently, or even turn them off, when possible.

- Consider adding rooftop solar and/or battery storage. Reach out to GVEC to schedule a free home estimate for their solar and battery solutions.

- GVEC members with Nest®, Ecobee, Sensi, Honeywell Home, or Amazon smart thermostats enroll in their Peak-Time Payback demand response program to help decrease energy consumption during peak demand periods and earn annual bill credits for participation.

LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEKLY REPORTS

Gonzales County Sheriff's Office
07/16/2023-07/22/2023

07/17/23

- Brush, Samantha R., 07/1987, Seguin: Warrantless/On-View-Public Intoxication, Released-Order to Appear
- Matthews, Kahjah Demont, 09/1999, San Antonio: Local Warrant-Poss Marj <2oz, Requires \$1500.00 Bond, Remains in Custody
- Veras, Venezia, 03/1974, Sealy: Local Warrant-Poss Marj <2oz, Requires \$1500.00 Bond, Remains in Custody

07/18/23

- Trammel, Auvye John, 10/2002, Nixon: Warrantless on View- Assault Causes Bodily Inj, Released- \$5000.00 Bond
- Allen, Lamont Anthony, 06/1970, Gonzales: Local Warrant- Fail To Comply Sex Off Duty To Reg Life/Annual, Local Warrant- Fail To Comply Sex Off Duty To Reg Life/Annual, Released- \$75,000.00 Bond
- McGlothline, Danny Eugene, 06/2003, Leesville: Warrantless On View- Assault Causes Bodily Inj, Released- \$3500.00 Bond

07/19/23

- Hernandez, Matthew Kyle, 11/1989, Gonzales: Local Warrant- Tamper W/Govern Record Defraud/Harm, Requires \$4000.00 Bond, Remains in Custody
- Arlaus, Shelby Jane, 04/1994 Gonzales: Other Agency Hold- Poss CS PG 1>=1G<4G, Requires \$25,000.00 Bond Remains in Custody
- Villanueva, Michael Allen, 10/1995, Nixon: Warrantless On View- Theft Prop >=\$750<\$2500, Released \$3000.00 Bond

07/20/23

- Coffin, Tyler Christopher, 10/2004, Alvarado: Other Agency Hold- Burglary of Building, Warrant Johnson Co, Remains in Custody
- Solis, Gilbert Jr, 07/1970, San Antonio: Warrantless On View- Man Del CS PG 1>=400G, Requires \$7000.00 Bond; Warrantless On View- Man Del CS PG 1>=200G<400G, Requires \$7000.00 Bond; Warrantless On View- Poss Marj <2oz, Requires \$500.00 Bond, Remains in Custody

07/21/23

- Figueroa, Thomas Alan, 01/1990, Dale: Warrantless On View- Assault Causes Bodily Injury Family Member, Released \$3500.00 Bond
- Arrellano, Jarrette Andrew, 01/2000, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence- Poss CS PG 1<1G, Weekender Time Completed
- Bivins, Don Wesley, 03/1989, Gonzales: Commitment/Sentence- Criminal Miscief >=\$2500<\$30K, Weekender Time Completed

07/22/23

- Grant, Mark Dewayne, 09/1968, Gonzales: Local Warrant-Unl Poss Firearm By Felon, Released-\$75,000.00 Bond

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

GCSO	15	Constable 4	00
DPS	01	DWCSO	00
GPD	09	DEA	00
WPD	01	TPW	00
NPD	01	GCAI	00
GISD	00	Rangers	00
SMO	00	Other	00
Constable 1	00		
Constable 3	00	Total	27

Greer to address history of quilts

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

Whether you are a quilt admirer, a quilt maker, a quilt historian or all three, you will enjoy the program that Karen Greer of Victoria will present at the Tuesday, Aug. 1, meeting of the Shiner Heritage Quilters Guild. She will give a power point and trunk show on the "History of Quilts."

Members start gathering at the Shiner Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. for socializing before the meeting which begins at 5:30 p.m. Block of the Month, Show and Tell and door prize drawings are always on the agenda.

Guests and new members are welcome. For more information log onto www.shinerheritagequilters.org or email at info@shinerheritagequilters.org.

Children's Discovery Museum partnering with Belong to help children in foster care

SPECIAL TO THE INQUIRER

The Children's Discovery Museum of the Golden Crescent, 1205 Sam Houston Drive, Victoria is opening their hearts and their doors to children in foster care. They've partnered with the Belong Division of SJRC Texas to offer a child friendly environment for family visitation.

The hands-on learning and interactive exhibits will provide a fun, child friendly place for parents and foster children to spend time together. They will also host sibling visits for kids who are temporarily separated from their brothers and sisters.

Belong is the lead non-profit

that manages foster care placement and case management services in Victoria and surrounding counties. Through Community Based Care, Belong offers wrap around services to support foster and kinship families.

The Children's Discovery Museum is putting the Community in Community-Based Care. Find out how your business can support foster kids in our community.

To find out how you can get involved, contact Belong Regional Director, Nicole Nguyen at nnguyen@sjrctexas.org. The executive director of the museum is Brooke Jackson and she can be reached at 361-485-9140.

321 Pop-Up Market to host Shop & Stroll

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Christian Cook & Crew will be entertaining live from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 27 at the Gonzales Main Street's Fourth

Thursday Shop & Stroll at 321 Pop-Up Market, 319 St. Lawrence, Gonzales.

For more information, check out the Gonzales Main Street webpage or Facebook online.

REUNION

BREITSCHOPFF-KUNTSCHIK

Breitschopff-Kuntschik Reunion is set for Sunday, Aug. 6, 2023 at KC Hall on the Shiner Hwy. in Gonzales. The Frank Kuntschik families will provide the meat & utensils. Everyone is asked to bring two side dishes. Doors open at 10 a.m. Questions, call Dian Patterson at 361-652-2597.



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ACROSS

1 riding ___ back (without a saddle)

5 TX Janis Joplin was a drug ___

6 "Texas Central" is proposing a high-speed ___ line

7 TXism: "not a lick"

8 TXism: "I'm at the ___ of my rope"

9 highly recommended film (2 wds.)

16 early band of TX Roy Orbison: "___ Kings"

18 Texans, because of their country

21 "___ Siecke State Forest"

22 "___ Bell Creameries in Brenham"

23 cowboy's bolo

24 feudal serf

30 a horse with no one aboard

34 Gov. James "___" Ferguson

35 TX King Vidor directed 1937 film: "___ Dallas"

36 retail blowout

37 Houston Rockets had this Daniel for 2021 season

39 TXism: "long as ___"

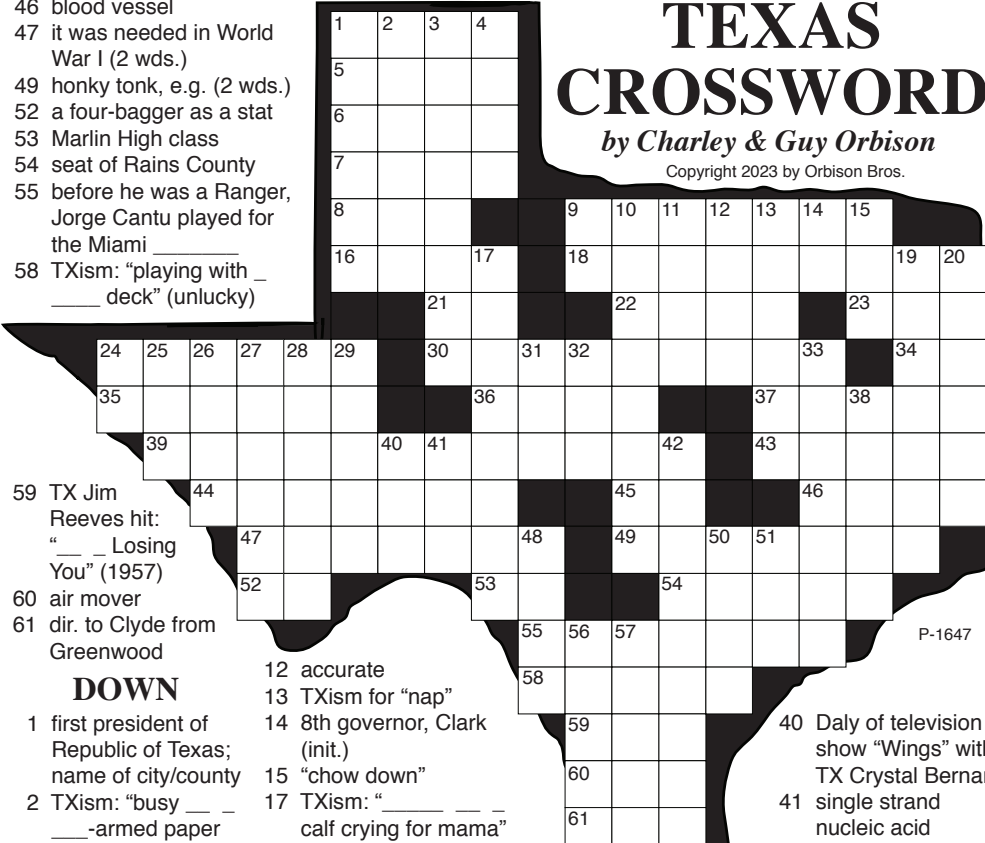
43 TXism: "I ___" (intend)

44 TXism: "he can't carry a ___ bucket" (bad singer)

45 19th governor: "___ Sul" Ross

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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DOWN

1 first president of Republic of Texas; name of city/county

2 TXism: "busy ___ -armed paper hanger"

3 TX-born Autry sang "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed ___"

4 honorary Texas Ranger: ___ Stanley Gardner

9 wife of 34-across

10 rain protection

11 TXism: "she could ___ ice cubes to eskimos"

12 accurate

13 TXism for "nap" (init.)

15 "chow down"

17 TXism: "___ calf crying for mama"

19 TXism: "___ the bud" (stop early)

20 TX Gene Tierney 1951 film: "The Mating ___"

24 TX Tobolowsky was in Texas-based 1989 film "Roe ___ Wade"

25 TX Tanya sang "One Love ___ Time"

26 Waco's Branch Davidians, e.g.

27 swamp

28 dark moon: ___ eclipse

29 bowling alleys

31 Buchanan ___, TX

32 UT grad, Wallach

33 37th governor, Allan

38 late country music TV host, Ralph

40 Daly of television show "Wings" with TX Crystal Bernard

41 single strand nucleic acid

42 speed trap town in Hall County on U.S. 287

48 Deer Park FM, or El Paso AM

50 in the middle of

51 ___ Ormy, Texas

56 TXism: "hot as ___ griddle"

57 Ruth of 1950 western, "Dallas," with Gary Cooper

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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

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

Answers found in next week's Classifieds.

BASH

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The event will have dunk tanks, waterslides, a petting zoo and free food.

Main Street announced at its July 20 meeting that they approved holding a backpack drive for those students that don't have one.

Last year was the first time the Gonzales Main Street and Gonzales ISD Athletics teamed up to put on this event downtown, Gonzales High School athletic coordinator Joe Carrizales said.

Carrizales added that head football coach and Athletic Director Joey Rivera helped bring it downtown.

"Gonzales' historic downtown setting brings the small town vibe, connectivity and Apache energy needed for a fun and successful pep rally," Carrizales said.

The origin of the downtown pep rally dates back to 2007, when the Gonzales Apaches reached the quarterfinals against the Pleasanton Eagles; the team reached the quarterfinals in football in 1963, 2007 and 2013.

Carrizales said ever since 2007, they have hosted downtown pep rallies for whenever the Gonzales Apaches make the playoffs and now, they do so to start the new athletic season and give the teams a chance to soak up the excitement.

If the Apaches advance to the playoffs in football this season, they will hold another pep rally downtown later this year.

JOBS

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an increase of a tenth of a percent but still lower than the state average of 4.2 percent. This represented a total of 3,584 residents in Gonzales, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Jackson, Lavaca and Victoria counties seeking employment out of a total workforce of 92,433 people.

The counties in the Golden Crescent with the lowest unemployment rate were DeWitt and Lavaca counties at 3.4 percent, followed by Calhoun at 3.5 percent, Jackson County at 3.6 percent, Gonzales County at 3.7 percent, Goliad County at 3.9 percent and Victoria County bringing up the rear at 4.3 percent.

For June 2023, there were 345 individuals in Gonzales County seeking employment out of a workforce of 9,436 with 9,091 reported as employed.

Unemployment rates since June 2022 for Gonzales County are:

- June 2022, 3.5 percent.
- July 2022, 3.2 percent.
- Aug. 2022, 3.2 percent.
- Sept. 2022, 3.1 percent.
- Oct. 2022, 3.1 percent.
- Nov. 2022, 3.1 percent.
- Dec. 2022, 2.7 percent.
- Jan. 2023, 3.7 percent.
- Feb. 2023, 4.0 percent.
- March 2023, 3.5 percent.
- April 2023, 3.2 percent.
- May 2023, 3.5 percent.
- June 2023, 3.7 percent.

ESD

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county updated monthly on what ESD No. 1 is doing and what it has accomplished.

"Some of you may or may not know that the Emergency Services District is now run by the ESD No. 1 and we have 501(c)(3) status and we are moving in the right direction with that group," Hisey said. "We knew we had to do some things and make some changes, so we got education and we learned about the statutes and taxes."

Hisey said the board has increased the tax levy the district takes in and has used it to replace old equipment and to hire an administrator, Eddie Callender Jr.

"He set up a hierarchy in the department to help keep it running well," Hisey said. "We've pulled in Rescue and Recovery under the umbrella of the ESD, which allows them to have better equipment and emergency appraisals to wear when they go out to the sites where wrecks have occurred."

Other improvements include new ambulances, stretchers and a lift that can help load heavier patients

into ambulances.

"We've got them uniforms, insurance, and retirement," Hisey said. "We keep track of attendance to our meetings now. And we want people to be there so that we can show that they're keeping up to date on their education."

Hisey said ESD No. 1 has been making a point of "doing everything we can to be transparent."

"Our meetings are open now and we encourage some of the commissioners if you'd like to come to our meetings and we want the public to come," Hisey said. "These meetings used to be held in sort of a closed session and there weren't a lot of comments made. These meetings are open and we welcome you to come to these meetings and see what we've done."

Hisey praised Callender's management and noted the organization also has an accountant and a collection agency, which has allowed them to use their money even wiser.

"We've been able to, with good prudent management, put money back so we can

get these ambulances, and with depreciation, we plan to keep rotating so we can keep good equipment for our county and our paramedics and EMTs," Hisey said. "That money has allowed us to build a new facility in Nixon. We're currently building one here in Gonzales and we plan to build one in Waelder."

"The one in Gonzales, we hope that once it's built, will also be the hub of any emergency services that may need to take place with any big emergency. We can bring all the emergency services under one roof for that period of time and orchestrate what we need to do for this county to take care of our people. This building ... it's going to be the pride of Gonzales. It is going to be a beautiful building."

Hisey praised his fellow board members, noting "they've done a whole lot of work to help ensure that we've got good care here, that we've got educated people taking care of your population here in the community and we're going to continue to improve."

MAIN STREET

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tended. She said people enjoyed the lighted parade at the end and it's an event that everyone would like to see again next year.

Board member Kayla Craven said the Star Spangled Spectacular was "extremely successful" for many reasons from having a great budget, live music and people attending were shopping on Main Street, not just with the vendors.

With the size being as big as it was, Craven suggested having more police officers and a bigger EMS presence for safety reasons.

In other Main Street business, the board went over upcoming events for the last week of July, August and September.

After this Thursday's Shop & Stroll at 321 Pop-Up Market, Main Street's next big event is the Back-to-School Bash Saturday, Aug. 5. Board members discussed having a backpack drive.

The board mentioned the community's efforts with the School Supply drive held at Edwards Association on Saturday, July 15, but noted there were no backpacks to hand out to the children.

"The community had a school supply drive, but there are kids out there that are going to be lacking backpacks [for the new school year]. And if I can get sponsors, so that we can purchase backpacks, and then we have the community that will come together to just bring a few backpacks, I don't see that it should be an issue," board member Adriane Hastings said.

Hastings said she is working on getting sponsors for the backpack drive, which the board approved 5-0.

The board approved the following agenda items:

- the Texas Treasures reception.
- additional Winterfest decorations
- action regarding the Downtown Beautification Board.

Main Street board members did not approve a business incentive grant for 513 St. George St.

PROBATION

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maintained in the county treasury.

The law states those funds "may be used by a county... to finance the salary, benefits, training, travel expenses, office supplies, and other necessary expenses relating to the position of a juvenile case manager ..."

"If there is money in the fund after those costs are paid, subject to the direction of the governing body of the county ... and on approval by the employing court, a juvenile case manager may direct the remaining money to be used to implement programs directly related to ... juvenile alcohol and substance abuse programs, educational and leadership programs, and any other projects designed to prevent or reduce the number of juvenile referrals to the court."

"Prior to 2020, we were collecting a nonjailable misdemeanor fine of \$2," Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Darryl Becker said. "The legislation in 2020 rolled it into what they considered a local consolidated court cost and we can collect \$14. Under that local consolidated court costs, there are court technology and court security that stays to be used at the discretion of Commissioner's Court."

"The funds that are there that were collected after 2020, we could probably make use of or the Juvenile Probation Office could. It's basically a juvenile case manager inside there to be able to divert some of these kids from being placed through the system."

Treasurer Sheryl Barborak said the fund containing the fee that was collected

prior to 2020 has a balance of \$13,602.83, but includes "a fee that should have went to the state between the years of 2015 and 2018 that wasn't permitted." She said the amount collected since 2020 is \$30,013.17 for a total of \$43,616.

"Basically, the way that I see it and interpret it, commissioners, is that the legislation's intent was that we use those funds as we do with court technology," Becker said. "Whenever we buy computers, for the use of the county, we come to you and say, 'This is how we do it.' Now, these funds are collected by each one of our courts every quarter, and whenever I say each court, I mean the county court, the district court and all the JPs. All of the municipal courts are also collecting it so I also need to go talk to them to see if they can do it."

Barborak reminded Becker that, of the fees collected by the courts, "half of that goes to the state and half of it stays in the county."

"I take the total that is collected and times it by that 35 percent (per the state formula) and that averages about \$3,000 per quarter," Barborak said. "But if you read the law, it says you get to keep 50 percent if you have a juvenile case manager. Fifty percent has to go to the state, if you read the law."

"I am just asking for the discretion of the court to fund this program, whatever it is, if it is \$1 or \$500," Becker said. "I'm just asking the commissioners to direct it to Juvenile Probation."

Auditor Becky Weston said her interpretation of the law is "that it does allow that if

juvenile probation has a program, that they can get these fees, as we collect them, no more, no less." She noted the situation is similar to how the county funds Crimestoppers through fees that are collected.

"You're not committing to an amount, only what's collected that stays in the county that you legally can direct to those programs based upon an agreement with juvenile probation," Weston said. "It is very specific what you can do with these funds, and it is allowable, but it is up to Commissioner's Court to start with the agreement first."

"That particular Senate bill made a huge impact on all of our fines and fees and now that we have a substantial amount, we can also say what about what it's bringing in quarterly. Now it's up to the court to make the decision: Do you want to give the money to the Comptroller? You have two options: you can give it to the Comptroller or you can fund a program."

"Once you agree to fund a program-based funding agreement with juvenile, it's going to take a step or two, and they're going to come back to you with an agreement to approve," Weston added. "But first, you have to say yes. This is step one. You're not going to start getting money day one; it's going to be based upon an agreement that they come back and you approve. But we first have to start here."

When the final agreement is presented and adopted, juvenile probation would have access to the money that already exists in the fund as well as funds collected quarterly, Weston said.

DELEGATES

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With American Legion Girls State, both the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary began an effort over five decades ago to devise a means to educate our youth on the duties, privileges, and responsibilities of American citizenship. This program was developed to give young leaders an opportunity to learn the challenges of government by performing the same duties as real officeholders in the everyday world, to inform them of the rights and privileges of American citizenship, and to instill a deep sense of the personal responsibilities and obligations which this citizenship entails.

Like other students throughout the State of Texas, Nate and Faith were selected on a competitive basis by their local high school and Legion Posts. Congratulations to these great student leaders!

Sievers Medical Clinic
30th Anniversary Celebration

Join us as we celebrate 30 years of providing quality healthcare to our community members!

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Sievers Medical Clinic Lobby
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BURNING

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permit application," Harless said. "You will need to explain to me why it's absolutely necessary to burn while Gonzales County is under a burn ban. If the permit is issued, you must follow the county and TCEQ rules. The whole idea is to protect property and our firefighters when Gonzales County is dangerously dry."

BURN BAN NEEDED

Harless told commissioners the county continues to suffer from dry and hot weather which has created a high risk for wildfires. He reminded them how local fire departments spent several days last week battling a blaze near Palmetto State Park that consumed 55 acres.

"Firefighters had to spend about two and a half days there, along with the Texas Forest Service. It was tough. It was hot and they had to stay overnight and watch it once we got the perimeter dozed," Harless said.

"I've received some email requests asking that the court consider the burn ban. I personally think you need it and as soon as possible. This little rain we got has been spotty, so I don't know that it really helped us a whole lot. We've got a lot of fuel out there from the rains in June. That concerns me. I've talked to the fire chiefs and they feel the same way."

Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS), which monitors wildfire conditions for the state, uses the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBDI) for determination of drought conditions within the State of Texas. KBDI was developed by John L. Keetch and George Byram with the US Forest Service Southeastern Research Station to correlate the effects of drought on wildfire potential.

The KBDI is based on a daily water balance, where a drought factor is balanced

with precipitation and soil moisture (assumed to have a maximum storage capacity of eight inches) and is expressed in hundredths of an inch of soil moisture depletion.

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

As of Monday, July 24, the county had a KBDI of had a KBDI average of 595, which includes a high of 658 near Ottine and Belmont and near Waelder and a low of 464 on US 183 near the DeWitt County line. This represents an increase of 40 points since Tuesday, July 18 and an increase of 216 points over the average of 379 reported on July 1.

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

Anyone who violates the burn ban can be cited at the discretion of Harless or a peace officer for a Class C misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$500. However, there are exemptions in place for non-commercial preparation of food or burning of prickly pear for livestock feed, as well as wildfire mitigation or "prescribed fires conducted in compliance with guidelines set forth by federal or state natural resource agencies and burned under a burn plan approved by such agencies. Prior to a burn, a burn ban application shall be submit-

ted to the Gonzales County Fire Marshal."

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County Judge Pat Davis said in the past, those applications required landowners to go to several offices — his, the sheriff, the fire department — before getting the necessary approval to burn.

"We'd have our landowners that were coming in here that may need to burn stuff that were having to run all over town," Davis said. "If they put the outdoor burn ban form through (Harless), he can make the phone calls to the sheriff and fire departments and go out an inspect what needs to be burned so they don't have to make but one trip."

Harless said there is no charge for a burn permit and "if there's something that's extensive or significant, I would run out there and look at it to make sure that their burn piles are cleared and that they have water available."

Harless said there are parameters which apply, including fires must be attended until completely extinguished.

Prevailing winds must be away from nearby occupied buildings; fires cannot be allowed to smolder without flame; nor can anyone burn oils, rubber plastics, tire and chemically treated materials such as railroad ties, treated lumber, composite shingles, tar paper, insulation, composition board, sheet rock, wiring, paint, hazardous and industrial solid waste.

The local volunteer fire department and Gonzales County Sheriff's Department must be notified of a burn at least 30 minutes prior to lighting the fire.

"They can't burn at night and the humidity has to be at a certain percentage and the wind has to be at a certain speed," Harless added.

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costs," Benavidez said.

The City of Smiley again will be looking for a new city secretary after the Smiley City Council approved and accepted the resignation of the current secretary at their Wednesday, July 19 meeting.

Deborah M. Bustamente turned in her resignation to council at the Wednesday meeting at City Hall.

Smiley Mayor Lisa Benavidez confirmed Thursday the council accepted Bustamente's resignation, but declined to comment as to why

Bustamente resigned.

This marks the second time in 15 months that Smiley will have to look for a new city secretary.

Bustamente had been hired as Smiley's city secretary in May 2022 after previously serving as the city secretary for Nixon from December 2019 to March 2022.

She had succeeded Rebecca Mejia, who had resigned from the position in March 2022 after alleging she had been harassed and stalked by a member of the volunteer fire department.



Deborah Bustamente

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The Waelder Police Department declined to comment on the specifics of the case, but stated they had forwarded it to County Attorney Paul Watkins, who also declined comment, citing his office's policy regarding pending cases.

An individual is considered to be innocent in the eyes of the legal system until he or she has been proven guilty in a court of law beyond a reasonable doubt.

Felony cases forwarded by law enforcement to the county or district attorney are presented to a grand jury to determine if there is enough evidence to indict an individual for the crime with which they have been charged unless the defendant chooses to waive indictment and proceed, as per the Texas Constitution.

The grand jury has the option to no-bill a case or return a true bill if they determine probable cause exists that an offense has been committed. The grand jury can even choose to indict on a lesser charge or misdemeanor offense instead. It is not known how soon a

case against Tovar would be presented to a Gonzales County grand jury.

Deadly conduct discharge of a firearm is a third-degree felony punishable by a sentence of two to 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice — Institutional Division and up to a \$10,000 fine.

A convicted felon is disqualified from holding office in the state of Texas. To be qualified to hold office as a mayor of a Type A city (like Waelder) in the state of Texas, a person must have been a resident of the state one year prior to filing deadline and a resident of the city one year prior to election day. They must be at least 18 years of age and be a registered voter.

In order to be a registered voter, a person must not be finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, must either have fully discharged the person's sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or have been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote.



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