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## Voters listed in SOS snafu

By Erik McCowan  
Staff Reporter

GONZALES — In the rush to protect the sanctity of the vote, Texas officials last week released an impressive list of names that they said were not authorized to vote because of residency status in state elections and claimed tens-of-thousands have cast illegal ballots over a 22-year span. The rush to condemn the news dump was fierce once those figures were found to be largely inflated and misrepresented.

Gonzales County was not spared the controversy, as 54 names on voter registration rolls were sent to Gonzales County Voter Registrar Crystal Cedillo for further examination and potential expulsion from local voter rolls. Turns out three of those names were duplicates. And after an outcry from community and legal groups, Texas Secretary of State David Whitley revised the county total to 38 names. The state numbers also shrank.

Cedillo is not in any hurry to deal with the matter.

"I don't think we are going to do anything until they get this straight," Cedillo said. She stated that she would not send any letters to the flagged Gonzales County residents until the situation is cleared up at the state level.

So far, three major groups

See **VOTERS**, page 10

## Car show dazzles despite drizzle

By Erik McCowan  
Staff Reporter

GONZALES — The 8th Annual Hot Rods and Hatters Car Show skidded into town last weekend, a mere 40 days after burning out of Lockhart, its home the previous seven years. Attendees and participants were treated to slick classics, rare antiques, and even a few rust bucket rat rods. The end result: a happy crowd despite attendance numbers that were considerably off from initial predictions.

When promoter Joel Gammage met with Gonzales Convention and Visitors Bureau heads on Dec. 13 asking for \$17,000 in hotel/motel occupancy tax funds, he predicted 10,000-30,000

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Though the expected number of cars and spectators were off by initial predictions, those that attended the Hot Rods and Hatters Car Show downtown on Saturday were treated to some sweet rides, live music, and various vendors. PHOTO BY ERIK MCCOWAN/GONZALES INQUIRER

## Gonzales AD resigns



Gonzales athletic director and head football coach Kodi Crane turned in his resignation on Monday after accepting a job with the same position at Caddo Mills ISD, about 45 miles north east of Dallas. For more on Crane's tenure and what's next, go to Sports Page 14. FILE PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

## GISD trustees file for election

By Erik McCowan  
Staff Reporter

GONZALES — The Gonzales Independent School District is still accepting applications for those interested in running for the two spots available this year on the board of trustees. As of Wednesday, the only two people offering up to be on the ballot are the incumbents.

In GISD District 1, Gloria Torres has filed her paperwork to run for re-election. She has held a spot on the school board for the past 36 years. In District 2, Justin Schwaush has made his decision to run again. He is currently serving out his ninth year as a trustee.

The other trustees on the board — those not up for election on May 4 — have 55 years worth of collective representation as trustees. Board President Glenn Menking has served the

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## Slow ride



The Texas Trail Riders Association set out for their 65th annual pilgrimage to the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo last Friday from Oakland. The procession arrived in Gonzales County on Monday with an overnight stop at Independence Park. On Tuesday, the bunch headed out of town on Hwy. 90A toward Belmont for another overnighter. They plan to arrive at San Antonio's AT&T Center on Saturday in time for the festivities. PHOTO BY ERIK MCCOWAN/GONZALES INQUIRER

## Girl Scouts on the march



The Gonzales Girl Scout Troop 202 is back in action, with boxes upon boxes of their annual cookies available for purchase. This past Tuesday, the group ventured out on Larry Dr. to entice homeowners to buy a cookie for their cause. Collectively, the girls look to sell a few thousand boxes in order to give back to a local cause that will be decided at a later date. Pictured from left is Sydney Klein, 9; Madison Sampleton, 10; Lena Marie, 9; and Alize Miller, 9. Your favorite Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, S'mores and more will be available through March. If the girls don't show up at your door, don't worry. They will be setting up their normal booth spaces at HEB and Tractor Supply, and Alize and Lena Marie can be found selling online at digitalcookie.girlscouts.org, offering delivery that is speedier than Amazon Prime. PHOTO BY ERIK MCCOWAN/GONZALES INQUIRER

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Sesame Study Club gathered at the Robert L. Brothers Memorial Library on Jan. 23, to welcome a guest of Biblical proportions, Sarah, wife of Abraham. Johanna Haley Gibson, who wrote and presented the play about this matriarch described in the book of Genesis, depicted her as a woman of exceptional beauty and monumental faith. Sarah followed her husband on his long, nomadic wanderings from Ur to Egypt, where she escaped the advances of Pharaoh, to produce a son with Abraham at age 90. Sarah reminded the audience of the tremendous role she played in God's plan for the salvation of mankind.

reviewed the book Indianola, The Mother of Western Texas by Brownson Malsch. Benedict chronicled this ghost town on Matagorda Bay from its earliest days as a Native American trading post to the bustling pre-hurricane times before its final demise. Indianola was a forward-thinking community that hosted many immigrants on the way to settle Texas.

During the refreshment time, the hostesses served a compote of fresh fruits, tasty cheese balls, and a scrumptious almond cake topped with strawberry halves. A bouquet of two dozen pink roses adorned the lace-covered serving table, while rose buds in glass votives decorated the eating tables.

Janice Benedict

## 'Stop the Bleed' campaign begins



The *Gonzales Inquirer* presents a check to the Gonzales County Emergency Medical Services to pay for badly needed Stop the Bleed kits. EMS needs more of these kits, so the *Inquirer* and EMS have partnered to promote Buy a Stop the Bleed Kit campaign. Each kit costs just under \$60, and citizens or businesses who would like to donate a kit to help first responders save lives in Gonzales County can make a donation at the EMS office. All donations are strictly earmarked for the purposes intended by the donation. The *Gonzales Inquirer* will be running public service notices for the next eight weeks urging people to donate so that all Gonzales County Fire, Rescue, Constables, Sheriff Department, city police and state police have the kits available in case of an emergency. The program has already saved the life of a Nixon man who was seriously injured a few weeks ago. Pictured with the Stop the Bleed kits are (from left): Brandon McLeod, Lisa Sager, EMS Director Allan Linebrink, Publisher Terry Fitzwater and Michelle Molina. PHOTO BY JOSE TORRES/ GONZALES INQUIRER

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- February 10** Cloudy 65°/46° A thick cloud cover 25% chance of rain • RealFeel 63
- February 11** Showers 66°/47° A couple of showers possible 30% chance of rain • RealFeel 66
- February 12** Cloudy 66°/47° Mostly cloudy; rain possible 35% Chance of rain • RealFeel 67
- February 13** Rain 58°/47° A couple of showers possible 30% Chance of rain • RealFeel 52

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## The Good was better than the Bad and Ugly

Over the course of the past number of days, I have been thinking about the Hot Rod and Hatters Car Show that came to town.

I have heard all sorts of comments on the event and have been asked numerous times what I thought about it. I have thought about it a lot, and I have a diverse set of opinions on the event.

Upon reflection, I guess I would compare it to the title of a classic Clint Eastwood movie, *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*.

Let's start with the good, which was what this event really was in its totality. 372 cars were registered for the event, although not that many were actually here or on the squares at the same time. I believe that was a good turnout in spite of the bad weather that plagued the event on Friday and Saturday. If the weather had been better, I suspect we would have had over 600 or 700 classics on the squares and lining St. Paul and St. George Streets.

The car show brought a lot of people into town on a historically slow weekend, and that was a definite plus for our local economy. Gas stations, car washes, grocery and convenience stores along with other businesses on Sarah Dewitt all claimed an increase in business over the weekend.

There was a lot of great foot traffic downtown, and the restaurants and collateral businesses that I talked to said they had a good weekend. Some of them even said it was just as busy as a Come and Take It weekend.

In the final analysis, it is my opinion that even in spite of Mother Nature, the event was a good thing for Gonzales and should be brought back



**TERRY FITZWATER**  
Publisher's Perspective

for 2020. I think it will only get bigger and better—weather permitting.

However, not all was perfect with the weekend. Let's talk about the bad that some people are wagging their tongues about. Yes, the weather was not good from a precipitation point of view. There is nothing we can do about that—not now nor ever. Planning the rally at this time of year will always be a gamble with the weather. We had great temperatures, but the drizzle and cloudy skies kept the participation and numbers low. So that is a downer for the weekend. Get over it.

There was also another issue with the event that I am wrestling with, but it's minor in comparison with the overall value of having the event here. When the event was proposed for the city, car counts of 1200 to 1500 were freely bandied about, as were crowd expectations of up to 10,000 people in town. Those figures created a level of expectation in the minds of some that this event would be bigger, better attended, and have more of a positive economic impact on the community. When the actual numbers were only a 1/3 of the expectations, some people were not happy.

I get that. The numbers were disappointing, but I believe most of it was due to the weather which the community cannot control. However, it did bring in a couple of hundred cars, lots of people downtown, increased

retail and hotel volumes and was great exposure for the city of Gonzales and surrounding area. In the final analysis the promoters and ourselves have to temper expectations with the reality of the situation. In the final analysis, the good more than outweighed any of the bad or negativity that some people are talking about. I think we need to let that part go.

Then there was the ugly. After sunset, no one attended the concerts in the evening in spite of warm temperatures. Part of the problem on Saturday was due to a mistake when event organizers cleared the square before the Trevino concert and then wanted to charge everyone to come back in. Most of the people left, and only around 100 people attended the concert. Ouch. Not only did this create miniscule attendance on the square, but the businesses on the squares said their business completely fell off the table after the sun went down. That's too bad.

However, this is a problem that can be and will be fixed for next year. Gonzales — this was an ugly turnout in the evening. If we want to keep this event, we are going to have to do a better job of supporting this next year because the city and the tourism board are on record as saying they are not going to provide the whopping support they gave the car show this year. I agree with that position.

But I also think that we as a community can do more to make this event a larger success. Show up and support the vendors and the concerts and come downtown and look at the great cars. You will have a lot of fun.

And now to quote Forrest Gump: "That's all I've got to say about that."

## Senate committee starts work on property tax reform

Voters would have the power to prevent their local governmental bodies from increasing property taxes by more than 2.5 percent per year under legislation introduced in the Texas Senate and House on Jan. 31.

Senate Bill 2 and identical House Bill 2, both 116 pages in length, propose to amend the current law, in which local taxing authorities may increase taxes up to 8 percent each year before a rollback election would be required. Cries for relief are widespread, given the leeway current law affords and the fact that county appraisal districts may increase the value of property at the same time.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, said, "People desperately need property tax reform, our businesses need property tax reform, and we have set out, on this date, early in session, with a major piece of legislation. We are setting the tone for the rest of the session on this issue," Patrick added.

In the introduced versions of SB 2 and HB 2, taxing authorities that bring in less



**ED STERLING**  
Capital Highlights

than \$15 million in annual revenue would be exempt from the new requirements.

Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston, chair of the Senate Property Tax Committee, said, "The vexing problem facing taxpayers is that tax bills are going up at least two or three times faster than they can handle. I think that the concept of having a two and a half percent rollback rate across the board means there's a universal solution."

According to the Senate News Service, local elected officials have turned out in force to oppose caps on taxing growth, saying it harms their ability to deliver on needed services in their home communities. So far, those efforts have succeeded, as similar measures have failed to reach the governor's desk in previous sessions.

Patrick said that while he hopes local officials will

work with the state on this issue, ultimately property tax reform is coming. "We have been stopped time after time in the past by a total resistance to reform," he said. "The days of saying, 'No, we're going to kill the bill because we don't want change'... that day is over."

The Senate Property Tax Committee will meet this week to discuss SB 2. House Speaker Dennis Bonnen soon will assign HB 2 to a committee. HB 2 author Rep. Dustin Burrows, R-Lubbock, chairs the House Ways & Means Committee, which is scheduled to meet this week.

**Advisory sparks lawsuits**  
LULAC, the League of United Latin American Citizens, and MALDEF, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, last week filed lawsuits alleging the violation of voting rights, voter suppression and voter intimidation over an election advisory dated Jan. 25 and addressed to county voter registrars by Texas Secretary of State David Whitley.

In the advisory, Whitley informed the registrars that

some 95,000 individuals identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety as non-U.S. citizens have matching voter registration records in Texas. Whitley said about 58,000 of those have voted in one or more Texas elections, and that those records would be turned over to the Texas Attorney General's office for potential legal action.

MALDEF's lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division. LULAC's lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio. Both civil rights organizations seek to stop the state from removing registered voters, particularly those who are naturalized, from voter rolls. MALDEF's lawsuit names as defendants Whitley, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, Gov. Greg Abbott and Galveston County Tax Assessor and Collector Cheryl E. Johnson, in their official capacities. LULAC's lawsuit names as defendants Whitley and Paxton.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Public urged to attend Friends of Lake Wood meetings

Friends of Lake Wood are fighting to get our lake back. Three years ago one of the gate was knocked out by a log and has yet to be repaired. We have tried to work with GBRA, but as of yet they have done nothing. We were told that there was \$3 million to possibly be used, but that money went to other lakes above us to do repair on those dams. Take a drive out to the lake to see what it is now — Lake of the Trees. BUT yet there is money to build a new GBRA office building

in New Braunfels. Wonder how Seguin likes that?

Friends of Lake Wood need your help to get our lake back. Gonzaloids, we need you to come to our meetings, second Thursday of each month at the Elks Lodge, 6:30 p.m. There are many people from Gonzales who can attest to each of the following: How many of you fished at Lake Wood? How about learned to water ski on Lake Wood? Were you the first person to use a jet ski on the lake? How many of you put your boat in and just rode up and down the lake on a Sunday? What about sitting at the Sand Bar hours on end and said you were at the beach — you had sand, dug in the sand, you had shells and when

a boat came by you had waves — the beach.

We encourage landowners that are up and down the lake (GBRA says Lake Wood is considered from the dam to the Oak Forrest dam to be Lake Wood) to get involved with Friends of Lake Wood. Your involvement would be a great benefit in helping the organization.

Meeting Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m. Elks Lodge. Hear update from a lobbyist that Friends of Lake Wood has hired to guide and direct the organization in getting help to restore the lake back to what it was.

**Mary Martha Ehrig**  
Secretary of Friends of Lake Wood (FOL)

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## The Gonzales Inquirer POLL QUESTION

With Gonzales ISD now in search of a new athletic director, what is your coaching preference?

- I hope the Apaches hire someone internally. Kodi Crane established a culture I believe is working, so someone within the organization should be able to pick up where he left off.
- New blood is what I prefer. It's not a bad idea to inject new ideas to this program.
- Maybe the school district should try doing something completely out the box. Whether that means hiring a current head coach to overtake athletic director duties and then hire a football coach. I think trying something unique and different may lead to longer-lasting athletic directors.
- So long as the new athletic director cares about all the sports and not just football, then it doesn't matter to me. The athletes need a good leader.

### Results from last week's poll question:

Every year there's a discussion about the Monday after the Super Bowl and how many believe it should be a holiday. What's your opinion on the matter?

- Absolutely the Monday after the Super Bowl should be a holiday. 8%
- Instead of making Monday a holiday, why not just move the Super Bowl to Saturday, so we can use Sunday to recover. 36%
- It's just a game. It's silly to even discuss making a day a holiday because of something as unimportant as sports. 56%

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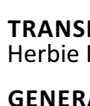
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## DOROTHY CHAPMAN



tenure with Holly Farms, she was employed with the Gonzales ISD for seven years where she retired.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

She leaves to cherish memory, one son; Michael Patterson (Felicia) of Galveston, Texas, one brother; Leo Robinson of Yoakum, Texas, five grandchildren; Derrick Ussery, Heather Patterson, Tamera Patterson, Krisslynn Sexton and David Sexton, close family member, Joyce and Elroy Wilson Jr. and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and many friends. Special thanks to Dr. Commie Hisey, Gonzales Memorial Hospital and The Heights of Gonzales.

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Sister Chapman was employed with Holly Farms for 20 years. Following her

## ALBERT JAMES (AL) SPRINGS JR.



Al Springs was born in Seguin, Texas, March 16, 1926. His parents were Albert James Springs Sr. and Mozelle Echols Springs.

Al graduated from Seguin High School in 1942. He entered Texas A&M College and completed one year before enlisting in the Navy. He served two years in the Navy and returned to Texas A&M to complete his education and earned a degree in Wildlife Management with the class of 1947.

In August of 1948 he married Dorothy Louise Johnson and they shared 70 years together. They have two sons, Robert James (Bob) and wife Candace of New Braunfels and Michael Edward (Mike) Springs and wife Connie of Houston. He has three grandchildren, Shannon and her husband Jason Newman, Christen and wife Amy and Coley and her husband Michael Anzur. He also has two great granddaughters, Madison and Payton Newman. He is survived by his wife, the sons and their families, a sister Virginia Davis, brother-in-law Bill Johnson and sister-in-law Ruby Lindeman. Also, many nieces and nephews in which he maintained a close relationship.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Isabelle and husband Harry Burns, brother and sister-in-laws Ed Smith, Kenneth Davis, Alfred Lindeman, Ron Ridge, Fletcher Johnson, Jane Johnson and Bobbie Johnson.

Al had a 38-year career with the Texas Parks and Wildlife, of which he truly enjoyed. His first assignment was in Nixon, Texas working on the restoration of quail in South Texas. His next project was in Fairfield, Texas where he worked on restoring deer and turkey in East Texas. In 1955 he moved to the headquarters for the TPWD in Austin and remained there until his retirement as Director of Wildlife in 1986. During his tenure in Austin he was involved in Long Range Planning, Regional Operations and Budgeting and traveled extensively throughout Texas. He was also the Texas representative to the Annual Central Flyway Meeting

which led to travel throughout the Midwest.

In 1978, he began the production of native pecans from the family orchard in Gonzales County. He soon expanded the orchard by adding 900 new trees and later grafting them with improved varieties. After his retirement, he spent time caring for and harvesting his pecan orchard.

Al especially enjoyed hunting and fishing. Most of all, he enjoyed teaching his sons how to hunt and fish. They spent much of their time fishing the lakes around Austin and hunting on the family property in Gonzales. He also, continued to enjoy Aggie football and attended many games with family and friends. He loved to travel and he and Dorothy visited a majority of the United States including Hawaii and Alaska. They also traveled to Japan, Hong Kong, Amsterdam, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and France.

He truly enjoyed his work, loved his family, his home and maintained a beautifully landscaped yard.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Crestview Methodist Church, 1300 Morrow St., Austin, Texas. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Highway 183 in Gonzales, Texas.

Pallbearers will be, Larry Burns, Norman Burns, Mike Burke, Pat Bullinger, Tom Johnson, David Lindeman, Jason Newman, and Christen Springs.

Honorary pallbearer will be Randy Gipson.

Memorial donations may be made to Cure Alzheimer's Fund at: donate@curealz.org, or the American Heart Association.

## JOHN M. TABERA



John M. Tabera, 82, of Gonzales, went to be with his heavenly Father on Feb. 3. John was born on June 26, 1936, in Gonzales, Texas, to Lino and Lidia Tabera and was the oldest of two children.

On Oct. 17, 1955, John married the love of his life, Lenora Alvarez and soon started a family. John lived as an exemplary father and husband. He encouraged his family to keep their faith and to pursue their individual passions, according to God's will, offering constant support and love.

John was a successful entrepreneur and businessman. Starting his career as a migrant worker, John took the initiative in 1968 and opened "John's Flower Shop." Through the special talents he was given from God, John became a pillar of the community and with a joyful spirit he successfully operated his business for over 50 years, serving Gonzales and the surrounding communities.

Apart from running his flower shop, John served in the Texas National Guard, was member of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, Knights of Columbus (3rd degree), Citizen Advisory Committee for the Gonzales Independent School District, chartered and was the president for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council of Gonzales and was a leader and driver for diversity in the community.

When not working, John could be found out on the water. John was an avid fisherman and was a member of the Gonzales Bass Club, earning the title of "Angler of the Year" on multiple occasions. John could also be found meticulously tending to his lawn and various plants and enjoying the fellowship of the 'coffee club.'

John was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and worked passionately for the betterment of his parish. He devotedly and diligently served his church in various capacities throughout his life. John witnessed his faith according to Matthew's gospel, chapter 20 verse 28 -

"Just so, the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

John is loved and will be greatly missed by Lenora, his loving wife of 62 years, children Dorothy Garza (Ray) of Corpus Christi, Texas, JoAnn Villasana (Rey) of Kyle, Texas, John T. Tabera (Lupe) of Merritt Island, Florida, Ruben Tabera (Edith) of Portland, Texas, Lydia Ornelas (David) of San Antonio, Texas, Robert Tabera of Gonzales, Texas, sister Emilia Arriola of Gonzales, Texas, grandchildren, Mark Tabera (Dora), Tracy Solis (Jacob), Brittany Villasana (Ryan Sanchez), Juan Rey Villasana, Amorina Tabera, Bella Tabera, Thomas Tabera, Nickolina Tabera, Alexa Atkinson (Leo), Diego Tabero and Grecia Tabera, great grandchildren, Javan Tabera, Anai Tabera, Emma Solis, Max Solis and Phoenix Atkinson and his faithful four-legged companion Guero.

"Well done good and faithful servant, the crown of righteousness awaits you..."

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6 in Seydler-Hill Home preceded by visitation from 5-7 p.m. A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Paul Raaz officiating. Interment will follow in St. James Cemetery. Pallbearers: Robert Tabera, Mark Tabera, Jacob Solis, Diego Tabera, Leo Atkinson and Ryan Sanchez. Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhillfuneralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

## LUIS BALDERAS PATINO



Luis Balderas Patino, 56, of Cost, passed away Thursday, Jan. 24. He was born Feb. 13, 1962 in Mexico, the son of Francisco and Carmen Perales Balderas. He was a retired truck driver and a member of the Gonzales Catholic Community.

He enjoyed fishing and traveling to visit family members. He was active with the ACTS retreat group. He was a caring and loving individual and continued this to the end of his life by being a bone marrow donor.

He is survived by his wife Kathleen Balderas of Cost; daughters, Marianna Balderas of Mexico and JoLanda Rodriguez and husband Joey Lee of Gonzales; sons, Raul Contreras Jr., Luis Balderas Jr. and Juan Lee Balderas and wife Britney all of Gonzales; sisters, Guadalupe Balderas of Mexico, Francisca Balderas of Mexico, Estelita Balderas of Chicago, IL, Irma Balderas, Rosa Balderas and Ofelia Balderas all of Mexico; brothers, Jesus Balderas and Manuel Balderas both of Gonzales and Francisco Balderas Jr. of Tennessee. Also surviving are 9 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Kristi Contreras.

Visitation was held Sunday, Jan. 27 at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with a Rosary being recited at 7 p.m. Mass of the Chris-

## DELTON WAYNE "BIRD" WEST

Delton Wayne "Bird" West, of Leesville, was called to his eternal home on Feb. 4, in Gonzales, Texas, at the age of 71. He was born Oct. 6, 1947, in Leesville, Texas, to Olvie Leon "Pete" West and L'Clara Sabrina Brister West. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Selma Christine Parks West; and sisters: Ima Jean West, Inez Robinson, and Iva Lea Hodge. He is survived by his children: Dale West and Christian Henderson and husband Joe Jr.; sisters: Illean Mikesh, Irene Burt and husband Steve Sr., and Inella Bennett; numerous nieces

and nephews and other loving family and friends. A visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 7, from 5-8 p.m. at Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon.

Funeral Service: Friday, Feb. 8, 2 p.m., Finch Chapel

The Rev. Michael Cowey will officiate with burial following in the Caraway Cemetery near Leesville, Texas. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. You are invited to leave messages of condolence at www.finchfuneralchapels.com.



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## Local captures win at Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

FORT WORTH — 4-H student Morgan Culppepper, from Gonzales, captured First in Showmanship with Ruby SWC Wicked in the Junior Simmental Heifer Show at the 2019 Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo on January 28. The 2019 Show is hosting junior breeding beef exhibitors from across Texas competing for awards and \$36,210 in premiums.

Of the 33,000 entries at the nation's longest-running livestock

show, the livestock exhibited by the more than 11,500 junior exhibitors are among the best market animals in the country. While the livestock are impressive, one of the Show's main objectives is to support the professional and leadership development efforts offered by the 4-H and FFA programs in Texas. Bonuses for the livestock show total \$18,750 while the Agricultural Development Fund has committed more than \$79,000 in

additional premiums to the barrow, breeding sheep, dairy cattle, wether lambs, wether goats, youth rabbits, youth poultry and youth dairy goats since 2015. An additional \$8,000 in premiums has been added in 2019 for barrows, breeding sheep, dairy cattle, wether lambs and wether goats, for a total of \$106,150 in support.

"The Stock Show serves as a nurturing point for these future business and civic leaders," said

Stock Show President and General Manager Brad Barnes. "This commitment is a founding principle of the Stock Show and we remain humbled with the number of Texas youth who choose to exhibit in the many events at the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo."

Take in the sights, sounds, and smells of exciting rodeo action, awesome food, shopping, livestock and equestrian competitions, carnival/midway entertainment and

an experience you'll always remember during 23 fun-filled days – January 18 through February 9 at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. It's the kind of place where "Old School Cool" is fun, fashionable and hip for everyone. Get your tickets today and celebrate what makes Fort Worth the most awesome town in Texas. For more information or to purchase tickets visit [www.fwssr.com](http://www.fwssr.com) or call (817) 877-2420.

### Gonzales Livestock Market, Inc.

Sale date: Feb. 2  
Receipts this week: 1,145 cattle  
Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold fully steady to \$1-3 higher.  
Packer cows and bulls sold \$1-2 higher.

### Stocker-feeder steers:

Medium and large frame  
No. 1:  
150-300 lbs. \$187-195  
300-400 lbs. \$185-190  
400-500 lbs. \$175-182  
500-600 lbs. \$146-165  
600-700 lbs. \$136-140  
700-800 lbs. \$124-131

### Bull Yearlings:

700-900 lbs. \$60-90

### Stocker-feeder heifers:

Medium and large frame  
No. 1:  
150-300 lbs. \$160-165  
300-400 lbs. \$155-158  
400-500 lbs. \$142-150  
500-600 lbs. \$128-140  
600-700 lbs. \$122-125

### Packer cows:

Good lean utility and commercial, \$37-42;  
Cutters, \$55-60; Canners, \$22-31;  
Low yielding fat cows, \$49-56.

### Packer bulls:

Live grade 1 and 2, good heavy bulls, \$75-84; light weights and medium quality bulls, \$64-70.

### Stocker cows:

\$650-900

Pairs: \$750-1,050  
*View sale live at [cattleusa.com](http://cattleusa.com)*

### Nixon Livestock Commission, Inc.

Sale date: Feb. 4  
Volume: 680  
Cows: 104  
Bulls: 18

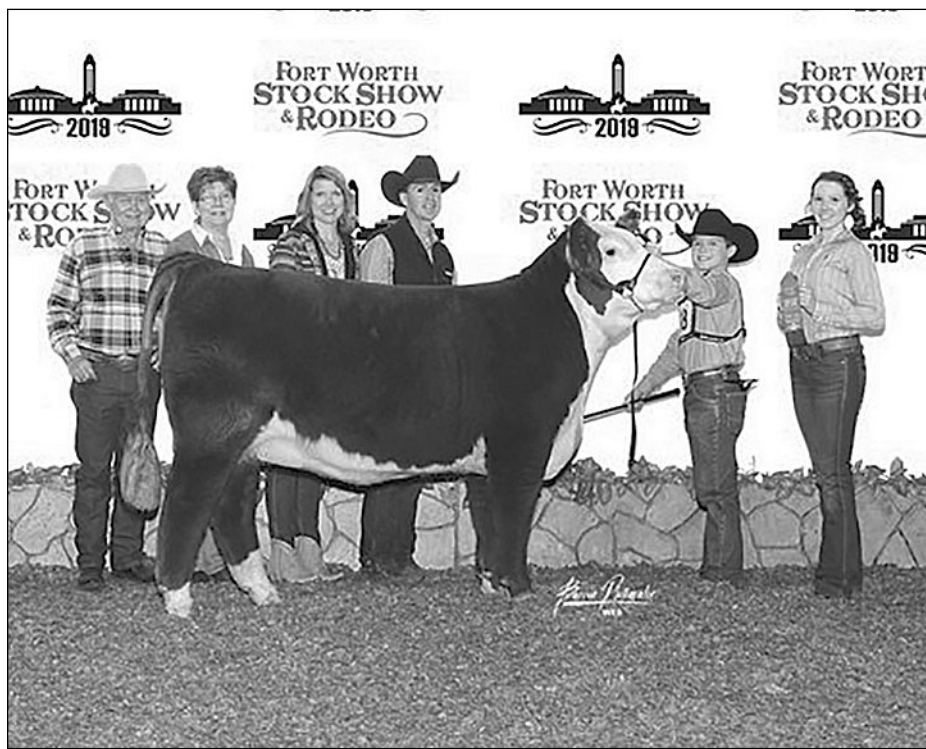
### Steers:

200-300 lbs. \$147-157-193  
300-400 lbs. \$149-159-205  
400-500 lbs. \$142-152-194  
500-600 lbs. \$130-140-169  
600-700 lbs. \$124-134-156  
700-800 lbs. \$116-126-139

### Heifers:

200-300 lbs. \$94-104-171  
300-400 lbs. \$132-142-180  
400-500 lbs. \$127-137-180  
500-600 lbs. \$116-126-149  
600-700 lbs. \$109-119-170  
700-800 lbs. \$90-100-123  
Slaughter cows: \$22-61  
Slaughter bulls: \$50-85  
Stocker cows: \$700-1,000  
Pairs: \$700-1,000  
Sellers: 127  
Buyers: 42

## 2nd place calf presented



Augustus Sexton presented his home bred and raised Hereford heifer at the Ft. Worth Jr. Heifer Show Jan 26th. His calf placed second out of 27 calves. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Bull, heifer sale educational program set for Feb. 12 at SALE Auction Barn

By Paul Schattenberg  
[paschattenberg@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:paschattenberg@ag.tamu.edu)

SAN ANTONIO – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will present the All Breeds Bull and Heifer Sale Educational Program Feb. 12 in collaboration with the San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

The free program will be from 2-4 p.m. at the SALE Auction Barn, 3201 E. Houston.

"This is an opportunity for those planning to go to the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo to learn more about beef processing and what it takes to get agricultural products from the farm to the table," said Sam Womble, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Bexar County.

Takisha Durst, AgriLife Extension urban agriculture educator, Bexar County, will present "The Role of Agriculture with Path to the Plate." Path to the Plate is an AgriLife Extension initiative to help consumers understand how their food choices impact their well-being by making the connection



The Texas A&M AgriLife program at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo on Feb. 12 will address different types of agricultural production. TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE PHOTO

between agriculture and health.

Dr. Joe Paschal, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Corpus Christi, will show a beef processing virtual tour. The tour will provide a step-by-step account of how beef is processed and made ready for human consumption.

Womble said accommodations will be made

for those persons with disabilities.

"We request anyone planning to attend who has a disability contact the AgriLife Extension office for Bexar County at least two weeks in advance of the event to advise us of any auxiliary aid or service required," he said.

For more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Bexar County at 210-631-0400.

## Key is to keep your onions well fertilized

**Q. There is a clover growing in my lawn and shrub border. I applied Amaze in November, but it still came up, what can we do to control it.**

A. Our most common clover is black medic. It is a weak reseeding perennial that grows on poor soils. A preemergent like Amaze would not prevent the regrowth of the established plants. It would also be more effective if you applied the Amaze by September 1 to limit new germination of seeded weeds for the winter. Try the contact herbicide, Weed-Free Zone, on the established broadleaf weeds. Follow label instructions. Be especially careful if you try to use it in a flower bed or shrub border. An effective control for black medic is to increase the fertility and growth of the lawn grass.

**Q. What is the trick to growing large onions? Mine look pitiful compared to those in a garden at a friend's house we visited last week.**

A. The onions do best in full sun, but the key is to keep them well fertilized. Prepare the bed with 10 cups of "winterizer" (18-6-12) or slow-release (19-5-9) lawn fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. of bed. Every 3 weeks side dress the row with another half cup of the fertilizer through April.

**Q. Our stocks look beautiful this spring and the fragrance is wonderful. The problem is that they don't bloom very long. Some are going to seed already. Would it extend the season if we "deadheaded" them? Are there any other tactics to be considered?**



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A. I experimented with deadheading stocks last year. It seemed to work to stimulate more blooms. We use some for cut flowers and will cut off spent flowers on the rest.

**Q. Are there any conifer trees recommended for growing in our area? We have some oaks but miss pines and other evergreens from the Midwest where we grew up.**

A. Central and South Texas are not the best areas for growing conifers unless you have ashe junipers. Arizona cypress is the most reliable conifer to grow but Deodora cedar, Montezuma cypress, Aleppo pine, Italian stone pine, and Japanese black pine also work. The pines are often available at area nurseries to use as living Christmas trees that can be planted in the landscape after the holidays. Arizona cypress offers an attractive conical shape, has bluish foliage, and is very drought tolerant.

**Q. Is it time to begin pruning back the freeze killed stems and foliage on our esperanza, poinciana, firebush, lantana, and salvias? How about the citrus trees?**

A. Yes, February is a good time to trim off the dead wood. It is also time to prune fruit trees and roses. Visit [plantanswers.com](http://plantanswers.com) for diagrams and other instructions.

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## CAREERS

### First, The Bad News

The world you'll soon step into is not the same one your parents stepped into two or three decades ago. When they started out it was fairly common for a young person to take a job with a company and stay with that company throughout their working life.

Statistics show it's not that way anymore: Although people younger than 25 have always tended to change jobs frequently, these days even people 25 and older aren't staying put for very long. Experts now say the average person entering the work force will change jobs eight times before reaching retirement. And what's more, that same person will change careers – going from hair styling to accounting, for instance – three or more times.

Why? Because the world is changing so quickly. Every year the development of new technology makes some jobs obsolete while at the same time creating entirely new jobs – ones that never existed before. Experts predict that by the year 2005 the American work force will consist of 150 million people – an increase of more than 20 million jobs in just 20 years.

Another big trend in the '90s has been "down-sizing." That's where a company tries to save money by reducing the number of people it employs. This trend has caused hundreds of thousands of people to lose their jobs. Through no fault of their own, and with no choice in the matter, these people have been forced to find new jobs, often in different professions.



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### How Does the Future Look?

Although no one can predict with complete accuracy which jobs will thrive in the future and which will not, it is possible to check a specific job's outlook. That's an expert's projection of how much opportunity will be available in a particular field in the next five or 10 years.

To determine the job's outlook, experts look at a variety of factors, including the opportunity that exists in the field now, the average age of people working in the field (are the majority young and just starting out or are they approaching retirement age?), the number of people in training for the field, developing technology, and economic and demographic trends. It sounds pretty complicated, but really it's not so difficult to understand.

This information is also listed in the Occupational Outlook Handbook. Check the outlook for the fields on your list. Do the experts predict the field will grow rapidly, grow slowly or decline?

Remember that a job's outlook should not be the key factor in your decision to pursue it. Even jobs that are predicted to decline will need workers to replace those who leave the labor force. Follow the career that interests you most, do your best, and you'll find opportunity. If, along the way, you happen to choose a field whose outlook is promising, it will be that much better for you.



**ACTIVITY** Watch for newspaper stories about the work force in your area – stories about layoffs, down-sizing, re-engineering or other changes. What conclusions can you draw? Discuss.

**ACTIVITY** Choose two more fields that interest you and look them up in the Occupational Outlook Handbook or a similar source. Write a brief summary of what you find, paying particular attention to the working conditions, the jobs' outlooks, and the education or training required.

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## FEATURES FROM THE BIBLE

### TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE

**Jehu Kills Ahab's Family**  
II Kings 10

Jehu wrote letters to the officials of Jezreel, to the elders and to the guardians of Ahab's seventy sons telling them to choose the best and most worthy of Ahab's sons and set him on his father's throne and then fight for their master's house. The officials were fearful and responded by sending Jehu a message that they would be his servants and would do anything he said. They did not appoint anyone as king. Jehu wrote a second letter telling the officials that if they were on his side and would obey him then they must take the heads of Ahab's sons and meet him in Jezreel. After reading the letter these men took the princes and slaughtered all seventy of them, put their heads in baskets and sent them to Jehu in Jezreel. Jehu had the heads placed in two piles at the entrance of the city gate until morning. The next morning Jehu stood before all the people and proclaimed them innocent. And then told them that not a word the LORD has spoken against the house of Ahab would fail. He told them that the LORD had done what he promised through his servant Elijah. Jehu killed everyone in Jezreel of the house of Ahab, as well as all his chief men, his close friends and his priests, leaving no survivor. At Beth Eked of the Shepherds, Jehu met some relatives of Ahaziah, king of Judah and asked them who they were. When they replied that they were relatives of Ahaziah and had come to greet his family and the queen mother, Jehu ordered them slaughtered.

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## The spirit confirms our adoption

In this article I will continue to address the many implications of being adopted into God's family. Thus far we have seen that the Christian has the great privilege of knowing God as a loving Father. We also saw that to be a follower of Christ means that we have a new family. We become part of the "household of faith," having been delivered from the family of Satan and transferred into the family of God.

Our Biblical text for this article is taken from Romans 8:14-16, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, Abba, Father. The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." The Holy Spirit confirms our adoption by His leadership. If we in fact have received the Spirit of adoption as His sons and daughters, we will know and experience His presence and leading. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

It is quite easy to get certain external acts right. A mere professing Christian who does not in reality truly know Christ can achieve a certain level of morality, generosity, human kindness, etc. A mere professing Christian may become quite active in a church and may even serve in leadership. All of these things can be done by the natural man apart from Christ. Only the true Christian experiences the



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genuine presence and leadership of the Holy Spirit.

An important question would be this: How does God lead His children? He leads them as the Holy Spirit applies His Word to their heart. It is critical that we remember that the Holy Spirit is always in perfect agreement with the Word of God. His leadership never contradicts the teaching of Holy Scripture for He is the Spirit of truth. "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). When Peter confirms the inspiration of Scripture, he writes that "Holy men spoke as moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21). If what you perceive to be the leading of the Holy Spirit contradicts Scripture, what you are experiencing is something other than His leadership. Furthermore, if you are not immersing yourself in Scripture, you probably know little of the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We can confirm from Scripture a number of ways that God's leads His children. The Holy Spirit leads the child of God in victory over sin. Romans 8:13 says that it is "by the Spirit that we put to death the deeds of the body." Has the Spirit of God enabled you by His power to forsake long held and long cherished sins? Has He led you to cut off the offending hand and

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pluck out the offending eye"? (Matthew 5:29-30) The Spirit also illuminates the hearts and minds of His children. He gives understanding. If you are a Christian, you should be growing in your understanding of Scripture and the things of God. I Corinthians 2:14 says that the "natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him." The text goes on to say that we have the mind of Christ and can discern all things. The Psalmist says, "The entrance of Thy words gives light" (Psalm 119:130). When our Lord encountered two men on the road to Emmaus, He "opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures." (Luke 24:45) As the Spirit of God works in our heart, revealing His truth and transforming our lives, we grow in the assurance that we are, in fact, His children.

Clint Lowery is pastor at Memorial Heights Baptist Church.

## Life's a party

What's up Gonzales? Anything new? Of course there is, with each passing day, something new is always happening. Some things wanted, some not. The changes are often so small that we don't notice them in the midst of all of the other activity going on around us. If you ask me, I think most of us could benefit from hitting the brakes a little. It seems that we're so busy, we don't notice how busy we are. Days, weeks, months and years fly by, under the radar, forever lost in the Bermuda...woops, scratch that...TEXAS Triangle. I'm fairly sure that's where at least some of my socks, pens and more than a few of Eloise's earrings ended up. Since we're all so busy, let's take a minute to relax and catch our breath. So, on my mark, let's very slowly count to 10, breathing in on the one, out on the two etc. OK, feel better? The pause that refreshes. Take a minute to do that whenever you're feeling rushed, stressed or just need a moment of peace and quiet, and your mind won't feel quite so overwhelmed, unless you're so busy you forget. Yeah...it happens.

I'm still working on my vocal booth, as not to scare the cows next door. It's coming along nicely and does soak up a lot of sound. I've insulated it with denim insulation, you guessed right, recycled blue jeans, pretty cool stuff. Very soft (with no fiberglass particles to get stuck in you eyelids, quite a visual) and no harsh chemicals added in, making it safer to breathe around. It's also great to fall against if I occasionally pass out from all of the hollering. If you should run into me in public and I have a Levi's pocket stuck to the back of my head, don't worry, it'll fall off in good time, but probably not before the Texas sun has left a tattoo!

Our oldest son Michael just celebrated his 39th birthday. He spent it with his friend, Lakrista, who's birthday is at the same time, pretty cool, huh. Happy birthday to both of you and may God bless, protect and guide your lives, fulfilling the plans he has for you! Yep, time sure has flown. When I met Michael, he was 12 years old and I was dropping him off at middle school, seems like just yesterday. Funny story, but for the majority of his life, his birthday was celebrated on the wrong day. His birth



**ERIC ESTES**  
Love, Eric  
and Eloise

certificate says that he was born at 11:23 p.m. on the 30th, but being so close to the 31st, and being a tough labor, Eloise had it in her mind that the 31st was his birthday. It wasn't until a few years ago that she caught it, and after a good laugh, he realized he was a day older than he'd previously thought. He's turned into a good man and I'm proud of him for that, good job Michael.

I received and replied to an email from some neighbors that lived on our street in San Antonio, over 20 years ago. Holding up pretty well if I do say so, they don't look much different than the last time I saw them. They're now celebrating their 54th anniversary and have a handful of great grandchildren. It got me to thinking, this is actually a pretty awesome life God has given us, even with its hardships and occasional confusion about some of the things we have to endure. Looking at it from an eternal standpoint, as painful as some things are, they're really just bumps in the road. Though sometimes it feels like we're four wheeling on an off-road mud track with boulders and fallen trees in the way, well OK... big bumps in the road. It also brought to mind that celebrations have always played a big part in our existence. God created and secured the venue for the biggest party ever thrown. He made sure there was plenty to eat and drink, hung up the lights and made sure everyone would attend, no RSVP required. The greatest event planner the world has ever known. He then rejoiced and rested, seeing all that he had done was good!

Merriam-Webster defines party simply as "a social gathering." Humans love to party. We'll throw one for any and every oc-

casation under the sun, and sometimes, just for the fun of it. In the bible they threw festivals and had ceremonies to commemorate many different events, the Passover (God freeing the Israelites from Egyptian slavery), victory in war, and the building and completion of the temple of the Lord, to name a few. We throw parties to celebrate Jesus' birth and resurrection, our birth and death, baby showers (dirty babies only), graduations, promotions, marriage and sometimes divorce, for example. Accepting Christ and baptism are always cause for celebration. Luke 15:7 says, "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

In our society the word "party" has taken on a negative connotation as meaning drunken debauchery, and in way too many cases, rightfully so. Our country, unfortunately, has seen significant rises in alcoholism and drug abuse. Having partaken of that side of life for a number of years, I can honestly say that cheap, destructive thrills can't compare with God-given peace and happiness. For those of you living that lifestyle (self-pleasure at all costs), please get out before it ruins or kills you. John 10:10 says "The thief (Satan) comes only to steal, kill and destroy, I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." I can tell you first hand that by not choosing Christ, Satan wins, and no one wants to play for the losing team!

The word "party" that I'm talking about, is the celebration of life. "So, whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31), and you'll be better off for it. Every day's another chance for us to enjoy and appreciate who and what God has blessed us with, so remember, when following Christ...life's a party!

Talk again soon, love you guys,  
Eric

## Fellowship Group meeting changing venues

Starting Sunday, Feb. 10, the Gonzales Fellowship Group will meet in the back-dining room at Johnny's Café south of Gonzales on Hwy 183, across from the J.B. Wells

Show Barn. Welcoming starts from 8:30-9 a.m., with live country gospel music from 9-9:30 a.m., followed by a devotional message from 9:30-10 a.m. Anyone is welcome.

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## GONZALES COUNTY EMS WEEKLY CALLOUTS

JAN. 27 – FEB. 2

*\*Editor's Note: The Gonzales Inquirer will be publishing a weekly report sent from the Gonzales County EMS & Rescue office which includes callouts from the various stations in the county from last week.*

Gonzales Station #1 had a total of 34 calls. They made five out-of-town transfers and responded to Caldwell County mutual aid one time.

Nixon Station #2 had eight calls in their area.

Waelder Station #3 had eight calls in their area and made one out-of-county transfer and one mutual aid call in Caldwell County.

Gonzales Rescue was paged out four times.

Rescue volunteers and EMS staff attended the Hot Rod and Hatters show on Friday and Saturday. Rescue had a booth selling pulled pork and sausage wraps. We would like to thank everyone for their donations and support.

## VOTERS

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have filed federal lawsuits against the state, accusing officials of voter intimidation. Those are the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the League of Women Voters.

The letter advising of the imagined fraud, sent by Secretary Whitley, asked county registrars to identify any non-U.S. citizens registered to vote in the state. After working with Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) officials, his office came to a number of 95,000 individuals identified by DPS as non-U.S. citizens not having a matching voter registration in Texas, and "approximately 58,000 of whom have voted in one or more Texas elections." Voting ineligibly is a second-degree felony, he said. If anyone is flagged as a non-citizen, the county registrar should send them a letter requesting proof of proper citizenship in order to stay a registered voter. The person had 30 days to respond or be struck from the rolls.

From there, Twitter aficionados took to their phones to decry the supposed breach of voter security. Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton — himself

being previously indicted on felony security fraud charges — broadcast an inaccurate "VOTER FRAUD ALERT" to his followers, which Gov. Greg Abbott quickly retweeted in a show of support for the report. Even President Donald Trump jumped into the fray, claiming that "voter fraud is rampant," and singling out California from this Texas-centric text.

The conflict seems to have arisen when DPS drivers license records don't record when a person becomes a U.S. citizen. If one obtains a drivers license, then becomes a citizen and registers to vote, DPS is not required to update a persons citizenship status until the renewal of the license. The numbers from the secretary of state were picked from that outdated information and trumpeted as truth.

The problem is, the news turned out to be more fake than a national crisis. As pointed out in the Texas Tribune, the secretary of state's office soon reversed course and "walked back" its findings after errors in the data were exposed that showed that tens of thousands of the flagged voters were in fact citizens.

In the meantime, Gonzales County waits for the matter to be resolved and the Inquirer will submit an open records request to review the names submitted to the local registrar.

## ELECTION

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past 17 years, Josie Smith-Wright 16 years, and both Ross Hendershot III and Sue Gottwald have served the past 11 years as trustees. The freshman of the bunch is Sandra Gorden, who is just completing her first year. That's a whopping 101 years of combined service for the board of directors, almost as long as GISD has been playing football.

For anyone who wishes to challenge any of the incumbents and to set their

own agenda for the school district, there's still time to file. Applications will be accepted until Friday, Feb. 15 at the GISD administration offices at 1711 N. Sarah DeWitt Dr. Administration officials can be reached at 830-672-9551.

# Texian Rally Workshop held



The Texas Historical Commission was in town Wednesday for a Texian Rally Workshop at the Gonzales Presbyterian Church. A full day of speakers chatted about the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum, Presidio La Bahia, Texas Parks and Wildlife, the Alamo Trust, Texas Film Commission, and other interesting items. A featured guest was Chet Garner of the PBS travel show "The Daytripper," who spoke on traveling across Texas. Information on the event was not provided to the Inquirer by local officials ahead of time. PHOTO BY ERIK MCCOWAN/GONZALES INQUIRER

## CAR SHOW

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spectators for the event based on previous attendance numbers up in Lockhart, a town some 40 minutes north that he said was no longer suitable for his car show's size, which he dubbed the second largest in Texas. Gammage assured that he could sway his participants to make the late-game switch to Gonzales, who would bring upwards of 1,200 cars to display in his show.

In reality, just 372 cars made the trek to Gonzales, with 380 pre-registrations online, Gammage said. He also counted 82 vendors that showcased their wares.

"Considering that there was 50-60 percent chance of rain marked for all day Saturday, I'm very happy with the turnout for a move less than 40 days out," Gammage said. "It's all about quality over quantity for us."

As for attendance, the prediction of 10,000-30,000 spectators seemed to fall way short of expectations. Gonzales Police Chief Tim Crow said that he didn't believe that there were 10,000 visitors at the car show, but, "I also didn't count." He also reported a peaceful crowd with no arrests.

Gammage was cor-



Though the expected number of cars and spectators were off by initial predictions, those that attended the Hot Rods and Hatters Car Show downtown on Saturday were treated to some sweet rides, live music, and various vendors. PHOTO BY ERIK MCCOWAN/GONZALES INQUIRER

rect in predicting that local hotels would be full, which is one intended result of allocating hotel/motel occupancy tax (HOT) funds for events. For a snapshot of what local lodging houses dealt with, the La Quinta on Hwy. 183 reported 37 rooms booked for the show and was at capacity, the Microtel Inn and Suites was sold out of their 53 rooms, the Holiday Inn Express and Suites were full at 57 rooms, and the Best Western Regency Inn and Suites on the other side of town reported the majority of its guests were car show related.

"It definitely brought in

some business for us," a Best Western representative said.

Downtown, cars occupied the inner and outer squares with stages of live music positioned within each. The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce operated a beer booth and reported 1,400 beverages sold. Gonzales City Councilman Tommy Schurig was holding court in front of the one-day-only reopening of the Templin Saloon, greeting out-of-towners and distributing "Come and Take It" lapel pins. He was extremely delighted in what he saw.

As for exact numbers on the economic impact

the car show brought to town, Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Clint Hille said that he did not have that data yet, but in all said that feedback was extremely positive. He said that he would get with Gammage "hopefully next week" to get some better numbers.

As for missing the mark on expected attendance by both cars and visitors, Gammage said that he would prefer to not speculate on what that might mean should council members question why they were not given what they voted for in regards to promised attendance numbers.

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RFP's shall be submitted in sealed envelopes as referenced on the attached solicitation. One (1) signed original marked "ORIGINAL"; five (5) complete sets marked "COPY 1, COPY 2, etc." and (1) DVD or USB of the response is to be submitted complete with all supporting documentation. RFP's submitted by facsimile (fax) or electronically WILL NOT be accepted. Submittal of a response to this Request for Proposals (RFP) constitutes an offer by the respondent. Once submitted, RFP's become the property of the City and as such the City reserves the right to use any ideas contained in any response regardless of whether that respondent/firm is selected. Submission of a proposal in response to this solicitation, by any respondent, shall indicate that the respondent(s) has accepted the conditions contained in the RFP, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between the City and the successful respondent. RFP's which do not comply with these requirements may be rejected at the option of the City. RFP's must be filed with the City before the deadline day and hour. No late RFP's will be accepted. They will be returned to respondent unopened (if properly identified). Failure to meet RFP requirements may be grounds for disqualifying your Proposal. Proposals must be received by the City of Gonzales by 2:00 PM on February 28, 2019. Late proposals will not be considered. The City highly encourages early submission of proposals.

**SUBMITTAL ADDRESS**  
City Manager, 820 St. Joseph Street, Gonzales, TX 78629

**SELECTION**  
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The Complete RFP is available at the City of Gonzales Municipal Building located at 820 St Joseph St. Gonzales, TX 78629 or on the city's website [www.gonzales.texas.gov](http://www.gonzales.texas.gov). Please contact City Manager, Tim Patek with any questions that you may have regarding the Request for Proposal at 830-672-2815 or [citymanager@gonzales.texas.gov](mailto:citymanager@gonzales.texas.gov).

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### LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

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# Planted cotton acres to rise slightly or remain static

By Adam Russell  
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compared to 7.7 million last year.

COLLEGE STATION – Planted cotton acres are expected to be flat or up slightly as the growing season nears, said a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension statewide cotton specialist, College Station, said Texas cotton specialists around the state expect acreage to remain static in most areas. They agree good soil moisture profiles, wet conditions delaying corn and sorghum plantings and better pricing incentives could drive an increase.

Morgan said Cotton Grower magazine, a national trade publication for growers, forecast Texas acreage to fall 500,000 acres to 7.2 million

“There’s a lot of time before the planting window closes for regions that are dealing with saturated soils, so we expect cotton will go in on those acres,” he said. “And there could be even more than expected if producers can’t get corn or sorghum planted. In other regions, the low grain commodity prices and poor performing wheat could also drive an increase.”

In the Rio Grande Valley, Morgan said producers have good soil moisture profiles and were expected to begin planting cotton toward the end of the month. Cotton acres may increase a little, but there are limitations due to crop rotation restrictions.

“They’re pretty much maxed out around 220,000

acres,” he said. “There will be plenty of corn and sorghum going in soon and those cotton acres will follow soon after, depending on soil temperatures.”

In the Coastal Bend, cotton acres are expected to remain steady after four years of increased planting, but could be up due to excessive moisture, Morgan said.

“We will likely see a 5-10 percent increase in the Upper Gulf Coast region, especially knowing how wet things are now and how many fields have not been worked and prepared for grain planting,” he said.

Morgan expects another double-digit increase in acreage in the Blacklands region following an increase last year.

“Again, you’ve got other commodities prices that are low, inability to plant wheat in

the fall and increased ginning capacity that weren’t there a few years ago,” he said. “Cotton could be more attractive to those growers, and conditions are set up very well for the dryland crop. The soil moisture profile is at a point to where the crop should perform fine even if we received just one well-timed rain in the summer.”

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:

**SOUTHWEST:** Most counties reported wet conditions. Farmers waited for warmer, drier conditions to prepare fields for planting and fertilization. Rangeland and pasture conditions were good. Supplemental feeding of livestock continued.

**COASTAL BEND:** Extreme wet conditions continued.



Texas cotton acres were expected to remain around 8 million acres for the 2019 growing season. TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE PHOTO BY KAY LEDBETTER

Most producers were behind on tillage and field preparation for spring planting. If fields dry out soon, corn planting should begin in two to three weeks. There were isolated fields with cotton still on the stalk. Warmer weather allowed

volunteer winter forages to emerge. Winter rye, oats and wheat emerged, but growth was stunted by excessive moisture. Stock ponds were full. Hay and supplemental feeding continued, and livestock were in good condition.

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**JOSÉ TORRES**  
From the Editor's Playbook

## Big shoes to fill

Whenever I write my stories, I usually have a tab on my computer open to Thesaurus.com. Admittedly, I have many go-to words and phrases I use often too frequently, so I go to that website whenever I feel I've become a bit repetitive. Coaches don't have that luxury when interviewed on the spot. The soon-to-be-former Gonzales athletic director Kodi Crane is no different.

A couple of words and phrases he tends to repeat include "extremely important", "outstanding", "neat" and some variation of "to the moon and back."

That one, "to the moon and back," is probably my second favorite line he says. When describing a quarterback, he's told me more than once that the signal caller can throw the ball "to the moon and back" in just a few throws.

But my all-time favorite line he says after every game?

"I love you."  
For the last five years, Crane has told his athletes after each game, whether it's football or any other sports, "I love you, I'm proud of you." And trust me when I say, he sincerely means it.

The day news broke that Crane was headed to Caddo Mills, I sat in his office for an interview and I asked him how he was doing. His phone buzzed right on cue and he told me "it's been crazy, as you can see."

Makes sense. When someone with as much impact as Crane has had leaves, there's a big hole that now needs to be filled.

"Today's been an emotional day," he told me last Friday. "Obviously, I'm going to miss the kids. I'm going to miss the people that I work [with]."

He clarified a bit more, saying he wasn't just talking about varsity football players or the program's "first period athletes."

Crane is talking about everyone.

"I have great relationships with a lot of our girl

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# Crane to resign



Gonzales Athletic Director Kodi Crane accepted a job at Caddo Mills ISD as athletic director and head football coach. Crane leaves Gonzales with a 27-31 overall record, including making the playoffs all five football seasons. FILE PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

"...I hope that the legacy [I leave] is that this coaching staff cared about kids and took care of kids and put kids first in every decision that we've made since we've been here."

— Kodi Crane

## Athletic Director accepts same position in Caddo Mills

By José Torres  
Managing Editor

### Head Coach Kodi Crane's tenure:

- 5 football seasons
- 27-31 overall record
- 1 district title
- 5 bi-district appearances
- 3 area round appearances

After five seasons as head football coach and athletic director for the Gonzales Apaches, Kodi Crane officially gave his resignation Monday to accept a job with the same title at Caddo Mills ISD, which he's expected to start on Feb. 11.

"It is with respect and mixed feelings that we will say goodbye to Coach Kodi Crane," said Dr. Kim Strozier, superintendent of Gonzales ISD. "This move is one that will bring his extended family closer and on that note, we are so happy for the Crane family. We will truly miss him, Leslie and the boys as they continue their journey."

The Gonzales ISD school board met Monday, to accept Crane's resignation, and the district is currently in the process of forming a hiring committee for the next athletic director and/or head football coach.

According to Crane, the current superintendent at Caddo Mills ISD was a principal during the time he coached at Groesbeck.

"That job came open and he called and asked," Crane told the Inquirer. "We went up there and looked at it, it's a lot closer to my wife's family, it's closer to my family, not a ton, but hour, hour and a half. So, closer to family, and we decided after we went up there and looked around and interviewed it was great opportunity,

not only now but in the future as well."

The Apaches athletic program underwent many changes during his tenure. With the addition of boys' and girls' soccer, installation of a new track and repaving of the weight room with new equipment, the Gonzales Apaches saw many upgrades since Crane's hiring in 2014.

"I hope we're leaving an impression that we love kids and we have taken care of kids to the best of our ability," Crane said. "Yes, we have developed a soccer team, we have got new weight room equipment and put down a track and all of that is great, but I hope that the legacy is that this coaching staff cared about kids and took care of kids and put kids first in every decision that we've made since we've been here."

"Coach Kodi Crane made a hugely positive impact for our Apache Athletes and the district as a whole," Strozier said. "Coach came to Gonzales ISD with a passion for leading athletes with a focus on developing leaders for life. The leadership and implementation of a program supporting students holistically took

hold immediately and made our program stronger. The attention given to the importance of family and dedication to being a positive role model in all walks of life is commendable. We have appreciated the focus on setting goals for achievement not only athletically but academically as a strength. Additionally, providing for the alignment of athletics starting at the sixth-grade level has also contributed to greater strengths in athletic preparation.

"We will certainly miss Coach Crane and wish him the best as he moves on to his new position."

Crane leaves Gonzales with a 27-31 overall record, making it to the playoffs all five seasons and the area round of playoffs three times.

Highlight moments for the athletic director include beating Boerne this season to force a tie up top district, winning two overtime games, going 0-5 and turning it around and beating Pleasanton his first season and also knocking off Smithville in a win-and-your-in district finale.

However, Crane also pointed out the importance of several other moments outside of football.

"Taking our soccer team that first year throughout that playoff run and going down to the valley, great moment, great time to be an Apache," he began to list. "Going with our girls cross country team to the state cross country championships, seeing our baseball

team make the playoffs last year. All of our sports, I felt a time over the five years that this was a great moment but more than that, on a personal level, my son was baptized, put his faith in the lord Jesus Christ right over here in Gonzales. My personal life there's been some great memories here as well. Always hearing about the Come and Take It Festival because that time of the year I've never seen it or been here but then get to ride in the parade and figure out they block the whole downtown off and you can't drive. There's been great moments not only athletically but in my personal life."

When asked what kind of advice he would give to the next athletic director, Crane said getting to know all of Gonzales is key.

"Come in and get to know these kids," he advised. "They are great kids that want to compete and compete as hard as they can possibly compete. Get to know the culture of this town, the culture of this community and the culture of this school as quick as you can and that will help you as you move forward."

Crane thanked many people, including administrators, the superintendent, the school board and the Gonzales community for accepting his family during his time as head coach.

"Most importantly, thank you to the kids," Crane said. "A big thank you to all the players that sacrificed so much for Apache athletics."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Umpire association meeting set

The Tri-County Softball Umpire Association will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Hallettsville ISD Boardroom. Anyone interested in umpiring is encouraged to attend. For more information call E.L. Moore @ 361-293-5160, Robert Klekar @ 361-798-6248, or Terry Patek @ 361-676-2941. Only pay state dues and local dues will be waived for new umpires.

#### Playoff pairings set

The Luling Lady Eagles will take on Industrial in the bi-district round of the playoffs on Tuesday, Feb. 12 in Cuero at 7 p.m. For more on other matchups, go to [gonzalesinquirer.com](#).

#### Gonzales 7A boys ends season with victory over Brooks Academy

The Gonzales 7th grade A boys' basketball team knocked off San Antonio Brooks Academy 48-19 to finish their season 6-6.

Max Castillo was leading scorer with 14 points. T.J. Riojas scored added 12 points while, Hunter Henke and Carlos Martinez scored seven points each, Joshua Gaither scored four points, Kamren Leal scored three points and Weston Ruddock scored one point.

"Although these boys were undersized against the majority of their opponents, they did a great

job being aggressive and competitive in every game," Coach John Patek said. "They had a good season finishing with a 6-6 record."

#### Lady Apaches 7A team dominant in season finale

On Monday, Feb. 4, the Gonzales Lady Apache 7th grade A basketball team defeated the San Antonio Brooks Academy Bengals 41-2.

Ravyn Lookabill scored eight points, Marina Camarillo and Tara Lester each scored six points, Niyahna Lowery scored five points, Sydney McCray, Macy Sample and Abbie Villanueva each scored four

points and Erin Melchor and Mallory Clack each scored two points. The 7th grade A team finished the season with a record of 5-8.

"Us coaches are very proud of the hard work and dedication these girls put in all season," Coach Jessica Aguilar said. "Way to finish the season with a win, ladies! Go Lady Apaches!"

#### Gonzales 8B take tough loss

The Gonzales 8B boys basketball team came up short against San Antonio Brooks Academy.

Philip Gonzales led in scoring with five points while Braxton Crane

and Tyrann Gonzales both had three points and Eric Gallegos, Gabriel Davidson, Luke Avant, Aden Hernandez and Jaekwon Hastings each had two points.

#### Gonzales 8A lose against Brooks

The Gonzales 8A boys basketball fought through a tough opponent in San Antonio Brooks Academy, but lost in the game.

Angel Martinez led with 11 points. Ryan Cantu and Jorge Amador both dropped 10. Colbie Pullin added four points while Josh Esparza had three and Mason Navejar finished with one point.

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GONZALES APACHES

## Playoff-bound Lady Apaches

*Lady Apaches prepare for postseason after dominating in 66-11 victory*

By José Torres  
Managing Editor

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GONZALES — The Gonzales Lady Apaches (9-3) were locked in at third place coming into Tuesday's district finale against San Antonio Brooks Academy (0-12). With nothing to play for, and with no warmup game at the end of the week, Lady Apaches head coach Brock Ramsey wanted to make sure his team used the first half to fine-tune the defense and make sure the girls were kept "in rhythm."

The Lady Apaches did just that, blowing out SA Brooks Academy 66-11.

"Basically [we used the first half to] just stay in the rhythm to what we were doing," Ramsey said, "working first half on our defense, taking the shots we need to be taking to prepare for the playoff game. Of course, it's always a tough situation when you feel like you got a pretty good chance to win a game pretty handedly, to be unfocused. Our girls stayed focused in the first half, executed what we wanted to execute."

Although coaches will always find aspects of a game to nitpick and try to improve on, it's going to be hard for the Lady Apaches coaching staff to see many flaws, if at all, on a 51-0 run. Gonzales' defense didn't allow a score until 4:44 left in the third quarter.

After that first half, Ramsey went deeper than usual in the bench to finish out the game with a 66-11 victory. Twelve Lady Apaches came away with points, with Devon Williams leading the way with 16 points.

Ali Rocha, Destiny Hunt, and Chelsie Hastings had eight points each while Chella Longoria had seven. Sophomore Sam Barnick scored six points.

The Lady Apaches celebrated senior night prior to the game as the team honored the trio of Hastings, Hunt and Kayley Martinez.

"The biggest thing for these three seniors is they've all done what's asked of them," Ramsey said. "They all have a piece to the pie, just like the rest of the team, and so they've all stepped into the roles we've asked of them. Chelsie has done a great job with her shooting, her defense has come on tremendous this year. Kayley has always been a great defender and this year stepped even more in that role. Been a great leader for us at that. Destiny of course has always been, she's had to play several different positions throughout her career and has stepped in each of those and done a great job for us and been there when we needed her."

Now, the Lady Apaches have their eyes set on Crystal City who took second in District 29-4A to Devine (ranked 21st in Class 4A this week by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches).



Senior Lady Apache Chelsie Hastings (4) goes for a layup in Gonzales' 66-11 blowout win against San Antonio Brooks Academy on Tuesday. Hastings finished the night with eight points. PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

"They're a solid team," Ramsey said of Crystal City. "They're really a triple-threat team. One guard that's a really good player, got a post player that plays inside outside some, can attack the basket. They got another young player that she's a good little baseline shooter and does all the kind of 'trash' work that you need a good player to do. They got three solid players that if we don't get after them can cause a little struggle."

The Javelinas usually play man defense, which caused problems for Gonzales early on, but the Lady Apaches have shown in recent history they are ready for it.

"Cuero played man and we beat them," Ramsey assured, "so we're

starting to understand what to do in those situations."

The game plan for Gonzales next week will be the same game plan they've had all year. Be aggressive and wear out their opponents.

"Our rotation hasn't been because we're up big, so we substitute that deep part of the bench. They're part of our rotation off the bat," Ramsey explained. "You see it in the first quarter, nine of our 11 usually get in the first quarter. We're heavy and we're going to stay heavy and deep with it and we're going to run our rotation and run our system. With our defense, our game plan all year round is to wear teams out because most teams aren't as deep as we are and we feel like if we can do what we do in the first half, by the third quarter,

a lot of teams we've held to two or three points in the third quarter because of our depth and because of the way we stay with it and keep our girls fresh. When our starting five is fresh in the fourth quarter, we're pretty tough to stop."

Three starters and three bench players were in last year's playoff game. There's still plenty that haven't seen postseason action, but Ramsey hopes the experience outweighs the inexperience in this playoff run.

The Lady Apaches do not have a warmup game this week. They will take on Crystal City in the bi-district round of playoffs on Monday, Feb. 11 at Medina Valley High School in Castroville with tipoff scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

## SHOES

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athletes," he noted. "I got great relationships with a lot of the kids that maybe even quit and aren't in the program anymore."

I remember baseball games where Crane would cheer on a player stealing second by shouting out, "that's why you do track and field!"

He's everywhere, caring for everyone wearing the orange, black and white. And before taking on this Gonzales job, Crane cared about everyone in his previous job. And I bet he's going to do the same thing at Caddo Mills ISD.

My first time meeting Crane was when the school board approved his hiring. I was just one year into my job here at the Inquirer and he asked if I could hold off reporting the news until the

next morning, because he wanted to inform his athletes first.

I obliged, because I wanted to start this relationship on the right foot, but also because I thought it was neat that he cared so much that he wanted to tell his players in person about his new position.

Those are big shoes to fill for the next coach in charge.

I hope that whoever the decisionmakers hire as the next Apaches athletic direc-

tor is someone that cares as much as Crane does. Being a part of a winning football team is one thing. Being a part of a winning program with success everywhere

from girls cross country to boys soccer is even more special.

I remember a former athletic director years ago tell me he left the program a

lot better than he found it. I think it's safe to say, Crane did just that now. Here's hoping these kids are given an athletic director that can do the same.

**VOTE**  
**ALLEN TAYLOR**  
for  
**GONZALES COUNTY SHERIFF**

My name is Allen Taylor and I am running for the office of Gonzales County Sheriff in the upcoming 2020 Election. First and foremost, I would like to thank God for blessing me with the opportunity to serve the citizens of the city of Gonzales, but now I feel it is time to serve

the citizens of Gonzales County. I firmly believe my faith has led me in this direction, and I am ready to serve, protect, and provide a more secure environment for all our citizens. Serving as Gonzales County Sheriff has been a long-time goal of mine; a goal that I have worked, trained, and prepared for my entire career. It would be an honor and privilege to serve as your Sheriff in a community I have dedicated most of my career working in, and where my family and I call home.

As a law enforcement officer, I have 35 years of training and education with a special emphasis in criminal investigation, including supervisory experience. Thirty of those years were spent protecting and serving the citizens of the city of Gonzales while working for the Gonzales Police Department. The remaining five years were spent working around the Houston area. I hold a Master Peace Officer Certification and have accumulated over 2300 hours of continuing law enforcement education, including leadership training which is essential in the position I seek. Over the course of my career, I have worked my way through the ranks as an officer, lieutenant, and Captain over investigations. In May of 2018, I retired as a Captain and now I would love the opportunity to serve my community at a higher level and capacity.

As Sheriff, my main priorities will be to treat the citizens of Gonzales County with the respect they deserve; operate with transparency in order to re-establish trust within both the community and the Gonzales County Sheriff's Office; strive to build better relationships with other Law Enforcement Agencies and work closer with them in order to better serve the community as a whole; provide significantly needed leadership development for staff; bring valuable and beneficial training to all Employees within the Gonzales County Sheriff's Department, including the citizens of the county to be better prepared during critical situations similar to what we've seen happening around the nation; and finally, utilize our officers in a more efficient and effective manner on patrol and investigations to combat the drug related issues our county is currently facing which has led to other criminal activities.

The office of Sheriff is an elected position, elected by you; the citizens of Gonzales County. It is a position of leadership that comes with great responsibility, but most importantly, accountability. Responsibility and accountability which I am willing to accept because of my true desire to be the change the citizens of Gonzales county have asked for and are ready for. I ask for your support and vote at the polls. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you in the county my family and I so proudly call home. Thank you, and God bless.

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GONZALES APACHES

# Apaches eliminated from playoff contention

By José Torres  
Managing Editor

### District 30-4A

	W	L	%
Pleasanton	10	0	1.000
La Vernia	8	2	0.800
SA Brooks Academy	6	4	0.600
Cuero	5	5	0.500
Gonzales	3	8	0.273
Geronimo Navarro	2	8	0.200
Poteet	2	9	0.182



Senior Apache player Contrell Smith was effective Tuesday night, leading the team in scoring with 17 points as he went 8-of-13 from the field in Gonzales' 60-54 loss. PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

GONZALES — A frustrating up-and-down district season for the Gonzales Apaches will end without a playoff berth as the Apaches, down 60-39 with 1:47 left in the game went on a 15-0 run but ran out of time, losing to the visiting San Antonio Brooks Academy Bengals 60-54 to drop to 3-8 in District 30-4A and officially out of playoff contention. The Cuero Gobblers (5-5) won their game against Poteet (2-9), clinching a top-four finish in the district.

The Apaches' game plan going in was to slow the game down and limit possessions, especially since their press hasn't worked as of late. But being down 25 in the fourth quarter forced a change in strategy.

"I was like, 'guys, we're down 20, we have to press,'" head coach A.J. Irwin recalled telling the team during a timeout. "So we're pressing and they just wanted it, last two and a half minutes, they just wanted it, you know. That's what you witnessed, the

last two, two and a half minutes, the guys on the floor really wanted it. I think that's what made a difference at the end."

The Apaches outscored SA Brooks Academy 30-20 after scoring just 24 points in the first three quarters.

"The most frustrating thing about this is, the same thing I've been saying since I got here is the same thing I've been saying now and it's the same thing that I'll always say and that's it doesn't matter what we draw up, it doesn't matter what practice plan we have in place, it doesn't matter what scheme we run, it doesn't matter what offense we're running,

what inbounds we're running, if we practice Saturday morning, it doesn't matter if we practice every day of the

week, it doesn't matter if I open the gym, none of that matters if they don't want it," Irwin said. "They have to want it. And that last two and a half minutes they wanted it. And I asked them, 'guys, why? Why do we have to be down 25 points before you start playing? Why is it important then?' And one of the seniors says, 'I guess it's what we're used to.' It's like they have habitually been down in so many games for four years that it's a naturally thing that 'oh, now we have to play,' as oppose to starting as if we're down 20."

Too many times the Apaches have played from behind, trying to find a way to dig themselves out of the hole. Unfortunately for Irwin and his squad, the hole was just too deep. A 15-0 run in less than two minutes is impressive. Earlier in the game, the Bengals went on a 15-0 run themselves, but that was a span of eight minutes of game clock. But for Irwin, the Apaches shouldn't have to put themselves in that position.

The "want to," Irwin referred to

earlier needs to start at tipoff, not late in the fourth.

Leading scoring for the Apaches was senior Contrell Smith who shot 8-for-13, scoring 17 points. Brady Barfield added 11 points while Diego Diaz DeLeon and William Knox each had eight, Abreyoin Dora had four and José Niño and Jaydyn Lookabill each had three points.

The team has one game left as Friday's non-district bout against Waelder was canceled. Irwin and the Apaches will use the game to further the team's progression. Despite the disappointment, the team has shown improvement.

"From where we were this year versus last year, the growth has been great," Irwin said. "Now the last time that a team won more than two district games was in 2010-11 when they went to the playoffs. Last year we didn't win any, this year we're at three, and we just want to keep improving."

Gonzales hosts La Vernia for their season finale. Tipoff is scheduled at 7:45 p.m.

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