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Gonzales ISD superintendent to retire

Special board meeting called Thursday to schedule August retirement

By José Torres
Managing Editor

In a letter distributed out to the community, Dr. Kim Strozier has announced her intentions to retire as superintendent of schools for Gonzales ISD. Strozier is set to retire this August.

"As I approach the next phase in life, I am both excited and uncertain about what comes next in life," Strozier wrote in a statement. "I have been blessed

and honored to work in such a wonderful community with such supportive and excellent educators, involved parents, and with many other people that I respect and care about. I have seen exemplary work and commitment from some of the best teachers in all of my experiences right here in Gonzales ISD. Support and auxiliary staff are amazing in flexibility and care for their role in supporting our classroom work. I have enjoyed our students tremendously. They are our sunshine. I am so proud of their accomplishments and of you and your commitment to them."



Strozier

Strozier was hired as superintendent in 2010, replacing Vic Salazar who retired that year. She began her education career in 1986 as a teacher at Willis ISD and worked her way up through

the administration ranks before finding herself at Gonzales ISD as superintendent of schools.

"I am very humbled by the support and partnerships stemming from the Gonzales community," Strozier wrote. "I have never experienced as much community support in any of my educational experiences. Thank you for allowing me to work with you. Thank you for always supporting a wonderful school district. We have a few special

months to complete and many goals. The future is bright, cup half full and many other amazing opportunities abound for Gonzales ISD. There are not enough words to say how appreciative I am to have found Gonzales ISD. I thank you for the opportunity to serve Gonzales ISD. The Stroziars have made Gonzales their forever home and will continue to advocate and support

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Election Day for rollback Saturday

By Erik McCowan
Staff Reporter

The time is upon Gonzales voters to decide the fate of the city's tax rate. Will it stay at the \$0.3050 per \$100 of property tax valuation as decided by city council last year, or will it "roll back" to the \$0.2248 rate that petitioners would like to see?

A total of 474 voters cast their ballot during the early voting period last week, either by personal appearance or by mail. The ballot asks your agreement — or not — in "reducing the tax rate in the City of Gonzales for the current year from \$0.3050 to \$0.2248." You will need to only mark the ovals "For" or "Against" depending on your choice.

Voting will run from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, March 16. The one and only polling location is at Gonzales City Hall.



The view from J.B. Wells Park might look something like this if Float Fest organizers and the Gonzales city council come to an agreement starting tonight. The weekend music festival wants to move here for 2019, bringing an estimated 25,000 concertgoers to town as well as a lineup that boasts artists from the rap, pop, and EDM genres. ERIK MCCOWAN/GONZALES INQUIRER

Major music festival to be discussed at council tonight

By Erik McCowan
Staff Reporter

The Guadalupe River could get a lot more exciting this summer if a major music festival is granted permission to set up shop here.

A workshop is scheduled for tonight (Thursday) so that Gonzales city council members can get a full report on planning before action is made.

The event is dubbed Float Fest and has resided its whole existence, since 2014, at the Cool

River Ranch near Martindale on the San Marcos River. What started as a one-day event has become a weekend destination festival that provides overnight camping with a fusion of floating the river on inner tubes and live musical performances through-

out the day and into the night. The 2018 fest showcased acts like Snoop Dogg, Lil Wayne, Run the Jewels, Modest Mouse, The Toadies, and Tame Impala. The tunes tend to trend toward the

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Hidden gem: Stop by Elida's Snack Shop for good burger

By Erik McCowan
Staff Reporter

There's a few things that are certain in Waelder: trains, throngs of workers heading in for their shift, and tasty homemade burgers.

The Inquirer was out and about this week looking for those down-home, far-flung, sometimes overlooked eateries that some say you gotta try. Elida's Snack Shop was one, though our publisher only knew it as "that burger stand by the side of the road as you get into town." Oftentimes that's the code word for the best food around.

Romeo Ortiz and wife Elida opened the little burger stand just

shy of 18 years ago said Romeo, having to sit and think about it a while. While she wasn't there — she holds a regular gig across town managing the dollar store — she must be quite the lady, having her name on one of the best burger stops around. The couple have been together 36 years, so the secret must be in the burger sauce.

"I retired from my job a while back, so we started this and we enjoy it," Romeo said. "After hours she comes out here and helps me. We hang out here together."

The Snack Shop has covered outdoor seating for those wanting



Romeo Ortiz cooks up one of the best cheeseburgers you'll find around these parts. ERIK MCCOWAN/GONZALES INQUIRER

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Tickets available to GHS's The Book of Everything

Gonzales High School's The Book of Everything performs March 23 at 6 p.m. and March 24 at 2 p.m. in the Gonzales Jr. High Auditorium. Tickets sold at the door are \$6/adults and \$4/students and seniors. If you want dinner theatre tickets for the 23rd, they are \$16 and must be purchased in advance. Contact Mrs. Buesing at 830-857-3258.



Pictured here are Jacey Henrichs, Vicente Reyna, Tyler Barfield, Hope West as the taunting children and Emma Vega as Mrs. Van Amersfoort. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Gonzales High School UIL One-Act Play will perform at district on March 20 at La Vernia HS. Pictured is Emily Schramm as Mrs. Klopper, Jean Ortiz as Mr. Klopper, Krystalynn Buesing as Margot Klopper, and Daniel Garcia as Thomas Klopper.

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Birthdays

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Rosie Brown of Gonzales has purchased Boomers Sports Bar and changed the name to Spanky's, the nickname of her husband Keith. Pictured are Elvira Heinemeyer and Rosie Brown. PHOTO BY TERRY FITZWATER/GONZALES INQUIRER

Boomers Sports Bar changes owners, renamed Spanky's

By Terry Fitzwater
Editor & Publisher

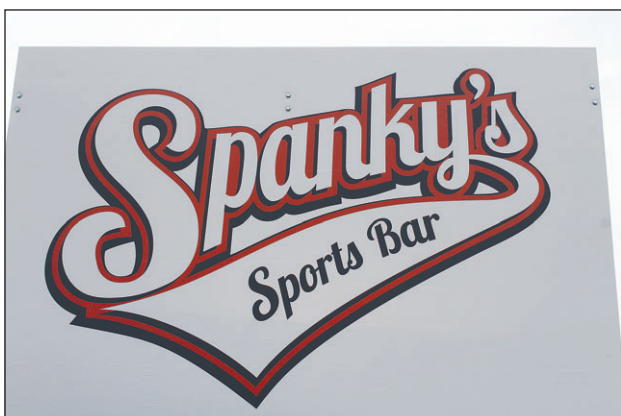
The times they are a-changing—at least for Boomers Sports Bar.

On Friday, March 8, Rosie Brown of Gonzales purchased the bar from Leann Wilkerson. She has changed the name of the bar to Spanky's, the nickname of her deceased husband Keith Brown. And more changes are planned.

"I was at the Elks in November when I heard that Leann was selling the bar," Brown said. "So I just sent her a text and we got together. We pretty much agreed on everything but decided to wait until after the holidays to get things rolling."

According to Brown, she wants to bring more events and things to the bar. She is in the process of putting up five additional wide screen televisions in order to capture the attention of sports enthusiasts. She is looking to bring draft beer to Spanky's, along with a variety of craft beers. In addition, she hopes to hold more pool tournaments, cook-offs, trivia nights and even karaoke.

"I like being around fun



people," Brown said. "I am really excited about this. It is my new journey in life. I don't think it's registered on me just yet, it actually makes me feel a little numb."

Brown says that Spanky's is not going to serve food, and she has plans to upgrade the parking lot with new gravel.

"It was Keith's dream to some day own a bar," Brown smiled. "I wouldn't let him because I told him he would drink up all the profits."

"But I think he would be very excited to know that I bought a bar and named it after him."

Brown says she is going to host a grand opening in a month or two, but first wants to get the feel of the

business and put some personal touches on the bar before she has the grand opening.

"We've already installed smoke eliminators in the bar for our non-smoking friends, and I think there will be more of those improvements coming. We'll just see."

Spanky's will have five or six employees, and will be open from 11 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday, and from noon until midnight on Sundays.

"I've been working here at W.B. Farm and Ranch Supply for years, and I intend to stay working here. But I am excited about this new chapter, and encourage everyone to come on out and see what we are doing."

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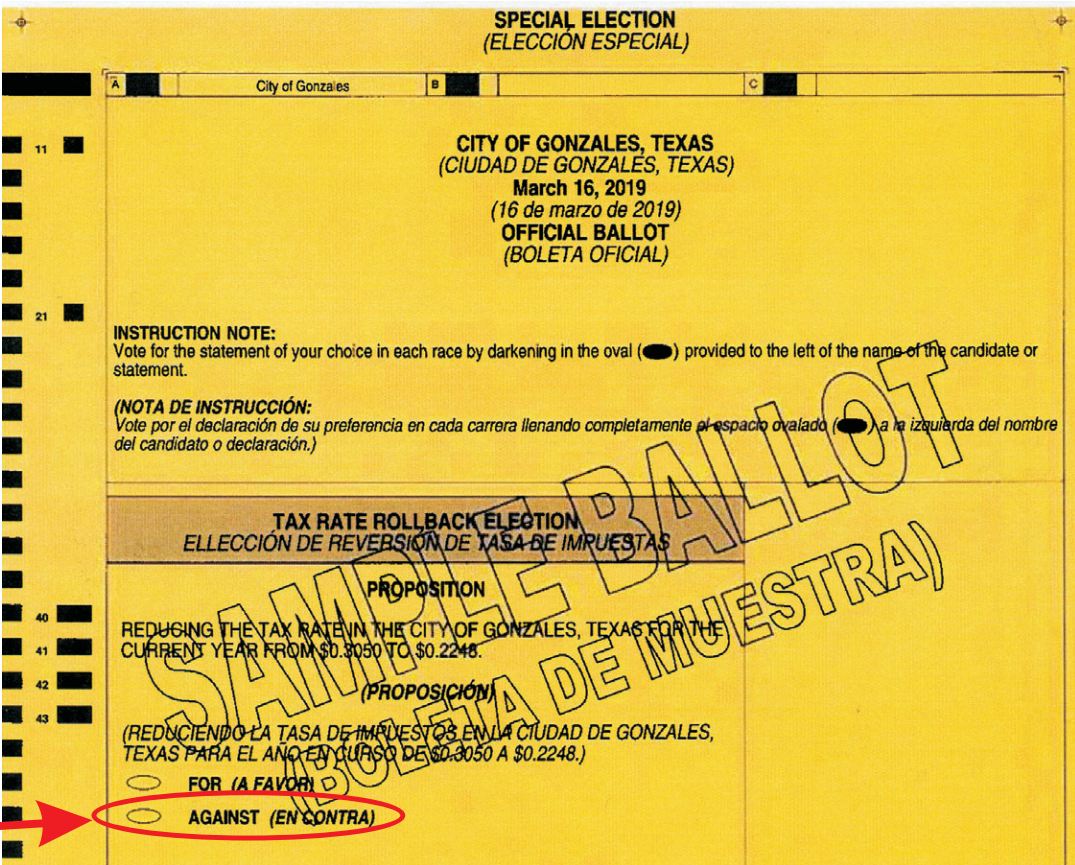
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Don't be confused by the language of the proposition on the voting ballot. The law is specific about how the verbiage will appear on a ballot. As shown in the sample ballot below, the proposition reads, **"REDUCING THE TAX RATE IN THE CITY OF GONZALES, TEXAS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR FROM \$0.3050 TO \$0.2248."** It doesn't mention the word "ROLLBACK" nor does it mention the pros or cons of a rollback. Over the last few weeks we explained the dire financial state of our city government and why a rollback is harmful to our city's financial health and the well-being of its citizens. Simply, we must fix what is broken. We can't do that while trying to operate in the same manner as we did before. Those wanting you to vote FOR the rollback want to punish the city for actions they believe were illegal... actions which have been resolved.

When you really get down to dollars and cents, the difference is merely \$2.50 per month per \$100k valuation. Is \$2.50 really worth putting your city into a perilous financial state? Let's help our city gain financial stability so we can make plans for the future. We ask you to vote **AGAINST** the rollback!



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On the road again

I had a Willie Nelson weekend. As in I was On the Road Again.

The human adventure began late Friday afternoon and ended up 48 hours later, with trips to Cuero, Schroeder Hall in Goliad, Luling, Austin, Bastrop, Waelder and Shiner. Too many miles but so many smiles.

The tale of the weekend started with friends Phillip and Lee piling into my Jeep on Friday. We pointed the vehicle south on 183, and it was off to Goliad to check out the second-oldest dance hall in Texas, Schroeder Hall. None of us had ever been there, and we wanted to see how it stacked up in comparison to the granddaddy of them all, Gruene Hall in New Braunfels. Along the way, we stopped for dinner at a Mexican place in Cuero and enjoyed conversation with the locals. Phillip was certain we had to be at Schroeder Hall by 6 p.m. as "the band starts at 6." When we got there, around 5:30, the place was closed. The hall didn't open until 6, and the band (Tyler McCumber) didn't go on until 8. So we moseyed on down to a little dive called Rusty Jo's and hung out with some good 'ol boys from the Goliad area. The banter between the



TERRY FITZWATER
Publisher's Perspective

Gonzales boys and the Goliad boys was lively and full of good-natured teasing. April behind the bar was a beautiful delight. The home-cooked food coming out of their kitchen was enormous and well-priced. I think I saw the world's largest club sandwich come out of that place. I will definitely go back.

Alas, time flew and we moseyed on back to Schroeder Hall. It was almost empty. The hall is a fine-looking facility, but when no one shows up it looks like a giant cavern. The staff told us that Saturday night was going to be the big show with the Spazmatics headlining. Just our luck. Drat.

Saturday, the long day's journey into night began in the morning. It was off to Luling to cover the Rajun' Cajun Throwdown festival. It was my first time to eat crawfish, and the servings were huge. Great weather, great music

and great people made it a wonderful afternoon to hang out in south central. I found my pal Egon Bartels playing public address announcer, so we hung out and chatted about music, Gonzales, dance halls and life in general. It was a good afternoon, and one that gave me hope that this miserable cloudy weather will go away soon.

After leaving Luling, I was headed back to Gonzales. My intention was to see the Captain Marvel movie at the Lynn Theater, but plans were interrupted when I got a call from my buddy Harlo.

"I've got a hankering to go up to Austin tonight," he said. "Want to go?"

My initial response was "no," but he twisted my arm and I finally relented. Along with our other pal Geno, it was off to Austin for another adventure. The biggest adventure, however, was the drive home, dodging critters and wildlife on the by-ways of Texas. It was a relief to be back in Gonzales.

All in all, the weekend encompassed over 500 miles of road, 10 hours of being in a car, and a few hundred bucks out of my wallet. But I wouldn't have missed any of it for the world. God Bless Texas.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Understand the facts, issues of rollback election

My Fellow Gonzales Citizens:

Today we find ourselves in a struggle. Throughout this campaign regarding the roll back of the city's tax rate, I have been frustrated by the infighting and accusations among our citizens. There are claims of illegal activity and violating first amendment rights, and that appropriate processes were not followed. And whereas it is common to quickly take up sides, I think it is more important that we take pause to understand the facts and the issues.

Here is what I know. The city's tax rate declined significantly from 2011 until 2016, at which point it was set at \$.1595 per \$100 of property valuation. As a side note, the tax rate in 2000 was \$.3377. In 2017, with the addition of new council members, the new council recognized the deteriorating financial position of the City. They now had a choice. Let the city's financial position continue to decline further or make the hard choice of raising taxes? The City could also reduce expenses, which it did. But how much more can you reduce expenses when you are already routinely criticized for continued lack of service and infrastructure?

There are claims the City has not followed the proper process to raise taxes. I have reviewed this, and in my opinion, there were no laws that were intentionally violated. The City did not act in bad faith in an effort to change the tax rate. Were mistakes made? Yes. Because mistakes were made, should we punish the city while putting us in even greater financial peril? No. That kind of

punishment would starve the city even further. What good will that do you as citizens of Gonzales? What good will that do for the businesses of Gonzales? The tourism industry of Gonzales? What good does that do for any prospect of economic development? My view is that by starving the city further, we are only harming ourselves.

As the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of GVEC, I am very concerned about the impact this roll back election will have on our community, if it passes. The City of Gonzales has served as GVEC's headquarters location since the 1940's when it moved from Cost. As a major employer and property tax payer, GVEC has a vested interest in the success of its hometown. We need a town with attractive squares and parks and a vibrant and renovated downtown. A town that shows pride in itself by investing and maintaining its streets, sidewalks and utility infrastructure. A town where we can be proud to bring industry representatives and other guests. And yes, a town where our current and future employees can be proud to call home.

This is what is at stake in this roll back election this Saturday. Either we will stand up and vote AGAINST the reduced tax rate and provide the City the resources it needs or we will starve it into greater financial peril. The choice is ours. I encourage you to vote AGAINST the roll back.

Respectfully,
Darren Schauer
General Manager & CEO
GVEC

Lawmakers start rolling out legislation

With the filing of legislation that would give teachers an across-the-board pay increase, Texas lawmakers showed progress toward solving the complex issues of school finance and property tax reform.

Senate Bill 3, passed March 4 by the full Senate on a voice vote, would entitle each classroom teacher and full-time librarian to a state-financed \$5,000 increase above their 2018-2019 school year salary. The bill would not stop school districts from providing merit-based raises to teachers in addition to the state's \$5,000 increase.

Authored by Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, SB 3, if approved by the House, would make the raise effective for the school year beginning in the fall. Nelson said it would cost \$4 billion to give the state's estimated 350,000 teachers the raise, and that funds to cover the pay hike will be in the state budget.

"The one thing we should do, first and foremost, is to recognize the need to uplift our entire teaching profession," she said.

Meanwhile, in the west



ED STERLING
Capital Highlights

end of the Capitol building, House members have been working on their own school finance reform legislation. House Bill 3 is called "The Texas Plan" by its author, House Public Education Committee Chair Dan Huberty, R-Houston.

Huberty said his bill, which has gained bipartisan support and has more than 80 members signed on as coauthors, would invest \$9 billion above enrollment growth while addressing student achievement, teacher quality and property tax reform. HB 3, Huberty added, represents "the first major rewrite of the state's public school finance system undertaken without threat of a court order."

A few of the bill's attributes include:

- Lowering school property tax rates by four cents statewide;
- Funding for full-day pre-kindergarten for low-income students; and

• Increasing the minimum teacher salary schedule.

Disaster relief is goal

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick on March 6 joined Senate members in announcing a package of bills dealing with disaster relief and recovery from Hurricane Harvey, which caused widespread devastation in the late summer of 2017.

"We said at the time we would dedicate ourselves to helping people rebuild their homes, their businesses, their communities," said Patrick.

• SB 6 by Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, makes use of the knowledge gained in dealing with Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath. "Senate Bill 6 will serve as a road map to prepare our state for future hurricanes and natural disasters," said Kolkhorst.

• SB 7 by Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe, would create a financial structure to pay for aid, planning and flood projects, considering that many federal aid programs require that local entities put money up front to qualify for fund matches. Creighton's bill would tap into the state's Rainy Day Fund to help local

governmental bodies satisfy buy-in requirements.

• SB 8 by Sen. Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, would create a statewide flood mitigation plan that divides Texas into regions based on river basins, then allows regional officials and stakeholders to decide what projects they need to protect people and property from flooding. The state would ensure that those plans work with each other and combine them into a statewide plan, according to the Senate News Service.

Revenue total announced

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on March 4 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.796 billion in February, an amount 7 percent more than he announced in February 2018.

On March 6 Hegar announced the comptroller's office would send cities, counties, transit systems and special-purpose taxing districts \$711.7 million in local sales tax allocations for the month.

The amount is 6.1 percent more than the amount reported a year ago. These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notes on the rollback election

There are a few points I would like to address. First, the rollback election is only about revenue, "money." Pure and simple. It has nothing to do with anything else. No one wants to pay taxes, but some realize that in order to have a decent city to live and work in, they are required; and, the rate set is reasonable and a responsibly set rate. Others just do not want to pay taxes regardless.

Second, if you want to know where the money is going. The whole budget is listed on the city's website.

Yes, it is over a hundred pages; but, if truly interested, you can make your way through it. Also, right above the budget is an actual month by month register of the actual funds spent.

Third, the electric department was never a cash cow. The extra electric department funds spent to fund the general budget (needed due to the tax rate set too low to adequately fund the city budget), should have been available to maintain the electric system, which is part of the deteriorating infrastructure. Fourth, the city only contracted out the actual maintenance of the electric system as it was the most cost-efficient way to handle the cost the city was facing to bring the electric departments equipment, up to OSHA's requirements and so they could past the safety inspections. This problem existed due to previous counsels not spending the electric funds to maintain that equipment. The city still owns the electric system. The city still collects all the money.

James Lawrence
Gonzales, Texas

Gonzales budget, rollback issue math

Dear Editor,
A little math about Gonzales's budget and the rollback issue.

Divide \$27,000,000 by Gonzales population (7,628) and that equals 3,539.591 (rounded).

That is \$3,529.60 for every man, woman and child living in the city limits.

I know that businesses, factories, etc. will pay some of this. However raising city utilities, even tripling, will only pay a fraction of this.

Daniel Keith
Gonzales

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The Gonzales Chamber of Commerce named 4L RV Ranch the chamber's member of the month for March. Accepting the award was RL RV Ranch owner Kenna Brzozowski Lucas. The RV ranch is located on 26 Lucas Lane. Reach them at 4lrvranch.com. PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

Gonzales chamber members donate to Norma's House



Gonzales Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Daisy Scheske Freeman presented a check worth \$15,600 to the Norma's House staff last week. The check amount represented the donations given by chamber members at the chamber banquet weeks ago. Contributors include Tony Powers, Dr. Adam Panos, GVTC, H.C. Schmidt, Kitchen Pride, Chad Frederick, TXGN, State Darm, Dustin and Erika Lester, J.D. Shelton, Gonzales National Bank, Sage, Baker Boys, AC Collision and A&S Recycling. Pictured (in no particular order) is Freeman along with Norma's House Executive Director Deane Novosad, Judy Parks, Kimberly Wilson and board members April Noahubi (president of the board) and Linda McKee. PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

Updated property tax information available for Texas taxpayers

GONZALES — New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Gonzales Central Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons age 65 or older.

"Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws," said John Lifford, Chief Appraiser of the Gonzales Central Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you."

This includes information about the following programs.

• Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans — The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by disabled veterans or surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. Another partial exemption is for homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of

service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action. The deadline for applying is April 30th.

• Property Tax Exemptions — Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units, ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the freeport exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions. The deadline for applying is April 30th.

• Rendering Taxable Property — If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming. The deadline for rendering is April 1st for Gonzales Central Appraisal District.

A penalty may be imposed for a late-filed rendition. A written request must be filed with the chief appraiser on or before April 1st to request an extension.

• Appraisal Notices — Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

• Property Taxpayer Remedies — This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

• Homestead Exemptions — A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

• Productivity Appraisal — Property owners who use land for timber land production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to

their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on production, versus market value. The deadline for applying is April 30th. A penalty for a late-filed application may be imposed.

• Residence Homestead Tax Deferral — Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

• Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older or Disabled or Disabled Vet-

eran Homeowners — Texans who are age 65 or older or disabled, as defined by law, or who may qualify for a disabled veteran exemption may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue at 5 percent per year on the unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

• Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication — In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000, or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other me-

dia with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

• Protesting Property Appraisal Values — Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB. Protest forms are included with your appraisal notice.

For more information about these programs, contact Gonzales Central Appraisal District at P.O. Box 867, 928 St. Paul Street, Gonzales, Texas 78629 – Telephone (830) 672-2879. Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at: comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.



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Answers found in Classifieds.

OBITUARIES

RICHARD WAGNER "DICK" ROESSLER III

Richard Wagner "Dick" Roessler III, 65, of Waelder, passed away Monday, March 4, 2019. He was born Nov. 19, 1953 in Houston, the son of Richard W. Jr. and Martha Gibson Roessler. He attended the University of Texas-Austin and received his BBA in 1977. He married Holly Lynn Pumphrey on June 28, 1980 in Fort Worth.



He was a long time CPA and later worked as an accountant for the Carlton Case Company in Austin. He enjoyed barbecuing, reading history, road trips with friends and sitting on the deck listening to music. He was an avid Texas Longhorn fan. Most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends especially time with his best friend his cousin, Brad.

A celebration of Dick's life will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home 906 St. Paul Street, Gonzales.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years Holly Roessler; daughter, Whitney Roessler Campos and husband Carlos of Round Rock; son, Mitchell Roessler of Hous-

Bonnie Jane Vernor, 85, of Gonzales, passed away Thursday, March 7, 2019. She was born Jan. 20, 1934 in Gonzales, the daughter of Kenneth E. and Lucille Iley Witten. She married Walter Stanley Vernor May 13, 1961 in Laredo.

She was a secretary for Tyson Foods and retired in the mid 90's. Bonnie loved traveling and went on several cruises with her husband after their retirement. She enjoyed traveling through the Texas Hill Country, horse racing and trips to casinos.

BONNIE JANE VERNOR



She was very passionate about her beloved dogs; invited her girlfriends to her home for parties; al-

ways dressed her best and treasured time spent with her family and loving friends.

She is survived by her daughter Cindy Smith and husband Ross of Gonzales; grandchildren, Wade Hill, Jennifer McRae and husband Ramiro and Sarah McRae; great-grandchildren, Brittani, Coy, Suzanna, Ramiro Jr., Krimson, Olivia, Lola and Robby; great-great grandson, Mathias; brother Darrell Witten and wife Patsy of Nachodoches; niece Kena

Totsch and husband Rick of Joshua; nephew Kenny Witten of Monroe, Louisiana; great-niece Vivian Totsch of Joshua and many loving friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A celebration of Bonnie's life will be held 5 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at The Gonzales Elks Lodge. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Gonzales Elks Lodge. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.

LANGDON KARL HUTTON

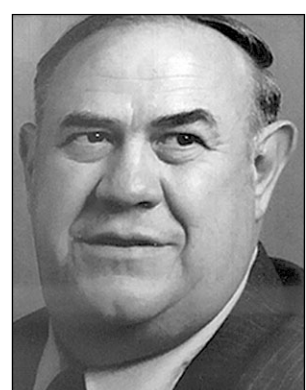
Langdon KARL Hutton passed away Feb. 16 in Luling, Texas. He was born Nov. 14, 1936 to Samuel Langdon and Dorothy Buhler Hutton in Houston, Texas. Karl is survived by his son, Michael Langdon Hutton of Harwood, Texas; his sister, Sharon Hutton White and husband Jim of Shreveport, Louisiana; his sister-in-law, Martha Flukinger and husband Kenneth of Harwood, Texas and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Laura Sue Smith Hutton; and his daughter, Lisa Dorann Hutton; his parents; his brother, Barry Ramon

Hutton and his nephews, Barry Hutton Jr. and Quinn Mark Flukinger.

He married Sue on Feb. 1, 1958 in Houston, Texas. He served in the U.S. Air Force, retired from Sears Roebuck & Co., worked for ACR Supply Co. in Austin and worked for Gonzales County in both employment and volunteer positions. He was a member of Harwood Methodist Church, Waelder Volunteer Fire Department and South Texas Emergency Network. He enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling, emergency amateur radio services and helping

in the community where needed. He and his wife had lived in Biloxi, Mississippi; Panama City, Florida; Houston, Texas; and Oak Ridge North near Conroe, then built and ran the Diamond H Campground near Cold Springs, Texas until he was transferred to Austin. Then they lived in Taylor until 2003 when they moved to Harwood, Texas.

A memorial service will be held March 16 at Harwood Methodist Church in Harwood, Texas at 11 a.m. Following the services there will be fellowship, memories, and food at his home "Gopher Hill." In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Waelder Fire Department, (City of Waelder, P.O. Box 427, Waelder 78959-c/c Waelder Fire Department) or charity of your choice.



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JEFF HOLMES

Jeff Holmes, of Gonzales and formerly of Nixon, was called to his eternal home on March 6, in Gonzales, Texas, at the age of 58. He was born Dec. 23, 1960, in Pasadena, Texas, to the late Tommy Polan Holmes and Mollie Sue (Lay) Holmes.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Mary (Ivey) Holmes; two sons: Owen Holmes and Cody Holmes; his sis-



ter, Tammy Raymond and husband Greg; numerous nieces and nephews and other loving family and friends.

A visitation will be held Friday, March 8, from 5-7 p.m. at Finch Funeral Chapel in Nixon.

Memorial Service Saturday, March 9 2 p.m. Finch Chapel Brother Terry Davis and Brother Gibson Nesbit will officiate the service with private burial at a later date. 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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WILLIAM BATISTE

William Batiste was born Dec. 7, 1941 to Sam and Rosie Batiste.

He attended Hebert High School and graduated in the class of 1961. He joined the U.S. Army in 1963. While serving in the military he met and married Donnell Qualls. To this union, two children were born; Sharon Batiste Lopez and William L. Batiste. He later met and married Phyllis Batiste.

He was preceded in death by both parents; stepsons, Christian Sopsheer and Anthony Davis; and brother, Walter Batiste.

William is survived by his wife, Phyllis Batiste; two children, William Batiste and Sharon Batiste Lopez; stepdaughter, Cheryl (Keith) Sanders; eight grandchildren; brother, Carl (Bertha) Alfred; sisters, Rose Nixon and Carolyn Evans of Beaumont, Texas; seven great grandchildren; two godsons; along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 14 with visitation from 10-11 a.m. and service starting at 11 a.m. at Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church 209 Capes Street Gonzales, Texas 78629. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, Texas at 2 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Bell & Bell Funeral Home - 6867 Montgomery Drive San Antonio, Texas 78239. (210) 657-2273. You may sign the online registry at www.bellandbellfuneralhome.com.

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MARCH 2019

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Gonzales Livestock Market, Inc.

Sale date: March 9
Receipts this week:
1,181 cattle
Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold fully steady.
Packer cows and bulls sold fully steady.

Stocker-feeder steers:

Medium and large frame No. 1:
150-300 lbs. \$200-207
300-400 lbs. \$190-198
400-500 lbs. \$180-188
500-600 lbs. \$157-175
600-700 lbs. \$141-155
700-800 lbs. \$127-135

Bull Yearlings:

700-900 lbs. \$80-110

Stocker-feeder heifers:

Medium and large frame No. 1:
150-300 lbs. \$170-175
300-400 lbs. \$158-168
400-500 lbs. \$150-156
500-600 lbs. \$132-145
600-700 lbs. \$125-127

Packer cows:

Good lean utility and commercial, \$48-58; Cutters, \$62-70; Canners, \$36-47;
Low yielding fat cows, \$47-54.

Packer bulls:

Yield grade 1 and 2, good heavy bulls, \$86-90; light weights and medium quality bulls, \$72-81.

Stocker cows:

\$650-900

Pairs: \$750-1,050

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Nixon Livestock Commission, Inc.

Sale date: March 11
Volume: 1,076
Cows: 169
Bulls: 16
Sheep & Goats: 1

Steers:

200-300 lbs. \$174-184-228
300-400 lbs. \$168-178-230
400-500 lbs. \$160-170-203
500-600 lbs. \$139-149-173
600-700 lbs. \$128-138-153
700-800 lbs. \$120-130-140

Heifers:

200-300 lbs. \$153-163-225
300-400 lbs. \$147-157-195
400-500 lbs. \$137-147-186
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600-700 lbs. \$117-127-155
700-800 lbs. \$100-110-128

Slaughter cows: \$25-75

Slaughter bulls: \$65-90

Stocker cows: \$550-1,100

Pairs: \$440-1,300

Sellers: 207

Buyers: 46

Notices: We will be closed on April 22 for Easter.



There are many ways to prevent squirrels from getting into your bird feeders. One method is to use pepper-flavored seed and suet, since birds don't taste the pepper, but squirrels do and they do not like it.

Try pepper to prevent seed-thieving squirrels

Q. Our red tip photinias are getting more and more decimated by the fungal leaf diseases that plague them. We tried fungal sprays and even collected all the infected leaves last year without stopping the decline. We have decided to give up the battle and go ahead and replace them. Last year you had some recommendations for a replacement shrub. The hedge is in full sun and it would be best if it was 8 feet tall.

A. Standard Burford holly would meet those requirements. It is evergreen, reaches 8 feet tall and is drought tolerant after it becomes established. The winter berries are dec-



CALVIN FINCH
Gardening Q&A

orative and will be eaten by the birds in late winter. The plant is a disciplined grower so does not require much pruning. Burford hollies are also relatively disease and pest free. Plant them 6 feet apart for a dense hedge.

Q. What do you recommend doing in a bird-feeding effort to reduce the dominance by squirrels? I feel like they eat over half of our sunflower seeds!

A. There are several tactics to consider. I use the metal Absolute feeders with weight sensitive perches for the sunflower seeds. You can also feed more safflower seed and less sunflower seed. The birds like safflower seed but the squirrels don't. Another effective strategy is to use pepper flavored seed and suet. Birds don't taste the pepper, but the squirrels do and do not like it. The pepper flavored seeds and suet even seems to discourage the raccoons.

Q. Our Florida King peaches seem to have made it through the latest freeze. What should we be spraying them with to ward off diseases and insects? We had problems with stink bugs last year.

A. I recommend that you alternate between spraying with Sevin and malathion each week for insects. The two products can handle stink bugs. Sevin is not being manufactured anymore but some nurseries still have it available for sale. Use Captan to protect against funguses. Organic gardeners can try sprays with pyrethrin and neem oil or sulfur as the active ingredients. Follow label instructions.

Q. I see that the nursery is already selling zinnia transplants. We like zinnias for cut flowers and as a nectar source for butterflies. Do you recommend we pull the snapdragons in the flower garden to make room for zinnias?

A. I also like zinnias, but the snapdragons probably

still have a month and a half of good blooming left. Leave the snaps that look good and gradually replace them with zinnias.

Q. Our lawn has looked great all winter but now it is showing some coarseness and fading. Should we fertilize it?

A. No, it is too early to fertilize the lawn. What you are probably seeing is the decline of the rescue grass that prospered in the lawn area all winter. It is a cool weather weed that declines when warm weather arrives. Your permanent lawn grass (zoysia, St Augustine, or Bermuda grass) will begin growing now. Fertilize the lawn with slow-release lawn fertilizer after you mow real grass (not weeds) twice, usually in late April.

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Gonzales Master Gardeners annual spring plant sale held this Saturday

The annual Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, March 16 from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Texas Heroes Square in downtown Gonzales. We are growing many plants for your shopping pleasure as well as purchasing many varieties from our wholesalers.

There will be a wide assortment of beautiful vegetables plants available to choose for your spring garden. Tomatoes are always in demand and there will be many varieties to choose from. There will also be a great selection of pepper plants, squashes, cucumbers and eggplant.

Start planning and preparing your beds now! The last frost date for our area is March 15 so it will be a great time to get your vegetables in the ground. Add to that a great selection of herbs. Cooking with fresh herbs is a great reward for growing them.

We are growing a nice selection of roses for this year's sale. We will have a selection of Peggy Martin Roses, Lady Banks climbing rose, Belinda's Dream, Grandma's Yellow Rose/Nacogdoches rose and a few more. The Peggy Martin Rose is named after Peggy Martin who lived in Plaquemines Parish a few miles across the Mississippi River from the city of New Orleans. Mrs. Martin had gotten a rose cutting of this thornless climber in 1989 in New Orleans from her friend Ellen Dupriest who had gotten her cutting from her mother in law, Faye Dupriest who had gotten hers from a relative in New Orleans (a "pass-along plant"). In August 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused much destruction in Louisiana including Peggy Martin's home. Her home and gardens were under 20 feet of salt water for two weeks. Upon her return the "Peggy

Martin Rose" and a crinum lily were all that was left of her gardens. The rose is said to be a true survivor.

There will be a nice selection of bougainvillea, spring annuals and Texas adaptive natives and perennials. Check out our selection of succulents and cacti. We will have citrus trees available to include Satsuma oranges, Mandarin oranges, Meyers lemons and Ruby Red grapefruit. We will also have some blueberry, blackberry and pomegranates at the sale.

The event will be held rain or shine. There will be a children's activity booth, silent auction and a plant information booth for your enjoyment. We will be accepting cash or checks and hopefully credit cards. Gonzales Master Gardeners is a non-profit 501 (3) (3) organization under the direction of Texas AgriLife Extension Service. Our programs include working with GISD children teaching them about gardening and horticulture and teaching others in our community. For more information, contact Fran Saliger (830-672-2953) or visit our website at www.gonzalesmastergardeners.org.

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On March 6th, the Alamo came to Gonzales and laid a wreath at the monument honoring the Immortal 32. Direct descendants of the Immortal 32, Sons and Daughters of the Texas Revolution, and other citizens attended the solemn ceremony.

Luling celebrates Rajun Cajun Throwdown

Saturday, March 9th, the city of Luling through its Main Street Program hosted the 9th annual Rajun' Cajun Throwdown. World class crawfish, jambalaya and gumbo were the food mainstays of the day. Games, rides and music were prevalent on the 80-degree day, but the real competition was at the miniature race track where kids were allowed to race on an improvised road course. PHOTOS BY TERRY FITZWATER/GONZALES INQUIRER



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Shiner St. Paul High School inducts new members to National Honor Society



St. Paul High School held a National Honor Society induction last week. New members pictured include (from left, back row): Patrick Green, Braden Clampit, Luke Darilek, Carson Reese, Grant Barta, Cade Davis, Jeffrey Decou, Sam Benes and Ted Machacek. Pictured on the front row (from left) are Brooke Pesek, Holly Hull, Katie Wilgus, Maria Janecek, Paige Brown, Tristin David, Danni Blair and Jane Twyford. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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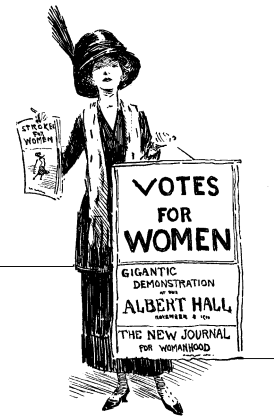
In fact, it's hard to write a story that doesn't have any conflict in it. The plots of most stories usually involve conflict in one form or another. That's where the dramatic tension arises that moves the story along and keeps you interested.

person against nature



Of course, these conflicts occur in everyday life as well as in stories. In interpersonal (person to person) conflicts — the type we'll focus on — the source of the conflict may be values, needs, or resources. People may have differences because they have opposing ideas or beliefs, because their emotional needs — for love, self-esteem, and so on — conflict (or seem to), or because they want the same material resource. In some conflicts, members of a group have differences among themselves or with another group.

person against society



person against person



Would it surprise you to know that conflicts over resources are usually the easiest to work out? Conflicts over values and strongly held beliefs tend to be the hardest to resolve. People usually defend their beliefs vigorously and often become very emotional when challenged. People take conflicts over issues like religious beliefs much more personally than they do conflicts over material goods.

person against himself/herself



The tricky part is that conflicts over needs or values can sometimes be disguised as conflicts over simpler matters. You and a friend may get into an argument if you forget to pay him the money you owe him. But if he's really upset because you didn't keep a secret when he asked you to, paying back the money isn't likely to solve the problem. The money issue is covering up the real issue, which is trust.



- Pick out a favorite short story and decide which type or types of dramatic conflict is the main focus of the story. Briefly describe the story to your class and point out the conflict involved. As a class, see if you can think of similar conflicts that have been in the news.

- Look for examples of each of the four types of dramatic conflict in news articles. (You might want to divide the class into groups so that each group can look at a different section of the newspaper.) Circle or underline each example of conflict you find. In your own words, explain the conflict to the rest of the class.

- Look for an article in your newspaper about each of the three kinds of interpersonal conflicts: resource, emotional needs, and value conflicts. Find one of each and share your findings with your class. Do this over a week or two and tally the results to see which type of conflict is most frequently in the news.

- Look for a picture of someone in the news who's involved in a conflict over a value or belief. What emotions do you think this person is having? What value or belief is involved?

Expressions of Conflict

- Arguments
- Fistfights
- Competitions
- Debates
- Taking a case to court
- Wars
- Protests
- Strikes
- Boycotts
- Civil disobedience
- Dyeing your hair purple
- Committing a crime
- Defending your ideas
- Making a difficult decision
- Controlling your temper
- Acting out



- Are all of these expressions of conflict bad? If not, why not? Does the way the conflict is expressed make a difference or is conflict itself the problem? Discuss.

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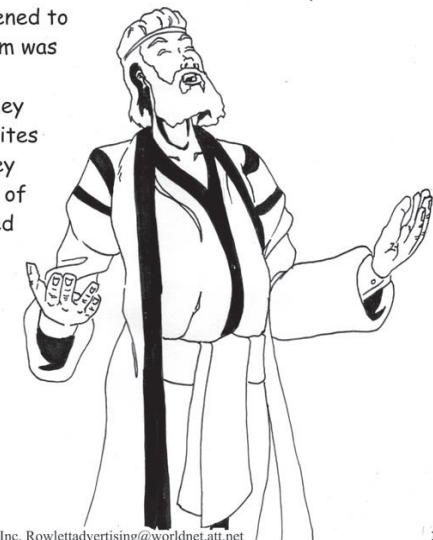
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To Know Him

Just how much power does the devil have? Absolutely not any. In the death, burial, resurrection and being ascended to heaven, Jesus crushed the head of Satan's power. Spoiled him and made a show of him in his own territory, when Jesus was raised out of hell. He went there for you and I and paid the full price once and for all, triumphing over them principalities and powers. Colossians 2:15

All the devil has is deception. He gives you a thought in your mind. The battle is in the mind. We are not to entertain this thought. But we are to replace that thought with what the Word of God says. Here lies the problem. Not many Christians know what the Word of God says. They entertain all the other distractions. Today it is texting, TV in abundance. Never reading the Bible. You see how the devil has distracted you. You're too busy to give the Lord 30 minutes in the morning or evening to read the Psalms or Proverbs or the Epistles, which are the letters to the church. He's got you. He'll place that thought in your mind and continue to hammer you with it until you confess fear, failure, etc. which will open the door to more hurt for you. He uses your mouth to speak death and defeat. He's a real distraction. "I can't believe it" or "It's unbelievable." Those are all lies from the enemy. Look how much these two phrases are used. The Bible says in Mark 9:23 "With God, all things are possible to him that believeth."

I can believe and I do believe in the impossible because with God all things are possible. Just speak these four words "I believe I re-

ceive," did you notice when you say them how good you feel in your very own spirit.

When you know who you are in Christ, what you have in Christ and what you can do in Christ, you'll rise up and say Mr. Devil, I break your power over all those lies you are saying, in Jesus name. Go from me. Just start laughing at him.

He doesn't like to be laughed at. The Bible says in Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon formed against me shall prosper and every tongue that shall rise against me thou shalt condemn." The ministering spirits I release them to watch over my family and love ones. Hebrew 1:14 I send them out to go get me jobs. Thank you Lord for providing them to help me and also I thank you for the Holy Spirit that abides inside me and goes with me everywhere. He's the guide on the inside, thank you for the anointing that is upon me. It makes me bold to speak the oracles of God. I don't waiver. When He made you, He broke the mold, there will never be another like you. Isn't God amazing. He gave us His very DNA. We are just like God and made in His image. We are born of His Spirit and I John 2 says, "I wish above all things that you prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers". Prosper means to have full supply of everything. If you need something just thank God for

it in advance and I say thank you Lord for it. Then in about 2 or 3 days it comes. Hallelujah!

What a wonderful Father we have. He gives us a thought we think on and when we confess it, it's done. Rhema is a word which means "God speaking to you." Do you have ears to hear? He'll speak to me about something and often times He wants me to release it out of my mouth for the whole state of Texas. Why is that? God has given the church the authority to carry out His will on the earth. In order to do so you must know His will and His word. His word IS His will. Ephesians 1:16-23 and I John 5:14-15

But, He speaks to those who have ears to hear when He endeavors to carry out His plan on the earth. This is an every minute of the day. The time is short. Jesus is coming back really soon. Have you made plans to spend eternity with Him?

Romans 10:13 "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". I believe Jesus died for me. He was raised from the dead for me.

You said to me, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37 I know you won't cast me out, but you take me in and I thank you for it.

You also said, if I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. Romans 10:9 I believe with my heart and I have become the righteousness of God in Christ. II Corinthians 5:21 and I am saved.

Thank you Lord! Amen!

It's never too early

Hey there folks. Hope everyone is doing well and enjoying this early spring weather. As I was opening my blinds after waking up this morning, I took a minute to soak up and appreciate the view. My donkeys were busy grazing on fresh clover while surrounded by wildflowers. Very picturesque, as the sun was just starting to break through the light fog, God's creation in all its glory, quite beautiful, peaceful and tranquil, a great way to start the day!

I've been praying a lot for the people in Alabama, who unfortunately last week, lost loved ones to the worst U.S. tornado disaster since Moore, Okla. in 2013. Ten out of 23 deaths occurred within the same family, with another 90 being injured, not to mention the huge property and financial losses. Our son Matthew moved to Norman, Okla., a few minutes south of Moore, just after the catastrophe. He helped with some of the cleanup, commenting that the amount of destruction was simply unfathomable, never before experiencing anything like it. I can't even imagine the level of trauma, loss and grief some of those people in Oklahoma, and now, Alabama are having to endure. Losing Eloise just about killed me, if it weren't for God, who knows what that outcome might have been, so please keep these people in your prayers, as they desperately need them.

This week's shout out goes to Deborah Pena of Smiley. After running into her and her husband Jake the other day, she presented me with a loaf of her freshly baked banana nut bread. Yep...all gone! Deborah has recently started her own business, Heavenly Treats. Specializing in cakes, cupcakes, cookies and breads and can be reached at 830-534-8699. So, for those of you in need of a sweet fix, like me, give her a call, your taste buds will thank you. She's also running for city council, and will make a valuable addition to our local government.

Last week I left off with Eloise being raised by her aunt and uncle, due to her mother battling tuberculosis for almost three years in a sanatorium. After her mother's recovery, mom and dad were reunited, but trouble in paradise was brewing (pun intended), in the form of alcoholism. As Manuel's drinking increased, so did his anger and violent tendencies, eventually leading to divorce.

I'd like to interject at this point; I met Manuel when he was in his early 70s. Years before, he had finally gotten sober and accepted Christ, becoming the man that God created him to be, sounds like someone else I know (yep...that'd be me). He watched over and helped Eloise and the boys until God brought me into the picture. We had the privilege of spending a lot of time together and becoming best friends. I had fixed up a mobile home on our property here in Smiley so he could live here with us, unfortunately for us, God called him home just a month before we were all to move in. While being a devastating loss for us, I believe he and I ended up being great examples that people can actually change when they submit to Christ. Thank you, Lord!

Eloise always spoke of her child-



ERIC ESTES
Love, Eric and Eloise

hood with great affection, smiling from ear to ear anytime the subject arose. Her uncle (Tito) was a trash collector at Ft. Sam and always brought Eloise "presents" from his day's findings, books, jewelry and other trinkets. How's that saying go; One man's trash is another little girl's treasure? He once brought her a pair of ballet slippers, which she absolutely adored, to the point that she wore them with everything, and they could hardly get her out of them. They finally grew into her feet and her legs had to be amputated...just kidding of course, wanted to see if you were still paying attention, yeah, she married a sicko! Guess that's what I get for eating paint chips as a kid.

Eloise always wanted to dance professionally, and while that didn't quite happen for her, she did manage to teach at Arthur Murray Dance studios as an adult. One of her favorite dancer/actress was Cyd Charisse. Cyd was born in Amarillo in 1922 and started dancing as a child to help recover from a bout with polio. She went on to star in over 30 films from 1945 through 1978, winning an Oscar in the process.

The movie that always stuck in Eloise's mind was Singing in the Rain (1952), starring Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds, remembering a scene where Gene and Cyd danced while white veils blew around them. This was so memorable for her that she painted herself dancing in front of the moon, with white veils blowing around her, while in her 60s. She did an excellent job on it and it's hanging in our bedroom, I look at it every night before going to sleep, (still missing you too much, honey). Funny how things from our childhood stick with us the rest of our lives, helping to shape who we become. There's still much more to her story, so please stay tuned.

Eloise was baptized into the Catholic religion as an infant and was given her first bible and rosary by her aunt Lybia. Learning to love and serve God from a very early age is something else that helped to define and mold her. She never gave up on God (even after several detours along her journey) and would always take the time to encourage or pray for anyone in need and spent countless hours studying and researching for church bulletins, bible studies and these articles. Some of her messages have been preached in several states from behind pulpits, and were well received. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it." In this day and age where God has almost become a dirty word, we need to fight the forces of evil and human self-centeredness with everything we've got. So just remember, it's never too early to, "Teach your children to choose the right path."

Until next time, love you guys, Eric.

This is who you should fear

It is clear that the main political strategy of the democratic party is the all-out effort to instill fear in our citizens. One of the primary means of doing so is the continual warning of the impending destruction of our planet through what is called by most "climate change." I watched with amazement and disgust recently as a group of young school children expressed their concern over how our planet is soon to be ruined if we do not all get on board. I suppose they are being coached well, albeit in the wrong direction. Then there are the politicians who are sounding the alarm that if we don't do something, the world will be destroyed within 12 years. Those that refuse to get on board in full support of their pseudo science are placed in the category of moronic Neanderthals. Please study the issue for yourself. This is one more way for the government to expand its control and overreach into our lives. Raising cattle, eating meat, and driving a car is not about to bring this planet to its demise. I would imagine that many in colder climates of the world might thoroughly enjoy a slight increase in temperature.

What I find more disconcerting is that many who fear that the earth is about to implode upon itself seemingly have no fear for their eternal souls. There is a place



CLINT LOWERY
Pastor's Corner

for fear, and it is not the fear that the mercury might rise a bit and the sea levels might increase. The Scripture instructs us to fear God. "Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:26-31)

The follower of Christ is not to be ruled by hear. Three times in these verses the believer is told, "Do not fear." In the preceding section Jesus had just warned of the persecution that His followers could expect. "Behold, I send

you out as sheep in the midst of wolves." (Matthew 10:16) Throughout the centuries faithful Christians have shown that we will not cower even under the threat of death. "And do not fear those that kill the body but cannot kill the soul." We must value the soul immeasurably more than the body.

Yet there is a place for fear. It is the fear of God. "Fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." I'm reminded of one of the thieves crucified on either side of our Lord. He asked the other, "Do you not even fear God?" Many in our culture who are seeking to strike fear into others for purely political purposes show absolutely no fear of God. The most wicked and ungodly policies continue to be promoted while truth is scorned. So I ask in the same way that the thief on the cross asked, "Do you not even fear God?" He alone has power to destroy and cast into hell. It is not ultimately the destruction of the planet that you should fear. It is the destruction of your eternal soul. Yet in love and grace He has again given you opportunity to repent and trust in Him. Trust the Savior. And do it now!

Clint Lowery is pastor at Memorial Heights Baptist Church

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Conference Schedule

<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Sunday Morning March 24th</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">1st Session- 10:30 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">"Identifying the blind spots in your life"</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">LUKE 10</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">Tuesday Evening March 26th</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">4th Session- 6:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">"How your past failures can affect your life"</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">EPHESIANS 6</p>
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Candidate explains back taxes situation

By Terry Fitzwater
Editor & Publisher

The *Gonzales Inquirer* has learned of a whisper campaign in Gonzales designed to embarrass mayoral candidate Rob Brown. The rumor mill stated that candidate Brown was in arrears on a few years of property taxes on property he owns.

Once the *Inquirer* learned of the rumors going around the community, we contacted mayoral candidate Rob Brown about the rumors. Brown was forthright in admitting he did have some arrearages, but then explained how

it came about and how he is going to have the issue resolved on or before April 5, 2019.

According to Brown, he owes over \$35,000 in back property taxes dating back a couple of years. He has been paying regular interest on many of the arrearages and is actively paying down on one of the properties. The problem arose when Brown made an agreement to sell a couple of parcels of land to an individual who agreed to pay the property taxes on the said properties in question, with the purchase price to be reduced by the amount of taxes paid.

However, the deal eventually fell through and Brown was stuck holding the tax bill.

"I want everyone to know that yes I am in arrears on a few properties, and I am not trying to hide anything. I told everyone I was going to be very transparent in my campaign, and I have been and will continue to be.

"Yes, I do owe back taxes on some property, but I do have a definite plan to pay these off on or before April 5, 2019. I have signed a purchase agreement to sell some land that will not only cover all of the outstanding taxes but clean up

everything. When that is done, I hope the same people who are denigrating me behind my back will take notice that the taxes are paid in full.

"Sometimes in business you have to finance some things to keep other things a float. People do it all the time, and I have been negotiating to sell this property for almost two years in order to cover the taxes. We finally got the deal done a few weeks ago, and there is an agreement to close on or before the 5th of April.

"Honestly I wish those who want to tear my campaign down

would have just come forward and asked me about it instead of talking behind my back. I have told everyone I would be completely transparent, and I have been and I will be.

"We need to get this town moving again, and I think full disclosure by everyone would be a good thing for this office and for this town. If we took that same amount of energy expended to tear me down and redirect it towards a real effort to collectively find the solutions for our shortcomings, we would be much better off."

Car show coming to town

The Vintage Motor Car Club of America is coming to Gonzales on March 31 - April 5 for the 38th Chrome Glidden Tour. Since 1938, the VMCCA has been traveling the USA in classic cars. On Wednesday evening, April 3, they will host a meet and greet at J. B. Wells Expo Center. Come see the

cars and visit with the owners or drive your classic car over and learn about VMCCA membership. Following the meet and greet, join them for a free movie and popcorn with "The Good Ole Boys" starring Tommy Lee Jones. For more, visit their website at www.vmcca.org

WIC: Spring into healthy habits

With spring time here, the WIC Program at Community Health Center of South Central Texas (CHCSCT), reminds you that there's no better time to start being active with family.

Physical activity can seem like a chore but setting aside 30 minutes a day can improve your sleep, immune function, and overall health. Check out some fun ideas that the whole family will enjoy.

- **Jump Rope:** Jumping rope can help improve balance and coordination while helping to keep muscles strong. Jumping works the muscles in the leg, which can help young kids safe from future ankle injuries. Take turns holding the rope and jumping rope for an inclusive family exercise. If you're already a jump rope pro, try Double

Dutch with two jump ropes at once!

- **Catch Bubbles:** Mix 6 cups of water, 1 cup of dish soap and ¼ cup corn syrup together in a bowl or shallow tray and let sit. Gather plastic cups and cut a medium sized hole in the bottom. Dip the top of the plastic cups (where you would normally drink out of) into the bubble solution. Use the hole on the bottom to blow bubbles. Recruit family and friends to go outside to catch bubbles or have a contest to see who can pop the most bubbles. Use this activity to encourage kids to get outdoors and have fun.

- **Dance Party:** Throw an impromptu dance party in your home or yard. Turn on your favorite music and let loose. Dancing helps with balance, coordination and it relieves stress.

- **Walk at a Local Park:**

Walking is a great exercise and a way to feel more comfortable getting into an exercise routine. Parks have sidewalks, which are a safer option for families to stay away from traffic. Did you know there are lots of great parks in the local area? Even if there are not sidewalks, nature hikes are a great way to stretch your legs as well! Check out <https://www.gonzales.texas.gov/p/departments/282> or <https://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/> to find a park near you that fits your walking needs.

To learn more about getting the family outdoors and staying active this spring, feel free to contact the WIC Program at CHCSCT at 830-672-7083, or stop by our home office at 229 Saint George Street in Gonzales.

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BURGER

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to dine al fresco. There's a good view of the coming trains, and about anything else that happens to wander by, as they are located on Hwy. 97 just before the tracks and the greater

downtown area. Just look for the big burger on the front of the building.

"We've got a lot of customers across the street at J-B who come here just about every day and a lot of truck drivers stop by," he said. "They like it."

Their menu holds burgers, hot dogs, chicken nug-

gets, Frito pie, drinks, ice cream, and snow cones. While business for the cones might be slow during the colder months, Romeo insists they taste good year-round. With flavors like strawberry, tutti fruiti, margarita, cherry, and apple, he's probably good at his word.

A first-person account of the \$5 cheeseburger confirms that it was definitely worth the stop. Next time, an order of fries or onion rings will be mandatory.

If you're in the area or want to head that way one day, the hours have you covered from lunch, brunch, and dinner. Elida's Snack Shop opens at 11 a.m. and closes "around 8:30-9 p.m."

Editor's Note: This article is one in a series that will highlight Gonzales County eateries in our Discover travel guide, on newsstands soon.

Fishin' ain't easy, but it shore is fun



It was a pleasant Tuesday in Gonzales County, which seemed like a sure bet for this fisherman to test the waters down at Lake Wood Park. However, the catfish wanted nothing to do with the live minnows or crawfish that were presented to them. The pros chalked it up to fluctuating weather patterns, but you can't blame a guy for trying. **ERIK MCCOWAN/GONZALES INQUIRER**

Constable deputy commended for quick action



Deputy Terreal Hatcher of the Gonzales County Precinct 4 Constable's Office received a commendation from the commissioners court on Monday morning. Constable John Moreno explained how Hatcher responded to a major accident in a remote area of Gonzales County. Once on-scene, he administered medical aide to a driver that was trapped in his vehicle suffering from a head injury and a massive amount of blood loss from a severed arm. Due to his application of a tourniquet and the aid he provided, it made it possible for the driver to survive the crash. Moreno also spoke on the deputy's medical training and his involvement as a volunteer firefighter. On Feb. 8, Hatcher was nominated for the Lifesaving Award from the American Police Hall of Fame. "Thank you for your duty to the county and your community service," Moreno said as he presented Hatcher with a plaque and commemorative pin.

FESTIVAL

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rap, hip-hop, electronic, and alternative rock spectrum.

Past years have also seen sets by Weezer, Big Gigantic, Ghostland Observatory, Bun B, Rick Ross and Slim Thug.

If greenlit, the festival would occupy parts of J.B. Wells Park and Independence Park on July 20-21. The move from the Martindale area comes after county commissioners in Guadalupe County — where Cool River Ranch is located — denied necessary permits for the festival to be held there in 2019 with an anticipated crowd of 25,000 people. Past complaints from neighbors regarding loud music was one of the issues cited as the officials' deciding factor, along with traffic contingency plans. Event promoter Marcus Federman touted a study that showed a regional economic impact of \$12.3 million the previous year, but that was not enough to convince commissioners for another go.

The workshop will present information regarding plans for site, traffic and transportation, emergency, tubing, sanitations, parking, camping, river impact and trash

collection, and wildlife impact mitigation. It will also be a time for residents to give their input regarding the event.

Council will also be asked to do purchase a brush truck/tender for the Gonzales Fire Department. The department has snagged a government grant in the amount of \$200,000 toward a new truck, which is a 90 percent matching grant. To make it work, the department would sell an older model truck to another department for approximately \$50,000, which will leave the city on the hook for only \$15,000 of the original price.

In other business, council will:

- Create a license agreement with Gonzales Little League for use of the city baseball fields with a fee of \$5 per player to help cover maintenance;
- Set appointment and pay rate of an election judge for the May 4 city general and special election;
- Consider the use of Confederate Square and the sale of alcoholic beverages there for the Come and Taste It Craft Beer Event on April 26-27;
- Look to create a Zoning Ordinance Review Committee;
- Discuss the tree trimming ordinance.

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We offer a competitive starting salary and benefits including medical and dental insurance. We also offer a generous paid time off program for full-time employees. The Inquirer is part of Fenice Community Media, a progressive group of Texas community newspapers that prefers to promote from within. If you meet the above qualifications and are ready for the challenge, please include your resume, cover letter, writing samples and salary requirements when applying.

Send cover letter, resume, writing samples and salary expectations to:

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 Editor and Publisher
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Help Wanted. Full time position for general laborer/maintenance. Concrete & Carpenter Experience. Must have valid Texas driver's license and good driving record. Applications can be filled out in person at: 5233 N US Hwy 183, Gonzales, TX 78629.

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Texan Nursing and Rehab of Gonzales is now hiring for the following position: Full Time: C.N.A., all shifts; LVN, full-time, 6p-6a with a \$1000 Sign On and Referral Bonus. Individual should be multi-task oriented, self-motivated, and must enjoy working around the elderly. Please apply in person: Texan Nursing and Rehab of Gonzales, 3428 Moulton Rd., Gonzales, Texas 78629. EOE

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NOTICES

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION
DISTRICT 01 Rule 37 Case No. 0318419
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 5, 2019 Status/Permit No. 849717
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Apr 9, 2019
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.
IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Apr 9, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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FIELD: EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1)
Lease/Unit Name : NEVELS UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No. : 5H
Lease/Unit Acres : 627.81
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Lease Lines : 411.0 F W L, 969.0 F N E L
Survey Lines : 3679.0 F N L, 458.0 F W L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 446.0 F W L, 1499.0 F N E L
Terminus Location
BH County: GONZALES
Section: Block: Abstract: 69
Survey: STRODE, W
Lease Lines: 185.0 F E L, 770.0 F S W L
Survey Lines: 4258.0 F S L, 4712.0 F W L
Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1) :
Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.
Optional Rules 330/0, 40.0 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11500 feet.
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Patrick Mendoza, at (210)403-7700.

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DISTRICT 01 Rule 37 Case No. 0318421
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Mar 5, 2019 Status/Permit No. 849722
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Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
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Survey Lines : 3628.0 F N L, 498.0 F W L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal
Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1013.0 F W L, 368.0 F N E L
Terminus Location
BH County: LAVACA
Section: Block: Abstract: 52
Survey: STRODE, W
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NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID

Gonzales County will receive sealed bids beginning March 11, 2019 until 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 for Gonzales County's Bank Depository Contract. This contract is for a four (4) year depository contract as established in Chapter 116 and 117 of the Local Government Code. Sealed bids will be received at the County Judge's office, Courthouse, 414 St. Joseph, Suite 200, Gonzales, Texas 78629, by 10 a.m. on April 24, 2019.

Specifications will be available from the office of the County Judge. Questions may be directed to Sheryl Barborak, County Treasurer, 414 St. Joseph, Suite 201, Gonzales, Texas, (830) 672-2621 or Becky Weston, County Auditor, 414 St. Joseph, Suite 400, Gonzales, Texas (830) 672-6397.

Gonzales County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

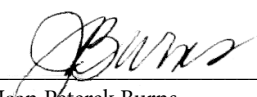
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BARBARA ANN GOULD, Deceased, were issued on March 11, 2019, in Cause No. PW19-0012, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: Rebecca Welch.

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.

Jean Peterek Burns
Attorney at Law
1606 N. Sarah DeWitt Dr
Gonzales, Texas 78629

DATED the 12th day of March, 2019.


Jean Peterek Burns
Attorney for Rebecca Welch
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LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer retailer's permit by M.D. Siptak, LLC dba The Hangout Bar and Dance Hall to be located at 1612 N. Robertson St., Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas. Officer of said corporation is M.D. Siptak, Manager/Owner.

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage retailer's permit by Jason Gonzales dba Memo's Hangout LLC to be located at 1402 St. Louis, Gonzales, Gonzales County, Texas. Officer of said corporation is Jason Gonzales, Manager/Owner.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mona Joy Bilsky, Deceased, were issued on February 25, 2019, in Cause No. PW19-0003, pending in the County Court of Gonzales County, Texas, to: James Clifford Bilsky.

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c/o Errol John Dietze
Attorney at Law
108 N Esplanade
P.O. Box 841
Cuero, TX 77954

DATED the 25th day of February, 2019


Errol John Dietze
Attorney for James Clifford Bilsky
State Bar No.: 05858000
108 N Esplanade Street
Cuero, TX 77954
Telephone: (361) 275-5701
Facsimile: (361) 275-2118
E-mail: lauraj@dietze-reese.com


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c/o Norman L. Burns
Attorney at Law
1606 N. Sarah DeWitt Drive
Gonzales, TX 78629

DATED the 7th day of March, 2019.


NORMAN L. BURNS
Attorney for Lenora Tabera
State Bar No.: 03448500
1606 N. Sarah DeWitt Drive
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DISTRICT 01 Rule 37 Case No. 0318420
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EOG RESOURCES, INC., [RRC Operator No. 253162] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. , Bk. , IVES, D Survey, A-287, EAGLEVILLE (EAGLE FORD-1) Field, GONZALES County, being 9.3 miles SE direction from WAELDER, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

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Lease/Unit Well No. : 6H
Lease/Unit Acres : 627.81
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Survey Lines : 3653.0 F N L, 478.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral : TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 642.0 F W L
944.0 F N E L

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Survey: STRODE, W
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Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.
Optional Rules 330/0, 40.0 acres.


This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Patrick Mendoza, at (210)403-7700.

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GONZALES APACHES



The Gonzales Apaches are young throughout the roster, with freshman pitcher Carson Gayton (2) coming in for relief at the top of the sixth to close out the game. Gonzales lost 6-1 to the Highlands Owls on Tuesday. PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

GONZALES APACHES

Future Pirate advances to state

By José Torres
Managing Editor

BISHOP — Jared “JT” Esparza’s days as an Apache competitor have been extended once more as the senior linebacker advanced to the state powerlifting meet after placing second in his respective weight class last weekend.



Esparza

Esparza competed in the 242-pound weight class, squatting 555 pounds, bench pressing 365 pounds and dead lifting 580 pounds for a total of 1,500 pounds. Kingsville King’s Ismael Gonzalez took first in the weight class with a 1,550 total. Esparza, Gonzalez and Port Isabel’s Neyfis Castellanos, who also lifted 1,500 pounds, all qualified for state from this region.

Coby Pruett placed sixth in the superheavyweight division, with lifts of 550 squat, 300 bench press and 505 dead lift for a total of 1,355. Qualifying for state were Navarro’s Sergio Hernandez at 1,665 pounds and Orange Grove’s Will Atwood at 1,545 pounds.

Vicente Reyna, usually competing at the 242-pound class, was a scratch.

Esparza’s lifts are an improvement from last season, where he placed eighth in the 220-pound weight class with his total of 1,325. He signed a letter of intent early February to play college football for Blinn College. This season, he was named District 15-4ADI Defensive MVP.

The senior lifter will compete in the state powerlifting meet in Abilene next week. The meet takes place March 22-23.

Adjustments needed to compete

By José Torres
Managing Editor

The young Gonzales Apache baseball team struggled at the plate on Tuesday in their 6-1 non-district loss against the San Antonio Highlands Owls. The timely hit wasn’t there, and even though the defense shut out the Owls the last four innings, the Apaches were unable to take advantage during the offensive halves of their innings.

“We need to become a better adjusting baseball team,” first-year head coach Christian Cruz said after the game. “Me being new to this area, we’ve seen a variety of pitchers that throw fast and throw slow. Our thing is we don’t adjust very well. I think we’re very young, not so much as in age but as in baseball IQ. I think that’s something that we’ve got to learn to grow and I think we’re doing a lot better job than we did at the beginning. But in a game like this, you get a pitcher that maybe throws a little slower than

most, a couple pitchers that throw slower than most, we got to do a better job of adjusting to pitchers like that. That’s the one thing that I can see.”

At the plate, the Apaches left eight men on base, combining for five hits and three batters reaching base on an error. Cesar Matamoros led the team in hits, going 2-for-3 with a double. Cameron Mileham, Paul DeLeon and Larry Gomez each had a single. DeLeon was the lone run for the Apaches.

Taking the loss was freshman pitcher Jared Cook, who allowed six runs in the first three inning, and was in a tough one-out bases loaded situation in the top of the third before striking out a batter then forcing a pop up to centerfield to stop the bleeding. Freshman Carson Gaytan came in for relief at the top of the sixth, striking out two, walking one batter and hitting another one.

“We had two freshmen pitchers come in and compete,” Cruz said. “We had a freshman behind

the plate. We have another freshman at left field. We’re a very young baseball team when it comes to age. I think we started three freshmen, maybe four juniors and one senior. We’re young.”

Cruz went on to praise Gayton for his two innings of work, “coming in and being able to solidify those last few innings.”

“That’s what he’s been all year,” he continued. “It’s really an iffy situation when you have young pitchers, young kids come in and throw for you. But the one thing I can say about us this year is that we have had a lot of younger classmen step up and play a huge part in the season.”

The 6-1 loss is just one example of how the season has gone for the Apaches. Other than those two error-filled in-

nings in the first and the third, the defense has been relatively clean. Cruz believes something “just clicks” with the players after a slow start.

“I think they catch their wind, they understand that they can compete with whatever teams are playing,” Cruz explained. “It just kind of being able to piece it together at the right time, being able to play defense at the right time, play offense at the right time — baseball to us is one of those things where we’re still learning. I think our kids, like I said, are just young in the baseball mind and I think it’s one of those things that they need to understand a swing of the bat can change everything. I think we figured it out, we just need to carry it on throughout the whole baseball game.”

The Apaches begin district next Tuesday against La Vernia. Cruz is using the rest of Spring Break as a way to wash away all the mistakes of the non-district season.

“All this stuff is fun, it’s being able to put the pieces together, but it’s all irrelevant until you get to district,” Cruz said. “Me being new to this area, new to this district, I have no fear on what’s upon us, what’s coming. I’ve heard the La Vernias are pretty good, I’ve heard the Cueros, the Navarros, everybody is good, on a certain day anybody could be good. The biggest thing for us is to eliminate whatever is in the past.”

First pitch next Tuesday is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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- 5 Benjamin is the seat of this county
- 6 TX Barry was Rev. ___ in “Shakiest Gun in the West”
- 7 Rice won ___ College Bowl in 1966
- 8 TXism: “it’s a right smart piece”
- 9 ancient Turkey city
- 15 TX-based “Lonesome Dove” was a TV ___-series
- 16 Nolan Ryan was 1990 “Texas Pro ___ the Year”
- 19 sign a check
- 21 work hard
- 22 TX Dan Rather, e.g. interest percent
- 27 TX wildcatters
- 29 TXism: “jumpy as ___ ice”
- 30 TXism: “sounding like a rip saw running through pine knots”
- 32 past A&M coach ___ Slocum
- 33 TXism: “he could put a loop ___ on a mule’s back” (good roper)
- 36 songbird
- 37 pecan dessert
- 38 last ___ of “Dallas” was in 1991
- 39 World Championship Chili Cookoffs were held in this CA town

- 41 TX Jamie Foxx 2004 TV movie: “The ___ Tookie Williams Story”
- 42 Lloyd ___ started the Confederate Air Force in TX
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- 46 TXism: “I need that like a duck needs ___ umbrella”
- 47 two female sheep?
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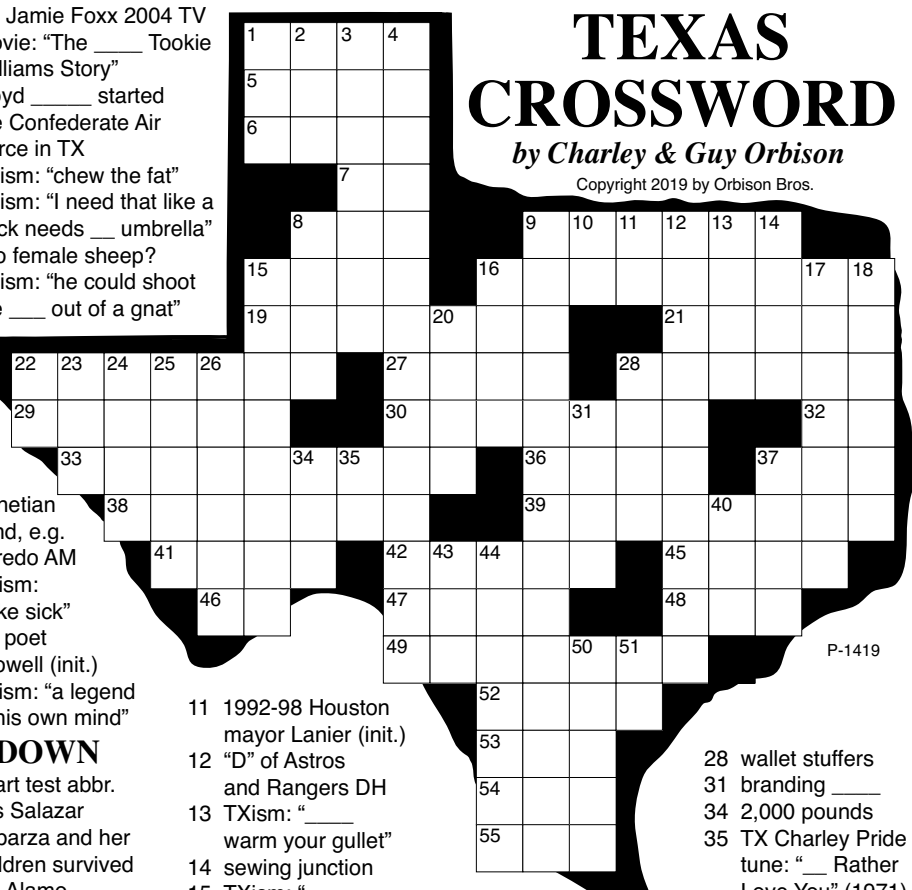
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- 3 TXism: “gave me a ___ dance”
- 4 “Dallas” shot these at Southfork (2 wds.)
- 8 Huckleberry ___
- 9 rodeo bulldogging (2 wds.)
- 10 TX media giant ___ Belo Corp.
- 11 1992-98 Houston mayor Lanier (init.)
- 12 “D” of Astros and Rangers DH
- 13 TXism: “___ warm your gullet”
- 14 sewing junction
- 15 TXism: “___ old range cow”
- 16 “... marching ___ war” (Christian soldiers)
- 17 too much liquid in the printing press?
- 18 enclosed the pasture
- 20 sergeant or major
- 22 Sha Na ___ group

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Lady Apaches move to 3rd in 2-0 victory

By José Torres
Managing Editor

GONZALES — Senior Night ended in celebration as the Gonzales Lady Apaches used their relentless pressure to beat the Yoakum Lady Bulldogs 2-0, moving to third place in District 29-4A.

Unless Yoakum (0-4-1, 1 point) upsets La Vernia (3-2, 9 points), Gonzales (1-3-1, 4 points) is expected to end the season as the third seed out of district.

Head coach Kassie Fincke credited not only the team's willingness to pressure Yoakum's defense, but her own defense as well in Gonzales' clean sheet.

"My defense played really well," she said. "Veronica Moreno runs that back there and she does a really good job of hustling to every ball and communicating with people so that we can read those passes, so that it's an easier pick off. Her and Britnay Castillo tonight really stepped up as well as Emma Hernandez, Britney Villegas and Madi Klein. All of them. I think the communication was there. I think communication was a really big part of our success tonight, but also reading the play instead of going in and stabbing in, they were playing smarter not harder and reading."

After going up 1-0 in the

first half, the Lady Apaches immediately doubled their lead with a goal by Natalya Cruz less than four minutes into the second half.

"At halftime we were very candid with each other on things we were doing right and things we were doing wrong," Fincke noted. "That kind of self-assessment and willingness to grow from that I think was really effective today."

"We definitely knew there were holes in that defense," she added. "We talked about them and we talked about who we needed to move, so we made some adjustments

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Bri Gomez (10, left) fights through a defender for possession in Gonzales' 2-0 victory last Friday. The Lady Apaches moved to third place after their Senior Night win. PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

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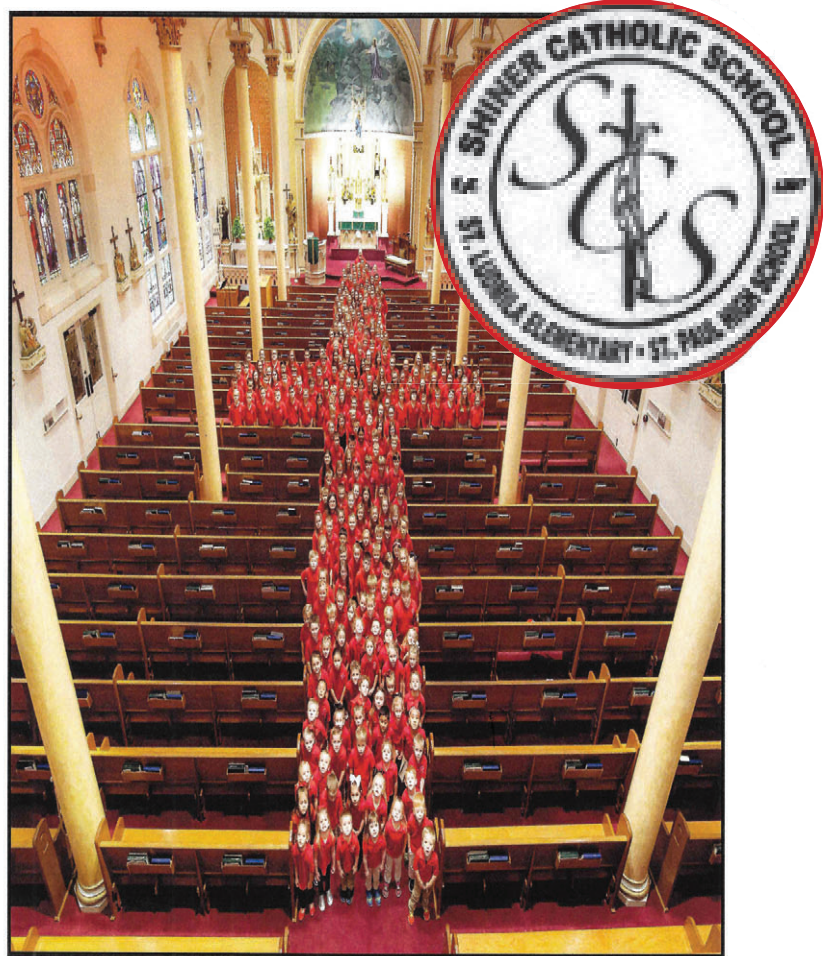
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District leaders continue win streak



The Gonzales Apaches (18-1-1, 5-0) unbeaten streak has reached 10 games after knocking off Yoakum 8-1 last Tuesday in District 29-4A play. Anthony Veliz and Daniel Cruz each had two goals while Jorge Cervantes, Luis Leija, Antonio Hernandez and Adrian Rodriguez each had one. Hernandez also had two assists while Cruz had one. The Apaches are on top of the district with 15 points and will be district champions, no matter the result in Tuesday's game against Pleasanton (1-4). FILE PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

GONZALES APACHES

Gonzales Apaches shine at Smithville Tiger Relays

From Staff Reports

SMITHVILLE — Gonzales athletes on both the boys and girls track and field teams came home with gold medals after competing in Smithville's Tiger Relays last Thursday.

Varsity boys top six finishers:

- 100-meter: Kenneth Cavit, second, 11.34 seconds; Zach Davis, third, 11.43 secs; Seth Gibson, sixth, 11.96 secs.
- 800-meter: Antonio Hernandez, first, 2:05.93; Avery Almaguer, fourth, 2:14.98
- 1600-meter: Avery Almaguer, first, 5:14.00; Avrum Almaguer, fifth, 5:20.00
- 3200-meter: Ruben Ortiz, fourth, 11:55.36
- 110-meter hurdles: Michael Mariscal, first, 18.68 secs.; Ali Spears, fourth, 20.99 secs.
- 300-meter hurdles: Delin Contreras, second, 48.71 secs.
- 4x100-meter relays: Gonzales, second, 45.21 secs.
- 4x200-meter relays: Gonzales, second, 1:38.99
- 4x400-meter relays: Gonzales, second, 3:36.99
- High jump: Will Knox, second, 5-10
- Triple jump: Kenneth Cavit, third, 36-11; Diego Hernandez, fourth, 36-3; Jeremiah Hastings, fifth, 35-8; Nick Casarez, sixth, 35-6
- Pole vault: Will Knox, first, 11-0
- Discus: Kenneth Cavit, second, 128-0; Vicente Reyna, fourth, 108-7
- Shot put: Kenneth Cavit, first, 44-10.5

Varsity girls top six finishers:

- 100-meter: Peyton Ruddock, third, 13.05 secs.; Madison Singletary, fourth, 13.18 secs.
- 200-meter: Leannndrea McCarty, fifth, 29.09 secs.; Caitlyn Blundell, sixth, 30.09 secs.
- 400-meter: Madison Singletary, fourth, 1:09.58
- 800-meter: Veronica Moreno, third, 2:32.05; Genevieve Kelly, fourth,

- 2:46.80; Brooklyn Simper, fifth, 2:47.24
- 1600-meter: Veronica Moreno, first, 5:47.93; Krisanta Esquivel, second, 6:13.11
- 3200-meter: Krisanta Esquivel, first, 13:44.75
- 100-meter hurdles: Peyton Ruddock, first, 17.11 secs.; Maggie Barnick, second, 19.20 secs.; Alyssa DeLuna, third, 20.27 secs.
- 300-meter hurdles: Peyton Ruddock, first, 49.93 secs.; Alyssa DeLuna, third, 1:02.78

- 4x100-meter relays: Gonzales, second, 53.17 secs.
- 4x200-meter relays: Gonzales, second, 1:56.96
- 4x400-meter relays: Gonzales, first, 4:27.02
- High jump: Maggie Barnick, first, 5-0; Madelynn Brown, fourth, 4-8; Caitlyn Rhoads, sixth, 4-6
- Long jump: Peyton Ruddock, second, 15-9.5; Madison Singletary, third, 15-9; Tyla Dalton, fourth, 14-3
- Triple jump: Sam Barnick, first, 33-6.5; Johnna

- Dalton, second, 31-8.5; Madison Singletary, fifth, 29-8; Tyla Dalton, sixth, 26-2.5
- Pole vault: Caitlyn Blundell, first, 9-6; Caitlyn Rhoads, third, 8-0; Emily Moore, fifth, 6-6
- Discus: Devon Williams, first, 106-8; Hayley Sample, second, 86-2; Kaitlyn Taylor, third, 85-11; Hannah Peña, sixth, 60-1
- Shot put: Devon Williams, first, 40-3.5; Aukieva Fryer, third, 31-7.25; Hayley Sample, fourth, 30-3; Kaitlyn Taylor, fifth, 27-8.5

GONZALES APACHES New AD to host meet and greet

From Staff Reports

Parents and students are invited to stop by Gonzales High School's student center on Monday, March 18, to meet and greet with newly hired athletic director and head football coach Michael Waldie.

The meet and greet will start at 6 p.m.

Waldie served as athletic director and head football coach in Daingerfield, Woodville and Luling with a record of 33-31 in the six seasons he's been a head coach. He was most recently the offensive coordinator at Class 6A Pearland ISD where the team went 10-0 as undefeated district champions, losing in the bi-district round to Dickinson.

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