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Eddy Raven was one of the headliners for the Come and Take It Celebration Saturday music last weekend. The Lafayette native played from 9-10:30 p.m. PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER



Reenactors made their first march during the Come and Take It Celebration parade Saturday morning. For more photos, see Pages 11-12. PHOTO BY ERIK MCCOWAN/GONZALES INQUIRER



Chicken flying was a hit for CTI goes Saturday afternoon. Winners of the chicken flying contest will be announced online. PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

Come and Take It wins ‘em over again

By Erik McCowan
Staff Reporter

GONZALES — Come and Take It has come and gone, and the early reports point to a rousing success. The rains mostly stayed away and events from the parade to the nighttime dances rolled on without incident.

The festival began on Friday evening with the sounds of DJ Richter and didn’t end until late Sunday when the final tuba blast from the Shiner Hobo Band fell silent. In between was a very successful festival, organizer said.

Over at the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday— the unofficial headquarters of the event — bags of swag and barrels of beverages spilled out of the conference room as a still sleepy staff undertook a post-mortem report of their work. Exact numbers of the money raised for the various non-profit organizations that took part were not available yet, but it was assured that this was going to be a successful year.

“I would like to thank all of the volunteers for all the hard work they did and to the Come and Take It committee for all

they do all year leading up to the event,” said CTI President Keith Schauer. He said that he was as tired as the rest of the crew, but that he would be back for another year once the dust settled.

A few numbers that were already available: the tally for CTI royal court topped 587 votes, the parade had 127 entries, 110 vendors has set up shop around the Old Jail Museum, CTI merchandise sales were robust, food ticket sales were up, and 35 fowl with 50 contestants participated in the venerable chicken flying contest, which even had a celebrity entrant with

Comedy Central’s Jordan Klepper trying his hand, er, plunger at the hometown tradition.

Klepper was in town to document the militia groups that have taken a shine to the Come and Take It brand, peddling their messages of secession and self-carry weaponry to the families that gathered to watch the usually jovial procession of marching groups, senior citizen floats, and beauty queens. It is unclear when his episode will air.

The next round of Come and Take It is scheduled for Oct. 4-6, 2019.

Treating the ‘whole’ Family medicine is what this doctor ordered

By Erik McCowan
Staff Reporter

GONZALES — Community doctors are like local celebrities. If they stick around long enough — decades in some cases — they become like members of the family and are respected individuals across town. They might even



Hattenbach

know your spouse better than you do.

The Sievers Clinic has a new doctor that looks to fit that mold. Sean Hattenbach is a Texas native, having been raised in Houston. He comes to Gonzales to be closer to family after a stay in Lubbock, and he is intent on connecting with and helping families here just as his begins to adjust.

“Family medicine is really good,” Hattenbach said. “To me,

it’s the best form of medicine. It treats the whole patient, and it treats the whole family.

“That’s what I enjoy. Interacting with my patients and helping them in different aspects of their life,” he continued. Talking to patients only during office visits limits the care that he can administer, he explained. He’s looking for a more well-rounded approach that encourages chats about health even when

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Council meets tonight

By Erik McCowan
Staff Reporter

GONZALES — The Gonzales City Council is scheduled to meet tonight at 6 p.m. at city hall. On agenda are budget amendments to tweak some numbers for last year’s city spending.

Due to the special meeting on Sept. 26 to reset the city’s rollback tax rate, an amount of \$186,909.44 had to be moved from the Governmental Activities Debt Service Fund to the city’s General Fund. Those expenses were for the debt of a fire truck, wheel loader, and motor grader. Council needed to move some of the property tax

revenue from the Debt Service Fund for Governmental Activities to the General Fund balance in order to balance the General Fund.

After meeting with the city’s auditor, council was advised to not make a budget amendment to move the property tax revenues out of the budget for the Debt Services Fund for the Government Activities to the General Fund budget in order to balance the General Fund. Rather, the auditor suggested to leave the General Fund unbalanced. The result

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OBITUARIES

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Committee hopes to spur downtown revitalization

By Erik McCowan
Staff Reporter

GONZALES — As unique as one small town may think of itself, there’s one more — and likely a hundred — that have experienced the same successes or setbacks.

Gonzales is no different when it comes to attempting a path toward preserving some of its downtown architectural history. Flip through any number of similar sized Texas towns and the desire to rehabilitate a once thriving city core runs up against any number of problems, from zoning and noise ordinances to private property rights.

And in the town that made a name of not wanting to give up its property, a local committee is running up against those that



A proposed city historical ordinance would go a long way in revitalizing downtown buildings, some say. The 1899 Schleyer Bros. Building, left, home to Sweet B’s Dessert Boutique, is a prime example of what a proper renovation with city backing can look like. On the other hand, the 1886 Beringer-Coleman Building, right, is a poster child on why an ordinance might be beneficial to the city. PHOTO BY ERIK MCCOWAN/GONZALES INQUIRER

Advisory committee members

- Glenda Gordon: Gonzales County Historical Commission
- Daisy Scheske Freeman: Chamber of Commerce Executive Director
- Barbara Frederick: Gonzales Main Street
- Clint Hille: Gonzales Tourism Director
- Barbara Crozier: Historic homes representative
- Vickie Frenzel: ZBOA
- Tim Gescheidle: Planning and Zoning Commission
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EMS gets new transport ambulance, equipment

By Terry Fitzwater
Publisher

GONZALES — The Gonzales County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Gonzales County Rescue both had a good business week thanks to the generosity of the Gonzales County Health Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Griffin and other area businesses.

The Gonzales County Health Foundation (GCHF) made two large donations to EMS, the largest being a new 2018 transit ambulance that carried a price tag of \$66,275. In addition to the transit ambulance donation, the GCHF presented EMS with a \$20,000 check that is going to buy needed communication equipment so that EMS can better interact with 9-1-1 and area police dispatchers.



PHOTOS BY TERRY FITZWATER/GONZALES INQUIRER

The Gonzales County Health Foundation recently donated a new 2018 transport ambulance (\$66,250) and \$20,000 towards new communication equipment to the Gonzales County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Rescue teams. Pictured in front of the new ambulance are members of EMS, Rescue and Gonzales County Health Foundation board members.

EMS Director Alan Linebrink was beaming with pride after the presentation was made.

"I am ecstatic and as happy as can be," Linebrink said after the presentation was made on Friday after-

noon of Come and Take It weekend. "This is our first brand new vehicle in years and I can not say enough

about how happy we are that this community has come together to help us through the hard times.

"My extreme thanks go out to all the people at GCHF who made this happen. Plus, the communications equipment is going to help us respond more quickly to medical emergencies and provide better service. Upgrading our communications equipment was one of my top

priorities and GCHF made that happen."

"The GCHF is here to support the health care industry," Darren Schauer of the GCHF said. "We were here to help support the Sievers Clinic and the hospital as a whole but we knew there was a need to help EMS, which supports the hospital mission, with the transit ambulance and the communications equipment. We are glad to help out."

The transit ambulance is important to the business side of operations at EMS, as that is where their largest profit center is. EMS has been under directions from the Emergency Service District board to get their financial house in operating order, and the transport ambulance is the first step in that right direction.

In addition to the GCHF donations, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Griffin stepped forward to donate \$2,000 toward the purchase of new uniforms for the employees. The Griffins are the parents of EMT Matt Griffin, who tragically lost his life a few

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Celebrations
Birthdays

October 11th Mary Lee Brzozowski Bob Davis Jamie Holden Tracy Kocian Taylor Mills Sammie Pate George Perez Anna Elisha Velasquez Karen Weathers	October 14th Sandra Brown Dee Noack Minerva Peeler George Reese Milton Ticken Tanner Underwood	October 16th Kelsey Camarillo Abelardo Ibarra Sr. James Knox Sr. James Knox Jr. Mary Merriweather Betty Sampleton Florentina Taylor
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Wow, what a festival!

Happy anniversary to me! And happy anniversary to the wonderful community of Gonzales!

Happy anniversary? What's that you say?

It was one year ago Friday that yours truly stepped foot in the land of the Apaches. It was on that day I interviewed for the position of publisher of the *Gonzales Inquirer*. When I arrived in town, boy was I surprised by all the activity and commotion going on. I didn't know about Come and Take It, nor had I ever heard of it.

After my all-day interview, I walked around the community and asked a few innocuous questions. However, since I had never been to Gonzales I did not take in nor did I understand the full breadth and scope of the impact of Come and Take It on Gonzales. Was yours truly ever in for a surprise!

This weekend was my real first Come and Take It celebration. I have to admit, I was very excited as the event approached, and I had high expectations of what was going to take place in our little town. For the past year, I have heard stories about how fun Come and Take It is, how cool the parade is, and how wonderful all the concerts are under the stars. Add in the history events, and it all sounded like a great time in the old town to me. I wanted to see it for myself.

I knew I would see almost all of it, because I was planning on working most of



TERRY FITZWATER
Publisher's Perspective

the event along with my colleagues on the editorial staff José Torres and Erik McCowan. Our plan called for us to cover everything and immediately update our coverage and photos on our website and Facebook page. Plus, I had volunteered to serve as a judge on the T-Bone Cook-Off and was going to call Bingo for the Noon Lions Club on Sunday afternoon. No sir, I was not going to miss anything.

All weekend long, strangers and friends kept coming up to me and asking: "So what do you think of our little celebration?"

"Little?!" I responded. "For a town this size, this is a huge and marvelous event!"

Now let me qualify my statement. I have been to New York City and watched the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. I have been to Pasadena and watched the Rose Bowl parade.

But what I saw on Saturday made me prouder of Gonzales than words can express. It was something right out of *Our Town*—Texas style. It was a great parade celebrating small town America, and the number of entries and participation was wonderful. For a town our size, it was

magnificent and rates a "10" in my book.

Furthermore, I was enthralled with the great selection of music and the free entertainment of country stars Eddy Raven, Shenandoah and Gene Watson. That doesn't even take into account the great warm-up bands. The reenactors at Pioneer Village endured the Saturday rain deluge with great aplomb and tenacity. The volunteers worked their keisters off but smiled the whole time. The carnival thrilled the kids.

So when everyone asked what I thought about Come and Take It, all I could respond was: "Why doesn't everyone Come and Experience It!"

I think the chamber staff of Daisy Scheske Freeman and Liz Reilly deserve a huge pat on the back and a big thank you for a job well done. To the Come and Take It committee under the direction of Chairman Keith Schauer, way to go committee. Your hard work, selfless dedication and can-do mentality paid off. To all the sponsors, thank you for making all of this possible.

To the K of C's, the Edwards Association, the Lions Clubs and all the other non-profits, thank you for making this such a wonderful celebration by your participation. To the volunteers, your service and donated time make everything possible.

And finally, thanks to all the people who came out and made the 62nd Come and Take It Festival such a rousing success. Only 359 days until No. 63!

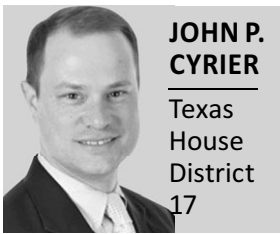
Remember "Hunters for the Hungry" this Hunting Season

Texas hunting licenses for the 2018-2019 sporting year are on sale and the hunting season is in full swing. When purchasing a new hunting license, Texas hunters have the opportunity to make a donation to Hunters for the Hungry. This program allows hunters to donate legally tagged and field dressed deer to hunger relief programs to help feed Texans in need.

Hunters can donate their deer through any participating meat processor, which will process the meat for a nominal fee. Meat is then distributed to Texans in need through participating hunger relief agencies.

In 2015, I sponsored and passed the legislation that allows hunters to donate to the program when purchasing their hunting license. During the legislation's inaugural year, Hunters for the Hungry collected more than \$88,000 in donations from hunters; these funds were used to offset deer processing fees for nearly 50,000 pounds of venison.

As an avid outdoorsman and former board member for the Central Texas Food Bank, this program means a great deal to me. This past legislative session, I passed HR 227 through the Texas House with the unanimous support of my colleagues to



JOHN P. CYRIER
Texas House District 17

raise further awareness of Hunters for the Hungry and encourage more Texans to participate in this successful program.

The 2017-18 hunting season brought approximately 379,000 meals to hungry Texans through the Hunters for the Hungry program. Since its 1997 launch in Texas, the program has distributed around 9.5 million meals, and we hope to see that number continue to climb.

As Texas hunters enjoy our hunting heritage and help to manage the deer population, consider supporting and participating in Hunters for the Hungry to provide a much-needed source of lean protein to our neighbors in need.

Statistics show that one-in-six Texas families struggle with food insecurity. By donating to Hunters for the Hungry when you purchase your hunting license, you will directly impact the lives of Texas children, seniors, and families in need. I will be donating through this worthy program, and I hope that you will as well.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Consider candidacy of Eric Holguin

Dear Editor:

I would like for all to consider the candidacy of Eric Holguin for the 27th Texas Congressional district. Eric favors creating jobs through infrastructure repair and improvements, which our county is in desperate need of. This creates high paying jobs for workers here in Bastrop that cannot be shipped overseas. Eric will stand up for Social Security and Medi-

care rights which we have paid into all of our lives and we deserve to reap those benefits, unlike the Republicans who are poised and ready to take away "entitlements." Eric believes that health care is a right and not privilege and wants to ensure everyone has access to health care including those who can't afford it. Eric knows the vast majority of illegal immigration is from people who come here legally and that no border wall is going to solve the problem, just be another massive spending bill. Eric will stand up for a woman's right to equal pay, the environment, education and civil rights for all.

Michael Cloud claims in his website that he is against out of control spending, really? We all know the Republicans are spending our money like drunk sailors and cutting revenue in favor of the richest 1 percent, all at the same time they are deregulating the banks. Michael appears to me to be in lock step with Trump in out of control spending, science deniers who are damaging the environment and don't care about the middleman. Therefore, I am voting for Eric Holguin.

Mark Timerman
Bastrop TX

Call for ombudsman

Dear Editor:

This is really a letter to Gonzales county's gentlemen and ladies who have a heart for elder care residents. You may be acquainted with what CASA volunteers do for children in the foster care world: each volunteer is privileged to serve as a voice for a child who has no one else to "stand up" for him or her.

The state also has a program called Golden Crescent Ombudsman Program though which volunteers serve as a voice for residents of care facilities who have no one to stand up for them.

I have had the unique privilege of serving as an ombudsman for residents of Heights for a number of years — long enough to learn how difficult it is to interest people in this kind of service — and how great the need is.

Yes, the state provides adequate opportunities for training; and, once

trained, certified, and assigned to a facility, an ombudsman will let his or her own schedule of service in that facility.

My hope as I began this letter was to do my best to present the need to as person or persons who cares about residents of Heights, Texans and Romberg House.

Hopefully, what you have read is at least food for thought (and prayer!)

Sincerely,
Ann Laster
Gonzales

Thank you for successful National Night Out

A community wide thank you to all the first responders and community members that came together to host the third annual National Night Out.

The NNO program is a grassroots effort put on by community members and first responders to get to know each other in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

That indeed happened Tuesday, Oct. 2.

So many of our fine first responders, businesses such as GVEC, Walmart, La Bella Tavola, HEB, TxTown Internet Radio, thrive Healthplex and others showed up, set up and gave the community a heck of a party.

It was a joy to see our community's first responders get to mingle and enjoy each other's company, which isn't something that they can do daily.

It was a joy to see the expression on everyone's face when the helicopter landed right outside of Mohrmann's Drug Store.

It was a joy to see the kids from the local ranch where CPS has placed them be able to get more than one piece of

candy and their own bag of goodies from Walmart, and a snow cone and a cookie and their face painted.

It was a joy to see the joy.

It was a joy to remember that when people come together for the good of other people, there is joy.

When there is no partisanship, no politics, no debate, there is joy.

Thank you to everyone involved for giving me a night of joy and I look forward to sharing that joy with you on the first Tuesday night in October 2019.

Kelly A. Lindner
Gonzales

Posting informational election signs

Editor:

This is a follow up to the letter I sent about posting information signs about election at the entry to HEB and Walmart. As I stated, they flatly refused, saying they do not get involved in politics. I would say to the corporations, they live in our community and benefit from the money

that the people in our community spend at their stores. That said they have a prerogative to do as they see fit.

I went out and ordered three signs and made stands for them at my expense that has all the information about the election and where places to go vote are so voters know where and when to go and vote. One is posted at the courthouse entrance, one is posted at the lobby entrance at the Randle Rather Building, and I posted one in front of my house for a time. We are hoping that someone will post the last sign so more people

will be informed. We need people to exercise their right to vote. They have taken the step to register and now they need to turn out and vote. The republic will only stand when we stop driving wedges between people and go and vote with open minds. Just to let people know, the last votes we have had in this county show that we rarely have 50 percent of registered voters exercise their right so we are governed by about 25 percent of the registered voters. Does this sound like a government of the people?

Ken Mosher Sr.
Gonzales

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Inaugural Locktoberfest this Saturday

By Terry Fitzwater
Publisher

On Saturday, Oct. 13, history is going to be made in Lockhart, Texas.

That is the day the first-ever Locktoberfest is being held on the town square in downtown Lockhart.

The Locktoberfest will feature a variety of vendor booths offering German food, local crafts, clothing and beer of all kinds brewed by Caracara Brewin Company. There will be outside entertainment, featuring some of the top musicians from Austin including Rennie and The Happy Travelers (oompa band), and the Fantastic Elastic Boudin Band. Other events include hoisting keg, costume contest, brat-eating contest and much more.

"This is the inaugural Locktoberfest, and I can't wait for it to get here," said Mike Mann, Locktoberfest creator and owner of the Caracara Brewing Company in Lockhart. "I started thinking about this almost three months ago, and now it's almost a reality."

Mann said he originally approached the Lockhart Downtown Association about putting an Oktoberfest-type event together, but there didn't seem to be a lot of initial enthusiasm. Instead, he plowed forward and got downtown businesses to help support the event financially, then got the city to kick in-kind contributions in order to make the event a reality.

"This has been an idea kicking around this town for years, so it wasn't an original idea by any means," Mann said with a laugh. "But it is the first event of its kind in Lockhart, and it's going to be fun for the whole family and the beer and the bands will be top notch."

According to Mann, the Locktoberfest will start with bands playing outdoors from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the town square at Market and Main Streets in downtown Lockhart. At 10 p.m., the event will move inside with more music.

"There will be five of our beers available on the 13th," said Mann. "We will be selling Locktoberfest, Howdy Hefeweizen, Le Peche (made from Fredericksburg peaches), Lockhart Blonde, On the Square IPA and Plume Creek Porter."

The one-day festival is about bringing the community together, and if any money is made it will be used to help Keep Lockhart Association, an organization designed to help keep Lockhart clean and beautiful.



The first-ever Locktoberfest will be held on the town square in downtown Lockhart this Saturday, Oct. 13. There will be outside entertainment, live music, hosting keg, costume contest, brat-eating contest and much more. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



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Leesville Country Fair this weekend



The Leesville Country Fair takes place this Saturday, Oct. 13. Beginning in 1935, the event is an annual get-together that welcomes anyone who loves good food, live music and family entertainment. The fair will have various activities such as face painting, a petting zoo, a hayride and even a raffle that raises funds to support the Leesville Cemetery as well as scholarship for students of Nixon-Smiley CISD. This year, two quilts are being donated to by the Happy Quilters, pictured here (from left) Margie Rice, Ruth Newberry, Charlene Anderson, Janyce Littlefield, and Terri Porter. You can catch them and their handmade quilt at the Leesville Country Fair on Oct. 13. INQUIRER FILE PHOTO

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ROBERT BURTON STEED

Robert Burton Steed, 94, of Nixon passed away Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018. Robert was born Feb. 8, 1924 in Corpus Christi to William Sherman Steed and Mattie Lillian Steed. He married Frances Janie Brister on Dec. 29, 1981 in San Antonio.

Shortly after serving time as a sergeant in the United States Army Air Corp, Robert began his career as a boilermaker. For 25 years, he worked diligently at this job. He became well-known and respected as a superintendent, and even contributed to the development of certain machinery used in the field. This hard work ethic continued even after he retired.

Robert had a passion for fixing things. Many times, he would take an item apart and put it back together just to be able to say he fixed it. Throughout his life, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and sports; his favorites being baseball and football. Being a semi-pro catcher back in the day, he had a special connection with baseball.

Robert indeed had a love for being outdoors, whether that was working in the garden, where he took pride in his freshly grown tomatoes, cucumbers, and watermelons, or on his lawnmower, making sure his grass looked perfect. He could also be found sitting out on his front porch telling stories, or enjoying some sweets, mostly cookies and peach cobbler. Robert wholeheartedly cared about his family. No matter the relation, he would treat them as if they were his own, and it was never questioned otherwise.

Robert Burton Steed is survived by his adoring family, wife of 36 years, Frances Janie Steed of Gonzales; daughter and son-in-law, Vickie and Bruce Bland of Alvin; step-



daughter and husband, Diann and Carl Heckman of Marion; daughter-in-law, Kathy Steed of Nederland; step-daughter-in-law, Ruby Shaver of Gonzales; son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Lisa Steed of Houston; step-son and wife, Fred and Sharon Shaver of Dayton; 12 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 12 step-great-grandchildren, and 3 step-great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Kenneth, Robert, and Jeff Steed; stepson, Floyd Shaver; and step-daughter, Terry Dale Price.

A visitation was held from noon-2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home. A graveside service followed in Caraway Cemetery with Jimmy Newmen as celebrant. Pallbearers were Derrick Heckman, Mason Foster, Carl Heckman, Zach Dean, Bruce Bland, and Robert Bland. Honorary pallbearer was Rylen Heckman. The family wants to give special thanks to Kindred Hospice and staff and The Heights of Gonzales and staff for their admirable care and consideration towards Mr. Steed. Memorials may be made to Kindred Hospice.

Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting www.seydlerhill-funeralhome.com. Services are under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home.



Couples planning their wedding are often surprised to discover there aren't that many passages in the Bible that speak specifically to the love between a husband and wife. The Bible has a lot to say about love, love for God and love for our neighbor. Some of the noblest passages come from the writings of St. John, for whom one of our streets is named. St. John is often referred to as the disciple of love. It is generally believed that he wrote the fourth Gospel of the New Testament and three epistles all bearing his name. It's in his first Epistle that we find the words, "God is love." But there's so much more. "He who loves his brother is in the light; he who hates his brother is in the darkness." "If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him." "See what love the Father has given us that we should be called the children of God." "By this we know love, that he (Jesus) laid down his life for us." "We love because he first loved us." There would be no love in our world if God had not first loved us and every time we experience love, whether we know it or not, we are experiencing a gift from God. "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live (and love) through him."

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DR. CHRISTIE JOHN "CHRIS" ORTMAN

Dr. Christie John "Chris" Ortman, beloved father, husband, grandfather, and friend passed from this life to eternal rest on Oct. 6. He is gone but not forgotten. Chris was born May 28, 1949 in Cuero, Texas to Wilfred John "Slim" Ortmann and Dorothy Jean Christie Ortmann. Chris is preceded in death by his parents Wilfred John "Slim" Ortmann and Dorothy Jean Christie Ortmann.

Chris grew up on a cattle ranch and chicken farm near Smiley, Texas, where he learned about hard work and developed a love for the outdoors that would last a life time. Chris attended Smiley High School and graduated in 1967 where he was captain of the football team, track team, basketball team, made all-district in football and basketball for numerous years, and had the honor of competing in state and regional track meets in pole vault.

After high school, he attended the University of Texas at Arlington ("UT Arlington") on a football scholarship. Due to confusion with his name, he was assigned to an all-female dorm. You can imagine the looks a 6'2" and 210 pound linebacker would have received upon checking in the all-female dorm. After the initial shock of a linebacker named Christie, Chris was very successful in his football career at UT Arlington being a three-year letterman and captain of the UT Arlington Football team. He received the Bubba Garner Memorial Scholarship award in 1969 for his heart and competitive spirit. His top game was against New Mexico State when he racked up 20 stops, equaling the school record at that time. His love of football continued throughout his life. On any given Saturday in the fall you could find him watching college football, especially his Texas Longhorns. He was infamous for heckling his Aggie and Texas Tech family members, making a wager or two, and sending text mes-

sages or making phone calls on a play-by-play basis.

Upon graduating from UT Arlington, Chris attended and graduated from the School of Dentistry at the University of Texas San Antonio. In 1976, he opened up his first practice in San Antonio and then Nixon. Later he closed San Antonio practice and practiced full time in Nixon. His dental office was not only a place to get your teeth cleaned or a root canal; it was a place of friendship and storytelling, a hub for local information. After 40 years of practicing dentistry, Chris retired in May of 2015.

Throughout his life, Chris was an avid outdoorsman whether it was hunting, fishing, arrowhead hunting, or growing vegetables and watermelons in his garden. He was happiest being active outdoors. He chased Boon and Crockett Whitetail Bucks from Gonzales County to Mexico and everywhere in between, winning the Los Cazadores and numerous other contests. He fished everywhere he could from the Aransas Bays, chasing and tailing red fish and thirty inch speckled trout, from South Texas mud holes and creeks, to the Gulf of Mexico, to the rivers of Alaska. Chris had a knack for spotting arrow heads and even converted an old peanut shaker to a sifter, he dug for them every chance he could.

His gardens were known far and wide and shared with all of his family and friends. With his green thumb and good watermelon seeds, he enjoyed the challenge of growing 100 plus pound watermelons. He was also known for being an amazing cook. He took great joy in whipping-up feasts for his family and friends.

Chris never met a stranger. He always had a joke, or "true" story to tell. He could easily light up a room.

Chris was an awesome husband, father, brother, and grandfather. Full of laughter, sunshine, quick wit and charm. He could

VIRGINIA MALMSTROM

Virginia Malmstrom, 86, of Harwood, Texas passed away unexpectedly on Friday, Sept. 21 in Gonzales, Texas. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Sept. 27 at Melvin Evangelical Free Church at 2 p.m. with Interment at Melvin Cemetery.

Virginia was born on July 11, 1932 to Elmer and Opal (Simmons) Malmstrom in Melvin, Texas. She grew up in Melvin and graduated from Melvin High School. After graduation, she moved to Austin graduating from Seton School of Nursing in 1953 with an RN Degree. There she met Richard Thompson and were married in 1952.

While Richard finished his education, Virginia worked as a recovery room supervisor at St. David's Hospital before they moved to Denton. They had two children: Margaret and John.

In 1962, they moved to Lubbock, Texas where Richard was a Professor of Chemistry at Texas Tech University and Virginia was the O.B. supervisor for West Texas Hospital. In 1968, they moved to Hillsborough, North Carolina. Virginia was a wonderful homemaker and she was involved in her church, she would sit and take care of her neighbors that needed a nurse as they would be on hospice in today's times. She was involved with the blood drive and the Red Cross, always giving and lending a helping hand and heart. During this time she loved her gardening and making jellies and jams and sewing.

Richard and Virginia later divorced and in 1980, she moved back to San Antonio where she got a job at Methodist Hospital as an R.N.

Later, Morris Malmstrom came to San Antonio and took her back to her roots at the ranch in Melvin, Texas. They were married in 1982. Virginia continued to make her jellies and jams and her and Morris enjoyed their life together as ranchers and farmers.

She loved her church and church family and stayed involved at the Melvin Evangelical Free Church. Morris passed away in 2004, and Virginia lived at the ranch by herself for four years until she went to live with her daughter in Harwood.

She so enjoyed reading, reading hundreds of books. She was involved with the Thompsonville Ladies Club and loved looking after her beloved Bichon Frise "babies," Freddy and Buddy.

She is survived by her daughter: Margaret Benson, and husband, Link, of Harwood and her son: John Thompson and wife, Jackie, of Temple and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Morris; her parents and brother, George.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Melvin Evangelical Free Church or the Melvin Cemetery Association.

Please view Mrs. Malmstrom's online memorial at heritagefuneraltx.com.



VIRGINIA HENRY

Virginia Henry, 71, passed away on Saturday Sept. 29, 2018 in Gonzales. She was born Oct. 2, 1946 in Gonzales to Pedro and Aurelia Castro Gutierrez.

Virginia is survived by her son, John Zapata and wife Jill of Waelder; daughters, Rachel Hefley and husband Tim of Lampasas, Margie Zapata of Waelder, and Monica Benavides and husband Rene of Houston; brother, Eloy Gutierrez of La Grange; sister, Josephine Luna of Waelder; 10 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Henry; father, Pedro Gutierrez; and mother Aurelia Castro Gutierrez, and six brothers, and three sisters.

The family will begin receiving visitors at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 13 with a memorial service following at 2 p.m. at the Smith Funeral Home Chapel.

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Ben-Hadad, king of Aram gathered his army along with thirty-two kings with their armies and attacked Samaria. He sent messengers to King Ahab telling him that he was claiming Ahab's silver and gold and the best of his wives and children. Ahab agreed to Ben-Hadad's demand.

The next day Ben-Hadad sent a message to Ahab telling him that he was also going to take from him all that he had that was of value. Ahab summoned all the elders of Israel and they told him not to submit to Ben-Hadad's demands.

In response to Ahab's refusal to give up all of his wealth, Ben-Hadad threatened to totally destroy Israel, leaving nothing but dust. Ben-Hadad ordered an attack.

Meanwhile a prophet told Ahab that the LORD said that He would give the vast army threatening Israel into Ahab's hands that day and then Ahab would know that God was the LORD. "Ahab questioned the prophet asking "But who will do this?"

The prophet replied, "This is what the LORD says: 'The young officers of the provincial commanders will do it.'"

Ahab asked who would start the battle. The prophet told Ahab that he, Ahab, would start the battle. Ahab summoned the 232 young officers and assembled the 7000 Israelites and at noon while Ben-Hadad and the 32 kings allied with him were in their tents getting drunk they attacked. The Arameans fled, with the Israelites in pursuit. Ben-Hadad escaped on horseback. Israel advanced and inflicted heavy losses on the Arameans.

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A little respect, please

Wow, what rancor and division we have witnessed in our nation over the last few weeks. From its inception, our great nation has recognized the right of free speech and the right to peacefully assemble and let our opinions and voices be known. We should all be grateful for such rights. Few throughout history have known these wonderful privileges. Yet many would also agree that our speech and assemblies have reached a point of rancor and sheer hatred that our forefathers would find appalling.

Personally, I seek to be a person of firm convictions, and most that read these articles would say the same of themselves. We ought to be people of moral and spiritual courage, never shrinking from what we believe. We must not only hold to the truth in our heart, we must proclaim that truth.



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with any and everything. We can and must be tenacious in what we believe. Yet we can do so with grace and loving self-control. There is no place for rudeness in the life of the Christian. We are to be models of kindness. “Love suffers long and is kind.” (I Corinthians 13:4) Not only is love not rude, it is also not selfish. The loving person will not simply live for himself and what benefits him personally, but will live for the honor of God and the good of others. The text then goes on to say that “love is not provoked.” This means that we are not quickly aroused to anger. Those who claim to follow Christ should not be easily irritated or upset. There is, of course, a place for what is sometimes called “righteous indignation.” We should be angered by the very things that anger God. However, we must not fly off the handle because things have not gone our way. When the vote or legislation does not go as we hoped, we are not to lash out in anger and a lack of self-control. Someone has confessed, “I lose my temper a lot, but it’s all over in a few minutes.” So is a nuclear bomb. A great deal of damage can be done in a very short time. Let us pray for a spirit of healing and reconciliation in our nation. A little love and respect is in order.

Clint Lowery is pastor at Memorial Heights Baptist Church.

Snake in the grass

Hey y’all, hope everyone has fully recovered from “Come and Take It.” For several years, the church we attended ran a food booth and our church band played there, we all had a great time and a lot of laughs. We came but we forgot to take it, but did all get to take home the leftover chocolate-covered frozen bananas and Bunuelos (or Boon-way-lows, as I like to say).

As I sit here writing, the rain literally couldn’t come down any harder. My poor mowers tongue is hanging out. Feels like I’ve put a 100,000 miles on it so far this year — I’m thinking about installing a TV. Seems I wore out my butt button (a safety cut-off switch, located under the seat) and had to make some repairs, but no worries, we’re back in the saddle again.

Reminds me of the time Eloise and I returned from the store to find Matthew, who was about eight at the time, cutting our front lawn with a pair of scissors. As we were asking him what he was doing, the neighbor from across the street (a tall attractive blond woman) walked over. He explained that he just wanted to surprise us and didn’t know what else to cut it with. Her reaction: Poor baby, I guess I’ll just have to take you to the movies as a reward. His reaction: OK, I like blondes. Way to go Matt, always the attention hound!

Last episode (previously on Love Estes), we had stuccoed the walls and painted them a semi-gloss grey. We continued on throughout the house, hitting the ceilings as we went. Ever try rolling an old popcorn ceiling? What a mess, and I will say that it was some of the worst popcorn I ever ate.

We decided to paint the trim green as to match our temporarily dyed green carpet. Putting up the molding between ceiling and walls was next, thankful that God gave me enough common sense to paint them first. On to the doors and jams. As Eloise and I continued with our who’s the better/ neater painter competition, I feel (she



might disagree), that I clearly won the better category while she took home the prize for neater by a mile.

This house, while being just short of 1200 sq. ft., was a four-bedroom, two-bath floor plan. It was decided that the smallest bedroom, in the back of the house, would be turned into our office. As the floors in that room were a wood parquet, I decided to just refinish them. Staining them an oak color, then putting on three coats of high gloss acrylic floor finish, made them pop.

Eloise said she might be interested in starting some sort of internet business, so buying a new computer, scanner and printer was next on the agenda. With technology in its infancy, fax machines still being fairly new, we ended up purchasing a Micron computer so powerful it wasn’t even on the open market yet. With a whopping — are you ready? — 4GB hard drive and 512MB ram, we were concerned about causing a neighborhood blackout. Next I built a 14-foot, L-shaped desktop made from Formica butcher block countertops from Home Depot. It worked well for holding our computers and scheduling my customers.

The house was slowly coming together, and mama was excited. She had been waiting years for this to happen. Making her happy, made me happy. Little did I realize that I was developing a lifestyle that would carry on for decades. I just figured that God had put me in this family to take care of, protect, love, teach and encourage them the best I knew how. Still fairly new at the God thing, I was trying my hardest to “walk the talk.” Now, after all these years of trying to walk the talk, while often hard to do and with many failures along the way,

it’s been worth every step of the journey. Someday I’ll be standing before God, as we all will, and I don’t know about you, but I’d much rather hear “well done” than “who are you?”

The other evening my dogs started barking, seems one of the neighbors calves got out and was hollering in the front yard. Being almost dark, I grabbed my new giant flashlight (EE phone home) and walked it down the road and through the gate, into its pasture. It wasn’t too tough as he was more than ready to be back with mom.

Walking back home, it came to mind that I’ve seen very few snakes this year. As I was entering my front yard I almost stepped on a small rat snake slithering through the grass, so I picked it up, played with it, kissed it on the lips and sent it on its way. Hey, do snakes have lips? Time for some pondering. It made me think about how Satan, in the form of a serpent, deceived Eve in the garden resulting in the fall of man. Proverbs 26:24 says that Enemies disguise themselves with their lips, but in their hearts they harbor deceit. Satan started the ball rolling and man has been running it into the end zone ever since. Mankind has been putting each other down for eons, through direct contact, gossip and every form of media available, resulting in a global inferiority complex. Don’t believe the lies, God created you (custom order), and you ARE absolutely as worthy as anyone else! Growing up, I heard, many, many times, that I was so stupid, I didn’t know how stupid I was. Being always the optimist, I thought, well then, that’s a good thing isn’t it? It all boils down to what you are willing to believe. You just being here is proof of God’s love for you, and you know what they say, God doesn’t make any junk. You are capable of achieving anything you want to if you’re willing to do what it takes, so hold your head high, and beware of the snakes in the grass.

Talk to you again soon.
Love you guys,
Eric

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JEAN’S POETRY

“One Of ‘Those’ Days!”

By Jean Hrnccirik
Special to the Inquirer

Sometimes, a quiet morning renders
An unexpected ‘adrenaline rush.’
“O God!!! No!!”

We drop the water hose! And run!
To retrieve a ‘heavy’ hoe —
The huge rattlesnake is still there!
Coiled!! He’s ‘striking head’ eyeing me —
I bring the hoe “down”! With all my might!!
I chop! Chop more. More!! More!!
His head is smashed! I am spent —
I unwind the rattlesnake — roughly a five-footer
... eight rattlers ...

“O God! You do know how to shakes up a person!”
... yes, I will be a little more careful...
If, I hadn’t seen the snake...?
“Lord, how I owe you for saving me
... this “devil” ... “
Nothing sweeter than “thankful tears.”

ACROSS

1 polite TX address: “howdy ____”
5 Lady Bird: Claudia ____ Taylor Johnson
6 Astro Bregman achievements
7 author of “The German Texans”
8 TXism: “you can write it in ____” (positive)
9 TXism: “come ____ the seams”
16 famous western: “High ____” (1952)
18 TX author of “Virgin of the Rodeo”
21 TXism: “__ hill for a stepper”
22 Fr. explorer in TX: ____ de La Salle
23 TXism: “every ____ and then”
24 they played at TX Willie’s Farm Aid IV: “Guns _ _ ____”
30 a President George W. concern: ____ to Taiwan
34 TX ZZ Top album: “__ Grange”
35 TXism: “it ____ _ pretty penny”
36 11 footballers
37 TXism: “dab it on”
39 TXism: “wouldn’t touch ____ _ -foot pole”
43 TX Sam Bass was a ____ robber
44 TX Tanya’s “One Love _ _ _ _”

45 TXism: “let it ____”
46 this TX Armstrong was ambassador to England
47 acting right
49 ex-Astro SS Eric
52 TXism: “take a look ____”
53 TXism: “__ tight he squeaks when he walks”
54 Lady Di or Ms. Ross
55 horse and Fifth Wheels
58 “TX Troubadour” Tubb

59 newspaper insertions
60 sketch of one’s life
61 ____ Diego, TX

DOWN

1 Falls County seat
2 Snyder has ____ buffalo statue
3 TXism: “could put a loop over ____ _ mule’s back” (good roper)
4 home brew: “sour ____”
9 TXism: “innocent ____ a newborn calf”
10 TX Johnny Rodriguez 1st hit
11 panhandle ____ code is 806
12 Gov. George W. appointed this Gonzales to the TX Supreme Court
13 ex-Astro Jeff Bagwell was a ____ at the plate
14 this TX Blocker designed XIT brand
15 TXism: “__ horn”
17 Texarkana is in ____ Texas
19 a Texas region: ____ Plains
20 ex-Astro reliever Henry
24 former TX first lady Connally (init.)
25 TXism: “__ gut” (liquor)
26 fed. workers’ agcy.
27 TX border ____: LA, OK, AR & NM

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Drought, late rains among challenges

By Adam Russell
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COLLEGE STATION – Drought and untimely late-summer rains likely will mean a subpar 2018 growing season for many Texas cotton producers, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension statewide cotton specialist, College Station, said Texas cotton producers dealt with a myriad of challenges in 2018, including cool spring temperatures, summer drought and late-summer rains.

Three cold fronts early in the season put cotton fields behind and caused some poor emergence and considerable replanting, Morgan said. But summer sun and high temperatures provided enough heat units, and drought actually pushed cotton maturity to initiate harvest earlier than normal in South and East Texas this year.

However, much of the dryland cotton in many parts of the state was starved for moisture due to the dry summer, Morgan said. In South and East Texas, where dryland fields did survive, cotton yields were below average or not worth harvesting.

As the season progressed, hopes were renewed with scattered timely rains and plenty of heat units



Cotton fields around much of South and East Texas have received continuous late summer rains that have delayed harvest. Soggy conditions and delays are leading to problems, such as sprouting seeds and reduced fiber quality. TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE PHOTO BY DR. GAYLON MORGAN

needed for cotton to develop in the Upper Gulf Coast, Morgan said.

“We got off to a rough start, but had a good looking crop in the Upper Gulf Coast before the rains set in in September,” he said. “Now there’s been a month of off and on wet weather at the wrong time for the remaining cotton in the Upper Gulf Coast and irrigated cotton in the Blacklands.”

Morgan said fields in cotton-producing areas in the lower two-thirds

of the state have received continuous rains and much of the Southeast and Coastal Bend is saturated, making accessing fields impossible. It’s the third year in a row that producers around the Upper Gulf Coast and Brazos bottom regions have faced detrimental late-summer rains, including Hurricane Harvey last year.

In many of these areas, harvest is at a standstill, he said. Continuous rains are hurting fiber quality and seed quality in the field, and delays

are causing problems such as cottonseed sprouting.

Morgan also said many producers in the rain-soaked parts of Texas had applied defoliant before rains set in and the delays will mean spending more money on harvest aids to bring remaining cotton in.

Harvest in the Rio Grande Valley was complete, Morgan said, and 95-98 percent of cotton in the Coastal Bend was out before the rains hindered producers. But this wet weather has also prevented destruction of post-harvest cotton stalks, which growers are required to do for continued success of the boll weevil eradication program.

In the Upper Gulf area, including Matagorda County, around 25-35 percent of the crop was still in fields, and 60-70 percent of fields in the Brazos Bottom were still awaiting harvest, he said.

Cotton fields in the Southern Plains and Panhandle should be ready for harvest toward the end of the month, he said. Most dryland cotton in the Southern Plains and Rolling Plains was lost to drought, and producers were beginning to apply harvest aids to early maturing fields.

“We’re looking at an average irrigated crop (in the Southern Plains and Panhandle) because of the heat and irrigation limitations with little to no precipitation all summer,” he said.

Gonzales Livestock Market, Inc.
Sale date: Oct. 6
Receipts this week: 1,401 cattle
Number 1 quality calves and yearlings sold steady. Less quality calves sold steady. Packer cows and bulls sold \$1-2 lower.

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700-800 lbs. \$130-135
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Sale date: Oct. 2
Cattle on hand: 2,050

Packer cows:
Higher Dressing Utility and Cutter Cows: \$51-62
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400-500 lbs.: \$154-197.50
500-600 lbs.: \$140-170
600-700 lbs.: \$130-152.50
700-800 lbs.: \$125-147.50
No. 1 heifer calves
Under 200 lbs.: \$155-220
200-300 lbs.: \$138-170
300-400 lbs.: \$135-162.50
400-500 lbs.: \$133-160
500-600 lbs.: \$130-148
600-700 lbs.: \$127-141
700-800 lbs.: \$118-135
Replacement heifers
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Nixon Livestock Commission, Inc.
Sale date: Oct. 8
Volume: 1,522

Steers:
200-300 lbs. \$145-155-210
300-400 lbs. \$154-164-201
400-500 lbs. \$146-156-191
500-600 lbs. \$136-146-167
600-700 lbs. \$130-140-151
700-800 lbs. \$124-134-144
Heifers:
200-300 lbs. \$129-139-188
300-400 lbs. \$131-141-275
400-500 lbs. \$131-141-180
500-600 lbs. \$123-133-175
600-700 lbs. \$119-129-154
700-800 lbs. \$116-126-128
Slaughter cows: \$31-57
Slaughter bulls: \$60-70
Stocker cows: \$600-1,200
Pairs: \$510-960
Sellers: 167
Buyers: 51

Cabbage loopers continue to consternate cauliflower

Q. The cabbage loopers are devastating my broccoli and cauliflower. I have applied a Bt product, but they keep chewing. What could be the problem?

A. Are you mixing the product at the dilution described on the label and then mixing it up well in the sprayer? How old is the Bt? If it has been open for more than a year, I would get a new container. Did you add a teaspoon of dish soap to the mix and are you spraying under the leaves?

Do you find the green cabbage loopers on the damaged foliage? They



CALVIN FINCH
Gardening Q&A

should be easy to find. Other leaf eaters could be cutworms or slugs and snails. Spray malathion or Sevin for cutworm control. Sevin is still available at some nurseries. Add slug and snail bait for the slugs and snails.

Q. Why are you continuing to recommend the

use of Round-up when it is proven to be such a threat to the environment?

A. Some individuals declaring a product is a threat to the environment does not make it a threat. The value of glyphosate as an herbicide must be weighed against any risk it poses to the environment. Lots of research exists on the product and most of it indicates that it is no risk or a minor risk at worst. Research continues to explore any gaps in the analysis of risk. New findings may change the conclusions. Until then, horticulturists

like me must use the existing data to determine the products value and risk. Gardeners also can agree with my conclusions or follow another path.

Q. We have caterpillars on our milkweed now. We just took it for granted that they were Monarchs but after hearing your presentation on the topic, realize they may be queen butterflies. Please tell us again how to tell the difference.

A. Monarchs and queens are closely related, and both only lay their eggs on milkweed. Generally (but not always) the monarchs only lay eggs and produce caterpillars in their visit to South Texas going north from the Mexican wintering grounds. They are in San Antonio now on their way back south. The caterpillars look the same except that the queen has an antenna-like appendage in the middle of its length. The monarch has one ap-

pendage at each end and the queen has an extra one in the middle.

Q. Spinach transplants are available at my favorite nursery. Will it work to plant them now?

A. I always have better success waiting to obtain spinach transplants in November. Spinach is sensitive to the frequent hot spells in October and becomes spent and vulnerable to insect pests. Make sure the transplants you purchase are green and lush.

Q. We had a terrible time with bedstraw and other weeds last winter. Is it too late to apply a pre-emergent herbicide to reduce its germination?

A. It is best if the pre-emergent is applied about September 1, but you will get some control if it is applied now. Make sure the pre-emergent you select works for broadleaf weeds. Check the labels for Dimension and/or Amaze.

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COME AND TAKE IT



Scenes from Come and Take It 2018

The 63rd annual Come and Take It Celebration was a hit here in Gonzales last weekend. For more photos, go online at gonzalesinquirer.com. If interested in purchasing a photo, call the office at 830-672-2861. Page sponsored by the Gonzales Inquirer. PHOTOS BY GONZALES INQUIRER STAFF



The new Gonzales County Royal Court was announced on Saturday during Come and Take It. The Royal Court for 2018-19 includes Queen Quinci Seger-Gordon, Princess Amaya Rodriguez, Duchess Aaliyah Castro and Countess Belen Leon.



Gene Watson was one of the headliners for the Come and Take It Celebration on Saturday.



The Pride of Texas Shows Carnival did not disappoint with their wide variety of games and thrilling rides.



Jackie Hanson of Cat Springs, Texas, won Best in Show in the Car Show Sunday with his 1969 Chevy pickup.



The rain did not deter the reenactors on Saturday at Pioneer Village.



The "Pit Talkers" took many awards home, including first in showmanship and first place in T-Bone.

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Scenes from Come and Take It 2018



These gentlemen admirers were happy to have their picture taken with Brenda Tuma and her Mustang which took a second in the classic car show.



The Noon Lions Club bingo booth at Come and Take It saw this smiling 11-year old be the big winner on Sunday afternoon.



The Red River Rivalry came to the Come and Take It beer tent as the Texas Longhorn fans let the Sooner fan know who was in charge on this day.



Jarod Malnoski checks on his grilled meat on Sunday for the cookoff.



Chief Petty Officer John C. DuBose III: A special sailor

By Terry Fitzwater
Publisher

The United States of America Department of Defense thinks John C. DuBose III is pretty special.

They just awarded him the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

DuBose was awarded the prestigious honor by the Secretary of Defense for his service as the Operations Coordinator at the US Embassy in Madagascar. The native Texan and former Gonzales resident had requested — and then applied for — the special duty in 2016. He was later chosen to serve there from Sept. 2016 to May 2018.

The citation reads in part: *“This is to certify that the Secretary of Defense has authorized the award of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal to Chief Petty Officer John C. DuBose, United States Navy, for Exceptionally Meritorious Service for the Armed Forces of the United States September 2016 to May 2018.”*

The document was signed by the Defense Intelligence Agency Deputy Director of Operations, Coleen S. Kalina, for the Secretary of Defense.

“It was quite an honor and an unexpected one at that,” DuBose said a few weeks ago. “My boss awarded it to me at a going away party when my tour ended in Madagascar. I was able to share it with my boss, friends and fellow embassy members before I left to come back to the states.

“Yes, I am pretty proud of it.”

DuBose left Madagascar with a prestigious citation, but with heavy heart.



Chief Petty Officer John C. DuBose III was recently awarded the prestige Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his service as the Operations Coordinator at the US Embassy in Madagascar. PHOTO BY TERRY FITZWATER/GONZALES INQUIRER

“A piece of my heart will always be there,” DuBose said. “I love the Malagasy people, and they really needed and appreciated our help. I will miss that part of my duty, but in the United States Navy, duty sometimes takes you elsewhere.”

DuBose speaks of his career in the Navy with deference, as if he sometimes doesn’t believe all of the things he has accomplished and seen in his rise to Chief Petty Officer.

He was born to John DuBose Jr. and the former Tina Bingham. He lived in Dayton, Texas where he played golf and football for a while. He was graduated in 1999. He has one sister named Melissa Varga who is a teacher in Shiner, Texas.

“When I was young and just getting out of high school, I was like most kids and didn’t have a whole lot of goals,” DuBose recalled. “I needed some-

thing. I heard the stories of my grandfather and great grandfather who had served in the U.S. Army and they always made me proud.

“Honestly, if I had not joined the Navy who knows where I’d be right now.”

John was working in a lumberyard warehouse in 2001. His building had a bathroom connected to the office location of the United States Navy recruiting office. Every time he would walk through the building in front of the recruiter the Navy man would call out, “Hey DuBose, get over and get signed up.”

As time went by, DuBose became more and more convinced that the military was his best option as a future career. Due to the Army influence of his grandfathers, he was going to enlist in the Army. The day he went to enlist it just so happened the former

Navy recruiter saw him and got him to join the Navy.

DuBose’s career as a sailor has taken off ever since.

He joined the Navy and went to basic training at the Great Lakes Training center in Illinois. He went to a school in Dann Neck, Va., and earned his MOS as an operations specialist in radar.

He was then assigned to the *USS John S. McCain*, where he did deployments in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. During this time he earned two Navy achievement medals.

He was then assigned to, “10 years of absolutely wonderful duty in San Diego,” before landing on the *USS Lake Champlain* in the Arabian Gulf escorting the powerful aircraft carrier *USS Ronald Reagan*. During the surge of 2006, he was granted a special 10-month assignment on



The citation reads in part: *“This is to certify that the Secretary of Defense has authorized the award of the Defense Meritorious Service Medal to Chief Petty Officer John C. DuBose, United States Navy, for Exceptionally Meritorious Service for the Armed Forces of the United States September 2016 to May 2018.”*

TDY with an augmentation team in Baghdad whose responsibility was to discover and shoot down any incoming missiles aimed at US targets in Baghdad.

“It was a lot of sophisticated gunnery duty using radar, and I had a really good time there,” DuBose

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Back-to-back-to-back

Lady Apaches win district title, boys team advance to regionals

By José Torres
Managing Editor

SEGUIN — The Gonzales Apaches got to check off goals for this cross-country season.

The Lady Apaches won their third district title in a row while the boys team advanced to regionals.

On Tuesday morning at the Max Starcke Park in Seguin, the Gonzales cross-country teams took on the District 30-4A meet, with all four teams — varsity and junior varsity boys and girls teams — placing top three in their respective races.

Starting with the varsity girls, Veronica Moreno led the way with a third-place finish, timed in at 11:43. Freshmen Krisanta Esquivel and Kaylin Ramirez finished in ninth and 10th, respectively, while Krystalynn Buesing and Maura Gonzales finished 12th and 14th, respectively. Stephanie Reyna finished 17th overall and Shelby Davis finished 27th with a 13:00 time.

“Top girls ran good all the way down,” Gonzales Head Coach Cully Doyle said. “Veronica Moreno deserves a lot of credit, the freshmen deserve a lot of credit, Krisanta and Kaylin. We knew



The Gonzales team of Avram Almaguer, Avery Almaguer, Antonio Hernandez, Daniel Garcia, Ruben Ortiz, Carlos Mendoza and Mark Burek will be headed to the Region IV-4A meet in Corpus Christi after placing third in the District 30-4A meet. PHOTOS BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

those freshmen were big. Our lone senior deserves a heck of a lot of credit, she pushed really hard today. She knew what she was running for, her last opportunity to win a district championship with the team. So that was huge. We're excited. If we get people healthy we'll be fine.”

The Lady Apaches scored 48 points, 17 points better than Geronimo Navarro who placed second. La Vernia came in third with 70 points, edging out Pleasanton who had 73 points.

The Gonzales JV girls also won, with all seven of their racers finishing in the top 15 for a 27-point score. Pleasanton had 42 points while La Vernia had 63.

“Our JV girls won a team championship pretty handily today. Because of them, it makes our varsity much stronger,” Doyle said. “A lot of people don't have the depth that we have. We brought 29 girls today to race. Only seven get to run on varsity. That means the rest below them are pushing the top seven every

day in practice, every weekend, every race and here. For the JV to win, it's extremely satisfying to know that they're pushing the top group to win and we expect the top group to win.”

Jordan Williams won the race with a 12:49 finish. Emily Moore placed third overall with a time of 13:15. Genevieve Kelly took fifth at 13:19, M'Kenna Matl took eighth with a 13:28 time, Emily Moreno took 10th with a 13:34 time, Maraia Mathis placed 12th with a 13:38 time and Brooklyn Simper took 15th with a 13:47 time. Other times will be posted in the online edition of the paper.

On the boys side, a top three finish was always going to be a difficult task. With a banged up Antonio

Hernandez, the Apaches still managed to get through adversity and advance to the Region IV-4A tournament as a team with 75 points. La Vernia won with 35 points, Geronimo Navarro took second with 70 and Cuero finished in fifth with 86.

“A lot of credit goes to La Vernia and Navarro, they're good teams,” Doyle said. “We finished third. We knew we had to run well. I thought we ran well.”

“That as big for them because the boys didn't get out last year,” he continued. “Their goal this year was to take a step forward and the step forward for that group was to get in the top three. Anything above that was a bonus. I'm a believer in you got to take one step

before you take 10, so that's just what I believe. I'm not going to make false hope for anybody. I think our team can be great, and I think today was a big step in the right direction for them. The sky is the limit if they trust the system. I'm excited.”

Avram Almaguer and Avery Almaguer led the way for the Apaches, finishing 12th and 13th, respectively. Antonio Hernandez placed 15th overall while Daniel Garcia and Ruben Ortiz placed 18th and 19th, respectively. Carlos Mendoza placed 28th and Mark Burek placed 29th.

On the JV side, La Vernia dominated with a per-

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Fall in love with quilting in Luling

The Church of the Annunciation and the Texas Tea Stitches Guild will be hosting a quilt show at the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation at 301 S. Walnut in Luling on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Quilts will be displayed in the beautiful sanctuary of the Church of the Annunciation and docents will be on hand to share some of the rich history of these quilts. A special quilt from the Luling High School Class of 1932 will be included in the display. We know there are many quilts in our

surrounding area that have stories that go with them.

If you have a quilt that you would like to display, please contact Holly Dee Quilts at 830-875-5432 or bring it by the church at 9 a.m. the morning of the show. The Church of Annunciation and the members of the Texas Tea Stitches Guild would be honored to have you share your treasured quilt and memories.

The Church of the Annunciation will have light refreshments in the fellowship hall along with a "love" offering.

County proclaims October Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Gonzales County Judge David Bird (sitting) recently signed a proclamation declaring October in Gonzales County Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Pictured (from left) are Janie Massey, Jan Wurz, Megan Zella, Shirley Hodges, Carla Faltisek and Darrell Haug. PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

Uncle Wiggly's Wieners grand opening

Uncle Wiggly's Wieners is having their official grand opening on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 4-8 p.m. and it's going to be a doggone fun time.

The whole block will be closed off for the event. Her neighbors: Luling Animal House, Dance Time Company and LAWS (Luling Animal Welfare Society) are all going to help celebrate.

Uncle Wiggly's will be open for business and Elvis (impersonator) will be in the house performing.

Dance Time Company will throw open their doors for a meet and greet with music and dancing. Dancers will also be performing the jitter bug at Uncle Wiggly's.

It's going to be a Barkin' Good Time with Luling Animal House putting on a "Dog'O'Ween" costume contest, with three categories that will be judged by the 2018 Watermelon Thump Queen Kendal Gibson.

Prizes will be given for three categories:

- Best couples costume (owner and dog)
- Funniest costume
- Most original/creative costume

Luling Animal Welfare Society (LAWS) will have a photo booth for those that would like a photo with their pet(s) and a homemade doggie treats bake sale. Some costumes will be available for photos.

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Free car seat fitting station

The Luling EMS/Austin-Travis County EMS will be providing a free car seat fitting station (inspeccion de asientos para niños) on Oct. 25 from 2-5 p.m. Call to make an appointment at 830-875-7032. The last appointment is at 4:30 p.m. (La ultima cita comienza a las 4:30 p.m.)

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Tony Matias, Ken Colwell and James Cole of Gonzales County Rescue stand behind the new chain saws and tourniquets that were donated by area businesses to help support Rescue.

EMS

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years ago in a traffic accident while on his way to the EMS office.

“As you know, this was one of the things I wanted to do when I first took over as EMS Director,” said Linebrink. “I think I new look and a new attitude will be good for everyone here and in the community.”

On the Rescue side of the operation, three new chain saws were donated by McCoy’s Building Supply, Gonzales Building Center and JGI signs. Accessories to the equipment were included.



The new 2018 transport ambulance donated to EMS by the Gonzales County Health Foundation.

New headlights for the rescue vehicles were donated by Crystal and Brad Irl at NAPA of Gonzales, and

Clearwater properties donated 20 tourniquets for a new initiative started by Linebrink called Stop the Blood.

DOCTOR

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he’s out and about in the community away from his office.

“If I can help you in a way that bridges the gap between your visits, I’m going to try and do that,” he said. “That’s where I really think medicine can succeed in helping patients, not just during the visit.”

The doctor became interested in medicine as a Boy Scout. One of his favorite duties was administering and teaching first aide to fellow scouts. He took that interest to college where he worked with physicians in their labs to find out what field of medicine he was most interested in. After six years of shadowing and learning, he decided to jump into family practice.

Hattenbach attended medical school at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. After a three-year residency there, he packed up and came here to the Sievers Clinic. Although it has been just a couple of months, he already sees what the overall health of the Gonzales community is.

“Gonzales has many of the same problems that rural Texas at large has, those being obesity, diabetes, poor health literacy — where people don’t understand their medical conditions — and poor access to care to an extent,” he said.

“The bigger things that are challenging Texas are challenging America,” he continued. “Obesity, poor health, poor access to good foods sometimes, poor knowledge of what the right foods to eat are, and a poor knowledge on how much physical activity is needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Those problems are common across America and they’re common here as well. But there are things we can address and they are not insurmountable problems.”

More healthier ways to dine are what he stresses.

He explained that the biggest pitfall that a small town has is the ease and frequency of eating fast food. Those foods are notorious for being high in fat and carbs, he said, and eating those on a regular basis can lead to heart disease and high blood pressure. People will have to “re-learn” eating habits such as ordering a salad or grilled option when possible and avoiding bread, he said.

Insurance is often a worry that low-income residents have to fear, but Hattenbach says that should never deflect one from a doctors visit. All questions need to be asked about personal health, and often Hattenbach can find ways to get inexpensive medication from pharmaceutical companies through various programs they may offer.

“You should never be afraid to ask a question. I always will look for programs to help people afford the treatments, medications, the testing they need,” he said. “There’s always a way to do it and we’ll find a way or we’ll find a way around it and we’ll still get to the root of whatever the problem is.”

When he’s not taking care of patients, he’s taking care of himself and his family. He and his wife have two boys — both in Cub Scouts — and another on the way. They are living a healthy, active outdoor lifestyle, and he is looking forward to becoming a part of the community.

“I’m just glad to be here,” he said. “Gonzales has already been great to my family and I am looking forward to being great for Gonzales in any way that I can. If patients have specific concerns, I’m here to address them and maybe present them a new face for medicine in case that is what they need.”

Hattenbach can be reached at the Sievers Clinic at 830-672-8502 or visit www.gonzaleshealthcare.com.

DUBOSE

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said. “It was an all Navy team there, and I felt like we were an important part of the defense and made a difference.”

After Baghdad, DuBose has attended and then been an instructor at the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center. He has served on the Freedom Class frigate *USS LaToro* and *USS Ft. Worth*, two of the Navy’s newest ships in fighting modern warfare. They are fast, computerized,

and employ some of the latest in stealth technology.

After his stint in Madagascar, DuBose is headed to Ft. Everett, Washington to join the destroyer *USS Shoop*. When he gets there, Chief Petty Officer DuBose III will be the lead and Chief Petty Officer in Radar technology.

DuBose was modest when I congratulated him for being promoted to the Lead Chief Petty Officer, which is a rank held in high esteem in the United States Navy.

“It is cool,” DuBose said with a smile. “I am excited to have my own team and

work with them on their training.”

When asked how long he plans to stay in the Navy, DuBose smiled and said coyly, “We’ll just have to see about that. I look at each opportunity as it comes along and presents itself.

“But getting to be a Senior Chief would be a goal, and getting to do everything I’ve experienced in the Navy, well, I’m pretty happy right now.”

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HOPES

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wish not be tread upon. But after years of attempts at creating some sort of downtown historic revitalization and preservation program, Barbara Crozier thinks that this time they might just get it right.

“We are trying to incentivize the property owners to continue the restoration and reclamation of our properties downtown,” preached Crozier.

“Everything is still in discussion,” she continued, but made sure to explain that “no one is trying to tell anyone what to do.”

The plan is to create an incentive program that would entice building owners to renovate historic properties that may have seen better days. It would be on a voluntary basis, with no one or no building under pressure to conform. The goal is to create a historic district where all tenants would benefit from increased shopping and business based upon the look and nature of the buildings.

Crozier mentions a “bleeding carcass of downtown” that existed several years ago where after dark, the city would essentially roll up the streets with zero downtown activity after sundown. You could fire a cannon through downtown and not hit anyone, she said.

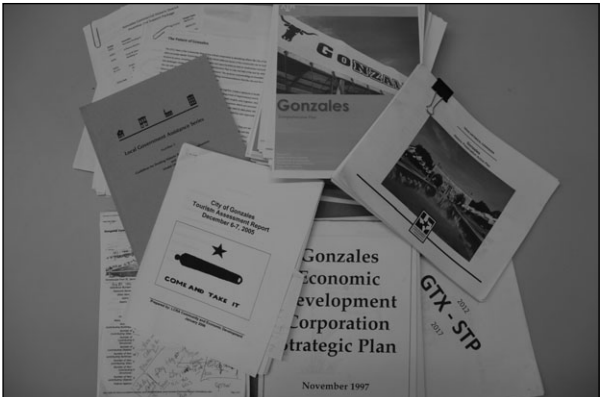
That has obviously changed, with the addition of several spots of nightlife and boutique shopping destinations. But more can be done, officials say.

Back in June, Gonzales Mayor Connie Kacir sent a letter to potential committee members who would be tasked with forming draft rules and incentives for owners that wanted to opt-in to the program.

“Adopting a historic ordinance is critical in preserving and protecting our historic assets as well as contributing to the future economic base of our city,” the mayor said in the letter.

An advisory committee was formed and agreed upon by city council. There are 15 members. Of those, 13 have direct ties to city government, eight are employed by the city, three are downtown business owners, and all but one are white. They are tasked with reporting to the city council on a monthly basis with their progress.

Crozier has been advocating such a vision since 1998 when she was president of the chamber of commerce. She preaches “profitability through preservation,” where business owners will reap the rewards if everyone bands together for a more vibrant downtown. Voluntary in-



Over two decades worth of downtown assessments have come and gone without the city agreeing to some sort of historical ordinance to preserve or renovate Gonzales’ most unique properties. A committee has been formed that some hope will finally get some momentum behind such a preservation effort where organizations like Texas A&M University and the Lower Colorado River Authority have failed. PHOTO BY ERIK MCCOWAN/GONZALES INQUIRER

centives such as city tax breaks are the carrot they are discussing. It would also lead to a “certified local government” that could open up “tremendous grant opportunities” for building revitalization, she said.

Right now, the general thinking is that incentives would be a flat rate off of city property taxes for buildings that are of a certain vintage. The new Golden Chick would not meet the criteria, for example.

The bottom line: a much more desirable community and more rent opportunities for landlords.

But not everyone has been on board, back then and up until now. Local business owner Ken Morrow visited the Inquirer’s office for a spirited debate with Crozier. He offered that there was an “element of distrust” amongst business owners that felt left out of the discussions. As an owner of three downtown buildings, he was leery of having some outside committee instruct him of the best way to manage his properties. He also questioned the problem of a landlord getting a tax break for some sort of renovation but not passing that incentive along to their tenants.

Crozier said that anyone who was in the program could opt-out at any time. Morrow said that after getting more information that he would support the measure if it remained voluntary.

An example of a dilapidated building that could be renovated and used for so much more than a pigeon roost is the 1886 Beringer-Coleman Building, they explained. The current owner has let it fall into near ruin, as anyone passing by can see. Some sort of incentive could coax the owner to renovate or even sell, opening a historic property up to a new life.

Just next door, the 1899 Schleyer Bros. Building, home to Sweet B’s Dessert Boutique, is an example of a successful partnership between city grants and an

owner with a vision. Brie Schauer, who not only owns the business but lives in a renovated apartment upstairs, said that she received grants from the Gonzales Main Street Association and Gonzales Economic Development Corp. for renovations. The result is a vibrant space that is used day and night and adds much to the look of downtown as well as its tax roll.

But grants from existing city programs are still far from the realization of any proposed ordinance. Realizing Crozier’s dream from 1998 is still a mountainous mission.

Morrow explained that he felt the current advisory board did not represent downtown, and the only members that do are the ones paid by the city to do so. Crozier wondered then if perhaps the next step would be to include downtown business owners and others with interest at stake.

As it stands, a 24-page document is the rubric from which the advisory committee works. Buildings would have to be submitted for the tax break by its owner — possibly a 20 percent break — and the committee would decide if it met the criteria as historic, or whatever they eventually decide. Once accepted, a building would have to abide by the committee guidelines if the owners were to ever adapt its features. That is the rub that continues to bug Morrow.

Further, Morrow said that he believes that grants that would invite building owners to renovate their currently unoccupied upstairs spaces into apartments, such as Schauer has done at her location, would go a long way to revitalizing downtown into the living, breathing space that so many are advocating for now.

Preservation is a hot topic for historical communities like Gonzales. But getting everyone on the same page might be more difficult than fixing one of those old buildings.

COUNCIL

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would not affect the reimbursement of funds that was listed in the agreed upon temporary injunc-

tion order issued last month, the auditor said.

Council will also need to agree to another three fixes on the old budget, amending for the repayment of the fire truck from the Government Activities

Debt Service Fund to the General Fund. The second is moving \$70,886.48 to the Governmental Activities Debt Service Fund and the third is reformulating the 2018 debt tax rate numbers.

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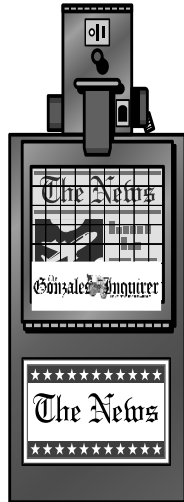
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(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Gonzales, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 6th, 2018, for voting in a general election to elect (presidential electors, if applicable), Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers.

(Notifíquese por la presente, que las Casillas electorales citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 6th de noviembre de 2018 para votar en la Elección General para elegir (electors presidenciales, si es aplicable), Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto)

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote (El Día de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar)

Location of Election Day Polling Places Precinct Number(s)

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(Ubicación de las Casillas electorales el Día de Elección)

(Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)

See Attached

For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:

(Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes padrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombrados abajo)

Locations for Early Voting Polling Places Days and Hours of Operation

Include Name of Building and Address (Días y Horas Hábiles)

(Ubicación de las Casillas electorales de votación Adelantada)

(Incluir Nombre del Edificio y Dirección)

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October 22-26, 2018 - 8:00am-4:45pm

Saturday October 27, 2018 - 7:00am-7:00pm

October 29-November 2, 2018 - 7:00am-7:00pm

Nixon City Bldg. 100 W 3rd St, Nixon

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Waelder City Bldg, 300 Hwy. 90W, Waelder

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: October 26, 2018

(Las solicitudes para voletas de votación adelantada por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

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(Emitida este día 9th de Octubre, 2018)

Signature of County Judge (Firma del Juez del Condado)

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3 City Building
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Gonzales 672-2815

14 Community Center
18 CR 297A
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4&6 Gonzales County
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Cost 437-2291

5 Community Center
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Carolyn Mikes

427 St. George Gonzales

Early Voting Clerk at Nixon: Gina Trotter
100 W 3rd St., Nixon

Early Voting Clerk at Waelder: Melinda
Caballero
300 Hwy. 90 W Waelder

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PROCUREMENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Nixon will be developing an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the 2019/2020 Community Development Fund for eligible activities associated to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering Firm to prepare preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the City in its application preparation and project implementation of a TxCDBG contract, if awarded, to support a water and/or sewer improvements project in the City of Nixon. Please submit a proposal of services and/or a statement of qualifications to: Gina Trotter, City Secretary, City Hall, 100 W. Third Street, Nixon, TX 78140. Submittals for these services must be received by the city no later than 4:00 PM on October 23, 2018. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals. All respondents must be registered with SAM.gov. The City of Nixon is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the November General Election held on November 6, 2018 will be tested on October 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Randle Rather Bldg., Suite 200, Gonzales, TX to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.

Signature of Officer

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección noviembre general que se llevará a cabo el 6 de noviembre de 2018 se probará el 15 de octubre de 2018 a las 10:00 AM en Randle Rather Bldg., Suite 200, Gonzales, TX para determinar si el equipo contará con exacitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

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Matejek reunion set for Oct. 28

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For more information, please contact Diane Moeller at 361-275-6069 or Sharon Matejek at 361-564-3851.

Saturn homecoming set for Oct. 14

It's time once again for the annual Saturn homecoming set for Oct. 14. The community invites all to join, starting at 10 a.m. for fun fellowship and to reflect on those whom they gather to remember. A potluck lunch will be served, so please bring your favorite covered dishes to share. Drinks and paper goods will be furnished. The group welcomes live auction donations with donor's name attached. The auction creates excitement and helps raise extra money for the upkeep of the cemetery, grounds and buildings.

New this year is a large plaque that will be hung in the community building with a current listing of those buried or having reserved spaces in the cemetery. They have 719 laid to rest in

the beautiful cemetery. This includes 90 known veterans for which a memorial is displayed in the community building.

Those being remembered in 2017-18 are:

- Ronda Sue Davidson
- Robin Rinehart
- William (Bill) Weaver
- Oreta Sandlin Vaughan

Last year, the group mailed out 375 invitations for the Saturn homecoming and received multiple back with wrong addresses. It is of utmost importance that they have current address and emails. Any corrections can be sent to Saturn Cemetery Association PO Box 114, Waelder, TX 78959-9998.

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specify for whom the donations is being made; whether it's for a space you have reserved or a space occupied by relatives. As a reminder, if you have burial spaces reserved in the cemetery and have not made a reasonable donation, these spaces may be recalled and reassigned. This is all in the efforts to strive in keeping a nicely groomed cemetery.

The community building and church is available for rent. More details will be available during the homecoming. The community building is free of charge for Saturn burial funeral gatherings, provided all cleanup rules are honored. This is your community building. Contact 830-540-4249 for rental.

State Rep. Ben Leman to speak at Constitution Awards Meeting

The Republican Women of Yoakum Area are pleased to announce that State Representative Ben Leman will speak and present the awards to the winners of the annual Constitution Essay contest for all high school seniors in Lavaca, DeWitt and Gonzales counties. Seniors from public, private and home schools are invited to compete in the yearly contest by writing a two-page essay in conjunction with the celebration of Constitution Day each September. This essay

contest provides an opportunity for public schools to meet their legislated mandate of a one day study of the Constitution, and also serves the greater purpose of educating our future voters.

All seniors and their school sponsors are invited to attend the awards ceremony and the Grand Prize Winner will be asked to read their essay. Checks of \$1,000, \$500, \$300 and \$200 will be presented by Representative Leman. Certificates will be presented to winners by Con-

gressman Michael Cloud's office and an American Flag which has been flown over the American Capitol will be given to the school of the Grand Prize Winner. A free lunch will be served to all seniors.

The RWOYA invites the public to attend this important event at the Yoakum Community Center, 105 Huck St. on Wednesday, October 10 at 11:30 a.m.



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Senior citizens association awarded grant



The Gonzales County Senior Citizens Association Inc. was awarded a grant for their Rural Transit Program from Superior Healthplan. The Rural Transit Program transports Gonzales County residents to many destinations such as doctor appointments, dialysis treatments, pharmacy visits, lab visits, and grocery shopping. Pictured are Guadalupe Yanez, Community Ambassador with Superior Healthplan. Representing GCSCA is Kari Breitschopf and Bobby Cornett. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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GONZALES APACHES

District opener



The Apaches offense will lean on its line for success against Pleasanton this Friday. Pictured are offensive linemen Desmond Bolden (58) and Larry Gomez (68) creating running lanes for Elijah Holiday (7). PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

Tough defense needed to limit Pleasanton's explosiveness

By José Torres
Managing Editor

GONZALES — Now it all counts. Gonzales opens District 15-4AD1 play Friday night on the road, their fourth away game in a row, taking on a one-loss Pleasanton team. The Apaches have been in this situation before a few years ago during the 2014-16 realignment. Both the 2014 and 2015 football teams went 0-5 in non-district before going 4-1 in district play — including knocking off the Pleasanton Eagles twice — to take second place in their respective district. “Pleasanton is a phenomenal football team,” Gonzales Head Coach Kodi Crane said last week after the Apaches’ loss to Mineral Wells. “They’re going to be undefeated, just like our first year here. We were 0-5, they went 5-0. We went down and won the game. The next year, we’re 0-5, they were 5-0, they came to our place and we dominated the game.” Pleasanton ultimately lost to Kingsville King 33-32, the most points that defense has given up all season. But the point still remains, the Eagles are an explosive, tough test for the Apaches. Offensively, the team will lean on their quarterback Johnny Zamora (2)

and their dominant wide receiver Dalton Hobbs (80). Though no height is listed on Hobbs, Crane suspects he’s about 6 feet, 6 inches. “[Hobbs] is one of the best receivers I’ve ever seen,” Crane noted. “Whenever they get in trouble, they can throw it to this guy, throw it sky high and just let him make a play.” “[Hobbs] is one of the best — on film — that I’ve ever coached against,” Crane added. The Eagles are a different animal on offense than the Apaches are used to. A pass-first offense, the Apaches coaching staff calculates that Pleasanton pass-to-run ratio is 64-to-36. “And a lot of that run is coming in the back end of games in the fourth quarter,” Crane explained, “so even that is just a smidge deceiving, because they’ve been up in so many games.” Other receivers to look out for include Nathaniel Acevedo (8), Cole Wiechring (17), Jesus Ibarra (7) and Riley Torres (13). Hobbs, however, is the main playmaker. Trying to stop an offense such as Pleasanton’s will be a tough task for the Apaches defense. However, if the Apaches can improve on their third down defense, that would be key in knocking off the Eagles.

“They’re going to score a touchdown against us,” Crane said, “and we got to keep playing, create turnovers, win the third downs, get a couple of stops and get the ball back to our offense.” The Eagles run an odd-front, with their secondary in either Cover 4 or “man free.” “They got athletes, linebackers and defensive front guys that can go,” Crane said. Players to look out for include linebacker Cass Campbell (44) and nose guard Louis Arguijo (77). The key for the Apaches offense is to continue to lean on their offensive line for running lanes and for pass protection. Last week, quarterback Marvin Cardoza went 11-of-17 for 125 passing yards including one touchdown and one interception. Meanwhile, the team rushed 46 times for 257 yards, a 5.6 yards per play average. “We thought our offensive line had a good game last week,” Crane said. “That was a good defensive front. Cameron Mileham played extremely well, he was one of our offensive MVPs. Hopefully we could continue to build off of that.” Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. at Pleasanton. La Vernia plays at Beeville Jones at 7:30 pm. While Boerne takes a bye this week.

SHINER ST. PAUL

Cardinals in search of first win

By José Torres
Managing Editor

SHINER — Shiner St. Paul remains winless headed into their last non-district game of the season. The Cardinals are wanting to right the ship and have played better, but now the coaching staff is looking for the team to find a way to win. “Obviously we want to do things better,” Head Coach Jake Wachsmuth said. “But it’s very important we find a way to win. We’ve had games this year where we’ve done some good things, obviously we made mistakes, we played good people. Just got to find a way to win.” This week they take on Brentwood Christian who

runs an offense out the shotgun, though they’re not necessarily a spread team. They return quarterback Blake Benton (7) while losing two running backs from last season, although Sam Orick (33) has played well this season. The team tends to run out of a two or three-back formation. Defensively, the Bears run a 4-3, with cover two behind it. The Cardinals’ health is getting better, though now is the time that the coaching staff hopes the team can make that next step in progression and get into district with some momentum. Kickoff is set at 7:30 p.m.

GONZALES APACHES



Hayley Sample (13) goes up for a swing in Gonzales’ three-set loss to Cuero on Tuesday. PHOTO BY JOSÉ TORRES/GONZALES INQUIRER

Lady Apaches swept at home

By José Torres
Managing Editor

GONZALES — The Gonzales Lady Apaches lost (25-23, 25-19, 25-15) in a pivotal District 30-4A match at home to their rivals, the Cuero Lady Gobblers, on Tuesday night, falling to 3-5 in district and in need of help in order to make the playoffs. “I think we played hard, I just think that, honestly, it’s a tough loss,” Head Coach Sam White said. “They battled every game, I just think at times, the ball didn’t go our way.” The Lady Apaches went back-and-forth in the first set against Cuero, getting to as close as 23-22 before Cuero would end up winning that set 25-23. The second set was more of a struggle, as the team got down to an 8-0 hole before scoring their first point. The Lady Apaches would then run off a 5-0 scoring run before a timeout was called. During the timeout, See SWEPT, page 23

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Diamond Gym takes home ribbons



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perfect 15 score, as they took the top five spots in the race. Geronimo Navarro placed second as team with 57 while Gonzales placed third with 80 points.

SA Brooks Academy placed fourth with 100 points. Leading the way for the JV boys was Angel Pizano who placed sixth overall. Alejandro Reyna placed 14th, Jake Avant placed 21st, Dennis Martinez placed 23rd and Fernando Nava took 25th. The next meet for the

Apaches is the Region IV-4A meet that takes place in Corpus Christi on Oct. 22. “I want to take the parents,” Doyle said. “I want to take the support system around. I want to thank the cheerleaders and the flames. I want to thank the sponsors. We represented really well today.”

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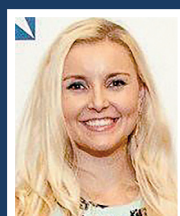
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Week 7

	Bret Hill	Christina Jahns	Wayne Baker	Daisy Scheske Freeman	José Torres	Terry Fitzwater
Gonzales vs. Beeville Jones (55.5)	OVER	UNDER	OVER	UNDER	OVER	UNDER
Nixon-Smiley vs. Stockdale (50.5)	UNDER	UNDER	UNDER	OVER	OVER	UNDER
Shiner St. Paul vs. Central Texas Christian (51.5)	UNDER	OVER	OVER	OVER	OVER	OVER
Colorado vs. Washington	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	WASHINGTON	COLORADO	WASHINGTON
Michigan vs. Michigan State	MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN STATE	MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN	MICHIGAN
Mississippi State vs. LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	MISSISSIPPI STATE	LSU	LSU
New England Patriots vs. Chicago Bears	PATRIOTS	PATRIOTS	BEARS	DA BEARS	PATRIOTS	PATRIOTS
Carolina Panthers vs. Philadelphia Eagles	PANTHERS	EAGLES	PANTHERS	EAGLES	EAGLES	PANTHERS
Houston Texans vs. Jacksonville Jaguars	JAGUARS	TEXANS	JAGUARS	JAGUARS	JAGUARS	JAGUARS
New Orleans Saints vs. Baltimore Ravens	SAINTS	RAVENS	SAINTS	SAINTS	SAINTS	RAVENS
Tiebreaker	44	51	58	43	55	42
LAST WEEK'S RECORD	4-6	6-4	4-6	7-3	7-3	4-6
TOTAL RECORD	30-20	24-26	26-24	37-13	34-16	31-19



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5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____
9. _____ 10. _____

WEEK 7 - TIEBREAKER

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