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## Easter hints a return to normalcy



After a year of canceled Easter egg hunts, parades, fireworks and Santa Claus, the youths of Rains County welcomed the opportunity to take part in Easter egg hunts and a block party on Easter weekend. Pictured (clockwise from top left) are Lily Daigleish, daughter of Nate and Alyssa Daigleish; Dakota Castillo, daughter of Jonni Castillo; Luke Dale, son of LaCresha Dale; and Stone Smith, son of Kassie and K.C. Smith.

Leader photos by TREY HILL and CHUCK FITTS

RCAD

## April 15 is deadline for property tax renditions

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds business owners that for many property types, April 15 is the deadline to file property tax renditions with their county appraisal districts. Different deadlines apply for certain regulated property.

A rendition is a list of the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery, equipment and other property owned or managed as of January 1 each year. The appraisal district may use the information to set property values.

A rendition allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district notifies property owners before changing a recorded value. Exempt property, such as church property and equipment used for farming, is not subject to rendition.

Owners whose property was damaged by

storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report that indicates the property's condition on January 1, 2021. Filing the decreased value report could lower those owners' final tax bills for 2021.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from county appraisal district offices statewide and can be downloaded at the <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/forms/>.

For more information about property rendition, deadlines, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 800-252-9121 (press 2) or visit [comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/) or locally call the Rains County Appraisal District at 903-473-2391 or visit [rainscad.org](http://rainscad.org).

LAKE FORK

## Fork tallies fifth ShareLunker over 15 lbs. in historic 2021

On Sunday, March 28, Lake Fork notched its second Legacy Lunker of the 2021 campaign and boasted the fifth fish to weigh over 15 pounds in the historic 2021 season.

Tanner Spurgin of McKinney reeled in Sunday's Legacy Lunker at Lake Fork, catapulting him to a Bass Champs Inc. Mega Bass Tournament Championship. ShareLunker 608 tipped the scales at 15.27 lbs. and in addition to being the fifth fish over 15 pounds this year, became the 23rd overall in the 2021 season. It was also a personal best for Spurgin in terms of largemouth bass.

"Things happen for a reason as I was wanting to fish the first cut that I had found the other day," said Spurgin. "It didn't work out to be in that location, so I moved on to a second cut and worked the banks looking for fish on beds. I actually passed the spot twice where the fish ended up being caught,

before seeing the fish pull up high in the water column. I could tell it was a bigger fish but wasn't sure what size it really was. I could tell it was on a bed and locked down but couldn't see which way the fish was facing. I finally hit it with my bait, saw it turn, gills flash, and it hit my bait. I set the hook and unfortunately it came out at the top of the water. I reeled in and flipped right back in there at the same spot and when she hit the bait, I set the hook again. The battle began and she fought hard, shooting under the boat. It was all I could do to hang on to my rod and about the time my rod and reel were about to break, it turned and came back to the other side of the boat. Somehow the line cleared the trolling motor, the fish came up to the side of the boat, did a couple head

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Girl  
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STAAR  
testing  
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Wildcat Sports  
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RAIN REPORT  
No rain reported this week.  
Total for March ..... 5.37  
Total for year ..... 9.87

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Am. Legion Buffet Breakfast, April 10

The Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will hold a breakfast buffet on Saturday, April 10, from 7:00-10:00 a.m. at the Post home at 215 N. Duffy St. in Emory. Take-outs are offered. Payment is by donation, which goes toward the upkeep of the home and veterans' projects.

### Good Samaritan Thrift Shop Open

The Rains County Good Samaritan Thrift Shop will be open Saturdays, April 10 and 24, in the building behind the public library on Hwy. 69 in Emory. Hours are 8:00 a.m.-noon. Funds go to buy food for the needy and to operate the center. The sale includes clothes for all ages and sizes, household items, knick-knacks and furniture. There is new stock every week.

### Good Sams' Food Pantry Pickup

The Good Samaritans Food Pantry will be open Mondays and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. There is less of a wait time on Saturdays. The one-month limit for food is still in place. Food stamp assistance is available.

### Flag Football Sign-ups, Apr., May

Early registration for Texas Varsity Flag Football, for boys and girls ages 4-12 as of September 1, 2021, will be held April 1-30 for \$80. Late registration is May 1-31 for \$100. Registration fee includes game jersey and flag belt. For more information, visit [www.texasvarsityflagfootball.com](http://www.texasvarsityflagfootball.com), call Casey Northcutt at 214-773-9803 or Doug Coffman at 903-520-6895.

### Rains Elementary Head Start/Pre K Registration

Rains Elementary will hold its Head Start/Pre-K and Kindergarten

ten Round Up for the 2021-2022 school year beginning April 15. Enroll online at [www.rainsisd.org](http://www.rainsisd.org). The elementary school campus will be available April 19-23 from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for those needing computer access. Items needed for registration: Official Birth Certificate, (A certified birth certificate for your child can be ordered at [www.texas.gov](http://www.texas.gov)) Social Security card, Complete Immunization Record, Proof of Residency (utility bill: water, gas, or electric), \* Proof of Income (current 1040 tax return) \* Pre-K/Head Start only and Photo I.D. For more information, call 903-473-2222, ext. 3106.

### RC GOP Precinct Chair Info Meeting

A meeting/training session will be held on Saturday, April 24, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Emory fire station for county residents interested in becoming a precinct chair for the Rains County Republican party. Six voting precinct positions are currently vacant. Selecting delegates to represent the county at the next state convention will also be discussed. Send your contact information to [rainsrepublicanchair@gmail.com](mailto:rainsrepublicanchair@gmail.com) to receive future communications.

### FOL Book Sale, April 16 And 17 At Emory City Centre

The Friends of the Rains County Public Library (FOL) will hold its semi-annual book sale on Friday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 17, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The gently used books from all genres will be sold at the Emory City Centre.

### City of ET Hosts Clean-up Days

Dumpsters will be available behind the East Tawakoni City hall for East Tawakoni residents to use on Friday, April 30, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 1, from 8:00 a.m.-noon. Must show proof of residency in the East Tawakoni city limits.

### Vendors needed at Spring Market

First Baptist Church in Point is having a Spring Market event on May 1 to raise funds to help their youth go to camp. Vendor spots are available for \$40. To reserve a spot call Aubrey at 903-598-3220.

### Jake C. Wilson Bass Tournament

The fourth annual Jake C. Wilson Memorial Foundation Bass Tournament will be hosted at The Minnow Bucket Marina on Saturday, May 1. Registration must be postmarked by April 26 or completed online at [www.jakecwilson.com](http://www.jakecwilson.com). For more information, call 940-208-5253 or 972-567-5215.

### Tawakoni FD Fundraiser May 8

A sand bass tournament fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 8, at Duck Cove Marina. Money raised through entry fees will be split between tournament winners and the Tawakoni Fire Department. All of the T-shirt and raffle proceeds will go to the fire department as well. For more information, call Fester at 903-366-2600.

### Rains County Dumpster Days

The dumpsters located at 260 Locust St., Point, are open the first and third Saturday of every month, 8:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m. The cost is \$12 for pickups, \$20-\$25 for trailers. Payment is accepted by cash or check only. No air conditioners, refrigerators, paints, combustibles, hazardous materials and common household trash are allowed.

### Yantis Community Bible Study

The Yantis Community Center is hosting a Bible study at 1:30 p.m. every Monday. The Yantis Community Center is located at 101 City Circle in Yantis. Call Wanda at 903-598-3324 for more information. Everyone is welcome to attend.

If you suspect  
child abuse,  
please call  
**1-800-252-5400.**

## Departments put out truck fire



Leader photo by TREY HILL

**Firefighters from East Tawakoni, Emory and Point volunteer fire departments** were called to put out a truck fire near Cedar Creek on Hwy. 276 Wednesday afternoon, March 31.

### COMMISSIONERS COURT

## Court to hold regular meeting Thursday

- Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Rains County Commissioners court will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 8, in the Rains County Courthouse Courtroom. The items to be discussed, considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:
- I. Opening
  - II. Open Forum
  - III. Presentations
  - IV. Items for discussion and/or action
    - A. Departmental Reports
      - 1. Road & Bridge Department
      - a. Monthly
    - B. Elected Official's and Finance Reports
      - 1. Treasurer's
        - a. Line item transfers/budget amendments
        - b. Payment of accounts
        - c. Monthly/Quarterly (if presented)
      - 2. Sheriff's
      - 3. District Clerk's Monthly
    - C. Proclamation for Child Abuse Awareness Month
    - D. Possibly matching funds for Library Grant
    - E. Accept required CE's for elected officials into the minutes
    - F. Revisions to subdivision regulations & checklist
    - G. Housekeeping contract
    - H. Consider tax abatement for Southern Multifoods, Inc. & Blazin Pizza
    - V. Administrative Court Activities and Comments.

## SHARELUNKER

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shakes and my buddy netted it. I was shocked at how big it was when we got it on the boat and back to the scales. It also was great to see the fish care and be a part of the outstanding ShareLunker program. This was certainly an experience of a lifetime."

After being notified by Moore and Spurgen, TPWD Inland Fisheries biologists quickly obtained and transported the ShareLunker to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. This spring, TPWD biologists will attempt to spawn it in an effort to make big-

ger, better bass that will enhance fishing in Texas lakes for years to come.

During the first three months of the season (January 1-March 31), anglers who reel in a 13 lb.-plus bass can loan it to TPWD for the ShareLunker selective breeding and stocking program. Those anglers can call the ShareLunker hotline at 903-681-0550 to report their catch 24/7, until April 1.

Anglers who catch and donate one of those lunkers earn Legacy Class status, receive a catch kit filled with merchandise, a 13

lb.-plus Legacy decal for their vehicle or boat, VIP access to the Toyota ShareLunker annual awards event and a high-quality replica of their lunker fish. The anglers will also receive entries into two separate drawings: a Legacy Class Drawing and the year-end Grand Prize Drawing. Both drawings will award the winner a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree and an annual fishing license.

For updates on the Toyota ShareLunker Program, visit [facebook.com/sharelunkerprogram/](http://facebook.com/sharelunkerprogram/) or [TexasSharelunker.com](http://TexasSharelunker.com). For pictures of all of the Legacy Class ShareLunkers caught during the 2021 season, visit the TPWD Flickr album at <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmTzg7f>.

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The aim of Sudoku is to complete the entire grid using the numbers 1-9. Each number can only be used once in each row, once in each column, and once in each of the 3x3 boxes. Visit [www.sudokuoftheday.com](http://www.sudokuoftheday.com) for further tips and help about how to play – and good luck!



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## NOTICE: LONE STAR CEMETERY CORPORATION

P.O. Box 141 Point, TX 75472

Annual Meeting: Sunday May 2, 2021 at Point Community Center at 2:00 p.m.

Purpose: Business Report, Cemetery Upkeep and Maintenance, Board member elections

We would love to see you at the meeting this year. Come if you can. If you cannot attend the meeting, your donation toward cemetery maintenance in memory of family and friends who rest at the Lone Star Cemetery may be sent to the corporation address above. Please complete the following donation form and include it with the mailing of your greatly appreciated tax deductible donation. (Make a copy for your records.) Thank you for your remembrance. Note: masking and distancing will be observed.

Sincerely,

Barbara (Spencer) Seay

Lone Star Cemetery Association

## DONATION INFORMATION

Amount of Donation \_\_\_\_\_  
Cemetery Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Donor Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
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## EDWARD JONES

## Will investors change behavior after the pandemic?

The COVID-19 pandemic may end up changing our lives, from how we work to how we learn. But will there be similar changes for how we invest?

Some areas may be affected. For example, many people found that they didn't have enough liquid savings to meet their needs and had to dip into their retirement accounts.

To prevent that from happening, try to build an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a separate, easily accessible account of cash or cash equivalents.

But, in other ways, post-pandemic life will

be similar to life before. Apart from building an emergency fund, you should still put away what you can afford into your IRA, 401(k) and other retirement accounts. If you have children, you may still want to explore college-funding vehicles – because even if online learning becomes more prevalent, higher education will still be costly.

No matter what the future looks like, you'll always make the right move by creating a long-term financial strategy tailored to your individual needs, goals and risk tolerance.

For more information on that or any other financial topic give our office in Emory a call at 903-473-1592.

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BRANDON ROBERTS

Edward Jones

Financial Advisor



## Community news

### Interesting Point

Hey there, fellow Point people. Hope your last two weeks went well. The weather has been nice and it looks like spring has sprung. Whewww!

It looks like Point has a new Chief of Police. Welcome, Carl

Ray Good. Congrats and I hope you can make our city a better place to live.

We missed recognizing Zachary Honzell on his B-Day. Hope it was a good one. Upcoming B-Days include Peggy Mitchell

and Debbie Davis Ludlum. I hope y'all have great days.

Well I hope this brought a smile to you day. After all, it is the best medicine for what ails you.

*submitted by Penny Wittrock*

### On the scene in Emory

Early spring in Texas is quite an adventure. You need rain boots, flip flops, heavy jacket and shorts all in the same day it seems. This spring time has brought other stuff as well. People! It has brought a lot of people! Everywhere I go it is crowded, people are happy for the most part, traffic is wonderfully heavy. I say that because even though it can be a pain to adjust schedules to allow for all of the traffic jams Emory is experiencing, it is so good to see people out and about and enjoying life again!

This weekend, April 10, in Emory the Keep Emory Beautiful event will be on the court-

house square with vendors, food and fun. I'm looking forward to being out and seeing everybody! It's from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m., so hopefully everyone can make it. The funds raised will go to improving our park.

The chamber will have its expo on the 24th, and East Tawakoni will have theirs May 5, along with a 5K in East Tawakoni. Texas Varsity Flag Football has signups and RYSA sports are starting up again. It's a good and busy time!

I sent an email to TxDOT on Thursday, asking them to put a "Don't Block The Box" sign up in the intersection of Hwy. 19 and Quitman Street. Maybe

if there is a blinking, large sign, drivers will pay attention to it and wait until traffic starts moving to pull into the intersection. It is the law after all.

On March 31, you would have thought it was a full moon! I have

a scanner and that thing went off all afternoon. There were

gas leaks, truck fires and several altercations between people.

There was one call where police

were called because somebody

threw a coffee cup and broke it!

Now that should be against the

law ... coffee abuse!

You can be anything you choose to be. I hope you choose to be kind.

*submitted by Kay Thompson*

## AMAC

### Breaking up is hard to do

It appears that the European Union is more than upset over Great Britain's exit. The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) reports that as of the new year, English tourists

arriving in Holland by ferry have had their lunches confiscated.

The British Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs warns travelers headed for the Netherlands that "From

1 January 2021 you will not be able to bring POAO (products of an animal origin) such as those containing meat or dairy (for example, a ham and cheese sandwich) into the EU."

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**ACROSS**

- 1 TX fried veggie
- 5 Mineola's county
- 6 TXism: "he's on a first \_\_\_\_ basis with the bottom of the deck" (cheater)
- 7 started in 1919 by actors (abbr.)
- 8 Ocean, TX
- 9 American song standard: "Side \_\_\_\_"
- 15 health clubs
- 16 adjudicate
- 19 Houston's "El Paso Energy Building" was originally the \_\_\_\_\_ Building"
- 21 former TX resident Greer Garson played "Madame \_\_\_\_\_" in 1943
- 22 NASCAR signalling guy
- 27 TX moonwalker, Bean
- 28 noted film tough guy, Jimmy
- 29 action of the wind
- 30 executive producer of TV's "Dallas"
- 32 TXism: "don't \_\_\_\_ off half cocked"
- 33 TXism for "follow" (3 wds.)
- 36 long periods of time
- 37 honky tonk
- 38 true TV film of TX surgeon: "Murder in Texas"
- 39 "making up for" (working faster)
- 41 "bear" in Spanish
- 42 Tex-Mex cheesy treats
- 45 "sicks muncie ago, I coddin't evin spel gradjuwat and now \_\_\_\_ one"
- 46 air mover
- 47 classic western: "High \_\_\_\_" (1952)
- 48 public radio net.
- 49 suitcases
- 52 "\_\_\_\_ in the dark" (wild guess)
- 53 "\_\_\_\_ down" (razed)
- 54 City, TX
- 55 dir. to Marvin from Rosebud
- 10 this Yul starred in "The Magnificent Seven" (init.)
- 11 Mexican "yep"
- 12 wasp warning (3 wds.)
- 13 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ store cowboy" (dude)
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- 15 "\_\_\_\_ his own two feet" (self-reliant)
- 16 TXism: "does \_\_\_\_ have a climbing gear? (yes)
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- 18 "Pooh" donkey
- 20 this Jack was in "4 for Texas" (1963)
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- 24 TXism: "best I ever wrapped \_\_\_\_ around" (delicious)
- 25 Pecos pageant: "Golden \_\_\_\_ the West"
- 26 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ wet hen" (angry)
- 28 pantry items
- 31 cow sounds
- 34 result of 17-down (abbr.)
- 35 Burton's "Cotton Festival"
- 37 unit of currency in Ethiopia
- 40 TX repair kit: baling wire and duct
- 43 competitor of TX-created Dr Pepper: Coca-\_\_\_\_
- 44 Crockett is the seat of this county U.S. 277
- 50 in Knox County on U.S. 277
- 51 enjoyed a chicken fried steak

**DOWN**

- 1 TXism: "he'll be late to his \_\_\_\_ funeral" (unreliable)
- 2 Kampground found throughout Texas
- 3 "Star Trek" pointy ear extraterrestrial
- 4 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ still bite" (beware)
- 5 SMU grad Bryson DeChambeau won 2020 U.S. in golf
- 6 Dallas' "Pioneer Plaza" has a herd of this statue (2 wds.)
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## THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

**Bedridden LBJ wins first election**

As voters in 10 Texas counties went to the polls on April 10, 1937, to pick a new congressman, the youngest candidate on the ballot spent the day in a hospital bed.

After working his way through college at San Marcos and teaching school in Houston, Lyndon Baines Johnson joined the staff of Rep. Richard Kleberg. Three years later, he returned to the Lone Star State as administrator of the National Youth Administration, a New Deal Program.

Although eager to launch his own elective career, Johnson refused to start at the bottom with a local or state office.

The ambitious bureaucrat would settle for nothing less than a seat in the United States House of Representatives, which invincible incumbents in one-party Texas usually held for life.

The sudden death of Rep. James P. Buchanan in February 1937 opened the door but only a crack. By leaving his name off the list of possible replacements, the Austin statesman gave Johnson credit for showing good sense. A 28-year-old unknown from the smallest county in the 10th Congressional District would have to be crazy to challenge the political heavyweights sure to seek the post.

As Alvin Wirtz listened to Johnson make his case for entering the race, he realized it would be a waste of time and breath to tell him to wait his turn. The former lawmaker and veteran lobbyist offered his assistance and a piece of advice. For the underdog to have even a ghost of chance, he had to turn the election into a referendum on the New Deal.

Money was no problem. Wirtz put the bite on a few corporate contributors, who gave generously to the long-shot campaign, and Johnson's wealthy father-in-law kicked in another 10 grand.

Acknowledging the unwritten right of the widow to take her dead husband's place, the other contestants graciously deferred to Mrs. Buchanan and refrained from declaring their intentions. But Johnson knocked her out of the race by announcing his candidacy on March 1 and informed the press that he would step aside for no one.

Johnson hit the ground running the very next morning. With seven weeks until the winner-take-all special election on April 10, he had to make every day count.

That was how the novice got the jump on the complacent competition. C.N. Avery, Buchanan's campaign manager and presumed successor, kicked off his low-key bid a week later. Assistant attorney general Merton Harris finally got

into the act on March 18, while state senator Houghton Brownlee waited until the legislature adjourned on the 27th.

Conceding Austin and a third of the electorate to Avery, the early favorite, Johnson concentrated on the countryside. From daylight until well after dark, he canvassed the small towns and crossroads, stopping to shake hands and politick at every general store and gas station along the way.

A poor public speaker in a formal setting, Johnson came to life in one-on-one electioneering. His folksy style and amazing ability to connect names with faces transformed strangers into lifelong admirers.

Rattling along back roads hardly more than wagon trails, Johnson would order his driver to stop for no apparent reason. He would then scale a barbed-wire fence and tromp through ankle-deep mud to solicit the support of a single started farmer.

Johnson's standard stump speech in 1937 was simple and powerful. "The eyes of the nation are on us right here. The whole country's watching what you do on April 10. This is the first and only test at the polls in all of the United States of the president's program."

In other words, a vote for Lyndon Johnson was a vote for Franklin Roosevelt. And by casting that vote, humble Texans had the opportunity to shape history.

Nevertheless, as late as March 25, LBJ trailed badly in the newspaper opinion polls. The surveys showed Avery comfortably ahead of the pack, with Johnson no better than a distant third.

The surprise endorsement of Albert Sidney Burleson made a dramatic difference. The former congressman and postmaster general in the Wilson administration turned Johnson's youth into an asset when he said, "To elect an old man is for the people to throw the office away."

Digging deep into his \$100,000 war chest, Johnson saturated the airwaves with 15-minute commercials. Politicians that had previously shied away from speaking on his behalf jumped at the chance to read rousing testimonials on the radio.

Thirty-six hours before the polls opened, Johnson was rushed to an Austin hospital with an acute case of appendicitis. On Election Day, the recovering candidate was confined to bed.

While less than a third of the electorate preferred the brash upstart, the best any of his opponents could do was a meager 18 percent. Lyndon Johnson had pulled off a miracle and started his historic rise to power in Washington.

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**Obituaries****Martha "Caril" Daniels**

1946 - 2021



Martha Carolyn Daniels, 75, of Emory died on February 26, 2021. She was born in San Diego, California, on September 22, 1946, to William Meredith Stock and Clara 'Midge' Stock.

Mrs. Daniels was an avid Christian and a true witness. She loved playing Scrabble, watching Wheel of Fortune, and listening to Elvis. Her greatest joy was being a wife and mother. She was smart, silly, loving, kind and beautiful in

every way and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Daniels is survived by her sister, Peggy Harris; three daughters, Lisa Young, Sally Edwards and Melissa Daniels; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Daniels.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home.

**Amy Marie Hass**

1972 - 2021



Services for Amy Marie Hass, 48, of Alba, are scheduled for 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 6, at Amazing Grace Fellowship. Bro. Byron George will officiate.

Interment will follow in Pilgrim Rest #1 Cemetery in Emory. Pallbearers will be Brian Wright, Derrick Dieken, Johnny Wright, Josh Hass, Dalton Wright, Jim Maynard, Hunter Dieken and Jack Slatter.

Ms. Hass died on April 2, 2021, in Tyler. She was born on September 18, 1972, in Quitman to W.C. Hass and Rebecca Fay Roach. She lived all her life in Alba and attended First Baptist Church, Alba. She was witty and had a great sense of humor. She was an avid animal lover, compassionate, and had a servant's heart.

She was a caring and loving mother and Nanny.

Ms. Hass is survived by her mother, Becky Kennedy of Hawkins; four sons, Dustin Bohannan and wife Casey of Alba, Justin Hass and wife Cortney of Henderson, Rustin Hass of Alba, and Jessie Hass of Alba; two brothers, Brandon Hass and wife Paula of Alba and Ray Duarte and wife LaRissa of Alba; two sisters, Teresa Shambarger and husband Tony of Hawkins and Cris-

si Musick and husband Sam of Hawkins; seven grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father.

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**50 Years Ago This Week**

Gleanings from the Rains County Leader archives

**Thursday,  
April 8,  
1971**

**Shotgun Blast Felled  
Jim Nabors**

What turned out to be a blast from a 16-gauge shotgun spelled death for Jim Welton Nabors about 7:00 Saturday evening.

Nabors, son of pioneer parents, shortly before the fatal shot, had been visiting with friends on the sidewalk near the old Alexander building.

Shortly after the shooting, J.B. Allred drove his car to the east side of the square and reported to the sheriff's department.

At the scene of the inquest of Nabors, District Attorney Jack Neal of Sulphur Springs was present when Judge Cecil Johnston pronounced him dead.

Allred's bond of \$25,000 was set on a charge of murder with malice. He declined for his bond to be made and has remained in jail for a hearing at some future date.

**Easter Sunrise  
Service**

Easter Service is planned for Easter morning in the city park. All churches are invited to make this a time of remembrance of the resurrection of Our Lord and Savior. The time will be at seven in the morning. Come and bring someone with you. If it is raining or cold we invite you to the United Methodist Church.

**Less Than 500  
Go To Polls**

Less than 500 Rains County voters went to the polls and cast their ballot in the school trustee election Saturday.

Jay Jenkins and Tommy Gaston were elected to the two seats up for election on the Rains Independent School District board of trustees.

Jenkins had 264 votes and

Gaston had 281.

Other candidates were Oren Northcutt with 204; Paul Cason, an incumbent, with 168; and Lloyd Brumit, who had 20. There were 488 persons who voted in the election.

Floyd Green was elected as trustee-at-large of the Rains County School Board with 192 votes. Fred Holmes had 177 and Edward Tolles.

James Haney received 46 votes in winning the seat for Precinct 2 on the County School Board, while his opponent Marvin Bryant got 40.

Fred Blanton, Precinct 3, unopposed, received 66 votes.

Results Of City Elections

Joel Lennon received 46 votes, incumbent C.S. Terry, 43, in an uncontested election for the City of Emory.

East Tawakoni - Incumbent J.S. Moore defeated two opponents and incumbent J.H. Sturm was also re-elected in the East Tawakoni city council balloting Saturday.

J.B. Hass, unopposed in his bid for Place 1, received 84 votes. Moore received 56 votes defeating Jim Northcutt, who had 22 votes, and Tommy E. Bell, who had 14, in the Place 3 race.

Elected to Place 4 was Sturm with 87 votes.

Point - Bobby Asbill, incumbent; Roy Hugh Thompson and Oren Northcutt were elected Saturday to the three city council posts in Point.

Each candidate received 39 votes and will take office April 14.

**Bonanza News**

by Exa Adams

These little northerners keep coming and this one is cool.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Adams and daughter were up from Houston. Pete caught 8 nice catfish Saturday night, so he said, "I'll be back next Saturday."

Gardens are beginning to show up some in spite of the wind and dry weather. Mrs. Pauline Asbill has the prettiest garden around.

**Sand Flat News**

by Mildred Garrett

Several from Sand Flat attended the funeral of Mrs. Albert Plant in Amarillo Tuesday. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ozell Robinson, Mrs. Clarell Ross, Delma Williams, Mrs. Lucille Snell, Lorine Sims, Elbert and A.C. McMillan.

James Ostell Jackson of Los Angeles, Calif. Spent a few days in Emory visiting friends and relatives. He was here for the funeral of his sister in Amarillo.

Sgt. Richard Jackson is here on a 15-day leave from Vietnam. His wife is the former Bobbie Lou Davis.

Tony Garrett, Jewell Henry McMillan and Fred Hunter were in Odessa for Tony to try out for Odessa Jr. College basketball.

Gracie McKenzie spent last week in Greenville with her daughter, Nellie Summerfield. She caught 19 crappies in one day.

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**Believers' Baptist Church****By Linda Brendle**

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,'" John 11:25

On Resurrection Sunday, Pastor Jason preached a sermon from the Gospel of John called "Life or Death." He said that the death and resurrection of Lazarus show us that God enters into the pain of our world, He understands

the awful results of sin, and He gives us a true and everlasting hope through the resurrection of Jesus.

The ladies' Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 9:30 to study *Gentle and Lowly* by Dane Ortlund.

The men's Sunday night discipleship study will meet next Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The women's study will meet on April 18.

The Know the Faith class will meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. on April 25. The topic is "The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament."

A brown bag lunch fellowship will follow morning worship on April 25.

Episode 75 on the Asking for a Friend podcast is "Why is the resurrection important?"

**Emory United Methodist Church****By Mary White**

"But he said to them, 'Do not be afraid. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.'"

*Mark 16:6*

He is risen indeed! It was such a wonderful Easter Sunday in the house of the Lord. We

had Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. and a great breakfast afterwards. There was much fellowship and joy in seeing folks we don't see every Sunday. Then at the 11:00 a.m. service, the sanctuary was over flowing with families and friends. God is good.

Our Communion offering is for Newgate Mission in

Longview. Newgate strives to be a beacon of light for those who live in a seemingly hopeless world.

Prayer requests are for Catherine Krantz, Jim Jackson, Bessie Neff, Doris Wilson and Manafort Jones.

Birthday wishes go to Kelly Steed Alderman.

**Country Baptist Church****By Donna Jones**

What a blessing to be with our church family on Resurrection day. Hope you all had a great Easter and know Jesus is risen.

Joel Frazier and Donna Boughton began services in song and prayer of dismissal to our classes. The young people studied David and Goliath, focusing on facing

giants with the power of God in us. Donna Boughton led the adults in a lesson, titled "Christ Prays for You."

Worship began with Donna Boughton and Joel Frazier leading in songs. After several prayer requests and praises were voiced, Kelsey Frazier brought our needs to the Lord.

April 18 will be our next All-Singing Service with lunch to follow.

Bro. Mike Frazier sang the Pastor's song. After more songs, both Kelsey Frazier and Benny Thompson brought our special music.

Bro. Mike Frazier's message focused on "The Risen Lord." We celebrated the Lord's Supper immediately after service.

We were blessed to see several visiting with their families in services. We welcome them anytime.

May you have a great week and may God bless you abundantly. Pray for all in our communities, the president and his staff, and this world.

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**By Ronnie Witt**

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**Emory Baptist Church**

at Emory Baptist did an amazing job setting up, serving food, and taking down everything for the block party.

Then on Sunday, there was a great crowd for the 8:00 a.m. service. Many stuck around for Sunday school small groups with lots of guests that morning. Then, the 10:30 a.m. service was very full with many guests and regulars back celebrating Jesus' Resurrection together as a church.

Bro. Richard's sermon from Sunday was titled "The Three Days of Easter," from Mark. It

concerned the historical account of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection, especially as it impacted those with whom Jesus had ministered most closely. The sanctuary was decorated beautifully for Easter with special decorations and Easter lilies purchased in honor or in memory of family and friends at EBC.

This week, SAM has a game day on Thursday, April 8, at noon. Next week, Women on Mission meets at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 12. Also, Backpack Buddies meets at 1:00 p.m. on Monday.

**Shady Grove Baptist Church****By Lana Carlisle**

"He is not here; for he is risen, as he said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

*Matthew 28:6*

Bro. A.B. Godwin made the announcements and welcomed visitors.

Diana Wolfe asked for prayer for her two brothers-in-law. We missed Fannie Hill in service. She was in the ER with her brother, Ruth and David had unspoken prayer requests.

David and Denise Harvey were blessed. They went to visit their daughter and got to hold their seven-month-old grand-

daughter for the first time.

Diana and Bro. Wayne Wolfe received 10 blessings. Their children and grandchildren were all in service on Sunday. What a good looking bunch!

I received a blessing last week. Jerry had his surgery and is on the way to recovery. I am so grateful for all the prayers that have gone up to our Lord on his behalf.

Bro. Dirk and Pat have a display of the Lord's Supper in their front yard. They encourage all to drive by and see it. I did, and it's beautiful.

We are grateful to Tommy

Gaston for all the musicians he rounded up for Fourth-Sunday Singing.

Birthday wishes go to Gary Mulrooney.

Ruth Kerley sang a special and Tommy Gaston opened service with prayer. Bro. Wayne Wolfe's morning message was titled "Resurrection."

An Easter egg hunt followed morning service. Sunday evening service was canceled.

Prayers for all. See you next Sunday, Lord willing and the saints don't rise.

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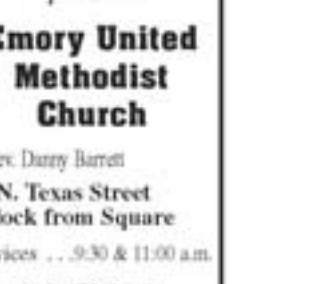
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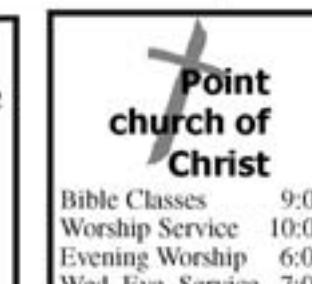
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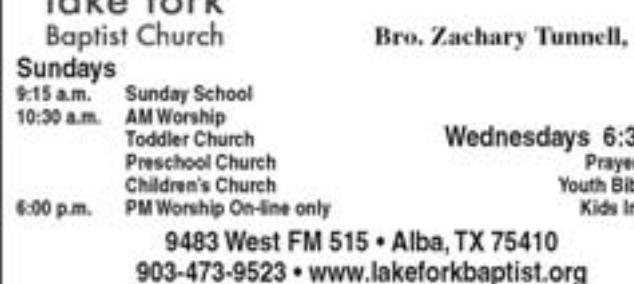
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## PUBLIC/LEGAL NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS BUYING PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF THE SHIRLEY WATER SUPPLY CORP.

Shirley Water Supply Corp. urges any prospective buyer to verify with the manager at the office, located on FM 1567, east of Hwy. 19, north of Emory, Tex., or south of Sulphur Springs, Tex., whether or not water is available at the tract of land in question.

Shirley Water Supply Corp. 6684 FM 1567 W Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Emory 4B Emory Development Corporation (EDC) will conduct a public hearing to receive comments for the following proposed project and expenditure of funds:

The EDC will receive comments for proposed expenditure of funds conducted by Hayter Engineering for Scope of Services to determine the adequacy of existing drainage structures and ditches of the Emory Business Park located on the south side of US Hwy 69. It is my understanding that the EDC have selected Hayter Engineering based upon their ability and experience, as is required by the Texas Engineering Practice Act. Total of the expenditure of funds for this Scope of Services not to exceed \$25,820.00.

The EDC will hold the public hearings in which all interested persons shall have the right to be heard regarding such proposed project incentives and expenditure of funds. The public hearings will be held at the Emory City Centre, 735 N. Texas St., Emory, Tex., 75440 on Wednesday, April 14th, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Social Distancing may be in effect during the meeting.

Debi Darter, Admin. Assistant, Emory Development Corporation

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS BUYING PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF THE MILLER GROVE WATER SUPPLY CORP.

Miller Grove Water Supply Corp. urges all prospective land buyers to verify with the manager at our office located at 14964 FM 1567 W in Miller Grove or by calling 903-459-3383 whether or not water service is available to the property in question.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS BUYING PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF EMORY WATER SYSTEM

The City of Emory understands that property is sometimes sold with the representation that water is available to the property from the City of Emory water system. Such is not always the case, and the City of Emory urges any prospective buyer to verify with the City of Emory at 399 North Texas Street, or call 903-473-2465 that water is in fact available at the particular tract in question.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS BUYING PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI WATER SYSTEM

The City of East Tawakoni urges all prospective buyers to verify with the City of East Tawakoni that water is in fact available at the particular tract in question with City Hall, 288 Briggs Blvd. or call 903-447-2444.

### OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Section 312.207 of the Texas Tax Code, Rains County Commissioners' Court will hold a pub-

lic meeting on THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. at the Rains County Courthouse, 167 E Quitman, Emory, Texas, to consider the approval of a tax abatement agreement with Blazin Pizza.

Name of Property Owner: Mike & Karen Davis.

Name of Applicant: Blazin Pizza.

Name and Location of the Reinvestment Zone subject to the Agreement: 386 E Lennon, Emory TX 75440

City of Emory Reinvestment Zone # 4 General Description of the Nature of the Improvements or Repairs in the Agreement:

1) Proposed project incentives and the expenditure of funds may be used for construction, including but not limited to facade upgrade, signage, electrical, window, door, and landscape improvements and other expenses related to the same.

Estimated Cost of the Improvements or Repairs: \$21,000.

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Name of Applicant: Taco Bell.

Name and Location of the Reinvestment Zone subject to the Agreement: 218 E Lennon, Emory TX 75440

City of Emory Reinvestment Zone # 4 General Description of the Nature of the Improvements or Repairs in the Agreement:

1) To develop and own a Taco Bell franchise. Proposed project incentives and the expenditure of funds may be used for construction, including but not limited to facade upgrade, signage, electrical, window, door, and landscape improvements and other expenses related to the same.

Estimated Cost of the Improvements or Repairs: \$15,000.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE OF STEVEN PAUL THACKER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF STEVEN PAUL THACKER, DECEASED, were issued on March 31, 2021, under Docket No. 3109, pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to KATHY VASSER THACKER.

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

c/o: Philip D. Alexander  
Attorney at Law  
Number One Planters Street  
P.O. Box 38  
Emory, Texas 75440

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

# Sports

RAINS WILDCAT BASEBALL & LADY CAT SOFTBALL

## Wildcats, Lady Cats stay undefeated in district play



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

**Focused on the batter, senior Chanlee Oakes (22) goes into her windup to throw another strike out of the eight on the day in the 16-0 victory over the Commerce Lady Tigers on March 30 in Emory.**

By CHUCK FITTS  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Wildcats notched a third straight district series sweep, while the Lady Cats rolled on with two more shutout victories in district.

On Tuesday, March 30, in Emory, the Lady Cats used five-run and 11-run innings to power past the Commerce Lady Tigers, 16-0. Senior Chanlee Oakes allowed a hit and no runs, while striking out eight batters in three innings of work. At the plate, Oakes had 3 hits, including a home run, and 6 RBIs.

On the baseball field, the Wildcats used a nine-run third inning to pull away from the Commerce Tigers for the 11-1 district win. Junior Brandon Bacon gave up a run on 5 hits, and struck out three batters. Senior Drake Hurley had 2 hits and 2 RBIs in the win.

The Rains softball team hosted Grand Saline on Thursday, April 1, in Emory and beat the Lady Indians, 15-0. Senior Sage Hoover notched 7 strikeouts, while giving up no runs and no hits. Freshman Cambree Oakes had 3 hits and 3 RBIs at the plate.

On Friday, April 2, the Rains baseball team traveled to Commerce and rode a 12-run fourth inning to the 20-6 victory over the Tigers. Senior Kylar McGinty pitched three innings and sat down three batters, while junior Audie McAree had 4 hits and 3 RBIs at the plate.

The Rains Lady Cats are 7-0 in district and 24-1 overall. The Rains Wildcats improve to 6-0 in district and 15-6 overall.

Both teams have Tuesday,



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

**Beau Schellinger (4) makes contact to drive the ball for a base hit during the 11-1 district victory over the Commerce Tigers on Tuesday, March 30, in Emory.**

April 6, open, but will be back in action on Friday, April 9. The Lady Cats will travel to Lone Oak to take on the Lady Buffaloes, while the Wildcats will host Mount Vernon for a non-district game in Emory.

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## Band scores ones at contest



Contributed photo

The Rains Junior High Band performed Wednesday, March 31, at Canton High School at the UIL Concert and Sight-reading contest. They received all 1's in Sight Reading, something that has never happened before in the history of Rains Junior High. On stage they received 1, 2, 2 for an overall score of 2. They did an amazing job and were only one judge away from making 1's in both areas. A sightreading judge also told the band that the Rains parents and administrators made up the biggest crowd they had seen during the UIL contest over 2 days.

### RAINS HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC TEAM

## Literary Criticism team, others qualify for regional meet

By CHUCK FITTS  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains High School UIL Academic Team announced that 11 students qualified for the regional competition after the district meet in Grand Saline and Pittsburg on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 24-26.

The Literary Criticism team placed first after sweeping the medals, with M. Fritz, R. Adams and J. Rich receiving the gold, silver and bronze, respectively.

Other gold medal winners at the district meet were P. Pearsall in Editorial Writing and A. Raley in Headline Writing.

In the Feature Writing competition, M. Faeta qualified for region after placing third and J. Reid will be an alternate after placing fourth. Faeta also qualified as an alternate for Headline Writing, while Reid qualified to be an alternate in News Writ-

ing.  
Other bronze medalists that qualified for the regional meet included S. Houchins for Prose Interpretation and B. Bacon for Science.

The Science team of E. Elliott, I. Gilbert, T. Jacobs, J. Montalvo, D. Wilson and Bacon finished the meet in second place.

The Journalism team of E. Samples, K. Traylor, K. Wallace, A. Raley, S. Smith, N. Esquible, E. Williams, Pearsall, Fata and Reid placed second at the district meet.

The Regional UIL Academic Meet will be held on Saturday, April 17, at the Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches.

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