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RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trustees make masks optional; hire RHS, RJH principals

By LAUREN WITHROW-EDGAR
Rains County Leader contributor

During the Rains Independent School District (ISD) Board of Trustees meeting, a motion to make masks optional in all indoor and outdoor areas of the district passed with

a majority of the board in favor of the motion. School board member Brennan Potts made the motion, member Eddie Elliot seconded and school board vice president Denita Young and member Heath Sisk voted in favor. Young stated that, although voting in favor, she did have reservations regarding making masks

optional in the district. Board President Philip Alexander and member Paul Foley voted against the motion.

In discussion previous to the motion and vote, Rains ISD Superintendent Jennifer Johnson stated she was worried about morale among students and staff and enforcing a

mask requirement for students was a “constant battle.” She explained that at the time of the meeting, the district had not had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in six weeks, and Rains County only had 11 confirmed cases in total.

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RAINS COUNTY

Judge announces another vaccine clinic for April 29

Rains County Judge Wayne Wolfe announced that another set of first-round vaccines will be available for distribution by appointment only on Thursday, April 29, at the Emory City Centre. The vaccine being given per the Texas Division of Emergency Management is from Pfizer.

County officials stated that the vaccine batch is to be administered to those age 18 and older, with priority given to the elderly. Those individuals should register to receive one of the vaccines available by completing and submitting a vaccine interest form at <http://bit.ly/RainsCountyVax0429>.

The form is to express your interest in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine in Rains County. Complete the form for each qualified person interested in receiving the vaccine, and do not submit the same person more than once. Completing the form does not guarantee an appointment to receive the vaccine. Appointments will be confirmed by phone beginning on April 23.

If you do not have access to a computer, call 903-473-5020 or 903-473-5019 to express your interest in receiving the vaccine.

Finding that perfect book



Leader photo by LEA REED

Showing off her great finds, Kay Thompson (left) makes her purchase at the Friends of the Library (FOL) semi-annual Book Sale held on April 16-17 at the Emory City Centre. FOL Board Member Cheryl Watson totals the sale, with support from FOL President Linda Brendle. Volunteers worked over 275 hours sorting, stacking and alphabetizing books. The books were mostly donated by individuals at the library or to the drop box at the southwest corner of the Rains County Courthouse Square. The sale that benefits children’s programs at the library brought in over \$2,000, including book sales, FOL membership dues, monetary donations and the 64-volume set Zane Grey silent auction proceeds.

ELECTION 2021

Early voting underway for Rains ISD Board

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

Fifteen residents cast a ballot on the first day of early voting for two contested races for seats on the Rains ISD School Board.

Candidates for Place 2 on the school board are incumbent Paul Foley and Jayde Sustaie, while the Place 3 election is between incumbent Philip Alexander and Neil Kreck.

Robert Burns will run unopposed for the four-year term as Place 1 on the school board.

Registered voters may vote early by personal appearance at the Rains ISD Administration building through April 27. The office will be open for early voting Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. with extended hours of 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on April 20 and April 27.

The school board election will be held on Saturday, May 1, from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Rains ISD Administration building.

All voters will need to present one of seven approved forms of photo ID at the poll to cast a ballot in the primary election. The seven forms of approved photo ID are:

- Texas Driver License issued by

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LAKE COUNTRY CASA

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Lake Country CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is raising awareness of the need for more dedicated members of the community to step up and become CASA volunteers, and help end child abuse and neglect, through supporting children and their families.

Lake Country CASA volunteers, servicing Rains, Hopkins and Franklin counties, are everyday people from all walks of life who are recruited and specially trained to advocate for children in foster care and provide a consistent, reliable adult presence for them during a difficult time in their life.

The volunteers’ first priority is to keep families together whenever safe and possible. Foster care is only a temporary solution to the problems at hand. Long term support networks need to be created that work to care for families, make reunification a possibility, and help break the cycle for the next generation.

CASA volunteers are assigned to one child or sibling group to advocate for their best interest in court, in school and in other settings. They get to know the child and every-

one involved in their life, such as their parents and other family members, foster parents, therapists, caseworkers and teachers, in order to develop a realistic picture of the child’s unique situation. They engage those important to the child and family in order to build a network of support around them, so that the family has access to support and resources after the case ends. They make recommendations to the judge overseeing the child’s case, with the goal of ensuring that the child is safe and the family has the resources, support and healthy relationships needed to heal.

Children who need someone to advocate for them. This April, consider stepping up to make a difference by becoming a CASA volunteer.

There is always a need for more CASA volunteers. By becoming a volunteer, you can take your efforts beyond just awareness, and do your part to help support children and families in crisis right here in our community.

When reunification is not a possibility for the children they serve, CASA volunteers

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Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Recognizing April as Child Abuse Awareness/Prevention Month, members of Lake Country CASA Janie Jolly, Sarah Goggans, Jane Claypool and Peggy Walker pose with Rains County Commissioner of Precinct 1 Jeremy Cook in front of signs and pinwheels placed at the Rains County Courthouse.



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RAIN REPORT

Tues., April 13.....	0.01
Wed., April 14.....	0.13
Thurs., April 15.....	1.23
Fri., April 16.....	2.61
Total for April.....	2.65
Total for year.....	12.52

NEWS BRIEFS

Good Samaritan Thrift Shop Open

The Rains County Good Samaritan Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, April 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. The one-month limit for food is still in place. Food stamp assistance is available.

Elem. Head Start/ Pre-K Registration

Rains Elementary will hold its Head Start/Pre-K and Kindergarten Round Up for the 2021-2022 school year beginning April 15. Enroll online at www.rainsisd.org. The elementary school campus will be available through April 23 from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. for those needing computer access. Several items are needed for registration. For more information, call 903-473-2222, ext. 3106.

Quitman Animal Clinic Pet Fair

The Quitman Animal Clinic will hold its 18th pet fair on Saturday, April 24, from noon-2:00 p.m. There will be live music, a bounce house and more. The clinic is located at 1142 E Goode St, Quitman, TX 75783. The event is free and open to the public.

Chamber Business Expo, April 24

The Rains County Chamber of Commerce will hold its first

Business Expo on the square in Emory on Saturday, April 24, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Set up for the event will begin at 8:00 a.m. Booth spots are free to current chamber members and \$25 for non-chamber members. If interested in participating, contact the chamber at rainschamber@gmail.com or call Lottie Boll at 972-921-2156.

1st Baptist Of Alba Hosts Blood Drive

The First Baptist Church of Alba will hold a blood drive from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 25, at 219 Holley in the parking lot on the Carter BloodCare bus. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Kelly Burton at 903-765-2471.

Dougherty Cemetery Memorial Day, May 2

The annual Memorial Day at the Dougherty Cemetery will be held on Sunday, May 2, at 11:00 a.m. Bro. Wayne Wolfe will give a devotional and a business meeting will follow. Lunch will be spread under the trees near the pavilion. If you cannot attend, donations for cemetery upkeep may be mailed to Dougherty Cemetery, 1736 W. FM 2795, Emory, TX 75440.

Point Ladies Civic Club Meets May 6

The Point Ladies Civic Club meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is served prior to the business meeting. Ladies age 18 and over are invited to attend. The club will hold its ice cream social soon. Anyone interested in donating money, material or labor for the upkeep of the 74-year-old community center, should contact civic club president Penny Ryan at 817-703-4028.

EMORY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION EDC approves drainage study, demo of building

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The board of directors of the City of Emory Development Corporation approved a drainage study of the Emory Business Park by Hayter Engineering and awarded a bid to demolish an old building during the regular meeting on Wednesday, April 14.

The meeting began with a public hearing concerning a drainage study of the Emory Business Park by Hayter Engineering. A representative of the firm gave the overview of the study which will include drainage analysis of the park and how to move the water out of the site.

The proposal noted that the two areas of focus would be the ponding of water at the intersection of Enterprise Blvd. and Hwy. 69 and the driveway at 212 Enterprise Blvd.

Two current residents of the business park spoke during the hearing concerning the current drainage issues and they were

looking forward to seeing the plan that would alleviate the problem.

During the regular meeting, the board unanimously approved the drainage study by Hayter Engineering with the scope of services not to exceed \$25,820.

The board reviewed three bids to demolish the old Texas Department of Transportation building on Hwy. 19N. After the owner answered questions and concerns from the board, they unanimously approved the bid from SML Demolition & Deconstruction, LLC to tear down and remove the main building and the gas station for \$8,500.

EDC Administrative Assistant Debi Darter presented the board with five options from Indigo Industries for wayfinding signage for the Emory Business Park. Board members designated two options as needing further refinement and unanimously tabled the item until the next meeting.

SCHOOL

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She said that Rains ISD staff has had "multiple opportunities to get vaccinated," and after looking at the numbers, she recommended masks be made optional, not required, with any students or staff still wanting to wear a mask to be allowed to do so. The mask-optional protocol went into effect immediately.

Johnson presented one recommendation each for the open positions of Rains High School (RHS) and Rains Junior High principals. Dr. Lindsay Morgan has been the Tolar High School Principal for eight years and Johnson detailed that Morgan was described by others as "driven and hard-working" and was recommended to the board to be the new RHS Principal. Dr. Morgan received her doctorate in Educational Leadership from Tarleton State University in 2015.

Jennifer Melton, Rains ISD Special Education Director for six years, was recommended

for the position of Rains Junior High Principal. The Superintendent stated Melton "works harder than anyone I know." Morgan and Melton were both approved by the board unanimously for their respective positions.

Another staff member will be joining Rains ISD immediately in a newly created position. Lola, a French bulldog owned by RHS counselor Jeana Penny, was also unanimously voted in by the board to the official capacity of RHS Therapy Dog. Penny presented evidence-based research to school board members Monday night detailing how therapy dogs can help with stress, lower blood pressure and increase attendance among students.

She explained that over the past two years, she has had many students with mental health concerns, including anxiety and depression, come to her office. Penny stated, "[The students and I] can't talk about college and careers, we can't talk about education, if their mental health is not good." Penny and Lola attended a handler's course, special training and eventually a team evaluation through Pet Partners to become certified as a handler and therapy dog. Initially, Lola will be at the high school one-to-two days a week. An opt-out form is available for parents and students at rainsisd.org.

- The board also:
- unanimously approved the consent agenda as presented;
 - unanimously approved increasing the federal micro-purchase threshold to match the state's threshold of \$50,000;
 - reviewed comparison of Rains ISD teacher aide pay versus other districts based on data compiled by Texas Association of School Boards, presented by Assistant Superintendent Jeff Fisher;
 - unanimously approved instructional materials allotment and TEKS certification for the 2021 school year;
 - reviewed district literacy and math updates presented by Johnson;
 - unanimously approved the 2021-2022 school year calendar recommended by the Rains ISD District Educational Improvement Committee. The first school day of that school year will be August 18;
 - unanimously approved the three-year purchase of Edge-nuity Credit Recovery Program;
 - unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Texas A&M to enable student teachers to teach at Rains ISD;
 - reviewed information regarding the \$16,000 replacement cost of new pumps for the district's fuel system, since repairmen are having problems finding parts for the current 30-year-old pumps;
 - unanimously approved board policy and procedures for proposing naming district facilities.

The board meeting concluded at 8:20 p.m. Board member Robert Burns was not present at Monday's meeting. The next Rains ISD Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m.

EARLY VOTING

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- the Texas Department of Public Safety(DPS),
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by the DPS,
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by the DPS,
- Texas Handgun License issued by the DPS,
- United State Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph,
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph and
- United States Passport.

If a voter does not possess one of the forms of acceptable photo identification listed above and the voter cannot reasonably obtain such identification, the voter may fill out a Reasonable Impediment Declaration form at the polling location.

Along with filling out the form, the voter must present an original or copy of one of the

following supporting forms of identification:

- government document that shows the voter's name and an address, including the voter's voter registration certificate,
- current utility bill,
- bank statement,
- government check,
- paycheck,
- certified domestic birth certificate or
- document confirming birth, admissible in a court of law which establishes the voter's identity.

For more information about the election, contact the Texas Secretary of State's office at 1-800-252-8683 or visit the website at www.votetexas.gov. For information about the school board election, contact the Rains ISD at 903-473-2222 or visit https://www.rainsisd.org/137261_2.

CASA

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work to find others who can provide a positive, healthy and loving environment. Those can include relatives, friends or other adults that are important in the child's life – keeping a child connected to their home community.

The day is hoped for when CASA, foster care and a national month dedicated to child abuse prevention are no longer needed because all children are growing up safe, secure and supported with their families. Until then, CASA will continue to seek more members of the community to join the growing movement so that it can provide a CASA volunteer for every child who needs one.

For more information, contact lakecountrycasa@suddenlinkmail.com or call 903-885-1173. The office is located at 218 Con-

nally St., Sulphur Springs, TX 75482.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. If abuse is seen, report it to 1 800-252-5400 or go to www.txabusehotline.org. If a child's life is in danger, call 911.

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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

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THE PUBLIC FORUM

The *Leader* reserves the right to refuse to publish any letter. Letters to the editor are the view and opinions of the writer and do not reflect the editorial position of the editor or staff of the *Rains County Leader*.

Dear Editor,

The article you have in the paper about Justin Gray is wrong. I did not discover my child gone the next day. It was the 24th when he punched me and chased me around the yard with my own knife. I called the cops that day and [they] came

out. That's when he took her. I seen him take off on foot with her.

**Jennifer Bean
Point, TX 75472**

Editor's note: The Rains County Leader reported on March 30, with a follow-up on April 13, based on statements given by the Rains County Sheriff's department. The Leader contacted the sheriff's department regarding Bean's letter to which the department said they stand by their original statements.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

New PUC commissioner confirmed

Will McAdams, nominated by Gov. Greg Abbott to a slot on the Public Utilities Commission, was unanimously confirmed by the Texas Senate last week. McAdams formerly served as president of the Associated Builders and Contractors of Texas and worked for legislators for more than a decade in various senior staff positions.

Abbott has also nominated Peter Lake to be the new chair of the PUC, which regulates the state's power grid operations. Lake now serves as chair of the Texas Water Development Board.

All three previous PUC members resigned after February's winter storm led to massive power outages across the state.

House passes unlicensed handgun carry bill

The Texas House voted 87-58 last week to allow handguns to be carried without a permit. Under current law, a permit is required to carry handguns either concealed or openly. If the bill becomes law, any Texas resident not already prohibited by state or federal law from owning a gun could legally carry a handgun.

According to the Texas Tribune, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Texas Senate, previously expressed qualms about easing handgun

laws. Numerous law enforcement officials and concealed handgun license instructors opposed the measure, citing concerns over safety. A number of El Paso-area lawmakers opposed the measure, recalling the mass shooting that left 23 dead at a Walmart there in August 2019.

Jobless rate unchanged at 6.9 percent

The state's unemployment in March remained steady at 6.9 percent, with the state adding 99,000 total nonagricultural jobs, according to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

"Positive job numbers for March continue to show Texas is on track for continued growth," TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel said. "TWC will continue to provide flexible and innovative training programs to help provide all Texans with skills they can use for workforce success."

The 6.9-percent rate is more than double the state's record low of 3.4 percent in May 2019. Jobless claims have risen since the mid-February storm, and the state has lost more than 400,000 jobs since the pandemic began early last year, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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By Gary Borders
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

CITY GIRL

Free little library

Being President of the Friends of the Library (FOL) has been a learning experience, and I'm still learning even though I'm almost half-way through my three-year term. Last week was doubly enlightening as I learned what actually goes into preparing for the semi-annual book sale and also all about Little Free Libraries.



LINDA BRENDELLE
Leader Correspondent

Actually, the book sale lessons began early last year when Jane Dillon, who had been in charge of the FOL's biggest fund raiser for 10 years, announced that she was stepping down after the October 2020 sale. I was involved in last year's sale, but nothing shows how little you really know like acting as the go-to person when you don't know where you're going. After studying the detailed notes Jane had left, I attempted to coordinate communication, publicity, inventory, facility details, transportation of books from storage to venue, hospitality, the financial operation, and the sale itself. Thanks to Jane's generous tutoring, advice, and hands-on assistance along with an amazing group of experienced and inexperienced volunteers, we had an extremely successful sale – and a lot of fun as well. One of the really fun parts was learning more about Little Free Libraries.

Before the sale, Little Free Library was just another item on a board meeting agenda. Someone else took care of any related issues, reported back with an "all's well" kind of report and we moved on to the next item. But we've had several new members join us in the last few months, and they haven't yet learned that I have no idea what I'm doing. When they have a question, they come to me, and since it's difficult to gracefully dodge a direct question, I try to find an answer.

Fawncyné Worley, the wife of the new Director of the Emory Development Corporation, has jumped into the community life of her new home town with both feet. At her first FOL meeting, she not only joined but she also volunteered to help with set-up before the sale and at the check-out table during. One morning while we were taking a break from unboxing books she approached me with a question.

"Who takes care of that little book box in the park?" she asked.

One of my philosophies of life is that if you say something with enough confidence, people will think you know what you're talking about. "Oh," I replied. "That's the Little Free Library. I think Cindy Cooper usually does that."

Cindy wasn't there to confirm or deny my statement, but hearing my own assertion boosted my confidence, so I continued. "I seem to

remember that at a recent meeting she said she usually gathers books at the sale to fill it. But it's my understanding that anyone can add books."

"So would it be okay if I picked out some books and filled it up?" asked Fawncyné. "It's completely empty, and it looks a little sad."

"That would be great," I responded, thinking I had dodged another bullet – but she wasn't finished.

"By the way, Bert Roan at Reka's said he's been wanting to put a Little Free Library in his parking lot. Is that possible?"

Another of my philosophies is that it's better to ask forgiveness than permission, so I pushed further into unknown territory. "I'm sure it is. I'll see what we can do."

That night, I thought about our conversation, and I remembered that Linda Pietila, another newbie, said her husband usually asks after every meeting what she volunteered him to do. The next day I told her what was going on and asked if her husband would be willing to build a Little Free Library. She said he would love it and that he has lots of scrap wood that he could use.

I finally had a chance to check my facts with Cindy, and so far I had been correct. But it was time to learn a little more about those little libraries before my luck ran out. I discovered that Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization founded in 2009 to build community, inspire readers and expand book access through a network of little libraries. The libraries are small book-sharing boxes maintained by volunteers where anyone can take a book and/or leave a book. The boxes can be registered so they will appear on a locator map to make it easier to find one in a particular area. In just 12 years, more than 100,000 Little Free Libraries have been registered in 108 countries – and three of them are in Rains County.

One Little Free Library is in Rubye McKCown City Park on Quitman St. – and thanks to Fawncyné, it is now full. Another can be found in Point at 462 Hwy. 276. Both of the boxes are maintained by the FOL. The third is located on Locust Street at Ave. D in Point and is maintained by the Point City Library and the Point Ladies Civic Club. Hopefully, a fourth Library will be added soon. While we wait, visit one of the existing locations to take a book, leave a book, or do a little clean-up if someone has been unkind to one of those book-sharing sites. In the meantime, I'll try to keep my eyes and ears open, and when I learn something interesting, I'll pass it on.

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EDWARD JONES

Be conscious of investment environment

On April 22, we observe Earth Day, which has inspired millions of people to help clean up our world. Of course, your physical surroundings are important, but you also need to consider your investment environment, too. How can you improve it?

For starters, avoid "toxic" investment strategies, such as trying to time the market in an effort to buy low and sell high. No one can really predict these highs and lows, and you can waste time, money and effort by jumping in and out of the market. Another technique to avoid is chasing after "hot" stocks – by the time you hear about them, they may already have cooled off.

Also, try to reduce "waste" in your portfolio by getting rid of investments that no longer meet your needs. You may be better off by selling these investments and using the proceeds to buy more suitable ones.

Here's another tip: Recycle your investment dollars by reinvesting dividends into your stocks or mutual funds.

By making those and other moves, you can create a healthy investment environment – one that can help you achieve your long-term goals.

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

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WSC

Women's club meets

The Women's Service Club (WSC) met at the Rose Community Center on April 12, for its regularly scheduled meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The pledge and invocation were given and members were served a taco salad bar and sopapilla cake by hostesses Shala O'Neal and Christi Williamson. Twenty members were present.

The WSC is excited about the upcoming year of activities. It will host the Poppers in the Park

on Saturday, July 3. It sponsors a Keep Emory Beautiful campaign for playground equipment. The members are also excited about senior scholarships to be given.

It feels good to be part of a club that enjoys each other and wants to help the community. If you have never been a part of a club and can give a few hours a year for the love of community, we invite you to join us.

submitted by Jeannine Hayes

Interesting Point

Spring is in the air. The April showers should bring May flowers and a good hay crop this year. I am sure we all used up more hay than expected with the crazy Texas weather.

Some upcoming birthdays include Michelle LeSassier Small, Jesse Epperson, Brooke Ayers and Ryan Armstrong.

All the baseball and softball leagues are starting their real games, so go out and enjoy watching those kiddos.

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

submitted by Penny Wittrock

On the scene in Emory

I have never been one of those people who packs away winter clothes to make room for summer clothes. Living in Texas, that seems to be a really good way to be. For those of you who have packed away your long pants and sweaters, get them back out. We are looking at a cold snap this week. I hope all of the plants survive. We have tomatoes and peppers planted, and some peas, I really don't know what all. My husband takes care of all of our gardening. I take care of the eating. Back before we had children, I did a lot of canning. Then the kids came along and it was just way too much work. Now that the kids are old enough to help, I may start back this year. My favorites to can are jams, jellies and tomatoes.

The RYSA sports are in full swing. It only costs \$2 per car to park, whether you are playing or watching. Pretty reasonable and it helps with the upkeep of the sports fields.

Lake Country CASA has their blue pinwheels on the courthouse lawn to bring recognition to Child Abuse Prevention. They are always looking for volunteers to be CASA workers.

I went to the new strawberry patch in Bright Star last week. It is a pick-your-own kind of place, but I wasn't in my pickin' clothes as I was at work. I did buy a bucket of pre-picked and I will tell you I am ruint on store-bought strawberries! The ones I purchased were grown right here in Rains County soil and they were the biggest, juiciest and sweetest strawberries I have ever had. I think my first canning job this season will just have to be strawberry preserves.

Remember, you can be anything you want to be. I hope you choose to be kind.

submitted by Kay Thompson



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- 1 technical college north of Waco (abbr.)
- 5 "Tyler Rose" Campbell
- 6 Superman's vision
- 7 TXism: "strong as battery"
- 8 a "top dog" at a car dealership (2 wds.)
- 17 old designation for a confederate ship
- 18 TXism: "___ run a six-legged bobcat" (fast)
- 21 TX soldier/factor Audie (init.)
- 22 TXism: "___ loop man" (good roper)
- 23 TX Pride's "Never ___ Loved"
- 24 horse pace
- 29 Lady ___ Johnson
- 30 famed late Austin bootmaker Charlie TXism: "___ tight he squeaks when he walks" (miser)
- 32 TXism: "bean counter"
- 34 flowerless plant
- 35 horse doc
- 36 TX Paula Prentiss film: "The World of Henry ___"
- 37 drying oven for TX Acme Brick
- 38 a baseball team
- 39 TX Buck Owens tune: "___ Live Here"
- 41 former Alkman back-up Bernie
- 42 TXism: "body shops"

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DOWN

- 1 Red Skelton & Ester Williams 1951 film about TX (2 wds.)
- 2 cutting satirical utterance
- 3 1943 film featuring a Texas Ranger: "Thundering ___"
- 4 in Callahan County on I-20
- 9 TXism: "a day late and a dollar ___"
- 10 fix your jeans
- 11 TX Strait's ___ in the Hole Band
- 12 TXism: "leave ___ stone unturned"
- 13 TCU coach, Sullivan was a QB here
- 14 Tex Beneke was with the ___ Miller Orchestra
- 15 TX Larry Hagman's "Jeannie" on "I Dream of Jeannie"
- 16 TX Tarzan Ely
- 19 TX Ted Cruz's group (2 wds.)
- 20 TXism: "a ring tailed ___"
- 22 TXism: "___ prayer" (impossible)
- 24 21st governor: ___ Culberson
- 25 summer house or car cooler (abbr.)
- 26 late wife of late John Connally (init.)
- 27 TX oil firefighters use brass ___ that don't spark
- 28 TX Bentsen flew a B-24 over this continent in WWII
- 29 prohibitions
- 30 Coleman's "Fiesta ___ Paloma"
- 33 pegs for Texas golfers
- 34 TXism: "mighty ___" (okay)
- 35 poker or sun cap
- 37 most victories by TX heavyweight George Foreman
- 38 silent signal from Dak? (2 wds.)
- 40 TXism: "he's a dozen biscuits away from the circus"
- 41 Sulphur Springs FM station before it was KRVA
- 44 TXism: "___ slinger" (writer)
- 47 TXism: "touched in the head"
- 49 release shoe laces

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Sheriff's Report

The Rains Co. Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of April 9-15:



DAVID TRAYLOR
Rains County Sheriff

Arrests

4-9: Justin Shaun Gray, Point. Interfere with child custody, \$100,000 bond; parole violation-sexual assault of a child, no bond; indecency with a child sexual, \$50,000 bond.

4-10: Skip Joe Ballard, Grand Saline. Criminal mischief, \$3,000 bond.

4-10: Bobby Joe Reeves, Emory. Driving while intoxicated, \$3,000 bond.

4-13: Jason Alan Mauldin, Greenville. Possession of a controlled substance PG1 greater than or equal to 4 gr. less than 200 gr., \$40,000 bond; prohibited substance/item in correction, civil, community facility, \$10,000 bond.

4-13: Jake Dillion Gunter, Emory. Violate promise to appear, \$267 fine; no drivers license when unlicensed - no CDL, \$217 fine.

4-14: Christopher Dalton Page, Quinlan. Indictment abandon endanger child under 15 years of age, \$50,000 bond; indictment aggravated assault against pub-

lic servant with deadly weapon, \$250,000 bond; indictment criminal mischief damage doors to place of worship, \$15,000 bond; indictment aggravated assault with deadly weapon, \$50,000 bond; possession of drug paraphernalia, \$200 fine.

4-15: Quentin M. White, Emory. Contempt of court, 3 days in jail.

4-15: Justin Allen Mageors, Point. Assault family violence impeding breathing, \$100,000 bond.

4-15: Jose Miguel Vargas Guerrero, Emory. Deadly conduct discharge of firearm, \$100,000 bond.

There were 10 arrests for the week; 2 posted bonds and were released; 1 released after time served.

As of Friday, April 16, there were 1 females and 26 males in custody.

Calls

4-9: Public service from Wood Co. Reference possible domestic disturbance in a vehicle on FM 515 headed into Rains Co., Point Katherine St. Goat out, Emory Best Western Vehicle stolen during the night, Emory north Planters St. 47-year-old male with possible heart attack, Emory Brookshire's Medical assist female with possible heart attack, Hwy. 69 between Point and Emory Reckless driver.

4-10: FM 2737 Medical assist male with several medical issues, Hwy. 276 Medical assist female severe back pain, Hwy. 19N at the wood depot Possible intoxicated person, Emory Planters St. Medical assist 80-year-old female fell, CR 3365 Medical assist 70-year-old male with chest pains, CR 3380 Vehicle blocking some of the road, Emory traffic Driver very confused and did not know where he was and he was transported to the hospital by medics, CR 2250 Suspicious male wearing camos walking around, Lake Tawakoni Male with boat issues, FM 2324 Female at a location and should not be there, Hwy. 19S Vehicle roll over and people trapped inside of the vehicle, Hwy. 69 between Lone Oak and Point male in black hoodie standing on side of road and may get hit.

4-11: FM 779 People trespassing on property and in property owner's boat fishing, Emory Subway Possible gas leak, Hwy. 19S at county line Cows out, CR 3319 Medical assist male can't walk, CR 2570 Domestic disturbance, CR 3150 Bull out and charging at people, CR 1396 Medical assist male fell off back of 4-wheeler and may have broken hip, FM 515 Medical assist female said she had been drinking for two days and needs to go to the hospital, CR 2570 Reference trespassing, Hwy. 19S Male walking down the road exposed himself, CR

2180 Intoxicated male showed up at a residence and causing a disturbance, Emory Manor Apts. Medical assist for 86-year-old female, PR 7708 Stolen vehicle from Van Zandt Co. located and recovered, Hwy. 69 between Brookshire's and Bear Creek Reckless driver.

4-12: CR 1308 Brush fire out of control, FM 2737 Car rental employee stated someone left a weapon in a rental car and it needs to be picked up, Emory Quick Save employees being harassed by a male, Hwy. 19N Medical assist female going in and out of consciousness, FM 3274 Cow out, East Tawakoni Tr. Female having issues over getting personal property from ex boyfriend's house, Sky Point RV Park Welfare check requested by OnStar, FM 275 Kids driving 4-wheeler recklessly, CR 1410 U-Haul trailer parked in front of a gate and lug nuts off, CR 3315 Medical assist for 93-year-old female with low blood pressure, FM 47 Cows out, Hwy. 19S at county line Suspicious vehicle on side of the road, FM 2946 Stolen Yeti cooler, CR 4430 Medical assist, CR 3412 Graffiti painted on a piece equipment.

4-13: Point Ave. C Medical assist for 64-year-old male with possible heart attack, Hwy. 19N Cow out, Emory Airport Rd. Cat bit a female, FM 515 near CR 3380 Abandoned vehicle, Public service reference harassment

by ex boyfriend, Emory Airport Rd. Medical assist female in labor, Emory Hwy. 69 and Hwy. 19 Man ran through traffic and nearly got hit, CR 3345 Medical assist 17-year-old female in labor, CR 2110 Medical assist 40-year-old male with breathing issues, Emory Subway Back door found open, CR 1535 Reference ex's family harassing and making threats to new boyfriend, Hwy. 19S Cow out, CR 1330 Person trespassing, Emory Abington Walk Apts. 67-year-old female fell in the bathroom, East Tawakoni (ET) Wanted person located and arrested, Sky Point RV Park Medical assist 65-year-old male with possible stroke, Emory Santa Fe St. Male threatened by several others and one male has a weapon, Quick Save Medical assist 40-year-old female passed out.

4-14: Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Reference domestic issues at home, ET Lakeshore Ln. Welfare check on a female, Emory Dollar General Medical assist male with severe chest pains and breathing issues, CBTx Bank alarm at county line at Alba, Point south 1st St. Reference scam phone calls, CR 3391 Possible attic fire after lightning strike, FM 2737 Possible ID theft and unemployment being filed for, CR 1421 Stray dog may have been shot by an arrow, CR 1610 Two horses out, SO lobby Reference harassment by a male

through Snap Chat, CR 4525 and north 1st St. in Point Large tree blocking roadway, PR 7709 Steamboat Shores Medical assist subject been on the floor for two days, Hwy. 276 and FM 3299 Two-vehicle accident, CR 1502 Cedar Cove Landing Trailer blocking road, CR 1300 Welfare check requested on a female, CR 2132 Reference male getting threatening text messages, Point Smith Cir. Domestic disturbance between boyfriend and girlfriend, Emory Oakleaf Trailer Park screaming heard.

4-15: East Tawakoni Grocery Burglar alarm, CR 3380 Abandoned vehicle, FM 275 Domestic disturbance between several family members, ET Garrett Ave. Person requested to speak to an officer, Rocky Rd. Medical assist 61-year-old female with chest pains, CR 3485 Medical assist female with several medical issues, Hwy. 276 Landlord and tenant dispute, FM 47 Tools missing from property, CR 1624 Holiday Hills Aggressive pit bull charged a person, Rains Courthouse Annex Male causing a disturbance in court was taken into custody by order of district judge, SO lobby Reference false charges filed, FM 275 Male causing a disturbance, Hwy. 69 between Point and Emory Reckless driver, FM 47 Controlled burn out of control, ET Garrett Ave. Issues with neighbors, FM 779 Cows out.

LAKE FORK

Anglers' report

By BRUCE CALLEN
Rains County Leader correspondent

What a great day it was last Thursday, April 8, to be on Lake Fork. We had fairly light winds and some sun, but it was not overbearing. The lake was full of anglers. And the bass were spawning in some areas. Can it get any better? The boater I fished with said we would be "bed fishing" all day long. I like to "sight" fish.

In our tournaments, after catching and measuring the bass, we release them on the spot as opposed to other tournaments where the fish are put in live wells and taken miles away from their spawning beds to be weighed. Some will never return.

But that is just how our sport is conducted for the most part and we do not condemn it. Plus it sure doesn't seem to effect future bass fishing.

For our Lake Fork Anglers Four Times A Month Daytime Thursday Tournaments, all fish

10 inches and over are keepers and only the best five count.

Boater results

First place went to Randy Bunch of Lake Fork with 5 bass for 19.39 lbs., with a 5.28-lb. boater lunger tie.

Second place went to Bob Roberts of Longview with 5 bass for 10.68 lbs., with a 4.68-lb lunger.

Third place went to Jack White of Farmers Branch with 6 bass for 9.85 lbs., with a 3.02-lb. lunger.

Fourth place went to Robert Gaylor of Lake Fork with 6 bass for 9.26 lbs., with a 3.31-lb. lunger.

Fifth place went to Tim Gold of Mineola with 4 bass for 6.02 lbs., with a 3.62-lb. lunger.

Seventh place was Terry Thompson of Sulphur Springs, who tied on the 5.28-lb. boater lunger.

Co-Angler results

First place went to Bruce Allen of Lake Fork with 3 bass

for 12.12 lbs., with the co-angler lunger of 4.13 lbs., mainly on a drop shot.

Second place went to Gary Gilmore of Ennis with 6 bass for 9.69 lbs., with a 2.61-lb. lunger.

Third place went to Jackie Price of Alba with 3 bass for 5.12 lbs., with a lunger of 2.49 lbs.

Fourth place went to Jimmie Bright of Frisco with 1 bass for 3.02 lbs.

Fifth place went to Scott Powell of Lake Fork with 2 bass for 2.19 lbs., with a 1.63-lb. lunger.

We caught 59 keepers and four anglers skunked again.

For information, e-mail me at sjbasser@gmail.com or call 903-440-2797. Check out our website at www.bassfin.com.

We fish every Thursday during the daytime only at Lake Fork.

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Emory Livestock Auction

The following is a consolidated report of the Emory Livestock Auction Inc. auctions held:

Tue., Apr. 13 **Sat., Apr. 17**
605 Head 731
133 Sellers 166

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\$85-215 Under 300 \$80-210
\$80-200 300-400 \$80-185
\$70-170 400-500 \$75-175
\$70-165 Over 500 \$70-160

HEIFERS*
\$80-200 Under 300 \$80-200
\$75-180 300-400 \$75-170
\$70-160 400-500 \$70-160
\$60-145 Over 500 \$60-145

SLAUGHTER*
\$25-75 Packer cows \$25-75
\$65-98 Packer bulls \$60-92

PAIRS
None Top \$1000-1550
\$550-1050 Low/Middle \$450-1000

OTHERS*
\$55-120 Stocker cows \$45-100
\$125-400 Calves (hd) \$150-350
\$100-800 Horses (hd) \$150-1800
\$65-300 Goats/Sheep (hd) \$50-450
* per hundred lb. unless noted otherwise

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Court to meet 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 22, 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
 - a. Permits/Right-of-Way (ROW)
 - 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
 - C. Accepting tax abatement application for Blazin' Pizza
 - D. Proclamation for Sexual Assault Awareness Month
 - E. Proclamation for National Crime Victims' Rights Week
 - F. Tax exempt status for the Dougherty House
 - G. Approve changes to the subdivision policy and checklist
 - H. Approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - I. DR-4586 grant terms and conditions
 - J. Authorization for the County of Rains to issue requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQs) for professional services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
 - K. Budget workshop
 - V. Administrative Court Activities and Comments.

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THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

Hot Dog mayor shocks Dallas status quo

When the last vote was counted on April 23, 1929, Dallas had a new mayor cut from a vastly different political cloth. J. Worthington "Waddy" Tate broke the mold for Big D's elected leaders. A former druggist and retired railroad worker,



By Bartee Haile
HISTORICAL COLUMNIST

he was not rolling in money nor did he belong to the upper crust. A colorful champion of the "common people," his idea of how Texas' second largest city ought to be run gave the rich and powerful ample reason for alarm.

During his first campaign for mayor in 1927, Tate made no secret of his populist views. In a sarcastic response to an opponent's suggestion that a swanky supper club be built with tax dollars on White Rock Lake, he proposed a hot dog stand where citizens of the most modest means could afford to eat.

The elite had a good laugh at Tate's expense and expressed their contempt for the grass-roots candidate labeling him "Hot Dog." Waddy not only took the ridicule in stride but embraced the nickname in order to make it clear which side he was on.

Tate ran a surprisingly competitive race in 1927 finishing a respectable second. That should have been enough for establishment types to take him seriously a couple of years later, but they were too busy fighting among themselves to pay him any mind.

The Citizens Association, which had dominated Dallas politics for years, split into two hostile factions. The United Dallas Association, an alliance of major retailers, picked Temple Houston Morrow, a grandson of the "Hero of San Jacinto," to be their standard bearer. The Greater Dallas Association, a united front of businessmen, put forth Col. William Everrett.

The *Times Herald* endorsed Morrow for mayor and *The Morning News* threw its support behind Everrett. Waddy Tate, who was already weeks into his campaign, received no endorsements, and that was the way he liked it. One of his favorite lines was that he was interested only in the votes of people who "liked to fish or owed money."

On the last Saturday before the election, Tate invited his supporters to Fair Park for a free hot-dog feast. Thousands came, ate their fill and on Election Day turned out for the candidate who seemed to give a hoot about them.

Falling short of an outright majority in the first round, Hot Dog faced his closest rival in the runoff. It was no contest as Tate trounced Sam Houston's grandson with 58 percent of the vote.

The custom was for the mayor-elect to hold his inaugural ball at a fancy downtown hotel. But Tate wanted no part of that preferring instead to throw a big come-one-come-all party in the Automobile Building at Fair Park.

The "people's mayor" set to work instituting changes designed to improve the daily lives of ordinary Dallasites. He abolished the office of "Censor of Movies" with the explanation that theater owners could be trusted not to corrupt public morals. He ordered the removal of the spikes from the brass rails surrounding City Hall, which he claimed had been put there by "some aristocrat to keep the plain folks from sitting around."

He had a bone to pick with the police, who cleared the city parks at 10:00 every night. In addition to having all "keep off the grass" signs removed, he issued a proclamation permitting the homeless to sleep in the parks. "The grass is there for the people as well as the chiggers."

Tate instructed the municipal greenhouse to send a potted plant to the funeral of every deceased Dallasite. He also tossed around the idea of holding funerals after dark as a way to reduce daytime traffic congestion and to increase the attendance of mourners unable to take time off from work to pay their respects.

A popular campaign promise had been to provide donkeys at the zoo for children to ride. A personal friend, the mayor of Mineral Wells, donated the 20 donkeys that Tate led through the streets to Marsalis Park, where signs hailed him as the city's "greatest burro-crat."

Mayor Tate also kept his word on the issue of city-owned swimming pools. "By the time a man pays a fee, rents a suit and a towel and buys a bottle of pop, it could cost him 50 cents just to go swimming," he said in citing the need for change. Overcoming stubborn opposition, he waived the admission fee three days a week so that even his poorest constituents could take a dip.

We will never know if Hot Dog Tate could have won a second term. A controversial change in the city charter took the power to choose the mayor away from the voters and gave it to a newly constituted council. Naturally the members of that body selected someone from their own ranks to replace the incumbent.

That was the end of T. Waddy Tate's political career. He lived another seven years but never again sought public office. Still many Dallasites would long remember the entertaining mayor who had their interests at heart.

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Obituaries

Michael Lee Landreth

1969 - 2021



Services for Michael Lee Landreth, 51, will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, at Higher Ground Cowboy Church in Quinlan.

Mr. Landreth died peacefully, in the home he built, surrounded by his loved ones on April 18, 2021, in Lone Oak. He was born on April 29, 1969, to Daniel Lee Landreth and Leah Gatlin in Dallas. He married Connie Gowin Landreth in June of 2019 in Quinlan at Higher Ground Cowboy Church.

Mr. Landreth is survived by his wife; children, Leah Hope Rogers (J.D.), Shelby Michael (Jesse Fetzer), Taylor Kinney (Pamla), Dalton Lee

Landreth (Ginger) and Mathew Kinney; siblings, Patty Holcomb (Randell), Karen Thomason (Joe), and Kathy Gatlin-Power; grandchildren, Christopher, Carson, Brent, Blaze, Weston, Landen, Rhett and Amelia; and numerous nieces, nephews and other family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, John and Johnny Lynn.

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

An online guestbook is available at www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com.

Jeffery Myron Galay

1969 - 2021



A funeral service for Jeffery Myron Galay, 51, of Greenville, will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in the chapel of Coker-Mathews Funeral Home. Rev. Wayne Wolfe will officiate.

Mr. Galay died on Friday, April 16, 2021, at Hunt Regional Medical Center in Greenville. He was born on May 13, 1969, in Canton, Ohio, to Myron and Charlyn (Mick) Galay. On July 27, 2002, he married Amy Cooper in Emory. He graduated from Malvern High School and received his master's degree from the University of Akron. He worked as an engineer for Graham Packaging Company since 2001. He was a devoted and loving husband and father who was passionate about watching and being involved in his children's activities especially Hannah's cheer and gymnastics, Joe's football and baseball, and Stone's baseball.

Mr. Galay is survived by his wife of Greenville; mother, Charlyn Galay Kulla of Malvern, Ohio;

sons, Joe Galay and Stone Galay of Greenville; daughter, Hannah Cooper of Martin Mills; brother, Dave Galay and wife Jaynie of Minerva, Ohio; sisters, Barbara Burwell and husband Brad of Bolivar, Ohio, and Lorraine Baldwin and husband Richard of Lakeland, Florida; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Diana and Wayne Wolfe of Emory; brother-in-law, Justin Wolfe and wife Lela of Alba; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father. The family request memorials be made to the Leukemia Society.

Arrangements are under the direction of Coker-Mathews Funeral Home in Greenville.

A visitation will be held from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. In accordance with CDC guidelines, wearing a mask and social distancing will be required while in the funeral home.

Duane Donald Parkhurst

1942 - 2021



A celebration of life service for Duane Donald Parkhurst, 78, will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, at First Baptist Church of Edgewood on Houston St. Prior to the service, a ceremony with full military honors, including a three-volley salute, will be held outside.

Interment will be in Treasure Falls, Pagosa Springs, Colorado, on Saturday, June 26, at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Parkhurst died peacefully on February 3, 2021, in Emory with wife Charlotte by his side. He was born on December 8, 1942, in Ontario, Oregon. He played football in high school and graduated in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. He married Paula Saint and joined the Army. He earned high Marksman and served as an engineer during Vietnam.

Mr. Parkhurst worked in his father-in-law's saw mill in Wolf Creek near Pagosa Springs, Colorado, at a test site in Nevada for the government, and in underground tunneling. He worked for S.A. Healy Company for over 30 years on jobs in Lake Mead, Nevada; Washington, DC; Austin; Rochester, New York; Ann Harbor, Michigan and Dallas, receiving honors for that work.

He was the co-founder and owner of Star World

Electronics in Kerrville. He helped build the Southwest Volunteer Fire Dept. on Hwy. 47 in the Flats community. He also ran the Southern Cross Tobacco Shop in Edgewood.

Mr. Parkhurst built a custom log home using his saw mill and wood from the local area. He loved riding his bike, playing dice and Texas Hold'em.

Mr. Parkhurst is survived by his wife; children, Susan Williams and husband Robert and Steve Parkhurst and wife Tina; mother-in-law, Annabel Carlson; stepchildren, Brenda Brown, Steve Ulrich, Tammy Parkhurst-Myers and Heather Harger; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers, Vic Parkhurst and wife Kay, and Dennis Parkhurst and wife Pat; sister, Carol Mercier; brother-in-law, Ray Lattin; sister-in-law, Sandy Stisser-Parkhurst and husband Danny; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edna (Klamroth) and Lloyd Parkhurst; brother, Ricky Parkhurst, grandson, Christopher Williams; sister, Dorris Lattin; brother-in-law, Howard Mercier; stepdaughters, Bobbit Brown, Paula Saint (Walkins) and Patricia Ulrich; and best and closest friend, Brad Lee Gines.

Charles Slatton

1942 - 2021



Charles Slatton, 79, of Willis Point, Texas, passed away peacefully at his home on April 16, 2021. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at Ingram Funeral Home in Quinlan, Texas, with burial to follow at Sand Flat Cemetery in Grand Saline, Texas. Family and friends are also welcomed to attend a visitation from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., on Monday, April 19, 2021, at Ingram Funeral Home.

Charles was born on March 8, 1942, to Mr. Zeb Slatton and Ms. Mary King in Tennessee. He married the love of his life, Mrs. Geneva Thompson Slatton, on March 6, 1962. Charles

owned a wrecker service, and he was passionate about the job he did for most all his life. He was a hard-working man, but if he did find any free time, he was sure to be out fishing. He is preceded in death by

his parents, Zeb Slatton and Mary King.

Charles will be deeply missed by his beloved wife, Geneva Slatton; his children, Michael Slatton and wife Shannon, Linda Stigall and husband Kenneth (Buddy), Donna Renshaw, and James Slatton; his brother, Ronnie Denson; his sisters, Wanda Borg and Karen Wills; several grandchildren; many great grandchildren; his good friends, Bobby Condor and Mr. Tuppie; and his special friends at Willis Point Automotive.

Pallbearers will be Michael Slatton, James Slatton, Jeffery Burton, Buddy Stigall, Stephen Thompson, and Josh Stigall.

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Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

"But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD."

Mark 11:8

Last Wednesday evening, following the meal, the youth and adults enjoyed their Bible study. Bro. Andrew Grills had an interesting lesson for the youth. Bro. Jerry Jackson's lesson for the adults was from II Timothy on

"Serving God."

Sunday morning service was very good although a little nervous for the super subs! Bro. Jerry and Mrs. Brigitte were on an anniversary get-away, but everything went smoothly. We had several families visiting, and we are always excited to welcome them. Joey Day led the singing and made the announcements and did a fantastic job. Courtney Spence and daughters sang the special. What a blessing that was. Bro. Andrew Grills brought an interesting message from Jonah, titled "Self-Inflicted Storms."

In the evening service, Grace DeVore sang the special before Bro. Andrew's message, "The Importance of the Word" from Psalms and other scriptures.

Birthday wishes go to Becky Kilborn, Kathy Reynolds and Shonda Sutton. Anniversary wishes go to Charles and Marie Hinkle.

Let's make 2021 a year dedicated to serving the Lord. He is coming back soon, are you ready to meet your maker?

Have a super blessed and safe week.

Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

What a beautiful day to worship and give praise and glory to the God who created such beauty. It was our All-singing, Praise and Testimony service and the joy of the Lord was evident in every part.

Pastor Mike Frazier opened the Sunday school hour with a hymn and then dismissed us to our classes.

The children's class was led by Donna Jones. They studied about the ark God led Noah to build. While they listened, they cut out pictures and made their

own arks.

The adult class continued looking at God's promise that there is now no condemnation to those who claim the free gift of God. The lesson was titled "God Reaching down to Man."

The service opened with the two songs we sing for each praise service. We then had a time of sharing both new prayer concerns and praises for answered prayer. Donna Jones offered our morning prayer.

Music continued with several congregational favorites. Kelsey Frazier sang a special.

Other specials were offered by Pastor Mike, Benny Thompson with grandson Jake Thompson, and Mr. Parker. Along with each special, testimonies were shared that added so much to the words of each song. We ended like always, reminding ourselves that one day we are going home.

Lunch was absolutely wonderful, from Mexican delicacies to good old country favorites and delicious desserts. It was a wonderful day to be in God's house. Plan on being in God's house somewhere next week.

Believers' Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

"For God is not a God of confusion but of peace."

1 Corinthians 14:33

Sunday morning's message from The Gathering series was called "How Should We Order The Gathering For Worship?" Because God is a God of peace, His Word gives clear instructions on how to worship in a formal public gathering so that everything will be decent and orderly. Next week's message will elaborate on the elements, forms and

circumstances of regulated worship.

At the end of the service, Pastor Jason introduced 18 people who have gone through the membership class and are joining Believers' Baptist by either letter or baptism.

Next Sunday, all youth and adult classes will meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. for Know the Faith. The discussion topic is "The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament."

We will celebrate the Lord's

Supper during morning worship, and a brown bag lunch fellowship will follow the service.

Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., we will have our quarterly members' meeting.

There will be a baptism and potluck fellowship at Lake Fork Lodge on Sunday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m.

Episode 77 on the Asking for a Friend podcast is "What does 'turn the other cheek' mean?"

Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."

Corinthians 5:20

Saturday evening, a group of EBC folks got together for the monthly Family Fun Night. Then, on Sunday morning, IMB missionaries, Adam and Suzie Hailes, joined us to share about their work in Nairobi, Kenya. They shared about their former

time working in Madagascar and their move to and work in Nairobi during the worldwide pandemic. A video recording of the service is available on the church's YouTube channel. In the evening service, Bro. Richard shared a message, titled "David & Goliath," from I Samuel. EBC's members' meeting was also held Sunday night.

This week, TEL meets on Tuesday at noon in the fellowship hall. Then, a group of senior adults will take a trip to

Branson from Wednesday-Friday. For those seniors who are still in Emory on Thursday, the SAM Game Day will continue as scheduled at noon on Thursday in the fellowship hall.

Next week, Backpack Buddies will meet in the fellowship hall at 1:00 p.m. on Monday to pack snack bags for Rains students. Then, Threads of Service, EBC's sewing ministry, will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday in the memorial hall building.

Shady Grove Baptist Church

By Lana Carlisle

"And he said to them all, 'If any man will come after me, let him, deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.'"

Luke 9:23

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

Wednesday night service will be dismissed. We were sorry to hear of the passing of Bro. Wayne and Diana's son-in-law

Jeff Galay.

Several were added to our prayer list. Larry Nugent asks for prayer for his daughter-in-law, Melissa Nugent who is in the hospital.

Ruth Kerley sang a special.

Bro. Wayne Wolfe's morning message was titled "The Weight or Shadow of the Cross" from Luke.

Anniversary wishes go to Gary and Belinda Mulrooney.

Sunday evening service Gary Mulrooney presented the Apocalypse II Revelation. The film was about a man who is trying to put his life together after his wife and daughter have vanished in the Rapture. As he is searching for an answer he uncovers a conspiracy that leads to the New World Order.

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The PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION filed by MELISSA LEIGH HOLT, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM VAUGHN SPENCE, JR., was filed in the 354TH DISTRICT COURT of Rains County, Texas on the 12th day of February, 2021, styled,

CAUSE NO. 11019
 MELISSA LEIGH HOLT
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 THE ESTATE
 WILLIAM VAUGHN SPENCE, JR.;
 -VS-
 JOSEPH EASTLAND,
 JANE EASTLAND,
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c/o: Phillip D. Alexander
 Attorney at Law
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Sports

RAINS LADY CAT SOFTBALL & WILDCAT BASEBALL

Wildcats suffer first loss, Ladies look to finish strong

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Wildcat baseball team suffered its first loss in district, while the Lady Cats stayed undefeated with two games left.

On Tuesday, April 13, the Lady Cats allowed the Lady Patriots a single run in the first inning before rolling to a 15-1 victory over Prairiland in Emory. Senior Chanlee Oakes pitched five innings, gave up four hits and a run, while striking out six batters. At the plate, Oakes recorded four RBIs on three hits.

On the baseball field, the Wildcats scored a run in the first and second inning and three runs in the fifth to beat the Patriots, 5-1. Brandon Bacon pitched the complete game with four strikeouts and allowed one run off of four hits. Junior Audie McAree had two RBIs on two hits in the game.

Early on Saturday, April 17, the Lady Cats traveled to Paris and shut out the Chisum Lady Mustangs, 14-0. Senior Sage Hoover pitched five innings, struck out eight batters and allowed two hits. Mia Caison notched three RBIs on two hits in the win.

Later that evening in Pattonville, the Wildcats managed only two hits in the 8-0 loss to the Prairiland Patriots. Kylar McGinty pitched four and two-thirds innings, gave up eight runs on nine hits and struck out four batters.

The Rains Lady Cats improve to 10-0 in district play and 27-1 for the season. The Rains Wildcats fall to 7-1 in district and 16-7 overall.

The Lady Cats will wrap up district play this week with games against the Edgewood Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday,



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS
Making the catch, senior Drake Hurley (7) watches the flyball into his glove during the 5-1 victory over the Prairiland Patriots.

April 20, in Emory, and the Commerce Lady Tigers on Friday, April 23, in Commerce.

The Wildcats will begin the weekly district series with the

Edgewood Bulldogs on Tuesday, April 20, in Emory, before traveling to Edgewood for the second game on Friday, April 23.

RAINS WILDCATS & LADY CATS TRACK

Wildcats advance to region

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

Three Rains Wildcats and seven Lady Cats qualified for the regional track meet during the 3A Area Track & Field Meet in Emory on Wednesday, April 14.

The track meet pitted the top four finishers from District 11-3A against those of District 12-3A, with the top four places advancing to regional competition.

Senior Drake Hurley finished third in the 400 meter run, while senior Ben Gudger earned the bronze medal in the 1600 meter run. Junior Lucas Rimbe advanced in pole vault with a fourth place finish.

For the Lady Cats, sophomore Chante Lloyd earned a bronze medal in the 100 meter dash, freshman Jasey Campbell placed third in high jump, and senior Makayla Henry finished in third place in pole vault.

The Rains high school girls relay team of freshman Presleigh Simmons, freshman Karlee Chastain, Henry and Lloyd advanced in the 4x100 relay with a fourth place finish.

Other Lady Cats advancing with fourth place finishes are sophomore Avery Songer in 300



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS
Freshman Presleigh Simmons rounds the curve for final stretch of the 200 meter run at the area track meet on Wednesday, April 14.

meter hurdles, sophomore Harley Kreck in long jump and Simmons in 200 meter run.

The Region 2-3A Track & Field Meet will be held in Whitehouse on Friday and Saturday, April 23-24.

Anglers compete at Lake O' the Pines



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The Rains High School Fishing Team took five teams to the regional tournament on April 17 at Lake O' The Pines. Sixth place (left photo, l-r) boat captain Jeremy Cook and anglers Kyle Evans and Kole Sustaire and seventh place (right photo, l-r) anglers Waylon Bozeman and Jordon Chambers (boat captain Michael Bozeman not shown) received angler of the year plaques. Four two-angler teams, consisting of Sustaire and Evans, Wyatt Bozeman and Kyle House, Devin Wallace and Daconda Gallup, and Waylon Bozeman and Chambers, will head to the state tournament at Lake Texoma on May 15-16.

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