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## Rains County Judge dies Thursday



Rains County Judge Wayne Wolfe

By LAUREN WITHROW-EDGAR  
Rains County Leader contributor

“The greatest legacy one can pass on to one’s children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one’s life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.”

– Billy Graham

Born in Grand Prairie on February 25, 1954, Clarence Wayne Wolfe and his family soon moved to Rains County, where he was raised and attended school. Known as Wayne, he graduated Rains High School in 1972 and married his wife, Diana, in 1983.

Wolfe worked many years in hospitals around Dallas. He was in charge of plant operations at Garland Community Hospital and then Medical City McKinney.

Wolfe was elected and began serving on the Rains Independent School District Board of Trustees around 1999. In 2011, he was elected and began serving as Rains County Judge.

Many in the community would greet Judge Wolfe as he drank

his morning coffee at the infamous Table of Knowledge at Y’all Come Back Cafe in Emory. Friend of 50 years and current Rains County Commissioner Mike Willis, remembers Wolfe describing his many years of sitting around that table as “getting the lay of the land.” Wolfe would talk about local issues with residents and also have rousing discussions about myriad topics.

Willis described Wolfe as “always concerned with what was right.” He said that Wolfe was passionate, committed and proud of his position as Rains County Judge. “Wayne always wanted Rains County to have a seat at the table, no matter where we were,” Willis stated.

Wolfe’s daughter, Amy Galaxy, said, “Dad believed in giving back to the town he was raised in. If he could help or change one person’s life, his leadership was a success. He cared about people and wanted to make a difference in the community.”

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### COMMISSIONERS COURT

## Local Shoppe tax abatement incentive considered

By DEBORAH M WALKER  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Commissioners Court held its regular meeting on August 26 in the courtroom of the Rains County Courthouse. The full agenda, that considered tax abatements, for a high-end travel center and fast food chain in Emory, and other court business were trivialized by news, before court was adjourned, that Rains County Judge Wayne Wolfe had died.

Rains County Commissioner Mike Willis (Pct. 2) led the meeting that ended with that sad news, and those in the courtroom gathered in prayer for the family.

Commissioners Jeremy Cook (Pct. 1), Korey Young (Pct. 3) and Joe Humphrey (Pct. 4) were all in attendance in the courtroom. One Rock real estate developers Brad Gaultney and Chris Wiesinger, as well as Robert Worley and Leah

Drown, from the Emory Development Corp., attended via Zoom video conference.

One Rock, working to bring a high-end travel center chain to the county, is requesting a tax abatement incentive for the new business, Emory Local Shoppe, on the 3.5-acres of land at the corner of Hwy. 69 and Lake Fork Dr. (FM 515). The location, to include a Waterburger, would primarily serve truck drivers traveling along Hwys. 69 and 19, but would also service other travelers and boaters, as well as local families.

Due to audio difficulties during the meeting, the *Leader* met with Worley after court to clarify several statements made during the Zoom conference. Worley confirmed that among estimated net sales tax revenue benefits of almost one million over the next 10 years, the local entities would also realize about \$12,000 the first year in sales taxes returned for the building and fur-

nishing materials used to construct the center. The requested abatement for city, county and ESD taxes is 100 percent for the first two years, 90 percent for the third, 80 percent for the fourth and 70 percent for the fifth. Worley clarified that per law, school taxes cannot be abated. Therefore 100 percent of the Rains ISD tax will be assessed every year.

Worley shared that the 3.5 acres are part of a 22.9-acre tract, that in 2021 had an appraised and assessed value of \$3,241, according to the Rains CAD Property Search site. The site showed the total 2020 tax collected on that land (city, county ESD and school) was \$78.06. Worley told the *Leader*, “It’s taking a non-producing, low-tax value piece of land and transforming it into productive real estate that increases sales tax returns and property tax revenue. It’s a win-win.”

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### POINT

## Point City Council considers water meter systems

By LAUREN WITHROW-EDGAR  
Rains County Leader contributor

Point City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday, August 24, at Point City Hall. Newly appointed mayor, Stephen Cross presided over the meeting, since former mayor Johnny Northcutt resigned earlier that day.

During Tuesday’s meeting, Cross discussed purchasing a system for the city’s water customers to better enable accurate and consistent meter readings and water bills. There are two systems offered by Ferguson Waterworks, Cross explained. The first would be a system to repair, upgrade or replace current meters which are difficult for city meter readers to assess; it is referred to as a drive-by system and would cost the city approximately \$425,000.

The other system would also upgrade/replace some water meters but would send a report to water

department software with readings every 24 hours. It would alert city workers of different issues regarding pressure or leaks and send alerts through the software as well. Cross also noted that when water was slated to be turned off at a particular meter for non-payment, Point Water Clerk, Cathy Haynes, would have access to do it remotely.

A representative of Ferguson Waterworks present at the meeting stated that the price for both systems would most likely change since the full amount of needed labor was not yet known, and therefore could not be accurately estimated at that time.

The council decided to hold a special meeting the following week on Tuesday, August 31, to receive more information regarding the systems. They requested that Water Plant Manager Nacole Christensen make a list of repairs and items needed for the plant, to be discussed at the next special meeting.

In other items, the Point City Council:

- approved the hiring of an auditor to perform the city’s 2019-2020 audit,
- approved the advertising of bids wanted for city property mowing,
- approved making Cross a bank signatory,
- held a budget meeting regarding different items and decided to discuss the budget further at the next special meeting.

The meeting lasted about an hour and all councilmembers were present. The meeting can be watched in its entirety on the *Rains County Leader* Facebook page.

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, August 31, at 7:00 p.m. at Point City Hall.

The next regular meeting of the Point City Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 14, at 6:45 p.m. at Point City Hall.

### SPOTLIGHT

## Morgan steps into new position at RISD

By JUDY KRAMER  
Rains County Leader contributor

The 2021/2022 school year at Rains Independent School District is starting out with a lot of promise. The district is still basking in the honor that Rains High School Lady Cats recently earned by winning the 2019 and 2021 Softball State Championship, and faculty and staff are eager to carry out the district’s vision “In Pursuit of Excellence.” It is an exciting place to be for new Rains High School Principal Dr. Lindsay Morgan, who comes to the position with 17 years experience in education; nine years of that as a principal.

“The district’s vision In Pursuit of Excellence means that we will all

work on both ends of the spectrum, reaching out to students where they are, and strengthening them with individual learning and tutoring,” said Morgan. “We are scheduling built-in tutorials into the regular school day, during the year, and we will need to provide rigor and challenge that is necessary for our students to be competitive outside of high school.”

Morgan grew up in Fort Worth, as one of four children. She recalls her home life as being rough, and a struggle. She said that school was structured and safe, and that she drew strong connections with her teachers.

“College was not part of the discussion at home,” said Morgan. “We were supposed to work hard,

but not go to college. However, teachers encouraged me, telling me how well I read and wrote. I idolized my teachers and wanted to be like them. I loved getting to erase the chalkboard and helping them in other ways. When I was 20 years old and working full time, I began going to night college classes and earned my bachelor’s degree. I still keep in touch with some of my former teachers. I am a product of the education system!”

Morgan began her career in education teaching at a private school in Fort Worth, and then spent six years teaching public school in Tolar, Hood County. She had positions as an instructional specialist and read-

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Dr. Lindsay Morgan, Rains High School principal



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**RAIN REPORT**  
No rain recorded this week  
Total for August ..... 3.71  
Total for year ..... 38.47

# NEWS BRIEFS

## Good Sam Clothes/ Thrift Shop Sales

The Rains County Good Samaritan Clothes Shop will be open Monday-Thursday in the building behind the public library on Hwy. 69 in Emory. Hours are 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., closed noon-1:00 for lunch. Thrift sales will be held every Saturday except the third Saturday of the month. Funds go to buy food for the needy and to operate the center. The sale includes clothes for all ages and sizes. There is new stock every week.

## SRSUD Scrap Salvage Campaign

The South Rains Special Utility District will sponsor the Salvage Your Scrap campaign by accepting scrap metal donations at its office located at 121 N. Dunbar Ln. in Emory. Donate unwanted scrap metal September 20-25 (Mon.-Fri. from 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Sat. from 8:00 a.m.-noon). Proceeds benefit the Texas Rural Water Foundation. For more information, call 903-473-2122 or email [srws@verizon.net](mailto:srws@verizon.net).

## COURT

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During court, Humphrey requested that action on the incentive request be postponed. He wanted to be sure it would be "consistent and fair with all developers." Willis agreed to postpone the discussion and its consideration until the next regular court meeting on September 9.

The court also approved a COVID-19 policy that pays sick leave for employees with the virus, in addition to the sick time they may have already accumulated. The policy covers a maximum of 80 hours per year, retroactive to July 1, 2021.

A short budget discussion ensued for the Budget Workshop agenda item. It included law changes that impact the Justice of the Peace's office and moving a vehicle for the sheriff's office to contingency. The court also proposed the budget tax rate of .5893 per \$100 of valuation.

- Other court actions included:
- accepting departmental reports into the minutes,
  - accepting the elected officials' and finance report into the minutes,
  - approved an FEC right of way for CR 4269,
  - no action was taken on the appraisal district 2020 audit as no audit was provided to the court,
  - accepted sheriff and constable fees that will remain the same,
  - renewed bank depository for

- another two years with no changes,
- approved the Rains County Tourism Board appointments of Kristi Sisk, Scott Sandifer and Glenda Harder,
- approved 2022 TDMV optional fees with no changes,
- approved inter-local agreements for 911 Public Safety Answering point services,
- approved the TAC Health & Employee benefits program pool for retired employee health insurance,
- approved to change the position of jail administrator from a salaried exempt position to hourly,
- approved the public defender FY 2022/2023 inter-local agreement,
- canceled the Navin seven-acre sub-division plat per owner request,
- approved the sheriff's request to purchase new radios, 11 mobile and 13 handheld, for \$67,000, increasing wattage from 45 to 100
- approved the final plat for Vera-Hernandez,
- no action was taken regarding the order to appoint a visiting judge.

The next regular meeting of the Rains County Commissioners Court will be held Thursday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Rains County Courthouse.

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## COMMISSIONERS COURT

# Commissioners to hold special meeting Thursday

The Rains County Commissioners Court will hold a special meeting on Thursday, September 2, at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be held 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. Open forum
  - II. Items for Discussion and/or Action
    - A. Filling the County Judge vacancy
    - III. Administrative Court Activities and Comments.

## WOLFE

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Wolfe's quick wits and sense of humor were renowned throughout the county. He was known for his many jokes and all-in-good-fun teasing.

Serving as preacher for Shady Grove Baptist Church for many years, Wolfe was strong in his faith and spoke often of his love for God, and how it steered his life and decisions.

Wolfe shared almost 38 years of his life with Diana and was a devoted family man to his children and grandchildren. He worked hard at everything he did, his family remembered, not only his public service, but as a cattleman.

On Thursday, August 26, Wolfe died at a Tyler hospital from complications from COVID-19.

State Representative Cole Hefner told KLTV, "You just never heard a bad word about him. He was a mentor, a friend, someone I looked up to. He was

an incredible man and I will miss him greatly."

Willis stated, "I've had lots of questions about what comes next for Rains County. We are going to get up and go to work Monday. There will still be people needing to get their cars registered. We will still have plenty of potholes. We will continue on. We will miss Wayne, but we will go on."

The Rains County Commissioners Court will hold a special meeting on Thursday, September 2, to discuss the next steps regarding the vacant county judge position. According to Willis, the commissioners court is expected to discuss and consider filling the position, using Texas Local Government Code 87.041 which states that commissioners can appoint a person to the role of county judge to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

## MORGAN

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ing specialist, working with students who were in danger of not graduating because of TAKS. She continued her career in Tolar as a junior high school principal for five years, and high school principal for four years.

In addition to her bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M, she acquired a Master of Education from West Texas A&M, and her Doctor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Tarleton State University.

Morgan said that she was drawn to her new position at Rains High School because she and her husband, who also has an educator background, always wanted to live in East Texas where the "substantial trees are gorgeous."

"But, we didn't want to uproot our three children from their schools, so we waited to move after they had graduated from high school," said Morgan. "They are now 22, 21 and 17. Our oldest son will graduate as an educator from Sam Houston State University in May. Our middle son is a vet technician, and our youngest, a daughter, is entering Texas A&M - Commerce in the fall, to study Biology."

She said that Texas has a little bit of everything, but she and her husband had never gotten to live

in a wooded area. They also like Emory because the city takes good care of business. Nearby Lone Oak is also special to her husband who has ancestors who settled in the town and are buried there.

When asked about interesting moments during her career, she recalled that many buildings where she worked had visits from unwelcomed animals, and as principal she usually had to take care of removing them. She said she had to get a snake out once, and later on she caught a bat that resulted in her having to go through a series of Rabies vaccinations.

"There are really so many stories to tell," said Morgan. "There were hard days that made you question. But, as the year got rolling, there were a number of times when kids came through and accomplished amazing things. They broke generations of behavior. It rejuvenates a teacher! It makes me think that education is the most important profession on earth. I am proud to be a part of it."

Morgan said that she is blessed by the staff at Rains. She enjoys coming to work with people who genuinely care for students, and she feels she is part of a hard-working family.

## THE PUBLIC FORUM

Letters to the editor are the views and opinions of the writer and do not reflect the editorial position of the editor or staff of the *Rains County Leader*.

Dear Editor,

After attending the Point City Council meeting on August 10, watching a video of the same meeting, the City Council meeting on July 13, and reading an article in the *Rains County Leader* on August 17, I felt compelled to research and write.

I requested information on the 'Water Grant' from Mrs. Good. She said she didn't know, however a person in Austin could answer my questions. I made contact with Carleton Wilkes, CPA, CIA, a Senior Advisor Financial Compliance with Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). He stated that information regarding the loan should be kept in city records for a minimum of seven years post project completion.

He said it was not a grant as stated by Mrs. Good, but a loan in April 19, 2005, for the amount of \$1,370,000.00 with a closing date of December 29, 2005. As well, it was for a new sewer system, not a water system. All funds were used with the exception of \$150K, which were returned to the TWDB and used to prepay on the loan amount due.

Mr. Wilkes stated that Mrs. Good's comments were untrue and that the money had been used and did not stay in a bank account. Mr. Wilkes also stated that at the end of the project, \$150,594.11 was paid back. At this time, \$200K remains to be paid: \$85K on 07/01/2022 and again on 07/01/2023, and a final payment of \$30K on 07/01/2024. Mr. Wilkes stated he met in Point in April 2021 with Mrs. Good and a CPA post project. Regarding the pile of pipes that Mrs. Good stated were sitting and rotting on the side of a road in Point, Mr. Wilkes was unaware of any such thing as it would have been accounted for during the project.

There are too many inconsistencies coming from Point City leadership. We spend more time on boil water notices and being without consumable water. At the August 10 City Council meeting it was disclosed by a resident that his family receives water for free. It seems he has complained each month for a year so he gets a break on paying his bill. The rest of us were offered free cases of water. How is that fair?

City leadership at City Hall seems to have trouble with transparency, honesty and a human being's First Amendment Rights. The mayor threatened residents at the July Council meeting to clear nepotism with five immediate family members working at Point City Hall: city secretary, city water department manager, acting police chief, city water meter reader and city groundskeeper.

It's time for a clean slate within Point City leadership and ask each of them to resign from the top on down. We can't grow if the only people voted into office are the ones who have their own agenda in their pockets.

**Paula Harvey**  
Point, TX 75472

Dear Editor,

We must do more to strengthen our power grid against an electromagnetic pulse (EMP) event. Such an event can result from an attack by an enemy, or it can occur naturally. It could result in devastating loss of life. There is disagreement on this, but why take chances?

We should also have a ground-based GPS back-up system, (like Russia has,) or we could lose internet in an anti-satellite attack.

**Alvin Blake**  
Emory, TX 75440

## EDWARD JONES

# Retirement income planning

Are you planning on retiring in the next few years? If so, you'll want to create a retirement income plan.



**BRANDON ROBERTS**  
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Financial Advisor

First of all, while you're still working, look for ways to boost your retirement income, such as increasing your 401(k) contributions.

You might want to explore products that can provide you with a lifetime income stream.

You'll also want to estimate your expenses in retirement, including your health care costs, which can be considerable.

It's important to review your investment mix. As you near retirement, you may want to

lower your portfolio's risk level.

Finally, once you are retired, you'll need to create a sustainable withdrawal rate from your various retirement accounts. You don't want to take out too much, too soon, and risk outliving your income.

By planning ahead and making the right moves, you'll feel more confident in your ability to maintain enough income to last throughout your retirement. That feeling of financial security can help you enjoy an active lifestyle during your years as a retiree.

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CITY GIRL

# Meeting Dobby

This column is dedicated to Judge Wayne Wolfe who passed away early last Thursday morning. I didn't know him very well, but I knew him well enough to know that he was a man



LINDA BRENDELE  
Leader Correspondent

who loved the Lord, his church, his family and Rains County. The only animals I saw on his Facebook page were cattle, so a story about a dog might not be his favorite, but maybe he would relate to Dobby, a character from the Harry Potter stories who was willing to give his life in the service of those he loved. It's true that I didn't know a lot about Judge Wolfe, but this

Facebook post from someone who knew him well says all that needs to be said: Uncle Wayne made doing the right thing seem easy even it wasn't.

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Kent and Stella are visiting his family this week, so if you're a regular reader, you know what that means. David and I are staying with Spike, the Great Pyrenees who chose Kent and Stella several years ago to be his family. Shortly after his arrival, we became Spike's official dog sitters when his family travels, and now we're more like a step family to him.

We've been through a lot as he grew from a willful, energetic puppy who required a strong leash and quick hands to control his wandering ways. But like most of us, Spike has become a bit heavier, a bit more settled, and a lot more fond of the air conditioning than of running in the fields. When Stella contacted me earlier this year to ask us to save this week, we expected to spend a restful week - except for the part where he stands at the window and barks at the coyotes at 3:00 a.m. But things have become a little more complicated since then.

A couple of months ago, another canine orphan showed up at the ranch. Coincidentally, he's a blond Great Pyrenees/Lab, and he's about the same age Spike was when he showed up. Of course, everyone's first reaction was that the ranch offers plenty of running room for two dogs, but Stella said the new pup was too playful with the cows, and she was afraid he would get himself killed. Since then, she has asked every friend she has if they want a dog and called every no-kill shelter within several counties with no success. So David and I will have two four-legged babies to play with this time around.

Stella invited us to lunch after church on Sunday to meet the newcomer and to become familiar with the new routines. We arrived at the house

first and were greeted at the car by a friendly, half-grown fur baby who asked to be petted and licked our hands in return. He tried to follow us into the house but was fairly easy to convince that wasn't a good idea.

We had a great visit over a delicious lunch, and then it was time to get down to business. Stella showed me where the dog and puppy foods are kept and which dog gets how much in which bowls. We visited the newcomer on the patio where he was napping away the mid-day heat. She had a handful of mini-dog biscuits, and she ran him through his repertoire of obedience training lessons. It was a short run - sit. He also lies down if she puts the biscuit on the ground, and he comes if he sees a treat in her hand. His understanding of stay still needs a lot of work.

"He doesn't come in the house or the barn because he chews on things," she explained. "He howls if we tether him, so he basically runs free and takes his chances with the coyotes. He and Spike aren't allowed to run free at the same time because they always end up a mess. Their favorite game is to run in the woods, cool off in the pond, and then wrestle playfully in the sand near the house."

While all this was going on, Kent went to the barn to check on Spike. He had managed to clean himself up from his latest session of mudding, so he was brought into the house to say hello. He nuzzled David and me and indicated he was ready for a week of being spoiled. As David and I prepared to head for home, I had one more question.

"You told me what you named the newbie, but I don't remember," I said.

"It's not a permanent name. His real family can call him whatever they want. But one day he looked at me with his ears straight out from the side of his head, and he reminded me of Dobby."

Dobby is the house elf from the Harry Potter saga. He warned Harry of an evil plot and Harry, in turn, freed him from his malicious masters. In a later movie, he saved Harry and friends but lost his life in the process.

Whether or not Dobby lives up to his name remains to be seen, and whether or not we have a restful week is anyone's guess. If we have a quiet few days, you probably won't hear any more about Dobby. But if he provides some of the same adventures we had with Spike, there will probably be another column.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

# Election bill passes House along party lines

The Texas House approved an elections bill Friday along party lines with 21 Democrats declining to participate. The bill, slightly different from previously passed Senate legislation, now heads to a conference committee that will negotiate a final version.



GARY BORDERS  
Texas Press Association

The measure passed after House Democrats largely ended a second walkout that broke quorum. The *Austin American-Statesman* reported the bill would ban drive-thru and 24-hour voting, add ID requirements to mail-in ballots, and give greater leeway to partisan poll watchers' ability to observe both polling places and vote counting.

Republicans supported the bill as a means to reassure voters that elections are fraud-free. Critics called it an attempt to suppress voting among minorities and other groups that tend to support Democrats.

State Rep. Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, said the bill was inspired by former President Trump's claim the election was stolen.

"This bill was never about election security or voter integrity. It was always about using the big lie to justify restricting access to the ballot box," Turner said.

COVID-19 cases drop in Texas

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas dropped 14 percent last week when compared to the previous week, to 107,489. However, 1,351 deaths in the state were reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, up 44 percent from the previous week.

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) reported 13,735 lab-confirmed COVID-19 patients in hospitals, an increase of 6 percent from the previous week. The number of hospitalizations is approaching the all-time high of 14,218 reached in mid-January. A number of hospitals have reported all intensive-care unit beds are filled. DSHS reported only 325 available ICU beds statewide as of Sunday. People under the age of 50 are being admitted to hospitals with COVID-19 in the largest numbers since the pandemic began in early 2020.

Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Division of Emergency Management have announced open-

ings of several COVID-19 therapeutic infusion centers to provide Regeneron's monoclonal antibodies to COVID-19 outpatients throughout the state. Visit [meds.tdem.texas.gov](https://www.meds.tdem.texas.gov) to find a site near you.

Meanwhile, the pace of vaccinations has increased as the delta variant spreads, with an average of more than 80,000 vaccine doses reported daily during the past month. DSHS reports 13.6 million Texans are fully vaccinated, which is 46.6 percent of the state's population.

\$1.4 billion in summer food benefits

Texas families with children who have temporarily lost access to free or reduced-price school meals can receive electronic food benefits under a third round of grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) covers the summer months and provides a one-time benefit per eligible child. It can be used in the same way that Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program cards work to buy groceries. The program is administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

"As children across the state start going back to school, we're thankful we can provide this added benefit so Texans can provide nutritious food for their families," said Wayne Salter, HHS Deputy Executive Commissioner of Access and Eligibility Services. Eligible families will receive the summer P-EBT benefits in the fall. Visit [hhs.texas.gov/pebt](https://hhs.texas.gov/pebt) or call 833-442-1255 to learn more.

Pay-to-play requirements eased under new law

Texas taxpayers who challenge a state tax assessment or are denied a refund should find it easier to take their cases to court under measures passed during the regular legislative session.

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar pushed a bill that took aim at "pay-to-play" rules that forced businesses and individuals to pay tax bills under dispute before taking them to court to seek a refund.

Under HB 2080, taxpayers who disagree with a tax bill can now take their cases to the State Office of Administrative Hearings without first paying the disputed taxes.

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EATING FRESH

# No fuss Italian dinner

Creating in the kitchen is a great stress reliever. Sometimes it means lots of dirty dishes too.

One-pot dinners are more my husband's style, but that usually means something out of a box - not my favorite. This one-pot Italian-inspired chicken dinner was restaurant quality without too much fuss or mess.



DEBORAH WALKER  
Leader Staff

Chicken Vesuvio

2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, sliced into cutlets (using a lateral cut)

- 1/4 c. flour
- salt and pepper
- 5 tsp. olive oil
- 12 oz. red potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/2 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. fresh parsley, chopped
- 1/2 tsp. fresh rosemary, finely chopped
- 1 c. chicken broth
- 1/4 c. dry white wine
- 1/2 c. frozen peas, thawed
- 2 Tbsp. butter, chilled
- 1 tsp. lemon juice

Season chicken with salt and pepper. Dredge the 4 flat chicken pieces in flour. Heat 3 tsp. olive oil in a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Brown chicken until golden, about 3-4 minutes on each side. Remove chicken to a plate and wipe the skillet clean with a paper towel.

Heat remaining 2 tsp. olive oil over medium-high heat. Add potatoes and cook about 7 minutes until golden brown, stirring occasionally. Stir in garlic, oregano, rosemary and a pinch of salt. Cook until herbs are fragrant, about 30 seconds.

Stir in broth and wine, scraping up any bits with a wooden spatula. Return the chicken pieces to the pan and any juices on the plate. Bring to a simmer and then reduce the heat to medium-low. Cover and simmer for about 15 minutes, flipping the chicken halfway through that process. When the chicken reaches an internal temperature of 160

degrees, remove the chicken from the pan again and cover it loosely with foil.

Increase the heat under the skillet to medium. Cook uncovered until the potatoes are tender and the sauce thickens slightly. Remove the potatoes and place them with the chicken. Take the pan off the heat and add peas, butter and lemon juice to the pan sauce. Taste and add salt and pepper if needed. Pour sauce over the chicken and potatoes and serve.

It's enough for two dinners and leftovers make a light lunch the next day.

For a quick and delicious dessert, try a berry crumble baked in individual 12-oz. ramekins.

Blueberry Crumbles

- 1/4 c. sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp. cornstarch
- salt
- 2 c. fresh blueberries (or other berries)
- 1/2 c. flour
- 1/3 c. old-fashioned rolled oats
- 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 4 Tbsp. chilled butter, cut into 4-6 pieces

Preheat oven to 375 degrees and adjust the rack to a lower-middle position. Line a baking sheet with foil. Combine sugar, cornstarch and a pinch of salt in a bowl. Toss blueberries in the mixture. (Add more sugar if the berries are tart.) Divide the blueberries between two ramekins.

Mix flour, oats, brown sugar, cinnamon and a pinch of salt. Add chilled butter. Blend the butter with your fingers into the dry ingredients until dime-sized pieces form. Sprinkle the topping over the blueberries.

Bake on the prepared sheet until it is bubbling around the edges and the topping turns golden brown. That will take about 30 minutes and it's a good idea to rotate the sheet pan halfway through the cooking time. Cool on a wire rack about 15 minutes before serving. It's excellent served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream!

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- 1 TX athlete "\_\_\_"
- 2 Didrikson Zaharias
- 3 an Oklahoma city
- 4 TX-born Kate Capshaw was on "The \_\_\_ of Night"
- 5 former Viking QB, Tarkenton
- 6 digital marketing strategy (abbr.)
- 7 this Rogers pitched the Rangers only perfect game (int.)
- 8 TX Kris 1976 film: "\_\_\_ Is Born"
- 9 TXism: "she would have to stand up \_\_\_ cast a shadow" (skinny)
- 10 TX-born Tracy Lawrence hit: "Sticks and \_\_\_"
- 11 endeavored
- 12 \_\_\_ City, TX
- 13 this pilot Earhart disappeared
- 14 Matt Damon was a Texas Ranger in 2010 "\_\_\_ Grrr"
- 15 TX horny
- 16 TXism: "she talks a blue \_\_\_"
- 17 nursery \_\_\_
- 18 baby sickness
- 19 out of work (2 wds.)
- 20 flight
- 21 "\_\_\_ Pacific" has four yards in Texas
- 22 TXism: "\_\_\_ like a bug to light"
- 23 fit to be consumed
- 24 director of TX-filmed "JFK" (int.)
- 25 TXism: "useless as party \_\_\_ to a pig"
- 26 Hilton's first Texas hotel: "a cross between \_\_\_ mine and a flophouse"
- 27 "and so on" abbr.
- 28 Russo of 2017 film "Just Getting Started" with TX Tommy Lee Jones
- 29 British young men
- 30 TXism: "call \_\_\_ day"
- 31 Sarah Hughes was the first woman to be this in Texas (2 wds.)
- 32 mechanical bull in TX-based "Urban Cowboy": El \_\_\_
- 33 Santa \_\_\_ TX
- 34 TX film critic, Rex made at GM plant in Arlington, TX
- 35 int. of Spielberg who wrote film "Pottergeist" starring TX JoBeth Williams
- 36 TXism: "bright \_\_\_ a new penny"
- 37 multistate tax agency
- 38 Greek god of love
- 39 in Donley County, \_\_\_ Lake, TX
- 40 "\_\_\_ Creek" starts in Hays County and empties into the Colorado River
- 41 TXism: "\_\_\_ thumper" (preacher)
- 42 TXism: "he \_\_\_ me a bill of goods"
- 43 this Linda sang "Blue Bayou" (int.)
- 44 dir. from El Paso to Plainview
- 45 seat of Wise County
- 46 TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_ on a mule"
- 47 March 2 is the \_\_\_ of Texas Independence Day

**DOWN**

- 1 sirloin, ribeye, and T-bone, etc. (2 wds.)
- 2 hometown of noted high school football RB Shaud Williams
- 3 he's "hitched" twice at the same time
- 4 in Concho County on U.S. 83 and 87
- 5 Amarillo Telemundo TV station
- 6 rodeo event aka bulldogging (2 wds.)
- 7 this Steiger was in "Livers Ain't Cheap" with TX Gary Busey
- 8 inquire
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# Sports

## RAINS WILDCAT FOOTBALL

### Wildcats explode into new season, falter late in loss to Farmers



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Senior Amare Clayton doesn't let the Farmer defender hold him back during his 75-yard touchdown run. He finished the night with 232 yards in the 49-36 loss to Farmersville on Friday, August 27.

By CHUCK FITTS  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Wildcat varsity football team opened the season on the road with a loss to the Farmersville Farmers, 49-36.

Rains amassed 442 yards of total offense, with 279 of that on the ground and 163 yards passing. The offense gained big chunks with touchdowns of 72, 75 and 72 yards, but the defense allowed 542 yards to the Farmers.

Senior Amare Clayton led the Wildcat attack with 232 yards on 16 carries and three touchdowns. Senior Audie McAree had seven rushes for 36 yards in limited action, while senior Bobby Dell carried the ball four times for four yards.

McAree completed three of seven passes for 120 yards and a touchdown. Senior Gavin Oakes finished 5 of 9 passes for 40 yards.

Junior KJ Burns caught three passes for 69 yards, senior Beau Schellinger gained 13 yards on a pass play, while Clayton took his one catch 72 yards for a touchdown.

On the defensive side of the ball, Dell led with 12 tackles, two quarterback pressures and a tackle for a loss. Junior Kaleb Wilhite contributed eight tack-

les, three tackles-for-a-loss, three pressures and a sack, and Burns recorded seven tackles for the game.

The Rains Wildcat started with the ball and a 19-yard end-around to Burns. The drive stalled after that and they punted to Farmersville.

The Farmersville running back fumbled the first handoff, but the ball bounced straight back to him as he was tackled for a 5-yard loss. After a run play of four yards, the quarterback hit his receiver on a post route for a 42-yard touchdown. Farmersville 7, Rains 0.

McAree began the next drive with a slant pass to Burns for three yards. Clayton took the next handoff from McAree, split the Farmer linebackers and took off for a 72-yard touchdown run. Farmersville 7, Rains 7.

Farmersville continued to try to establish a run game on the next drive, but managed only 11 yards. A penalty and a 7-yard pass kept the drive alive until the Farmer quarterback connected with another receiver for a 58-yard touchdown pass. Farmersville 14, Rains 7.

Rains went three-and-out on the next drive and gave the ball back to the Farmers.

Farmersville proceeded to grind out an 11-play 67-yard

drive that required passes to get over the front line of Rain's defenders. The drive was capped by a two-yard touchdown run by the Farmer quarterback. Farmersville 21, Rains 7.

The Wildcats needed only one play to answer as Clayton took the hand off, ran through the arm tackle of the Farmer linebacker, juiced the safety and continued 75 yards to the end zone. Farmersville 21, Rains 14.

Farmersville began their next drive with their first big run of 16-yards, but the Rains defense shut them down after that to force a punt.

The Wildcat offense started from their own 4-yard line. McAree rushed four times to get the team some breathing room. The Farmer's defense was caught off guard by a screen pass to Clayton, which he proceeded to take 72 yards for the touchdown. Farmersville 21, Rains 21.

Rains kept the momentum by holding Farmersville to a three-and-out, and then driving 91 yards in 10 plays. Oakes finished the drive by bullying his way into the end zone from one yard out. Farmersville 21, Rains 28.

The Farmers offense answered with another big play in the passing game, covering 60 yards

on one play to set up the quarterback for a one-yard touchdown run. Farmersville 28, Rains 28.

The third quarter began with Farmersville going on a 14-play drive that covered 60 yards, before Rains sophomore Kentlee Neighbors stripped the Farmer quarterback. Senior Gus Rodriguez recovered the fumble and ran to the Wildcat 44-yard line before being dragged down.

The Rains offense was stymied and gave it back to Farmersville after four plays. They were held to a three-and-out and punted back to Rains.

The Wildcat offense went on a 10-play 75-yard drive with Clayton punching it in from two yards out as the fourth quarter got underway. Farmersville 28, Rains 36.

The Rains offense became bogged down through the remainder of the game, while Farmersville found big touchdown runs of 75 and 94 yards as well as a fumble recovery that turned into an 11-yard touchdown run to put the game away. Farmersville 49, Rains 36.

The Rains Wildcats are 0-1 for the season and will host the Edgewood Bulldogs at Wildcat Stadium on Friday night, September 3, with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m.



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Shrugging off the Farmer, senior Gavin Oakes looks for more room to run on Friday night, August 27, in Farmersville.

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# RAINS WILDCATS vs. EDGEWOOD BULLDOGS



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Rains Wildcats in action under the Friday Night Lights in Farmersville on August 27. Senior quarterback Audie McAree (left) slings the ball down the field to a Wildcat receiver. Disrupting the pass, senior linebacker Bobby Dell (center) drags down the Farmer quarterback. Skying for the ball, junior receiver KJ Burns (right) out jumps the Farmersville defender for the pass.

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# Sheriff's Report

The Rains Co. Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of August 20-26:



DAVID TRAYLOR  
Rains County Sheriff

## Arrests

**8-20:** Brian Joseph Bell, Arp. Driving while intoxicated, 3 days court order.

**8-21:** Austin Bailey Duff, Emory. Assault causing bodily injury, \$3,000 bond.

**8-21:** Terry Lynn Malone, Campbell. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than or equal to 1 gr. less than 4 gr. (x2), \$5,000 bond (x2).

**8-22:** Ginger Lea Garrett, Point. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 less than 1 gr., \$5,000 bond.

**8-24:** Jennifer Gardenhire, Emory. Criminal trespass, \$1,000 bond.

**8-24:** Randell Hazlewood, Alba. Terroristic threat, \$1,000 bond; possession of a controlled substance PG 1 less than 1 gr., \$5,000 bond.

**8-25:** Joshua Robert Leger, Lake Charles, La. Driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 bond.

There were 7 arrests for the week; 4 posted bonds and were released. As of Friday, August 27, there were 27 males and 5 females in custody.

## Calls

**8-20:** Steamboat Shores Reference littering, Emory Brookshire's Medical assist person having mental break down, Hwy. 69S Domestic disturbance, CR 2430 Kids on dirt bike on county road and cussing at complainant, CR 3330 Suspicious male, Hwy. 69 and FM 779 Medical assist male with chest pains, Emory Wells St. Welfare check requested on a male, Rains County Jail Medical assist inmate low blood pressure, FM 2795W Male with mental issues, CR 3335 Male on 4-wheeler with loud pipes causing disturbance, FM 779 One-vehicle roll-over accident, Emory Katy Dr. Medical assist, CR 1397 Medical assist possible COVID, CR 1280 Medical assist male with COVID, East Tawakoni Two-mile Bridge Reckless driver, Hwy. 69 at Ivan Smith Two-vehicle minor accident, Emory Lennon Dr. Wood County requested assistance on locating a suicidal female, CR 3202 Reference stolen Social Security card, PR 7707 Medical assist 77-year-old female with breathing issues, CR 1250 Possible elderly abuse, CR 3370 Catalytic convertor stolen, Emory Baptist Church Medic requesting an officer.

**8-21:** CR 3367 Medical assist male with breathing issues, Emory Skyline Dr. Medical assist 89-year-old female fell, Emory Car Wash Money possibly stolen, Emory Believer's

Baptist Church Burglar alarm, Emory at Shamrock Vehicle in the ditch, Emory Sidekick's Bar and Grill Theft of property, East Tawakoni (ET) TJ's Burglar alarm, FM 514E Cows out, CR 1605 Medical assist 65-year-old male possible COVID case, FM 2795 Domestic disturbance between boyfriend and girlfriend, ET at car wash Person fleeing on foot, FM 2737 Boat on property that does not belong to property owner, Emory Katy Dr. Burglar alarm, CR 1622 Medical assist elderly female with breathing issues, Steamboat Shores Domestic disturbance between mother and son, Emory Brookshire's Keys locked in a vehicle, Public service Reference a female having titles to several vehicles, Emory Clark Dr. Domestic disturbance between husband and wife, Emory Clark Dr. Wife sprayed husband with mace and broke windshield out of vehicle, Point Car Wash Reference a vehicle being sold by a female.

**8-22:** ET Pursuit of motorcycle going into Hunt Co., FM 47 and CR 1480 Suspicious female walking, Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Reference someone keeps knocking on a door at the Abbingdon walk Apts., CR 1190 Medical assist female with breathing issues and chest pains, Emory Hwy. 69 and Hwy. 276 Vehicle broken down, CR 1300 Medical assist 79-year-old female COVID positive, CR 1535 Medical assist 11-year-old female spilled boiling water on

her leg, CR 4251 Medical alarm, FM 2795 Cows out, CR 3330 Goats out, FM 2737 Burglar alarm, FM 514 and CR 4470 Cows out, Emory Max-A-Mart Possible wanted person seen, Emory Funny Frog Missing passport.

**8-23:** Emory Sky Line Dr. Male on a porch and won't leave and may be COVID positive, Clyde's Marina Reference IRS check going to an old address, ET Puckett Pass Medical assist 66-year-old male fell, CR 2460 Medical assist 78-year-old male thinks he is COVID positive, CR 1250 Reference staying at her mom's house while her mom is in the hospital and believes her mom's husband may be neglecting her, SO lobby Reference stolen vehicle and cell phone, CR 1307 Reference possible scam on Facebook, Hwy. 69N Motorist assist, Emory Clark Dr. Domestic disturbance, CR 1425 Male headed to a residence with a gun and may try to shoot his wife, CR 2410 Welfare check requested on a male who has not checked his mail in a week, CR 4530 Medical assist 65-year-old male fell and hurt his back, Emory Clark Dr. Man reported his neighbors are fighting, FM 514E Cows out, FM 275 Welfare check requested on a 13-year-old child, CR 3060 Man reported ex wife is harassing him.

**8-24:** SO lobby Reference emergency protective order, Emory Sidekick's Bar and Grill

several people may be intoxicated and trying to drive off, ET FM 513 and CR 1622 Traffic and male fled on foot, CR 3370 Medical assist for 76-year-old male, CR 1535 Child custody issues, Hwy. 276 Suspicious vehicle in the driveway and someone trying to get into storage building, SO lobby Reference trailer that was left on side of road on the 10th was gone on the 14th when he came back after it, PR 6180 Medical assist female has fallen, Emory Quitman St. Wanted person located and arrested, Emory Planters St. Medical assist 82-year-old female is unresponsive, FM 2324 Stolen vehicle possibly in the area, PR 7715 Vehicle parked in front of a drive, PR 7330 Male fell twice, Rains ISD Medical assist student having a seizure, Emory by Max-A-Mart Gravel came off one vehicle and broke the windshield on another vehicle, Rolling Fork RV Park Medical assist male fell, CR 2110 Medical assist 78-year-old female with chest pains.

**8-25:** CR 3202 Medical assist for 53-year-old male with stomach pains, Point 3rd St. Male trespassing, CR 1300 Medical assist 70-year-old female fell, Point Max-A-Mart Possible intoxicated male in a vehicle, Point 3rd St. Suspicious male walking around, FM 515 Dollar General Medical assist female having a seizure, Rains jail Medical assist female possible kidney stone, Hwy. 69N Burglar alarm, Emory

south Texas St. Capital Apts. Two suspicious people around the dumpster with flash lights, CR 3325 Female concerned about her neighbors watching her and seem to know what she is doing all the time, ET Club Park Court Suspicious person walking around on private property, CR 1330 Medical assist for 93-year-old male with several issues, Hwy. 69 north of Point Cow out, Emory at car wash Possible intoxicated male.

**8-26:** CR 4254 Medical assist, Hwy. 276 and CR 1410 Tire blew out and another vehicle hit the tire causing damage to their vehicle, Point Ave. A Medical assist male with possible stroke, CR 3335 Medical assist 12-year-old child with COVID, FM 515 near Star Mart Calf out, CR 1402 Suspicious male riding bike up and down road looking into back yards, Emory Hwy. 69 in front of Funny Frog Two-vehicle accident, Emory Nix Dr. Medical assist 78-year-old female has fallen, CR 3200 Grass fire in road ditch, FM 515 near Dollar General Vehicle hit an animal possibly a cow, Point 2nd St. Domestic disturbance, CR 3236 Cows in a yard, SO lobby Reference being given a phone and then found child porn on it, Point Ave. B Possible prowler, Rains Co. Jail Medical assist for female inmate, Hwy. 69 north of Point Fire alarm, West Tawakoni Requested fire assist from ET fire.

## FISHING REPORT

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the following information for Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni taken on August 25:

**LAKE FORK:** Good. Water lightly stained; 87-90 degrees; 0.81 feet low. Largemouth bass are good on Long Carolina-rigged plastic worms, diving crankbaits and football jigs are working near road beds, timber and brush piles. White and yellow bass are good using live

bait, jigging spoons and slabs on humps and main lake points. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs near brush piles, bridges and timber. Catfish are good using chicken liver, cut and live bait.

**LAKE TAWAKONI:** Good. Water lightly stained; 89 degrees; 0.12 feet low. Blue catfish are good on fresh-cut bait and live bait. Channel catfish are good on punch bait and cut bait. Largemouth bass are good

on diving crankbaits, Texas-rigged plastic worms, football jigs and bladed spinners near rocky areas, docks and flats. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on swimbaits, slabs and live bait near the main lake channel, flats, drop-offs and humps. Crappie are good on minnows and black/chartreuse jigs around brush piles, docks and bridge pilings.

## LAKE FORK ANGLERS

### Anglers' report

By BRUCE CALLEN  
Rains County Leader staff

For the first time in a while, some of the fish the Lake Fork Anglers' caught were on deeper humps. However, the first-place boater won at 1-2 feet. Finally around 10:00 a.m. the morning of August 26, a breeze picked up to make it a little cooler. Some fish were caught on C-rigged baby brush hogs. In the tournament, all fish 10 inches and larger were keepers and only the best five count.

#### Boater results

First place went to Dennis Bubinas of Lake Fork with 9 bass for 13.05 lbs., with a 3.46-lb. lunger.

Second place went to Bob Roberts of Longview with 6 bass for 8.91 lbs., with the boater lunger of 3.95 lbs.

Third place went to Bill Ailes of Sulphur Springs with 3 bass

for 6.24 lbs., with a 2.61-lb. lunger.

Fourth place went to Scott Shrader of Mineola with 4 bass for 6.02 lbs., with a 2.49-lb. lunger.

Fifth place went to Jack White of Farmers Branch with 3 bass for 4.75 lbs., with a 1.62-lb. lunger.

#### Co-Angler results

First place went to Gary Gilmore of Ennis with 4 bass for 4.28 lbs., with a 1.77-lb. lunger.

Second place went to Rick Wright of Rowland with 1 bass for 4.04 lbs. which was the co-angler lunger.

Third place went to Jimmie Bright of Frisco with 2 bass for 3.81 lbs., with the lunger of 2.74 lbs.

Fourth place went to Bob Lambert of Lake Fork with 1 bass for 3.62 lbs.

Fifth place went to Rudy Hall of Mineola with 2 bass for 2.99

lbs., with a 1.92-lb. lunger.

We caught 63 keepers, with three anglers skunking.

The LFA fishes every Thursday except Thanksgiving day and Christmas on two different formats: a five-fish limit we call LFA and a MLF-style format where every fish counts we call Hard Core. We hold three special tournaments and an end-of-year dinner. We are a club of 56-plus seniors (mostly) and are very liberal about members taking off for vacations and medical issues. Even though we are practicing social distancing and wearing masks, we have about 13 sitting out from COVID exposure.

Right now we are looking for more members ... boaters fish for free. For information, e-mail [sjbasser@gmail.com](mailto:sjbasser@gmail.com) or call 903-440-2797. Visit our website at [www.bassfin.com](http://www.bassfin.com).

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

A tax rate of \$0.5893 per \$100 valuation has been proposed by the governing body of RAINS COUNTY.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.5893 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.5585 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.5893 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for RAINS COUNTY from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval rate is the highest tax rate that RAINS COUNTY may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that RAINS COUNTY is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD ON September 9, 2021, at 10:00 AM at Rains County Courthouse.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, RAINS COUNTY is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the Rains County Clerk of RAINS COUNTY at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = (\text{tax rate}) \times (\text{taxable value of your property}) / 100$$

(List names of all members of the governing body below, showing how each voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase or, if one or more were absent, indicating absences.)

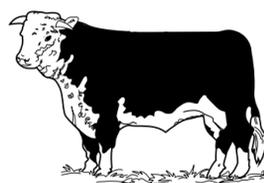
FOR the proposal:  
AGAINST the proposal:  
PRESENT and not voting:  
ABSENT:

The 86th Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by RAINS COUNTY last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by RAINS COUNTY this year.

	2020	2021	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.6350	\$0.5893	7.19% decrease
Average Homestead Taxable Value	\$0	\$0	0.00% increase
Tax on Average Homestead	\$0	\$0	0.00% increase
Total Tax Levy on All Properties	\$4,359,962	\$4,800,911	10.11% increase

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for RAINS COUNTY at 903-473-5000 or [sherrim@rainscad.org](mailto:sherrim@rainscad.org), or visit [rainscounty.org](http://rainscounty.org).



## Emory Livestock Auction

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

Tue., Aug. 24	Sat., Aug. 28
652 Head	1791
123 Sellers	307
<b>STEERS*</b>	
\$100-210 Under 300	\$100-210
\$85-195 300-400	\$95-190
\$80-170 400-500	\$80-170
\$70-165 Over 500	\$70-165
<b>HEIFERS*</b>	
\$90-185 Under 300	\$90-195
\$80-175 300-400	\$85-175
\$75-155 400-500	\$75-155
\$70-150 Over 500	\$70-155
<b>SLAUGHTER*</b>	
\$25-74 Packer cows	\$25-78
\$60-95 Packer bulls	\$55-96
<b>PAIRS</b>	
\$1000-1200 Top	\$1000-1250
\$500-1000 Low/Middle	\$550-1000
<b>OTHERS*</b>	
\$55-110 Stocker cows	\$65-125
\$50-250 Calves (hd)	\$50-300
\$150-800 Horses (hd)	\$100-850
\$50-300 Goats/Sheep (hd)	\$50-400

\* per hundred lb. unless noted otherwise

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## BBB

### BTS internet safety tips for parents

Know what your child is doing online. Keep track of the social media sites and accounts to which your children have access. Many sites are designed to collect and sell unauthorized user details and behaviors to advertisers looking to engage in targeted marketing. Make sure your children are aware of the existence of online predators.

Watch out for click bait. Whether it's in the form of contests and giveaways, surveys, too good to be true prices, or the latest trends, click bait is designed to entice or attract attention thinly disguised to collect personal or financial information. Make sure your children know to steer clear and don't have access to banking or credit card information.

Understand apps. Certain apps might collect and share personal information about your child or target your child with ads. Even free apps may include paid features, which children may not understand. This could result in a hefty bill at the end of the month. Remember to turn location settings off, or at the very least to

turn them on only while using the app.

Use file sharing sites with caution. Many websites allow children to download free media. Unfortunately, those sites often come with the risk of downloading viruses or malware, giving identity thieves access to your information.

Read privacy policies together and understand privacy settings. Teach children to read the privacy policies and terms of use of any apps or websites they want to use. Remind them of the importance of knowing what they are signing up for and that less is more when it comes to sharing information.

Use parental controls if necessary. While the best way to keep a child's online privacy safe is to teach them to manage it themselves, parental controls provide a second line of defense. Android, iOS, and most web browsers offer built-in features which allow parents to monitor their children's online activities. Third-party apps are available as well.

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## SAVVY SENIOR

## Choosing the best BP monitor

Dear Savvy Senior,

I just found out I have stage 1 hypertension and my doctor recommended I get a home blood pressure monitor to keep an eye on it. Can you offer me any tips on choosing a good one?



By Jim Miller

Hypertensive Helen

Dear Helen,

It's a smart idea! Everyone with elevated or high blood pressure (stage 1 and higher) should consider getting a home blood pressure monitor. Home monitoring can help you keep tabs on your blood pressure in a comfortable setting. Plus, if you're taking medication it will make certain it's working, and alert you to a health problem if it arises. Here are some tips to help you choose a good monitor.

## Types of Monitors

The two most popular types of home blood pressure monitors sold today are automatic arm monitors, and automatic wrist monitors that are electric and/or battery powered.

With an automatic arm monitor, you simply wrap the cuff around your bicep and with the push of one button the cuff inflates and deflates automatically giving you your blood pressure reading on the display window in a matter of seconds.

Wrist monitors work similarly, except they attach to the wrist. Wrist monitors are also smaller in weight and size, which makes them more portable, and a bit more comfortable to use than the arm monitors, but they tend to be a little less accurate. To help you choose the best monitor for you, here are several things to check into:

Make sure it fits: Be sure the cuff fits the circumference of your upper arm. Using a cuff that's the wrong size can result in an inaccurate reading. Most arm models have two sizes or an adjustable cuff that fits most people. Wrist models also fit most people.

Choose one that's easy to use: Be sure the display on the monitor is easy to read, and that the

buttons are large. The directions for applying the cuff and operating the monitor should be clear.

Consider what extra features you want: Many automatic monitors come with additional features such as irregular heartbeat detection that checks for arrhythmias and other abnormalities; a risk category indicator that tells you whether your blood pressure is in the high range; a data-averaging function that allows you to take multiple readings and get an overall average; multiple user memory that allows two or more users to save their readings; and downloadable memory that lets you transmit your data to your computer or smartphone.

## Where to Buy

You can find blood pressure monitors at pharmacies, medical supply stores or online, and you don't need a prescription to buy one. Prices typically range between \$40 and \$100.

In most cases, original Medicare will not cover a home blood pressure monitor, but if you have a Medicare Advantage plan or a private health insurance policy it's worth checking into, because some plans may provide coverage.

The best automatic arm monitors as recommended by Consumer Reports include the Omron Platinum BP5450 (\$75), Omron Silver BP5250 (\$50) and the Omron 10 Series BP7450 (\$100); A&D Medical UA767F (\$45); and Rite Aid Deluxe Automatic BP3AR1-4DRITE (\$37). The top wrist monitors are the Omron 7 Series BP6350 (\$80); and the Equate (Walmart) 4500 Series (\$40).

After you buy a monitor, it's a good idea to take it to your doctor's office so they can check its accuracy and teach you the proper techniques of how and when to use it.

You can also get more detailed information on how to accurately measure your blood pressure at home at [Heart.org/HBP](http://Heart.org/HBP) – click on "Learn How to Monitor Your Blood Pressure at Home."

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of *The Savvy Senior* book.

## AMAC

## Social Security Matters

Dear Rusty,

I am 62 and have been a homemaker for much of my adult life. I have a small Social Security account from working years ago. My husband is older, has been the major wage earner and will have a good amount in Social Security when he claims.

I have been told that I should claim my social security now. It's a small amount – about \$475 per month if I claim it now, and \$550 after I'm age 66 – so it's not a life changing difference. But if I claim mine now, when my husband reaches his full retirement age can I switch to claiming spousal benefits on his account? I understand I would no longer get mine, but I'm pretty sure my benefit from him will be a much larger amount.

Signed, Inquiring Homemaker

Dear Inquiring Homemaker,

The simple answer to your question is: yes, if you claim your own small benefit now you can later switch to a higher spouse benefit from your husband when he claims his SS. But there are always consequences for claiming SS benefits early. The maximum spousal benefit you can get from your husband is 50 percent of the benefit amount he is entitled to at his own full retirement age (FRA). But you only get that full 50 percent if you delay claiming your own Social Security until you reach your own FRA.

That doesn't mean you can't claim your own reduced benefit early, but it means that when you later get your spousal benefit it will be less than 50 percent of your husband's FRA benefit amount. And here's why: Your spouse benefit, when you receive it, will consist of your own earned benefit plus a spousal boost to bring you to your spousal entitlement. Your spousal boost will be the difference between your FRA benefit amount (regardless of when you claim) and half of your husband's FRA benefit amount, and it will be reduced if you haven't yet reached your FRA when your husband claims.

That reduced spousal boost will be added to your own actual benefit (reduced if you claim at 62), which will yield a spouse benefit less than 50 percent of your husband's FRA benefit. Said another way, when your husband claims at his FRA, you'll get a reduced spousal boost added to your own already reduced age 62 SS retirement benefit. I can't put this into dollar terms for you without knowing your husband's FRA benefit amount.

FYI, if your age 62 benefit amount is \$475 then your personal benefit amount at your FRA should be about \$670. Essentially, the longer you wait to claim your own SS, the more your spousal benefit will be because the spousal boost will be added to the benefit you're already receiving. Your spousal benefit reaches maximum (which is 50 percent of your husband's FRA amount) at your FRA, but remember that your husband must be collecting his SS for you to claim a spouse benefit.

So, here's the bottom line: you can claim your own SS at age 62 but the benefit amount you get will be reduced by 29 percent. If your husband claims at his FRA, you will get a spousal boost at that time, but the amount of the spousal boost will be reduced because you will not have reached your FRA at that time. The only way you will get the full 50 percent of your husband's FRA benefit amount is by waiting until your own FRA to claim Social Security. However, since your spousal benefit will be the highest amount available to you, waiting and claiming yours at the same time your husband claims his, would also be a prudent strategy to lessen the penalty for claiming your benefits early.

One final caution: Any time SS benefits are claimed early (before FRA), there is an earnings test which limits how much can be earned from working before SS takes back some benefits. Please keep that in mind if you should decide to go back to work at any time before you reach your full retirement age.

## ALZ

## Keep your guard up

COVID remains on the run in the United States – primarily the "Delta" variant. While we remain in the grip of the virus, it's a good idea to revisit some of the following pointers on helping people who live with Alzheimer's or other dementia to safely weather the storm.

Persons living with dementia may need reminders regarding:

- Hand-washing and moisturizing. Caregivers should consider implementing a supervised hand-washing schedule.

- Covering nose and mouth during a sneeze or cough.

- Refraining from placing things in the mouth.

- Staying in a particular area.
- Taking medications appropriately.

- Adopting social distancing practices and refraining from sharing items.

- Following any other procedures that would require memory and judgment.

The current COVID uptick is creating added anxiety for everyone. Do your best to remain calm, particularly in your interactions with family members living with dementia. Oftentimes, those individuals will take their cues from the people who surround them. Creating a calm environment will help individu-

als living with dementia feel safe and protected.

Meanwhile, the need for supporting family and professional caregivers is greater now than ever before. In response to these challenging times, the Alzheimer's Association continues offering online virtual support groups led by experienced support group facilitators.

To register, call the 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900 or go online to [alz.org/crf](http://alz.org/crf), which is our national community resource finder. You can locate your local program in the Community Resource Finder or contact the 24/7 Helpline for details.

## Obituaries

## Judge Clarence Wayne Wolfe

1954 – 2021



Judge Clarence Wayne Wolfe, 67, passed away on August 26, 2021, in Tyler. Funeral services were Sunday, August 29, 2021, at Emory Baptist Church with Norris Blount and Rev. John Tanner officiating. Interment followed in Turner Cemetery. The visitation was held on Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Emory Baptist Church. Coker-Mathews Funeral Home in Greenville, Texas is in charge of arrangements.

Who was Wayne Wolfe? Some knew him as Wayne, Waynard, Dad, PawPaw, Pastor and Judge.

Wayne was humble, kind, and full of life. He loved his wife, kids, and grandkids; and most importantly his "Lord Jesus Christ".

Although his full-time occupations were Judge of Rains County and Pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church in Emory, he was also a cattleman. Enjoying every morning feeding the cows and sitting in the stillness of the morning, praying, and talking with the Lord.

His legacy is the life he led. Never faltering from his faith, morals, or integrity.

If you knew Wayne, you found out quickly that he was quick witted, loved to tease people and felt blessed.

He will be missed by his family, friends, and colleagues. But his life will shine on through all the lives he touched in 67 years of life.

He is now in Heaven with his "Lord Jesus Christ".

Wayne was born February 25, 1954, to Freddie Joe Wolfe and Melba Jean Strebeck Wolfe Wright. He married Diana Kay Wolfe on October 4, 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Diana Kay Wolfe; daughter, Amy Galay; son, Justin Wolfe; mother, Melba Jean Wright; brother, Ricky Wright and wife, Myra; sisters, Gina Money and husband, J.C., and Linda Morrow and husband, David; grandchildren, Hannah Cooper and fiancé, Rudy Weaver, Joe Galay, Stone Galay, and Willa Wolfe; great-grandchild, Gunner Weaver; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; step-father, John Wright; brothers, Ray Wright, Michael Wright; Roy and Dela Wolfe; and son-in-law, Jeff Galay.

Pallbearers are Mike Willis, Rodrein Garrett, Mike Ragsdale, Jonathan Wright, Dwayne Ray and Jerry Miller.

Honorary pallbearers are Ed Luther and Gary Mulroney.

## Cathy Jean Friddle Bryant

1955 – 2021



Funeral services for Cathy Jean Friddle Bryant, 65, of Emory, will be conducted at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 31, at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Byron George will officiate.

Interment will follow at Rock Hill Cemetery in Yantis. Justin Friddle, Johnathan Friddle, Jake Friddle, Rodney Friddle, Chase Friddle, Tommy Roest and Charlie Brookins will serve as pallbearers.

Mrs. Bryant died on August 27, 2021, at Rock Creek Nursing Home surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on October 28, 1955, in Sulphur Springs to Dan Friddle and Patsy Utley Friddle. She married Maurice Bryant on November 30, 1978, in Oklahoma. She owned and operated Merry Maids for over 20 years. She was saved at the age of nine, and she was a member of Gunter Assembly of God all her adult life.

Mrs. Bryant is survived by her husband; children, Jeremy Steed and wife Stormy of Emo-

ry, Jennifer Steed Adams and husband James of Sulphur Springs, Lisa Roest and husband Tommy, Carla Brookins and husband Charlie and Steven Bryant and wife Rosie; brothers, Danny Friddle and wife Jackie, Gary Friddle and wife Jeletta and Joe Friddle and wife Amy; grandchildren, Jordan Lewis and wife Gloria, Christian Lewis and wife Morgan, Jaden Adams and Emmersen Adams, Cassie Steed, Heagen Steed, Zoey Steed, Kade Steed, Ashley Schurwon, Heather Daniel, Savannah Benusa, Katlynn Bryant, Luke Bryant, Kaylee Burch, Austin Burch, Carli Brookins, Tyler Brookins and Colt Brookins; great-grandchildren, Henley Lewis, Sophie Lewis, Natalie Lewis, Corbyn Lewis and Mia Lewis and 11 more great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home, [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com).

## Bonnie Jo Clifton Peterson

1962 – 2021



A memorial celebration for Bonnie Jo Clifton Peterson, 59, will be held at a later date.

Mrs. Peterson died on August 20, 2021. She was born on March 3, 1962, to Bobby Clifton and Jan French Clifton in Dallas. She taught in the Edgewood special education program for over 31 years, prior to retiring.

Mrs. Peterson is survived by her mother, Jan Clifton; loving partner, Kenneth Pounds; brother, Bo Clifton and wife Elizabeth; children, Kenneth Pounds Jr. and wife Tabitha, William Peterson II and wife Jenni-

fer, Kolton Pounds, and Kody Pounds; grandchildren, Chloe, Nole, Macie, Konner, Landon, Kimberly and Emma; and niece and nephew, Emilia and Emerson.

She was preceded in death by her father. Arrangements were under the directions of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at [www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to a school special education program or charity of your choice.

## Barbara Thompson

1956 – 2021



Barbara Thompson, 64, of Emory, died on August 30, 2021, at Christus Mother Frances in Sulphur Springs.

She was born on September 25, 1956, in Dallas to W.L. and Willie B. (Newman) Bullard. She married Eddy Thompson on June 7, 1975, in Lufkin. She worked as a bookkeeper for over 40 years.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her husband; daughters, Tennille Case and husband Jeremy and Brandi Thompson; grandchildren,

Emma Funcheon and husband Christopher, Allison Case, Angel Adams-Case and Jayden Case; brother, W.L. Bullard Jr.; sister, Karen Imperial; aunts, Dottie Lovelady and Jollie Newman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at [www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com).

## Ronald Wayne Yarborough Sr.

1946 – 2021



Funeral services for Ronald Wayne Yarborough Sr., 75, of Emory, will be held on Saturday, September 4, at 10:00 a.m. at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Robert Burns will officiate.

Interment will follow at Donelton Cemetery in Lone Oak.

Mr. Yarborough died on August 25, 2021, surrounded by his family at Hunt Regional Hospital in Greenville. He was born on January 8, 1946, to Timothy Yarborough and Gussie Stevenson in Dallas.

Mr. Yarborough is survived by his sons, Junior Yarborough and wife Kristen, and Tim Yarborough; mother of his children and best friend,

Wanda Yarborough; sister-in-law, Peggy Yarborough; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jack Yarborough, Gene Risner and Bill Risner; and sisters, Louise Risner and Joann Aches.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association.

Arrangements are under the directions of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at [www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com).

Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, at the funeral home.

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### Country Baptist Church

**By Donna Jones**

We were small in number but were eager to worship our Lord together. Bro. Mike Frazier and Donna Boughton led songs and the prayer of dismissal to our class.

Donna Boughton led the class in a study, titled "Believing God, No Matter What." The focus was on how God was testing Gideon.

Worship began with Mike Frazier and Donna Boughton leading songs, followed by prayers

and praises lifted up. Joel Frazier brought our needs to the Lord.

Our next All-Singing Service will be October 17 with lunch to follow in the fellowship hall. We welcome you to come worship in song, give testimony or praise God for His blessings.

Following more songs, we sang to Benny Thompson for his birthday, and he later brought our special music.

Bro. Mike Frazier's message was about the Dark Ages of the church and how the Light of

God shines through even in the darkness.

We missed all those that could not be in service and hope you are back next week. Continue to pray for our communities, all our government leaders, the service men and women keeping us free, and those who have lost loved ones.

May you have a great week and take your family to church somewhere.

### Believers' Baptist Church

**By Linda Brendle**

"And a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression," declares the Lord."

*Isaiah 59:20*

The week's sermon was from Isaiah and was titled "So Great a Salvation." God is willing to save, but since there is no one who can save us from the sin that separates us from God, He had to intervene and save us through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We celebrated the great

salvation by ending the service with The Lord's Supper. The service was followed by a Brown Bag Fellowship.

Sunday evening we met for The Church Praying, an elder-led monthly gathering of the church for intentional prayer.

The Women's Spiritual Foundation class will meet on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to study the book *Everyone's a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology*.

The Adventure Club will meet

next Sunday at 4:00 p.m. followed by a Sunday meal at 5:30. Sign up for the meal on the church website.

The Women's Wednesday morning Bible study begins September 8 at 9:30 a.m. We will study the Gospel of Matthew.

Episode 88 on the Asking for a Friend podcast is "What is the role of fasting in the life of the believer?" The link to the podcast will be available on September 2 at [www.bbcmemory.org](http://www.bbcmemory.org).

### Emory United Methodist Church

**By Mary White**

"You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

*Mark 7:8*

Allison Cambre was our visiting pastor on Sunday. Rev. Cambre's message, titled "Going from Common to Uncommon" with scripture text taken from Mark, told about how thought-

less ways such as taking God's name in vain, greed, pride are evil things that make us common. The inner self determines our destiny. Do we follow God's Commandments or the worlds way?

Winds of the Spirit prayer team will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and the Lay Leadership Committee will have a

meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Prayer requests are for the Wayne Wolfe family, Kay Gas-kill, Robert and Barbara Neff, Kelli Carey, Jordan Smith, Brandy Northcutt and Angie Cochrane.

Birthdays wishes go to Stan McNear.

Have a great week and pray without ceasing.

### Bright Star Baptist Church

**By Glenda Galyean**

"Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan."

*I Kings 17:3*

Last Wednesday evening following our family meal, Bro. Andrew Grills led the youth in singing before his lesson from Genesis. Pastor Jerry Jackson brought a wonderful message for the adults from I Kings about Elijah, titled "Building Elijah's Faith."

Our Sunday morning service was very special. One of our

youth was baptized. We had a lot of visitors who came to support the young man. Joey and Ashlen Day and Rebecca Jackson sang the special before Bro. Jerry's message from Luke about the prodigal son, titled "When Are You Gonna Come Back Home?" We had a man surrender to ministry as well.

Our Fifth Sunday Singing had great participation. In addition to everyone else who sang and played the piano, we had some little ones (2-5 years old) sing... so precious! We were excited to see Duane Jackson back in Tex-

as. We were blessed to hear the Jackson kids sing together and play their instruments again.

The Reynolds and the DeVores will travel to the Native Indian Reservation in South Dakota on Labor Day weekend, taking coats, toboggans, gloves and blankets. Rains County Good Samaritans in Emory helped with coats and blankets.

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

Have a super blessed and safe week.

## Layman's Ten Commandments ...

1 Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout our journey.

2 So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.

3 Friendship is like a book. It takes a few minutes to burn, but it takes years to write.

4 All things in life are temporary. If they're going well, enjoy them... they will not last

forever. If they're going wrong, don't worry... they can't last long either.

5 Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!

6 Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, friend, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7 When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve

your problems He has faith in your abilities.

8 A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye-sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"

9 When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10 Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles... it takes away today's peace.

### Emory Baptist Church

**By Ronnie Witt**

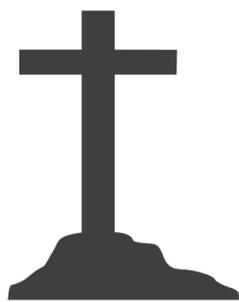
Bro. Richard finished his sermon series from II Peter, with a sermon that was titled "How Now Shall We Live?" The title was taken from a book by Chuck Colson. The focus was on how Christians ought to live with hope, remaining faithful to the scriptures as we anticipate and look forward to the day when God rewards his people. In the evening, several Emory Baptist folks sang songs during the Fifth Sunday Sing. The T.E.L.

ice cream fellowship that was scheduled for Sunday night was canceled. However, the children, youth and their families enjoyed fellowship time with ice cream after the evening service.

All children and youth moved up to the next Sunday school small group on Sunday. Beginning next week, children and youth will go straight to their new classes as we begin our new fall study. We have Sunday school small groups for all ages and begin a new study through

the books of Philippians, Colossians and Philemon in September. Now is a good time to get involved in a group on Sunday mornings.

The church newsletter went out last week. You can pick up a paper copy from the foyer of the church or download it from [emorybaptist.org](http://emorybaptist.org). The menu for the Wednesday night fellowship meal is meatloaf. Join us for worship on Sunday morning, but there will be no evening service on Sunday night.



# Church Directory

*Everyone is welcome at*  
**Bright Star Baptist Church**  
 P.O. Box 680, Alba, TX 75410  
 Two miles West of Alba on FM 2795, 1-1/2 miles N. of US 69  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
 Pastor: Bro. Jerry Jackson Jr.  
 903-513-3120 • 903-569-7100

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
 INDEPENDENT FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST  
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Worship  
 6:00 p.m. Worship  
 Pastor: Jimmy Jarrett  
 Hwys. 515 & 779, 2-1/2 Miles East of Emory • 903-474-9463

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 Bonanza Community  
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 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Church Service 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 5:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Night Service 6:30 p.m.  
 Pastor Billy Walker  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

*Daugherty Baptist Church*  
 2 miles west of Hwy. 19N on FM 514  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. night ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Pastor Joe Pierce  
 903-886-6522

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 Dr. David Banks  
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 One Block from Square  
 Worship Services . . . 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.  
 Phone 903-473-2411

**County Line Baptist Church**  
 Bro. Wayne Darty  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.  
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 903-994-2125 • 903-459-3219

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 Emory, TX 75440  
 903-473-2658  
 Sunday Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Freedom Church of God**  
 10830 FM 514  
 6 mi. N on Hwy. 19, east on 514  
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 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.  
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 Pastor David Hamm  
 Church 903-473-2457

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 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
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 Wed. Night Service 6:30 p.m.  
 Pastor: Robert Burns II  
 Church: 903-473-3238

*Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church*  
 1140 FM 2964, Emory  
 Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
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 Pastor Keith Prather  
[www.pilgrimsrestbaptistchurch.org](http://www.pilgrimsrestbaptistchurch.org)

*Point church of Christ*  
 Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Eve. Service 7:00 p.m.  
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 Richard Kellam  
[www.pointchurchofchrist.org](http://www.pointchurchofchrist.org)

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 Rev. Victor Hernandez  
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 903-473-5116  
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 12:30 PM Spanish  
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**Believers' Baptist Church**  
 Sunday 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday AWANA ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Student Ministry ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Pastor: Dr. Jason Rolan  
 Minister to students and families: Jerod Haygood  
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 903-474-0027 • [www.bbcmemory.org](http://www.bbcmemory.org)

**Clarks Chapel Church of God**  
 6345 FM 47, Point • 903-456-7614  
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 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesdays ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Phone: 903-473-2371  
 340 South Texas St.  
 (Hwy. 19 South 2 blocks from traffic lights)  
 Pastor: Montie L. & Sandra J. Parker, Sr.

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 Corner Of North & Planters  
 Downtown Emory  
 903-473-3357  
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 Chris Henderson—Minister of Music & Sr. Adults  
 Ronnie Witt—Minister of Youth & Education  
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 Sunday Morning 10:30am  
 Small Groups 9:15am  
 Morning Worship 10:30am  
 Evening Worship 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday Wed. Worship 6:30pm  
 (Adults, Youth, Children)  
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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.  
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Greenville Housing Authority (GHA) announces the opening of the waiting list for the Housing Choice Voucher program. Apply online for rental assistance at [www.greenvillehatx.org](http://www.greenvillehatx.org)

Application start date and time:  
 Wednesday September 1, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.  
 Application end date and time:  
 once 6400 applications are received.

For application assistance, visit the GHA from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday.  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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### Bright Star-Salem SUD Rains & Wood Counties, Texas PROPOSED WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FM 2946 LAKE FORK BRIDGE

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of a **Waterline Improvement Project at FM 2946 Lake Fork Bridge** will be received by **Bright Star-Salem SUD** at the district's office, **238 N. Osborn, Alba, TX 75410**, until **2:00 p.m.** local time on **Tuesday, September 21, 2021**, at which time the Bids received will be **publicly** opened and read. The Project consists of constructing a **Proposed Waterline Improvement at FM 2946 Lake Fork Bridge**.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: **Dunaway/DBI, 118 McKinney St, Farmersville, TX 75442, 972-784-7777**. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Bidding Documents also may be examined at [www.civcastusa.com](http://www.civcastusa.com).

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Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Owner: **Bright Star-Salem SUD**  
 By: **Wanda Gaby**  
 Title: **General Manager**  
 Date: **August 31, 2021**

### NOTICE BY PUBLICATION FOR VEHICLE OWNER OR LIENHOLDER

Homemade motorcycle 10' trailer, black, total charges \$855.10 as of 8-31-2021. In storage at:  
 H&F Wrecker Inc. 3138 RS CR 1402 Point, TX 75472 (903)447-3111  
 VSF# 0651725VSF [WWW.TDLR.TEXAS.GOV](http://WWW.TDLR.TEXAS.GOV)

This vehicle must be claimed within 30 days of this notice and the charges paid in full. Failure of the owner or lienholder to pay all towing, preservation, notification and storage fees and reclaim this vehicle before the 30th day is a waiver by that person of all right, title and interest in the vehicle and personal property; and constitutes a consent to the sale of the vehicle at public sale.

### Bright Star-Salem SUD Rains & Wood Counties, Texas PROPOSED WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FM 17 LAKE FORK WATERLINE BORE

#### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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**Display Ad Deadline is**  
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## 50 Years Ago This Week

Gleanings from the Rains County Leader archives

### Thursday, September 2, 1971

#### School Enters Suit For \$45,500

Local attorney Ivan Alexander, on behalf of the Rains Independent School District, has filed a suit against Loggins Construction Co. for the amount of \$45,500 for failure to comply with the standards of construction in the Rains School. Among many things, are the leaks in the roof and faulty material used in the construction of the school.

#### Miss Shelly Melton Crowned Free Fair Queen

Miss Shelly Melton will reign in 1971 as Rains County Free Fair Queen. She was chosen Thursday night at the colorful Spanish themed pageant.

Mrs. Jed Hampton and Mrs. Don Stockwell served as chairmen of the pageant, assisted by others. Miss Jody Weddle, Queen of 1970, crowned the new queen.

First runner-up was Miss Shirley McCravey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McCravey. She was also named Miss Congeniality. Second runner-up was Miss Lana Mosley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Mosley, while Miss Joe Ruth Harris, daughter of Mrs. Allie Ruth Harris, and Miss Beverly Goodson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodson, were named

in the top five finalists.

Miss Harris was named Miss Photogenic, and Miss Teresa Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Greene, was named Miss Personality.

#### Emoryites From Shortage

Emoryites have been a thirsty lot in a manner of speaking, since the city water pump went out Sunday afternoon.

Mayor Clark and water superintendent Lloyd Melton have been exerting every effort to make the pump last until we can get water in a few months.

Since the hot weather returned after several weeks ago, the well has been pumping a many a gallon for its patrons. It seems that it is a matter of the pump just being "overworked."

We hope this will be the last time we have such trouble until we receive our Tawakoni water.

#### Daugherty by Della Blanton

Church attendance was average. Bro. Loyd McKenney brought good messages.

Ida Dougherty went to San Antonio this morning. She was accompanied by Emley Mitchell and Marie Haal. They will be visiting Ida's great grand-daughter, granddaughter of Marie.

Horace and Velma Skidmore were able to spend the weekend gadding around.

Most of us attended the fair. All reported a good time and saw many friends that make it a point to come home during our

County Fair.

Fred Blanton, after visiting with Cleon Spradling in a Quitman hospital last week, lost an old standby 'Ole Sam' his dog on his way home. He was very upset for a while, but thanks to a telephone call from the Hurley Feed Store in Yantis and said 'Ole Sam' was there. That was the end of much anxiety.

Arlie and Gwen Holman of Mesquite spent the weekend at the Holman shack. They also enjoyed the fair. Gwen said she really enjoyed house cleaning following a weekend camping out at their shack by a group of boys from their church. They were escorted by some of the dads from the church.

Hope to see you in church Sunday.

#### Point News

##### Wedding Shower

Mr. and Mrs. David Hogan were honored with a miscellaneous wedding shower Monday, August 30, in the home of Mrs. Arthur Ivy. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Mary Porter and Mrs. Marcoleta Stephens.

A new compressor business has moved to Point. The company is occupying the Scott and Rita Alexander Buildings.

Mrs. Marcoleta Stephens has opened her Fabric Shop in the new shopping center. The Point Insurance Agency and Spencer Real Estate will soon occupy their new offices in the center.

## September Yard of the Month



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The September Yard of the Month was awarded to Tony Davis and Sandra Smith by the Rains Garden Club. Neighbors recommended the home on Skyline Dr., saying the residents work hard every day on their yard and it looks so nice in the neighborhood.

### THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

## Thousands watch the Crash at Crush

On September 6, 1896, the Katy Railroad put two-dollar tickets on sale for seats on excursion trains that would carry buyers to the sight of the century — a staged collision of two locomotives.

The unique publicity stunt was the pet project of an imaginative passenger agent with the unlikely name of William George Crush. A rail mishap several years earlier had gotten him to thinking.

Even though the accident happened miles from the nearest town, in a matter of minutes the scene was crawling with curiosity seekers. If people were that fascinated by the sight of boxcars littering the landscape, then how about a head-on collision of two speeding freight trains?

With his job on the line, Crush pitched the wild idea to his bosses at the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. Instead of telling the employee to clean out his desk, the Katy officials, always eager to get a leg up on the competition, enthusiastically okayed the scheme. In the never-ending quest for publicity, Crush had struck the mother lode.

A deserted valley 17 miles north of Waco and three miles south of West was chosen as the perfect spot and named Crush for the occasion. A battalion of 500 laborers laid new tracks to connect the secluded site with the main line and constructed a two-mile span for the actual demolition dash.

A couple of huge, over-the-hill locomotives were saved from the scrap heap and refurbished for a final run. One thing for sure, the brightly painted behemoths would go out with a bang.

The Katy Railroad ran ads in newspapers across Texas and adjacent states to promote the once-in-a-lifetime thrill. Every seat on 30 excursion specials quickly sold.

By the middle of the afternoon on September 15, 1896, a crowd estimated at 50,000 transformed the empty field into the most congested piece of real estate in Texas. For a few action-packed hours, Crush was the second biggest town in the Lone Star State.

Lunch was served under a giant circus tent compliments of Ringling Brothers, and eight tanker cars supplied free water to the thirsty throng. A carnival entertained the children while the grown-ups amused themselves with stronger stuff, lemonade spiked upon request.

Just past five o'clock, the iron horses, each with half a dozen cars in tow, began to roll. Clamping down the throttles, the engineers

wisely leaped from their respective cabs. For two heart-pounding minutes, the trains hurtled toward each other as the multitude cheered wildly.

At 50 miles per hour, the two 35-ton missiles met with a deafening roar. As reported by the *Houston Daily Post*, "The front end of the engines shot upward, the tenders and seven of the cars were piled in a heap of debris under them and the boilers, being shorn of everything, fell over side by side."

A rope cordoned off the point of impact for 250 feet in all directions, a well-intentioned attempt to keep the audience out of harm's way. But the consequences of the calamity were badly underestimated and beyond anybody's control.

Both boilers exploded on impact and showered stunned spectators with sharp shreds of shrapnel. One enormous fragment was thrown a thousand feet, and a man standing half that distance away was flattened by a flying timber.

A photographer on a scaffold a hazardous hundred feet from the wreck was struck in the face by a metal bolt. The projectile punctured his right eye and pierced his brain. Although he lost the eye, he miraculously survived to snap another shutter.

Two other victims were not as fortunate. The rain of rubble left a man and a woman with severe head wounds, and neither one lived through the night. Scores of other observers received minor injuries.

As doctors hurried to help the fallen, the unscathed sorted through the wreckage for souvenirs. Twisted bits of shattered steam engines were carried home as mementos of the world's one and only staged train disaster.

On the return trip, a third fatality was added to the tragic toll. The carefree holiday of a teenaged boy ended in death, when he fell under the wheels of a homeward bound excursion train.

Missouri, Kansas and Texas attorneys stayed busy for several years settling the rash of claims filed by the maimed and mutilated. Despite the cost of litigation, the railroad rated the event a resounding success.

As for agent Crush, his reward was a big raise and a promotion. In later years, the born promoter lent his talent to less dangerous endeavors such as the State Fair of Texas and Battle of the Flowers in San Antonio.

But he never suggested another train wreck. After all, how could he hope to top the Crash at Crush?"

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.0879 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.0845 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.0879 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2021 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 from the same properties in both the 2020 tax year and the 2021 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2021 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD at 6:30 p.m. on September 13th at the Emory Fire Station.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the board of Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = \text{tax rate} \times \text{taxable value of your property} / 100$$

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 this year:

	2020	2021	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	0.0955	0.0879	(7.96%) or (0.0076)
Average Homestead Taxable Value	\$130,903	\$142,013	8.49% or \$11,110
Tax on Average Homestead	\$125.01	\$124.83	(0.14%) or (\$0.18)
Total Tax Levy on All Properties	\$857,785	\$912,631	6.39% or \$54,846

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 at 903-473-2391 or [rcadmail@rainscad.org](mailto:rcadmail@rainscad.org).

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