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RAINS COUNTY

Commissioners appoint Wallace as new county judge

By **DEBORAH M WALKER**
Rains County Leader staff

Rains County Clerk Linda Wallace was approved to fill the remaining 16-month term of the county judge position during a special meeting of the Rains County Commissioners Court held in the courtroom on Thursday, September 2, at 10:30 a.m. After the death of Rains County Judge Wayne Wolfe last week on August 26, the special session was called for the sole purpose of naming his replacement.

Rains County Commissioner Mike Willis (Pct. 2) led the meeting, with commissioners Jeremy Cook (Pct. 1), Korey Young (Pct. 3) and Joe Humphrey (Pct. 4) attending. Wallace was also in attendance. Willis shared, "It is the responsibility of the court to fill any elected official's vacancy if it's during the middle of the term, and they will complete that term."

Willis said he's thought of the people who would be capable of handling all the aspects of the judge's job. He said, "After really

contemplating it, Linda Wallace is the only one we have, currently employed by the county, that has all the qualifications needed to do that." He said that when he spoke to Wallace about the position, she said she would be honored to complete Wolfe's remaining 16-month term.

Humphrey stated that there is a limited pool of people who could fill the role, and that it is "necessary to appoint someone who can take on those actions." He added, "She has worked closely with the judge and she's familiar with those things ... she can hit the ground running." Humphrey clarified, with input from Wallace, that she has been with the county for 20 years. Humphrey then asked Wallace if she could commit to the 16-month term. To that, Wallace replied, "Absolutely."

Young stated that he spoke with Linda about his concerns and filling the position, because "Wayne can't be replaced ... but the county still has to function." He shared that he knows Wolfe relied on Wallace.



Leader photo by TREY HILL

Linda Wallace (left), flanked by sons Kade and Keith, takes the oath of office, becoming the next county judge of Rains County. The ceremony took place Thursday morning, September 2, shortly after the county's four commissioners unanimously voted to appoint her to the position. Administering the oath was Fredda Cox, a retired Garland municipal court judge's assistant.

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RAINS COUNTY FAIR

Week full of festivities planned as fair returns to Rains County

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The fairgrounds are expected to come alive again this year with pageants, exhibits, carnival, mutton bustin', livestock show, music and more during the Rains County Fair on Tuesday, September 14, through Saturday, September 18.

Season tickets for the fair are \$15 for adults and \$11 for children, age 4-12 years old, and are currently on sale at Brookshire's, Commercial Bank of Texas and Hooten's Hardware.

Tickets at the gate during the fair will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

Creative Art Exhibits begin arriving on Tuesday, September 7, and will be judged on Thursday, September 9.

The carnival will be open from 6:00-10:00 p.m. each evening of the fair. Armbands will

be on sale for \$25 that will allow you to ride all the carnival attractions.

The Youth Baked Goods Contest in the Creative Arts building and gospel singing at the pavilion will start the fair on Tuesday night, September 14. That night, anyone 62 and older will be able to get into the fairgrounds for free.

The Tiny, Wee, Petite and Little Miss Rains County Pageants will be held Wednesday night, September 15, starting at 6:00 p.m., while the Junior Miss and Miss Rains County Pageants will be held the next evening, September 16, at 8:00 p.m.

The 2021 Rains County Junior Livestock Show is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 16, with the steer show followed by market lambs, market goats, dairy and breeding beef.

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RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rains schools take early holiday, emergency meeting planned

By **LAUREN WITHROW-EDGAR**
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The Rains Independent School District (ISD) Board of Trustees will meet for an emergency meeting tonight, Tuesday, September 7.

On Wednesday, September 1, Rains ISD sent a notice to parents which explained that due to an increase in COVID-19 cases, and other illnesses, within the district, Rains ISD would be closed through the Labor Day holiday, and all extracurricular activities would be canceled. The notice states that the decision to shut down the district was made through the "combination of a review of attendance, the rising number of positive cases, and the consultation with medical professionals." The notice continued, "We will be taking this time to thoroughly clean all facilities and distance everyone as much

as possible. We ask that during this closure you help us by keeping your children socially distanced from others and out of group situations, and please be mindful of safety protocols. It is our hope that this time away will also allow those that are sick time to heal and minimize the spread."

According to the school district's website, there are 92 confirmed cases in the district. The information posted indicated there were 14 students and one staff reported on the elementary campus, 21 students and four staff reported on the intermediate campus, 39 students and one staff on the junior high campus, and 10 students and two staff reported on the high school campus.

The posted agenda for Tuesday night's emergency meeting includes an update to the board from Rains ISD Superintendent

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Photo by Judy Kramer

Emory Municipal Judge Mickey Cooper, in civilian attire, by an enlarged photo of the Emory Volunteer Fire Department in its early days.

SPOTLIGHT

Cooper, a walking history book

By **JUDY KRAMER**
Rains County Leader contributor

Emory Municipal Court Judge Mickey Cooper has served in a number of interesting and respectful government and commercial positions in and near Rains County during his lifetime. But, he may be remembered most fondly for his 40 years with the Emory Volunteer Fire Department. He has been described as a walking history book for the fire department where he served from the time he was 15 years old, in 1968, until 2008 when he decided that it was time to leave fire fighting to younger men. He served the department as Fire Chief several times and was Fire Marshall for 20 years.

"I got into the Emory Volunteer Fire Department in 1968, when I was 15 years old, a few months after my Dad died at age 48," said Cooper. "The younger firefighters took me under their wing. The older firefighters told me that if I was the only one who showed up for a fire, then I could take the fire truck out to the site. That was probably because I

already knew how to drive a tractor and truck. About six to eight firemen had CB radios and that was how we communicated. Later, we put a radio into our fire truck that allowed us to talk with the sheriff."

Cooper said that the Emory Volunteer Fire Department had its start around 1948 when a local bank president read an article about how the Lions Club started a volunteer fire department in Fort Towson, Oklahoma. Some Emory merchants then made contact with the Fort Towson fire department and got advice about starting a similar department in Emory. The Lion's Club and Women's Service Club were the founders of the new fire department and they raised money to get things off the ground and rolling. Fire trucks were second hand or rebuilt from other vehicles. The bank president let Emory firefighters have a repossessed 1938 one-ton flatbed truck that was converted into a fire truck by firefighter Gordon Hughes, who had a blacksmith shop. Other firefighters helped him with the project.

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Streaming choices
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RAIN REPORT

Sunday, Sept. 5..... 0.04
Total for September..... 0.04
Total for year..... 38.51

CITY GIRL

Dobby and Spike's excellent adventures

The last thing Kent told Spike before he and Stella left on their trip was to stay out of the newspaper – but I can't help myself. Their antics are just too easy to write about.



LINDA BRENDELE
Leader Correspondent

Last week I introduced Dobby, the Lab/Great Pyrenees orphan who is living at the ranch until a permanent home can be found. He's young and energetic and reminds me of Spike when we first became his live-in companions when he's left home alone. I didn't realize how domesticated and easy-going Spike has become until I met Dobby.

Walking outside when Dobby is anywhere around is an adventure in grace and agility, neither of which I possess. Like many pets, Dobby likes to walk in front of the person with him. But he takes it to an entire new level by turning at a 45 degree angle and leaning against your legs. He further complicates the process by putting his foot on top of yours at every step. At this writing, David and I have managed to stay upright, but we have 24 hours to go.

Spike has mixed emotions about the newcomer. The first day after our arrival, he was in "grumpy old man" mode. When I let him out for his morning run, Dobby enthusiastically met him at the door. Spike responded with a growl, and when Dobby didn't get the message, he barked until the youngster backed off. Not one to give up easily, Dobby suffered several rejections before he gave up and took a nap.

The next morning was a different story. Spike was eager to go out, and he met Dobby with a friendly romp and wrestle before the two took off for a morning run. In hindsight, I should have known they were up to no good. Stella warned us that, when the two were allowed to run free together, they usually took a dip in the pond and a roll in the mud before coming back to the house. But they were both on the loose and relatively clean the afternoon we arrived, and the following day they had remained dry and mud free – so we left them on their own when we went to the gym, to lunch at the senior center, and made a stop by the house to check on Kitty.

When we returned later, neither dog was anywhere to be seen, but as the garage door slid open, they suddenly appeared and dashed inside just ahead of the car. They were both dripping wet and sporting mud highlights. What followed looked like an episode of Keystone Cops. (If you're too young to understand that reference,

check Google.) We tried to shoo them out the door, but they out-maneuvered us, disappearing around the car or the Gator ahead of us, always just out of reach. Once the overhead door closed, I opened the side door and tried to coax them out one at a time. Dobby followed me out, but as I almost had Spike out the door, I felt a furry, wet tail against the back of my legs, and realized Dobby had slipped back in. David finally herded both of them toward me, and I got a hand on each of their back-sides, shoved and slammed the door.

Stella also warned us that Dobby likes to bark at the night critters – a lot – and she was right. The first night after dinner, he settled down on the patio while the rest of us settled down in the living room in front of the TV. He was quiet until 8:45, and then he began. He barked for over an hour without pausing to take a breath. Whatever he was barking at was either too scary to chase or not worth the effort, so he stayed on the patio right under the windows – and we continued to crank up the volume on the TV. By bedtime he quieted a little bit, and with the help of the white noise from the air filter in the bedroom, we were able to sleep.

Through the week, all four of us developed a routine and a rhythm that lessened the chaos. Spike has been more sociable – which unfortunately has led to more visits to the pond, but he doesn't seem to mind spending the night in the barn. Dobby has decided we don't need protection after all, so he barks less at night. And he and I have developed a routine for his training sessions that works. As long as I do the commands in just the right order – sit, stay, come, down – he gets them right most of the time and we both feel successful.

I don't know what the future holds for Dobby. If he could get past the puppy stage of chewing everything in sight, and if he could learn not to chase the calves and invoke the wrath of the mamas, he might have a future with Spike and his family. He might eventually be allowed into the house, or if he continued his swimming habit, he might at least be able to spend the night in the barn. If that's not in the cards, I hope that New Favorite Day Dog Rescue can find him a forever home. If you need a fur baby to love or know someone who does, visit their Facebook page and check him out. He still has lots of excellent adventures to share.

Linda Brendle is a published author and also writes about caregiving, faith, and family on her blog at <http://www.LifeAfterCaregiving.WordPress.com>.

EDWARD JONES

Preparing grandkids for future

Grandparents Day is almost here. If you're a grandparent, you may want to use this day as an opportunity to think about how you can help provide for your grandchildren's future.



BRANDON ROBERTS
Edward Jones
Financial Advisor

For example, you could establish a 529 education savings plan, which can be used to pay for qualified expenses at colleges and at some trade and vocational schools.

You could also open a savings account for your young grandchildren. You can encourage them to add to it by offering to match their contributions. You might also want to establish a custodial account, known as UTMA or UGMA, which can be funded with

most types of investments. When your grandchildren become young adults, starting out in the working world, you could offer to help them with a down payment for a house. They might also benefit from some financial advice and guidance, so you might want to introduce them to a financial professional. By helping your grandchildren at different points on their road through life, you can make their journey more pleasant – and, in the process, you'll gain a lot of satisfaction, too. For more information on that or any other financial topic, give our office in Emory a call at 903-473-1592. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

THE PUBLIC FORUM

The Rains County Leader welcomes letters to the editor on subjects of interest to its readers. Letters should be no longer than 28-30 type-written lines or 350-400 words. A household may only submit a letter once during a two-week period, therefore there must be at least two weeks between each letter.

All letters must be submitted with a name, address and phone number for verification purposes. The Leader will not knowingly print fictitious letters or ones that, in the Leader's opinion, libel, slander or threaten. Approved letters will be printed with the writer's name and city.

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

Dear Editor,

I attended the Commissioners Court meeting in which they appointed a replacement for the position of County Judge.

First, let me say that I have no problem with the appointee. She seems to be a reasonably qualified individual. My concern is with the appalling process of the selection.

I fully anticipated there would be a robust discussion of who in the county might be qualified and if they were interested in filling the remainder of the judge's term. None of that occurred. Not one mention of the former judges we have in the county. No mention of others in the county with legal and administrative experience. The discussion and voting took only thirteen minutes.

The process gave the impression that the members of the court had arrived at their deci-

sion prior to the commencement of the meeting. There was very minimal discussion of the one candidate. Because the appointee held another county position, the Court asked for a letter of resignation from her current position. She had it ready and presented it to the Court. That suggested the outcome was predetermined.

The process was so questionable that one member of the court made the statement that "... one might conclude that we got together ... I think it is important for everybody to know that we didn't get together outside of here ..." To the observer, this appeared to be an effort to distance himself from the potentially illegal activity known as a "Walking Quorum." He stated that he had talked to one member of the court, on this topic, outside of this meeting but not the other two members.

The process known as a "Walking Quorum" is in part defined in "Government Code Sec. 551.143. Prohibited Series Of Communications; (a) A member of a governmental body commits an offense if the member: (1) knowingly engages in at least one communication among a series of communications that each occur outside of a meeting authorized by this chapter ..."

In plain language, a "walking quorum" happens when members of the governmental body gather in successive meetings, in numbers smaller than a quorum, to discuss public business.

Everyone should go to the Facebook page for Rains County Leader and watch the video from start to finish. It won't take long!

Chuck Witt
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THE 91ST ANNUAL RAINS COUNTY FAIR

Schedule of Events

Exhibit Buildings Open Daily September 14-17 • 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 18 • 6:00 p.m. – Midnight

Tuesday, September 7
Creative Arts Exhibits Brought In 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 8
Creative Arts Exhibits Brought In 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Horticulture Brought In 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 9
Creative Arts Judging (Closed to Public) 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 11
Commercial Exhibits Set-Up 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 12
Commercial Exhibits Set-Up 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 14
Gospel Singing Night 5:45 p.m.
Youth Baked Goods Contest – Creative Arts Bldg. 7:00 p.m.
* Arm Band Ride Night (6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) – \$25.00
* Senior Citizens Night – 65 and up get in FREE from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15
Lambs, Goats and Hogs Begin Arriving At Fairgrounds 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Breeding Beef and Dairy Begin Arriving At Fairgrounds 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Hogs, Lambs and Goats Final Weigh-In 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Steers Final Weigh-In At Mike Willis' Farm 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tiny, Wee, Petite and Little Miss Pageants 6:00 p.m.
* Arm Band Ride Night (6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) – \$25.00

Thursday, September 16
Ag. Mechanics brought in and Silent Auction begins 7:00 a.m.
Steers Show 9:00 a.m.
Market Lamb Show Following Steer
Goat Show Following Lamb
Dairy Show Following Goats
Breeding Beef Show Following Dairy
Junior Miss and Miss Rains County Pageants 8:00 p.m.
* Arm Band Ride Night (6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) – \$25.00

Friday, September 17
Market Hog Show 8:00 a.m.
Mutton Bustin' Contest 7:00 p.m.
* Arm Band Ride Night (6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) – \$25.00

Saturday, September 18
Parade Line-UP (Sidekick's Bar & Grill) 7:00 a.m.
Parade (Downtown Emory) 10:00 a.m.
Chili Cook-Off Contest - Courthouse Square Serving begins 11:00 a.m.
Livestock Sale Buyer Check-in 6:00 p.m.
Junior Livestock Sale 6:30 p.m.
Adult Baked Goods Contest - Creative Arts Building 7:00 p.m.
* Ag Mechanics Silent Auction ends at conclusion of Livestock Sale
* Country and Western Dance – (Following Sale) until Midnight
* Arm Band Ride Night (6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) – \$25.00

Sunday, September 19
Commercial Exhibits are to be picked up at the Fairgrounds from Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Creative Arts Exhibits are to be picked up at the Fairgrounds from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Just a few tips to keep your money where it belongs – in your account.

ACROSS

1 rodents unwelcome in the house

5 Fort Worth's "Carter Museum"

6 this Green wrote outdoor drama "Texas"

7 Egyptian sun god

8 football filler

9 TX Farrah 1976 film: "_____ Run"

15 TXism: "costs an arm and _____"

16 residence on Cedar Creek Reservoir

19 TXism: "he uses barbed _____ dental floss" (tough)

21 Flynn of 1945 film "San Antonio"

22 land subdivided

27 "don't _____ your feet" (speed up)

28 "... my true love _____ me" (Christmas song)

29 TX actress Meredith

30 TX Clay Allison: "_____ killed a man who did not deserve killing"

32 Texas "howdy"

33 Athens: "_____ Pea Capital of the World"

36 monthly lodging expense

37 TXism: "_____ lying through his teeth"

38 TXism: "he'd have to study _____ half wit"

39 valuable gems, e.g.

DOWN

1 road

2 Beach Boys sang "Well _____ long tail Texan ..."

3 newspaper for Elgin and Bastrop County

4 SMU-grad Payne Stewart had this condition (2 wds.)

8 "put _____ on it" (shut up)

41 feel sick

42 eight TX schools have had Heisman winners

45 TX George Jones' "She Thinks I Still _____" (1962)

46 music disc that is now obsolete (abbr.)

47 Cyd Charisse was born in Amarillo as _____ Ellice Finklee

48 TXism: "_____ the trail" (leave)

49 entwined

52 grain towers

53 nat'l men's BB invitational

54 toward the rear of a ship

55 TXism: "caught between the devil and the deep blue _____"

9 TX McConaughey was in this 1996 comedy starring Bill Murray (3 wds.)

10 TXism: "mighty fine"

11 U.S. multinational conglomerate

12 TX Gary Morris tune: "Headed for _____" (1981)

13 former Cowboy offensive coordinator, Turner

14 TXism: "_____ null"

15 TXism: "cold as _____ enchilada"

16 student

17 "that's all I'm gonna say" (2 wds.)

18 TX model and actress, Broady

20 TX Gipson who wrote "Old Yeller"

22 afternoon abbr.

23 science room

24 Texas has an affiliate of this nat'l rights agcy.

25 Texans can _____ fur-bearing animal

26 planned strategy

28 TX-born "Star Trek" guy, Roddenberry

31 "muy" in Mexico

34 TX Ernie who was "Mr. Cub" (init.)

35 up to now

37 TX Dan Jenkins book: "You Gotta Play _____" (1991)

40 TX Ginger Rogers 1932 film: "You _____ a Mouthful"

43 TX Nolan Ryan pitched more strikes _____ than anyone

44 TXism: "_____ the ears on a mule"

50 TXism: "if you dance you _____ pay the band"

51 Mr. Strauss of jeans fame (init.)

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Area VFDs honor firefighter, veteran



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Area volunteer fire fighting departments led the funeral procession for Tawakoni Assistant Fire Chief Curtis Hough on September 6. The convoy began in Greenville, proceeded down Hwy. 69 to Emory, turned west on to Hwy. 276 and ended in West Tawakoni.

Cameron wins \$50 drawing



Contributed photo

Rains ISD Jr. High teacher and coach Keaton Cameron (right) is presented with the \$50 classroom supplies prize by superintendent Jennifer Johnson (left). Hopkins-Rains Retired School Personnel recently donated \$50 to each school district in Hopkins and Rains counties. Returning teachers from each district participated in a drawing for \$50 to use for classroom supplies.

CDC.GOV

Boil water advisory? What does it mean?

If your local health authorities issue a boil water advisory, you should use bottled water or boil tap water because your community's water is, or could be, contaminated with germs that can make you sick.

Advisories may include information about preparing food, beverages, or ice; dishwashing; and hygiene, such as brushing teeth and bathing. Standard recommendations usually include this advice:

Use bottled or boiled water for drinking, and to prepare and cook food.

If bottled water is not available, bring water to a full rolling boil for 1 minute (at elevations above 6,500 feet, boil for 3 minutes), then allow it to cool before use.

Boil tap water even if it is filtered.

Do not use water from any appliance connected to your

water line, such as ice and water from a refrigerator.

Breastfeeding is the best infant feeding option. If you formula feed your child, provide ready-to-use formula, if available.

Handwashing

In many situations, you can use tap water and soap to wash hands. Follow the guidance from your local public health officials.

Be sure to scrub your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and rinse them well under running water.

If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol.

Bathing and showering

Be careful not to swallow any water when bathing or showering.

Use caution when bathing

babies and young children. Consider giving them a sponge bath to reduce the chance of them swallowing water.

Brushing teeth

Brush teeth with boiled or bottled water. Do not use untreated tap water.

Washing dishes

If possible, use disposable plates, cups and utensils during a boil water advisory.

Household dishwashers generally are safe to use if the water reaches a final rinse temperature of at least 150 degrees Fahrenheit (65.55°Celsius), or if the dishwasher has a sanitizing cycle. Sterilize all baby bottles.

To wash dishes by hand:

Wash and rinse the dishes as you normally would using hot water.

In a separate basin, add 1 teaspoon of unscented household

liquid bleach for each gallon of warm water.

Soak the rinsed dishes in the water for at least one minute.

Let the dishes air dry completely before using again.

Laundry

It is safe to wash clothes as usual.

Cleaning

Use bottled water, boiled water, or water that has been disinfected with bleach to clean washable toys and surfaces.

Caring for pets

Pets can get sick by some of the same germs as people or spread germs to people. Provide bottled or boiled water after it has been cooled for pets to use.

Caring for your garden and houseplants

You can use tap water for household plants and gardens.

BBB

Tips for renters

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is reminding renters to use caution when looking for rental property. In 2020, 7,593 complaints were filed through the BBB against apartment complexes and real estate rentals with the majority of the issues revolving around their services, billing and repairs.

BBB Scam Tracker reports indicate that many con artists steal online rental listings – including the photos of the house or apartment and the property description – and create their own listings, which look legitimate but contain the scammer's contact information instead of the property owner's or rental agent's. They may work out a deal with potential buyers or renters over the phone, insisting that because of an emergency or circumstances outside of their control, they are not able to meet in person or show the property. Instead, they'll set up a drive by of the property to view from the outside and then, send a contract by mail or email. The entire transaction is done virtually.

Once the contract is signed, they ask for a deposit and first month's rent. In return, they promise to mail the keys once the funds have cleared. Sadly, no key arrives. The phone and email address that worked before during the negotiation process are shut down and the cash is gone.

The BBB provides the following recommendations before putting down a deposit on a rental property:

• Look out for too-good-to-be-

true deals. If someone offers a great rental for an extremely low price, compare the same property in the same neighborhood and ask questions.

• Double check the business address. If a website has a business address, search the address. If the address pops up on a map as a residential address, a vacant property, empty lot or overseas, chances are it's probably not a legitimate business.

• Confirm the identity of the landlord. A legitimate landlord won't hesitate to show their ID and allow a photo to be taken. Confirm the real property owner by checking county registers.

• See the property in person. Never sign a lease or make a deposit without seeing the property in person first.

• Never pay via unconventional methods. Once deposit is sent via wire transfer, pre-paid credit card, gift card or other uncommon method of payment, the money is gone with very little chance of getting it back.

• Watch out for red flags. If a property has a for-sale sign, but the landlord wants to rent, use caution. It's also suspicious to find a broken lockbox. Check local rental and sales listings. See if the property is on there before going to an open house.

Use the services of a reputable rental agency. Find agents you can trust on BBB.org.

To report fraudulent activity or unscrupulous business practices, please call the BBB at 903-581-5704 or use BBB ScamTracker.

TXDOT

Every 9 hours – a drunk driving death

AUSTIN – No parent should ever receive the kind of devastating news that two Bryan police officers delivered to Pam Todaro early one Saturday morning. At 6:45 a.m. on August 9, 2014, they appeared on her doorstep to tell her that her 25-year-old son had been killed in a drunk driving crash.

Her son Dillon was driving home from a fish fry and died instantly when his truck ran off the road hitting a brick mailbox and concrete pole. His blood alcohol concentration (BAC) was 0.16, twice the legal limit.

Dillon is just one of nearly a thousand people killed every year in drunk driving crashes in Texas. Stories like his are part of Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Faces of Drunk Driving campaign that puts real faces behind the statistics.

Last year there were 963 DUI-alcohol related fatalities. That means on average, a person in Texas dies every nine hours and six minutes as a result of a traffic crash involving alcohol.

One of the new faces of the campaign, 25-year-old Walter Tidwell, talks about those regrets. He shares details of the night he decided to hop in his car and drive home alone after a long night of drinking. Fortunately, Tidwell was pulled over after driving the wrong way down a one-way street before he

could hurt himself or someone else.

He just recently resolved the case after three years of court visits and will undergo alcohol and drug offender courses, community service and probation. Tidwell hopes his story will convince others to drive sober.

TxDOT's new campaign will feature events around the state to share stories of Texans who deal with the consequences of a drunk driving crash every day. Events will include an exhibit of powerful testimonials on video in English and Spanish. Full video stories and other drunk driving facts can be found at <https://www.facesofdrunkdriving.com>.

The Faces of Drunk Driving is an important aspect of the Drive Sober. No Regrets. campaign which are key components of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel, like wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. November 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

#EndTheStreakTX asks all Texans to commit to driving safely to help end the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Dalgleish baby boy

Trey and Jennifer Hill of Emory proudly announce the arrival of their grandson, Thomas Quade Dalgleish. Tommy was born on Friday, September 3, 2021, at 4:23 p.m. at Katy Birth Center in Katy to Nathan and Alyssa (Hill) Dalgleish of Sugar Land. At birth, Tommy weighed 8 pounds, 6.9 ounces and was 21 inches in length.

His grandparents also include Alex and Margaret Dalgleish of Magnolia. Great-grandparents are Mary Jane Dalgleish of Austin, Doris and the late Jim Toney of Indiana, Stan and Betty Merritt of Georgia, Troy and Suzanne Jacobs of Emory, and the late Earl and Carolyn Hill. Great-great grandmother is Margie Jacobs of Point.



THOMAS QUADE DALGLEISH

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Sheriff's Report

The Rains Co. Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of August 27-31:



DAVID TRAYLOR
Rains County Sheriff

Arrests

8-27: Brian Joseph Bell, Arp. Driving while intoxicated, 3 days court order.

8-29: Isaiah Edward Jackson, Emory. Public intoxication, \$202 fine.

8-29: Darrell Rayburn Glosup, Quitman. Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., \$1,000 bond; indictment possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than or equal to 1 gr. less than 4 gr., \$10,000 bond.

8-30: Sheila Kay Boyanton,

Point. Aggravated assault of a family member, \$50,000 bond.

8-31: David Adolfo Meza, Mesquite. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, \$5,000 bond; evading arrest with a vehicle, \$10,000 bond.

There were 5 arrests for the week; 1 released after time served on court order; 1 released after time served; and 1 released on PR bond. As of Wednesday, September 1, there were 28 males and 5 females in custody.

Calls

8-27: Emory Sky Line Dr. Male refusing to leave a residence, Hwy. 276 Disturbance between a brother and sister and brother is tripping out, Hwy. 19S at county line Motorist assist after hitting something in the

road, CR 1397 Medical assist 65-year-old male with COVID, CR 3210 Female bit by a dog while walking, Emory Woods St. Vehicle burglar alarm went off and someone was running away from the vehicle, East Tawakoni (ET) Oakleaf Tr. Possible prowler, CR 4265 Male needs lift assistance, Hwy. 276 west of FM 47 Vehicle on fire.

8-28: Point Rabe Rd. Two people trespassing, PR 7422 Dog attacked another dog, FM 515 Star Mart Vehicle pulled in barely off the road and driver passed out and is unresponsive, CR 1402 Theft of medication, Public service from Hopkins Co. Hospital reference a man bitten by his own dog, CR 1310 60-year-old male passed out twice and fell and hit head on the concrete and needs medical assistance, Emory Max-A-Mart

Minor two-vehicle accident in the parking lot, Emory Planters St. Burglar alarm, Emory Lennon Dr. Medical assist 50-year-old female with several issues, CR 4530 Medical assist 65-year-old male fell out of the bed and hurt his back.

8-29: Emory Hwy. 69 and Hwy. 19 at Max-A-Mart Vehicle on fire, Emory Hwy. 19N Suspicious male in Dodge pickup, CR 2250 Dune buggy being driven up and down the road, CR 3365 Medical assist male with breathing issues, Emory Brookshire's parking lot Two guns stolen out of a vehicle, CR 2610 Burglar alarm, FM 2324 Burglar alarm, CR 3236 four vehicles broken into overnight, ET Mohawk Tr. Boyfriend locked girlfriend out of her own home, Hwy. 19N Male walking and keeps falling and needs medical assistance,

CR 3345 Medical assist male with chest pains and breathing issues.

8-30: Point Dollar General Two men sitting on the sidewalk left a speaker behind, Emory Duffy St. Break-in and social security card was torn up, CR 1399 Female keeps walking off from home, Public service call from Mount Vernon ISD in reference to two children living on CR 1535 in Rains Co., Hwy. 276 Abandoned vehicle, FM 779 Two colts out, CR 3330 Reference criminal mischief at a property, CR 1610 Abandoned vehicle on private property, Emory west Quitman St. Medical assist 83-year-old female fell off the porch, FM 275 Propane tanks leaking, Point Ave. B Female hit male in the neck with an ax, Public service reference missing ID, Point Ave. B Pos-

sible theft of a camera, CR 3381 Wallet, keys and purse taken in the past few days.

08-31: FM 47 Medical assist 67-year-old male with breathing issues, Hwy. 276 ET Stolen vehicle spotted and driver fled and a pursuit ended in Quinlan with one male taken into custody, FM 2795 Cow out, FM 779 Vehicle hit a horse, Point south 1st street Medical assist person with breathing issues, Hwy. 69 north of Point Bull out, Point behind community center Screaming heard, FM 514 Medical assist male with COVID, Point Max-A-Mart Burglar alarm, PR 5501 Deceased person found in the bathroom, CR 3380 Reference things taken from vehicles, Hwy. 19S Domestic disturbance between exes.

TAMU

Livestock owners must register brands

Branding every year is a tradition on most livestock operations. But another tradition of sorts takes place with those branding marks – every 10 years they must be registered with the county clerk where they are used.

All brands in Texas must be registered again with county clerks beginning Aug. 31. Pursuant to Texas Agriculture Code Section 144.044, every 10 years, all livestock and horse brands throughout the state expire. The current registrations expired August 31, and will require action within the next six months.

If a livestock owner uses brands, earmarks, tattoos or electronic devices to mark their cattle, hogs, sheep, goats or horses, they must register the brands with the county clerk, said Tiffany Dowell Lashmet,

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agricultural law specialist, Amarillo. "This is an important detail for brand holders not to overlook," Lashmet said.

All livestock brands must be registered at the county clerk's office in every county where the owner has livestock, according to Texas Agriculture Code. The registration will require identifying the brand itself, along with the location where the brand or other identifying information is placed on the animal.

Brand holders will have a six-month period, through February 28, to renew their brand registration in each county where they have livestock, Lashmet said. If they fail to renew their registration in that time frame, then the brand will essentially be up for grabs, and anyone will be able to select and register the brand

in his or her name.

There may be different procedures for the renewal at different county clerk's offices, so brand holders should contact the applicable offices to find out the best way to complete the renewal of the registration. Fees for the renewal also vary by county, and more information can be obtained from county clerks across the state.

Once producers renew their brands, the brands will be in place until August 30, 2031. The use of a brand or mark that is not registered with the county clerk will constitute a misdemeanor offense punishable by a fine up to \$500, according to the Texas Agriculture Code.

written by Kay Ledbetter, skledbetter@ag.tamu.edu

LAKE TAWAKONI BRIDGE

Two-mile bridge named for fallen soldier

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Hwy. 276 bridge over Lake Tawakoni in Hunt and Rains counties was officially named Staff Sergeant Shawn Henry McNabb Memorial Bridge as of September 1.

The bridge, unofficially known as Two-Mile bridge, was officially renamed by Texas Senate Bill 1208 authored by State Senator Bob Hall. A similar bill, House Bill 3068, was filed by State Representative Bryan Slaton. The Senate Bill passed the Texas Senate in April and the Texas House of Representatives in May before being signed into law by the governor on June 14.

An official dedication ceremony was rescheduled from early September as representatives are currently taking part in the special session in Austin and no new date has been announced.

The new signage for both ends of the bridge over Lake Tawakoni is scheduled to be installed this year.

McNabb, 24, died on October 26, 2009, of wounds suffered when the helicopter he was aboard crashed during an operation in Afghanistan. He was on his fifth deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

A press release concerning the renaming of the bridge stated that the family lives in Poetry in far south Hunt County and his father, Hunt County Justice of the Peace David McNabb, is a retired firefighter and paramedic with the Greenville Fire Department, while his mother is a nurse.

Following his graduation from Terrell High School, McNabb volunteered for the United States Army in July of 2003. After basic and individual training, he was assigned to the 702nd Combat Support Medical Company in South Korea as a healthcare specialist.

McNabb served as a flight medic in the 57th Air Medical Ambulance Company and an emergency care Sergeant for the 106th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne),

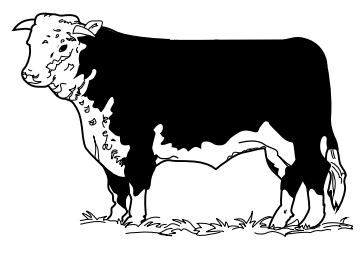
known as the Night Stalkers.

McNabb was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal and the Combat Action Badge. His other awards and decorations included Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, the Army Commendation Medal, three Army Achievement Medals, the Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, two Army Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal-Campaign Star, the Iraqi Campaign Medal- two Campaign Stars, the Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Combat Action Badge, the Basic Aviation Badge, the Parachutist Badge and the Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge (Rifle).

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| 658 Head | 1052 |
| 116 Sellers | 223 |
| STEERS* | |
| \$100-210 Under 300 | \$100-215 |
| \$95-200 300-400 | \$90-200 |
| \$80-175 400-500 | \$85-175 |
| \$80-165 Over 500 | \$75-155 |
| HEIFERS* | |
| \$95-185 Under 300 | \$90-185 |
| \$85-175 300-400 | \$80-175 |
| \$80-155 400-500 | \$75-155 |
| \$70-150 Over 500 | \$65-150 |
| SLAUGHTER* | |
| \$25-81 Packer cows | \$25-76 |
| \$65-97 Packer bulls | \$60-97 |
| PAIRS | |
| \$1000-1400 Top | \$1000-1350 |
| \$850-1000 Low/Middle | \$500-1000 |
| OTHERS* | |
| \$55-100 Stocker cows | \$45-125 |
| \$50-250 Calves (hd) | \$25-250 |
| \$150-700 Horses (hd) | \$150-800 |
| \$45-350 Goats/Sheep (hd) | \$35-400 |

* per hundred lb. unless noted otherwise

| Rains ISD Announces Child Find Efforts | Rains ISD anuncia esfuerzo de ncuentra de niños |
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| Rains ISD offers comprehensive special education services to eligible students ages three through 21 years and to children from birth through age 21 years who have a hearing or visual impairment. Children from birth to age three with other disabilities will be referred to appropriate agencies for services. | Rain ISD ofrece un servicio integral de educación para estudiantes elegibles en las edades de 3 a 21 años y para niños desde 0 (cero) hasta los 21 años que tienen discapacidad visual y auditiva. Los niños de 0 (cero) a 3 (tres años) que tengan otras discapacidades serán remitidos a la apropiada agencia para que obtengan los servicios requeridos. |
| All referrals are considered confidential, and services are provided at no cost. The parent, legal guardian, or surrogate parent retains the right to refuse services and are provided other procedural safeguards under federal and state law. | Todas las remisiones serán consideradas confidenciales y los servicios son prestados sin ningún costo. Los padres o representantes legales y padres sustitutos tienen el derecho de rechazar los servicios y les será proveído otro procedimiento de seguridad bajo la ley federal y estatal. |
| Public school services include screening in areas of suspected disabilities, such as vision, hearing, motor skills, speech, language, and general development. Evaluations in the schools are provided for several areas of suspected disabilities, including learning disabilities, speech and language development, physical impairments, vision or hearing problems, intellectual disability, emotional disturbances, autism, health impairments, or traumatic brain injuries. | Los servicios de las escuelas pública incluyen exámenes en ciertas áreas donde se sospecha de alguna discapacidad tales como visión, audición, habilidades motoras, habla y lenguaje y discapacidades del desarrollo en general. La evaluación en las escuelas públicas es prestada por diversas áreas en las que se sospecha de otras discapacidades tales como aprendizaje, desarrollo del habla y lenguaje, discapacidad física, problemas de visión y audición, discapacidad intelectual, trastornos emocionales, autismo, problemas de salud o traumas cerebrales. |
| A free, appropriate, public education with a full continuum of services is available. For more information concerning eligibility criteria and referral procedures, contact the principal or counselor of your local school or call the Rains ISD, Director of Special Education, Jennifer Melton at (903) 473-2222 x 4119. | Una educación gratis, apropiada, continua y con todos los servicios está disponible. Para más información sobre los criterios de elegibilidad y procesos de remisión, contacte al principal o al consejero de su escuela local o llame a Rains ISD, a la directora de Educación Especial, Jennifer Melton al (903) 473 2222 -4119. |
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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Thursday Sept. 9, 2021 RSVP | Greenville, Texas Fletcher Warren Civic Center 903-455-6365 |
| Tuesday Sept. 14, 2021 RSVP | Canton, Texas Farm & Ranch Center 903-567-5223 |
| Thursday Sept. 16, 2021 RSVP | Clarksville, Texas Farm & Ranch Center 903-427-1922 |

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Rains Wildcat varsity football takes the field against the Farmersville Farmers on August 27. The Wildcats are scheduled to travel to Grand Saline to take on the Indians on Friday, September 10.

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ALBA

10th anniversary Opening Celebration

The Alba Public Library will hold a 10th anniversary Opening Celebration on Saturday, September 18, from noon-4:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The Alba Public Library committee was established in 2008 and it took two years of hard work and dedication to be able to open the doors on December 11, 2010. Now, the library has over 16,500 books catalogued, with new books arriving every week. The library has hosted

several authors, who discussed their recent works with library members and the community.

Volunteers host weekly Story Time for younger children. The Summer Reading program for 2021 was a community success. In December, we plan to host several Reading in Pajama events as part of our family reading program.

The museum has expanded to add many new pieces including a 100-year-old dress worn by Madelyn Cain Matthews, former

owner of the library building. We have added a collection from the country singer-songwriter and Grand Ole Opry performer, Leon Payne.

Due to the pandemic, volunteers open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We are always looking for more volunteers to join us.

We are grateful for the many years we have been able to serve the community, and look forward to many many more!

WINNSBORO

Under the stars Renaissance festival

Winnsboro Center for the Arts (WCA) is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year with a special evening "under the stars" with magical Renaissance festivities Saturday, September 25, at the Winnsboro Civic Center. Attendees are encouraged to wear period attire as they gather for dinner and appetizers and fun activities including an outdoor marketplace, ale and wine garden, fortune teller, and other 16th-century entertainment.

Live music fills the air topped off with a concert by Emmy- and Grammy-nominated Celtic fid-

ler, Máiréad Nesbitt, one of the founding members of the world-renowned group Celtic Woman. As the featured violin soloist on 11 Celtic Woman albums, each title achieved the coveted number-one slot on the Billboard World Music Chart.

Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$100 and sponsorship levels from \$500 to \$5,000. On the low end of the pricing spectrum, guests can enjoy the outdoor Renaissance market and garden from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Other levels kick in from 7:00-10:00 p.m., including dinner and entertain-

ment, special seating, complimentary goblets and mead, and a meet-and-greet brunch takes place with Nesbitt on Sunday at Bar W Ranch.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Winnsboro Center for the Arts and their new performing arts building. The new venue will host a wide range of community activities from concerts and theater to youth camps and wedding receptions. Find all ticket levels and more information on www.RenaissanceUnderTheStars.com.

Believers' Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight."

Proverbs 9:10

Pastor Jason returned to the Wisdom for Life series from Proverbs with a sermon, titled "Four People You Meet in Life." He said those people are Lady Wisdom who you meet through a saving relationship with Christ, the Scoffer who thinks his own wisdom is enough, the Wise Man who heeds Wisdom's call and becomes even wiser, and Lady Folly who traps her vic-

tims by offering lies and empty promises. Choose what God has given us through the Son, and then live the choice.

The women's morning Bible study begins with a study of Matthew on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

The men's Spiritual Foundation Class meets Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to study chapter 2 of Everyone's a Theologian: An Introduction to Systematic Theology.

The Adventure Club meets 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 Sunday evening study of Philippians meets after that at 6:30.

Episode 89 on the Asking for a Friend podcast is "Who are the merciful and what mercy do they receive?" The link to the podcast will be available on September 9 at www.bbceemory.org.

The Military Biblestock Project provides an audible copy of the New Testament to military personnel on request. Each Biblesticks is \$25. BBC will take donations for that ministry through October 3.

Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

God always showers us with blessings when we are faithful to His service. Sunday was no different. Though we were small in number, God's favor was upon us.

Joel Frazier led the opening song and dismissed us to our classes. Donna Jones had a great children's class. They learned about the plant life God created and the beautiful, colorful world for us to enjoy. The

adult class continued to study John MacArthur's book, *Unlike Heroes*. The lesson focused on the physically strong Samson who was very weak in his spiritual life. The title for our lesson was "Born to Be Wild."

Joel continued to lead our worship service. After a time of offering praises for the week and prayer petition requests, I brought the morning prayer.

Pastor Mike Frazier's message continued to expound on

the presence of the Holy Spirit using the parable Christ told about the five foolish virgins and the five wise virgins. His questions were, How much oil do we have in our lamps, what is happening in our world today, and why is it all happening? We ended service with the question, "Will Jesus find us waiting and watching for His return?"

Have a wonderful week but continue to pray for our community.

Emory United Methodist Church

By Mary White

"But the Lord said to him," Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel."

Acts 9:15

Rev. Banks message, titled "When God Rewrites your Story" with scripture texts taken from Acts, told about Saul's conversion. We all have a story that takes twists and turns in our life time. The good news is God is always with us through all our ups and downs. No mistake we

make is bigger than what God can fix. So let us end our story with a happy ending.

On Wednesday, September 8, at 8:30, Winds of the Spirit Prayer Team will meet, and at 5:00, there is a SPRC meeting. Friday, September 10, at 6:00, there will be a game night in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome for domino's, cards and food.

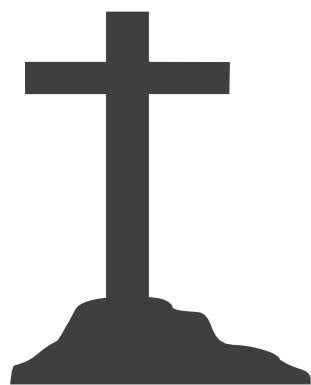
Our Communion offering for the month is Tanzania Moto, a ministry that provides real hope to families through micro loans

and small business opportunities to equip and change those families forever.

Birthday wishes go to Doris Wilson and Tracy Simpler. Anniversary wishes go to Kerry and Karen Culbertson.

Prayers are for Randy Lewis and Kim, Jaycee and Daniel Logsdon and all our service men and women.

Fall is just around the corner and that makes me happy. Have a great week and remember God loves you.



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Obituaries

Martha Burns 1938 - 2021

Services for Martha Burns of Emory were held on September 6 at Emory Baptist Church. Bro. Robert Burns II officiated.

Interment followed in Turner Cemetery. Pallbearers were Justin Klump, Colton Burns, Collyn Burns, Mathew Willeford, Joshua Willeford, Mark Willeford, Corey Willeford and Heath Carr. Eddie Burns was a honorary pallbearer.

Mrs. Burns died on September 1, 2021. She was born on February 5, 1938, in Rowlett, to Samuel Willeford and Wilma Jones Willeford of Rose Hill. She married Robert L. Burns on November 12, 1969. For 36 years, she was self-employed at their family business, Burns and Son Plant Farm, in Emory. She was a member of Emory Baptist Church and loved all her church family.

Mrs. Burns is survived by her daughters, Janice Burns and husband Eddie of Emory, and Elizabeth Diane Klump of Point; son, Robert Lee Burns II and wife Teresa of Emory; grandchildren, August (Justin) Klump and wife Lisa, Sarah Ivie and husband Ryan, Laura Teague and husband Jeremy, Amy Potts and husband Tommy, Rachel Blount and husband Jeremy, Caitlyn Norwood and husband



band Braden, Colton Burns and wife Mariah, and Collyn Burns; great-grandchildren, Anthony (Crystal), Autumn, Rylie, Jersey, Cameron, Jaycee, Addyson, Colby, Hudson, Hayson, Ava, Lawson, Wesson, Benjamin, Pearsyn and Evalynn; great-great-grandchildren, Drake, Emma and Ryder; brothers and sisters, Laverne Anderson of Roswell, N.M., Jane Roberts of Mesquite, Carol Wolverson of Mesquite, James Willeford and wife Theda of Mesquite, Leroy Willeford of Mesquite, Charlie Willeford and wife Phyllis of Pottsboro, Debra Fedric and husband Don of Roswell N.M., Danny Squarok of Roswell, N.M., and Stanley Squarok of Roswell, N.M.; step-brother, Avon Norfleet and wife Sherry of Josephine; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends she called family.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Martha Claudene Conway; son, Claude Franklin Conway Jr.; sister, Wilma Thompson; step-brothers, Leon Norfleet and Devon Norfleet; and step-sister, Sue Baird.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com.

Richard Eldred Dyess 1948 - 2021

A memorial service for Richard Eldred Dyess, 73, formerly of Emory, was held on September 3 at Freedom Church of God in Emory.

Mr. Dyess died on August 30, 2021. He was born on January 24, 1948, to Jessie Eldred Dyess and Lossie Joyce (Thomas) Dyess in Dallas. He graduated from Quinlan High School and received degrees from East Texas State University and Texas A&M - College Station.

He married Mamie Dyess on December 14, 1984. They were active members of Freedom Church of God. After the death of his wife, he moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas. He traveled to Greenville every Monday morning to work in the

saddle shop he started decades earlier, which now is run by his son, Bryce.

Mr. Dyess loved sports and the outdoors. He was a talented poet, and would lend a helping hand for anyone in need.

Mr. Dyess is survived by his children, Paul Dyess, Esther Frankum and Bryce Dyess; grandchildren, Abigail Leath, Dakota Frankum, Gracie Frankum, Haylee Dyess, Bryce Dyess Jr. and Bryan Dyess; and siblings, Allen Dyess, Randall Dyess and Kenneth Dyess.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife.

Mary Lee Locke McCoy 1946 - 2021

Funeral services for Mary Lee Locke McCoy, 75, of Grand Prairie and of Emory, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, located at 500 E Main Street, Grand Prairie. Gary Felton and David Felton will officiate.

Graveside services will follow at 1:00 p.m. at Lake Fork Memorial Cemetery with Chris Horton officiating.

Mrs. McCoy died peacefully on September 1, 2021, at Methodist Hospital in Mansfield. She was born on August 28, 1946, in Chalk Mountain, to Foy J. and Lola Mae McCleery Locke. She married her high school sweetheart, Alexander Anthony McCoy, on January 15, 1965, in Grand Prairie. She lived most of her life in Grand Prairie where served as president of both the Soroptimist Club and the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. She was a member of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce, where she was the first recipient of the prestigious Athena Award. She was the first female car salesperson at Mike Shaw Ford, and worked as a suc-



cessful salesperson until her retirement from Don Davis Auto Group. One of her greatest joys was teaching Sunday school for four-year-olds in Grand Prairie and then third and fourth graders in Emory.

Mrs. McCoy is survived by daughters, Alicia McCoy Burchard and husband Robert Jr. of Burleson, and Dina McCoy of Grand Prairie; grandchildren, Erica Olivere and husband Byron;

Jason Whitlock, Jeremy Whitlock and Riley Burchard; great-grandchildren, Brayden Albert, Parker, Fischer, Reese, Ellie and McCoy Whitlock; sister, Debra Wycough; sister-in-law, Lela McCoy; and aunt, Pat Little.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years; her parents; brother, Billy Foy; and father-in-law and mother in law, Willie Clayton and Frances M. Saletti McCoy.

Arrangements are under the direction of Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home in Grand Prairie.

A visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, at the funeral home.

Isaac William Rives Jr. 1940 - 2021

Isaac William "I.W." Rives Jr., 81, of Emory, died on September 3, 2021, at Christus Mother Frances hospital in Tyler.

He was born on January 19, 1940, in Dallas to Isaac William Sr. and Irene Rives. He married Patricia Smith on April 26, 1957. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Mr. Rives is survived by his wife; daughters, Terri Furman, Tobi Rives, Tammy Reid and husband Tony and Tonya Rives;



grandchildren, Eric and Savanna Christian, Kaci Reid, Justin and Mackenzie Christian, Brandon and Britney Pitre, Anthony and Kaylea Reid, Sharlyse and Dakota McDowell, and Ami Pitre; and numerous great-grandchildren; sister, Marilyn Suggs; and brothers, Al and Jerry Rives.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

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

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

More than 600 new laws in effect

More than 600 new laws signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott went into effect September 1. The new state laws – including one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the country, the right to carry handguns both concealed and openly without a license, changes to election law and a bill allowing restaurants to sell alcohol to go – were passed during the regular session of the legislature, which ended May 31. The House and Senate adjourned their second special session Thursday night.



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Texas Press Association

"The 87th Legislative Session was a monumental success, and many of the laws going into effect today will ensure a safer, freer, healthier, and more prosperous Texas," Abbott said. "I look forward to my continued work with the legislature to build upon these successes and create an even brighter future for the Lone Star State."

Some of the more controversial laws, such as the abortion bill and the election law, face judicial challenges from opponents, although the U.S. Supreme Court last week refused to hear an appeal to the abortion bill, which bans the procedure if a woman is more than six weeks pregnant.

Resources deployed to Ida victims

Abbott announced Wednesday that additional resources and personnel have been deployed to assist in the response and recovery efforts in Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Ida. Those resources include 116 guardsmen from a battalion tactical command and several platoons with high-water vehicles and other heavy equipment.

"Texas remembers the generous support offered by Louisianans during Hurricane Harvey four years ago, and we have recognized their need for additional help as they recover from the destruction of Hurricane Ida earlier this week," Abbott said. "We will continue to help our neighbors in need, just as they did for us."

Prescribed burning grants available

The Texas A&M Forest Service has nearly a half-million dollars available in grants to offset the costs of prescribed burning on private lands in Central and East Texas. "Texas has seen above-normal rainfall this year, resulting in greater herbaceous fuel loading in our fire environments," said Andy McCrady, Texas A&M Forest Service Program Coordinator. "With more fuels, it is important for land managers to look ahead at what areas have the heaviest undergrowth and consider planning prescribed fire operations in those locations at a time when weather conditions are moderate."

Prescribed fire is a land management practice that helps with habitat restoration, soil nutrient restoration and reducing wildfire risk by eliminating brush, weeds, dried vegetation

and downed trees, according to a forest service press release.

The application deadline is Thursday, September 30. Interested landowners can search eligibility and fill out an online application by visiting <http://texasforests.tamu.edu/cpp-grant/>.

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations rise

After a decrease last week in COVID-19 cases in Texas, the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reported a rise to 126,379 new cases in Texas as of Friday, up about 20,000 from the previous week. Total number of deaths was 1,649, up 22 percent from the previous week. A total of 13,790 lab-confirmed patients were in Texas hospitals, up slightly from the previous week, according to the Texas Department of Health Services.

Nearly 4,200 Texans died of COVID-19 in the last month, largely due to the delta variant and overwhelmingly among the unvaccinated; the overall death toll since the pandemic began is over 56,000.

The number of Texans as of Friday who are fully vaccinated continues to trickle up, now totaling 13.8 million, or 47.4 percent of the state's total population.

Zebra mussels invaded 34 Texas lakes

With the designation of Lake Worth in Tarrant County on the Trinity River as "infested" with invasive zebra mussels, 28 Texas reservoirs are considered fully infested, with another half dozen lakes containing the pest. Zebra mussels negatively affect reservoir ecosystems by filtering out algae that native species need for food and attaching to and thus incapacitating native mussels. They are also notorious for clogging water intakes in power plants, which spend millions of dollars removing them.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says boaters play a critical role in preventing zebra mussels from spreading to new lakes.

"Each boater taking steps to clean and drain their boat before leaving the lake and allowing compartments and gear to dry completely when they get home can make a big difference in protecting our Texas lakes," Brian Van Zee, TPWSD inland fisheries director, said.

Transporting zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species, knowingly or not, can result in legal woes for boaters. It is illegal in Texas and punishable with a fine of up to \$500 per violation. Boaters are also required to drain all water from their boats and onboard receptacles, including bait buckets, before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water.

To learn more about zebra mussels and other invasive species in Texas, visit tpwd.texas.gov/StopInvasives.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

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Bright Star-Salem Special Utility District is not required to extend retail water utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy.

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Payment of fees for reserving water supply capacity;

Forfeiture of reserved water supply service capacity for failure to pay applicable fees;

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Construction according to design approved by BSSSUD and dedication by the Developer of water facilities within the subdivision following final inspection.

BSSSUD Service Policy and a map showing BSSSUD service area may be reviewed at the District's office located at 238 N. Osborn - FM Hwy-17 North, Alba, Texas 75410.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR THE ESTATE OF JUDY KAY GALLIMORE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the ESTATE OF JUDY KAY GALLIMORE, DECEASED, were issued on June 16th, 2021 in Cause No. 3125, pending in the County Court at Law of Rains County, Texas to STACEY COLLEN (GALLIMORE) GRANHOLD, Independent Executor.

The address of record for the aforementioned Independent Executor is:

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All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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

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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**.

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

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

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Date: **August 31, 2021**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR THE ESTATE OF RICHARD EUGENE GALLIMORE, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the ESTATE OF RICHARD EUGENE GALLIMORE, DECEASED, were issued on June 16th, 2021 in Cause No. 3124, pending in the County Court at Law of Rains County, Texas to STACEY COLLEN (GALLIMORE) GRANHOLD, Independent Executor.

The address of record for the aforementioned Independent Executor is:

c/o: Burch Law Firm
7920 Belt Line Road, Suite 700
Dallas, Texas 75254.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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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

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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Greenville, TX 75401 / 903-455-1771.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Rains County Emergency Services District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The public hearing will be held on September 20, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Emory Fire Station, located at 1205 W Lennon Dr, Emory, Texas 75440.

A copy of the proposed budget is available by appointment for public inspection at the office located at 886 E Lennon St. Ste. 106; Emory, Texas 75440. Call (903)473-2468 to schedule an appointment.

LEGAL NOTICE:

This Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket game will close on September 2, 2021. You have until March 1, 2022, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#2274 500X Loteria Spectacular** (\$50) overall odds are 1 in 3.10. This Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket game will close on September 3, 2021. You have until March 2, 2022, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#2279 30X The Cash Crossword** (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.28. This Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket game will close on September 10, 2021. You have until March 9, 2022, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#2284 Jumbo Bucks 300X** (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.90. This Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket game will close on September 19, 2021. You have until March 18, 2022, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#2288 Joker's Wild** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.40. These Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket games will close on September 22, 2021. You have until March 21, 2022, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#2290 Winner Winner Chicken Dinner** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.98, **#2286 Money Money Money** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 4.09, **#2040 Mad Money Multiplier** (\$20) overall odds are 1 in 2.98. This Texas Lottery Commission scratch ticket game will close on September 23, 2021. You have until March 22, 2022, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#2337 \$5 Million Fortune** (\$50) overall odds are 1 in 3.53. Texaslottery.com is the official source for all pertinent game information. Game closing procedures may be initiated for documented business reasons. These games may have prizes unclaimed, including top prizes. In addition, game closing procedures will be initiated when all top prizes have been claimed. During closing, games may be sold even after all top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 or older to purchase a ticket. For help with a gambling problem, ncpgambling.org. © 2021 Texas Lottery Commission. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Salary Increase of Elected Officials

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of paragraph 152.013 of the local government code, the Commissioner's Court of Rains County proposes the following increase of salaries and allowances of the elected officials of Rains County, Texas.

**Rains County
Notice of Proposed Increases to
2021/2022 Elected/Appointed Officials
Salaries and Benefits**

| Official | Amount |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| County Judge | 0 |
| Commissioner Precinct 1 | 0 |
| Commissioner Precinct 2 | 0 |
| Commissioner Precinct 3 | 0 |
| Commissioner Precinct 4 | 0 |
| Justice of the Peace | 2,061 |
| County Treasurer | 2,122 |
| County Clerk | 2,122 |
| District Clerk..... | 2,061 |
| Tax Assessor/Collector | 2,069 |
| County Auditor | 2,128 |
| Constable | 2,009 |
| Sheriff | 2,447 |

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Explanatory Statements for the November 2, 2021
Constitutional Amendment Election**

**Proposition Number 1
(HJR 143)**

HJR 143 proposes a constitutional amendment expanding the circumstances in which a professional sports team charitable foundation may conduct raffles to raise money for the foundation's charitable purposes. The proposed amendment would allow professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to hold charitable raffles at rodeo events.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the professional sports team charitable foundations of organizations sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association or the Women's Professional Rodeo Association to conduct charitable raffles at rodeo venues."**

**Proposition Number 2
(HJR 99)**

HJR 99 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to authorize a county to issue bonds or notes to finance the development or redevelopment of an unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted area within the county and to pledge for repayment of those bonds or notes increases in property tax revenues imposed on property in the area by the county. The Texas Constitution gives the legislature the power to authorize an incorporated city or town to issue such bonds or notes but does not expressly give the legislature the power to grant that same authority to counties. The proposed amendment also provides that a county that issues bonds or notes for transportation improvements may not pledge for the repayment of those bonds or notes more than 65 percent of the increases in ad valorem tax revenues each year, and a county may not use proceeds from the bonds or notes to finance the construction, operation, maintenance, or acquisition of rights-of-way of a toll road.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."**

**Proposition Number 3
(SJR 27)**

SJR 27 proposes a constitutional amendment barring the State of Texas or a political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or issuing a statute, order, proclamation, decision, or rule that prohibits or limits religious services. The proposed amendment would apply to religious services, including those conducted in churches, congregations, and places of worship, in the state by a religious organization established to support and serve the propagation of a sincere-

ly held religious belief.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting religious services of religious organizations."**

**Proposition Number 4
(SJR 47)**

SJR 47 proposes a constitutional amendment changing certain eligibility requirements for a justice of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge. The proposed amendment provides that a person is eligible to serve on the Supreme Court if the person, among other qualifications, is licensed to practice law in Texas; is a resident of Texas at the time of election; has been either a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas for at least ten years or a practicing lawyer licensed in Texas and a judge of a state court or county court established by the legislature for a combined total of at least ten years; and during that time has not had the person's license to practice law revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension. The same eligibility requirements would apply to a judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and to a justice of a court of appeals. The proposed amendment further provides that to be eligible for appointment or election as a district judge, a person must be a resident of Texas; be licensed to practice law in Texas; and have been a practicing lawyer or a judge of a court in Texas, or both combined, for eight years preceding the person's election, during which time the person's license to practice law has not been revoked, suspended, or subject to a probated suspension.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment changing the eligibility requirements for a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge."**

**Proposition Number 5
(HJR 165)**

HJR 165 proposes a constitutional amendment allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct (SCJC) to accept complaints or reports, conduct investigations, and take any other authorized action with respect to a candidate for a state judicial office. Currently, the Texas Constitution only permits the SCJC to take such actions as to persons holding a judicial office.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing additional powers to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct with respect to candidates for judicial office."**

**Proposition Number 6
(SJR 19)**

SJR 19 proposes a constitutional amendment establish-

ing that residents of certain facilities have the right to designate an essential caregiver with whom the facility may not prohibit in-person visitation. The proposed amendment would apply to a nursing facility, assisted living facility, intermediate care facility for individuals with an intellectual disability, residence providing home and community-based services, or state supported living center. The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to provide guidelines for these facilities to follow in establishing essential caregiver visitation policies and procedures.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment establishing a right for residents of certain facilities to designate an essential caregiver for in-person visitation."**

**Proposition Number 7
(HJR 125)**

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment permitting a person who is 55 years of age or older at the time of death of their spouse who is receiving a limitation on school district property taxes on their residence homestead on the basis of a disability to continue receiving the limitation while the property remains the surviving spouse's residence homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of the person's death."**

**Proposition Number 8
(SJR 35)**

SJR 35 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the United States armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty. The Texas Constitution provides a property tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services who is killed in action, but the current exemption does not include members of the military who die during their service due to injuries sustained that are not combat-related.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty."**

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

The first Miss America from Texas

An 18-year-old brunette from Tyler waited anxiously with nine other finalists for the winner of the Miss America beauty pageant to be announced on September 12, 1942.



By Bartee Haile
HISTORICAL COLUMNIST

Ask any Texan how many young women from the Lone Star State have been chosen the most beautiful in the land, and the answer most likely will be two. He or she may even know they came from the same hometown and reigned four years apart in the 1970s, but hardly anyone remembers the first Miss Texas to take Atlantic City by storm.

Jo-Carroll Dennison may have been born in Arizona, but she was a Texan through and through. Her grandfather was a Panhandle pioneer, who drove cattle up the Chisholm Trail, and she grew up on the tent-show circuit entertaining small-town audiences.

By the time she reached her mid-teens, Jo-Carroll was tired of living out of a suitcase and wanted to put down permanent roots. Soon after graduating from high school in Tyler, she took a job as a legal secretary with former U.S. Senator Earle Mayfield.

When a local banker offered to sponsor her in the Miss Tyler contest, Jo-Carroll turned him down at first. "I refused until he told me they would buy me a new bathing suit for the occasion. Fate has a funny way of dictating your future. If I'd already had a bathing suit, I honestly don't think I would ever had entered a beauty contest."

Jo-Carroll's looks, talent and stage presence were an unbeatable combination. She won the Rose Capital event, the East Texas competition and the Miss Texas contest. Before she knew it, she was on her way to Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Coming just nine months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Miss America show opened with a mock air raid complete with shrieking sirens and a blackout. Spotlights swept across the ceiling of the Warner Theater in search of the enemy aircraft and finally lit up a tiny model plane sliding down a wire toward the stage.

The "all clear" sounded, and a voice announced, "It's the Flying Fortress bringing the Miss America contestants." The house lights went up, the curtain raised and 30 candidates from every corner of the country made their grand entrance.

For three evenings, the beauties tried to impress the judges with their talent and physical attributes. Jo-Carroll was the only one awarded two first prizes, winning the talent show on the second night and the swimsuit competition on the third.

The field was narrowed to 10 for the fourth

and final round. Wearing "a typical Western costume of doeskin chaps, checked flannel shirt and wide-brimmed hat," the Lone Star lass sang "Deep in the Heart of Texas" one last time.

After parading in bathing suits and evening gowns, the finalists nervously awaited the judges' decision. Third place went to Miss Michigan and second place to Miss Chicago, but the crown was placed on the head of Miss Texas!

"I'm too happy to say very much," Jo-Carroll gushed into the microphone that carried her words across the nation, "but I love Atlantic City and I hope to do much to repay it for this honor. I want to thank the other girls in the contest who have been so kind to me."

In a glowing description of Miss America 1942, a newspaper reporter admired her "dark brown, softly curling hair sweeping to her shoulders, brown eyes flecked with green and a smooth, creamy complexion."

When her reign was over, Jo-Carroll signed a movie contract with Twentieth Century Fox. During her eight years in Hollywood, she married comedian Phil Silvers.

"Through Phil I met almost every well-known person in show business," she recalled in a 1980s interview. "Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Harry Cohn, the head of Columbia Pictures, all gave us a wedding party, which was pretty big-time stuff."

"But the luckiest part of all was that Gene Kelly and his marvelously talented and intellectual group of friends liked me as well as Phil. At Gene's on any given night, folks like Judy Garland, Noel Coward, Elizabeth Taylor, Marilyn Monroe and Fred Astaire might drop in and entertain or play charades or just talk."

Jo-Carroll and Silvers went their separate ways in 1950. The bald comic tickled America's funny bone as Sgt. Bilko on the hit TV show, while she worked in early television as a production assistant in New York.

Texans had to wait 29 years for another home-grown Miss America. Lone Star lightning struck twice as two girls from Denton, Phyllis George in 1971 and Shirley Cothran in 1975, conquered Atlantic City.

Jo-Carroll eventually remarried and returned to California to raise a family. She was later co-director of the Los Angeles Theatre Company and in charge of community relations for a hospice.

Speaking from her retirement home in Palm Springs in 2001, Jo-Carroll Dennison said, "Even now I am invariably introduced as 'a former Miss America.' After the inevitable question 'What year?' comes the question 'What state were you from?' And I answer with a special kind of pride, 'I was Miss Texas.'"

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Commander Kevin Ray assumes command of PCU Savannah



Contributed photo

The PCU Savannah conducting comprehensive tests before being accepted by the United States Navy into the fleet. On the right, United States Navy Commander Kevin Ray assumed command of the Independence-variant littoral combat ship on August 16, 2021.



By LAUREN WITHEROW-EDGAR
Rains County Leader contributor

On August 16, 2021, United States Navy Commander Kevin Ray assumed command of the Independence-variant littoral combat ship PCU Savannah (LCS 28) Blue Crew at Naval Base San Diego in California. The ceremony was attended by Commander Ray's parents, Michael and Terrie Ray, residents of Rains County.

Born in Garland, Texas, Commander Ray graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Development. He earned a commission through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) in 2004 and earned a Master of Science in Human Systems Integration from Naval Postgraduate School in 2010, and then a Master of Arts in Christian Leadership Studies from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary in 2012.

Before assuming command of the PCU Savannah, Ray served aboard MCM Crew Impervious (embarked on USS Avenger (MCM 1), USS Ardent (MCM 12), USS San Antonio (LPD 17), USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41) Amphibious Squadron One (PHIBRON 1), and USS San Diego (LPD 22). He served as an instructor of Naval Science at Auburn/Tuskegee Consortium, and as Assistant Officer-in-Charge at the Center for Surface Combat Systems, Detachment Mayport.

PCU Savannah will be commissioned in early 2022 and is currently in Mobile, Alabama, after being delivered to the U.S. Navy on June 26. A DVIDS article describes Savannah as "a fast, agile, mission-focused platform designed to operate in near-shore environments, winning against 21st-century coastal threats. The LCS is capable of supporting forward presence, maritime security, sea control, and deterrence."

Ray is the first commanding officer of Savannah. The DVIDS article states that Ray gave the following remarks during the August 16 assumption of command ceremony, "The crew and I have a unique opportunity and responsibility to breathe life into a U.S. Navy warship. I have no doubt our crew is ready to meet this challenge head on and establish the right culture on board from day one. This is what I expect from them and this is what we strive for; the work we put in now will have a lasting impact on Savannah for years to come."

Ray currently resides in Alabama with his wife, Miranda, and their four daughters. He has served in the Navy for over 16 years and earned numerous decorations, service and campaign medals.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

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| 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.