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RAINS COUNTY FAIR

Pageants, shows and carnival return after year hiatus

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

After a year hiatus, a week's worth of food, festivities and fun descend upon Emory, including the livestock show, carnival, parade

The 91st annual Rains County Fair is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 14, through Saturday, September 18, at the fairgrounds.

and the Rains County pageants.

Season tickets for the fair are still on sale at Brookshire's, Commercial Bank of Texas and Hooten's LLC, with prices at \$15 for adults and \$11 for children, age

4-12 years old.

Tickets at the gate will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Seniors get in for free on Tuesday, September 14, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00

Sam's Amusements & Carnival is back with lots of rides, games, food and fun setup at the fairgrounds. Each night that the carnival is open, an armband will be on sale for \$25 that will allow you to ride all the carnival attractions from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

The fair kicks off on Tuesday, September 14, when gates open at 5:00 p.m. The evening will include the carnival which opens for the Baked Goods contest at 7:00 p.m. to begin. in the Creative Arts building.

On Wednesday, September 15, livestock will begin to arrive for the stock show scheduled for the next day. Spectators will be able to tour the exhibit building filled with all the creative arts entrants. The carnival will be open from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

The pageants begin at 6:00 p.m. with Tiny Miss Rains County Pageant followed by Wee, Petite and Little Miss pageants.

Ag students will bring in and set up their projects starting at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 16,

first time at 6:00 p.m. and the Youth with a silent auction of those items

The 2021 Rains County Junior Livestock Show will start at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, with the steer show followed by market lambs, market goats, dairy and breeding

The pageantry of the Junior Miss and Miss Rains County Pageants will start at 8:00 p.m.

On Friday, September 17, the market hog show begins at 8:00 a.m., the mutton bustin' contest will be at 7:00 p.m. and the carnival is open from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

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Paying Tribute



Coming to attention at 7:46 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, members of the East Tawakoni Volunteer Fire Department saluted in the direction of New York City until 8:03 a.m. to honor those who lost their lives 20-years ago.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Court appoints clerk, and then it's business as usual

By DEBORAH M WALKER Rains County Leader staff

The court appointed a new county clerk, added a new paid county holiday to the calendar, and conducted the usual court business on Rains County Judge Linda Wallace's first regular commissioners court meeting held Thursday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m. All four county commissioners were in attendance.

Wallace addressed an agenda item to appoint Mandy Sawyer as the new county clerk. After a brief discussion between Sawyer and the commissioners, with assurance from Wallace in regard

to Sawyer's capabilities, Rains County Commissioner Mike Willis (Pct. 2) motioned that Sawyer be appointed to complete the vacated county clerk term with the 2020-2021 salary and not eligible for the 5-percent increase currently in the proposed budget. Commissioner Korey Young (Pct. 3) seconded and all voted in favor.

The court also considered adding Juneteenth to the calendar. Wallace said "I think it's really great for the morale of all our employees that we give them that day instead of taking another one away." Wallace said the court should decide, but

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POINT

Point City Council holds special meeting

By LAUREN WITHROW-EDGAR Rains County Leader contributor

The Point City Council met for a special meeting at Point City Hall on Tuesday, September 7.

Mayor Stephen Cross presided over the meeting and councilmembers Jerry Cason, Alan Messick, Judy Luckett and Robby Richardson were in attendance.

Cross explained that the city had received three bids regarding upgrading water meters in the city, to ensure accuracy and the ability to read meters more efficiently, from Ferguson Waterworks, Underground and Core & Main. He stated that representatives from Ferguson Waterworks and Underground would be in attendance at the city's regular September council meeting. The agenda item was unanimously tabled until the regular meeting.

Water plant manager Nacole Christensen gave an update to the council regarding items needed immediately for the plants, which included hiring and training personnel, getting a CT study to aid in chlorination level determinations and tank inspections. Christensen suggested the following items for near-future projects: servicing pump stations, bringing

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RAINS ISD

Board holds emergency meeting

By TREY HILL Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Independent School District (RISD) board of trustees met in an emergency special session Tuesday night, September 7, in the board room of the district's administration building. The meeting was to allow the board to "receive critical information needed to determine appropriate actions to mitigate the increased imminent threat to public health and safety and ensure the continuation of essential operations." By declaring the meeting an emergency, citing COVID issues, the board met without the required 72-hour notice as prescribed by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

After board president Philip Alexander called the meeting to order, the board heard from four women who spoke during the open forum.

The first speaker, Maria Cook, said that she wanted to advocate for freedom of choice.

"I just obviously want to advocate for freedom of choice," Cook said. "I feel like, you know, everybody should have the choice whether you want to vaccinate or wear a mask. Great, do it, but if you don't, I don't think one group should be dictating to another group what we should all do. So I just want to advocate for a choice for our teachers, choice for our students, choice for parents."

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EMORY Garrett resigns; special election called

By TREY HILL Rains County Leader staff

The Emory City Council met in a special session Monday evening, September 13, to accept the resignation of council member Howard Garrett, Place 3. Garrett submitted his letter of resignation, citing health as his reason for leaving the council.

Garrett's term is set to expire in May 2023. The council voted to hold a special election in November to fill Garrett's unexpired term.

Due to time constraints, the sign-up period for having one's name on the ballot will end by the close of business Friday, September 17. Candidates for the position must be 18 years of age or older, be a resident of the City of Emory for the past six months, and have no felony convictions.

The Emory City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session on Tuesday, September 21, in the council chamber at Emory City Hall.



City Girl: To shoot or not to shoot

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NEWS BRIEFS

Good Sam Clothes/ Am. Legion Booth **Thrift Shop Sales**

The Rains County Good Samaritan Clothes Shop will will have a booth at the Rains be open Monday-Thursday in County Fair. Veterans are welthe building behind the public come to come chat and join the library on Hwy. 69 in Emory. Post as a member. Homemade Hours are 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., peanut brittle will be available closed noon-1:00 for lunch. for purchase. Thrift sales will be held every Saturday except September 25. Funds go to buy food for the needy and to operate the center. The sale includes clothes for its annual reunion at Wayne's all ages and sizes. There is new house (informal one with snacks stock every week.

FOL Meets Sept. 16

The Friends of Rains County Book Sale, so don't miss it. All book lovers are welcome.

Shelby Town Hall Meet And Greet

Doc Shelby, candidate for the 4th Congressional District, will hold a town hall-style meet and greet on Thursday, September 16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Rose Community Center. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Class of 1964 Reunion, Oct. 9

The Rains High School Class of 1964 will hold its reunion on Woosley Cemetery Saturday, October 9, at 1:30 p.m. Meeting, Sept. 25 at Sidekick's Restaurant on Hwy. 19. For more information, call

At The Fair

American Legion Post 156

1965 Class Reunion

and prep for Saturday) on Friday, October 15, at around 5:00 p.m. Center is open for use again after and (formal one) Saturday, October 16, starting around 10:00 a.m. with eating at noon. Wayne's Public Library (FOL) will meet address is 271 CR 1535, East on Thursday, September 16, at Tawakoni, TX 75472, and his 1:00 p.m. at the library. It is the phone is 903-355-0914. Denlast meeting before the October nis, Eddy, Marvin, Tommy and Wayne will be preparing stew again this year. If you like, bring a dessert, corn bread, crackers,

Am. Legion Post 156 Dinner, Sept. 25

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will hold a dinner with two kinds of gumbo and all the fixin's on Sept. 25, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Post home at 215 N Duffy St. in Emory. Payment is by donation which goes toward the upkeep of the home and veterans' projects.

The Woosley Cemetery Asso-903-473-4347 or 903-413-1243. ciation will hold its annual meet-

ing on Saturday, September 25, at 11:00 a.m. at the Woosley Cemetery under the gazebo. The trustees will meet at 10:00 a.m. for a board meeting. If you are feeling ill and think you might have COVID, do not attend. If you have any questions, call 903-951-8973. Donations may be mailed to Woosley Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 113, Point, TX 75472.

The class of 1965 will hold **Community Center** In Bonanza Opens

The Bonanza Community receiving a new roof, heating and air conditioning upgrade, new wiring and a thorough cleaning. For more information, call 903-473-3119, 903-485-3221 or 903-485-2428.

Rescue At FOL Book Sale. Oct. 16

Sadie's Place Rescue will set up in front of the City Centre in Emory during the Friends of the Library (FOL) Book Sale on October 16 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Come by to find your new best friend and check out some animal books.

Renaissance Under the Stars New Date

Due to the current increase in COVID cases in Wood County, Renaissance Under the Stars has been rescheduled from September 25 to April 2, 2022. Please note the new date and if you have the event posted on any calendars, please update those listings.

RISD

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board as someone who works in these are my best friends.' healthcare. She said, "Mitigating COVID is a challenge. And I think, like Ms. Cook said, I think that it needs to be freedom of independent research, and we do what we feel is best for us.

"The severity of the disease is non-discriminatory. So I don't; I feel like the setback that we had last year, you're not providing your kids with just, you know, that little bit of education. When school had to shut down, it was very detrimental."

Dana Curry spoke to the board as a parent of a student with special needs. She asked the trustees to consider the ramifications for special-needs students and how difficult it is for parents to meet those needs without a structured setting.

"That was the hardest thing I ever had to do. And I'm a teacher; I'm an educator," Curry said. "I don't know what you're considering, but the online learning was really hard for that group of children."

The final speaker in the public forum was Jolee Pierce. Her message to the board was to consider what would be best for all the district's children.

"I am the opposite of everyhere because my personal views; we're vaccinated. My son is vaccinated. I'm not scared for him. I'm fine with putting that on my or five weeks, it could slow the

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Kara Gagley spoke to the son. I'm so emotional because

After hearing from the parents, Superintendent Jennifer Johnson told the board that when the schools were closed choice. I think that we need to do on Wednesday, September 1, the district had 92 confirmed cases of COVID. She said that the infection rate seemed to slow after the five-day break and spreading the students out.

"After taking that break and spreading everyone out, we are at 41 positive students, and 10 positive staff for a total of 51 positives," Johnson said. "So, we do feel like it did help to spread everybody out and ask everybody to stay home for a while."

Johnson said that the schools were not only fighting COVID, they were also dealing with strep, sinus infections, and the crud that we all fight. She said that all the symptoms were similar to COVID, so they're dealing with that also.

Johnson noted good news regarding COVID testing, saying, "The number of negatives is increasing. It's more, they have the same symptoms, but they're not positive."

Johnson told the board there was a discussion on whether to close or not close. She said they had a conversation with medical one else," Pierce said. "I came professionals from a pediatric clinic, and they said the best thing we could do at the time was spread everyone out. Get But I feel there are a lot of under- everyone to social distance and privileged children in the com- go home. And to deep clean. munity. And my question was if They also advised that if the masks do work, is it worth a try. district could do this every four

spread.

Johnson said she looked at the school calendar, and it just so happens that the district has nearly a week off every four to five weeks. She said that if the numbers start rising around that time, they could close a day early and have a five-day weekend to spread everyone out again.

Johnson said the district is working to provide a vaccine clinic for parents who want their child vaccinated or a staff member who wants to be vaccinated.

"We are on a waiting list to provide a vaccine clinic," She said. "We are on the list with NETHealth, and whenever we can get there, we're going to provide a vaccine clinic for that option for people that do want their child or staff member to be vaccinated."

When the topic of remote learning was brought up, Johnson said she had concerns about it. "Remote learning was not successful for our kids at all," she said. "And to be honest, I'm very concerned about the social, emotional state of our kids."

"I think if it takes us altering our calendar to get kids here, that's where they need to be," Johnson said. "They need to be in a classroom with our teach-

Before concluding their meeting, the trustees adjourned into a 58-minute executive session to discuss personnel matters and safety issues. They returned from executive session and took no action.

The board was scheduled to meet in a regular session Monday night, September 13. A recap of that meeting will be in next week's Leader.

Thank You

Karen Young with Country Flowers for donating a wreath for the veterans memorial.

Thanks to the Emory VFD for all they do.

To Rick Ratliff, who was presented with a coin from Austin in memory of Wayne Weeks.

To the car show for allowing the American Legion Post 156 to be part of the event with the 50/50 raffle.





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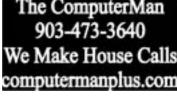
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tember 18, begin early with the Rains County Fair parade through downtown Emory at 10:00 a.m. Parade line-up begins at 7:00 a.m. in front of Sidekick's Bar & Grill.

Serving of the entries of the chili cook-off contest will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Rains County Courthouse Square.

The exhibit building and the carnival will open at 6:00 p.m., with the Junior Livestock Sale starting at 6:30 p.m. Following the sale, attendees are invited to dance until midnight at the pavilion to the music of Jason Waldon & the Alibis.

If you have any questions about the fair or livestock show, contact the AgriLife Extension office at 903-473-4580.



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FOREIGN

Festivities on Saturday, Sepand seconded the motion. It carried unanimously. During Open Forum, local

citizen Fred Worley, with support from wife Sue, addressed be renamed for her. He plans to have a tax rate below \$0.60." work with Garrett's family to

During Departmental Reports, Rains County Road and Bridge Administrator Ronnie Morgan gave an update on the state allotment being applied on county roads 1605 and 1690 and the CTI grant work on CR 3371. He said that patch crews are working, along with mowers and brush ax.

determine whether to petition

locally or through the Texas leg-

Young asked how much mateallotment and its cost. Morgan said 2.255 miles of 3-inch surface material that costs the county \$190,000. Total cost with hauling will be about \$225,000. A crushed-concrete discussion also ensued with figures of \$15-\$22 per ton pricing, loads per day limitations, hauling costs, and options for getting the best

Wallace stated she would like to visit a site and observe the road being repaired. Morgan said that this year the county "bought

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"They'd love an extra holiday." 7,200 tons of crushed concrete, Commissioner Humphrey (Pct. last count. We just bought 5,600 4) said he felt it was time to tons of material." He gave the add it to the calendar and that following report of year-to-date it doesn't take away from July spending by precinct: Pct. 1 is at 4th. He motioned to add it to \$228,135, Pct. 2 is at \$182,312, the calendar. Willis clarified that Pct. 3 is at \$111,640, and Pct. Juneteenth is a national holiday 4 is at \$292,380. Next fiscal year, beginning in October, more focus will be given to roads in precincts 2 and 3.

As per an addendum to the agenda, the court held a public the court, giving background hearing regarding the proposed information regarding his previtax rate for 2021-2022 of 0.5893 ous petitions and their successes. per \$100 of valuation. With His new mission is to honor no public participation, Willis Mildred McMillan Garrett and stated, "I think this is the first ne intends to petition that the time in 10 years, that I've been Hwy. 19N bridge over Lake Fork involved, that we've been able to

The addendum included a budget workshop. Rains County Auditor Tammi Byrd informed that she had discovered a \$30,000 duplication in the proposed budget and she explained the correction. The court then discussed other budget needs and how best to utilize those funds. Wallace expressed that pay increases should be considered for certain county employees. Also, she shared a need to secure servers and county records, suggesting the vault in the courthouse rial was received from the state for that purpose. Young brought up concerns regarding air-conditioning systems in countyowned buildings and the need to

Rains County Justice of the Peace Paul Foley spoke regarding a part-time resource need and that he could reduce his budget elsewhere to cover that cost.

In Administrative Comments,

Wallace announced she met with Keith Payne from GrantWorks in regard to the American Rescue Plan as the county now has \$1.2 million in a bank account to be used for projects that relate back to COVID. The subject will be added to a future agenda.

In other items the court:

- heard an update from Environmental Enforcement and **Emergency Management** Officer Jon Wedeking regarding the upcoming bicycle race, and that 95 percent of the 60 septic installs this year were new installations;
- Elected Officials and Finance Reports were accepted into the minutes and payment of accounts of \$111,634.03 were approved;
- approved the final plat for Quinonez;
- approved Texas A&M Agri-Life extension service MOU; took no action on the One
- Rock travel abatement request: approved contract with the
- Rains County Appraisal District for assessment and collection services;
- accepted the Rains County Appraisal District 2020 audit;
- agreed to continue the county-wide inter-local agreement with the Andrew Center;
- approved to continue the SAVNS maintenance contract which tracks offenders and provides notification to victims.

The next regular meeting of the Rains County Commissioners court will be held Thursday, September 23, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Rains County Courthouse.

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



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Abbott calls third special session

Gov. Greg Abbott has called a third special legislative session to deal with redistricting, to decide how to spend billions of dollars in pandemic funding from the federal government and



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to determine whether state or local governments can mandate COVID-19 vaccines, as well as some pet issues of the governor that failed to pass recent ses-

The third session begins September 20 and by law can last no longer than 30 days. The second special session resulted in passage of hotly contested

voting restrictions and what are considered the most restrictive abortion laws in the country, both of which are under legal attack. In the case of the latter, the U.S. Justice Department is suing the state, saying the abortion law banning the procedure at roughly six weeks of pregnancy is unconstitutional.

'The (Texas) act is clearly unconstitutional under long-standing Supreme Court precedent," Attorney General Merrick Garland said Thursday, as reported widely by media outlets.

Several groups have filed suit against the elections bill signed by Abbott last week, including Voto Latino, LULAC Texas, the Texas Alliance for Retired Americans, and the Texas American Federation of Teachers.

The law limits early voting hours, ends drivein voting, and restricts mail-in voting. GOP leaders maintain that other provisions in the measure make it easier to cast a vote than before.

August cooler, wetter than normal

August is in the books and the first day of autumn beckons. Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, reports the month was cooler than normal for most of the state, and wetter than normal for about half of Texas. The U.S. Drought Monitor map for Texas shows just 1 percent of the state in drought.

"Over the last 22 years, we've averaged about 40 percent of the state in drought by the end of August, Wentzel wrote in his monthly report. "Since 2000, we've only had two other Augusts that ended with less drought area: 2004 and 2007.

Emergency SNAP benefits extended again

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is extending emergency Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program food benefits once more in September, meaning SNAP recipients will again get an additional \$95 in emergency allotments. The funding comes from the United States Department of Agriculture.

"As we continue to navigate through the pandemic, we are pleased to provide this additional support to ensure Texans will be able to keep food on their table for themselves and their fami-

electric up to code, increasing explained that Becky Decker,

security at plant water storage, Mike Marotta and Jerry Hamp-

rebuilding chlorine system and ton were currently on the ballot

containment room, updating lab for other council positions and

equipment and more. Cross sug- he was presenting them to fill his

gested sectioning off an area at open council seat. Luckett made the plant to serve as a climate- a motion to table the agenda

controlled electrical room to item and it was seconded, and

that a Texas water board consid- rent city hall staff, according to

of boil water notices and would Cross stated that he wanted

assist the city free-of-charge in to untable the item regarding

handling various issues critical appointing someone to fill his

Cross presented three names to be excused and was thanked

to councilmembers for nomina- by council members for his ser-

tion to his open council seat, vice. After the meeting, Cross

which was vacant due to the res- confirmed to the Rains County

ignation of former Mayor John- Leader that Cason had resigned

ny Northcutt, and Cross moving his position. Regarding filling

into the mayoral position. He the seat, Cross said, "His term

after the meeting. No action was and it passed unanimously.

A citizen in attendance stated executive session to discuss cur-

The council entered into an

When the council returned,

vacant council seat. A motion to

appoint Becky Decker was made

At the end of the meeting,

councilman Jerry Cason asked

prevent problems with electrical passed unanimously.

ered the City of Point to be in a the meeting's agenda.

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equipment overheating.

critical state with the continuation

to the water system. Cross stated

that the issue would be discussed

taken on Christensen's update to

councilmembers.

lies," said Wayne Salter of the HHSC.

Duck hunters can expect another good season

The early teal hunting season began Saturday, and officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department say habitat conditions point to another productive season for hunters.

Teal numbers are already impressive in many areas of Texas, especially the rice prairies of the Texas Gulf Coast and the playa wetlands of the Panhandle," Kevin Kraai of TPWD said.

The 16-day statewide early teal season runs through Sept. 26, with a daily bag limit of six. Blue-winged teal are by far the most prevalent duck found in Texas this time of year, according

Tuition program open enrollment underway

Open enrollment in the state's Texas Tuition Promise Fund began September 1 and runs through the end of February. The plan allows parents and others to lock in today's tuition and fees at state public colleges and universities. The accumulated funds can also be transferred to private colleges and other institutions such as vocational schools, though the tuition is not locked in.

The TTPF program offers webinars throughout the enrollment period. More information can be found at *TuitionPromise.org* or by calling Monday through Friday at 800-445-GRAD (4723). Press Option 5.

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations drop slightly

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas decreased slightly in the past week, with the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University reporting 120,494 new cases, down 4.6 percent from the previous week. Total deaths statewide increased slightly to 1,789.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-10 hospitalizations dropped slightly, with 13,285 reported in Texas, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Available intensive-care unit beds remain scarce, with just 330 open in the entire state, the least since the pandemic began early last year. Even more concerning are the few pediatric ICU beds open, with just 80 available, according to DSHS.

At least 45 school districts across the state have shut down in-person classes because of COVID-19 outbreaks affecting more than 40,000 students, according to the Texas Tribune.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated crossed the 14-million mark, which is 48.5 percent of the total population, DSHS reported.

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.

was up this coming election ...

we will be having a special meet-

ing to get that place filled. It's

to my understanding that being

[Cason's] spot was up already

and Dustin [Briggs] was running

unopposed, that he would [fill]

that spot and still remain on bal-

In other items, the council:

tabled accepting a bid for

mowing city property until

more than one bid was

unanimously approved rein-

stating the Economic Devel-

opment Corporation for the

city, as well creating Planning

& Zoning, Parks and Water

& Sewer committees to allow

unanimously approved requir-

ing two signatures for every

unanimously approved adding

Point Municipal Court Clerk

Tasha Wilk and Point Water

Clerk Cathy Haynes as bank

The next regular meeting of

the Point City Council is sched-

uled for Tuesday, September 14,

at 6:45 p.m., at Point City Hall.

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SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS

Tax returns remain in black for Emory, Rains County

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

Rains County and the City of Emory continued to see an increase in the sales of taxable goods in July compared to 2020 as the rest of the state of Texas saw an increase of 20.9 percent in allocations being returned to local taxing entities in Septem-

The allocations are part of the \$925.1 million in local sales tax allocations being returned to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts by the office of Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar from sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly.

Rains County, with it's halfcent additional tax on taxable sales, sees \$74,378.43 being returned to the county, which is 8.58 percent better than September of 2020. The county's vear-to-date (YTD) increases to \$631,293.43 and remains 18.03 percent ahead of this time last

The municipalities in the county, East Tawakoni and Point, which add an additional cent and a half tax to all taxable items sold, had tax revenues for the month come in below last year, while Emory continued to see a significant increase in allocations being returned.

Emory is expected to receive \$155,905.02 from the state in September, which is 20.35 percent above the total from 2020. The YTD total remained 25.35 percent ahead of this time last year at \$1,265,219.00.

The City of Point saw a small decrease from last year at 8.23 percent. The \$13,040.60 being returned in September will

0.5% \$74,378.43 \$631,293.43 \$534,857.07 18.03% \$68,497,48 8.58% Rains 1.5 6,470.27 7,278.71 -11.10 67,065.38 78,445.46 -14.50 1.5 155,905.02 129.537.27 20.35 1.265.219.00 1.009.307.30 Point 1.5 13.040.60 14,211.47 -8.23 120.029.38 107.285.28 11.87 0.5% \$251,384.78 \$225,204.13 **Hopkins** 11.62% \$2.200.954.98 \$1.991.048.50 10.54% 4,402.97 4,772.31 52,220.92 48,874.34 11,026.06 10,564.66 102,179.58 90,976.11 12.31 Cumby 1.5 4.36 Sulphur Springs 1.5 594.557.48 650,068.05 9.33 5,714,039.19 5,172,436.75 10.47 0.5% \$568,414.74 \$445,900.30 27.47% \$4,848,453.90 \$4,024,601.03 20.47% Hunt Caddo Mills 1.5 59.524.29 47,925.17 24.20 536.723.09 382.588.47 Campbell 1.5 9.344.70 7.605.76 22.86 76.341.33 52.817.57 44.53 Celeste 1.250 8,168.40 6.085.02 34.23 68,655.46 61,194.36 12.19 Commerce 1.5 160,527.99 138.445.54 15.95 1,439,145.23 1,250,773.64 15.06 738.915.88 18.29 Greenville 1.5 923.821.76 25.02 7.615.751.97 6.438.149.67 Hawk Cove 1.250 3,084.72 3,418.50 -9.76 32,107.06 26,336.17 21.91 Lone Oak 12,992.11 11,078.04 17.27 128,376.90 102.399.30 25.36 1.5 12.152.34 21.94 Nevlandville 1.0 1.168.23 1.212.92 -3.68 14.819.09 1.5 135,079.28 116,908.63 15.54 1,185,366.43 1,044,493.83 13.48 Union Valley 1.0 3,107.60 3,082.89 0.80 30.975.41 25,417.66 21.86 West Tawakoni 1.5 12.473.89 12.645.13 1.37 133.138.29 122.854.55 8.37 Wolfe City 1.5 11,620.64 12,736.82 -8.76 178,370.41 106,097.24 68.11 Van Zandt County does not collect sales tax 340,104.62 14.62 3,449,395.01 2,977,111.50 389,844.92 Canton 2.0 318.881.05 14.07 Edgewood 2.0 32.258.61 29.530.74 9.23 279.533.42 1.0 1,667.83 1,557.07 7.11 18,250.93 17,186.14 6.19 5,419.96 3,117.30 38,131.18 Fruitvale 2.0 73.86 32,606.76 16.94 20.62 Grand Saline 2.0 53,775.88 47.745.66 12.62 560.790.06 464.903.30 75,164.79 81,611.64 693,552.07 8.42 Wills Point 130,205.93 145,096.94 -10.26 1,225,866.35 1,056,919.22 2.0 15.98 0.5% \$214,526.26 \$183,493.34 16.91% \$1,919,951.19 \$1,776,325.05 Wood 8.08% 1.5 23,157.54 15,296.25 51.39 201,329.35 176,320.41 14.18 1.5 34,089.68 27,787.12 22.68 327.713.25 254.159.89 191.840.43 1 942 004 68 1.791.687.76 Mineola 1.5 225.885.76 17.74 8.38 Quitman 1.5 69,526.42 65,719.26 5.79 660,584.39 650,295.55 1.58 1.5 128,209.46 126.902.29 1.03 1,136,894.48 1.027.398.60 10.65 1.5 7,892.63 7,613.39 3.66 79,795.08 69,915.65 14.13

SEPTEMBER '21 SALES TAX STATISTICS

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increase the YTD payments to monthly allocation 11.10 per-\$120,029.38, a 11.87-percent cent less. increase from this time last year.

\$6,470.27 returned to the city in September, East Tawakoni's YTD pay- the month of August by busiments remained under the total from the same time in 2020 at should be announced during the \$67,065.38. The YTD is 14.5 percent behind last year with the

Next month, the allocations being to be returned to the local taxing entities from sales made during nesses that report tax monthly second week in October.

SAVVY SENIOR

Handling Medicare coverage if you move

Dear Savvy Senior,

My husband and I are moving to a different area of the country to be near our daughter. Will this affect our Medicare benefits? Will we need

to adjust our coverage or re-enroll in a new plan?

Moving Away

Dear Moving, Moving can indeed affect your Medicare benefits depending on the type of coverage you have and where you move to.

If you and your husband are enrolled in "original Medicare" Part A and Part B, you'll be happy

to know that you won't need to change your plans when you move because they're the same throughout the U.S. You will, however, need to notify the Social Security Administration of your change of address, which you can do at SSA.gov/ *myaccount/change-of-address.html* or by calling 800-772-1213.

But, if you're enrolled in a Medicare (Part D) prescription drug plan, or a Medicare (Part C) Advantage plan and you move out of your plan's service area, you'll need to choose a new plan that serves your new area. Here's a breakdown of what you'll need to do depending on the type of coverage you have.

If you have a Part D plan: If you're in rolled in original Medicare and have a stand-alone Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, you'll need to contact your Part D plan to find out if it will work in the area you're moving to. If it doesn't, you'll need to enroll in a new plan that provides coverage in your new location.

You can make this switch the month before you move and up to two months after the move.

Otherwise, you'll need to wait until the next open enrollment (in the fall) and could be penalized for having no acceptable prescription drug

If you have a Medicare Advantage plan: If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, again, contact your plan to find out if it will serve your new area. If it doesn't, you'll need to enroll in a new plan that does. To shop for new

Advantage and/or Part D prescription drug plans in your new location, see Medicare.gov/plancompare.

You can switch Advantage plans the month before you move and up to two months after you

But be aware that if you relocate out of your Medicare Advantage plan's service area and fail to enroll in a new plan in your new area, you'll automatically be switched to original Medicare. It will happen when your old Medicare Advantage plan is forced to disenroll you because you don't live within its service area anymore.

If you have a Medigap policy: If you're enrolled in original Medicare and have a supplemental (Medigap) policy, you'll need to notify your provider that you're moving, but you should not need to change insurance companies or plans. (Note: there also are Medicare Select plans, which are Medigap plans that are networkbased and are available in a few states. Those plans may require you to change.)

Medigap plans are standardized across the country; for example, Medigap Plan F offers the same coverage in one state as it does in another state (Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin have waivers from the federal government allowing them to standardize Medigap plans differently, so plan designs are different in those three

But be aware that Medigap costs vary by location, so your monthly Medigap policy premium may be higher or lower depending on the cost of medical care in your new area.

Call your provider and tell them the new ZIP code, and they'll let you know the cost. Sometimes you'll be pleasantly surprised that it's

If it's not, you could look for a cheaper policy. However, you may have to undergo medical underwriting. Medigap policies come with their own rules for enrolling, and some states have different enrollment standards than others.

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



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Hopkins-Rains County Farm Bureau

Business Meeting

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. No meal will be provided



Hopkins Co. Civic Center 1200 Houston St. Sulphur Springs, Texas

Thank you

My name is Emily Northcutt and I have had the honor to serve as your 2019-2021 Junior Miss Rains County. I would like to thank all of the people who worked so hard to make this year's pageant happen. I would also like to thank Ms. Denita and my parents for always supporting me and putting in so much time and effort into



making sure I would succeed. I am beyond grateful for the opportunities that I have been granted as well as the experiences. Although COVID made the 2020 fair and a lot of other things come to a halt, this community showed its strength and made it through. I believe this next year will be filled with great things and Emory will be even stronger.

I wish the upcoming contestants the best of luck. Remember to be yourself and have fun.

> With much love and blessings, Emily Northcutt Jr. Miss Rains County 2019



To shoot or not to shoot

A friend recently invited me to attend a meeting of The Well-Armed Woman with her. She is a licensed gun owner and thought I might enjoy the group that describes itself as "a non-profit organization that ... creates opportunities for women to be introduced to issues important to women



LINDA BRENDLE

shooters, learn safe gun handling skills and train together.' As it turned out, a trip to visit the doctor and do some shopping went long, so we didn't get to go. But the invitation sent me on a trip down memory lane, thinking of what part guns have played in my life. It was a short

I do not now and have never owned a gun except for a starter pistol I bought to make noise after I was confronted in the laundry room of my apartment by a guy in a ski mask. Thankfully, he ran off when I began to scream like a banshee, and I never had occasion to brandish the pistol. My dad had an old shotgun and a rifle which I never saw him use, and I think my brother and I shared a cap pistol. I don't think it worked very well because I seem to remember using a rock or a hammer to fire the caps.

Guns were not a big social issue during my formative years. The best I can tell from my limited research, carrying a handgun was illegal in Texas from 1871 to 1995 when Governor George W. Bush signed the first concealed carry bill in the state. When I was in the sixth grade, a new student from New York was disappointed when he didn't get to ride a horse and carry a six-gun on his hip. There were a number of high school boys who accessorized their first pick-ups with a gun rack and a rifle in the back window, though, and I never heard of any gun accidents or mass shootings. Those kids were probably well-trained by their parents and kept those guns in case they encountered a snake or a coyote while they were feeding the livestock or baling the hay.

Since Mom and Dad left the farm before I was born, I was always a city girl, but I did fire a gun – a real one – on three separate occasions. The first was during my senior year at Mesquite High School when my class took a day trip to a dude ranch as we neared graduation. One of the activities was target shooting with a rifle. I won't say that my arms were weak, but I could probably have counted the number of pushups I could do on one hand. My first shot may have come near the target, but I don't think I hit it. As the barrel of the gun sank lower and lower, my second and third shots hit the ground somewhere in front of the target.

The next time I fired a gun was work related - kind of. I worked for a company that designed and manufactured beauty salon furniture and equipment. One of our major clients gave a huge birthday party for himself every year at his ranch near Austin, and all his employees and vendors were expected to attend. There were fun things to do for kids of all ages including a skeet shooting range. My company had presented him with a double barrel side-by-side shotgun, and he wanted everyone to try it out – including me. It had been a quarter of a century since my last shooting experience, and my arm strength had not increased, so the results were pretty much the

During the years David and I were in Florida, our Sunday school class had an annual cookout at the tree farm of one of our members. There were yard games to play, four-wheelers to ride, and a shooting range. That time I used a pistol of some kind in much the same way I fish. When I fish, I drop the line in the water and hold the pole or rod after someone else has set it up for me. In the unlikely event I catch anything, that same someone takes the fish off the line and sets it up for me again. At the shooting range I was presented with a loaded pistol and told to point and shoot - which I did with amazingly good results. In fact, the next Sunday at church some my friends called me Annie Oakley.

I haven't fired a gun since then, but that doesn't mean I'm totally against them. My Aunt Fay, who is one of my heroes, is proficient with a shot gun and a rifle which she uses to dispatch any snakes stupid enough to get too close to her house or her garden or crows that threaten her pecan crop. I admire her ability to protect herself and her property. However, after she became a widow several years ago, her youngest son worried about her safety and presented her with a hand gun to keep near her in the house. During one of our visits, I asked her about it.

"Oh, it's in a drawer. It stayed on the table next to my lounge chair for months, but I never touched it. One night I prayed about it. I knew I didn't want to shoot anybody, so I asked God to be my protector. The gun has been in the drawer ever since."

After our plans to go to The Well Armed Woman meeting fell apart, my friend suggested we try again next month. "I think you'd like it," she said. I'm sure I'd enjoy the trip to Mineola and back, and it would be fun to experience a real indoor shooting range. But like Aunt Fay, I don't ever want to shoot anyone. So for now, I think I'll probably remained unarmed and depend on God – and David – to be my protectors.

"The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my Psalm 18:2

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OUTDOORS WITH LUKE CLAYTON

Fall's just around the corner

How about the cooler mornings we've been enjoying the past week or so? Each year I look forward to mid-September when I know we have those sweltering summer days officially whipped. Oh, the heat is not over, those of us that have spent a lifetime in Texas know that. We'll have a



LUKE CLAYTON

few more hot days, but the nighttime cooling temperatures will become more common as the month progresses. Within a few weeks, if we get outside just after a passing cool front, chances are very good we will hear the wavering cry of migrating white front geese, the first to wing they way down from the northern climes where they spend the summer raising their young.

Blue- and green-wing teal are already here in good numbers and many waterfowlers are salivating at the thought of the opportunity to enjoy some freshly harvested teal breasts wrapped in bacon and cooked over hot coals. The early teal season is our second fall hunting opportunity, just after the opener of dove season. Yes, for those of us that love the outdoors, we are about to again experience all the best that Mother Nature has to

I had the opportunity to spend an early morning in the East Texas woods last week, doing some early scouting for the upcoming archery deer season and noticed the sumac leaves just beginning to turn. In a month or so, sumac, sweetgum and hickory trees will light up the woods in the eastern part of our state. States in more northern latitudes have their aspen and maples to give color to the Fall, but to my way of thinking, nothing is prettier than a grove of sumac bushes aglow with fall colors or hickory or sweetgum trees adorned with their yellow and orange leaves.

Acorns are already beginning to drop, and deer hunters need to keep in mind that in years with a bumper acorn crop, deer often snub their noses and bypass corn feeders to get to an oak tree dropping acorns. Deer love all sort of acorns and will readily devour them but the sweet flavor of water oaks are their favorite. Find a white oak with a bumper acorn crop and you are hunting over the best natural 'bait' in the woods.

Oak trees on the edge of fertilized hay fields are often deer magnets. I used to hunt from a little metal shed situated in the middle of a small grove of oaks in a heavily fertilized hay field on a friend's ranch. The oak grove was about 100 yards from heavy woods and just about 30 minutes before dark, deer would come running out of the woods to eat the heavily fertilized acorns. In my mind's eye, I can still hear those acorns hitting the tin roof of that little shed and see those deer sprinting out of cover to eat the ones that fell to the ground.

It seems deer and wild hog hunting gets the lion's share of interest these days and squirrels are

often overlooked. As a youngster growing up in rural Red River County back in the early 60s before the whitetail deer boon, squirrel hunting was a big event each fall. Squirrel season never closes in the western portion of Texas, but in East Texas bushytails are legal to hunt beginning October 1.

There is something very special about heading out on a crisp fall morning with a shotgun loaded with number 5 or 6 shot or a tack driving rifle in quest of a mess of squirrels. I vividly remember squirrel hunts in the late 1950s when I was nine or 10 years old. The smell of the fall woods, the shaking of limbs as a big fox squirrel scurries through the treetops or the 'barking' of a squirrel that senses all is not right in his section of the

Squirrels were a highly sought after game animal back then, and they were not nearly as numerous as today. There are few game dinners I enjoy more than a big skillet full of squirrel and gravy, with white rice served on the side. Add a few 'cat head' biscuits to clean up the gravy and the meal takes on gourmet qualities!

Now is the perfect time to get in some practice with the rifle or bow that you plan to use to put venison in the freezer this fall. In years past, I've made the mistake of waiting until late October to check the zero on my hunting rifles. If you plan a trip to your favorite range within the next couple weeks, chances are good that you will have the place to yourself with possibly one or two shooters rather than waiting in line for a shooting bench in a month or so. It's always best to slip away during weekdays if possible.

I have been preparing for the opener of whitetail archery season by shooting a few groups of arrows each week. I usually shoot 10 or so arrows at my targets several times per week and have learned to shoot each arrow as though I were taking aim on the biggest buck of my hunting career.

It's better to shoot 10 arrows using proper form and concentrate on doing everything right than twice that many hurried and haphazard shots. The majority of today's broadheads fly about the same as practice points, but it's always good to do your practicing prior to a hunt with the same broadheads you'll hunt with. I have hunted with mechanical broadheads for many years and most brands fly exactly the same as practice points but never assume they will, I have had different brands shoot to different points of

As a well known outdoors writer once penned years ago, "My health is always better in the fall." I agree 100 percent! For us outdoors folks, could that be because of a positive mind set? Maybe so, we do have so much to look forward to in the next few months!

Contact outdoors writer Luke Clayton via email www.catfishradio.org. Watch the weekly video by searching A SPORTSMANS LIFE on YouTube.



The Rains County Leader enjoys providing something for everyone. For those of you who like to find errors, we've added a few of those, too.

ALZ

Cool down and eat healthy

Someone once said that it with a bonus: those diets are didn't get officially hot in Texas until the temperature broke 100 degrees. The "warm" still includes 99 degrees. I disagree with that, but the fact that we've made it halfway through July without a real statewide scorcher is encouraging.

It's well known that Texans like their spicy foods, but when the weather turns warmer (ha) we might like to settle into something cooler. Recipes in Dietary Approaches to Stop Mediterranean diets fit the bill, and red meats.

heart healthy and may help protect the brain. Heart-healthy eating includes limiting the intake of sugar and saturated fats and making sure to eat plenty of fruits, vegetables and whole

The DASH diet aims to reduce blood pressure, and emphasizes vegetables, fruits and fatfree or low-fat dairy products. The diet includes whole grains, fish, poultry, beans, seeds, nuts and vegetable oils. It limits so-Hypertension (DASH) and the dium, sweets, sugary beverages

A Mediterranean diet emphasizes whole grains, fruits and vegetables, fish and shellfish, and nuts, olive oil and other healthy fats. On the diet you should eat fish and poultry at least twice a week, limit red meat, and use herbs to flavor food rather than salt. There are any number of Mediterranean diet recipes. Just search for "Mediterranean Diet Recipes" and browse away.

If you have a question about Alzheimer's disease, you can always call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900 for more information.





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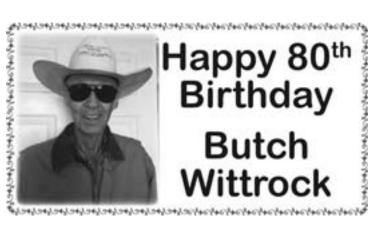
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Sheriff's Report

The Rains Co. Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of September 1-9:



DAVID TRAYLOR

Arrests

9-2: Shawn Taylor Bird. Probation violation, court ordered attend Intermediate Sanction Facil-

9-3: Shawn Andrew March,

Sulphur Springs. Rockwall, theft of property less than \$2,500 with

2 or more convictions, no bond. **9-3:** Asha Garrison, Emory. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than or equal to 4 gr. less than 200 gr., \$40,000 bond.

9-3: Michael Allen Dickinson, Oshkosh, WI. Probation violation/forgery, no bond.

9-3: Jeremy Narramore, Gilmer. Dallas Co., accident involving damage, \$1,000 bond.

9-3: Courtney Bellah, Point. Kaufman Co., theft of firearm, \$10,000 bond. 9-4: Joseph Allen Brown,

Emory. Driving while intoxicated, \$3,000 bond. **9-5:** Ricky Jerrell Phillips,

Kemp. Dallas Co., theft of property greater than or equal to \$50 less than \$500, \$1,500 bond. **9-6:** Bobby Dale Bragg, Emory.

Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than or equal to 4 gr. less than 200 gr., \$40,000 bond; possession marijuana less than 2 oz, \$1,000 bond.

9-7: Dylan Kyle Masters, Emory. Collin Co., release of surety DWI, \$1,000 bond.

9-8: Kevin Jeremy Bain, Point. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than or equal to 200 gr., less than 400 gr., \$100,000 bond; Indictment assault family violence impeding breathing, \$500,000 bond.

FISHING REPORT

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the following information for Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni taken on September 8:

LAKE FORK: Good. Water lightly stained; 87-90 degrees; 1.94 feet low. Largemouth bass are good, with early morning bite in water depths 2-5 feet using Z-man chatterbaits. The midmorning bite is in 10-15 feet of water and the bream beds using Carolina or Texas rigs, 10inch worms in blue or green flake. Transitioning midday to shad colored deep-diving Bill Norman DD22 crankbaits. 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; 0.45 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.

bonds and were released; 1 was Grass fire, FM 515 Welfare check transferred to Rockwall County. As of Friday, September 10, there assist in West Tawakoni, ET Egret were 30 males and 4 females in Cir. Medical assist for 78-yearcustody.

Calls

9-1 Axton's Bass City Medical assist male with congestive heart failure, CR 4252 Two people staying in a vacant house and tapped into complainants water and electricity, Emory south Texas St. Lawn mower hit a power line, Emory Post Office Vehicle has keys locked in it, FM 2795 Possible animal abuse, FM 2324 Reference getting someone evicted, Point Storage People trespassing, FM 2795 Medical assist for 95-year-old female, Hwy. 276 Medical assist, Emory Suspicious male on a red bike around the funeral home, CR 1402 and FM 2737 Abandoned vehicle, FM 2795W Medical assist for 8-year-old child, Point Ave. B Possible prowlers, Emory traffic Pott's Feed Person who is wanted in Hopkins County in vehicle, CR 1534 Wrecker backed into neighbor's yard and took travel trailer.

9-2: FM 779 Medical assist male with low oxygen level, East Tawakoni (ET) Egret Cir. Medical assist 31-year-old female with chest pains, Hwy. 276 and FM 2737 Welfare check on male sitting at the intersection, Hwy. 69N near Bull Creek Church Grass fire, FM 3274 Two suspicious people walking around with flash lights at the meat market, FM 515 Reference mother took medication from grown daughter and took two firearms, Hwy. 69 at the county line Convertor taken from the van in the church parking lot, CR 1220 Welfare check on a male, Emory Manor Apts. Cows out, Emory Heatherbrook Apts. Suspicious male hanging around the past two nights, Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Reference suspicious activity, Hwy. 19S at FM 2324 Horse out, CR 1399 80-year-old female has wandered away from her home and has

There were 11 arrests; 3 posted 7707 Medical assist, FM 779 on male, Hunt Co. requested fire old female, Point Industrial Dr. Medical assist 56-year-old male having a seizure, FM 515 at the bank Vehicles in the parking lot, Emory Barns St. Medical assist male fell and is unresponsive, PR 5451 Female making threats.

9-4: Emory Hwy. 19S Minor auto accident, Lake Tawakoni Anchor Marina Man jumped out of a boat, CR 1690 Calf out, CR 3330 Tools stolen, Hwy. 276 Reference convertor stolen in Dallas, CR 4320 Medical assist for 78-year-old female with several issues, Emory Quitman St. Medical assist male with breathing issues, Point near Circle Dr. Gun shots heard, PR 5451 Neighbors cussing and yelling at an 11-yearold child, Hwy. 69S near county line Possible intoxicated driver, CR 4325 Grass fire, ET Calhoun Cove Medical alarm, FM 47 at county line Medical assist, Emory Woods St. Suspicious female acting strangely, ET Swearington Beach Medical assist male with possible stroke, Point Ave. B Female at a residence and will not leave.

9-5: Point Ave. D Welfare check on a female, CR 1536 Reference issues with ex husband coming over and beating on the door, CR 4450 Medical assist 69year-old male with COVID and wife has COVID also, CR 4450 Lift assistance, ET Traffic stop Male wanted out of Dallas, ET Old Mill Ln. Medical assist male broke his leg, Point in front of Max-A- Mart Two males jumping in and out of the road, Point Ave. D People racing side by sides up and down the road, Hwy. 276 Suspicious vehicle, FM 515 and CR 3308 Motorcycle accident, Point in front of Dollar General Female running in front of cars and also flashing them.

9-6: Hwy. 69 north of Point Medical assist female COVID possible, CR 3235 Reference being scammed, FM 275 Reference receiving harassing phone 9-3: FM 275 Horses out, PR calls from an unknown male,

Emory Hwy. 19S at the sale barn 49-year-old male with breathing Head on two-vehicle accident, Point south 1st St. Medical assist female COVID possible, Emory Hwy. 19N Truck on fire, Point Max-A-Mart Burglar alarm.

9-7: Hwy. 19N Medical assist male with possible heat stroke, CR 3150 Medical assist male fell and bee's are swarming him, CR 1395 Medical assist 62-year-old male fell, FM 513 Dog hit and still alive, Point 3rd St. Medical assist, CR 1410 Traffic and wanted female located and arrested, CR 3335 Medical assist female with COVID, Emory Lennon Dr. Welfare check on 80-year-old female, Hwy. 19S near CR 1280 Major auto accident, ET Egret Cir. Medical assist 27-year-old female with breathing issues, Hwy. 69 north of Point Vehicle hit a cow, FM 779 Medical assist 71-year-old female in the floor and unresponsive, Emory Senior Suite Care & Rehab Medical as-

issues, ET Wanted person located and taken into custody, Hwy. 69 at FM 779 Grass fire, Point Ave. B Possible wanted person, Hwy. 19N Reckless driver headed south, Point Reckless driver, CR 3030 Female looking into mail boxes, SO lobby Reference someone possibly trespassing at her brother's property, Wells St. Two people with indecent behavdisturbance between mother and daughter, CR 3030 Calf out, CR 1515 Medical assist female with breathing issues, FM 2324 Cow out, Emory Lennon Dr. Lift assistance for elderly female, Emory Ravine St. Reference child custody issues and daughter dumping dogs at the residence, Emory for service; 283 total calls for Hwy. 69 at Funny Frogs Reckless driver.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

9-9: Hunt Co. Requested mutual aid for fire assist in Quinlan, calls; and 10 cases filed. CR 1402 Two bulls fighting in a front yard, Public service Ref-9-8: FM 275 Medical assist erence suspicious activity, Hwy. gallons of fuel used.

19N Medical assist male COVID possible, Point 3rd St. Neighbor playing loud music and has bright light shining at a residence, FM 2324 Burglar alarm, Point north 1st street Medical assist for 23-year-old pregnant female with bleeding, Emory Airport Rd. Medical assist person with chest pains, Point Max-A-Mart Burglar alarm, PR 7701 Medical assist 78-year-old female with breathior outside, FM 514 Domestic ing issues, Point Ave. B Medical assist male with COVID possible, CR 4480 Young 3- or 4-year-old child on a bike by himself and no grown ups around, CR 2300 Cow out.

For the month of August 2021, the SO reported 42 offense/incident reports taken; 427 calls deputies; 24 arrests; 30 average daily jail population; 1 transport for 160 miles; 25 animal control

The patrol-vehicle mileage total was 19,964 miles with 1,864

LAKE FORK

Anglers' report

By BRUCE C ALLEN Rains County Leader contributor

It wasn't supposed to be windy for the September 9 tournament out of the SRA park. And yes, like last time, some fish were caught deep on C-rigs. But by far, most of the bass were still on the banks, and the majority were caught on smaller plastics. All fish 10 inches and larger are keepers, and only the best five count.

Boater results

First place went to Bob Roberts of Longview with 5 bass for 16.26 lbs., with the boater lunker

Second place went to Randy Bunch of Lake Fork with 6 bass for 9.65 lbs., with a 5.28-lb.

Third place went to Tim Gold of Mineola with 9 bass for 9.13

lbs., with a 3.46-lb. lunker.

Fourth place went to Bill Ailes of Sulphur Springs 3 bass for 8.87 lbs., with a 4.22-lb. lunker.

Fifth place went to Robert Gaylor of Lake Fork with 2 bass for 7.94 lbs., with a 4.78-lb. lunker.

Co-Angler results

First place went to Alf Tuggle of Cypress Springs with 4 bass for 9.72 lbs., with a 4.68-lb. Second place went to Jackie

Price of Alba with 4 bass for 8.27 lbs., with a 2.68-lb. lunker.

Third place went to Gary Gilmore of Ennis with 3 bass for 7.24 lbs., with a lunker of 3.78 lbs.

Fourth place went to Rudy Hall of Mineola with 6 bass for 6.39 lbs., with the co-angler lunker of 4.87 lbs.

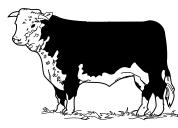
Fifth place went to John Shinn at www.bassfin.com.

of Van with 2 bass for 3.95 lbs., with a 3.09-lb. lunker.

We caught 89 keepers, with three anglers skunking again.

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	\$80-150	400-500	\$75-155
	\$70-145	Over 500	\$70-150
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Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

II Timothy 1:7

Last Wednesday evening following our family meal, the Hill, who was in New York on youth had a great time sing- business only a few blocks away ing before Bro. Andrew Grills's in 2001. After all communicainteresting lesson. Bro. Jerry tions went down, he was able brought a wonderful message to assist many people to contact for the adults from Psalms about their families because he had letting your light shine so others an international calling card. A will benefit from it.

was a patriotic one. First, we titled "Spiritual Tune Up." Then were blessed to have many visi- we had a special song sung by

tors for the baptism. Following "For God hath not given us the patriotic song service, we had the spirit of fear; but of pow- a video tribute to commemorate er, and of love, and of a sound the 20th anniversary of that fateful day on September 11, 2001. We had a special guest, Doug great service! Bro. Jerry brought Our Sunday morning service a short message from II Timothy,

Ashlen Day, Grace DeVore and Rebecca Jackson, with Joey Day playing the piano.

Evening service was also very good. We had a short video from the mission trip to the Native Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Bro. David Reynolds preached on "Love" using verses from Mark.

Birthday wishes go to Bob Biggs, Faith Britt, Leslie Batts and Zach Kilborn. Hope you all had a wonderful

Grandparents Day!

Have a super blessed and safe

Believers' Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.

Proverbs 8:17

Pastor Jason continued the Wisdom for Life series from Proverbs with a message called Wisdom, Part 2." Wisdom calls so when you embrace her you acquire prudence, knowledge, discretion, counsel, insight and strength among other things.

The Adventure Club resumed I [Wisdom] love those who Sunday afternoon. The super-fun ministry helps equip parents to lead their family in worship.

A Sunday evening meal of fajitas at 5:30 was followed by the study of Philippians at 6:30.

The Men's/Women's Spiritu-"The Value and Beauty of Lady al Foundation Class will begin Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Men dom gives to those who love her, nate weeks with the men beginning this week. The class will Theologian: An Introduction to tional prayer, at 6:30 p.m. *Systematic Theology.*

Next Sunday Know the Faith (for adults and youth) will meet in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour for an elder-led discussion of The Holy Spirit and Sanctification. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated during morning worship. Provide your own lunch for a Brown Lunch Fellowship and enjoy a casual to all and wants to be heard. Wis- and women will meet on alter- lunch with our church family following the service.

Join us in The Church Praystudy the book Everyone's a ing, a time of elder-led inten-

Shady Grove Baptist Church

By Lana Carlisle

"Obey your leaders and subwatch over your souls as those who will have to give an account. no advantage to you.'

Sunday evening, Diana Wolfe

church needed a message for us mit to them, for they are keeping to build up and she gave us one from God.

And we are off to a good start. Let them do this with joy and not Bro. Chris Harris has been fillwith groaning for that would be ing in the last two weeks and will be back next Sunday for Hebrews 13:17 another inspiring message.

Ruth asked for prayer for her opened our business meeting with daughter-in-law that is in the encouragement for the future of hospital with COVID. Earline's the church. She spoke of Bro. grandson's wife has a tumor in Wayne and what he would want her brain and also hospice has for the church. She spoke from been called in for her son. Ruth her heart for the hearts of all has an appointment this week of us. I'm so grateful to God at the doctor. Lena is sched-

for giving her the strength. The uled for surgery. Bro. A.B. has a procedure this week at the doctor. Jerry Carlisle has several doctor's appointments. Remember Ed and Sharon's son. Larry Nugent's cousin has COVID.

David and Denise's grandson, Cooper, was in service. Ruth Kerley sang a special. Christ and Lisa are celebrating 28 years of marriage.

Tommy Gaston shared an entertaining story about how God works.

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

Emory United Methodist Church

By Mary White

en over one sinner who repents cle that he was going to restore. our community. than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."

Luke 15:7 What a great day of worship with both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service attendances up. Rev. condition. I'm not sure where it Banks continued the series on "When God rewrites your story," with scripture taken from Luke. rewrites your story. The title of the message was "You're Not Lost."

He had it at the fire station where just sat there in its sad condition Joe Campbell family. for a while. Then the word got out and it was restored in mint erine Krantz and anniversary is now, but it tells me that each of us can be restored when God

We are so happy that Rev. Banks will be serving as Rains

Pastor David told the story of County Chaplain for the Sher-"I say to you that likewise a firemen who was killed in 9/II iff's Office, Police and Fire there will be more joy in heav- and how he had an old motorcy- departments. God is working in

> Prayer requests are for George he worked. After his death, it Humphrey, Jerry Carlisle and the

> > Birthday washes go to Cathwishes go to Tommy and Bessie Neff and Robert and Kathy

Fall is in air. How time flies. God's blessing upon all.

Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

opening song then dismissing us to our class.

to focus on Samson, the last of the judges during a very dark and our special music. period of Israelite history. Our lesson title was "Sunlight and Darkness."

with Jacob Frazier leading our offered and praises shared. We were blessed to acknowledge in song Kelsey and Jake's wed-The week's lesson continued ding anniversary. Kelsey Frazier brought both our morning prayer

Pastor Mike Frazier's message continued to expound on the work of the Holy Spirit in Worship services began with the life of the believer and how

Jake leading our congregation- we daily need the Spirit's guid-Sunday school hour began al songs. Prayer petitions were ance in walking faithfully and trustingly with God, especially during the difficult days we are living in.

> We continue to pray for our community, our leaders and our country. We desperately need revival in our land. Won't you pray with us?

Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

Sunday was a good morning of worship at Emory Baptist. Bro. Richard's message was titled "Every Believer a Witness, Session 1: Destroying Apathy." It was the first in the sermon series which will be the focus of our Sunday morning worbeginning of October. After the sermon, Emory Baptist observed "Saul Did What?"

The Prayer Room ministry resumed last week. There are still opportunities for EBC folks week, TEL is scheduled to meet who are interested to sign up for on Tuesday at noon in the fellowa one-hour time slot to pray in the Prayer Room.

ship times for September and the met at 11:00 a.m. in the Bride's room on Monday. Threads of Service meets Tuesday, Septemthe Lord's Supper together. In ber 14, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. the evening, Bro. Richard's mes- for a sewing day. Family Fun

sage from 1 Samuel was titled Night is scheduled for Saturday night at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Looking forward to next ship hall. The word is "harvest." Come and enjoy the fellowship This week, Women on Mission and ministry. Next Wednesday, September 22, is See You At The Pole for junior high and high school students before school on Wednesday morning.

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stationed at St. Patrick Catho- members of the public safety

The Blue Mass has become a The Blue Mass dating back to ber 11. The Blue Mass honors 16078 are pleased to help bring 1934 in Washington, D.C., was and recognizes the sacrifice of initiated by the Catholic Police police, firefighters, paramedics, and Firemen's Society while emergency medical crews, all

A new tradition was initiated lic Church in Washington, D.C. community and those who have their communities. The name of predominantly blue-colored uniers and emergency personnel.

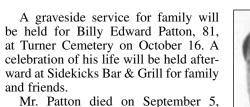
> Similar Blue Masses have St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and St. John the Evangelarly in the wake of Septem- list Knights of Columbus Council the tradition of the Blue Mass to Emory and Rains County.

submitted by Minda Painter



Billy Edward Patton

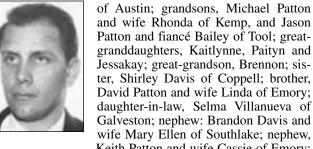
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and friends. Mr. Patton died on September 5, 2021. He was born on January 5, 1940, in Emory, to Geriod Patton and Inez Edgar Patton. He worked for LTV as a fireman/guard before becoming a truck

driver which he did until he retired. He loved dancing, horses, hunting, wide open spaces, and he was an avid football fan, from high school to pro. A man of few words, he was a son, father, grandpa, great-grandpa, uncle and friend to many.

Mr. Patton is survived by daughter, Sheila Patton of Coppell; stepson, Shawn Harvey and wife Ashley of Quinlan; granddaughter, Melody Smith



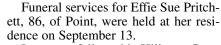
Keith Patton and wife Cassie of Emory; as well as many great-nieces and -nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Kristi Patton; brother-in-law and best friend, K.T. Davis; and niece, Davina (DJ) Patton.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Goggins Funeral Services in Terrell.

Effie Sue Pritchett

1934 - 2021



Interment followed in Hillcrest Cemetery in Forney.

Mrs. Pritchett died on September 10, 2021, at her residence. She was born in Forney on her mother's 41st birthday on October 15, 1934, the last of six children to Arviel and Effie (Ramey) Johnston. She graduated from Forney High

School. She married her first and only love, Steve D. Pritchett, on December 22, 1954. She dedicated her life to being his wife, friend, bookkeeper, secretary and his partner in every venture he undertook from business to ranching to real estate. She

took great joy in her weekly gathering of friends to play cards and share fel-

Mrs. Pritchett is survived by her husband; son, Doug Pritchett and wife Joni; daughter, Deborah Everett and husband Arlie; grandchildren, Krystal Palyu and Marshall Everett and wife Katie; and great-granddaughter, Josephine Margaret Everett.

She was preceded in death by her parents; siblings, Otto Johnston, Ray Johnston, Louis Daley, Rob Roy Johnston and Dorothy Tidwell.

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



Contributed photo

Blue Mass Honorees with Reverend Victor Hernandez (back) are (I-r) Bill Power (Captain Civil Air Patrol served as Search Rescue Pilot for six years); Alejandro Brena (active 2-1/2 years of service with Winnsboro Police Department); Pete Diaz (retired from 23-years service with the Department of Justice); Deacon Marcelino Espinosa (retired from 21-years service with the Dallas Police Department, two years as City of Point Police Chief, two-years service as Volunteer Fireman in Fennville, Michigan, and 27years service with the United States Army); Rene Espinosa (active 4-years service with the Southwest Division of Dallas Police Department); Davi Durica (active 34-years service with the Dallas Police Department, and 4 years as school officer with Farmersville ISD); and Choya Shanahan (continuing active service as Lt. Col with the Civil Air Patrol).

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Church, David Scribner and Teresa Burns for the music and songs provided for us this past week. Thank you to the Emory City Police and the Rains County Sheriff for the escort to Turner Cemetery. We'd also like to thank Hope Hospice (Jennifer, Paige, and Connie) for taking special care of our Mother.

The outpouring of support to our family will be of great comfort in the days to come,

knowing our Mother touched so many lives. Janice, Robert, Diane and families

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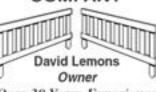
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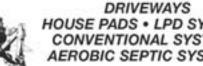
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

1. The EDC will receive comments to amend the original project incentives and the expenditure of funds for the Funny Frogs Project, to promote new or expanded business development. Additional expenditure of funds not to exceed \$9,000.

The EDC will hold the public hearings in which all interested persons shall have the right to be heard regarding such proposed project incentives and expenditure of funds. The public hearings will be held at the EDC Board Room located at 329 N. Texas St., Emory, TX, 75440 on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

Drown, Admin. Assistant, Emory **Development Corporation**

PUBLIC/LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

1. The EDC will receive comments for proposed project incentives and the expenditure of funds for the McGrew's Brew and View Marketing LLC dba Texas Custom T-shirts Projects, to promote new or expanded business development. Revolving Loan Fund by the EDC for the sum of \$50,000 at 1% interest above prime. Total of all project incentives and the expenditure of funds may not exceed \$50,000.

The EDC will hold the public hearings in which all interested persons shall have the right to be heard regarding such proposed project incentives and expenditure of funds. The public hearings will be held at the EDC Board Room located at 329 N. Texas St., Emory, TX, 75440 on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

Leah Drown, Admin. Assistant, Emory **Development Corporation**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

1. The EDC will receive comments for proposed sale of the Radio Building and Station to Jon Wedeking. Amount to be determined by Emory Development Corporation Board of Directors.

The EDC will hold the public hearings in which all interested persons shall have the right to be heard regarding such proposed project incentives and expenditure of funds. The public hearings will be held at the EDC Board Room located at 329 N. Texas St., Emory, TX, 75440 on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

Leah Drown, Admin. Assistant, Emory **Development Corporation**



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

HVAC Engineering Services for Rains I.S.D. Emory, Texas

Submittal Deadline: Tuesday, November 2, 2021, by 2:00 pm to: Mr. Jeff Fisher Asst. Supt. of Finance 1759 W US HWY 69 Emory, Texas 75440

Proposal Documents may be obtained from the RAINS ISD website at www.RainstSD.org

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBDIVISION AND SERVICE **EXTENSION POLICY OF BRIGHT STAR-**SALEM SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT

Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, Bright Star-Salem Special Utility District and Bright Star-Salem Special Utility District #2, referred hereinafter as (BSSSUD), hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land, within the service area of BSSSUD Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 10404, in Wood and Rains Counties, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water or sewer service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with the "NonStandard Service Extension Policy", contained in BSSSUD Service Policy.

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.

Applicable elements of the Subdivision Policy include:

Evaluation by BSSSUD of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on BSSSUD service system and payment of the costs for this evaluation;

Payment of reasonable costs or fees by the developer for providing water supply service capacity;

Payment of fees for reserving water supply capacity;

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

Payment of costs of any improvements (off-site or on-site) to BSSSUD system that is necessary to provide the water service;

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 OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

1. The EDC will receive comments for proposed project incentives and the expenditure of funds for The Pink Petticoat Project, to promote new or expanded business development. Proposed project incentives and the expenditure of funds may be used for building improvements interior and exterior, including but not limited to facade upgrade, signage, electrical, window, door, and landscape improvements and other expenses related to the same. Total of all project incentives and the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$2,500.00.

The EDC will hold the public hearings in which all interested persons shall have the right to be heard regarding such proposed project incentives and expenditure of funds. The public hearings will be held at the EDC Board Room located at 329 N. Texas St., Emory, TX, 75440 on Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

Assistant, Leah Drown, Admin. **Emory Development Corporation**

Public Notice

The City of Emory Planning and Zoning Committee will meet for a Regular Planning and Zoning meeting on September 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at 399 N. Texas St. Emory, Texas 75440.

Texan battles Ted Williams for batting crown

In a double-header with the Kansas City Athletics on September 17, 1958, Boston's Pete Runnels hit safely in four of eight at-bats to raise his batting average to .322, four points better than Red Sox teammate Ted Williams.



By Bartee Haile

James Edward Runnells was the name the doctor wrote on his birth certificate in 1928, but he was "Little Pete" to his father's "Big Pete."

Growing up in Lufkin in the heart of the East Texas pines, the natural athlete played quarterback on the football team and guard in basketball. He did not

bother with baseball because the "national pastime" was about as popular as tiddlywinks in those days.

Three years in the Marines gave Pete the opportunity to play organized baseball for the first time. Following his discharge in 1948, he enrolled at Rice Institute for the fall semester, but his mind was not on his studies.

A chance meeting with Eddie Dyer, the St. Louis Cardinals manager who lived in Houston, resulted in an invitation to spring training with the National League club. Denied a fair tryout, Pete told the Cardinals no thanks when they assigned him to their Class C farm team in North Carolina without a contract

The 21-year-old negotiated a better deal on his own with a Class D club much closer to home. Pete batted .372 at Chickasha, Oklahoma, an impressive mark that earned him a step up the minor-league ladder to the Class B Big State League, where he hit .330 in 1950 for the Texarkana Bears.

The Washington Senators bought Pete's contract and shipped him off to the Chattanooga Lookouts. He feasted on the presumably stronger pitching of the Southern Association and was hitting .356, when the parent club decided it could use his hot

In reality the bottom-feeding Senators would have brought the young Texan to D.C. if his bat had been only lukewarm. The worst team in baseball, Washington's pitiful predicament was described to a tee by the catchy ditty "First in war, first in peace and last in the American League."

Pete Runnels, who dropped the second L in his surname upon moving to the majors, hit for a respectable .278 in 78 games with the Senators in 1951. Alternating between shortstop and second base, he was a steady performer in the field and at the plate with an overall batting average of .274 in seven seasons in Washington.

When his average dropped 80 points in 1957 from the .310 of the previous season, the Senators put him on the auction block. Pinky Higgins, Texas-born skipper of the Red Sox, convinced owner Tom Yawkey that Runnels would be a valuable addition to the Beantown roster and in no time flat the deal was done.

Runnels repaid Higgins for his vote of confidence by jumping out to an early lead in the battle for the American League batting title. His instant success in Boston's Fenway Park was due to priceless pearls of wisdom from the resident legend, Ted Williams. The five-time batting champ and the last man to hit .400 in the majors taught his new teammate to be more patient at the plate and to slice line drives off the "Green Monster" in left field.

It took Williams, who turned 40 that August, awhile to find the groove, but by Labor Day he was hot on Runnels' heels. With only two games to go, they were in a dead heat at .3226. But the "Splendid Splinter," who batted at a blistering .403 pace over the last third of the season, surged ahead to win his sixth and last batting crown .328 to .322. Runnels' consolation prize was being named the league's "Comeback Player of the Year."

The next season Pete hit .314, third highest in the American League but 39 points below Detroit Tiger Harvey Kuenn's .353. În 1960 he upped his average to .320, good enough for his first batting title, and earned a Gold Glove as the best fielding second baseman. And he accomplished both feats with a severe stomach ulcer.

The following year, Runnels moved to first base to make room at second for a promising rookie. He responded to the challenge by winning another Gold Glove. Over the course of his versatile career, he played all four infield positions.

After winning his second batting title in 1962, Pete asked to be traded. Texas finally had a majorleague franchise, and he wanted to play for the fans back home.

That was how the three-time All-Star and twotime batting champion wound up in the brightly colored uniform of the Houston Colt .45's on opening day 1963. But he was not the Pete Runnels of old. Either the unfamiliar pitching of the National League and/or the heat and humidity - and occasional rattlesnake! – of open-air Colt Stadium got the best of him causing his average to plummet to

Twenty-two games into the 1964 season, Houston gave Runnels his unconditional release. He coached for a couple of years with the Red Sox and even managed the ball club for two weeks before retiring from baseball and going into business in Houston.

Prior to his death from a heart attack in 1991, Pete Runnels was inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame. As for Cooperstown, his name has never appeared on a ballot despite the fact that his .291 lifetime batting average is higher than many enshrined there.

Contact Bartee Haile at barteehaile@gmail.com or by mail at P.O. Box 130011, Spring, TX 77393.

PUBLIC/LEGAL NOTICE

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 sincerely 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 constitu-

tional amendment changing

certain eligibility require-

ments for a justice of the Su-

preme 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."

PUBLIC/LEGAL NOTICE

TAXING UNIT NOTICE

The CITY OF EMORY will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on September 21, 2021 at Emory City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2021. The proposed tax rate is 0.320800 per \$100 value.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with LGC Sec. 152.905 of a hearing to set the amount of compensation of the Rains County Auditor. The hearing will be held October 7, 2021; at 9:00 a.m. in the District Court Room located at 220 W. Quitman.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION FOR VEHICLE OWNER OR LIENHOLDER

Approximately 20ft bumper pull camper, burned. Total charges as of 9-14-2021, \$819.45. In storage at:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rains County Commissioners' Court will conduct a public hearing to consider a plan for the District Clerk's Technology Fund, to fund, GC 51, subchapter D, for the preservation and restoration of the District Clerk's records. The meeting will be held on September 23, 2021, at 10a.m. in the Courtroom of the Rains County Courthouse, Emory, Texas.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Local Government Code Sec. 118.001 (e) and Sec. 118.025 notice is hereby given of a public hearing on the plan for funding the preservation and restoration of the County Clerk's Records Archive to be held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Rains County Courthouse Commissioners' Courtroom. The proposed plan is on file in the County Clerk's Office, for public inspection; the County Clerk is located at 220 W. Quitman, Suite B, Emory, TX 75440.

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Sports

RAINS WILDCAT FOOTBALL

Wildcats run past Indians for first win of 2021



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Senior Kori Foster (21) bats away a pass intended for the Indian receiver during the 22-14 victory over Grand Saline on Friday night.

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

Two touchdowns in the third quarter propelled the Rains Wildcats to a 22-14 win over the Grand Saline Indians in Grand Saline on Friday night, Septem-

The Wildcats amassed 204 yards on the ground while only allowing 100 rushing yards to the Indians.

Junior KJ Burns led the running attack with 133 yards and a touchdown on nine carries, while senior Amare Clayton carried the ball 11 times for 110 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior Gavin Oakes started at quarterback and completed three passes for 23 yards.

Sophomore Prabhdeep Singh made one catch for 15 yards and Burns got six yards.

The Indians began the game with the ball. They used a center screen to overcome a fourth down, but the Wildcats still held after the play to force the punt.

The punt was partially blocked by senior Phillip Kleinmeier, and Kori Foster took advantage to return the short punt to the Grand Saline 32-yard line.

Rains gained a first down, but negative plays after that forced a turnover on downs.

Grand Saline, with the momentum of the stop, marched 75 yards in 15 plays to score on a two-yard run. They failed to convert the point after kick. Rains 0, Grand Saline 6.

Rains answered with a sixplay drive that ended with Clayton running for the 42-yard touchdown after being stopped at the line. Rains 8, Grand Saline 6.

The Wildcat defense allowed a first down but no more on the next drive by the Indians to force the punt.

Unfortunately, Rains went three-and-out and gave the ball back to Grand Saline. They moved the ball until a fumbled snap was recovered by junior Kaleb Wilhite to end the drive.

The Wildcats couldn't convert the momentum into a drive and punted after four plays. The Indians ran the clock out and went into halftime.

Rains started the second half with the ball at their own sixyard line after a muffed kickoff. Burns took the direct snap, got the edge and raced 90 yards to the endzone. Rains 14, Grand Saline 6.

The Wildcat defense forced a three-and-out, and the offense moved the ball to the Indian 12yard line before a penalty and interception ended the scoring

Grand Saline could muster only 10 yards before sophomore Everett Kreck intercepted the pass of the Indian quarterback to get the ball back for the Wild-

During the next drive, Clayton took the handoff, couldn't find room on the left side of the line, turned around and ran 19 yards down the right side for the touchdown. Rains 22, Grand Saline 6.

Grand Saline managed to get into the endzone in the fourth quarter, but the Rains ground game was able to run out the game clock to get the win. Rains 22, Grand Saline 14.

The Rains Wildcats are 1-1 heading into the bye week.

District play begins for the Wildcats on Friday, September 24, when they host the Mount Vernon Tigers at Wildcat Stadium. Kickoff for the game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Junior KJ Burns (6) shoves the Indian defender away to gain another six yards during the game on Friday night in Grand Saline.

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RAINS WILDCAT VOLLEYBALL

Lady Cats claw out wins, ready for district



Junior Storey Smith (3) smashes through the Lady Tiger for the kill during the victory in Wills Point on Friday, September 10.

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Lady Cat varsity volleyball team returned to the court after a brief hiatus to notch two more wins before district begins.

The Lady Cats traveled to Nevada on Tuesday, September 7, to take on the Community Lady Braves and won the match in straight-sets, 3-0.

On Friday, September 10, Rains battled the Lady Tigers in Wills Point and pulled out a 3-1

victory. The set score was 25-17, 30-28, 23-25 and 25-16.

The Rains Lady Cats improve to 15-5 on the season.

The Lady Cats will open district play on the road in Paris against the Chisum Lady Mustangs on Tuesday, September 14, with matches to start at 4:30

Rains travels to Commerce for another district match on Friday, September 17, against the Lady Tigers with matches starting at 4:30 p.m.



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Junior Krislynn McGinty (5) digs the kill attempt of the Lady Tiger during the 3-1 victory over Wills Point on Friday. September 10.



