

2021 RAINS COUNTY FAIR

County Fair makes triumphant return



Miss Rains County 2021, Krislynn Bangs, arrived in style atop a Lamborghini in Saturday's fair parade.

Fair, livestock show huge success

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

A new group of young ladies has been crowned, the exhibits have been taken home, the show barn is cleaned out and the 2021 Rains County Fair is officially in the books. Another successful year of fun and festivities began on Tuesday, September 14, with the Youth Baked Goods contest and the opening night of the carnival from Sam's Amusements & Carnival. The pageants began on Wednesday, September 15, with Jaydie Middleton chosen as Tiny Miss Rains County, Finley Northcutt winning Wee Miss Rains County, Lillian Brimer selected as Petite Miss Rains County

and Carly Mooring crowned as Little Miss Rains County. Thursday, September 16, began with the kids of Rains County showing off lambs, goats, steers, breeding beef and dairy during the Rains County Junior Livestock Show. Cash Dale exhibited the Grand Champion Steer and Carson White brought home the Showmanship award while showing off the Reserve Champion Steer. In the lamb division, Taytum Osornio and Cole Couch exhibited Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Lambs, respectively, with Luke Kile honored with Senior Lamb Showmanship.

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EMORY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

EDC helps more local businesses, sells radio station

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The City of Emory Development Corporation Board of Directors held public hearings and took action on proposed project incentives for businesses in the area during the regular meeting on Wednesday, September 15. The board began with a public hearing on incentives and expenditures of funds for the Pink Petticoat Project. The new business will be located at 124 N Planters St. and funds would be used for building improvements. The next hearing involved public input on loaning approximately \$30,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund from the USDA for McGrew's Brew Project. The local coffee bean company plans to pay off loans for machines and are looking to relocate to Emory. The EDC held a public hearing concern-

ing a loan of approximately \$20,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to Texas Custom T-shirts at 240 E. North St. for the purchase new equipment. The board heard comments in the next public hearing concerning the possibility of selling the radio station and building to John Wedeking. The last public hearing included a consideration of amending the amount of incentives to Funny Frogs for installation of a gas line to the new location. During the regular meeting, the board unanimously approved the incentives and expenditures discussed in the public hearings, adopted the budget for the fiscal year of 2022 and approved the sale of the low powered radio station, KRER 102.5FM, and building to Wedeking for a dollar. The next regular meeting of the Emory EDC Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, at noon at the Emory City Hall.

Leader to change publication days

Monday, Monday. Can't trust that day – *The Mamas and the Papas*, 1966. For nearly 45 years, the *Rains County Leader* has labored on Mondays to deliver your *Leader* to counters and post offices on Tuesdays for your consumption. Beginning October 1, the *Leader* will switch publication days and begin delivering newspapers to stores and post offices on Thursdays. The change in publication dates means a change in deadlines. The deadline for church and community news will continue to be Monday. Classified and display ads will now have a Tuesday deadline. October 1 will also mark another change for the *Leader*. Beginning that day, the *Leader* will be closed on Fridays, changing its business hours to Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The *Leader* office will be closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We, the *Rains County Leader* staff, thank you for your support and will strive to deliver timely and relevant content.

POINT

Council responds to water quality complaints

By **LAUREN WITHROW-EDGAR**
Rains County Leader contributor

The Point City Council met at city hall on Tuesday, September 14, for its regular meeting. During the meeting, Point Mayor Stephen Cross addressed the attendees and other council members in regard to the water quality issues in Point. "What we're doing is trying to pull every single resource, if it's outsourcing from other municipalities ... Emory, South Rains, if it's West Tawakoni, West Tawakoni was with us, today," Cross said. He added, "Every source that we can possibly pull to help us, we're

gonna get this water plant back to where it needs to be. [With] the amount of damage and the amount of fault, and the amount of stuff that's happening ... I can sit here and say it's an overnight fix, that's not what everyone needs to hear because that's not correct. "It is not an overnight fix, all I can do is be 100-percent honest with you. We need to stay on water boil notice, we need to continue fixing the issue, and not stop until the issue is fixed to where everybody can get clean drinking water, safe drinking water.

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RAINS ISD

Board approves certification waivers, election contract

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Board of Trustees of Rains ISD met for a regular meeting on Monday, September 13, to approve waivers for several teachers in the district, contract for election services and get updates on missing laptops. During the meeting, trustees were presented with a list of 15 teachers in the district in need of a waiver or emergency certification to continue teaching. Most of the teachers have completed schooling and are waiting to take the certification tests. The board unanimously approved the waivers for the

teachers. The board unanimously approved the contract for election services with the Rains County Clerk's office to officiate the VATRE election for the district. The school board was asked to submit a waiver for the seventh grade reading instrument. The district uses the MAP program to assess reading skills but the program is not one of the four tests approved by the state. They unanimously approved the submission of the waiver. Trustees unanimously approved TASB

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SPOTLIGHT

Wallace – wife, mother, and judge

By **JUDY KRAMER**
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Rains County Judge Linda Wallace was sworn into her new position on September 2, to fill the remaining 16-month term of Judge Wayne Wolfe who died on August 26 from complications of COVID-19. Wallace's 20 years as Rains County Clerk, plus 16 prior years as a legal assistant for two lawyers in Garland, have provided her with ample experience to carry out her new responsibilities. "I don't see how anyone could do this job without plenty of legal experience," said Wallace. "It is different than County Clerk, but I am learning and can absolutely do the job. Before my appointment, I was begin-

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RAIN REPORT
No rain reported for the week
Total for September 0.04
Total for year 38.51

NEWS BRIEFS

Good Sam Clothes/ Thrift Shop Sales

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

Point VFD Tamale Fest And Raffle

The Point Volunteer Fire Department will hold the 2021 Tamale Fest and Raffle on Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2, at the station located at 123 Locust St. Tickets for the general raffle and kid's drawing are \$2 each. Tickets for the trailer, bow fishing trip and AR-15 are \$10 each. Tamales will be available, warm or frozen, along with side dishes. There will be live music and a bounce house on Oct. 2 and the raffle drawing will occur at 8:00 p.m. – need not be present to win. Proceeds help provide training for the firefighters and supplies to help the community. See the Point Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page for more info.

Elm Cemetery Business Meeting

The Elm Cemetery Association will hold a special business meeting on Sunday, October 3, at 2:00 p.m. at the Elm Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 12020 FM 514. For more information, call 903-269-6060.

Class of 1964 Reunion, Canceled

The Rains High School Class of 1964 has canceled its reunion scheduled for Saturday, October 9, at Sidekick's Restaurant.

1965 Class Reunion

The class of 1965 will hold its annual reunion at Wayne's house (informal one with snacks and prep for Saturday) on Friday, October 15, at around 5:00 p.m. and (formal one) Saturday, October 16, starting around 10:00 a.m. with eating at noon. Wayne's address is 271 CR 1535, East Tawakoni, TX 75472, and his phone is 903-355-0914. Dennis, Eddy, Marvin, Tommy and Wayne will be preparing stew again this year. If you like, bring a dessert, corn bread, crackers, etc.

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.

Woosley Cemetery Meeting, Sept. 25

The Woosley Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting 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.

Rescue At FOL Book Sale. Oct. 16

Sadie's Place Rescue and New Favorite Day Dog 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.

Bonanza Potluck Dinner Canceled

The Bonanza Community Center potluck dinner scheduled for September 25 has been canceled.

Correction

In the article *Board holds emergency meeting* on page 1 of the September 14 edition of the *Rains County Leader*, Kara Gagley was reported as one of the speakers at that board meeting. The correct name is Kara Bagley. The Leader regrets any issue or concern that may have caused.

Correction

In the article *Two-mile bridge named for fallen soldier* on page 6 of the September 7 edition of the *Rains County Leader*, Shawn Henry McNabb was reported as having served in the 106th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) instead of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne). The *Leader* regrets any issue or concern that may have caused.

FAIR

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The Grand Champion Goat was shown by the Showmanship award winner, John Salem, while Asher Salem had the Reserve Champion Goat.

Cash Dale took all three awards in the Breeding Beef by winning Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Showmanship.

Thursday evening at the pavilion saw the glamour and the pageantry of the Miss Rains County Pageant with Krislynn Bangs crowned Miss Rains County 2021 and Shaylee Stracener selected as Junior Miss Rains County.

On Friday, September 17, the

day began with the hog show as Kole Sustaire won Grand Champion Hog and Kenzy Morgan was selected as Reserve Champion. Senior showmanship went to Dalton Honea, while junior showmanship went to Adysen Porter.

The day finished with everyone cheering on young contestants during the Mutton Bustin' contest with Ford Tenburg winning the event, Braut Mays placing second and Ashton Labove finishing third.

During the Bustin' of the Muttons, a sheep scramble was held with Jenkins Tenberg winning in the 4-7 division and Haden

Woodson winning the 8-10 division.

Saturday, September 18, began with the parade through downtown Emory followed by the Chili Cook-off on the Rains County Courthouse square.

That evening saw the carnival open for one last night with rides, food and prizes as well as the Junior Livestock Sale. The auction netted \$294,800 to the kids for their livestock projects.

After the sale came to an end, everyone gathered at the pavilion to dance to the music of Jason Waldon & the Alibis.

With another successful fair over, plans are already being made for the Rains County Fair and Junior Livestock Show in September of 2022.

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And we're not going to stop until we get to that point."

Cross was responding to numerous citizens who spoke during open forum and to Point resident Paula Harvey who spoke as part of an agenda item on continuing concerns regarding the safety of Point's water to drink and use. Harvey and others explained health issues and presence of toxins believed to be in the water as reasons for the city to fix issues and to consider a lowered water rate to citizens during the time they are unable to drink or use water unless it is boiled. Harvey stated that Point Water Clerk Cathy Haynes has been instrumental in keeping water customers informed and helping with different issues.

The city council entered into executive session as part of the second-to-last item listed on the agenda, for the "review of City Secretary job status performance and disciplinary action up to termination," regarding Angie Good under Texas Government

Code Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters. After discussion in executive session, the council returned to open session and voted unanimously to terminate Good.

In other items, the city council:

- approved the consent agenda as presented;
- took no action on placement of a home at 541 Meadowview Ln. in Point as was set to be presented by Jade Morgan;
- took no action regarding an agenda item presented by Point resident Larry Lemon about final plats for 285 Smith Cir. and 279 Smith Cir. in Point;
- unanimously voted to table discussion or action on water meters;
- unanimously voted to table action regarding new electrical room at water plant until all costs could be determined.

An emergency meeting was called by Cross on Thursday, September 16. At the meeting, Cross stated that the lone agenda item was to discuss and take necessary action on order of general election for Point City Council seats 2, 4 and 5. No action was taken.

Cross explained at the emergency meeting that a special election would be held for the position of City of Point Mayor and packets were available to be picked up, but were required to be returned by Thursday, September 23, at 4:30 p.m. Packets can be picked up at Point City Hall and must be returned to city hall as well.

A special meeting is scheduled to be held tonight, Tuesday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Point City Hall. The next regular meeting of the Point City Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 12, at 6:45 p.m. at city hall.

The special meeting held on Tuesday, September 14, can be viewed in its entirety, except for the closed executive session, on the Rains County Leader Facebook page.

EDWARD JONES

Buying term insurance and investing the difference

If you have loved ones who depend on you financially, you need life insurance. But what type – term or permanent?



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Both forms of insurance provide a death benefit, but permanent insurance, such as universal life, also offers an investment component, so you can build cash value. Because of that, permanent insurance premiums are generally higher.

So, you may have heard that it's a good idea to purchase term insurance and use your savings to invest in stocks or bonds. But that may not always be the right move.

For one thing, many people simply don't use the savings to invest. Also, when it's time to renew a term insurance policy, the premiums can be substantially higher, so there might not be such a big difference between the costs of term and permanent. Plus, the investments within a permanent insurance policy can grow tax-deferred.

Still, everyone's situation is different, so you'll want to explore your insurance and investment options carefully. Doing so can pay off for you and your family.

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RISD

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Board Policy Update 117 and the changes made to the local policies.

At the end of the meeting, Board President Philip Alexander asked about laptops missing in the junior high.

Superintendent Jennifer Johnson and Assistant Superintendent of Finance Jeff Fisher reported to the board that all but 22 laptops were returned to the middle school at the end of the previous

year. The laptops were stored in the middle school library over the summer.

As the new school year began, 76 laptops could not be found. The investigation into the missing laptops is ongoing and new procedures for securing the devices have been put in place.

In the open forum, teachers and parents spoke to the school board of their concerns about the perception of the Child Develop-

ment Center. The board noted that they could take no action as there was no item on the agenda concerning them, but reassured the group that their concerns would be handled.

Board members Denita Young, Heath Sisk and Eddie Elliott were not present for the regular meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Rains ISD Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Rains ISD Administration building.



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SUDOKU

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

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Disaster declaration follows Nicholas

Seventeen Southeast Texas counties have been declared disaster areas after Hurricane Nicholas came ashore, dumping more than a foot of rain and cutting off power to a half-million customers in Texas, according to *poweroutage.us*. That number had been reduced to about 4,200 as of Sunday.



GARY BORDERS
Texas Press Association

Counties included in Gov. Greg Abbott’s declaration are Aransas, Brazoria, Calhoun, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Refugio, San Patricio and Victoria.

- The Texas Department of Insurance has a number of tips for those affected by the storm:
- Call your insurance company to report damage.
 - Take pictures and video of the damage. Don’t throw anything away until your insurance adjuster tells you.
 - Make temporary repairs to prevent more damage. Remove standing water. Cover broken windows and holes to keep rain out.
 - Keep a list of the repairs and save receipts. Don’t make permanent repairs before the insurance adjuster sees the damage.

For more information from TDI, go to the website, www.tdi.texas.gov/consumer/storms/home-damaged-faq.html.

Haitians flood into Del Rio

Thousands of Haitian refugees fleeing political unrest and a severe earthquake have flooded into Del Rio on the Texas-Mexico border, prompting the city’s mayor to declare an emergency and close the bridge with more than 15,000 migrants crowded beneath it.

U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz blamed the situation on President Joe Biden, reported the *San Antonio Express-News*.

Border agents are working to process those who crossed, while the Biden administration on Saturday accelerated flights to deport migrants back to Haiti. Abbott called it a “border crisis” and ordered Texas Department of Public Safety Troopers and the Texas National Guard to maintain a presence around ports of entry in an attempt to deter additional entries.

Despite the influx of migrants at Del Rio, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said there were 2 percent fewer overall encounters of migrants along the border in August than July.

Abbott backtracked on an order to shut down entry points along the border, which the state does not have the legal power to do, unless granted permission by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, according to the *Houston Chronicle*. The federal government, not states, has ultimate authority over the country’s borders.

COVID cases drop, but deaths increase

The number of new COVID-19 cases in the state decreased about 7 percent from the previous week, with 111,565 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. However, new deaths were up slightly, with 1,800 reported as of Sunday.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations in Texas dropped slightly, with the Texas Department of State Health Services

(DSHS) reporting 12,246 inpatients, down 7.8 percent from the previous week. However, with 3,618 of those hospitalized in intensive-care unit beds, the total number of available staffed adult ICU beds declined to just 277 statewide, with only 86 pediatric ICU beds available in the entire state.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated continues to creep upward, with 14.46 million reported in the state, according to DSHS. That is 49.6 percent of the state’s total population.

Third special session focuses on redistricting

The Texas Legislature convened Monday for its third special session with the focus on redrawing political boundaries for House and Senate districts, as well as for the state’s congressional seats and for the State Board of Education.

Before the session began, proposed state senate districts by Republican leaders drew fire from the other side of the aisle, according to the *Texas Tribune*.

State Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, proposed a map that redraws two districts – hers and that of Angela Paxton, R-McKinney, to include comfortable majorities of voters who backed Donald Trump in 2020. Both districts saw voters narrowly favor Joe Biden in the 2020 election.

State Sen. Beverly Powell, D-Burleson, said the reconfigured map gives Republicans in her district an unfair advantage. “The proposed State Senate map is a direct assault on the voting rights of minority citizens in Senate District 10 and, if adopted, it would be an act of intentional discrimination,” she said in a statement.

Redistricting promises to be a fiercely fought battle, as it is every 10 years.

Up to \$5 million for rural hospitals

Rural hospitals in Texas are set to receive up to \$5 million in federal funding to help underserved Texans, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced last week.

“As we work to address health disparities throughout the state, this funding will help break down barriers to accessing care while connecting rural Texans with health care providers in creative ways and improving overall health outcomes within their communities,” said Trey Wood of the HHSC.

The funding is coming from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Texas is one of four recipients of the grants, designed to “address health disparities, improve health outcomes, and meet the unique needs of Texans living in rural areas using telemedicine,” according to HHSC.

Texas horned lizard making comeback

A coalition of zoos and wildlife scientists has released into the wild 204 captive-raised hatchlings of the once ubiquitous Texas horned lizard, more commonly known as the horny toad. New evidence indicates that previously released lizards are successfully reproducing, according to a Texas Parks & Wildlife Department news release.

The horned lizard is one of 1,300 Texas species of concern, which are rare or declining and need special efforts to prevent being listed as endangered under state or federal regulations.

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WALLACE

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ning to think about retirement, but when approached about being seated as the county judge, I said ‘I can do this!’ Now I will decide if I am going to enter the race for County Judge at the end of my term. I enjoy it so far.”

Wallace says that she has had a good and busy life. She was born and raised in Garland (fifth generation.) She said that she had awesome parents, four brothers, but no sisters, and that she was “Daddy’s Little Girl.” She related that her parents had started a Baptist church in Garland, along with 30 other people, shortly after she was born, and she was saddened that the church had recently closed down. She remembers that her great-grandfather had a park in Garland named after him and that is where he met Wallace’s great-grandmother.

Wallace met her husband, Johnny K. Wallace, at the family-founded Baptist church, and they got married in 1973. She was busy raising kids while her husband was a fireman in McKinney, and where he rose to the rank of Captain. In 1980, the Wallace family moved to Farmersville, from Garland, remaining there until 1991 when they moved to Rains County. Her father had bought a farm near Point in 1980, shortly after her mother died. The Wallace family spent many weekends at the farm, calling it their “get away.” After her father died, they moved onto his property where she still lives today.

“The first people we met in Rains County were Wayne and

Diana Wolfe,” said Wallace. “My husband and Wayne were both on I-45 headed to Brenham, and neither knew how to get there. When they stopped at the same gas station for maps, they got to know each other. I drove my kids down to Brenham and met Wayne, Diana and their kids.”

Wallace began her legal career in 1986, when her twins (youngest of the four children) were in second grade. She worked in a Garland lawyer’s office for her brother and another lawyer, Stephen Crane. Her brother eventually left the firm and she continued working for Crane until 2001.

“Working for the general practice lawyer was the best background that I could ask for to help me with my next job as county clerk,” said Wallace. “But, I eventually got tired of driving to work in Dallas County, and began interviewing in Rains County. When the county clerk resigned, I was appointed to the position by the county lawyer. At the end of the term, I ran for election against two other candidates and received more than 50 percent of the vote. Then, I ran for the office four more times unopposed.”

She had been married to her husband for 46 years when he died of a heart attack in 2019. Her four grown children now have children of their own. Most of her grandchildren have graduated from or are still attending Rains County schools. Her oldest child is daughter Keri who is married to Stephen Gowin. She works at the Commercial Bank

of Texas, and he is the Rains County Extension Agent. Wallace’s second child is Kade Wallace who is married to Amy, has three children, and is a Captain in the Plano Fire Department. Her oldest twin (by seconds), Kody Wallace, is married to Shantil and is Captain of the Grapevine Fire Department. They have a daughter. The youngest twin, Keith Wallace is a fireman at the Plano Fire Department. He is married to Charli, and they have two sons.

“I would define myself as someone who has faith in God,” said Wallace. “I’ve known the Lord has taken care of me all my life. He has given me and my husband jobs. And, the most important blessing that I can remember is when my twins were born 10 days after my Mom died. I was way too busy to find time for grieving. There has also been a lot of laughter in my life. My church is important to me. We belonged to the Lake Fork Baptist Church for 13 years and then moved our membership closer to our home, to Emory Baptist. Working full time does not give me much time to get involved in some of the programs going on at the church.”

In her free time, Wallace said that she likes to take care of her place. She mows, weeds and cans pears. She said that the pears are just for family and friends and she never enters them in fair contests. She gets some help with yard work from “her boys.” Two of her grandchildren live next door to her, and two live around the corner. Others live on the other side of the county from her.

“My church and family are my life outside of work,” said Wallace.

COMMISSIONERS COURT

Court to hold regular meeting Thursday

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Rains County Commissioners court will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 23, in the Rains County Courthouse Courtroom.

The items to be discussed, considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- I. Opening
- II. Open Forum
- III. Presentations
 - Public Hearings
 - County & District Clerk’s Record Management & Archives Plan
 - Proposed Budget for FY 2021-2022
 - Proposed De minimis Rate FY 2021-2022
 - IV. Items for Discussion and/ or Action

- A. Departmental Reports
 - 1. Road & Bridge
 - a. Permits/Right-of-Way (ROW)
 - B. Elected Official’s and Finance Reports
 - 1. Treasurer’s
 - a. Line item transfers/ budget amendments
 - b. Payment of accounts
 - c. Monthly/Quarterly (if presented)
 - 2. Sheriff’s
 - C. Tax abatement for Chapter VIII Stream LLC One Rock Travel
 - D. Plan for District and County Clerk’s technology Fund
 - E. Preliminary plat Rocky Point Ranchettes
 - F. Final plat for Cotton Estates
 - G. Final plat for Kidd

- Estates
 - H. Approval of the American Rescue Plan Act between Rains County and Grantworks
 - I. Approval of the new calendar and holidays
 - J. Overages on utilities
 - K. Updated Hazard Communication Policy and Alcohol Testing Policy
 - L. Adoption of FY 2021-2022 Rains County Budget
 - M. Adoption of De minimis Rate
 - N. Adoption of FY 2021-2022 Rains County Tax Rate
 - O. Order #4 levy tax and vote on property tax discount for early payment 2021-2022
 - P. Ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the budget
 - V. Administrative Court Activities and Comments

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Sheriff's Report

The Rains Co. Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of September 11-16:



DAVID TRAYLOR
Rains County Sheriff

Arrests

- 9-11: Wyatt Friend, Point. Public intoxication, \$200 fine.
- 9-11: Troy Allen Alsip, Point. Public intoxication, \$200 fine.
- 9-12: Samuel Gonzalez Garza, Quinlan. Disorderly conduct, \$200 fine.
- 9-14: Amanda Leigh Devers. Release of surety/DWI, no bond.
- 9-15: Devan Dale Munoz, Emory. Indictment tamper/fabricate physical evidence, \$10,000 bond.
- 9-16: Juan Jesus Perez, Brashear. Indictment criminal negligent homicide, \$50,000 PR bond; indictment aggravated

assault with a deadly weapon, \$50,000 PR bond.

9-16: Thomas Bedford Wilkerson, Point. Revocation of bond/incestuous sexual assault of child by contact, \$50,000 cash bond.

There were 7 arrests for the week; 3 released after time served per the judge; 1 released Medical PR bonds. As of Friday, September 17, there were 26 males and 4 females in custody.

Calls

9-10-: 19N at county line Assist Hopkins Co. locate a vehicle, Point Ave. B Male trespassed 4 or so days ago, Point Community Center Needles found, West Tawakoni Fire Dept. requested mutual aid from East Tawakoni (ET) fire, CR 3333 Reference wanting to file charges, CR 3330 Reference stolen purse and domestic issues, Emory FM 275 and Hwy. 19 Domestic disturbance between mother and son, CR 1250 Reference mother and

stepfather, Point Reckless 18-wheeler, CR 2210 Medical alarm, Public service Reference vehicle damaged after being stolen, CR 2420 Medical assist 74-year-old person fell and may have hit their head, FM 47 and Hwy. 276 Two dirt bikes racing and driving recklessly, Public service Reference complaint on deputy, CR 3333 Reference a female staying at a residence taking things, Point Reference trusted person using card and taking money out of the bank, Hwy. 19S Catalytic convertor cut off county truck, CR 1633 Son off meds and causing issues and also uses drugs, Hwy. 276 and FM 2737 Deer ran into the side of a vehicle, Hwy. 19N at CR 3200 Grass fire, Emory south Texas St. Vehicle hit a deer, Emory The Nest Medical assist for 66-year-old female, Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Male requesting to speak to a deputy.

9-11: Emory Duffy St. Medical assist female with chest pains,

Point Ave. B Reference criminal trespassing order, ET Mohawk Tr. Male hit in the head with a beer bottle and actor still at the location, CR 3330 Cow out, PR 7701 Reference a theft, Hwy. 19S in front of Road and Bridge Dept. Suspicious vehicle, FM 514 at CR 4480 Cow out, FM 275 Fight breaking out, ET Hwy. 276 and FM 513 Vehicle weaving all over the road, FM 3274 Bull out, Hwy. 69 Reference stray dog, CR 1530 Reference trying to get personal property and ex will not let her, ET Lake Shore Ln. Possible cat with rabies, Alba on FM 17 Mutual aid requested for a fire on a two-story house.

9-12: CR 1300 Medical assist 78-year-old male with chest pains, Hwy. 19S Large party getting out of hand and fights starting and under-aged drinking, Emory east Lennon Dr. Medical assist for a female, Point Dollar General Female lying on the ground beside the store, Emory Kansas St. Lift assistance needed for 79-year-old female, CR 1140 Possible intoxicated female walking around, CR 4320 Medical assist person with multiple stings, Sky Point RV Park Marjuana possibly being smoked, CR 3330 Reference neighbor's animals keep getting out, CR 3202 Grass fire.

9-13: Emory Lennon Dr. Male passed out in the parking lot, Emory Max-A-Mart Hwy. 19 and Hwy. 69 Gas drive-off, SO lobby Reference issues with live-in, CR 3422 Medical assist male with COVID fell, SO lobby Male requested to speak to a deputy, ET Oak Leaf Tr. Female being threatened by boyfriend, Emory south Texas St. 72-year-old female with breathing issues, CR 3345 Money and credit card

taken, Public service Reference woman thinks neighbors may have taken her missing cat, Public service Reference threats and items taken referred to Wood Co., Emory courthouse square Mailbox door open, CR 4525 Large fire seen, Emory Lennon Dr. Burglar alarm, Emory Eagle Inn Apts. Loud screaming being heard, FM 779 Lift assistance, CR 2110 Lift assistance.

9-14: Point Ave. B Male shot a dog with a BB gun, Emory Best Western Male fell and needs lift assistance, Emory Hooten's LLC Burglar alarm, FM 779 Medical assist male fell and can't get up, FM 779 Medical assist worker with severe leg injury, Hwy. 69 near CR 1235 Power line down in the road, Point north 1st St. Domestic disturbance between 15-year-old male and his parents, Lake Tawakoni near Two-Mile Bridge Welfare check on two kids in a boat, PR 7713 Medical assist male face down in the floor and has COVID, CR 4261 Someone possibly in the attic of a residence, CR 1315 Medical assist male subject with COVID, Hwy. 19S Domestic disturbance between husband and wife and husband may have a gun.

9-15: Hwy. 276 and CR 1250 Possible fire out of control, PR 7713 Medical assist 59-year-old male fell and is possibly having a stroke, PR 7709 Medical assist 49-year-old male with several issues, FM 515 Medical assist 50-year-old female fell and possibly broke her hip, Emory at fairgrounds Kids possibly being filmed, Hwy. 276 Reckless driver headed into Rains Co., ET Clower Ct. Female bitten by a Pit bull, CR 3371 Medical assist male with chest pains, Public service Reference dog getting

chickens.

9-16: Emory south Texas St. Unruly male refusing to leave, FM 275 Minor vehicle accident, FM 514 Elm Baptist Church Reference a child not feeling safe at home, Hwy. 19N and FM 514W Female in a vehicle tailgating and threatened another female driver with a gun, Emory vet clinic Burglar alarm, Hwy. 19S Reference wanting a sex offender to stay away, FM 2795 Bright Star Community Cow out, CR 3190 Possible loud explosions heard, ET Old Mill Ln. Reference male keeps coming on property and may be on drugs, CR 1946 Wood Co. Welfare check requested on a male who is going through a divorce, CR 1278 Horses out, Point Smith Cir. Male drove by and shot window out of a vehicle with a BB gun, Emory Y'all Come Back Café Burglar alarm, CR 3220 Possible animal abuse, Point Max-A-Mart Burglar alarm, CR 1530 Two 911 calls back to back can hear men talking but they will not talk to dispatch, Emory funeral home Male and female workers in heated argument.

SULPHUR SPRINGS

NETBIO sale held Friday



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NETBIO sale auctioneer Joe Don Pogue takes bids on a pen of pre-conditioned cattle sold at the September 17 sale in Sulphur Springs. A total of 5,277 head went across the auction block.

The Northeast Texas Beef Improvement Organization (NETBIO) held its September cattle sale at the Sulphur Springs Livestock auction market Friday, September 17, selling 5,277 head of pre-conditioned calves and yearlings.

David Fowler, Sulphur Springs Livestock Commission co-owner and NETBIO board member, said, "It was a very good sale and the cattle looked good. We had a lot of activity from our Internet customer/buyers, selling nearly 700 head of cattle to online."

A total of 229 producers (NETBIO members) sold cattle at the sale. Those cattle were purchased by 30 buyers and were destined for all parts of Texas and surrounding states.

All NETBIO auctions are

broadcast on the Internet through the internet connection *LiveAuctions.TV*. Internet buyers can contact the Sulphur Springs Livestock Commission office at 903-885-2455 for details. They should also register in advance in order to bid. For more information, visit the website at www.sslivestockauctions.com.

Fowler noted the sales organization has begun palpating all heifer cattle 650 pounds and up to make sure they are not bred. "We just want to make sure all the cattle meet requirement," he said. He added that producers continue to do a great job of pre-conditioning their cattle for the sale. Buyers paid an average of \$874.95 per head for all cattle sold at this sale.

The next NETBIO sale will

be held at the Sulphur Springs Livestock Commission on Friday, October 15. Following that sale will be the big anniversary sales event to be held on Friday, November 19. All sales begin at 1:00 p.m.

The NETBIO Pre-Conditioned Stocker and Feeder Calf Sale gives its member-producers a market to offer their pre-conditioned calves and yearlings in load lot quantities. NETBIO holds eight pre-conditioned calf sales each year to accommodate the various weaning dates of its members. "We make every effort to provide a marketing opportunity for producers who have pre-conditioned cattle ready to sell," Fowler said.

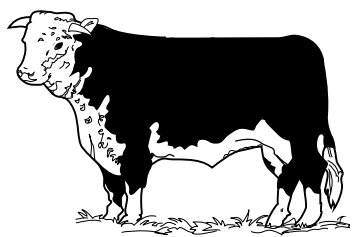
FISHING REPORT

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the following information for Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni taken on September 15:

LAKE FORK: Good. Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 1.42 feet low. Largemouth bass are good. Early morning bite is in water depths 2-5 feet using Z-man chatterbaits. The mid-morning bite is in 10-15 feet of water, and the bream beds using Carolina or Texas rigs, 10-inch worms in blue or green flake. Transitioning mid-day 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; 81 degrees; 2.84 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.



Emory Livestock Auction

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

Tue., Sept. 14	Sat., Sept. 18
885	Head 1758
152	Sellers 353
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\$100-200	Under 300 \$90-215
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\$85-165	400-500 \$80-165
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\$70-145	Over 500 \$60-145
SLAUGHTER*	
\$25-76	Packer cows \$25-77
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PAIRS	
None	Top \$1000-1250
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OTHERS*	
\$50-105	Stocker cows \$65-135
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Obituaries

Lana Bailey
1948 - 2021

A memorial service for Lana Bailey, 72, of Emory, will be held at a later date. Mrs. Bailey died on September 10, 2021. She was born on September 24, 1948, to Baker Austin and Elaine Denney in Jackson, Mississippi. Mrs. Bailey is survived by her husband, Tom Bailey; daughter, Lauren Alford and husband Stephen Lynn; grandson, Landon Lynn; and brothers, Richard Austin and Carl Camper.



She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Tara Alexis Alford; brother, Steve Austin; and sister, Cindy Austin. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, https://www.stjude.org/. Arrangements are under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com.

Believers' Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle
"The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise." Proverbs 15:31
Pastor Jason's Wisdom for Life sermon on Sunday was titled "What Do the Wise Do? They Listen Carefully." He said the Bible teaches that following your heart leads to destruction. You can't listen to your heart and

Wisdom at the same time. The women's study of the Gospel of Matthew will meet Wednesday morning at 9:30. The Women's Spiritual Foundation Class will meet Wednesday night at 6:00 to study Chapter 2 of Everyone's a Theologian. Next Sunday, the adults and youth will meet in the Sanctuary for an elder-led Know the Faith discussion during the Sunday

school hour. We will celebrate The Lord's Supper during morning worship, and a Brown Bag Fellowship will follow the service. A special members' meeting is scheduled for Sunday evening at 6:30. Episode 90 on the Asking for a Friend podcast is "How do the pure in heart see God?" The link to the podcast can be found at www.bbcemory.org.

Country Baptist Church

By Donna Jones
What blessings God has for each of us. Joel Frazier and Donna Boughton led in song and prayer of dismissal to our class. The adult class, taught by Donna Boughton, studied "When I am Weak." Joel Frazier and Donna Boughton began services in song. Prayers and praises were

voiced with Joel Frazier bringing our needs to the Lord. Our next All-Singing Service will be Sunday, October 17, with lunch to follow in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to bring a song, praise or testimony and worship with us. Following more songs, Bro. Mike Frazier brought the message. We focused on "The Holy

Spirit - On and In People." We missed all those who could not be with us. We invite everyone to come and worship with us. Continue to pray for our country, government, churches and all in our communities. May God richly bless each one, and have a good week.

Thank You
The family of Judge Wayne Wolfe would like to thank our Friends, Community, Peers, Emory Baptist Church, Bro John Tanner and Norris Blount for their love and support shown during the loss of our loved one. The many texts, phone calls, flowers, plants, visits, and continued prayer will forever be in our hearts. A special Thank You to Shady Grove Baptist church over the last few weeks. The food, visits, calls and prayers for our family have touched our hearts and lives.
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS DOCKET NO. 52389
On August 4, 2021, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for Approval of an Advanced Metering System (AMS) Deployment Plan, AMS Surcharge, and Non-Standard Metering Service Fees. The docket number assigned to this proceeding is Docket No.52389. This application, if granted, will affect all SWEPCO Texas retail customers other than those who receive service at transmission-level voltage, who receive unmetered service, or whose service is metered by certain types of interval demand recorder (IDR) meters.
SWEPCO is seeking approval from the Commission for its AMS deployment plan pursuant to PURA § 39.5021 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) §§ 25.130 and 25.133. In its 2019 regular session, the Texas Legislature approved House Bill 1595, which extended mechanisms that support deployment of AMS to SWEPCO and directed that if SWEPCO elects to deploy AMS, it shall deploy the network as rapidly as practicable to allow customers to better manage energy use and control costs. SWEPCO is therefore submitting an application for Commission review and approval consistent with the support and direction of the Legislature as provided in House Bill 1595.
SWEPCO also requests approval of an AMS Surcharge for recovery of the reasonable and necessary costs that SWEPCO will incur under its proposed deployment plan. The proposed effective date for the surcharge is the first day of the Company's April 2022 billing cycle. The proposed AMS Surcharge would be in place for four or eight years beginning with the April 2022 billing cycle. There would be one set of AMS Surcharge rates for the first four years, and a different set of rates for the second four years. The Company's proposed monthly AMS Surcharge rates for each rate class are as follows:

Rate Class Description	AMS Monthly Surcharge Rate Per Customer First Four Years	AMS Monthly Surcharge Rate Per Customer Second Four Years
Residential	\$2.92	\$2.42
General Service	\$6.40	Not Applicable (N/A)
Lighting and Power	\$8.32	N/A
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Metal Melting Distribution (<69 kV)	\$9.16	N/A
Oil Field Large Industrial Power	\$7.93	N/A
Large Lighting and Power Primary	\$15.32	N/A
Municipal	\$6.36	N/A

The AMS Surcharge will apply to electric service to residential customers and non-residential customers, other than those who are served at transmission voltage, take unmetered service, or are served by certain types of IDR meters. The costs recovered through the AMS Surcharge will be reviewed by the Commission in a reconciliation proceeding to be held in the future on a schedule to be determined by the Commission.
Furthermore, SWEPCO proposes to allow a customer to choose to receive electric service through a non-standard (non-advanced) meter and to assess fees consistent with 16 TAC § 25.133 to recover the costs associated with providing the non-standard metering service from a customer who elects to have a non-standard meter. The following fees will only affect those customers that request that an advanced meter not be installed at their service location or any other retail customer who requests non-standard metering service after advanced meters are installed:
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Retain existing meter that meets applicable safety and accuracy standards:.....\$131.68
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Recurring monthly fee:..... \$22.97 per month
Persons with questions or who want more information regarding this application may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the application is also available for inspection at the address listed above.
Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. All requests to intervene or other communications regarding this proceeding should reference Docket No. 52389.
The preferred method for you to file your request for intervention is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/search/filings?ControlNumber=52389
If you are unable to file your request for intervention electronically, you may file your request for intervention by mailing a hard copy of your request to the Commission. The Commission should receive a letter from you requesting intervention by the intervention deadline. Mail the request for intervention to:
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Central Records
Attn: Filing Clerk
1701 N. Congress Ave.
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326
Persons who wish to intervene in the docket must also send a copy of their request for intervention to all parties in the docket and all persons that have pending motions to intervene, at or before the time the request for intervention is sent to the PUC.
The deadline for intervention in this proceeding is November 5, 2021, and the Commission should receive a letter requesting intervention no later than that date. Further information may also be obtained by contacting the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean
“A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one’s birth.”
Ecclesiastes 7:1
Sunday evening a young lady joined our church. We are very excited to have her.
Last Wednesday evening following our family meal, the youth enjoyed singing and a wonderful lesson from Bro. Andrew Grills, our Youth Minister. Pastor Jerry Jackson brought a challenging message for the adults from II Timothy about “Finishing Your Course.”
Our Sunday morning service was very good. Following our great song service led by Joey Day, Ashlen Day sang the special. Bro. Jerry brought a sweet message commemorating the life of Nancy Peebles, the mother of our member Becky Kilborn, specifically noting that she was a prayer warrior, a giver, a servant and was faithful. His message was from Ecclesiastes, titled “A

Time of Reflection.”
Our evening service was dismissed due to so many attending the funeral of Mrs. Nancy and the late time of its completion.
Birthday wishes go to Jarrett Allbritton, Emma Spence, Nolan DeVore and Herman Meister.
Let’s make 2021 a year dedicated to serving the Lord. Jesus is coming back soon. Are you ready to meet your maker?
Have a super blessed and safe week.

Emory United Methodist Church

By Mary White
“And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”
Luke 19:5
Another wonderful day of worship with Rev. Banks, continuing his series “When God Rewrites Your Story,” with scripture text taken from Luke. “Changes” was the message title. We know the story of Zacchaeus and as children we all

sing his song. We are called for a reason, and let us never forget the journey we are on is part of understanding our purpose. Let us all be transformed by God’s grace.
The Methodist Women met after worship for a monthly lunch meeting, with Nancy Krantz, Helen Heavey and Bonita Calhoun providing a great lunch of taco salad and desserts. We are planning the October Holiday Bazaar and Fall Festival for the kids. We will have more information later.
Wednesday, the Men’s Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7:00 a.m. and Winds of the Spirit Prayer Team meets at 8:30 a.m.
Birthday wishes go to Glenda Smitheart and Bethany Phillips.
Prayer requests are for Wendell House, Glenn “Buc” Aucoin, Julia and Patrick Alexander, Kay Gaskill, Christan Gooch and Laurie Meadows.
Time marches on for the Fair has come and gone, fall is upon us, and before we know it winter will be here. Are we not happy that God is in control?

Shady Grove Baptist Church

By Ruth Kerley
Sunday service began with Dirk reading the devotional. Ed Luther led the Sunday school class which was based on Exodus. God blessed us with a beautiful day, good attendance and participation by all.
A.B. opened the preaching service and Bro. Chris Harris brought us a God-inspired mes-

sage from Ecclesiastes.
We were all glad to see Billy and Elaine Porter, who had visited our church before, during our revival. Dirk and Pat were back in service, they’d been out for health reasons. The prayer list was full with many members of our church and many friends and family. We pray for a complete healing of all.
The evening service was led by Chris Harris, as he continued the study of Jonah.
We hope to see you again next Sunday. Lord willing, we will be having our Fourth-Sunday Night Singing starting at 6:00 p.m. with fellowship afterward. We pray you will come join us for an hour of gospel singing and good food and fellowship afterward.

Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt
Emory Baptist is two weeks into the “Every Believer A Witness” study on Sunday mornings. Bro. Richard’s message was titled “Session 1: Developing Know-How.” Sunday also marked the kickoff of “Reach Texas” week of prayer for SBTC state missions here in Texas. In the evening service, Bro. Richard’s message from I Samuel was titled “The Laws of the Reaper.” After the sermon, EBC held its September members’ meeting.
This week, T.E.L. meets at 12:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, Sept. 21. The word for the month is “harvest.” So, attendees are encouraged to bring a verse that talks about harvest. The Senior Adult Ministry will hold game day on Thursday at noon. It begins with a potluck meal followed by games of dominoes and other games around the tables in the fellowship hall.
On Wednesday morning, September 22, students will gather around the nation and around

the world at flag poles and other designated locations for the purpose of prayer. See You At The Pole is a yearly student-led prayer event. This year, Rains ISD junior high and high school students will meet at the Junior High flag pole at 7:10 a.m. on Wednesday morning.
Next week, Threads of Service meets on Tuesday, September 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Backpack Buddies will meet to pack bags at noon on September 29.

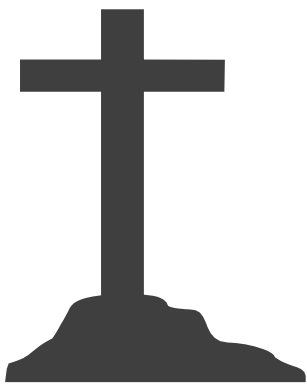
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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

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DATED September 16, 2021.
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THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

Jim Ferguson fought to bitter end

His fate was already sealed when Gov. James Edward Ferguson rose to speak on September 24, 1917. The defiant defendant aimed his parting shot not at the 28 jurors, whose minds were already made up, nor the hostile gallery but at the people of Texas. “You have decided to remove me from office so that another man can take it. But you have made a political issue which will follow you and which this state will fight over for the next 20 years.”

Moments later the senate voted 25-3 to convict Ferguson on 10 of the 21 articles of impeachment. To prevent his resurrection, the jury then turned executioner and banned the deposed governor from state office for life.

The 43-year-old Bell County banker was the darkest gubernatorial horse imaginable in 1914, when he challenged the machine candidate for the Democratic nomination. Party power brokers snorted at the audacity of the brash newcomer and assured each other that team player Tom Ball would clean his plow at the polls.

But Ferguson’s astute analysis of the electorate counted far more than his inexperience. With three out of four Texans living on farms or in small communities, any fool could plainly see the rural vote was the key to success in a statewide contest. Yet, after the decline of the Populist movement at the turn of the century, politicians would not give their country cousins the time of day.

James Ferguson, coat-and-tie businessman, became “Farmer Jim,” shirtsleeved defender of the downtrodden. Concentrating on the plight of the rural poor, he promised destitute sharecroppers immediate relief and a fair shake. Making more than 150 campaign appearances in the countryside compared to only 10 in the cities, the spellbinding stump speaker gave hope to the demoralized “little people.”

Tom Ball never knew what hit him. A 133 counties went for Ferguson as the novice won 55 percent of the primary turnout. The November 1914 general election was the usual cakewalk for the designated Democrat.

The new governor kept his promise to the sharecroppers by pushing the Tenant Law through the legislature. That the reform was struck down in the courts did not make a dime’s worth of difference to the Ferguson faithful, who also applauded the generous pardon policy that sent sanctimonious city folks through the roof.

Ferguson was feeling his oats after winning reelection in 1916. Against the advice of his closest counselors, he picked a quarrel with the most potent lobby in the state – the herd of Longhorn

alums. His denunciation of the University of Texas as a tax-supported elitist enclave struck a sympathetic chord with his constituents, most of whom had been forced by economic necessity to drop out of school at an early age.

Although Ferguson’s attack did contain an anti-intellectual undercurrent, he was motivated by more than mere contempt for academia. The issue was grass-roots education. “The state is spending \$272 a year on the university student,” he explained, “and only \$7.50 on the children in the little red schoolhouse.”

His veto of the university appropriation brought the matter to a head. Will Hogg, son of the popular ex-governor and leader of the influential Ex-Students Association, launched the crusade to chastise Ferguson.

When the prohibitionists jumped on the impeachment bandwagon, the tide turned against the combative incumbent. His subsequent refusal to identify the brewers lobby as the source of a six-figure secret loan doomed him in the senate.

Two months after his removal, Ferguson introduced the weekly newspaper that would carry his message for the next 18 years. Blazoned across the masthead of the *Ferguson Forum* were the twin pillars of his philosophy: “Agin High Rents” and “Agin High Taxes.”

The ex-governor tested the political waters less than a year later by running against his replacement in the Democratic primary. William P. Hobby beat him by more than two to one, but 217,000 supporters cast their ballots for the banished maverick.

Following an independent bid for the presidency in 1920 and a U.S. Senate race in 1922, his foes again wrote off Ferguson. But he bounced back in 1924 with the tongue-in-cheek offer of “two governors for the price of one.”

Miriam was the official standard bearer in the husband-and-wife team’s bruising battle with the Ku Klux Klan. The Fergusons won that confrontation, which ripped the sheets from the white supremacists and earned “Ma” a place in the history books.

Miriam Ferguson returned for a second term in 1932 after back-to-back defeats in 1926 and 1930. She tried again in 1940 but was buried in the W. Lee “Pappy” O’Daniel avalanche. Fergusonism had finally run out of steam.

Today, the Fergusons are ridiculed as the Ma and Pa Kettle of 20th Century Texas politics. But to the impoverished and powerless, whose cause he consistently championed, Farmer Jim was the only politician who ever seemed to care about them.

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OUTDOORS WITH LUKE CLAYTON

Staying on course

With fall hunting seasons quickly approaching, I thought it would be fun to discuss scouting and learning land that you are not familiar with.

For a quarter century, I made my living first working on, and later running, survey field crews. I remember taking a survey course back in the mid-70s at Texas A&M University that was taught by Mr. Irving Webb who worked for the state land office. Webb invented the method of determining the public/private boundary on waterways in Texas. He was an old school surveyor and one of the few qualified to teach the method of determining a true bearing by observing Polaris at night.

The process involves much angle turning, precise time observation and calculations that I do not wish to ever have to replicate. The truth is, the archaic method of determining bearings has long gone by the wayside. Today, the punch of a button on a survey quality GPS system solves the equation instantly.

Now sportsman, whether on the water or land, need not be concerned about such technicalities. A cell phone or hand held GPS in the woods or onboard navigation system on a boat has the potential to track your movements and relate them to a very precise map that can be used to determine where you are and which direction you are heading.

For several years, I have been using an App on my phone called HuntStand. The one disadvantage to that type of system is the fact that it operates on cell signal coverage. If you can’t talk or text on your phone, you can’t use it. I have found it to work very well over much of Texas, but I would never want to depend totally on cell signal coverage when in really remote country. The App will store thousands of waypoints, track your movement, give wind direction, calculate acreage and much, much more. Its basic functions are free to download at your App store.

Hand held GPS units get their signals from the many navigation satellites orbiting the earth and are reliable anywhere on the earth (as long as batteries are fresh and they are not dropped in the water or otherwise disabled).

I have an older Garmin unit that I’ve used from the wilds of Canada to the woodlot not far from my home. All those routes remain stored on the unit. I have on occasion returned to ranches I’ve hunted years before or remote areas up in Canada and the location of hunting stands, roads, etc. and the routes I used to access them are still visible.

Many of us will be scouting new hunting lands in the upcoming months, especially those with new hunting leases. Even a couple hundred acres of woodlands can be challenging to learn in a few hours of scouting. But, If an App such as HuntStand is used, you instantly have and in-depth map of every pond, trail and clearing on the property. You also have a dot telling you precisely where you are in relation to the map. Scouting new land can’t get any easier than that.

Even with the advanced technology, it’s important to develop a plan for your scouting. Before heading out, I pull up the property and drop a pin or marker on features such fence corners, trail crossings, access points, etc. Keep in mind that the HuntStand App has a feature that shows individual tracks of land and denotes the owner of each tract. Once I arrive on the ground and begin scouting, I put the App in tracking mode. As I walk along the trails and roads, my path is clearly marked by a series of waypoints. I can easily see where I am going and where I’ve been, all in relation to features on the map. Handheld GPS units have many of the same features and keep in mind, they are operating on signals from satellites, not from a cell tower.



Photo by Luke Clayton

Luke’s old compass, that he has carried for over 40 years, has led him into and out of some spectacular country through the years.

But when actually hunting, the last thing I want to do is constantly be looking at a GPS or, compass for that matter. I never go into an area new to me without a compass and a general idea of which direction to travel to the nearest road or access point. For many years, a compass and map used in combination was the accepted method of navigating on land. But in truth, I’ve used my compass much more without having a map as a guideline.

Say, for instance, we have just leased 500 acres of woodland somewhere in East Texas and all we have is a compass to guide us, no maps or GPS. What to do? Well, the only thing the compass is designed to do is point north. But, if we find a feature on the ground such as a road adjacent the property and use the compass to determine the bearing the road is running, we can use the compass, even when far back on the property, to determine the general direction of the road and our route back to the truck.

We won’t be able to come out exactly at the truck, but we will hit the road somewhere nearby and use the road to guide us back to our starting place. In theory, we could use the compass and run a course through the land and follow the course back, but then we would be spending our time running the course with bearings and paced distances and not scouting.

On many occasions, I have used the stars at night to get back to the truck or back to a known landmark or trail. Say we’re trailing a wounded hog after dark, rather than watching my GPS continuously I reference a bright star and the approximate angle, right or left of the star to where I wish to return. That keeps me oriented well enough to know the general direction back to my starting point. The GPS, assuming I have one, will lead me back once I find my hog or decide to head back. Polaris can be difficult to spot at times, but remember the Little Dipper revolves around Polaris. Find the Little Dipper or Big Dipper for that matter and you are close enough to north to find your way!

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2021 Jr. Livestock auction nets \$294,800



The 2021 Rains County Fair Jr. Livestock Show and Auction netted \$294,800, before add-on money. Add-on money results will be printed in the county extension agent's column of next week's *Rains County Leader*.

Following are the awards presented during the show and sale on Saturday evening, September 18 as provided by the Rains County AgriLife Extension office:

Steers

Cash Dale, **Grand Champion and Jr. Record Book**, first place, 1,210 lbs., \$6,500.00, Golden Realty Group.

Carson White, **Reserve Champion and Showmanship**, second place, 1,542 lbs., \$6,500.00, Rod White of White Rock Drilling.

Blake Alexander, **Sr. Record Book**, third place, 1,039 lbs., \$6,500.00, Kearney Inc.

Emily Northcutt, fourth place, 1,186 lbs., \$6,000, Platinum Chevrolet.

Armando Ayala, **Best Rate of Gain**, fifth place, 1,428 lbs., \$6,000, Sisk Boring & Tunneling and MK Pallets.

Hagen Gowin, sixth place, 1,428 lbs., \$6,500, Rains County Abstract.

The steer sale netted \$38,000.00.

Hogs

Kole Sustaire, **Grand Champion**, Class-6 1st, 272 lbs., \$6,000.00 Rains County Abstract.

Kenzy Morgan, **Reserve Champion**, Class-6 2nd, 277 lbs., \$4,000.00 Kearney Inc.

Class-1

Gunner Cook, Class-1 1st, 223 lbs., \$4,500.00, Sustaire Plumbing.

Harley Beaird, Class-1 2nd, 223 lbs., \$2,500.00, Ken Parker Services Heating & Air.

Jace Miller, Class-1 3rd, 217 lbs., \$3,500.00, Todd and Deanna Moore.

Gage Cook, Class-1 4th, 215 lbs., \$3,000.00, Potts Feed Store.

Amery Prinz, Class-1 5th, 215 lbs., \$3,500.00, Wayne Douglas.

Easton Potts, Class-1 6th, 211 lbs., \$4,500.00, Hooten's LLC.

Hayden Fuller, Class-1 7th, 212 lbs., \$4,500.00, Wills Point Chevrolet.

Jack Miller, Class-1 8th, 215 lbs., \$4,500.00, Todd and Deanna Moore.

Case Fuller, Class-1 9th, 216 lbs., \$4,000.00, Texas Heritage National Bank and Potts Feed Store.

Kaiden Hargrove, Class-1 10th, 219 lbs., \$4,000.00, Superior Systems.

Kylie Hargrove, Class-1 11th, 215 lbs., \$4,000.00, Verde Ranch.

Kentlee Neighbors, Class-1 12th, 210 lbs., \$4,000.00, Gaston Sanitation.

Jaxon Schrubb, Class-1 13th, 210 lbs., \$3,500.00, LS3 Construction.

Class-2

Dalton Honea, **Sr. Showmanship**, Class-2 2nd, 233 lbs., \$3,500.00, Todd and Deanna Moore.

Cheyann Underwood, Class-2 2nd, 234 lbs., \$3,000.00, Hooten's Lawn & Tree and Lake Country Cleaners.

Toby Herndon, Class-2 3rd, 230 lbs., \$3,500.00, Platinum Chevrolet.

Colton Cox, Class-2 4th, 234 lbs., \$3,500.00, Sustaire Plumbing and By-Line Surveying.

Hannah Olivarez, **Sr. Record Book**, Class-2 5th, 235 lbs., \$3,500.00, Future Telecom.

Bryce Hurst, Class-2 6th, 228 lbs., \$3,500.00, Sandknop Tree Farm and Roger Hurst.

Class-3

Jaycee Ivie, Class-3 1st, 239 lbs., \$4,000.00, Todd and Deanna Moore.

Memphis McNew Class-3, 2nd, 239 lbs., \$4,000.00, Hopkins-Rains Farm Bureau.

Skylar Conner, Class-3 3rd, 240 lbs., \$6,000.00, Burnouts for Bub in Memory of Jacob Cooper.

Addyson Ivie, Class-3 4th, 239 lbs., \$6,500.00, Southern Grace Realty Nathan & LeAnn Doss

Nate Scott, Class-3 5th, 237 lbs., \$4,000.00, Platinum Chevrolet.

Dane Gowin, Class-3 6th, 240 lbs., \$3,500.00, McKenzie Christian in Memory of Dakota Barker.

Wyatt Cook, Class-3 7th, 241 lbs., \$4,500.00, Ferrell Electric.

Paisley Hargrove, Class-3 8th, 238 lbs., \$4,000.00, Rains County Abstract.

Class-4

Major Wallace, Class-4 1st, 256 lbs., \$4,000.00, Hooten's Lawn & Tree and Lake Country Cleaners.

Aeva Anderson, **Jr. Record Book**, Class-4 2nd, 250 lbs., \$3,000.00, AR Tactical Solutions LLC.

John McAllister, Class-4 3rd, 247 lbs. \$4,000.00, Clark Construction.

Kadin Oakes, Class-4 4th, 258 lbs., \$2,500.00, Ken Parker Services Heating & Air.

Madden McNew, Class-4 5th, 247 lbs., \$4,500.00, Kearney Inc.

Cambree Oakes, Class-4 6th, 257 lbs., \$6,000.00, Wills Point Chevrolet.

Addison Fuller, Class-4 7th, 253 lbs., \$4,000.00, Catacon Inc.

Sophie Moss, Class-4 8th, 254 lbs., \$4,000.00, Oakes Construction.

Landyn Seymour, Class-4 9th, 247 lbs., \$4,500.00, Wills Point Chevrolet

Ty Kirby, Class-4 10th, 248 lbs., \$3,500.00, Emory Automotive.

Class-5

Adysen Porter, **Jr. Showmanship**, Class-5 1st, 260 lbs., \$4,500.00, Justin Christian Trucking & Excavation.

Jaxon Wallace, Class-5 2nd, 268 lbs., \$3,500.00, MK Pallet.

Jara Wright, Class-5 3rd, 264 lbs., \$4,500.00, By-Line Surveying Inc.

Krislynn Bangs, Class-5 4th, 264 lbs., \$5,000.00, By-Line Surveying Inc.

Mateo Ayala, Class-5 5th, 266 lbs., \$3,000.00, Todd and Deanna Moore.

Emerson Prinz, Class-5 6th, 263 lbs., \$5,000.00, Joe's Auto Repair.

Tylin Oakes, Class-5 7th, 263 lbs., \$3,000.00, Martin Marietta.

Aiden Runion, Class-5 8th, 261 lbs., \$4,000.00, JC Construction.

Gavin Oakes, Class-5 9th, 261 lbs., \$4,000.00, MK Pallet.

Class-6

Emma Emig, Class-6 3rd, 273 lbs., \$3,500.00, Germ's Trashy Bow Fishing & Charter.

Lilly Barrett, Class-6 4th, 271 lbs., \$5,500.00, Hooten's LLC.

Kolt Sisk, Class-6 5th, 272 lbs., \$5,000.00, By-Line Surveying Inc.

Allison Wallace, Class-6 6th, 270 lbs., \$3,500.00, Oakes Construction.

Hunter Olivarez, Class-6 7th, 280 lbs., \$5,500.00, Future Telecom.

Kade Steed, Class-6 8th, 280 lbs., \$3,500.00, KD Equipment.

The hog sale netted \$220,000.00.

Lambs

Taytum Osornio, **Grand Champion**, Class-1 1st, 121 lbs., \$4,500.00, MK Pallet.

Cole Couch, **Reserve Champion, Senior Record Book**, Class-2 1st, 167 lbs., \$3,800.00, Midway Store.

Cobly McAree, Class-2 2nd, 166 lbs., \$2,000.00, Golden Realty Group.

Luke Kile, **Sr. Showmanship**, Class-1 2nd, 130 lbs., \$3,000.00, By-Line Surveying Inc.

The lamb sale netted \$13,300.00.

Goats

John Salem, **Grand Champion**, Class-2 1st, 91 lbs., \$4,000.00, City National Bank and Catacon Inc.

Asher Salem, **Reserve Champion**, Class-2 2nd, 90 lbs., \$3,500.00, Potts Feed Store.

Rayleigh Hurst, Class-1 1st, 67 lbs., \$2,500.00, Rafter P Construction.

Brody Mooring, Class-1 2nd, 79 lbs., \$2,500.00, Commercial Bank of Texas.

Ethan Jarrett, Class-2 3rd, 106 lbs., \$3,500.00, Golden Realty Group.

Landon Williams, **Jr. Record Book**, Class-1 3rd, 69 lbs., \$2,500.00, Superior Systems.

Lulu Enriquez, Class-1 4th, 58 lbs., \$2,500.00, Potts Feed Store.

Carly Mooring, Class-1 5th, 75 lbs., \$2,500.00, First National Bank of East Texas.

The goat sale netted \$23,500.00.

Breeding Beef

Cash Dale, **Grand Champion**.

Dairy

Clayton Wallace, **Grand Champion Senior**.

Clayton Wallace, **Grand Champion Junior**.

Turner Latham, **Reserve Champion Junior**.

Ag Mechanics

Jesus and Bryan Yanez, **Grand Champions**, miniature goose-neck trailer.

Justin Dickens and Kyle Evans, **Reserve Champions**, fire pit.

The Ag Mechanics auction netted \$3,865.00.

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Creative Arts Winners

Antiques
Grand Champion – Patty Putman
Reserve Champion – Patty Putman
Glassware – 1st Sheri Baggett-McMinn
Photographs – 1st Patty Putman
Cameras – 1st Patty Putman

Canned Foods
Grand Champion – Cindy Souser
Reserve Champion – Alice



Wenzel
Raw Honey – 1st Terri Bowman and Danny Bowman
Picante Sauce – 1st Rachelle Sherrin, 2nd Larry Morrow
Chow-Chow – 1st Karen Sherrin, 2nd Rachelle Sherrin
Vegetable Relesh – 1st Rachelle Sherrin, 2nd Bobby Robbins
Open – Sweet Pickle Relish – 2nd Bobby Robbins
Open – Ice Box Pickles – 1st Alice Wenzel
Apple Sauce – 1st Cindy

Souser
Open – Pear Pie Filling – 1st Cindy Souser
Vegetables – Green Beans – 2nd Larry Morrow
Pickled Peppers – 1st Larry Morrow
Open – Pickled Mixed Peppers – 2nd Larry Marrow
Open – Black Cherry Jelly – 1st Karen Sherrin

Collections
Grand Champion – Sheri Baggett-McMinn
Reserve Champion – Sheri Baggett-McMinn
Books – 1st Sheri Baggett-McMinn
Ceramics – 1st Kaye Pressley
Dolls – 1st Sheri Baggett-McMinn
Thimbles – 1st Sheri Baggett-McMinn
Statues – 1st Sheri Baggett-McMinn
Open – 1st Sheri Baggett-McMinn, 2nd Rebecca Pressley, 3rd Sheri Baggett-McMinn

Fine Arts
Grand Champion – Brenda Styron
Oil Portrait – 1st Brenda Styron

Handcrafts
Grand Champion – Lisa Bandy
Reserve Champion – Donetta Driscoll
Candles – 1st Terri Bowman

Jewelry – 1st Sherry Martin
Paper Art – Quilling – 2nd Donetta Driscoll
Foam Art – 2nd Cindy Pollard
Recyclables – 2nd Donetta Driscoll
Holiday – 1st Patty Putman, 2nd Donetta Driscoll, 3rd Kaye Pressley
Textile Arts – 1st Donetta Driscoll, 2nd Kay Tadlock, 3rd Kaye Pressley
Open – 1st Lisa Bandy, 2nd Donetta Driscoll

Horticulture
Grand Champion – Bobby Robbins
Reserve Champion – Bobby Robbins
Potted Plant with Flowers – 1st Bobby Robbins
Hanging Basket with Flowers – 2nd Bobby Robbins

Needlework
Grand Champion – Sherry Martin
Reserve Champion – Karen Sherrin
Clothing – 1st Kaye Pressley
Crochet Small – 1st Karen Sherrin
Crochet Large – 1st Sherry Martin
Knitting – 1st Rachelle Sherrin
Sewing – 2nd Kaye Pressley

Photography
Black & White
Grand Champion – Rachelle Sherrin
Reserve Champion – Amber Ladymon
Animals – 1st Rachelle Sherrin
Building & Architecture – 1st Amber Ladymon
Still Life – 1st Amber Ladymon
Open – 2nd Amber Ladymon

Color
Grand Champion – Rachelle Sherrin
Reserve Champion – DeeDee Mayo
Action – 1st DeeDee Mayo, 2nd Amber Ladymon
Animals – 1st DeeDee Mayo, 2nd Amber Ladymon
Buildings/Architecture – 1st Amber Ladymon
Critters – 1st DeeDee Mayo
Flowers and Trees – 1st DeeDee Mayo, 2nd Amber Ladymon
Historical Sites & Events – 1st Amber Ladymon

Humorous – 1st DeeDee Mayo
Landscapes – 1st Rachelle Sherrin, 2nd Ashley Holman, 4th Amber Ladymon
People – 1st DeeDee Mayo, 2nd Amber Ladymon
Potraits – 1st Amber Ladymon, 2nd DeeDee Mayo
Skies & Weather – 1st DeeDee Mayo
Still Life – 1st Amber Ladymon
Sunset & Sunrise – Amber Ladymon
Open – 2nd DeeDee Mayo



Congratulations

Junior Miss Winners

JUNIOR MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS - Junior Miss Rains County 2021 and Junior Miss Personality is Shaylee Faye Stracener (center); first runner-up and Junior Miss Photogenic is Taytum DeAnn Osornio (right); second runner-up is Abigail Grace Dudley (left); Junior Miss Congeniality is Paylen Dannette Jones (not pictured).

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Congratulations,

Miss Rains County

MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS - Miss Rains County 2021, Miss Photogenic and Miss Personality is Krislynn Leora-Eva Bangs (center); first runner-up is Presleigh Michelle Simmons (right); second runner-up is Isabelle LeeAnne Inez Gilbert (left); Miss Congeniality is Kenzy Lee Morgan (not pictured).

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Little Miss Winners

LITTLE MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS - Little Miss Rains County 2021, Little Miss Personality and Little Miss Sportswear is Carly Mooring (center); first runner-up is Autumn Threadgill (right); second runner-up is Emma Wilson (left); Little Miss Photogenic is Makenize Ratliff (not pictured).

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Creative Arts Winners

Quilting

Grand Champion – Laura McAllister

Reserve Champion – Missy Malone

Machine Pieced – 1st Missy Malone, 2nd Debbie Allen, 3rd Rachelle Sherrin

Pieced – Co-entered – 1st Ginger Rash, 2nd Kay Pressley

Table Runner – 1st Donna D. Dixon, 2nd Betty McAllister, 3rd Rachelle Sherrin, 4th Kay Tadlock, 5th Kaye Pressley

Co-entered Combination

– 1st Laura McAllister, 2nd Kay Tadlock

Crib/Lap Quilt – 1st Debbie Allen, 2nd Missy Malone, 3rd Rachelle Sherrin

Wall Hanging – 1st Rachelle Sherrin, 2nd Laura McAllister, 3rd Cindy Callentine, 4th Donna D. Dixon

Panel Quilt – 1st Debbie Allen, 2nd Missy Malone

Seniors

Grand Champion – Kay Pressley

Reserve Champion – Kay Tadlock

1st Place – Kay Tadlock, Kaye Pressley (x2), Laura McAllister, Donna D. Dixon, Larry Monrow,

2nd Place – Kay Tadlock

Youth 8-13 Years Old

Grand Champion – Hayleigh Hobbs

Reserve Champion – Amery Prinz

1st Place – Amery Prinz, Carly Mooring, Hayleigh Hobbs, Emma Spence, RayLeigh Hurst, Lulu Enriquez, Allison Wallace, Addyson Ivie, Layla Haney

2nd Place – Amery Prinz, Carly Mooring, Hayleigh Hobbs, Emma Spence, RayLeigh Hurst, Lulu Enriquez, Addyson Ivie, Skylar Conner

Youth 14-17 Years Old

Grand Champion – Jaycee Ivie

Reserve Champion – Savannah Holley

1st Place – Jaycee Ivie, Savannah Holley

2nd Place – Savannah Holley

2021 Baking Contest Adult Winners

Grand Champion – Gennifer Morrow

Reserve Champion – Maddie Eskue

Salted Caramel Butter Cake

Grand Champion, 1st place, Gennifer Morrow

Cakes:
3 c. all-purpose flour
2 c. sugar
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
1 c. caramel coffee creamer
1 c. unsalted butter, room temp.
2 tsp. vanilla extract
4 large eggs, room temp

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour a 10-inch Bundt cake pan. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, salt, tartar, baking powder and soda. With a mixer, blend in the creamer, butter, vanilla and eggs. Beat for 3 minutes.

Pour batter into Bundt pan. Bake for 50-55 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.

Butter Sauce:
3/4 c. sugar
1/3 c. butter
3 Tbsp. caramel coffee creamer
2 tsp. vanilla extract

In a saucepan combine ingredients for the butter sauce. Cook over medium heat until fully melted, do not let mixture boil.

Poke holes in the cake and slowly pour the butter sauce over the cake, letting the butter soak into the holes. Let the cake cool completely before removing from pan.

Salted Caramel:
1 c. sugar
1/4 c. water
3/4 c. heavy cream

3-1/2 Tbsp. unsalted butter
1 tsp. sea or kosher salt

In a heavy saucepan, combine the sugar and water over medium-low heat until the sugar dissolves. Increase the heat to medium-high and bring to a boil, without stirring. Boil until the syrup is a deep amber color, about 6-8 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk in the heavy cream. Stir in unsalted butter and salt. Drizzle over the top of the cooled cake.

Chocolate Farm Animal Sugar Cookies

Reserve Champion 1st place, Maddie Eskue

Cookies:
3/4 c. butter
1 c. sugar
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1-1/2 c. flour
3/4 c. cocoa powder
1 tsp. baking powder
1/8 tsp. salt

Combine flour, baking powder, salt and cocoa. Beat sugar, egg and vanilla until fluffy.

Slowly add the dry mix to the butter mixture until a dough forms. Roll out the dough and cut into shapes. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

Royal Icing:
3 oz. pasteurized egg whites
1 tsp. vanilla extract
4 c. powdered sugar
1 tsp. light corn syrup

In a large bowl, beat egg whites and vanilla together until fluffy.

Slowly add the powdered sugar until well combined.

Next, add the corn syrup to help add stability and shine to the icing.

Add to a pipin bag and use immediately to decorate the cookies.



Congratulations Wee Miss Winners

WEE MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS - Wee Miss Rains County 2021 is Finley Northcutt (center); first runner-up and Wee Miss Photogenic is Raquel Rogers (left); second runner-up and Wee Miss Sportswear is Lilly Brimer (right); Wee Miss Personality is Riley Minhinnett (not pictured).

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Congratulations Petite Miss Winners

PETITE MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS - Petite Miss Rains County 2021 and Petite Miss Personality is Lillian Brimer (center); first runner-up and Petite Miss Photogenic is Kinzlee Thomas (left); second runner-up and Petite Miss Sportswear is Rylee Pitre (right).

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Congratulations Tiny Miss Winners

TINY MISS RAINS COUNTY WINNERS - Tiny Miss Rains County 2021 is Jaydie Middleton (center); first runner-up is Isla Pitre (right); second runner-up is Lyla Seymour (left); Tiny Miss Photogenic is Piper Young (not pictured).

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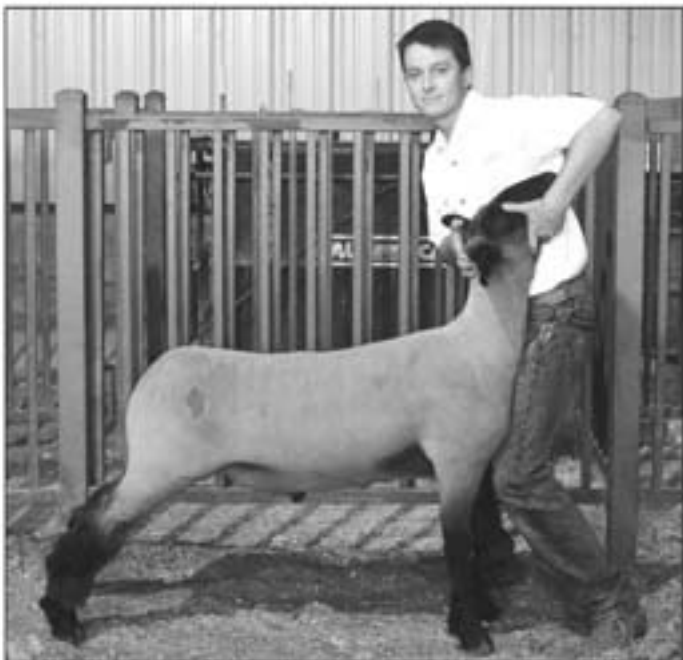
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Congratulations! MARKET LAMB WINNERS



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Preshow walk through. An exhibitor works with his animal in preparation for the show on Thursday.

Mutton Bustin Winners



2021 MUTTON BUSTIN WINNERS - (l-r) 1ST PLACE Ford Tenburg, won \$150; 2ND PLACE Braut Mays, won \$100; 3RD PLACE Ashton Labove, won \$50. Prize money was sponsored by Austin Bank, hats and giveaways were sponsored by Dan Brown with Resistol Hat Company, Trophies and Ribbons were sponsored by the Rains County Fair Association. Also in the photo is Jr. Miss Rains County Shaley Stracener (r) and Miss Rains County Krislynn Bangs (l). Back row are the clowns (l-r) Lawson Potts, Major Wallace, Hayden Gowin, Hayson Potts, Brock Mays

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Moving the washed pig, Bryce Hurst works to move his swine back to his pen after a bath in preparation for the show on Thursday.

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MARKET GOAT WINNERS



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THE RESERVE CHAMPION GOAT was shown by Asher Salem and bought by Potts Feed Store.



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