

RAINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Court considers appointments, by-law amendment

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Commissioners held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 14, to appoint the election administrator, amend tourism board by-laws and consider nominations for the Rains County Appraisal District.

During the meeting, the court was presented with the recommendation from the Election Commission to appoint Lisa Kneiff as election administrator for the upcoming election. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Commissioners were presented an amendment to the by-laws of the tourism board that would allow the appointment of residents to the board who pay property or businesses taxes in the county. The amendment was approved unanimously.

A list of nominees for the board of the

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NOVEMBER 2 GENERAL ELECTION

Early voting underway for VATRE, city council seats

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

At press time, 126 residents of Rains County have cast a ballot in early voting for the November 2 general election.

Early voting continues each weekday until Friday, October 29, in the election office of the Rains County Annex at 220 West Quitman St. in Emory.

Polls will be open for early voting from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each weekday. Extended hours for early voting will be on Tuesday, October 26, with the office open from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Residents in Rains County will go to the polls to decide on eight amendments to the State of Texas Constitution, a Voter Approved Tax Rate (VATRE) for Rains ISD, candidates to fill vacancies on Point City Council and Emory City Council, and a \$45 million bond for Lone Oak ISD.

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A Day at the Fair



Friday, October 15, was Destination Day for the City of Emory at the State Fair of Texas. Representing Emory tourism were (left to right) Donna Raper, Kelli Sims, Angie Allen and Leah Drown. The group were stationed in the Texas Heritage Trail Regions booth located at the Food and Fiber Building.

EMORY CITY COUNCIL

Allen named interim administrator

By LAUREN WITHROW-EDGAR
Rains County Leader contributor

City of Emory Director of Finance Angie Allen was appointed to serve as Interim City Administrator by Mayor Earl Hill III at the Tuesday, October 19, Emory City Council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Blake Cooper, Councilwoman Jannie Stephens, and Councilman Travis Potts were all present; Councilman Emory Cathey was absent.

Mike Dunn, who has served 14 years as Emory City Administrator, resigned from his position but will remain as a consultant to the city until March 2022.

Announcing the appointment of Allen, Hill remarked, “[Allen] has taken all the classes, she’s certified. She has been taking on some additional responsibilities ... I feel very confident in her abilities to take on these duties.” The appointment is effective immediately.

The city council unanimously approved the adoption of two ordinances during Tuesday’s meeting. Ordinance No. 5-2021 defines “tall grass” as grass over 12 inches high and provides the city with the ability to assess penalties for repeated violation of tall grass height limits. Ordinance No. 4-2021 provides for a penalty to be assessed for continual violation of any city ordinances.

The council entered into executive session to discuss real estate and personnel matters as allowed under Texas Government Code 551.072 and 551.074 respectively.

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EAST TAWAKONI

Council puts variance decision on hold

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The East Tawakoni City Council held off on a decision concerning a variance to a city ordinance on Tuesday, October 19, after it was determined that proper procedure had not been followed.

During the meeting, the council was presented with a building permit for an accessory building that was over the size limit allowed by city codes. The item was tabled from the September regular meeting to allow the owners to notify neighbors and get signature approvals for the building.

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Swaggerty informed the council that the Texas Local Government Code states that the notice for the hearing to elicit public input on the variance must be published in the paper of record for the city. As that requirement had not been met, the council could not

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EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT

Board presented budget adjustments, monthly reports

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Emergency Service District board met for a regular meeting on Monday, October 18, to consider final fiscal year budget reports and hear monthly call reports from departments.

After monthly reports, the board was presented with the report of fire department budgets versus actual affidavit totals. Emory and East Tawakoni departments stayed under budget, while Point went over budget by \$853.

According to the report, the overage was due to vehicle maintenance and bunker gear for the department. The board agreed to allow the next month’s reimbursement affidavit to be less the \$853 to correct the overage.

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SALE TAX ALLOCATIONS

October returns up for all entities

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The revenue from the sale of taxable goods in Rains County continues to keep the county and local cities ahead of totals from 2020 as the rest of the state of Texas saw an increase of 20.6 percent in allocations being returned to local taxing entities in October.

The allocations are part of the \$906.6 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 August by businesses that report tax monthly.

Rains County, with it’s half-cent additional tax on taxable sales, sees \$77,093.18 being returned to the county, which is 18.15 percent more than October of 2020. The county’s Year-to-Date (YTD) increased to \$708,386.61 and remains

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Wednesday, October 14.....	1.33
Total for October.....	3.47
Total for year.....	43.37

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 Saturdays in October, except October 23 it will be closed. 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.

Master Gardener Event

The Wood Co. Master Gardeners will host educational seminars on Saturday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Winnsboro. The conference will include two speakers, vendors and snacks. The seminars will teach about greenhouses.

National Night Out Tuesday, Oct. 26

The National Night Out in Rains County will be held on Tuesday, October 26, at Sandy Creek Park. Representatives from the Emory Police Department, Rains County Sheriff's Office, Emory Fire Department and the Rains ISD Police Department will be on hand to meet the public.

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BRANDON ROBERTS
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Finally, don't click on links you may receive that claim to connect to your accounts. These links may be efforts by scammers to gain personal data.

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RYSA Basketball Signup

There are two sign-up dates remaining for 2022 RYSA Basketball: Monday, October 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Monday, November 1, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Sign-ups are at the RYSA baseball fields and for boys and girls in 1st-6th grades. Cost is \$60 per player.

Fall Festival At Emory Baptist Church

Emory Baptist Church will host a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 31, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will be games, activities, hot dogs and candy. Everyone is welcome at the completely free family event.

Rains Garden Club Hosts Seminar

The Rains Garden Club will host a seminar by renowned Dirt Doctor, Howard Garrett, on Saturday, November 6, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Aurora Event Center at Scarbrough Havens in Emory. He will speak on "Organic Gardening and Saving Sick Trees" and the seminar will include a question and answer session. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$20 a person for groups of 10 or more. Proceeds benefit the Rains Garden Club. For tickets, visit <https://www.eventcreate.com/el>

howard-garrett-speaking-ben or visit the Rains Garden Club Facebook page.

Women's Service Club Thanksgiving Luncheon

The Women's Service Club will be serving their traditional Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday, November 9, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Rose Community Center. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$10 and may be purchased from Service Club members, at Country Flowers and Gifts or at the door. A purchased ticket gives a chance to win a door prize.

Rains County Angel Tree Time

It is Rains County Angel Tree time again. The 2021 applications are located at each RISD campus and the *Rains County Leader*. The only requirement for participation in the Rains County Angel Tree is that the children must be full-time residents in Rains County. Applications must be received by Tuesday, November 9, no exceptions. Completed applications must be mailed to: Rains County Angel Tree, P.O. Box 1071, Emory, TX 75440. Questions should be directed to 903-268-2720. If you get voicemail, speak clearly, leave a detailed message and phone number so your call can be returned.

Dear Editor:

This is in response to the Letter to the Editor in the Oct. 14 edition of the *Leader* from David Brummit.

Mr. Brummit stated "The County wants to spend \$4 million to build a travel center." Correction: the proposed travel center is a private venture being developed and paid for by a private company, Chapter VIII Stream, LLC. The company has already purchased the site for the travel center.

The travel center will include a Whataburger fast-food restaurant, a convenience store, gasoline pumps and a few diesel pumps for trucks. The convenience store and fuel service will operate under the name "Emory Local Shoppe."

Robert M. Worley
Director
Emory Development Corporation

Dear Editor:

Last week, someone was concerned the entities requested a tax rate increase after incurring higher market values. As a local parent, I did my own due diligence for this election.

The 2,563 percent seemed way off. He stated taxable value increased from 34,217,463 to 911,930,444. Per the appraisal district, Rains ISD taxable 2020 value was \$624,016,949 and 2021 taxable value is 745,515,597 so an increase just over 19 percent.

The district benefits minimally when market values go up. The state formulas work in such a way the state confirms what the district should receive and pays the net difference after property taxes. The state calls this Tier 1 funding.

The state also compresses the

rates to offset some of the market value increases. The VATRE enables the district to receive funding from a second formula the state offers called Tier 2 or "Enrichment Funding." This formula is calculated differently.

If locals are willing to pay 7.72 cents more, the district receives the full direct benefit without the state reducing their payments. Most importantly, this second formula also creates a matching amount from the state which is roughly 80 percent. This means we can choose to let funds sit at the state level or choose to put them to use for our local schools.

We created a website www.votersforrainsisd.org where any taxpayer can find a link to understand the net increase from 2020 to 2021 on their personal account. We also have a Q&A on PROP A where anyone can ask questions privately.

Taxes increasing is a valid concern. We are passionate about helping voters be informed accurately on Prop A. Locals can help locals by choosing to see this rate increase as an investment in our schools and bring back more state funds to use at Rains ISD.

Karah Boyd
Emory, TX 75440

Dear Editor:

Well here we go again! Last year Rains ISD tried to get the infamous VATRE tax increase by the voters and we said no by an overwhelming 56 percent. So now they will raise the price and try again (RISD Proposition A).

According to the Texas Association of School Boards, the VATRE is required when the proposed tax increase exceeds legislative guidelines.

The RISD website and a

recent display ad in this paper put so much spin on the facts it is a dizzying experience to read it.

They would have you believe that a tax increase is inevitable simply because the appraised value of your property has increased. That is not the case! Have they ever heard of lowering the tax rate to offset the increased evaluation?

Each year we are told the "appraised" value of our property increased by an outrageous amount therefore our property tax payments must increase by an equally outrageous amount.

They told us, in last week's display ad, "Prior to this year, the state has matched pennies to the dollar". However, last year in the October 13, 2020, *Leader*, we were told, "Passage of the VATRE will result in the state matching dollar for dollar". Now, which is it? Do you feel the spin?

Last year we were told that we would only "pay an additional 8.3 cents per student per year." This year it is 12.4 cents. Last year the average property owner would have paid an additional \$142.05 in taxes per year due to the VATRE. This year it is \$210.91. Wow, a 50 percent increase in just one year!

They assure us we will benefit from "matching" funds from the State of Texas. Well guess what, there is no free money. It is your money whether it goes through Austin or not.

I propose we have another opportunity to show our dissatisfaction with these never-ending tax increases. Let's send a clear message to those elected officials that it is time to show restraint.

Vote "against" this insanity which is RISD Proposition A.

Chuck Witt
Emory, TX

EARLY VOTING

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Contested races in the county include seats on the Emory and Point City Councils. In Emory, Aaron Cichy and Lori Honeycutt are running to replace Howard Garrett as Place 3 on the Emory City Council.

Alan Messick, Becky Decker and Jerry Hampton are running for Place 2 on the Point City Council, while Robby Richardson, Mike Marotta and Staci Ely are vying for Place 4. In a special election to fill the unexpired term of Point mayor, the candidates are William Gaston and Stephen Cross.

On Tuesday, November 2, eight polling locations throughout Rains County will be open from 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m for registered voters to cast a ballot in the general election.

Rains County residents will be able to cast a ballot by precinct at the following locations:

- Voting precinct 101 in the Rocky Point Community Center at 2134 South Hwy. 19;
- Voting precinct 102 in the East Tawakoni Community Center at 288 Briggs Blvd. in East Tawakoni;
- Voting precinct 203 in the Bright Star Church Community Center at 1399 RS CR 3480;
- Voting precinct 204 in the

- Rose Community Center at 109 Ravine St. in Emory;
- Voting precinct 305 in the Della Blanton Memorial Hall at 200 RS CR 4370;
- Voting precinct 306 in the Emory VFD Fire Station at 1205 West Lennon St. in Emory;
- Voting precinct 407 in the Point Community Center at 241 S. First St. in Point;
- Voting precinct 408 in the fellowship hall for the First Baptist Church of Point at 985 Industrial Blvd. in Point.

Officials stated that the voting locations will follow the Center for Disease Control guidelines for social distancing. Poll workers will wear masks, and voters are encouraged to wear a mask into the polling location, but are not required.

Voting machines will be cleaned after every voter. Disposable styluses and gloves will be available to cast a ballot and residents may bring their own stylus, if they wish.

All voters will need to present one of seven approved forms of photo ID at the poll to cast a ballot in the November 2 general election. The seven forms of approved photo ID are:

- Texas Drivers License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS);
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by the DPS;
- Texas Personal Identification

Card issued by the DPS.

- Texas Handgun License issued by the DPS;
- United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph;
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph;
- United States Passport.

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

Along with filling out the form, the voter must present an original or copy of one of the following supporting forms of identification:

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

For more information about the general election, contact the Texas Secretary of State's office at 1-800-252-8683 or visit the website, www.votetexas.gov.

For information about the local elections, contact the Election Administrator at 903-473-5000, ext. 109 or visit www.co.rains.tx.us/page/rains.Elections.

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Rains County Appraisal District was brought before the court. One member of the board was not seeking re-appointment,

and with no names readily available, commissioners tabled the item until the next meeting to find someone to serve.



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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

Early voting begins on eight proposed amendments

If history is an indicator, Texas voters will likely go to the polls on Nov. 2 in underwhelming numbers to decide the fate of eight proposed amendments to the state’s constitution. With no statewide races on the ballot, and a scattering of local elections for city council and school board, turnout typically is low. Nevertheless, early voting is now underway and continues until Oct. 29.

The proposed amendments include allowing raffles at rodeo events; allowing counties to issue bonds for transportation infrastructure; banning the state from prohibiting or limiting religious services (related to closures during the pandemic); eligibility of candidates to run for judicial positions; and property tax exemption for bereaved families, among other measures. A fuller explanation of the proposed amendments can be found at the non-partisan BallotPedia site: <https://tinyurl.com/29andwew>

More than \$1 billion in rental assistance

A federally funded rental assistance program administered through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has distributed more than \$1 billion in rent and utility assistance to more than 174,000 Texas households – more than any other state. The pandemic relief measure has provided assistance in 95 percent of Texas counties and still has more than \$900 million that can be distributed, according to TDHCA. “Crossing the \$1 billion mark shows we were able to address a great and pressing need that is still present here in our state, but it’s important we continue to work vigorously to get help out as quickly as possible,” Bobby Wilkinson, TDHCA executive director, said.

Renters can apply for the program by calling 1-833-9TX-RENT (1-833-989-7368) or online at [TexasRentRelief.com](https://www.texasrentrelief.com). The call center is open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To qualify, households must be at or below 80 percent of the area median income and meet other criteria.

State dried up in September

The cooler and wetter conditions of early summer became a distant memory in September as much of the state experienced little rain, according to Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist for the Texas Water Development Board. “At the end of the month, drought conditions covered seven percent of the state, up six percentage points from the end of last month,” Wentzel wrote.

September was the first month since last March that was both warmer and drier for most of the state. Wentzel predicts dry conditions will continue for the next few months, leading to

drought expanding to cover all but the eastern edge of Texas by the end of the year.

\$36.4 million in border enforcement funding

Gov. Greg Abbott announced last week that his Public Safety Office will award \$36.4 million in funding for law enforcement and prosecution in connection with Operation Lone Star, the state’s border security effort.

“Operation Lone Star is critical to our efforts to secure the border, and we will continue to invest in this operation in order to keep Texans safe,” Abbott said. “The grant funding provided through House Bill 9 ensures that our local partners along the border have the resources and support they need to respond to the border crisis.”

The funds will go to a dozen counties along the Texas-Mexico border.

How to pick the right Medicare plan

Medicare open enrollment is underway and continues through Dec. 7. The Texas Department of Insurance provides some advice for Texans enrolling for Medicare after turning 65 this year or for existing enrollees considering changes to their Medicare plans. Those include:

- Know the deadlines, which in general run three months before turning 65 to three months after. People with insurance through their employer can delay enrolling, but it’s best to check with the company’s benefits manager.
- Learn the different parts of Medicare and decide if you need a gap plan to supplement Medicare coverage.
- Calculate the costs and compare plans. More information can be found at [medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov).

New COVID-19 cases drop slightly; deaths rise

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas reported in the past week dropped slightly to 48,971, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, but new deaths jumped 34 percent to 1,949. The latest wave of serious cases appears to be slacking off from the highs reported in late August and September, with 5,376 COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals as of Sunday. That’s a drop of nearly two-thirds from its late-summer peak, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated ticked up to 15.2 million, according to DSHS, while more than 900,000 people have received an additional dose of the vaccine. The additional doses were first authorized in mid-August.

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EMORY

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tively. In other items, Emory City Council members:

- approved adopting Ordinance No. 3-2021 to update and replace the 2015 International Codes and adopt all of the 2021 International Codes and the 2020 National Electric

Code; Cooper and Stephens voted in favor of the approval, Potts voted against.

- unanimously approved the adoption of Ordinance No. 6-2021 updates the zoning ordinance to allow “Hud-Code manufactured homes to be placed on property zoned for manufactured housing.”

- tabled an agenda item to discuss and take action on passing Resolution No. R12-2021 regarding the selection of engineering service providers to complete project implementation for the American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Tuesday’s meeting concluded shortly after 8:00 p.m. and the next meeting of the Emory City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Emory City Hall.

EAST TAWAKONI

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legally take public comment or any action on the item.

Mayor Harold Chandler asked for clarification concerning the need for two meetings and Swaggerty clarified by stating that “one is for public input to get comments from those people that are 200 feet around the property. Then after that, the second one is for you guys to vote on.”

Chandler determined the timeline for the next possible date that the public hearing could be

held and the date for a special meeting so that a decision could be made by the council.

The council unanimously approved a public hearing for Thursday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. to be published in the local newspaper with the special meeting to take action on the variance scheduled for Wednesday, November 3.

In monthly reports, the representative from the Spirit of East Tawakoni updated the council on upcoming events, including

Trunk-or-Treat on October 31, a bake sale on November 23, the Christmas parade on December 4 and a race across the bridge set for May 14, 2022.

All council members were present for the regular meeting.

The next meeting of the East Tawakoni City Council will be the public hearing on Thursday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall.

A special meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of city hall.

RAINS COUNTY

Commissioners Court agenda to meet in special session

The Rains County Commissioners Court will hold a special meeting on Friday, October 22, at 2:00 p.m. in the Rains County Courthouse Courtroom.

The items to be discussed, considered or upon which any

formal action may be taken are as follows:

- I. Open Forum
- II. Items for Discussion and/or Action
- A. Fill vacancies for election judges

B. Nominate person to serve on the board of directors for the Rains County Appraisal District

III. Administrative Court Activities and Comments

ESD

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The representative from Hopkins County EMS was not present for the meeting, but Board President Ken Player informed the board that the district would be receiving the \$120,000 settlement again this year.

Player stated that he had met again with the director of the Emory Economic Development Corporation concerning the EMS station and the EDC was still open to the ESD purchasing the building and land.

In monthly activity reports for September, Hopkins County reported 186 requests for service, with 111 transports and 68

refusals. Response time on life threatening emergencies for city calls was on average 4 minutes, 35 seconds, while county calls averaged 9 minutes, 27 seconds.

Of the 111 transported to a medical facility by EMS, 65 went to Sulphur Springs, 26 to Greenville, nine to Quinlan, seven to Quitman and four to other hospitals or air transport. The most common calls were for a person feeling sick, falls, motor vehicle accident, breathing problems and chest pains.

Emory VFD responded to 59 calls during the month of September. The department respond-

ed to 28 rescue and emergency medical services, 20 fires, four good intent calls, three hazardous conditions, two service calls and two false alarms or calls.

The East Tawakoni VFD went on 13 medical assist calls, six fires, a motor vehicle accident and a water rescue for a total of 21 requests for service in September.

In the month of September, the Point VFD was dispatched on 12 calls including seven fires, four medical assists and a motor vehicle accident.

The next regular meeting of the Rains County ESD board is scheduled for Monday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Emory VFD Fire Station.

SALES TAX

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18.04 percent ahead of this time last year.

Municipalities in the county, which add an additional cent-and-a-half tax to all taxable items sold, saw increases in allocations being returned as compared to October of 2020.

Emory is expected to receive \$151,788.10 from the state in October, which is 19.83 percent above the total from 2020. The YTD total is still 24.73 percent ahead of this time last year at \$1,417,007.10.

With \$6,113.32 being returned to the city in October, East Tawakoni’s YTD payments remain below last year’s totals at \$73,178.70. The YTD is 12.69 percent below last year with the allocation for October being 13.79 percent more than 2020.

The City of Point saw the smallest increase of the local cities from last year at 3.28 percent. The \$11,939.86 being returned in October did increase the YTD payments to \$131,969.24, a 11.04-percent increase from this time last year.

The allocations to be returned to the local taxing entities from sales made during the month of September by businesses that report tax monthly, and sales made in July, August and September by quarterly filers, is scheduled to be announced during the second week in November.

OCTOBER '21 SALES TAX STATISTICS								
County City	Taxed	Net pymt. this period	Net pymt. prior year	pct. change	'21 pymt. to date	Net pymts. prior year	pct. chg. from '20	
Rains	0.5%	\$77,093.18	\$65,244.83	18.15%	\$708,386.61	\$600,101.90	18.04%	
East Tawakoni	1.5	6,113.32	5,372.04	13.79	73,178.70	83,817.50	-12.69	
Emory	1.5	151,788.10	126,666.06	19.83	1,417,007.10	1,135,973.36	24.73	
Point	1.5	11,939.86	11,559.62	3.28	131,969.24	118,844.90	11.04	
Hopkins	0.5%	\$241,515.66	\$218,007.47	10.78%	\$2,442,470.64	\$2,209,055.97	10.56%	
Como	1.0	4,729.29	5,109.30	-7.43	56,950.21	53,983.64	5.49	
Cumby	1.5	11,338.31	10,209.55	11.05	113,517.89	101,185.66	12.18	
Sulphur Springs	1.5	610,693.76	552,852.79	10.46	6,324,732.95	5,725,289.54	10.47	
Hunt	0.5%	\$557,518.33	\$453,945.92	22.81%	\$5,405,972.23	\$4,478,546.95	20.70%	
Caddo Mills	1.5	50,522.28	63,064.06	-19.88	587,245.37	445,652.53	31.77	
Campbell	1.5	9,400.41	7,697.17	22.12	85,741.74	60,514.74	41.68	
Celeste	1.25	6,977.83	6,805.66	2.52	75,633.29	68,000.02	11.22	
Commerce	1.5	176,661.18	143,731.81	22.91	1,615,806.41	1,394,505.45	15.86	
Greenville	1.5	888,306.11	725,970.21	22.36	8,504,058.08	7,164,119.88	18.70	
Hawk Cove	1.25	3,601.16	3,605.09	-0.10	35,708.22	29,941.26	19.26	
Lone Oak	1.5	13,138.06	12,538.16	4.78	141,514.96	114,937.46	23.12	
Neylandville	1.0	968.44	911.11	6.29	15,787.53	13,063.45	20.85	
Quinlan	1.5	128,904.21	111,554.78	15.55	1,314,270.64	1,156,048.61	13.68	
Union Valley	1.0	3,616.79	3,375.84	7.13	34,592.20	28,793.50	20.13	
West Tawakoni	1.5	12,207.26	10,564.17	15.55	145,345.55	133,418.72	8.93	
Wolfe City	1.5	12,661.26	13,563.39	-6.65	191,031.67	119,660.63	59.64	
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Fruitvale	2.0	7,379.12	3,971.20	85.81	45,510.30	36,577.96	24.42	
Grand Saline	2.0	51,259.09	56,051.49	-8.54	612,049.15	520,954.79	17.48	
Van	2.0	80,416.30	79,073.10	1.69	832,415.43	772,625.17	7.73	
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Mineola	1.5	206,696.55	184,554.77	11.99	2,148,701.23	1,976,242.53	8.72	
Quitman	1.5	83,268.50	66,197.78	25.78	743,852.89	716,493.33	3.81	
Winnsboro	1.5	107,941.48	117,063.23	-7.79	1,244,835.96	1,144,461.83	8.77	
Yantis	1.5	7,601.51	7,209.25	5.44	87,396.59	77,124.90	13.31	

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Senior Wildcats fight off the Red Raiders on Friday night. From left to right, senior Audie McAree (1) pushes away the Winnsboro defender to get room to throw the ball, senior Gavin Oakes (22) looks for the hole in the Raiders defense and senior Weston Tubbs (32) fights off the blocking attempt by the Winnsboro player to get to the ball carrier for a tackle.

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Sheriff's Report

The Rains Co. Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of October 8-13:

Arrests



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Rains County Sheriff

10-9: Dan Mark Chapman, Alba. Assault causing bodily injury, \$3,000 bond.

10-10: Jennifer Gardenhire, Emory. Disorderly conduct, \$200 fine.

10-12: Andy Javier Diaz, Garland. Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz., \$4,000 bond.

10-13: Demone Timmons, Emory. Burglary of vehicle, \$3,000 bond.

10-13: Robby Gerald Jones, Mount Vernon. Release of surety unlawful carrying of a weapon, \$3,000 bond.

10-13: Matthew Charles Douglas, Winnsboro. Theft of service greater than or equal to \$100 less than \$750, \$1,000 bond.

10-13: Justin Lee Shackelford, Lone Oak. Assault causing bodily injury, \$3,000 bond.

There were 7 arrests for the week; 4 posted bonds and were released; 1 released after time served. As of Friday, October 15, there were 2 females and 25 males in custody.

Calls

10-8: Steamboat Shores Medical assist, Hunt Co. Requested mutual aid on a fire in West Tawakoni, Point Ave. B Male cussing and making threats, Public service Reference ex didn't

show up in Wills Point with the child, East Tawakoni (ET) Oak Leaf Tr. Possible domestic disturbance, Point south 1st St. Medical assist female with possible broken back, PR 7709 Neighbor degrading other neighbor, CR 1603 and CR 1605 Several people pulled guns on couple in their car while on the county road, Axton's Bass City Issues with a female and a camper being repossessed, CR 3335 Possible natural gas leak, CR 2182 Burglar alarm, Lake Tawakoni Stranded boaters near Hwy. 276 and FM 513, Emory Lake Fork Dr. Marina broken into on Oct. 6, Rains ISD football field Phone left on the bleachers and then taken has tracking device on it and has been located.

10-9: 17-year-old female ran away from her dad's home in Wood Co. referred to Wood Co., FM 515 Suspicious male near a residence, Hwy. 19 Carolina Carports burglar alarm, CR 1530 Intoxicated male took kayak and went on the lake and can't be found, CR 2570 Domestic disturbance between boyfriend and girlfriend, PR 7722 Medical assist 61-year-old female, ET Lake Shore Ln. Reference grandson and credit card abuse, Point Ave. C Possible large party with minors drinking, CR 1490 and CR 1495 Trespassers, CR 3345 Lawn mower on fire, Emory Dairy Queen Older female asking for an officer, FM 515 Dollar General Meth bag found, FM 2946 Possible trespasser, CR 1219 Medical assist 61-year-old female with cancer, Public service Reference possible sexual assault last week but unknown location, Point 3rd St. Neighbors blare loud music every week-

end, FM 2946 Harassment and threats from stepson, CR 3330 Neighbors cutting down tree and throwing limbs onto complainant's property, Point Fire Department Medical assist female with breathing issues, Emory Brookshire's parking lot Hit and run, CR 2420 Medical assist female with breathing issues.

10-10: FM 2795 Couple on side of the road having a verbal argument, ET Doc's Burglar alarm, CR 2180 Female fighting, Hwy. 69S and FM 779 Medical assist male with chest pains and breathing issues, FM 515 Female walking on the road and may be on drugs, CR 3202 Neighbors clearing trees and trespassing, ET Old Mill Ln. Medical assist for 83-year-old male, CR 3330 Grass fire, CR 3335 Suspicious vehicle in a driveway, Emory Eagle Inn Apts. Someone going around and knocking on doors, Point Locust St. Drug paraphernalia found, CR 1692 Reference child custody, Point Smith Cir. Car broken into, CR 1330 Medical assist 61-year-old with possible seizure, FM 2737 Welfare check on 7-year-old female, FM 275 Medical assist male with COVID, PR 5450 Issues with neighbors dogs, Hwy. 69S Medical assist low oxygen level.

10-11: Emory Reno St. Medical assist 73-year-old female with pacemaker and it's shocking her, PR 7709 Loud music complaint,

CR 2300 Medical assist 80-year-old male fell and hurt his ribs, PR 5451 Issues between neighbors, ET Oak Leaf Tr. Female causing problems, PR 7707 Disturbance over property and trespassing, Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Reference daughter being assaulted, Hwy. 69S Black cow out, Emory Missouri St. Medical assist elderly female fell, Public service Reference suicidal female, Emory Tawakoni Dr. Reference criminal trespass order, Hwy. 69 and FM 2795N Reckless driver, Point Smith Cir. Possible information where a stolen wallet is, Steamboat Shores Medical assist possible food poison, FM 514 Medical assist 80-year-old male possible heart attack.

10-12: Point south 1st St. Medical assist female with hurt hand, CR 3060 Lady reported hearing a domestic disturbance at the neighbors, Hwy. 19S at CR 2120 Minor auto accident, FM 2795 Possible prowlers with flashlights, CR 1150 Items are blocking the road, Hwy. 276 Male has broken a window and being irate, Emory east Lennon Dr. Burglar alarm, SO lobby Reference being threatened at Edgewood ball park, Hwy. 19N People walking around property and looking in windows and vehicles, SO lobby Reference missing son who left on Sunday, FM 515 Female on side of the road with a vehicle and appears

to be strung out, ET Littlefield Dr. Possible animal abuse, Point south 1st St. Medical assist 72-year-old female fell and possibly broke her arm, ET Garrett Ave. Female said she was raped and locked in a shed the night before, CR 1399 Medical assist female's leg hurts and can't walk, Emory Hwy. 19 and FM 3274 Man lying by the stop sign, Point 3rd St. Medical assist for male with several issues.

10-13: Emory Dairy Queen Personal items found under a shed, FM 2324 near the tower Cow out, FM 2795E Female trespassing, Hogansville Burglar alarm at First National Bank of East Texas, FM 275 Medical assist male passed out and has breathing issues, FM 2795 Burglar alarm, Thousand Trails Wanted person located, Hwy. 69N at David's Tire Shop Suspicious activity, Hwy. 276 Female reported being attacked by another female and the female had a gun but had left on foot, Hwy. 69N Medical assist for person who had heart surgery a while back is having issues, CR 1219 Medical assist 62-year-old male passed out, Emory Ravine St. Reference suspicious activity caught on a game camera, CR 3345 Medical assist female with messed up hand, FM 2795E Female walking in the middle of the road, CR 1413 Reference missing IRS check, CR 2110

Medical assist for 79-year-old female with several issues, FM 513 Medical assist 39-year-old male hit in the head by a falling door and head is bleeding badly call transferred to AMR in Hunt Co., CR 1475 Smoke coming from a camper, Emory Senior Suite Care & Rehab Medical assist 80-year-old person fell and may have a broken hip, CR 2181 Burglary suspect being held at gun point, SO lobby Reference property, FM 275 Reckless 18-wheeler coming into Rains Co.

10-14: Emory laundromat Medical assist, FM 2795W Medical assist, Point FM 514 and Hwy. 69 Welfare check on male stumbling around, FM 275 and FM 514 One-vehicle accident vehicle struck a tree, Public service Reference people going on to property to get their belongings, ET at Sky Point entrance older female in a vehicle and she does not know were she is and is freaking out, Emory Skyline Dr. Male walking down the street drinking a beer, Point Ave. D Female reported being threatened by another female, Emory Kansas St. Domestic disturbance between male and female, Hwy. 19N Reference getting a vehicle, Sky Point RV Park Medical assist, Emory Golden Chick Medical assist elderly female fell outside, SO lobby Reference residence damaged.

TEXAS FRESHWATER FISHERIES

Halloween at the hatchery returns

ATHENS – The East Texas family tradition continues October 28 when "Halloween at the Hatchery" returns to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) after being cancelled in 2020 due to the public health crisis. The annual event provides a safe place to go trick-or-treating while raising money for three local beneficiaries, The Rainbow Room, East Texas Crisis Center and the Athens High School Fishing Team.

The outdoor event will feature family-friendly games, photo opportunities, and activities

Thursday, Oct. 28, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Local businesses and organizations will hand out free candy from booths positioned around TFFC's recreational fishing ponds and trails.

Admission for Halloween at the Hatchery is only \$1 cash per person, and all proceeds will benefit the aforementioned local nonprofit organizations.

Trick-or-treaters can enter the event from three areas including the Visitor Center entrance, the bus and trailer parking lot gate, and the overflow parking lot gate. The overflow parking

lot is close to the Angler's Pavilion and is located on Peninsula Point Road.

On the day of the event, the TFFC will be open during normal business hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and will reopen at 6:00 p.m. for this special event. No one will be admitted between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., and no pets are allowed. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

The Game Warden Museum is also located at the TFFC. In addition, the TFFC also facilitates the annual Fish Art Con-

test in Texas which is part of a conservation education program designed to spark the imaginations of students while providing valuable lessons about fish and the importance of conserving Texas' aquatic resources.

Current operating hours at the TFFC are Wednesday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Obituaries

John Gordon Adair 1947 – 2021

A memorial service for John Gordon Adair, 74, will be held at a later date. Mr. Adair died peacefully on October 19, 2021, after a lengthy illness. He was born on March 16, 1947, in Lagos, Nigeria, to J.B. and Dessar Adair, who were serving in Africa as Baptist Missionaries at the time. He returned with his parents and brother, James Kenneth (Ken), on April 19, 1948. He grew up in and around Waco, graduating from



Waco High School in 1965. He taught at various schools, ending up at Lone Oak ISD. Mr. Adair was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Ken, in 2014. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com.

Jeff Davis 1964 – 2021

Funeral services for Jeff Davis, 57, of Point, will be held on Saturday, October 23, at 2:00 p.m. at Emory Assembly of God. Bro. Parker and Karl Kraemer will officiate. Pallbearers will be Eric Jones, J.D. Privett, Nathan Diller, Paul Ratliff, Thomas Smith and Tom Ashley. Mr. Davis died on October 14, 2021, at Dallas Presbyterian Hospital. He was born on May 4, 1964, to Leo Elmer Davis and Valeen Pauline Kraemer in Victoria and was raised in Houston. He earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering and was employed at Siemens Energy. He married Kim Davis on June 5, 1999, at Assembly of God Church in Emory. He is survived by his wife; son, Scott Davis; daughter, Stormye Diller and husband Nathan;



mother, Valeen Pauline; grandchildren, Cameron Davis, Owen Davis, Keeson Davis, Emmett Diller and Teagan Diller; and many other loved ones and friends. Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his father; brother, Leon Davis; sister, Barbara Wheeler; and daughter, Natalie Davis. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to The Shriner's Children Hospital. Arrangements are under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Jim Hays 1950 – 2021

Jim Hays, 70, of Emory, died on October 14, 2021, at Christus Mother Frances in Sulphur Springs. No services will be held. Mr. Hays was born on November 6, 1950, in Dallas, to Doug and Edwina Hays. He married Sharon Bush on September 28, 2019. He worked as an artist in graphics. His passion was fishing. He is survived by his wife; sons, Tony Hays and Nick Hays; stepson, Tan-



ner Bush; sister, Ginger Potter; and brothers, Coke Hays and Ronnie Hays. Mr. Hays was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Janis Hays. Donations in his name may be made to the Rains High School fishing team. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.wilsonorwoskyfuneralhome.com.

Curtis Oliver Mooring 1942 – 2021

A celebration of life for Curtis Oliver Mooring, 79, of Tyler, was held on September 11 at Grace Community Church in Tyler. Mr. Mooring died on August 31, 2021. He was born on January 14, 1942, in Dallas, to Roy and Winifred Mooring. He attended Emory schools for grades 1-12 and graduated from Emory High School. He married Brenda Ann Boyett in 1968 and they were sweethearts for 53 years. Mr. Mooring served honorably in the United States Air Force for four years in Germany. He enjoyed woodworking and made countless items for others out of old pieces of wood or tree branches. He loved automobiles and had a collection of model cars. He loved music and had



an extensive vinyl collection. He had a playful heart and quirky spirit and liked making people happy. Mr. Mooring is survived by daughter, Amy LeAnna; grandchildren, Patrick and twins Scarlet and Sophia; sister, Lois Osborn and husband Jim; brother, Tommy Mooring and wife Tonna; brother-in-law, Ronnie Boyett and wife Susan; sister-in-law, Connie Shrum and husband Jack; and many nieces, nephews and countless friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and half sister, Betty Stanley. Donations may be made in his name to Grace Community Church (OJ Campus) or the East Texas Food Bank.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

Nothing went right on Mud Fort Mission

A small detachment of Lone Star rebels rode out of Goliad on Oct. 25, 1835, with orders to attack the government garrison at Fort Lipantitlan.

As conceived by Capt. Philip Dimitt during the early days of the Texas Revolution, the Lipantitlan Expedition had two objectives: the rescue of a pair of rebel prisoners and the destruction of the strategic fortification on the Nueces River. And by "destruction" Dimitt made it clear to Ira Westover that he meant the death or capture of each and every defender.

The perfunctory nod from the Massachusetts-born merchant indicated acknowledgment instead of agreement with the instructions. Dimitt might be a frontier barbarian with no respect for human life, but Westover refused on principle to shed any more blood than absolutely necessary.

While James Power, the Irish empressario, completed a preliminary reconnaissance, Westover rounded up the horses and supplies generously donated by the residents of Goliad and Victoria. Leaving under the cover of darkness to avoid detection by enemy spies, the 35-man column slipped out of Goliad and slowly wound its way west.

Picking up reinforcements along the way, Westover had 60 combatants at his side on the night of Nov. 4, 1835, when the mud fort on the Nueces came into view. In the hope that the size of his force would convince the garrison to give up without a fight, he asked for a volunteer to parley with the Mexicans.

After lengthy negotiations that lasted almost until midnight, the emissary returned to report that the prisoners were no longer on the premises. They had been transferred to the interior to thwart any rescue attempt.

As for the enemy, only a small fraction of the full complement of a hundred troops was present. Acutely aware they were outnumbered nearly three to one, the 22 surrounded soldiers were more than willing to surrender.

However, as a condition of their capitulation, the Mexicans insisted upon parole rather than confinement as prisoners-of-war for the remainder of the Revolution. According to that curious 19th-century custom, they would be given their freedom in exchange for their weapons and their solemn promise not to take up arms again during the current conflict.

Over the strenuous objections of several subordinates, who argued loud and long that their orders excluded any such boneheaded compro-

mise, Westover cut the dubious deal. Total victory without firing a shot was, to his way of thinking, well worth risking Dimitt's wrath.

Moments later, the smiling Mexicans stacked their guns and exited the mud fort. While Westover traded salutes with his counterpart, there was grumbling in the rebel ranks. If the tables were turned, the Texans asked each other, could they count on the enemy to be so accommodating?

After spending the night in the vacated fort, the Lipantitlan Expedition left the next morning for Goliad. Lying in wait at the nearby Nueces was the bulk of the government garrison, 80 or so soldiers itching to avenge the loss of their home base.

The Texans waded into the river oblivious to the danger. When their unsuspecting quarry was waist-deep in the murky water, the enemy sprang the trap.

Even though they had the numbers as well as the element of surprise, the Mexicans still took a licking. The brave insurgents fought their way to shore and inflicted heavy casualties on the ambushers.

The half-hour skirmish ended with the hasty retreat of the government guardians. Twenty-eight were dead or disabled, while the lone wound suffered by a Texan was a finger neatly snipped off by a stray bullet.

Westover's men pleaded for permission to pursue the mauled Mexicans, but the mild-mannered merchant ruled out any mopping-up action. He simply did not have the stomach for further fighting.

Upon his return to Goliad, Westover was raked over the coals by the indignant Capt. Dimitt for his direct disobedience. On top of the inexcusable parole of a score of enemy soldiers, his failure to finish off the routed garrison had resulted in the reoccupation of Fort Lipantitlan. In the final analysis, the expensive excursion had accomplished absolutely nothing.

But the temporary commander-in-chief of the rebel army had a diametrically different opinion. Stephen F. Austin hailed the Lipantitlan Expedition as an inspirational success and its squeamish leader as the first bona fide hero of the Texas Revolution.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF CONNIE LYNNE FRANCIS KING, DECEASED, were issued on October 18, 2021, under Docket No. 3106, pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to AMY DAWN HENDERSON. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

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