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Rains County Leader to celebrate 135 years of circulation

On Friday, June 10, the *Rains County Leader* will mark its 135th birthday.

The *Leader*, as it is affectionately referred to, officially traces its roots back to June 10, 1887, when H.W. Martin published *The Argus* with that dated masthead.

The Tom W. Hill Sr. family traces its roots with the newspaper back to 1898, when a young 23-year-old Tom Sr. went to work for the *Leader* as a “printer’s devil.” In 1904, Tom Sr. bought the paper from then owner J.H. Bradford. The paper has remained in the Hill family since that time.

The *Leader* is currently under the leadership of Earl C. Hill III, the fourth generation of Hills to serve as editor and publisher.

Tom Sr. was editor and publisher until his death in March 1937. His son, Earl C. Hill Sr.,

who had worked side-by-side with his father at the paper, assumed the editor and publisher role.

Earl Sr., who was known throughout the city of Emory and Rains County as “Hoots,” continued in that capacity until his death in February 1960.

Following his death, Hoots’ sister, Kathleen Hill Becknell, and son, Earl C. Hill Jr., worked in tandem, sharing the duties of editors and publishers, for two years. In the fall of 1962, Kat became the sole editor and publisher and served in that capacity until her death in December 1995, when Earl Jr. once again took the reins as editor and publisher.

In March 2000, Earl “Trey” Hill III joined the *Leader* staff and began working alongside his father in the capacities of reporter, photog-

rapher and production assistant. In 2016, Trey became editor of the paper following the death of his mother, Carolyn Hill, who had held the title for several years. When Earl Hill Jr. died in March 2019, Trey took the reins becoming the fourth generation of Hills to be publisher of the *Leader*.

The official record of 1887 may not be the entire story. In the minutes of the Rains County Commissioners Court, Vol. No. 1, during the year 1882, it was recorded that the county agreed to pay O. Rice the sum of \$8.00 per column to publish the county’s quarterly financial report in *The Argus*.

Other entries in the same court volume refer to *The Argus*, so it is reasonable to assume that *The Argus* was being published five or six years prior to the officially recorded date of

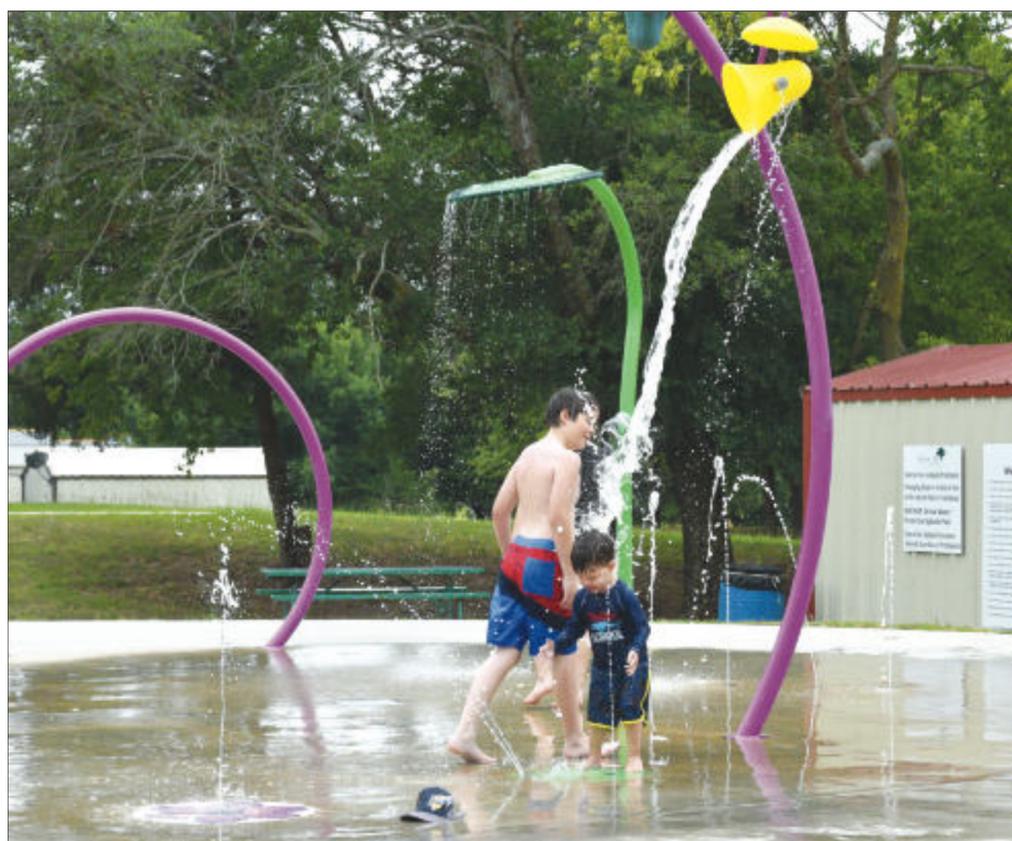
June 10, 1887. It is possible that the June 10, 1887, date is when Martin obtained ownership of the publication.

Some time after 1887, *The Argus* changed hands and was called *The Record*. Both Sam Fitzgerald and W.O. Hebisen worked on the paper at different times but history does not show who the publisher and editor were.

Before 1900, *The Record* was sold to A.S. Hornbeck and renamed *The Rains County Leader*. In 1901, Hornbeck sold the paper to Bradford, who was also a school teacher, who sold the paper to Tom Sr.

The *Leader* is the only weekly newspaper published in Rains County and has been established as the oldest continuing business in the county.

Hot fun in the summer time



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Mathew Benson and Mason Sherrin enjoying the bucket full of water to cool them off at the splash pad in Sandy Creek Park on Wednesday, June 8. Mason is the son of Chad and Rachael Sherrin. The splash pad is open during the summer from

PRAIRIE GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Honoring veterans with a weekend of music, food, fun

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Prairie Grove Missionary Baptist Church invites everyone to honor our Rains County veterans during the second annual Juneteenth celebration on June 17-19.

The weekend events are free to the public and will include games, parades, live music, barbecue and more at Sandy Creek Park in Emory and the historic Prairie Grove Missionary Baptist Church on FM 275.

Activities begin on Friday, June 17, at 7:30 a.m. with Opal’s Freedom Walk at Sandy Creek Park and participants are invited to wear anything red for the walk. The event will include breakfast and prizes.

In the evening, everyone is invited to an “Old Fashion Gathering” from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 188 RS County Road 4261. It will include food, games and a coed softball game.

Saturday, June 18, will begin with the Juneteenth Unity Parade. Lineup

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SALES TAX ALLOCATIONS

Sales tax revenues remain up in April

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

Rains County, Emory, Point and East Tawakoni saw increases in the amount of local sales tax allocations being returned from the office of Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar in June compared to 2021.

The press release from Wednesday, June 8, announced that \$1.01 billion would be returned this month to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts based on sales made in April by businesses

that report tax monthly.

With \$79,768.78 or 18.69 percent more expected to be returned, Rains County, with a half-cent sales tax rate, sees an increase in the year-to-date total to \$489,073.00. That total remains 22.44 percent ahead of 2021.

Emory, Point and East Tawakoni saw increases in the amount of money being returned in June from the 1.5 percent sales tax rate.

Compared to June of last year, the City of Emory continued to stay 21.85

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SPOTLIGHT

Karah Boyd uses financial background to help cut costs at Rains ISD

By JUDY KRAMER
Rains County Leader contributor

Karah Boyd has three children ages five, eight and 11, and has taken a pause from her accounting career to raise her children and volunteer at Rains ISD. But, she is no ordinary volunteer. She started serving with the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) after she and her husband Tim moved to Emory in December 2017. When she looked into the cost of outsourcing the memory books that were given to each student at the end of the year she figured out a way to design them for about 40 percent of the original cost. Therefore, the school was saved \$2,000 that could be freed up and given back to the school in a different way.

“Once we had that money, we looked forward to it,” said Boyd. “We had a lot of fun, including glow night (dance party), bingo night and I used to do a fall festival. We were hoping to do a Ninja event before COVID kept that from happening, but the extra money was a blessing and allowed us

to function for the next one and a half years. We could still do a lot for teachers and the school.”

Boyd said that this year is the first year back with regular activities, and this spring has been smooth in scheduling. She was able to work with the new principal and the assistant principal to have the Ninja Place activity for combined ages, and the kids were only required to provide two or three dollars. (All were included, paid or not.) Boyd said that the event went perfectly on April 19 and was a great example of what you can accomplish when you have good principals.

“Ninja atmosphere is individual accomplishment,” said Boyd. “There are different obstacles to see if kids can do them. There is a fitness factor, and personal accomplishment – I can do something hard.”

Boyd said that the PTO wants to be a district PTO instead of single school organizations. She said that they want this because when you leave elementary PTO and move to the intermediate level, it takes a long time for follow through from par-

ents. She said that board positions would be for the whole PTO, but individual schools would have parent committees.

“I have approached the district to be a volunteer substitute teacher,” said Boyd. “I want to be able to volunteer for a teacher once a month. It sets a good tune if the parent suggests it. I have also been active in promoting the Voter Approval Tax Rate Elections (VATRE) which would have been able to make teacher salaries more competitive, maintain innovative technology initiatives, and take care of immediate needed campus facility repairs and improvements. It was disapproved by only 8 to 15 votes.”

The more I know, the more I get frustrated about the financials at the state level,” said Boyd. “This year there is inflation, and property taxes have been raised, so it is scary to vote for something like this. The gap has widened between districts that approved the VATRE and those who turned it down. Districts are less com-

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Karah Boyd and family



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Rain Report

Wed., June 1 0.01 in
Wed., June 2 0.56 in
Total for June 0.57 in
Year to date 16.38 in

Community outreach & organizations

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
Emory - Tues. & Thurs. 7:00-8:00 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 12:00-1:00 p.m., open meetings. Emory United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. For info call 903-243-6766 or 903-439-7573

AL-ANON - Thurs., 7:00 p.m., Crossroads Al-anon Group, 103 N. Houston St., Edgewood, 903-896-7270

AMERICAN LEGION POST 156, Rabb Bro. Mem. Rains Co. - 4th Mon., 7:00 p.m., 215 N. Duffy St., Emory, 903-438-6045. Buffet breakfast - 2nd Saturday 7:00-10:00 a.m.

ARBALA DANCE - Tues., 7:00 - 9:30 p.m., Arbala Community Center

CUB SCOUTS - 1st, 2nd, 4th Sunday, Masonic lodge 4:30 p.m. Email haywirewoman@gmail.com.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - every Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Emory Baptist Church

EAST TAWAKONI SENIOR CITIZEN GAME DAY - every Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., 255 Oakleaf Trail.

EMORY LIONS CLUB - 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m. Sidekicks in Emory. Call for information 903-473-2311

FOOD BANK AT FREEDOM CHURCH OF GOD - 3rd Fri., 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 10830 FM 514, Emory. 903-473-2457

FRIENDS OF RAINS CO. PUBLIC LIBRARY - 3rd Thurs., 1:00 p.m., Meadows Cultural Center, Rains County Public Library

LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS - 1st Thurs., 11:30 a.m., www.lakecountryneighbors.com

LAKE FORK BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD PANTRY - 2nd Tues., 1-4 p.m. 9483 W. FM 515, Alba

LAKE FORK CHAPTER OF THE WELL ARMED WOMAN - first Thursday, 4-7 p.m. at Winnsboro Gun Club, Winnsboro TX. Sue Parrish 903-473-9819

LAKE FORK SPORTSMAN'S ASSOC. - 2nd Tues., 6:30 p.m. Lovell's Restaurant, Lake Fork Marina

MARS HILL MASONIC LODGE
#1440 - 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Lodge on Hwy. 69

NORTHEAST TEXAS DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE - 4th Thurs., 6:00-7:30 p.m., Rose Community Center

PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD OF RAINS COUNTY - 3rd Mon., 7:00 p.m., AgriLife Extension and Conference Center

POINT LADIES CIVIC CLUB - 1st Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Point Community Center, 903-269-8446

RAINS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
2nd Sat. of each month 9:00 a.m. Emory Volunteer Fire Dept.,

RAINS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - 3rd Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Visitor's Center, 903-473-3913

RAINS GARDEN CLUB - 2nd Mon., 11:00 a.m., Sept.-May Scarbrough Haven, Email TheRainsGardenClub@gmail.com

RAINS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 3rd Mon., 6:00 p.m., Emory Development Corp.

RAINS COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD - 4th Mon., 5:30 p.m., Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Meadows Cultural Center, Rains County Public Library

RAINS COUNTY GOOD SAMARITANS - Board meeting canceled, Food Pantry open 1:00-4:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs., 2nd Sat. 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

RAINS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL LIBRARY - Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:00 a.m.-noon. 140 W Quitman St. 903-473-6277

STITCH AND LEARN QUILTING CLUB - Thurs., 9:00 a.m.-noon, 903-598-3021 Emory Methodist Church

WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB - 2nd Mon., 6:00 p.m., Rose Community Center

WOMEN IN NEED, INC. - A Battered Women's Shelter. Call 903-455-4612 or 903-454-HELP

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 all Saturdays in June from 8:00 a.m.-noon. 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.

Am. Legion Breakfast Sat., June 11

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will hold a breakfast buffet on Saturday, June 11, from 7:00-10:00 a.m. at the Post home at 215 N. Duffy St. in Emory. Takeouts are offered. Payment is by donation, which goes towards the upkeep of the home and for veterans' projects.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Civil Air Patrol and Knights of Columbus will hold a flag retirement ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial on the courthouse square on Saturday, June 11, at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to bring old and weathered flags for honorable retirement.

Coats Cemetery Annual Meeting June 12

The Coats Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, June 12, beginning at noon at the Coats Cemetery in Point. There will be a short business meeting and lunch will follow. For more information, call Mickey Cooper at 903-268-7422, Henrietta Welch at 903-474-4067 or Robert Welch at 903-474-5890. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a contribution to the care and upkeep of the cemetery, mail donations to Coats Cemetery Association c/o Henrietta Welch, 4049 FM 275, Emory TX 75440.

Memorial Pavers Program, Dedication

The American Legion Post 156 Memorial Pavers Program is an excellent way to create a memory of your loved one's honorable service or sacrifice, helping their legacy live on. Orders need to be placed by June 10 for placement at the Veteran's Memorial at the courthouse, and for dedication on June 18 as part of the Juneteenth Celebration. For more information or to place an order, call Elaine Davis at 903-497-2837.

PRAIRIE

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will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Senior Suite Care & Rehab on Hwy 19 and the parade will proceed down Hwy 19 to the Rains County Courthouse.

Tributes and presentations will take place at the courthouse following the parade.

At noon, activities will move to Sandy Creek Park with food, fellowship, games and a dance with music provided by The Blues Doctor's Band from Greenville.

The day will wind down at the Emory City Center on Hwy 19 with activities including trivia, spades, dominos and more until 9:00 p.m..

On Sunday, June 19, the day will begin with worship and praise at the historic Prairie Grove Missionary Baptist Church from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 1649 FM 275. A dinner will follow services on the church grounds.

Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States held every June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it is an annual celebration throughout the county of the announcement by Union forces on June 19, 1865 proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas.

Salty Magazine's Leading Ladies Luncheon

Salty Magazine, an upcoming periodical founded by Emory native Mary Clayton, hosted the Leading Ladies Luncheon at the Rose Community Center on May 14, 2022. The luncheon was served by Chef Kay who served a cuisine of made-from-scratch dishes from her native home of Nigeria.

Salty Magazine is founded on the principle scriptures of Mathew 5:13-16, educating and encouraging all women to take a stand on matters important to living a healthy physical, emotional and spiritual life. During the four-hour event, many speakers shared their thoughts on community involvement, health, and business acumen as well as offering encouraging and spiritual comments.

The event was opened by Pastor D. K. Young of Sulphur Springs, who made a special prayer for the victims of the Buffalo shooting. Bonnie Clayton, retired Rains ISD school nurse, and longtime registered nurse, addressed the group of 29 ladies and guests with a message regarding the importance of honoring our community. Johnnie Abernathy Hobbs, newly-elected Rains County Democratic Chair and 13-year owner of Precise Business Solutions Tax Services, shared her thoughts on community involvement. Hobbs is a 2015 graduate of Texas Woman's University in Criminal Justice, and interviews children in foster care as a volunteer with Rains County Court Appointed Special Advo-

cates (CASA.) Mary Clayton spoke to the crowd sharing her life experiences that inspired the creation of the Salty Magazine and related luncheon. She touched on her experiences in high school, life as a domestic abuse survivor and the glass ceiling she encountered as a woman in today's work force.

Health Matters was presented by Joyce Young, a licensed vocational nurse who led an open discussion highlighting diabetes and breast cancer awareness issues. Keynote speaker, Leslie Garret, spoke on the subject of "Make it Make Cents." She is an Emory native and owner of three limited liability companies, holding a double Bachelor's degree in Business Management and Entrepreneurial Studies. She walked attendees through her own journey into business ownership, discussed the benefits and challenges starting and owning a business, and shared her philosophy on getting ahead.

The meeting concluded with the honoring of Jannie Stephens for her long-term and continued service to the community. Salty Girls apparel bags from GSC, owned by Gigi Clayton, and shea butter skin products made by Mary Clayton were gifted to attendees.

The next Leading Ladies Luncheon will take place July 30 in the Rose Community Center. RSVPs can be made by calling Bonnie Clayton at 903-474-5919.

SALES TAX

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percent ahead of the year-to-date total at \$969,855.58. They expect to receive \$171,703.04 from the state for sales made in April.

Point saw an increase of 8.5 percent in the amount of sales tax allocations being returned compared to last year. The state will return \$11,859.83 in June, and the city remains 2.95 percent ahead of the year-to-date total at \$82,084.02.

The City of East Tawakoni is expecting to receive \$7,237.43 from the state in June. Compared to last year, the city remains 22.09 percent ahead of the total sales tax allocations for the current year at \$54,512.35.

The Texas Comptroller's office is expected to release local sales tax allocations made from sales in May for those reporting monthly during the second full week of July.

JUNE '22 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 '21
Rains	0.5%	\$79,768.78	\$67,203.32	18.69%	\$489,073.00	\$399,420.29	22.44%
East Tawakoni	1.5	7,237.43	7,031.95	2.92	54,512.35	44,645.77	22.09
Emory	1.5	171,703.04	145,207.46	18.24	969,855.58	795,885.94	21.85
Point	1.5	11,859.83	10,930.00	8.50	82,084.02	79,729.22	2.95
Hopkins	0.5%	\$347,407.52	\$265,672.99	30.76%	\$1,855,108.29	\$1,456,834.82	27.33%
Como	1.0	3,990.65	6,104.33	-34.62	32,273.86	36,781.23	-12.25
Cumby	1.5	10,318.45	10,742.00	-3.94	68,559.13	68,566.96	-0.01
Sulphur Springs	1.5	730,384.77	684,273.97	6.73	4,130,748.63	3,776,328.79	9.38
Hunt	0.5%	\$600,497.93	\$556,482.44	7.90%	\$3,727,582.70	\$3,140,199.90	18.70%
Caddo Mills	1.5	69,992.74	64,489.12	8.53	437,308.68	334,120.93	30.88
Campbell	1.5	12,462.66	9,074.19	37.34	67,515.81	49,226.71	37.15
Celeste	1.25	8,803.18	7,127.54	23.50	51,732.64	45,876.68	12.76
Commerce	1.5	163,355.86	162,544.15	0.49	1,083,734.16	955,342.42	13.43
Greenville	1.5	930,140.21	881,781.22	5.48	5,770,014.76	4,903,834.52	17.66
Hawk Cove	1.0	1,896.65	3,132.15	-39.44	14,867.13	22,527.84	-34.00
Lone Oak	1.5	15,938.63	14,047.61	13.46	102,797.24	86,353.07	19.04
Neylandville	1.0	1,415.94	2,024.44	-30.05	6,539.32	10,972.75	-40.40
Quinlan	1.5	145,250.91	137,835.83	5.37	896,926.45	771,519.58	16.25
Union Valley	1.0	3,641.56	3,589.36	1.45	22,546.31	20,718.26	8.82
West Tawakoni	1.5	17,317.81	12,837.56	34.89	98,385.65	87,900.71	11.92
Wolfe City	1.5	13,253.05	12,875.79	2.92	85,621.55	141,340.27	-39.42
Van Zandt County does not collect sales tax							
Canton	2.0	446,865.64	389,555.54	14.66	2,516,270.08	2,227,915.77	12.94
Edgewood	2.0	36,442.69	37,183.62	-1.99	244,080.65	209,687.52	16.40
Edom	1.0	1,849.19	1,644.10	12.47	17,548.23	11,763.63	49.17
Fruitvale	2.0	5,886.24	4,185.20	40.64	37,550.40	23,301.54	61.14
Grand Saline	2.0	64,104.81	62,852.73	1.99	377,951.03	388,908.55	-2.81
Van	2.0	88,036.62	87,595.57	0.50	530,779.04	488,919.05	8.56
Willis Point	2.0	176,424.80	141,619.92	24.57	944,791.72	802,248.96	17.76
Wood	0.5%	\$230,696.28	\$231,827.09	-0.48%	\$1,394,088.88	\$1,239,867.52	12.43%
Alba	1.5	23,688.61	27,539.57	-13.98	149,263.42	133,153.62	12.09
Hawkins	1.5	36,138.45	57,609.42	-37.26	208,520.38	216,823.82	-3.82
Mineola	1.5	244,214.07	229,169.18	6.56	1,435,797.75	1,280,455.48	12.13
Quitman	1.5	71,844.18	70,391.65	2.06	456,815.68	430,593.00	6.08
Winnsboro	1.5	123,748.64	133,926.56	-7.59	804,333.03	750,667.81	7.14
Yantis	1.5	8,156.05	8,964.01	-9.01	52,069.43	53,563.34	-2.78

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Earl Hill, Sr. - 1937-1960
Kathleen Hill Becknell - 1962-1995
Earl Hill, Jr. - 1995-2019

CITY GIRL

Church in the park

The leadership of Believers' Baptist Church puts a big emphasis on building relationships among the church family and the community. The Sunday morning schedule is set up with a fifteen minute gap between Sunday School and Morning Worship to allow time for members and visitors to meet new friends and touch base with old friends they haven't seen in a week or so. It works so well that it's often difficult for Pastor Jason to settle the congregation when it's time for the service to begin.

On the last Sunday of the month, we have a casual Brown Bag Fellowship where people are encouraged to bring food from home or pick up fast food and spend some time together over lunch. We also have cookies and tea following business meetings, occasional potluck dinners, and an annual chili cookoff. And several times a year, we suspend regular Sunday evening studies in favor of Family Fun Night which usually takes place in the church parking lot. People bring lawn chairs, desserts and outdoor games and enjoy more time together. Last Sunday we did something different and had Family Fun Night at Sandy Creek Park.

My research, which included a few minutes on Google and a note to Heather Rollins, indicated that the City of Emory purchased the land for the park sometime before 2015. With the help of various grants and other funds, the City added bridges over the creek areas, a beautiful walking trail, several picnic tables and a concrete pad with some electricity for events. Recent City add-ons have included a splash pad and permanent restroom facilities. In addition, funds raised by dedicated people like Heather Rollins and her Keep Emory Beautiful projects have paid for an amazing children's playground and a number of covered picnic tables as well as restoration of the arch bearing the Sandy Creek sign. They also planted some trees, but unfortunately, they were stolen. The hard work of all these people has turned Sandy Creek Park into a lovely retreat in the heart of Emory – the perfect place for Church in the Park.

Since I no longer work in the church office, I'm not privy to everything that goes on, so I'm not sure how our normal Family Fun Night evolved into the extravaganza we had Sunday night. We normally try to schedule one of these events earlier in the year before it gets too hot, but somehow we let the spring weather slip away. As the thermometer approached triple digits, someone probably suggested that a site with more grass and less cement might be more appealing. And someplace with water – like a really fun splash pad – would be a hit, especially with the children. When word of the tentative plans leaked out, Red Lewis immediately thought of the freezer full of fish he had been stockpiling. He and his wife Lori suggested a fish fry and offered to not only furnish the fish, but also to cook it. Of course, when church

ladies – and men – hear about a dinner, they immediately want to know what they can bring, and the emails and Facebook posts began to fly. The event was scheduled to begin at 6:30, but when David and I pulled into one of the few remaining parking spots, the party was in full swing. At least fifty people had arrived ahead of us, undoubtedly enticed by the beautiful weather, and more continued to gather throughout the evening. God had favored us with a thunderstorm that passed just close enough to lower the temperature and humidity without raining on us. The children weren't affected by the cooler weather though, and most of them were making full use of the splash pad – some in swimsuits and some fully clothed. While a few of the adults watched the kids, others were busy cooking or setting up the already overloaded food tables. Still others were lounging in lawn chairs, sipping an iced tea or root beer, visiting with old friends, and meeting new friends.

Shortly after David and I settled into a good spot and a good conversation, we heard Carla Weddle's whistle – something I'm sure she developed during her career as a teacher at RISD – and Pastor Jason announced that it was time to eat. After he blessed the meal, we lined up and began to fill our plates. For the next hour or so the conversation centered generally around who brought what and which dessert was a must have. Some of the more energetic in the crowd, mostly the teens who felt they were too old for the splash pad, and some of the younger adults, gravitated to some of the outdoor games that had been set up – corn hole, Frisbee and football to name a few.

Shivering children who had been too busy playing to worry about dinner began to drift over from the splash pad in search of a towel and food. Duffy, the Music & Media Minister, broke out his guitar, and he, Phillip, and Tyler led us in a couple of songs, and then Pastor Jason gave a brief summary of the summer schedule. After that, the conversation continued for a while, but as the sun crept behind the trees, people began to fold their lawn chairs and gather their empty or near-empty bowls. It took a while to say goodbye, but we eventually made it to the car and headed for home.

The consensus on Sunday at church and on Monday on Facebook was that Church in the Park was a huge success and that we should do it again some time. Thank you to the City of Emory and to people like Heather Rollins and others who work diligently to create spaces for events like this. Thank you to church leaders who encourage and nourish a spirit of fellowship that makes events like this a joy to be a part of. Thank you to Red and Lori and all who contributed to the food and other details that made the fish fry a success. But most of all, thank you to the Lord who founded His Church on the Rock so we might love and support one another as we wait for His return.

Ecclesiastes 2:24 There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God.

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LINDA BRENDEL
Leader Correspondent

SPOTLIGHT

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petitive. Boyd is now starting the long process of forming an education foundation in Rains County ISD with the goal of being able to provide teacher grants. She said that the district has never had that before.

Boyd said that when she and her husband were looking for a good property to live on in Emory, they didn't pay a lot of attention to what kind of reputation the schools had. But, they soon grew concerned and emailed the counselor at the school where her children would attend. The school principal called her back and Boyd said she was surprised that you could talk to the principal. That had not happened in Forney where she and her family had lived prior to moving to Emory.

"The principal even helps

with car pick-up and knows the name of every kid and parent, and the make and model of the car belonging to each family," said Boyd.

The Boyds were high school sweethearts who have been married for 19 years. Tim Boyd joined the military service soon after their marriage and ended up at Fort Hood, being deployed about four out of the five years of his service. He is now a regional director in the software security consulting field.

"I tell people Tim is paid for hacking where companies audit softwares to find security vulnerabilities," said Karah Boyd. "He has two master's degrees in Computer Science and Security Engineering. Because he finished his bachelors during the military, all of his GI Bill was available for master's degrees.

A Mesquite kid with little to his name was able to get degrees from S.M.U. so we really praise what the military can offer young adults if they stay focused on their goals.

Boyd was born and raised in Mesquite. Her mother is a retired Richardson teacher, and her dad is a retired building manager who worked in Highland Park. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a Master of Science degree in Accounting and Financial Management, and worked as a controller in accounting positions before having children. She previously volunteered for a family readiness group for military families. She said that there is always a way to be involved.

In their free time, the Boyds really love being with their kids. Karah Boyd loves exercising and yard work. She also enjoys cooking and finding new recipes that everyone with picky kids like.

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ACROSS

- this "Beetle Bailey" artist Walker lived in Texas as a child
- Baird High class (2 wds.)
- this Moore was co-star of TX Swayze in "Ghost" (1990)
- old
- Cowhand ...
- seat of Pecos County (2 wds.)
- irate, annoy auto sellers (2 wds.)
- a boot with
- TXism: "plain as the nose on your ..."
- TXism: "restless as ... church"
- TX George W. lost George H.W. in 2018
- longtime U.S. rep. from the Valley. Kika ... Garza
- ...-gallon hat
- Super Bowl ... (Cowboys' first Super Bowl win)
- TXism: "raised ... (city boy)"
- Coleman High class (2 wds.)
- "What's the ...?" (slang for what's happening)
- these cranes migrate to Texas in the winter
- horse coloring
- boot bottom
- beginning course in social behavior: "Intro ..."

DOWN

- this gives the best shotgun pattern for a medium range (2 wds.)
- TXism: "nun that by me ... time"
- make a comment
- TXism: "... so" (not true)
- "... up" (increase)
- Rio Grande City is the seat of this county
- leaf collecting tool
- this Blue Jay manager Gaston grew up in Texas
- wrestler Von Erich: "The Texas Tornado"
- TX Kris Kristofferson gospel song: "Why ..."
- RV hotel?
- Sonic food tote (2 wds.)
- "Elvis the Pelvis" in Bowie County on U.S. 59
- "Johnny ..." and "Billy Yank"
- TXism: "get your ducks ... row"
- this Heard had a losing record as Mavs head coach
- org. that nurtures the arts in Dallas
- City, Texas
- fixed term/interest savings tool (abbr.)
- this Michael starred with TX Randy Quaid in "The Paper"
- TXism: "it'll ... faith healer to fix it" (broken)
- "Tiger" Teague, veteran and Texas congressman
- actor Beatty in film "Big Bad John"
- Odessa, Permian has one with Midland Lee
- Charles Whitman was the "Texas Tower ..."
- horse's foot joint
- Santa's word
- agony, now a part of Homeland Security
- shoal
- benefactor
- Texas-based 1949 film: "Calamity Jane ... Base"
- H-E-B section for cold cuts and cheeses
- TX Dobie Gray hit: "Dirt ..." (1973)
- Houston university with strong acadie
- TX Jim Reeves 1960 hit: "He'll Have ..."
- old man's white, gray hair used to drill most Texas oil wells (2 wds.)
- cow away from the herd
- cal ... hummingbird is the smallest bird in Texas
- dry, arid
- Rusk AM/FM
- TXism: "busty ... at happy hour"
- TX Buddy's wife: Maria ... Holly

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Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of June 1-5:



DAVID TRAYLOR
Rains County Sheriff

Arrests

6-1: Rebecca Ann Burgess, Rowlett. Court ordered/DWI, two days jail.
6-1: Maria Laura Colunga, Emory. Criminal negligent homicide, \$10,000 PR bond.
6-4: John Eric Rice, Terrell. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than 4 gr. less than 200 gr., \$40,000 PR bond.
6-4: Dylan Blake Ingram, Point. Probation violation/possession of a controlled substance, \$50,000 bond.
6-4: Jake Scott Hooten, Emory. Driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 PR bond.

There were 5 arrests for the week; 3 posted bond and were released. As of Monday, June 6, there were 3 females and 39 males in custody.

Calls

6-1: Emory Hwy. 69 and Hwy. 19 Traffic light not working, Emory Duffy St. Female causing a disturbance, FM 2324 and CR 1278 Two-vehicle major accident, Hwy. 276 and FM 47 Welfare check on an elderly male, East Tawakoni (ET) Bull Creek Bridge Vehicle hanging off the bridge, Hwy. 19N Pit bull came in a yard and killed seven kittens, FM 2795 Medical assist 11-year-old male swallowed a penny, Emory W. Quitman Reference ex-girlfriend causing issues and child custody issues, Emory S. Texas E Tex Tire Burglar alarm, FM 275 Possible animal abuse, CR 3202 Male making threats, Hwy. 19S Reckless driver, CR 2160

Medical assist for 35-year-old female, PR 7703 Person may have broken into a house, Emory W. Quitman St. 71-year-old male needs lift assistance.
6-2: CR 2350 4-wheeler tearing up the road, CR 4020 Dog issues, Hwy. 19S Possible intoxicated driver, FM 2946 Boat on property for over two years, Point Industrial Blvd. Male needs assistance, Hwy. 19N Vehicle all over the road, Point beside Max-A-Mart Possible prowler, CR 4480 Problems with a juvenile acting out, Steamboat Shores Suspicious male, CR 4251 Medical assist elderly female with breathing issues, CR 3345 Dogs chasing cattle, FM 2946 Medical assist for 66-year-old male, Hwy. 69N Reckless 18-wheeler headed north, FM 47 Burglar alarm, Hwy. 19 and FM 514 Emu out, Point S. 1st St. Bad odor, Emory W. Quitman Welfare check, Public service Reference criminal

trespass and female possibly intoxicated, CR 4430 Medical assist 73-year-old female fell and hit her head and its bleeding.
6-3: Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Reference ID theft, Point FM 47 Male riding bike in the road, Point Young male throwing bottles at vehicles, Emory Abbington Walk Apts. Medical assist female with diabetic issues, Emory S. Texas St. Smell of gas, Point S. 1st St. Burglar alarm, Emory Abbington Walk Apts. Medical assist female fell, Thousand Trails Medical assist female with chest pains, CR 2110 Issues with a male and female, FM 513 Burglar alarm, Hwy. 69 Reckless driver, FM 515 Star Mart Burglar alarm, Sky Point RV Park 17-year-old female ran away, Emory Abbington Walk Apts. Suspicious vehicle, ET Reckless driver, Emory Hwy. 19S at city limits Reckless driver, Public service from Sulphur Springs Police Department Reference location of a juvenile that ran away in Sulphur Springs and she may be around Airport

Rd. in Emory, Hwy. 19N Vehicle hit a deer, Rains SO jail Medical assist male having a seizure.
6-4: CR 1399 Reckless driver, Hwy. 69 Reckless driver headed south, FM 2795 Three suspicious males, Hwy. 69 near CR 3130 Minor auto accident, Emory Hwy. 69 near Dairy Queen Two reckless drivers, CR 1150 Loud music, Emory Hwy. 19 Reckless driver headed north, Rains SO jail Medical assist, SO lobby Reference keys locked in a vehicle, Emory Brookshire's Burglar alarm, Hogansville Storage Vehicle hit gate and then a boat, Emory S. Texas St. E Tex Tire Burglar alarm, Hwy. 276 Two people trying to get onto personal property, Public service Reference information on an incident, SO lobby Reference abuse from ex-girlfriend, Hwy. 276 Welfare check requested on a female, FM 515 Reckless driver, Point 11-year-old male assaulted by a 13-year-old neighbor, Rains SO jail Medical assist male with chest pains, ET Reference son being sold tobacco products, Lake

Tawakoni Dead deer floating in the lake, FM 779 Shots heard, Emory Sidekicks Medical assist for female in the parking lot feeling light headed.
6-5: CR 1235 Burglar alarm, PR 5604 Open door on a residence, CR 2400 Reference neighbors' making car alarm go off for several months, CR 1610 Bag of trash dumped, CR 3346 Medical assist for 69-year-old female, FM 2324 Suspicious male walking near CR 1308, Emory Barns St. Domestic disturbance, Emory Sonic Burglar alarm, ET Oak Leaf Tr. Medical assist for 89-year-old female, FM 2324 Burglar alarm.
 For the month of May 2022, the SO reported 41 offense/incident reports taken; 595 calls for service; 510 total calls for deputies; 90 arrests; 32 average daily jail population; 7 transports for 742 miles; 54 animal control calls; and 39 cases filed. The patrol-vehicle mileage total was 18,409 miles with 1,888 gallons of fuel used.

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Spraying summer weeds

As summertime approaches, typically so does the hot and dry weather. The Texas drought monitor shows that Rains County is still in a moderate drought. It is imperative that forage producers pay close attention to weed pressure because weeds take away moisture and nutrients from the grass.

We must start thinking about spraying summer weeds very soon. I have already seen some goat weeds, ragweed and horse nettle coming out. The first step in spraying pastures and meadows is to get your spray rig ready and get it calibrated. Calibrating sprayers will save you money in the long run and can ensure you good kill on your weeds.

Below is information on sprayer calibration and weights and measures to help you better understand not only calibration, but mixing of the chemicals.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

43,560 square feet = 1 acre
 5,280 feet = 1 mile
 1-acre measures 208.71 ft. on each side

LIQUID MEASURES

1 gallon = 4 quarts = 8 pints = 128 fluid oz
 1 pint = 16 fluid oz
 1 quart = 2 pints = 32 fluid oz
 1 cup = 1/2 pint = 8 fluid oz
 2 cups = 1 pint = 16 fluid oz
 2 tablespoons = 6 teaspoons = 1/8 cup = 1 fluid oz
 1 pound = 16 oz
 1 gallon of water = 8.345 pounds

DRY MEASURES

4 oz = 1/4 pound
 16 oz = 1 pound
 8 quarts = 1 peck
 4 pecks = 1 bushel

Boom Sprayer Calibration:

- Determine nozzle spacing.
- Refer to the following chart below to determine calibration course
- Measure and stake off the appropriate calibration course based on nozzle spacing. The course should be on the same type of ground that will be sprayed. (Speeds may be faster on roads than on sod, changing the application rate.)
- Drive the course in the gear and rpm that will be used when spraying.
- Record the time in seconds. Do this twice and average the time.
- Park the tractor and maintain the same rpm.
- Turn on the sprayer and catch the water from one nozzle for the same number of seconds that it took to drive the calibration course.
- Ounces caught = gallons per acre.
- Check all nozzles. Flow rate should not vary more than 10 percent among all nozzles. Replace any nozzles that do not fall into this range.

* To determine calibration course for a nozzle spacing not listed, divide 340 by the spacing expressed in feet. Example calibration distance for 19-inch nozzle spacing = 340 divided by (19/12) = 215 feet.

Nozzle Spacing	Length of Calibration Course
18 inches	226 feet
19 inches	214 feet
20 inches	204 feet
24 inches	170 feet
30 inches	136 feet
40 inches	102 feet

Boomless Sprayer Calibration:

- Measure effective swath width.
- Refer to the following chart to determine calibration course:
- Measure and stake off the appropriate calibration course based on nozzle spacing. The course should be on the same type of ground that will be sprayed. (Speeds may be faster on roads than on sod, changing the application rate.)
- Drive the course in the gear and rpm you will use when actually spraying. Record the time in seconds. Do this twice and average the time.
- Park the tractor and maintain the same rpm.
- Turn on the sprayer and use a trash bag and bucket to catch the water for exactly the same number of seconds that it took to drive the calibration course. (Note: You can also use a 2-liter soda bottle, cut a hole in the side of the bottle big enough to fit over the cluster nozzle, in place of a trash bag.)
- Pints caught = gallons per acre.
- Check all nozzles. Flow rate should not vary more than 10 percent among all nozzles. Replace any nozzles that do not fall into this range.
- To determine calibration course for a swath width not listed, divide 5460 square feet (1/8 acre) by the swath width in feet. Example calibration distance for 32-foot swath width = 5460 divided by 32 = 171 feet.

Again, it is time to start getting ready for the spray season and you must start by calibrating your sprayer.

Swath Width	Length of Calibration Course*
20 feet	272 feet
25 feet	218 feet
30 feet	182 feet
35 feet	157 feet
40 feet	136 feet
45 feet	121 feet
50 feet	109 feet

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS § BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE
 RAINS COUNTY §

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Rains County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on June 3, 2022, seized, levied upon, and will offer for sale the following properties, on the first Tuesday in July, 2022, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the west side of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Emory, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day beginning at 10:00 AM, and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Rains and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acct # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
1	3001TX 04/22/22	2756-0000-1100-43 JUNE 03, 2022	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. DAN MELANCEN, ET AL	Lot 110, Steamboat Shores Subdivision, Unit II, a subdivision in Rains County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 5, Page 31. Plat Records of Rains County, Texas. (#9008) (Acct. No. 2756-0000-1100-43)	\$1,290.00
2	3013TX 04/22/22	2125-0000-0060-40 JUNE 03, 2022	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. KENNETH HARRIS, JR., ET AL	Lot 6, Bullard Addition, an addition located in Rains County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 134, Page 49. Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. (#6250) (Acct. No. 2125-0000-0060-40)	\$8,663.00
3	3070TX 05/06/21	0003-0300-0041-43 JUNE 03, 2022	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. NICHOLE L. CROWELL	1.325 acre, more or less, situated in the P. Adams Survey, Rains County, Texas, as described in deed dated December 7, 2010, from Lillian Lovetta Harvey to Nichole Ljoy Crowell, in Volume 532, Page 194, Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas. (#15575) (SUBJECT TO 2021 TAXES) (LAND LOCKED) (Acct. No. 0003-0300-0041-43)	\$6,824.00
4	3071TX 04/22/22	0003-0300-0040-43 JUNE 03, 2022	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. HERBERT LEE HARVEY	1.325 acre, more or less, situated in the P. Adams Survey, Rains County, Texas, of which 0.097 acre lies within a 30 feet wide Access Easement, as described in deed dated June 8, 2011 from Lillian L. Harvey to Herbert Lee Harvey, in Volume 537, Page 722, Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas. (LAND LOCKED) (#30303) (Acct. No. 0003-0300-0040-43)	\$25,804.00
5	3086TX 04/22/22	0128-0176-0000-43 JUNE 03, 2022	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. JERRY GORDON	2.00 acres, more or less, situated in the Bede Johnson Survey, Abstract 128, Rains County, Texas, as described in deed dated September 19, 1991, from Elmer E. Gordon etux to Jerry Gordon, in Volume 200, Page 709, Real Records of Rains County, Texas. (LAND LOCKED) (#2543) (Acct. No. 0128-0176-0000-43)	\$46,149.00
6	3088TX 04/22/22	0151-0100-0010B-43 JUNE 03, 2022	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOE S MAYBERRY, ET AL	A Mobile Home Only, Label# TEX03091907TEX0309191, Serial# HCTXSN41026A/HCTXSN41026B, located at 3845 FM 514 in the City of Point, Texas, Rains County, Texas. (#16375) (Acct. No. 0151-0100-0010B-43)	\$35,206.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Rains County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

RECENT CHANGES IN THE PROPERTY TAX CODE NOW REQUIRE PURCHASERS OF TAX SALE PROPERTY TO HAVE A STATEMENT FROM THE RAINS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR CERTIFYING THAT THE PERSON/FIRM/COMPANY PURCHASING PROPERTY AT A TAX SALE OWES NO DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES TO ANY TAXING ENTITY WITHIN THE COUNTY. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A TAX SALE DEED TO ANY PROPERTY YOU PURCHASE WITHOUT THIS CERTIFICATE.

TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR RAINS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE SALE.

Dated at Emory, Texas, June 3, 2022

Sheriff David Traylor
 Rains County, Texas

By _____
 Deputy

Notes:

The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, attorney for plaintiffs, at (903) 597-2897

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Obituaries

Beverly Carr 1961 - 2022



Beverly Carr, 60, of Emory, died on May 31, 2022. She was born on August 26, 1961, to James Whitehead and Mary Key in Kaufman. She married Harold Carr on September 29, 2001, at Pendelton Overlook, Black Water Canyon, West Virginia. She loved working as a Nationally Certified Medical Assistant and volunteer EMT. Mrs. Carr is survived by her husband; son, Joseph Carr; stepson, Jason

stepdaughter, Dena Rambo; grandchildren, Landry Rambo and Jackson Rambo; sister, Mary Choate and husband Robert; nephews, Chad Forbes and Robert N. Choate; nieces, Brea Aitken, Tara Strunk and Bree Choate. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, Jimmy Whitehead. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Carr; American Brain Tumor Association - abta.org

Bill Beasley 1933 - 2022



Funeral services for Bill Beasley, 89, of Sulphur Springs, were held on June 8, 2022, at Emory Baptist Church. Interment followed at South Liberty Cemetery in Sulphur Springs. Mr. Beasley died on June 5, 2022, in Sulphur Springs. He was born on March 24, 1933, to Henry Lee Beasley and Bessie Hipp in Cumby. He served in the USMC from January 16, 1951 to January 7, 1954, and in the USMCR from December 1, 1954 to December 1, 1957. He served in Korea from March until November of 1953. He was present when the peace treaty was signed and witnessed the exchange of prisoners-of-war at Panmunjon, Korea. He received the Good Conduct medal, Korean Service medal W2, National Defense medal, and United Nations Service medal. While in the reserves, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant. When he returned home, he enrolled in college at Commerce. Bill graduated with a Bachelor of

Science degree in January 1957. He met Carolyn Speed in the summer of 1956 and they married in 1957 in Cumby. He went on to earn his Masters Degree and Counseling Certificate. His teaching career lasted 27 years of which the last 14 years were spent as a counselor in the Rains ISD. He later had a full career as a social worker for home health and hospice. He loved to travel and traveled to all 50 states and out of the USA. Mr. Beasley is survived by his wife; sons, Ricky Beasley and wife Anita, Craig Beasley and wife Kim; 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Danny Beasley; and eight brothers and sisters. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to South Liberty Cemetery Association at P.O. Box 1144 Sulphur Springs, Texas 75483. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Kris Harrison Doyle 1959 - 2022



A graveside service for Kris Harrison Doyle, 62, of Emory, was held on June 7, 2022, at Dunbar Cemetery. Mr. Doyle died on June 1, 2022, in Emory. He was born on December 1, 1959, to Joe Mac Doyle and Kay Frances Boulware in Dallas. He married Marianna Gowins on October 25, 1991, in Emory. He worked as a weaver at Solvay.

He is survived by his wife; mother; daughters, Amanda Sibenthaler and husband David, and Kaitlin Doyle; sister, Carie Mork and husband Gary; brother, David Doyle and wife Kathy. He was preceded in death by his father; and brother, Denny Doyle. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Chad Carl Warner 1971 - 2022



A memorial service for Chad Carl Warner, 50, of Alba, will be held at a later date. Mr. Warner died on June 2, 2022, at his residence in Alba. He was born on September 1, 1971, in Bellevue, Washington, to Brent Allen and Janet Ann Christianity Warner. He moved from Washington to Alba two years ago. He worked in landscaping, construction and designing swimming pools. He loved to hunt and won several awards for shooting. He also enjoyed traveling and fly fishing.

Mr. Warner is survived by his parents of Alba; brother, Todd Allen Warner of Alba; niece, Macie Warner; nephews, Hunter Warner and wife Lexi and Cole Warner; aunt, Gayle Warner and family; uncle, Clayton Warner and wife Shirley; cousins, Danielle Warner, Andy Gould and wife April, Suzie Forte and husband Paul, and Clint Gould; and numerous other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Art and Madge Warner and Wayne and Alta Christianity.

Jo Ellen West 1934 - 2022



Graveside services for Jo Ellen McKenzie West, 78, of Alba, will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery. Greg Wright will officiate. A memorial service will follow in the chapel. Mrs. West died on June 2, 2022, in Jacksonville. She was born on August 1, 1944, in Madison, Wisconsin, to Joseph W. and Frances Ellen Grumbles McKenzie. She spent most of her life in Alba. She was a public school teacher and retired after 31 years of service. She taught at Alba-Golden, Irving and Garland. She was the president of the Mineola League of Arts for 10 years and was still

an active member at her passing. Mrs. West is survived by her husband of 31 years, Frank West of Alba; son, William Keith Barnes and wife Jennifer of McCamey; daughter, Cindy Hartsell and husband Andy of Knoxville, Tenn.; brother, Darrell McKenzie and wife Jean of Ben Wheeler; sister-in-law, Teresa McKenzie of S.C.; seven grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, David Mckenzie. Services are under the direction of family and friends.

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Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”

Proverbs 27:6.

Last Wednesday, the youth met with the adults. Pastor Jerry Jackson brought a soul-searching message from Proverbs titled “Three Attributes of a True Friend” about being a real friend and not a fake.

We had a great service Sunday morning! We had many visitors. Five-year old Holden was recognized for winning two first place trophies at the Youth Fishing Tournament hosted by the Wood County Sheriff’s Office, for catching the biggest bass in his age group and in the overall tournament. A little 2-year old said a memory verse. So precious! Joey Day accompanied

himself on the piano as he sang the special before Bro. Jerry’s message from I John titled, “Exercising Our Love.”

In our evening service Bro. Jerry read from I Corinthians about how we should observe the Lord’s Supper, and then we partook. It was such a sweet service!

Our church will host a memorial service this Saturday at 4:00 p.m. for Ronnie Parker, owner of Lake Fork Trophy Lures, who was loved and appreciated by many.

Father’s Day is just around the corner. Be thinking of something you can do for your father! Are you ready to meet your maker? Jesus is coming back soon.

Have a blessed and safe week.

Believer’s Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

“No unbelief made him [Abraham] waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God.”

Romans 4:20

Pastor Jason Rolan continued the expositional series from Romans with a message called “The Nature of Justification by Faith.” The nature of saving faith exhibited by the Old Testament patriarch Abraham is the same as that exhibited by true believers today: 1) It believes in what God has said, 2) it centers on God, and 3) it is based on what Jesus has done for us.

Sunday evening, the Believers’ family enjoyed Family Fun Night - Church in the Park at Sandy Creek Park. We appreciate Red and Lori Lewis providing fried fish and more and others who

provided side dishes, desserts, drinks and utensils. BBC continues to collect bottled water, Gatorade, Powerade, etc. for Rains County first responders. To participate, purchase and deliver to the church or donate by cash or check. Make checks payable to Believers’ Baptist Church and memo “First Responders.”

Two weeks are left in the annual Raffa Clinic Online Baby Bottle fundraiser. To donate, go to www.bbceemory.org and follow the Raffa link.

Student Ministry will leave on June 27 for World Changers Mission Camp. Timberline Baptist Encampment Pre-Teen Camp is scheduled for July 14-16. Contact Pastor Jerod Haygood for more information on either camp.

Episode #114 of *Asking for a Friend Podcast* is titled “How do we discern God’s will?”

Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

We had wonderful services last week. Jacob Frazier began our Sunday school hour by leading a song and dismissing us to our classes.

Donna Jones led our children’s class in a wonderful time of learning how much God loves us through all the many creations He made and gifted to us for use.

Our adult class studied how God hand picked us and established us for His purpose and plan. The title for our lesson was “Brighten Your Corner Where You Are.”

Worship services began with Jake leading our music. Prayer and Praises were shared then

Donna Jones brought our morning prayer. Anniversary wishes were given to Benny and Robin Thompson celebrating forty-six years of marriage. Special music was provided by Benny and Kelsey Frazier.

Pastor Mike Frazier continued his sermon series on receiving the Holy Spirit, which is God’s gift to us to guide and lead us in further understanding of who God is and His purpose for our lives.

We continue to pray and seek the prayers of every Christian brother and sister as we see the evils of this day unfolding. Won’t you join us in prayer?

A special birthday celebration



Leader file photo

Charles Cooper, a resident of Rains County, will turn 100 years old on June 25. He grew up in Louisiana and enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 during WWII. He spent three years as a radio operator involving top secret work. He has lived and worked in Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana and Texas. He enjoys singing gospel music in churches and was an avid fisherman causing him to relocate to Rains County so he can continue his favorite pastime. A special birthday party is planned for him in the future and cards and well wishes are welcomed. They can be mailed to Point City Hall c/o Heather Rollins, 320 N. Locust Street, Point, Texas, 75472.

Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

It has been a busy few weeks at Emory Baptist Church. Summer seems to be in full swing as we prepare for upcoming camps and Vacation Bible School next month.

Bro. Richard Piles was gone Sunday morning, so the youth minister shared a message from the book of John titled, “Something Better than Unlimited Bread Sticks.” Following Jesus’ miraculous feeding of five thousand people, He challenged the people to believe Him and to put their trust in Him as the “true bread from heaven.” In the evening service, Bro. Jason Moczygamba shared a message from the book of Job.

After the morning service on Sunday, there was a parent meeting for all students going to

youth camp. Students will leave Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. to go to Journey Camp in Spicewood. VBS workers met on Sunday evening to talk about Vacation Bible School coming up on July 11-15. The VBS Online Registration page is open for families to register their children for VBS. Go to rebrand.ly/VBS2022 to find out more and sign up.

There is a lot on the calendar. The Southern Baptist Convention begins Sunday, June 12, in Anaheim, California. Women on Mission meet Monday, June 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the Bride’s Room. Threads of Service will have a Sew Day on Tuesday, June 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the Memorial Hall. Family Fun Night is Saturday, June 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Emory United Methodist Church

By Mary White

“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.”

Acts 2:2

The day of Pentecost was Sunday and Rev. David Banks’ message was titled “The Third Breath.” The scripture was taken from Acts. We all wore red and we had red candles all over the sanctuary. We could feel the Holy Spirit. The third breath is the birth of the Church. It was a wonderful day of worship.

Vacation Bible School started Monday, June 9. We are looking forward to a great week in the

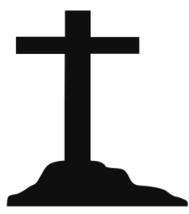
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Come join us Friday, June 10, at 6:00 p.m. for game night and a spaghetti dinner. Donations appreciated.

Birthday wishes go to Marlene Morris. Our Communion offering for June is Back to School Backpacks. This offering can give the children a little extra to begin the new school year.

Pray for Roy Bryant, Heather Powell, Nelda Northcutt and the Lakey Family.

Have a great week and go into the world and make a difference.



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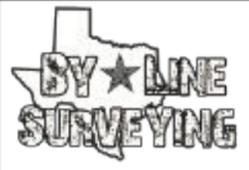
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Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2021, adjusted for known and measurable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$251 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 4.5% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of \$5.560 billion. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service ("TCOS") and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") adjustments. TCOS revenue was adjusted to include the March 31, 2022 interim update rate at 2021 ERCOT 4CP. TCRF revenue was adjusted to equal the March 1, 2022 TCRF revenue requirement reflected on Line 2, Attachment A of Oncor's petition approved in Docket No. 52898 and further adjusted to include the effects of the 2021 ERCOT 4CP load approved in Docket No. 52989. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers ("REPs"), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested a June 17, 2022 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 53601, *Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates*, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the 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, toll free at (800) 735-2989 or 711. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY

The City of East Tawakoni is accepting sealed bids for the sale of surplus vehicles beginning Thursday June 2nd, 2022.

The auction will remain open for bids until Thursday June 16th, 2022, until 4:00 p.m.

All bids will be opened on June 20th, 2022, at the East Tawakoni Police Department at 10:00 a.m. Winners will be contacted on June 21st, 2022, to pick up vehicles.

1999 Ford F-150. Ran when impounded. Vin# 1FTRX07W0XKA14279 Red. Starting bid \$400.00.

2004 Honda Accord. Ran when impounded. Vin # 1HGCM56884A070536 Gold. Starting bid \$300.00.

2008 Honda CBR 600. Ran when impounded. Vin# JH2PC40028M105356 Black/Red. Starting bid \$1500.00.

2008 Chevy Tahoe. Ran when impounded. Vin # 1GNEC13R5WJ347430 Beige. Starting bid \$400.00.

2005 Chrysler Pacifica. Ran when impounded. Vin # 2C4GM68415R434809 White. Starting bid \$500.00.

1998 Lincoln Navigator. Ran when impounded. Vin # 5LMRU27L1WLJ59097 Blue. Starting bid \$300.00.

2002 Toyota Avalon. Ran when impounded. Vin # 4T1BF28B12U224569 White. Starting bid \$400.00.

2009 Chevy Impala. Ran when impounded. Vin # 2G1WT57K191323490 Silver. Starting bid \$500.00.

Bids may be hand delivered or mailed to 288 Briggs Blvd., East Tawakoni, TX 75472 or email to policechief@cityofeasttawakoni.com. The city reserves the rights to reject any or all bids.

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID ALTOM, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF JAMES DAVID ALTOM, DECEASED, were issued on May 25, 2022, under Docket No. 3194 pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to MICHAEL DAVID ALTOM. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

c/o: Philip D. Alexander
 Attorney at Law
 Number One Planters Street
 P.O. Box 38
 Emory, Texas 75440

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED June 3, 2022.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL DEAN FRIDAY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF MICHAEL DEAN FRIDAY, DECEASED, were issued on May 25, 2022, under Docket No. 3195 pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to LARRY DALE FRIDAY. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

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THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

Record turnouts for FDR's Texas tour

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt mixed politics and pleasure on a reelection campaign swing through Texas on Jun. 11-12, 1936.

The first stop on FDR's Lone Star itinerary was Houston, where the mayor proclaimed a holiday in eager anticipation of the unprecedented visit. All public buildings and many private businesses were closed, as the vast majority of the 350,000 inhabitants squeezed into the center of Texas' biggest city to see the popular New Deal architect in the flesh.

"Every inch of sidewalk space lining the parade route was taken," reported the Houston Chronicle. "Those with friends and relatives working in offices overlooking Main Street moved in to view the procession from above. Thousands perched on building tops, balconies and in windows of tall buildings to watch the parade."

Every able-bodied male with a uniform was drafted for crowd control. In addition to the police, highway patrol and National Guard, active-duty soldiers, naval reservists and even Boy Scouts were mobilized to contain the largest throng in Houston history.

Following a wildly enthusiastic welcome downtown, Roosevelt boarded a private yacht at the ship channel for the short cruise to the San Jacinto battleground. Accompanying the president were Gov. James V. Allred, U.S. Senators Tom Connally and Morris Shepard, ex-governor William P. Hobby, Democratic Party power broker Jesse Jones, Congressman Joe Eagle and Houston mayor Oscar Holcombe.

The commander-in-chief saluted the 800 soldiers from Fort Crockett in Galveston along the road to the site of the final showdown with the Santa Anna. Twenty-eight thousand Texans, who had stood for hours in the blazing summer sun, burst into cheers and applause at the sight of the presidential procession.

The Rolls Royce convertible with the guest of honor drove up the ramp of a huge platform built for the occasion. This ingenious arrangement made it possible for the paraplegic politician to speak from the car without walking or climbing stairs in public.

"We love you for what you are," Gov. Allred said in his gushy introduction. "You have brought happiness to millions of people. We bid you welcome, Great Leader."

But Jesse Jones could not resist pointing out that Roosevelt was the first chief executive of his party ever to come to Houston. Even though Texas had voted Democratic in 19 out of 20 presidential elections since statehood, only Republicans (Grant, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley and Taft) had

bothered to pay their respects in their person. FDR paused in his praise of the San Jacinto victors to acknowledge the presence of Sam Houston's 81-year-old son. "It is a special pleasure to meet Mr. Andrew Jackson Houston. I am proud to know that my father knew your father. I shall always remember how my father used to tell me that, when he was a very young man, he was sent to Washington by his law office to carry papers to Senator Houston."

After two action-packed hours in Houston, the president climbed back on his special train and headed for San Antonio. That afternoon following the traditional wreath-laying ceremony at the Alamo, he declared, "I welcome the opportunity to pay my small tribute to the heroes who laid down their lives 100 years ago in order that Texas might become, first, an independent nation and later a mighty state in our union."

It was late in the day, when Roosevelt reached Austin. But he made the most of the whistle-stop by giving John Nance Garner, the vice-president from Texas, a rhetorical pat on the back and flipping a switch that set off a dynamite charge to break ground for new construction on the University of Texas campus.

Day Two was spent in Dallas, where FDR was again greeted by a record turnout. The three-mile route from the business district to the Centennial Exposition was packed with 300,000 to 400,000 men, women and children in a city with a population of 260,000.

A remarkable thing, at least by present-day standards, happened as the president rode past the county jail. When the inmates shouted and waved through the bars, Roosevelt flashed his familiar smile and waved right back.

Mounted Texas Rangers met the motorcade at the front gate of the Centennial and cleared the way to Cotton Bowl, where a capacity crowd of 50,000 patiently waited in the 95-degree heat. In a half-hour address broadcast live across the country, FDR said, "I have come here to bear the tribute of the nation to you on your hundredth birthday. You are a hundred years young!"

"With the return of better days," for which the incumbent naturally took credit, "we have witnessed three great expositions: the Century of Progress in Chicago, the California International Exposition in San Diego and this fine exposition commemorating the centenary of the independence of Texas. May you have all the luck you deserve."

Luck was something Franklin Roosevelt definitely did not need that November, when he carried Texas and 45 other states to win a second term in a no-contest with Republican Alf Landon.

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BARTEE HAILE
Historical Columnist

LUKE CLAYTON

World's most fish-catching bait

Last week, I was out in the middle of Lake Ray Hubbard fishing with guide Brandon Sargent, Lead Slinger's Guide service. We were dropping baits directly under the boat and staying busy hooking and placing on ice one white bass after the other. Catching was about as good as it gets for about 30 minutes and then the action suddenly ceased. About 75 yards out, on the dead calm surface of the water, a huge school of whites had pushed shad to the surface. The water was frothing!



LUKE CLAYTON
Outdoor Columnist

We used the same very versatile bait to continue catching fish within a couple feet of the surface. What bait, you might ask is well suited for catching fish deep in the water column and near the surface as well? It's the lead spoon or slab as we call the bait here in Texas. A variation of the much lighter metal spoon, the slab is made of solid lead, brightly painted, with a treble hook on one end and an eye to attach the line on the other. For catching white bass, half-ounce to three-quarter ounce are most popular. But when fishing for stripers in windy conditions, heavier slabs are often used.

Spoons are used the world over in a great variety of styles and weights to catch a smorgasbord of fish, both fresh and saltwater species. Because they can be worked differently to match the situation, they are deadly fish catchers when presented properly. I've caught bass in Japan by vertical jigging a small lightweight metal spoon, and giant Northern Pike in Canada using big, flashy spoons. Game fish make their living eating baitfish and the spoons or slabs, when properly presented by the fisherman, perfectly mimic wounded baitfish and trigger strikes.

On my recent trip with Sargent, we were vertical jigging the baits near the bottom when fish were deep and on the surface when they pushed the bait shallow. The same lures that worked well on the deeper fish proved lethal on surface feeders when presented with a different retrieve. We made long casts holding the rod tip high and twitching the rod to bounce the baits near the surface. When the white bass were feeding on schools of shad near the bottom, we watched the sonar and most strikes came as the fish followed the bait coming up toward the surface. Several fish would be attracted to what they thought was a wounded baitfish near the bottom but they usually would not strike until the bait was being ripped up through the water column. It's virtually impossible to retrieve the bait too quickly. White bass and all open water schooling species are lightning fast and on several occasions we watched the fast moving baits being nailed by ever faster moving white bass. On this recent trip we landed not only

limits of white bass, but also freshwater drum (White meat fish that are excellent eating). Phil Zimmerman even caught a nice-sized flathead catfish while bouncing the slab near bottom and in one spot, there was a school of channel catfish feeding below the school of whites. They were hugging the bottom and picking up the crippled shad below the feeding school of white bass.

Yep, looking back through my many years as a fisherman, I can thank the lure known as a 'spoon' for some exciting catches. I remember well fishing a very remote cove in a fly-in lake up in Saskatchewan and casting a spoon called a Five of Diamonds up near the bank in crystal clear waters. I gave the rod a couple of twitches and pulled the lure out in into deeper water and noticed a dark form heading straight to it. I found myself hooked solidly to the biggest fish landed that week, a northern pike just over forty inches long!

PLANTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

I'm about to tell you about a couple of plants that I recently learned about that require next to zero cultivation and are very tasty. I was visiting with Billy and Sharon Kilpatrick at their Colquhoun Farms near Leonard, Texas and they showed me a couple of large areas covered in plants. One was Egyptian Walking Onions and the other, with much taller plants, was Jerusalem Artichokes. The Walking Onions form onions both underground and above ground and once planted, they spread rapidly. The smaller onions formed on top of the stem above ground are about the size of a garlic pod and when fully developed, their weight caused the stem to fall over to the ground where the onions quickly take root and start another plant, thus the name 'Walking' onions. They are a bit hotter in flavor than mild onions but I love their taste.

The Jerusalem Artichokes are not artichokes at all but rather tubers that grow underground that are, to my taste, more flavorful than potatoes. The tubers grow all spring and summer and mature in fall. After consulting with a couple of my wildlife biologist buddies, I learned that deer love eating both the tops and roots.

I have already planted both species on my property and we plan to start the artichokes on several food plots this fall. Both plants would be great for planting around the house or at a hunting lease. Once established, they will always be available for a quick meal of fried tubers and onions! I recently cooked some venison steak in a cast iron skillet with butter and added both these onions and sliced tubers from the artichokes. The results was one of the tastiest meals I can remember!

Watch this weeks 'A Sportsman's Life' on Carbon TV (www.carbon.tv.com) for a video highlighting these two amazing plants and the folks that cultivate them.



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