

RAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Trustees hear parents’ concerns at packed meeting

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

In a packed room, the Rains ISD Board of Trustees discussed the concerns of parents about the district and dress code for students during the regular meeting on Monday, June 13.

The meeting began with three individuals speaking to the board in an open forum about

the school lockdown, dress code and concerns about the administration of the district.

Shala O’Neal spoke with the board and stated that “there are a lot of us that are here together so I’m just the voice for all of us.”

O’Neal presented questions to the board concerning the turnover rate of teachers in the district, hiring teachers with a past, parking on the highway in front of the school, the school lockdown on May 24 and discipline

of students.

School Board President Phillip Alexander and Superintendent Jennifer Johnson answered the questions that could be addressed in open session.

“So that everyone understands,” Alexander said. “We are required, by law, to go into closed session to discuss complaints about

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RAINS COUNTY

Court approves subdivision policy, Hazard mitigation plan

By CHUCK FITTS
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The Rains County Commissioners Court held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 9, to adopt the new subdivision policy and move forward with the Hazard Mitigation plan for Rains County.

During the meeting, the commissioners had final discussions concerning the updated subdivision policy.

Commissioner Jeremy Cook did not like the idea of having language in the policy to allow exceptions. Judge Linda Wallace agreed that she preferred black and white rules with no exceptions.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the policy as presented. The policy was approved 3-2 with Cook and Wallace voting

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Former East Tawakoni mayor dies

By LAUREN WITHROW-EDGAR
Rains County Leader contributor

Former East Tawakoni Mayor John-niedean LaPrade died at her home on Thursday, June 9.

LaPrade, who was known simply as Johnnie, was born on February 24, 1944, in Dallas. She grew up in and around North Texas.

Johnnie met her husband, William (known as Willie), when he knocked on the wrong door, looking for his friend’s house. They were married on April 26, 1963, and had recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. Johnnie worked and retired from Madix in Terrell.

When best friend Patsy Marshall, (also mother-in-law to daughter Vicky), decided to run for Precinct 1 Rains County Commissioner, Johnnie volunteered as her campaign manager. After Marshall’s election to the seat, Johnnie decided to serve her commu-

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Roof-raising experience



Workers toil away installing the roof for the new St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church building located east of Emory on FM 515. Construction recently restarted after work was halted due to the COVID pandemic. Construction of the building is currently through the church’s congregation and fund raisers held throughout the year. The next scheduled fundraiser is the Ladies Guild Garage Sale which is scheduled for July 28 - 30.

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EMORY CITY COUNCIL

Council conducts regular monthly meeting Tuesday

By LAUREN WITHROW-EDGAR
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Poppers will pop at the Women’s Service Club’s Poppers in the Park event, after the organization was granted a variance to have fireworks in Heritage Park on Monday, July 4., by the Emory City Council at its regular meeting on Tuesday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. at Emory City Hall.

Before the regular meeting, a public hearing and time for public comment was held for residents regarding a zoning change, from agriculture to commercial, of 3.5 acres for Kim’s Convenience Store, to be located at the corner of FM 515 and Hwy 69. No residents spoke and the public hearing was closed and the council entered into the regular meeting.

Council members Travis Potts, Emery

Cathey and Lori Honeycutt were present at Tuesday’s meeting along with Mayor Pro Tem Blake Cooper and Mayor Earl Hill III. Councilwoman Jannie Stephens was not in attendance due to a church function.

Council members unanimously approved the acceptance of the previous meeting’s minutes with an amendment added to Item G

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SPOTLIGHT

Desire to remain active gives rise to Reka’s Rise and Shine Coffee Co.

By JUDY KRAMER
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Emory realtor Keeley Roan’s grandparents owned a steak house in Illinois, and her sister is an experienced coffee shop owner in Ohio who has expanded her business with the addition of a brewery, bar and pizza. So, when Keeley’s husband, Bert, retired and the family wanted to find a way to help him occupy his time, they felt that their familiarity with eating establishments might help them be successful at running a coffee shop in Emory.

When the old gas station at 234 Quitman was up for sale in 2015, the Roan family bought it and opened their new coffee shop, naming it Reka’s Rise & Shine Coffee Company after Keeley Roan’s grandmother.

“My grandmother was a small, strong Italian woman who told my sister and me that we could be anyone we wanted to be,” said Keeley.

In 2017, the family pursued and then bought the residence where the current

coffee shop is located, at 419 N. Texas Street. Keeley and her daughter-in-law Ashley Roan worked on turning the residence living room into a homey dining area, with some of the original comfortable furniture, a fireplace and a view of the outdoor lawn and trees. A counter was placed nearby in the former dining room. Then, they reopened the new coffee shop location on St. Patrick’s Day in 2018.

“Bert became a barristo, serving coffee to customers, and he worked religiously six days a week,” said Keeley. “He was able to come off his meds for vertigo and made a lot of friends, but now he is into fishing.”

“He was also a gossip wheel who knew a lot of things that were happening locally,” said Ashley.

Ashley runs the shop and makes the pastries that are offered on the menu. Keeley goes into the shop often speaking with customers and helping where she can. Keeley laughed and said that she is good at rearranging things that really do not need rearranging. However, she did find it neces-

sary to take out some of the very comfortable furniture in the seating area because customers who were sitting on the couch or cushioned chairs tended to extend the time they remained in the shop. Keeley said that she and Ashley meet a lot of new people at the shop who are moving to town or are weekend visitors and they offer them information about Emory.

Ashley said that customers tell her that the coffee at the shop is better than mainstream coffee bought elsewhere. She said she thinks that is because of the way it is roasted by the people they buy it from. They don’t roast it themselves but know what their customers like.

The coffee shop menu currently offers a variety of coffees, tea, hot chocolate, frappes, specialty lattes, smoothies, pastries and cold-brew flavored coffees. Plans are being made to enclose the portico into a coffee service area, and turn the current seating area into a lunch dining area. There will be a new, bigger kitchen, a drive

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Keeley Roan and daughter-in-law, Ashley Roan



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Rain Report

No rain recorded last week

Total for June 0.57 in

Year to date 16.38 in

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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.

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WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB – 1st Mon., 6:00 p.m., Rose Community Center

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EMORY CITY COUNCIL
3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m., Emory City Hall

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2nd & 4th Thurs., 10:00 a.m., Rains County Courthouse

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RISD

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personnel and students.”

After the 40 minute closed session with O’Neal, the board returned to open session and Alexander stated that “I can assure you that this board does not and will not tolerate the concerns that Mrs O’Neal had expressed to go on in this district.”

“I feel like [the issues] are resolved,” O’Neal stated. “What happened in closed session, I can’t talk about, but I can tell you that these people right here have our best interests at heart.”

Mrs. Holley spoke to the board about her concerns from the school lockdown on May 24 and asked the board to consider some changes. She suggested they consider a media liaison to get information out during events, panic buttons in classrooms, cameras at school streaming to the sheriff’s department and resource officers on all campuses.

Johnson stated that the administration has and will continue to consider those and other options as well as templates to help get information out sooner.

Crystal Moczygamba spoke to the board about her experience in the school and belief that loosening of the dress code could help teachers connect with students.

Following a small break, the board considered the proposed dress code as presented by Johnson. Items discussed included banning of hats and caps in buildings for students and teachers, banning of spiked jewelry, tails and ears, guidelines for dress code at banquets, covering tattoos and types of allowed hair coloring.

After input from the board

and teachers in attendance, Johnson stated that she would make updates to the proposed dress code and bring it back to the board for approval.

The board entered another closed session with principals and teachers to discuss students in the district.

After an hour and 40 minute closed session, the board returned to open session to approve the payroll compensation and benefits for district staff.

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Rachel Bounds presented the annual academic report to the board and noted that the school had fewer students failing compared to last year.

Trustees reviewed the School Health Advisory Council Annual and approved the 180 Degree Education Curriculum for students in grades 7-12.

The board unanimously approved the change in title for Bounds to Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction as she has passed all requirements to be a superintendent.

Trustees approved the change in title from Directory of Federal Programs/Accountability & PEIMS to Director of Student Services.

The school board approved the agreement with Communities In School of the Dallas Region for social workers at the campus and all updates to the school’s policy.

Eddie Elliott was not present for the regular meeting.

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

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against.

The court considered how to pay for the Hazard Mitigation plan for Rains County. A representative from GrantWorks explained to the court that they could find a grant to pay for the plan but would add another year to completion of the plan.

After considering using ARP funds, the commissioners unanimously approved the payment of the plan from contingency funds.

The developers of Retreat at Angler’s Point on Rains County Road 3220 presented a final plat to the court. Commissioners had issues with a couple of lots that were not compliant with the rules of the current subdivision policy. Wallace moved to table the item to discuss the policy

rules with the County Attorney.

Commissioners were presented with the option to renew the TAC Health Plan which would see an increase of \$35 per person. The renewal was approved unanimously.

The court approved plats for Serenity Point and Cedar Creek, accepted the budget of the Rains County Appraisal District and entered the financial statements from the Andrews Center into the minutes.

All commissioners were present for the regular meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Rains County Commissioners Court is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Rains County Courthouse.

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of the minutes clarifying that an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) project had been approved.

Potts made a motion to approve the payment of bills; Honeycutt seconded and Cooper voted in favor. Cathey voted against the payment of bills agenda item.

The council heard departmental updates from City of Emory Public Works Director Blake Brumit, Finance Director Samantha Gibby and City Administrator Angie Allen. A crew will be at Emory City Hall Wednesday-Friday next week, June 22-24, redoing wiring and completing other tasks to ensure the technological security of city systems and information, according to Allen. She stated that the city will not have access to any computers or city information during this time and all calls will be forwarded to a city cell phone manned by Allen. Mayor Hill explained that during this time, in-person service and payments, as well as telephone payments may require increased time to complete, but payments are still able to be made through the city’s website, cityofemory.com, with no expected interruption.

In other items, the Emory City Council:

- unanimously approved the rezoning request to change

3.5 out of 22 acres from agricultural to commercial for Kim’s Convenience Store. Cathey made the motion and Honeycutt seconded.

- unanimously approved the variance request to change the set back off the property line from five feet on the garage side only for Lots #1 and #13 of the Season Subdivision on Ravine Street. Cooper made the motion and Cathey seconded.

- unanimously approved Ordinance 11-99 to include new city streets. Cooper made the motion and Honeycutt seconded.

- unanimously approved Building Permit Procedures. Cooper made the motion and Honeycutt seconded.

- unanimously approved untabling an agenda item regarding Ordinance No. 1-2022 establishing a parade route. Cathey made the motion and Cooper seconded.

- unanimously approved Ordinance No. 1-2022 establishing a parade route. Cooper made the motion and Honeycutt seconded.

At 7:39 p.m., the meeting concluded. The next regular meeting of the Emory City Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Emory City Hall.

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nity in a similar capacity as well. So, in 2009, she ran successfully for a position on the East Tawakoni City Council. Council members voted her in as Mayor Pro Tem, and then appointed Johnnie as Mayor when Buster Thomas resigned in 2011. She was re-elected and served as Mayor until 2019.

Daughter Vicky remembered, “Mother greatly improved the lives of those that she served. She worked to build the East Tawakoni Library, Family Dollar and was instrumental in raising funds through the Spirit of East Tawakoni Committee. Mother was a servant leader to her community; she was a part of the City of East Tawakoni Economic Development Corporation, East Texas Council of Governments, Rains County Historical Commission and was the Vice-President and City Ambassador for the Rains County Chamber of Commerce.”

East Tawakoni resident Pam

Patterson served as a city council member and Mayor Pro Tem during Johnnie’s time as Mayor, and became close with her. She stated, “Johnnie was an amazing lady and treated everyone with fairness. She was someone that I came to know and love as a close friend. I will miss her dearly.”

Johnnie delighted in and was devoted to her family and community. Whether she was spending time with those she loved or banging her gavel to demand order when those attending city council meetings got a little unruly, Johnnie lived a life she loved.

Vicky said, “She gave everything she could to the people around her regardless of her own position in life. Mother loved her family and her community more than anything. Her legacy will live on through the good works that she has done for the City of East Tawakoni and Rains County.”



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CITY GIRL

Crawfish – up close and personal

Crawfish. The first thing I did before beginning this column was to Google the correct name for these strange looking creatures. According to



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those who are supposed to know, people north of the Mason-Dixon Line normally refer to the miniature lobsters as crayfish while residents of the West Coast, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas call them crawdads. But since I married a Louisiana boy where they are known as crawfish, that's what I'll go with.

Texas wasn't mentioned in the blog post I used for reference, but in the era before organized play dates and yoga classes for kids, my friends and I sometimes went fishing for crawdads in the drainage ditch near my house. We'd sneak a piece of bacon out of the refrigerator, wrap it around a rock, tie a string to it, and troll the muddy waters. I don't think we ever caught one – in fact, I don't remember ever seeing one. I don't have a clue what we would have done if we had caught one – but if it was good enough for Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn, it was good enough for us.

As an adult, I tend to avoid the unattractive critters. I love a good shrimp boil, but I don't get excited when the local restaurants begin advertising that the crawfish are in. I did have some fried crawfish tails once which, as I recall, I enjoyed very much. But I don't want those feelers and legs rising to the top of my bowl of gumbo or gracing my plate of jambalaya. Maybe it's the eyes. I've had a couple of creepy experiences with the eyes of seafood.

The first time I remember fishing was when I was less than ten years old. We were visiting an aunt who had a pond on her property. I don't remember much about the day except standing by that pond with a cane pole in my hand, staring intently at the red and white bobber that looked strangely like the Emory water tower. When that bobber suddenly went under, I jerked that pole as hard as I could and brought up my first fish. It was tiny – too small to actually take the hook – but somehow I had managed to hook the poor thing in the eye. I felt bad as my fishing coach carefully removed the hook and returned him to the pond where he would undoubtedly spend his life retelling how he lost his eye but escaped the frying pan.

Since then, I've never been able to eat anything that is looking at me. Many years later I ordered trout in a Colorado restaurant. Apparently there was an ordinance that, in order to prove that what was served was what was advertised on the menu, the fish had to arrive at the table with head, tail, and fins intact. I stared in horror at my dinner as it stared back at me. Up to that point I had never sent food back to the kitchen, but I made an exception that day. To the waitress's credit, she didn't laugh when I asked her to take it back and ask the cook to remove the inedible parts.

I've included this back story so you might understand why a very thoughtful gift from a friend was a bit traumatic for me. Saturday evening, just as the last James Bond movie was nearing its end on our TV, we heard a tap on the door followed by a familiar greeting – "Perkins here." David paused the movie and opened the door to a neighbor bearing a gift.

"I just came from a crawfish boil," he explained. "There was a lot left over, and I asked the host if I could bring some to my Louisiana neighbor." With that he presented us with a zip lock bag of still-warm crawfish. The bag was clouded with condensation, so I was able to thank him appropriately without freaking out.

It was too late to even think about a taste test, so after the movie ended, I searched for uses for leftover crawfish. I didn't find any suggestions for simply reheating, and since I had all the necessary ingredients, I decided I would make gumbo the next evening. While I was on the internet, I researched the proper way to peel a crawfish. The line drawings weren't too intimidating, so I felt prepared for the coming ordeal.

Sunday afternoon was a different story. I placed two containers on the counter, one for shells and another for the edible parts. Then I put the zip lock in the sink and opened it. I saw nothing but legs and feelers – and eyes! The first two went fairly well, but I was surprised at the small amount of meat that remained after shelling and cleaning. I was also surprised at the mess that was left in the head that some people consider a delicacy. Then I pulled the third crawfish out of the bag. It was bigger than my hand, and I swear I saw it move. I threw up my hands and stepped back from the sink.

"I can't do this," I exclaimed. "This is disgusting!"

David grunted from the couch where he was staring at his iPhone. Sensing no rescue coming from that direction, I took a deep breath and returned to my task. By the time I worked my way through the bag, I had become more adept at extracting the shrimp-like tails from the shells. I threw the leftovers into the vacant wooded lot next door for whatever critter might like to chew on them and proceeded with the gumbo preparations.

The gumbo was delicious as witnessed by Perkins when I took him a bowl. The old folk saying "What goes around comes around" is usually quoted with a negative meaning – a bit like when Mom used to quote a verse from the book of Numbers that said "be sure your sins will find you out." But in some cases, it can have a positive meaning. For example, if you take your neighbor some crawfish, you might get a bowl of gumbo in return – and she might learn to deal with a new experience without going into shock.

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Lake Fork Anglers

Light winds out of the east (you know east is usually least) were a big change after weeks of strong winds and storms.

The lake is still down about 6'. The recent rains didn't help at all.

We need to announce the passing of longtime charter member Bob Roberts last week due to heart issues. Bob was an institution at Lake Fork fishing in many open tournaments with great success. In our club he was instrumental in changing our rules making them better for all the members.

Riding with him was a thrill because he rarely followed the boat lanes, instead following trails he had in his finders and in his mind. Doing that in the dark was just plain scary for his co-anglers.

Rest in peace old friend.

All fish 10" and up are keepers. Only the best five count. Starting last week, we went on our summer hours. 6:00 a.m. to noon so as not to fry our old brains.

Boaters

First place went to Bill Ailes of Sulphur Springs with seven

bass for 20.38 lbs. with a 6.90-lb.unker.

Second place went to Dennis Bubinas of Lake Fork with 10 bass for 19.35 lbs. with the 7.16-lb. boater lunker on a crank bait.

Third place went to Jack White of Farmers Branch of Lake Fork with seven bass for 17.98 lbs. with a 5.25-lb. lunker.

Fourth place went to Robert Gaylor of Lake Fork with five bass for 14.19 lbs. with a 4.83-lb. lunker. on a T-rig.

Fifth place went to Brian Malchar of Alba with four bass for 13.82 lbs. with a 3.98-lb. lunker.

Co-Anglers

First place went to Gary Gilmore of Ennis with nine bass for 18.01 lbs. with a 5.35-lb. lunker.

Second place went to Zack Smith of Oklahoma with five bass for 15.12 lbs. with a 6.77-lb. lunker on a crank bait.

Third place went to Tom Black of Tulsa with six bass for 13.82 lbs. with the co-angler lunker of 3.98 lbs.

Fourth place went to Ken

Kielbas of Arlington with seven bass for 12.93 lbs. with a 3.90-lb. lunker.

Fifth place went to Larry Kelly of Yantis with six bass for 9.49 lbs. a 2.88-lb. lunker.

This week we managed 113. keepers with one skunk. Three less than last time.

If you'd like to fish at Lake Fork but don't really have the \$500 for a guide, come and fish with us for a \$20 entry fee and a \$20 donation for your boater, unless you are a boater. Annual dues are also \$20. Our group of boaters will be able to put you on fish most of the time.

The LFA fishes every Thursday except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas on two different formats: a five-fish limit we call LFA and a MLF style format where every fish counts, we call Hard Core. We have three special tournaments and an end-of-year dinner. We are a club of 53+ seniors (mostly) and are very liberal on members being for off vacations and medical issues.

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SPOTLIGHT

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through window, and some new employees added to the current staff. The lunch menu will include soups, sandwiches and salads including gluten-free choices.

Current hours of operation for the coffee shop are Monday through Friday 6:00 a.m. to noon, and 8:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Keeley's career as a realtor began in 2003. She said that it is currently a hard thing to do, whereas the coffee shop is fun. However, she has had a lot of enjoyment during her years of experience. She related that the most enjoyable sale of a house occurred fairly recently when she sold a house to a couple from California by showing it to them using FaceTime. The couple had ordered some furnishings for the house, but could not be in town when they were delivered. Keeley took control of letting the delivery truck move the furnishings into the house, and everything went very smoothly. She said that all the local realtors do that kind of thing, but, the California couple expressed their

amazement and said that realtors in California never did those kind of extras. Keeley said the couple would get in touch with her often for the first year after moving into their new house in the city to tell her other wonderful things that people in Emory did for them.

When Keeley was asked how she got into the real estate business, she said that she originally went to college to major in architecture, but married young, had babies and had to pause her educational plans. She returned to college, currently named Texas A&M at Commerce, at age 40, and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Construction Science. She had also taken an aptitude test that showed she was well suited for a career in real estate.

"My new degree served well with real estate because I had learned a lot about floor plans, measurements and surveys," said Keeley. "These things are good for helping new people to find their forever home. My real estate job was great when my kids were growing and my

husband worked a lot of overtime. My hours could be flexible. I have become life-long friends with many of my clients."

Keeley said that before moving to Emory, she and Bert owned a poultry farm in Pickton, with 88,000 chickens and some dairy cattle on 110 acres. She and her husband both grew up in Rockwall and have four sons. Three of their sons live within 20 miles of them.

Ashley is married to one of the Roan's sons, Jake, who works as a lineman in Emory. She and Jake married young and moved to Montana with only \$500 to their name. They lived on a large cattle ranch helping fix fences, branding, moving cows and Ashley baked lunches for the farm hands. She also taught her two preschool daughters how to sew, make cream, butter and other farm-related talents. Her daughters currently help out in the coffee shop when not in school.

The Roan family is large and as many as 20 members at a time enjoy attending activities involving the children and grandchildren. Keeley said that at games, she becomes loud and boisterous and everyone knows who she is - who is being noisy.

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ACROSS

1 middle name of "Lady Bird" Johnson
5 repair socks
6 get ready for publication
7 TXism: "a shy dog don't get biscuits"
8 TXism: "old as ..."
9 late TX actress and model, Fawcett
15 "against" prefix
16 TX Leon Jaworski became Watergate prosecutor after this Cox was fired
19 TXism: "that's a fine how ..." (something irritating)
21 mount where Moses got the Ten Commandments
22 TXism: "___ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
27 tear in a sweater
28 self door to door
29 TXism: "useless as perfume" ___
30 TXism: "___ a whipped pup"
32 Austin band: "Asleep ___ the Wheel"
33 TX Cooley is known for his work in ___ surgery
36 Granbury historic hotel: "___ House"
37 nickname of U.S. president born in Denison, Texas

38 TXism: "attracted like ___ a magnet"
39 male fowl (2 wds.)
41 "black gold"
42 Texas city meaning "the pass" (2 wds.)
45 many Texans play on the PGA
46 Astros former long
47 chain-___ fence

48 marching cadence word
49 in Texas, cars must have a registration on the windshield
52 "___ in the face" (an insult)
53 ___ Ocean, Texas
54 word before a woman's maiden name
55 big oil service co.

9 TXism: "a ___ would have more fun" (bored)
10 summer necessity in Texas (abbr.)
11 actor Rock in Texas epic film "Giant" (init.)
12 TXism: "cream ___" (good quality)
13 head nod at an auction (2 wds.)
14 TX Morgan Woodward was the walking boss in 1967 film "Cool ___ Luke"
15 TXism: "if he's ___ bark"
16 Eve's male in Eden

17 TX Shaville won 3 titles as this (city abbr. + team)
18 calorie counter
20 the family ___
22 TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have to ___"
23 Lennon's widow
24 it's played at military funerals
25 "look to it like an ___ a banana"
26 Travis drew a ___ the dirt at the Alamo

28 he starred with TX Ann S. in 1937 film "San Quentin"
31 Palo ___ Canyon in the Panhandle
34 Metrolplex mexican eatery: "___ Fenix"
35 TXism: "___ some gravel" (left)
37 TXism: "lapped ___" (believed)
40 "___ grapes"
43 "The Leaning Tower of ___"
44 TXism: "numerous ___ dead war" ___
50 a "Corps" member at Texas A&M military kitchen duty (abbr.)

DOWN

1 suffix for "lemon" or "lime"
2 young man
3 Growlson is the seat of this county
4 TX Tanya Tucker sang "San ___"
8 TXism: "___ (1975) singing drunk"

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HAY DAY

Growing in Friendship with Jesus

Point Church of Christ
Vacation Bible School
Pre-K to 5th grade
Saturday, June 18th
from 1PM to 5PM
Family meal to follow

Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of June 6-8



DAVID TRAYLOR
Rains County Sheriff

Arrests

6-6: Thomas Jacob Schuld, Point. Release surety/possession of a controlled substance, \$5,000 bond; release of surety/unlawfully carrying weapon, \$5,000 bond.

6-7: Janet Denise Garner, Point. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than 1 gr. less than 4 gr., \$10,000 bond; possession of a prohibited sub-

stance in correctional facility, \$15,000 bond.

6-8: Rebecca Ann Burgess, Rowlett. Driving while intoxicated, court ordered 2 days jail.

There were 3 arrests for the week; 1 released after time served; 2 posted bond and were released. As of Thursday, June 9, there were 3 females and 33 males in custody.

Calls

6-6: Public service from Trinity Christus Hospital Reference a man getting bitten by his own dog, CR 1525 Medical assist 28-year-old male having a seizure, Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Reference reckless drivers on Hwy. 19S, Emory S. Texas St. Burglar alarm at E-tex Tire &

Wheel, CR 2420 Medical assist female with breathing issues, Emory Sky Line Dr. Male lying in the ditch with his feet in the road, Hwy. 19S near CR 1280 Cows out, FM 514E Hay bale and tractor fire, Point Ave. A Medical assist 62-year-old female fell and already has a broken leg, Emory Good Samaritans Suspicious vehicle, Point S. 1st St. Wanted male located, Sky Point RV Park RV on fire, Hwy. 19S Reckless driver headed north, Emory Lake Fork Tackle Burglar alarm, Emory N. Ravine St. Bull out, Emory Laundromat Female went into restroom about an hour ago and has not come back out.

6-7: CR 3333 Male said people have been chasing him all night, CR 4235 Medical assist 80-year-old female fell, Hwy. 276 and FM 47 traffic and One

female arrested, CR 3485 Medical assist, Hwy. 19N Reckless driver headed south, Emory splash pad Medical assist 2-year-old female slipped and hit her head, CR 1235 Creative Learning Burglar alarm, Sky Point RV Park 17-year-old female left home, Point 1st St. Medical assist female having a seizure.

6-8: CR 1490 Child custody dispute, Lake Tawakoni near the dam Boater needs assistance, Emory Quick Save Customer causing a disturbance, Hwy. 276 Medical assist male fell and hurt his leg, Point Dollar General Suspicious people walking around with flash lights, FM 2946 and FM 2795 Cow out, CR 3401 Medical assist male with chest pains, Emory Senior Suite Care & Rehab Medical assist, CR 2610 Ex-husband harassing and making threats.



Courtesy photo

Deputies Arellano, Demps and Guthrie completed the 3-day Intoxilyzer Operator Course with passing scores. Much needed training that will help keep Rains County drivers safe.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension observes June as National Safety Month

This month is dedicated to preventing causes of workplace injury. Because we spend so



SARAH LATHAM
Rains County AgriLife Agent

much time in our workplaces we end up eating, cooking and storing food in those work-

places. Making sure to follow proper food safety measures can help keep us safe from food-borne illnesses.

Improperly stored food is one of the causes of 48 million cases of food borne illness in the US each year. Of those cases, 128,000 lead to hospitalization and 3,000 result in death.

Fridge Basics. For workplace refrigerators and those at home, a refrigerator thermometer is recommended to assure that the internal temperature stays at 40 degrees Fahrenheit (F) or lower. Food kept in between 40 degrees F and 140 degrees F for longer than two hours is no longer safe to eat. This rule is good to remember after parties and celebrations when large amounts of food are served.

Proper Placement. Raw meat, poultry and fish should be kept on the bottom of the fridge to prevent any liquids from leaking and contaminating any food, but especially food that will be consumed without cooking.

Cool Down Quick. Large quantities of hot food, like a pot of soup or a large cut of meat should be divided into smaller portions to cool down more effi-

ciently, thus spending less time in the "temperature danger zone," between 40 degrees F and 140 degrees F. Small portions of hot food can be put into the fridge and should be covered to prevent drying out and picking up odors from other foods.

Wipe Weekly. Finally, leftovers are only good for 3-4 days. Shared workplace refrigerators should be emptied of leftovers at least once a week. Shelves can be wiped down with a bleach solution (2 teaspoons of bleach and 16 ounces of water) or cleaning product containing bleach. If using a homemade bleach solution, let the product sit on the surface for two minutes, then wipe dry.

The office refrigerator is a great convenience that can help add healthy options to our workday meals, but it often goes overlooked as a place that can harm your health. If you need a refrigerator thermometer, contact the Rains AgriLife Extension office. Taking these steps can help make your lunchtime food safe and flavorful.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me, 903-473-4580 or email Sarah.Latham@ag.tamu.edu. Read more about this and many more topics on my blog, <http://agentsarah.blogspot.com/>. To view upcoming events or additional information please visit <https://rains.agrilife.org/> or follow Rains County AgriLife on Facebook.

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

Property owners have the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the appraised (market) value of your property;
- the unequal value of your property compared with other properties;
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal records;
- any exemptions that may apply to you;
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal;
- the taxing units taxing your property;
- the property ownership;
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal;
- failure of the chief appraiser or appraisal review board (ARB) to send a required notice; or
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, county appraisal district (CAD) or ARB that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review
(Insert description of CAD's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Rains County Appraisal District
903-473-2391

Review by the ARB
If you cannot resolve your problem informally with the CAD, you file a notice of protest requesting to have your case heard by the ARB.

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that hears and determines protests regarding property appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes based on evidence heard during the ARB hearing.

If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing and send you written notice of the time, date, place and subject of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening or on a Saturday. You may use Comptroller Form 50-132, *Property Appraisal - Notice of Protest*, to file your written request for an ARB hearing.

Prior to your hearing, you may request a copy of the evidence the CAD plans to introduce at the hearing to establish any matter at issue. Before a hearing on a protest or immediately after the hearing begins, you or your agent and the CAD are required to provide each other with a copy of any materials (evidence) intended to be offered or submitted to the ARB at the hearing. Evidence may be submitted for any hearing type either in paper or on a small portable electronic device (such as a CD, USB flash drive or thumb drive) which will be kept by the ARB. Do NOT bring evidence on a smart phone. The ARB's hearing procedures regarding all the requirements to properly submit evidence on a small portable electronic device must be reviewed.

To the greatest extent practicable, the hearing will be informal. You or your designated agent may appear in person, by telephone conference or videoconference call or by submission of a written affidavit to present your evidence, facts and argument. You must indicate the type of hear-

ing you request on your written notice of protest filed with the ARB not later than the 10th day before the hearing date and provide your evidence and written affidavit before the ARB hearing begins. You may use Comptroller Form 50-283, *Property Owner's Affidavit of Evidence to the Appraisal Review Board*, to submit evidence for your telephone conference call hearing or for hearing by affidavit.

You and the CAD representative have the opportunity to present evidence about your case. In most cases, the CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented.

In certain protests, the chief appraiser has the burden of proving the property's value by clear and convincing evidence. You should review ARB hearing procedures to learn more about evidence and related matters.

You should not try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. ARB members are required to sign an affidavit saying that they have not talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court, an Arbitrator or SOAH
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you are not satisfied with the ARB's decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. As an alternative to district court, you may appeal through binding arbitration or the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) if you meet the qualifying criteria.

If you choose to go to district court, you must start the process by filing a petition with the district court within 60 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If you chose to appeal through binding arbitration, you must file a request for binding arbitration with the CAD not later than the 60th day after you receive notice of the ARB order. If you chose to appeal to the SOAH, you must file an appeal with the CAD not later than the 30th day after you receive notice of the ARB's order. Appeals to district court, binding arbitration or SOAH all require payment of certain fees or deposits.

If you believe that the ARB or chief appraiser failed to comply with an ARB procedural requirement, you may file a complaint with the local taxpayer liaison. If it is not resolved by the ARB or chief appraiser, you can request limited binding arbitration to compel the ARB or the chief appraiser to comply.

Tax Payment
You must pay the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute, the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken or the amount of taxes due in the previous year.

More Information
You can get more information by contacting your CAD at (insert CAD name, address, telephone number).

Rains CAD
P.O. Box 70 - 145 Doris Briggs Pkwy
Emory, Texas 75440

You can get Comptroller forms and additional information on how to prepare a protest from the Comptroller's website at comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
Not later than May 15 (or within 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed for good cause if you miss the usual deadline. The ARB decides whether you have good cause. Late protests are not allowed after the ARB approves the appraisal records for the year.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the CAD informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the determination was delivered to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change did not result from a

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or legal, state or national holiday.

protest you filed), the deadline is not later than the 30th day after the notice of the change was delivered to you.
(You may insert deadline for protests concerning omitted property if doing so would avoid taxpayer confusion.)

If you believe the CAD or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually Feb. 1) or no later than the 125th day after the date you claim you received a tax bill from one or more of the taxing units that tax your property. The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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Obituaries

Johnniedean Hinds LaPrade

1944 – 2022

Funeral services for Johnniedean LaPrade, 78, of East Tawakoni, were held on June 13, 2022, at Wilson-Orwosky Chapel. Interment followed at Hooker Ridge Cemetery.

Mrs. LaPrade died on June 9, 2022, at her residence in East Tawakoni. She was born on February 24, 1944, to J.B. Hinds and Nell Lofton in Dallas.

She married William Lee LaPrade on April 26, 1963, in Dallas. She retired from Madix in Terrell.

She loved to volunteer in her community and was mayor of East Tawakoni from 2011 to 2019.



Mrs. LaPrade is survived by her husband, Willie LaPrade; daughter, Vicky Marshall and husband Kyle; grandchildren, Lacy Marshall, Josh Stigall and wife Tori, Aaron Marshall and wife Sarah, Taylor Marshall and wife Elise, and Mason Hamilton and wife Courtney; great-grandchildren, Emersyn, Blakely, Gracie, Lane, Slade and Macy; and sister, Wanda Davis.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and daughter, Julie Ann Hamilton.

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

Linda Moody

1940 – 2022

A graveside service for Linda Sue Thurman Moody, 81, was held on June 14, at Willow Springs Cemetery, near Emory.

Mrs. Moody died on June 11, 2022, at East Texas Hospice Center in Tyler. She was born on November 25, 1940, in Delta County to Finis Oleta James Thurman and Robert Orval Thurman.

She attended school in Pecan Gap and after graduating from Cooper High School in 1959, she moved to Dallas where she began a long work career. She later moved to Emory where she worked at the Rains County Appraisal District, at Rains County Abstract and in family-owned businesses. She was a member of Emory United Methodist Church where she taught children's Sunday school classes. She also served for two years on the Rains County Child Welfare Board.

In 1982 Mrs. Moody moved to Tyler where she volunteered at Marvin Methodist Church, leading divorce workshops. She also worked as a counselor for alcohol and drug abuse programs and once was chosen as Volunteer of the Year for Smith County. She was a strong supporter of the



Salvation Army. She was a member of the American Association of Professional Landmen and served as the first female president of East Texas Association of Petroleum Landmen.

Mrs. Moody considered her most important and rewarding job was being a mother. She was totally devoted to her son.

She is survived by her son Ken Moody and Betsey Molnar of Emory; sisters-in-law Karen Thurman and Judy Moody; nephews and families, Jarrod, Wendy, Kyle and Katie Thurman of Emory and Michael and Vinnie Ho Thurman of Lewisville; and Kenneth Moody, Ken's father.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Mickey Thurman; and brother-in-law, James Moody.

In lieu of flowers Linda requested donations be made to Emory United Methodist Church, 456 N Texas St, Emory, TX 75440.

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

Ervin Dwayne "Johnny" Briggs

1934 – 2022

Funeral services for Ervin Dwayne Briggs, 76, of Point, were held on June 10, at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel. Pallbearers were Dustin Briggs, Kevin Briggs, Craig Briggs, Tracy Burns, Corey Cone, Brian Lipscomb, Eddy Dodson and Ricky Dodson.

Mr. Briggs died peacefully surrounded by his family on June 7, 2022, in Mount Pleasant. He was born on October 27, 1945, to Ervin Briggs and Margie Maxine Dodson in Point. He served in the US Army during Vietnam and retired from Texas Instruments to care for his parents.

He loved his family and fishing but most importantly he chose to love the Lord. He would sit with his daughter-in-law and study the scriptures to have a better understanding.



To his family he was the best daddy, uncle and papa. He taught them about character, honor and integrity. He took them hunting and fishing and taught them how to ride a motorcycle and drive a truck. He was always there for his family.

Mr. Briggs is survived by his sons, Dustin Briggs and wife Nancy of Point and Kevin Briggs and wife Sher of Tyler; grandchildren, Katie, Kristie, Kaden, Kameron, Kaylee, Tabitha, Kierstin and Breanna; many great-grandchildren; brother, Terry Briggs; sisters, Tammy Young, Sherry Cone and Penny Burns; and many nieces and nephews.

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

Brenda Sue Ramirez

1949 – 2022

Brenda Sue Ramirez, 72, died on June 9, 2022, in Point. She was born on August 29, 1949, to Eleuterio Pecina and Betty Sue Wilkerson in Rockwall, .

She loved spending time with her family. She was a homemaker and loved listening to Christian stations.

She is survived by her son, Bobby Reeves; daughter, Deana Reeves; grandchildren, Ashley Melton, Joshua London, BJ Reeves, Nicholas Reeves, Skyler Reeves and Dawnie Joe Townsend; numerous



great-grandchildren; sisters, Laticha Jarrett, Nannette Mason, Karen Tapley, Linda Gillard, Janette Olsen, Lorie Salder and Cathy Terry; brothers, Richard Pecina and Andy Pecina.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Eisidro Ramirez; brother, Ted Pecina; and sister, Terrie Squires.

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

Lily Grace Stigall

2016 – 2022

Lily Grace Stigall was born on August 29, 2016. She was the youngest of four children born to Steve and Kathy. Every single day of her life has been a gift from God and our help in this time of grief, comes from Him.

In December of 2017, Lily suffered a traumatic brain injury from a non-fatal drowning accident near Austin, Texas. That night, the Lord heard our prayers and miraculously spared her. The Lord gave her four and a half more years of life. God did this in no small part through the unbelievable care, support, and prayers of her family and friends as well as the relentless love and attention of her parents and siblings.

Lily was known for her unbelievably wide and joy filled smiles. Her eyes would light up to see those that she loved. Her life and her joy impacted countless others. Lily's story rallied her church, her neighborhood, and entire communities together as they united to support her and the Stigall family. Her small life has had an immeasurably large impact on all who have seen her and known her story.

Early in the morning on Sunday, June 5th, 2022, Lily peacefully passed away while she slept. Her passing has reminded all of us of the



hope we have in Christ who alone has conquered death. In His presence our prayers have been answered for Lily's complete healing. Lily's hard fought race is truly done.

The way that Kathy tirelessly carried Lily for the last five plus years, we now pray that the Lord will carry us as we turn to our Heavenly Father for comfort and

peace. Lily is survived by her parents Steve and Kathy (Hahn) Stigall, her brothers Luke and Eli, her sister Emma, and her beloved grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday, June 12th, 2022 at Eastside Community Church, 7730 Abrams Road, Dallas, Texas 75231. All are welcome. Afterwards, Lily will be laid to rest at a graveside service, for family and close friends, at Hillcrest Memorial Park. A link to stream the Celebration of Life will be available at eastsidedallas.org on Sunday, June 12th.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.Sparkman-Hillcrest.com for the Stigall family.

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 MELANSEN, 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. (#9908) (Acct. No. 2756-0000-1100-43)	\$1,290.00
2	3013TX 04/22/22	2125-0000-0000-40 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 154, Page 49, Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. (#0220) (Acct. No. 2125-0000-0000-40)	\$8,965.00
3	3070TX 05/06/21	0003-0000-0041-43 JUNE 03, 2022	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. NICHOLE L. CROWELL	1.325 acres, more or less, situated in the F. Adams Survey, Abstract 3, Rains County, Texas, as described in deed dated December 7, 2010, from Lillian Loreta Harvey to Nichole Lily Crowell, in Volume 532, Page 194, Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas. (#15575) (#30383) TO 3021 TAXES) (LAND LOCKED) (Acct. No. 0003-0000-0041-43)	\$6,824.00
4	3071TX 04/22/22	0003-0000-0040-43 JUNE 03, 2022	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. HERBERT LEE HARVEY	1.325 acres, more or less, situated in the F. Adams Survey, Rains County, Texas, of which 0.097 acre lies within a 30 feet wide Access Easement; as described in deed dated June 9, 2011 from Lillian L. Harvey to Herbert Lee Harvey, in Volume 537, Page 722, Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas. (LAND LOCKED) (#20383) (Acct. No. 0003-0000-0040-43)	\$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 Bode Johnson Survey, Abstract 128, Rains County, Texas, as described in deed dated September 19, 1991, from Elmer E. Gordon et ux to Jerry Gordon, in Volume 266, Page 709, Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. (LAND LOCKED) (#2543) (Acct. No. 0128-0176-0000-43)	\$46,149.00
6	3089TX 04/22/22	0151-0100-00100-43 JUNE 03, 2022	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOE S MAYBERRY, ET AL	A Mobile Home Only, Label# TEX03009196/TEX03009191, Serial# HCTXSN41026A/0CTXSN41026B, located at 3845 FM 514 in the City of Point, Texas, Rains County, Texas. (#16375) (Acct. No. 0151-0100-00100-43)	\$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.

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Dated at Emory, Texas, June 3, 2022

Sheriff David Traylor
Rains County, Texas

By Deputy

Notes:

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Believer’s Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 5:1

Sunday morning’s sermon from Romans was titled “The Benefits of Justification, Part 1.” Once a person is justified by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone, they have 1) peace with God, 2) access to God, and 3) a joyful hope of the glory of God.

There are no Sunday evening events until June 26 at 6:30 p.m. When the Church Praying will meet for an elder-led time of congregational prayer.

The “Everyone’s a Theologian” class will continue through June on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. We are currently studying the theology

of the church.

One week is left in the annual Raffa Clinic Online Baby Bottle fundraiser. To donate, go to www.bbcmemory.org and follow the Raffa link.

BBC is also collecting for Rains County First Responders. To participate, purchase bottled water, Gatorade, etc. and deliver to the church or donate by cash or check. Make checks payable to Believers’ Baptist Church and memo “First Responders.”

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 #115 of *Asking for a Friend Podcast* is titled “The Uvalde Shooting: Some Biblical Thoughts.”

Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

Joel Frazier began our Sunday school hour by leading us in a song and prayer of dismissal to our classes.

Donna Jones led the children’s class in a study on prayer. The children learned that prayer is just talking to God and telling Him all the exciting things they encounter each day. To help them remember their lesson, they made prayer hands.

The adult class studied about the many obstacles in life that impede our daily walk with Christ. The title for our lesson was “Waltzing Down the Road of Life.”

Worship services began with Joel leading our music. Prayer and praises were shared, followed by Kelsey Frazier offering our morning prayer.

After more congregational singing, special music was offered by Benny Thompson and Kelsey prior to Pastor Mike Frazier’s message.

Pastor Mike continued to expound on the Holy Spirit’s work in our lives. His message addressed the difference in the gift of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, how the gift comes with the promise of eternal life, and the gifts are for the work we are to do for Christ.

Next Sunday is Father’s Day. We will honor all the men in our service and it will be our all singing, praise and testimony service, followed by lunch. Come and share the exciting day with us.

Continue to pray for our community, our country and our world.

Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

“Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.”

I Kings 19:2

Last Wednesday the youth enjoyed a wonderful lesson by our youth pastor, Bro. Andrew Grills about Enoch. Pastor Jerry Jackson brought a challenging message from I John titled “Having a Clear Conscience”.

We had a great service Sunday morning! We had a number of visitors. Following our uplifting congregational singing, Ashlen Day sang the special before Bro. Jerry’s message from I Kings titled “When Fear Gets the Best of You,” and was about the story of Elijah and Jezebel’s threat. If Elijah succumbed to fear after all the miracles he had just seen, then we shouldn’t be so hard on

ourselves when we have times of fear. Even so, God used Elijah in mighty ways. The main thing is to trust in God.

In our evening service, we were blessed by two great specials, one by Grace DeVore and another by Bro. Andrew Grills. Bro. Jerry read from a passage in Matthew. We then had a testimony service and altar prayer. It was a super sweet service praising God for His love and watchful care over us in all things.

Father’s Day is next Sunday. Honor your father! Tell him “I love you” and “thank you” for all he has done for you. Remember you wouldn’t be here otherwise.

We have Youth Camp and Vacation Bible School coming up soon.

Are you ready to meet your maker? Jesus is coming back soon.

Have a blessed and safe week.

Emory United Methodist Church

By Mary White

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

John 16:13

Sunday was Trinity Sunday and Rev. David Banks spoke on the Trinity. The scripture text was taken from John. The mystery of the Trinity is eye opening. We can have a deep relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Isn't that amazing?

Our VBS was a great success. We had wonderful kids and great volunteers. We can't wait until next year to do it again.

Our communion rail offering for June is Back to School Backpacks.

Birthday wishes go to Dawn Woods and Nancy Steed and anniversary wishes go to Cay and Nolan House.

Pray for A. B. Godwin, Loretta Godwin, Brittney Kerney, Bobbie Paine, Bill Harder, Lance Mabe, Wendy Castro, Bessie Neff, Dawn and Dee Woods and the Sal Serio Family.

Stay cool and be kind.

Ronald Winfred Parker

1949 – 2022

Ronald Winfred Parker passed away peacefully on Friday, May 27th, 2022 with family by his side. He was 72 years old.

Ronnie was born on December 26, 1949 in West Point, MS, to Dorothy and the late C.W. Parker. He graduated from East Tallahatchie High School in 1967 where he was class president. He attended Mississippi State University and graduated in 1972 with a BS degree in accounting. Throughout his business career, he worked for Arthur Andersen, Chart House, Bonanza and as President and CEO of Pizza Inn. He was passionate about MSU sports and passed that love on to his children. He also loved to fish and was the owner of Lake Fork Trophy Lures and Store in Emory, Texas.

He is survived by his mother, Dorothy “Dot” Parker; wife, Anne Parker; daughters

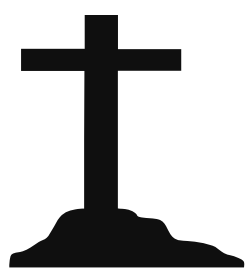


Lisa Blume (Will), Laura Brooks (Bryant), and Leslie Vandiver (Jared); son, Charles Parker (Natalie); and sisters Debbie Akre (Steve), Patti Livingston (Darrell), and Pam Stevens (Terry). He also had 8 grandchildren (Reagan, Kate, Carter, Allie, Maddie, Lyla, Graham and Sloane) that he thought the world of.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a memorial service to honor the life of Ronnie Parker on Monday, June 27, 2022, at 4:00 pm at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church at 551 East FM 2795, Emory, TX. Reception to follow. For more information, contact the church office at 903-473-5116.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to an animal shelter as Ronnie was always looking to find a home for a pet in need and truly cherished man's best friend.

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THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

Freddie Wolcott flew over the hurdles

Freddie Wolcott burned up the track in the qualifying heats of the NCAA championships on Jun. 17, 1938. The sophomore sensation from Rice Institute flew over the hurdles adding two more victories to his perfect record.



BARTEE HAILE
Historical Columnist

The Snyder native had never seen much less taken part in a track meet before his senior year of high school. The short-handed cinder coach entered the football and baseball player in three events, and the fleet-footed youth responded with first-place finishes in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and the 220 low hurdles.

Following a freshman detour to Tarleton Junior College, Wolcott transferred to Rice where Emmett Brunson schooled the gifted beginner on the finer points of hurdling. The quick learner beat all comers in his specialties – the 120 high hurdles and 220 lows – and led the Owls to the 1938 title in the Southwest Conference.

In the preliminary round of the 17th annual college climax in Minneapolis, Wolcott was timed in 14 seconds flat over the highs — one tick of the stop watch slower than his 13.9 at the Texas Relays but a tenth of a second better than the meet mark. He also was the fastest qualifier in the longer and lower obstacle course.

Experts expected Southern California's Earl Vickery to give Wolcott a run for his money in the high-hurdle finals, but "The Blond Burr" hit the tape three feet ahead of the defending champion. The West Texan was even more impressive in the lows shaving a half second off the 12-year-old American record on his way to the only "double" of the day. He became the first Rice representative to take home a pair of NCAA trophies since Claude Bracey won the dashes in 1928.

The USC Trojans claimed their fourth consecutive team title with nearly twice the total of runner-up Stanford. Wolcott and four teammates collectively accumulated enough points to tie mighty Notre Dame for fifth, while the Texas Longhorns, the only other contestant from the SWC, lagged far behind in 18th place.

"Flying Freddie," a colorful nickname coined by his fans, proved immune to the "junior jinx" which so often follows sophomore success in sports. Nineteen thirty-nine was a year of repeats as the premier performer dominated his demanding events and earned the lion's share of the credit for the Owls' second conference title.

The largest crowd in the seven years since the 1932 Olympics turned out at the Los Angeles Coliseum for the NCAA finale. Many of the same spectators who applauded

the exploits of Mildred “Babe” Didrikson in 1932 showed up to cheer another Texas athlete.

Wolcott did not disappoint, while as usual he broke his opponents' hearts. He won the highs by a country mile after his closest competitor collided with the next to last barrier and foiled an attempt by former low-hurdle champ Vickery to regain his lost laurels. The 20 points awarded to the lone Owl for the duplicate "double" sewed up sixth place for his alma mater in the team standings.

The sky seemed to be the limit for Wolcott, who just got better and better. During his swan-song season, he set world records in the highs and lows with the latter staying on the books until 1952. As the best hurdler on the planet, a matched set of gold medals appeared to be in the bag until the armed conflict in Europe forced the cancellation of the 1940 Olympics.

In the absence of the international quadrennial, the NCAA meet took on extra added importance. For Boyce Gatewood, the hard-luck hurdler from the University of Texas, it was the last chance to beat his nemesis from Rice.

The preliminaries provided a much needed pick-me-up for the Longhorn's morale, which was lower than a snake's belly after losing every previous race to Wolcott. Running in separate heats, he finished a fraction of a second ahead of the world record holder in both hurdles.

The finals, however, stuck to the same frustratingly familiar script for Gatewood. “Flying Freddie” pulled away from the pack in the 120’s en route to a third consecutive championship, while he came in a disappointing third. Gatewood fared no better in the 220’s winding up in the same predicament, but an unsung challenger from New England spoiled Wolcott’s bid for three “doubles” in a row.

The ex-Owl bounced back the next year to win the 110 highs in 13.7 seconds at the national Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) tournament. This world record also stood the test of time lasting until 1950.

Wolcott competed occasionally in 1942, when his naval duties permitted, and showed he still had the stuff by whipping the field in the AAU 60-yard highs. After that, he hung up the spikes that had carried him to five NCAA and seven AAU championships.

World War II robbed Freddie Wolcott of his golden opportunity. When the Olympics resumed in 1948, he was 32 years old and well past his prime. A consolation prize of sorts was his 1958 induction – a first for track and field – into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame

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

Rains student selected to participate in NASA Summer Experience

Brianna Conforto, a senior at Rains High School, has been selected to participate in NASA's Texas High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) summer experience.

Conforto was selected as one of over 800 high school juniors from across Texas who were nominated by their state legislators to be part of the unique NASA engagement activity.

During the school year, selected students completed a 16-week interactive, online curriculum including four distance-learning modules, each containing four web-based STEM assignments. The summer experience with NASA will include working virtually in teams, briefings and interaction with NASA experts, virtual tours of facilities at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, and applying their newfound knowledge working as a team to plan and design a mission to the moon and Mars.

Conforto's summer experience will conclude with a presentation of their proposal and a virtual closing ceremony available to parents, members of the Texas Legislature, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Rotary National Award for Space Achievement, and Johnson Space Center senior management.

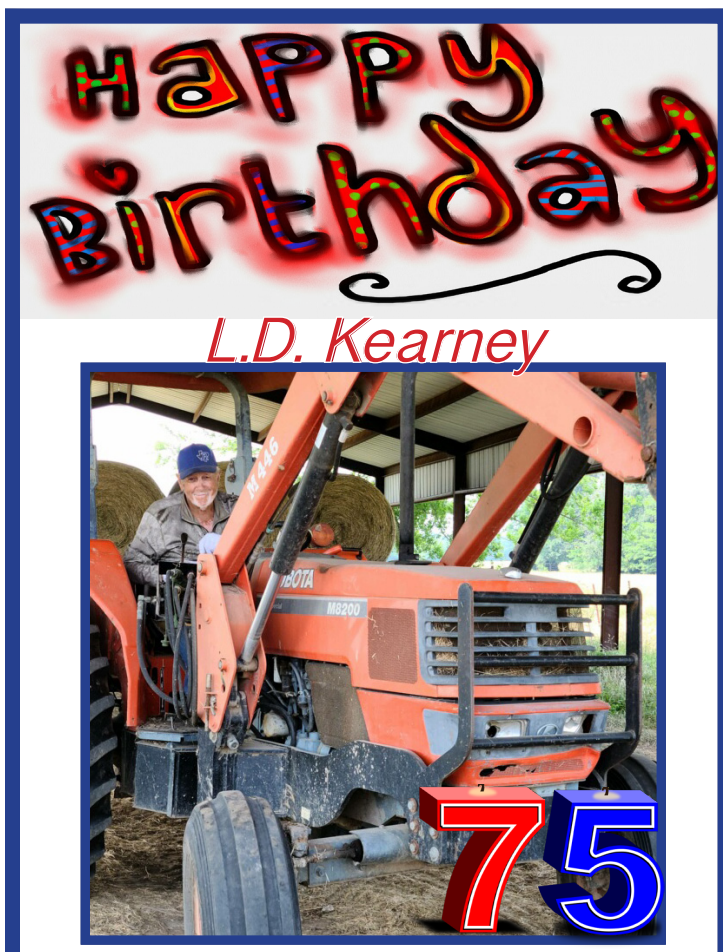
The state of Texas, in partnership with Johnson Space Center and the Texas educational community, developed HAS in 1999 to encourage more students to pursue studies and careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). More than 10,000 students from across Texas have been impacted by the activity since its inception over 20 years ago.

HAS is an authentic STEM learning experience for Texas high school juniors to engage with NASA's missions and become the next generation of explorers. HAS is directly tied to the agency's STEM engagement goal of attracting and retaining students in STEM disciplines critical to NASA's Artemis program, which will establish the first long-term human presence on the Moon.

For additional information, contact High School Aerospace Scholars at jschas@mail.nasa.gov or 281-483-3112. To learn more about HAS visit: <https://www.nasa.gov/has>



With her head in the stars, Rains High School's Brianna Conforto was selected to participate in NASA's Texas High School Aerospace Scholar summer experience at a Johnson Space Center in Houston.



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