

EAST TAWAKONI Water outages, construction discussed

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The City Council of East Tawakoni discussed utility construction within the city and accepted the resignation of a council member during the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 21.

During the monthly report from the water department, Mayor Harold Chandler took the opportunity to address the underground utility construction in the city and how the work has caused six disruptions of water service.

“Effort is being put in, up front, to avoid these situations,” Chandler stated. “Nevertheless, there have been lines struck, regardless of all attempts to avoid this.”

Chandler noted that the companies are “working with us to help us get these corrected as quickly as possible including loaning us equipment that helps us manage the situation faster and more economically.”

Public Works Director Joel Garduno stated that the underground utility work is actually being done by seven different subcontractors.

“They hit 18 lines in West Tawakoni and as much as they have laid down already, I think we’re doing pretty good,” Garduno said. “I know it is an inconvenience for everybody, but I think it could be worse.”

“We are keeping record of what is going on with these events,” Chandler said. “We will approach them to recover expenses associated with those events.”

Chandler did acknowledge that the teams that have gone out

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Honoring a hero



Leader photo by **CHUCK FITTS**

Descendants of Buffalo Soldier Johnnie L. Toliver stand with a wreath at the Rains County Veterans Memorial during the dedication of a paver to the veteran on Saturday, June 18. Following the parade through downtown, the ceremony was part of the Juneteenth Celebration in Rains County.

Large turnout celebrating Juneteenth 2022

Attendees for Juneteenth 2022 celebration in Emory came from east, west and in between to celebrate the second year of the federal holiday. Locals, out-of-towners and out-of-staters braved the Texas heat on June 17-18 to enjoy live music, eat delicious barbecue, walk the Opal Lee Freedom Walk and celebrate black history, its progress and its culture at the celebration.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, commemorates the day in 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston to order freedom from the enslaved people of the state – two months after the Confederacy had surrendered, ending the Civil War.

The weekend celebration in

Emory began on Friday, June 17, with the Opal Lee Freedom Walk (The Walk). Over 50 people walked or gave shout outs. The oldest walker was Alfred Paul, age 94, who traveled three days via train from Fresno, California to participate in the walk and festivities. The Walk even included those with walkers and canes.

The Walk is named after Opal Lee of Fort Worth, the activist who spearheaded the movement to make Juneteenth a federal holiday and led a 2.5-mile march alongside hundreds of supporters. From September 2016 to January 2017, Lee walked more than 1,400 miles from Fort Worth to Washington, D.C. in an effort to push federal lawmakers

to recognize the holiday. The spirit and the symbolic reason: the struggle of our forefathers was evident.

The walkers convened at Sidekick’s Restaurant in Emory and were treated to a delicious breakfast, sponsored by Bishop David Houston, Ph.D. of Tyler. Bishop Houston, along with Treidis Griffin, event coordinator, and her siblings, are Texas Collage (an HBCU) alums. Awards and gifts were presented in different categories.

Saturday was a day of celebrating the veterans of Rains County during the Unity Parade. The Parade began at Senior Suite Care & Rehab and ended at the courthouse

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POINT CITY COUNCIL Police chief announces addition of K-9 unit

By **TREY HILL**
Rains County Leader staff

The Point City Council met Tuesday evening, June 14, for their regular monthly meeting. A quorum of members was present, with councilman Dustin Briggs chairing the meeting for Mayor Stephen Cross, who was absent.

During the meeting, Police Chief Jamison Beck informed the council of plans to add a K-9 unit to the police department. Chief Beck said that a local business had donated \$15,000 to the department for acquiring a dual-purpose K-9 that would be capable of detecting drugs and tracking individuals.

Chief Beck said that other donations included an alert system should the vehicle transporting the K-9 rise above 80 degrees, which was donated by the Wood County Constable’s Office. The Hopkins County Sheriff’s Office donated the K-9 insert for the vehicle, and Potts Feed Store donated food for the K-9.

Chief Beck told the council that training for the dog and its handler was already taken care of, as well as a place to stay during the two-month training.

When asked about insurance Chief Beck told the members that an additional policy would need to be added to cover the K-9.

In other action, the council:

- approved a motion to have the city library inspected and reopened for the public;
- approved a motion for a variance allowing the construction of a fence;
- approved the consent agenda;
- approved a contract with Gas-

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RAINS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

RARA to hold amateur radio “Field Day”

Ham Radio Operators On the Air for Nationwide Event – Will Focus on Skill, Service, Science

Members of the Rains Amateur Radio Association will be participating in the national amateur radio Field Day exercise to be held on Saturday June 25, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until Sunday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m., at the Emory Volunteer Fire Station on Hwy. 69. Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during Field Day to showcase the science and skill of amateur radio.

The event is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend. The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations. Feel free to come out and learn what

goes on behind the scenes when a real emergency is taking place. Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) personnel and National Weather Service (NWS) Storm Spotters will also be taking part in this exercise.

Field Day is a showcase for how amateur radio works reliably under any conditions from almost any location to create an independent communications network.

“Ham radio functions completely independent of the internet or cell phone infrastructure, can interface with laptops or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That’s the beauty of amateur radio during a communications outage,” says Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, spokesperson for ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio®, (www.arrl.org), which represents amateur (or “ham”) radio operators across the country. “In today’s electronic

do-it-yourself (DIY) environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology and numerous other scientific disciplines, and is a huge asset to any community during disasters or emergencies if the standard communication infrastructure goes down,” Inderbitzen adds.

Anyone may become a licensed amateur radio operator. There are more than 750,000 licensed hams in the United States, some as young as 9 and as old as 100. With clubs such as the Rains Amateur Radio Club, it’s easy for anybody to get involved in Emory and the surrounding areas. For more information about Field Day or amateur radio, contact the Rains Amateur Radio Association at www.rara.w5ent@gmail.com or visit www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.

RAINS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT

Board considers brush truck options, financial outlook

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Emergency Service District board held a regular meeting on Monday, June 20, to consider options for a brush truck for the Point VFD and look over preliminary totals and proposed budget of the Rains County Appraisal District.

During the meeting, the board considered the modifications and additional costs for the purchase of a brush truck for the Point VFD. Not seeing a benefit for adding a lift kit to the truck for bigger tires, they unanimously approved the purchase of the truck configuration similar to the two trucks purchased for the Emory VFD.

Board members were presented with a projected cash flow of the district through the end of the year. Seeing an opportunity to lower debt, they unanimously approved

to pay off a loan.

The board reviewed RCAD’s preliminary totals for 2022-2023 and their 2023 proposed budget.

Board members agreed to begin to set aside money in upcoming budgets to prepare for the purchase of a new ladder truck for the Emory VFD.

In monthly activity reports for May, Hopkins County reported 174 requests for service, with 67 refusals. Response time on life threatening emergencies for city calls was on average 5 minutes, 55 seconds, while county calls averaged 13 minutes, 50 seconds.

Of the 91 transports to a medical facility by EMS, 56 went to Sulphur Springs, 27 to Greenville, four to other hospitals or air transport, three to Quinlan and one to Quitman. The most common calls were for a person feeling sick,

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Rain Report

Fri., June 17 0.04 in
Total for June 0.61 in
Year to date 16.42 in

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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.

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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

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

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

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

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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

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

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EMORY CITY COUNCIL 3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m., Emory City Hall	RAINS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Emory Fire Station
POINT CITY COUNCIL 1st and 3rd Tues., 6:45 p.m., Point City Hall	RAINS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE: Mon., Tues. and Thurs., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., 110 E. North St.
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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 Dinner Sat., June 25

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will offer a taco bar dinner with seasoned beef and pork, rice, refried beans and all the fixins, as well as desserts and drinks on Saturday, June 25, from 4:00-7:00 p.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.

American Legion Officer Installation

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will hold an officer installation service on Monday, June 27, at 5:00 p.m. at the post home at 215 N. Duffy St. in Emory. Veterans, members and family are invited to attend.

Dunbar Cemetery Decoration Day

The Dunbar Cemetery Decoration Day will be held on Sunday, June 26, at the cemetery from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Bring lunch and join us. Donations may be mailed to Dunbar Cemetery, P.O. Box 962, Emory, TX 75440.

Point Ladies Civic Club Fundraiser

The Point Ladies Civic Club will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, July 16, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at the Point Community Center. Dale (The C) Cummings will be performing. The entrance fee is a donation at the door and a hamburger dinner will be available for purchase. Funds raised will go to the upkeep of the Center and the Civic Club Scholarship fund.

Rains County Republican Assembly Hosts Forum

The Rains County Republican Assembly will host a Q&A forum with County Judge Linda Wallace on Tuesday, July 19, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Emory Volunteer Fire Department. It will be a time for local voters/taxpayers to gain insight into county government including the budget process which determines the property tax rates.

Crypto: Investment or speculation?

With cryptocurrencies so much in the news, you might be wondering if you should invest in them. But “invest” may not be the right word – because cryptocurrencies, or “crypto” for short, may be more speculation than investment.

Why is this so? First of all, cryptocurrencies are subject to astonishing price swings – often within a matter of hours. This extreme volatility can quickly turn “winners” into “losers.” Also, unlike the traditional financial markets, the crypto

marketplace is largely unregulated. This lack of oversight has contributed to the growth of “scam” exchanges, crypto market manipulation, excessive trading fees and other predatory practices.

The cryptocurrency market is still relatively new, and it’s certainly possible that, in the future, crypto can become more of an investment and less of a speculation. In fact, Congress is actively considering ways to regulate the cryptocurrency market. But for now, you may want to approach crypto with caution.

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SUDOKU

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THE PUBLIC FORUM

Dear Editor,
Suddenly another school shooting has returned our conversation towards responsible gun ownership. Over 85 percent of all Americans, Republican, Democrat and Independents, support background checks being performed prior to the lawful purchase of a firearm.

I fully support the Second Amendment rights of every American citizen under the Constitution of the United States. Common sense reforms can be achieved while maintaining a person's Second Amendment rights.

The subject of and support for mental health reforms are suddenly very important to those seeking elected offices, even those in our Texas legislature

who cut state mental health funding by over \$211 million in 2022.

The state legislature could be reconvened by Texas Gov. Gregg Abbott in a special session. Mental health services are very costly. Are Texas legislators courageous enough to vote for the required funding? Probably not!

Red flag law reforms could help keep firearms out of the hands of mentally unstable people. Currently, family members have great difficulty keeping a family member (over 18) from accessing a firearm, that could potentially harm themselves or others

Marvin Henson
Point, TX 75472

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to handle these repairs “have done a very quick and very professional work. Hats off to our Public Works department.”

A representative from Frontier was scheduled to appear before the board to discuss the company’s plan for bringing fiber optic service to the city, but no one was present for the meeting.

The council acknowledged the formal resignation of Councilman Jeffery Howerton, but no action was required to accept it into the minutes.

In comments from the mayor, Chandler stated that the council would need to consider two options for AirBnB’s in the city. They could choose to either prohibit them or regulate them. As for the unexpired term of

Howerton, Chandler noted that the seat would be up for election during the next election cycle. He suggested that the council take names for candidates for the seat and select someone to serve out the term.

During the public forum, two citizens wanted the council and city officials to be aware of the dumping of dead fish near a tree in the city park. They asked for the problem to be remedied as the problem is a health risk.

Robert Thompson was not present for the regular meeting.

The next regular meeting of the East Tawakoni City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of the East Tawakoni City Hall.

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ton Sanitation to provide trash collection service for the city;

- tabled the RCAD budget;
- approved a motion to develop a drought plan for the city water system;
- accepted the resignation of council member Staci Ely;
- tabled appointing a replacement for the vacant seat;
- approved a motion for tax-exempt status for the Farmers'

- Union Monument;
- approved a motion setting council meetings back to the second Tuesday of the month;
- approved a motion amending ordinances 177 and 181 reflecting updated fees.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Point City Council is Tuesday, July 12, in the council chamber of Point City Hall.

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falls, motor vehicle accident, breathing problems and chest pains.

During the month of May, the East Tawakoni VFD was dispatched on 22 calls including 14 medical assists, two fires, two landing zones, a smoke investigation, a wellness check, a public assist and a canceled en route.

The Point VFD went on 9

calls during May. The department was called for eight medical assists, and a false alarm.

All board members were present for the regular meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Rains County ESD board is scheduled for Monday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Emory VFD Fire Station.

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Berry pickin' time



We started with blackberries because we were

Linda Brendle writes a weekly column for Believers' Baptist Church. She is a published author and also writes about caregiving, faith, and family on her blog at <http://www.LifeAfterCaregiving.WordPress.com>. You can e-mail her at LindaBrendle@yahoo.com.

Generations ride into the future



The newest generation of cowboy rides with the current generation during the Juneteenth Unity Parade in downtown Emory on Saturday, June 18. The parade was part of a weekend-long celebration in Rains County that included music, food, worship, presentations and a dedication.

JUNETEENTH

Sunday included a celebration

"Juneteenth must not be a

Submitted by:
Tredis Jones-Griffin,
Event Coordinator

Women's Service Club holds June meeting

Entertainment will begin around 5:00 p.m. with the fireworks to start at dark. It is a free event for the public. The meeting adjourned at 7:06.

Reported by Jeannine Hayes

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "in _____ neck of the woods"
5 TXism: "that dog _____ hunt"
6 Texas Ranger pitcher, Glen
7 expression of relief
8 TX Farrah Fawcett 1978 comedy film: "Somebody Killed _____ Husband"

9 doctors' org.
12 seat of Callahan County
17 racing team rowing guys
19 blood vessel

21 _____ sonnets (poems)
22 peanut
23 TXism: "quick _____ in church"

28 TX-born Roger Miller 1964 hit: "_____ Me"

29 gunfighter skill in early Texas: "quick _____"
30 Lake Ray Roberts area: "Isle _____"

31 TXism: "wipe the state clean"
35 "_____ Space" will build first industrial space station

36 TX Simone Biles was "_____ of the Year" in 2014

42 TX NFL Hall-of-Famer Forrest Gregg was drafted _____ in 1956

44 Bastrop was named for the _____ de Bastrop

46 _____ will in Texas requires an addendum or a codicil
48 TX Farrah's character Jill on "Charlie's Angels"
49 "_____ or nay"
50 "The sun never on Uncle Sam"
51 in Hidalgo County on highway 107

52 CFA officer: "Johnny _____"
53 "_____ but sure"
54 "house of prayer" in Sarita, Texas: "_____ Shomea"
56 sheep sound
57 in southern Texas: groove-billed _____
58 this Lazerby refined the Dr Pepper formula (init.)

DOWN

1 TXism: "just _____ hotter away" (near)
2 a person who might have "road rage" in Houston? (hyph.)
3 buried
4 place in storage
9 Apollo 11 to Houston: "that's one small step for _____"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Gay Orbison

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10 Teddy Roosevelt recruited Rough Riders in this San Antonio site (3 wds.)
11 Cuf _____ Shoot, TX
12 golf clubs tote
13 TXism: "mean as _____"
14 in Grand Prairie: "Ripley's Believe _____ Not!"
15 TX Kelly Clarkson is daughter-in-law to this McEntire
16 Cowboy, Pearson, who was inducted in the NFL Hall of Fame in 2021
18 fed. retire. agency
20 2022, e.g. (abbr.)
23 business info. in a Texas newspaper

24 Texas "soccer mom" vehicle? (abbr.)
25 TXism: "blind as _____"
26 the capital city of this country is Oslo
27 _____ camp
32 late TX "Men in Black" actor, Torn (init.)
33 TXism: "honest _____ the day is long"


34 dir. from Canyon to Hereford
36 TXism: "told as _____"
37 golf leech
38 semiaquatic mammal: river _____
39 TXism: "a _____ walk the river with"
40 bow and _____
41 classic western: "High _____" (1952)
43 Texas electronics corp.
45 dir. to Cameron from New Braunfels
47 TXism: "bland _____ without salt"
48 "pork" _____
49 sour _____
55 TXism: "jump _____" (escape)

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Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of June 9-16:



DAVID TRAYLOR
Rains County Sheriff

Arrests

- 6-9:** Robert Williams, Town Creek Ala. Probation violation/theft, \$5,000 PR bond.
- 6-10:** Tonya Elaine Payne, Emory. Possession of a controlled substance PG3 less than 28 gr., \$6,000 bond.
- 6-11:** Taylor Ryan Scott, Emory. Theft of property greater than \$2,500, less than \$30,000, \$10,000 bond.
- 6-11:** Kennedy Lee Harris, Quinlan. Burglary of habitation, \$10,000 bond.

- 6-11:** August Sloan Wedeking, Gladewater. Driving while intoxicated, \$5,000.
- 6-12:** Marie Lynn Betts, McK-inney. Driving while intoxicated, released per judge no PC.
- 6-12:** April Michelle Valentine, Quinlan. Driving while intoxicated. Released per judge no PC.
- 6-15:** Stephanie Douglas, Alba. Probation violation/abandon endanger a child, no bond.
- 6-15:** Jason Lane Kreitel, Sr., Canton. Bond revocation/DWI 3 or more, \$500,000 bond.
- 6-15:** Jarrad Oster, Leonard. Assault causing bodily injury, \$3,000 bond.
- 6-16:** Nathan Josiah Gaby, Emory. Probation violation/hindering apprehension, 4 years TDCJ.
- 6-16:** Frank Deck, Emory. Driving while intoxicated, not

arraigned.
There were 12 arrests for the week; 2 posted bond and were released; 2 released per the judge. As of Friday, June 17, there were 5 females and 39 males in custody.

Calls

- 6-9:** Hwy. 69S past FM 779 Debris in the road, Point FM 514 Extra patrol requested, Hwy. 19 Cows out, Hwy. 19S at sale barn Male walking out into traffic, Hwy. 69N Medical assist for 86-year-old female, Hwy. 19N at Spring Creek 18-wheeler and passenger vehicle accident, CR 1278 Medical assist 65-year-old female possible stroke, CR 3190 Possible animal abuse, Emory Sonic Reference issues with boyfriend, CR 3200 Grass fire, Hwy. 19N 16-year-old female having a panic attack and locked

herself in a shed, FM 47 and FM 2324 Grass fire, FM 2324 Male walking in the dark in the road, CR 3319 Information given,
6-10: Hwy. 19S Reckless driver, Public service Female said she could not leave from a location, Public service from Christus hospital Reference a dog bite on CR 4235, FM 3299 Rains School Fire alarm, Rocky Rd. Medical assist 61-year-old female diabetic issues, FM 2795 and Hwy. 69S Cows out, Emory Family Dollar Dead animal left by the store, Public service Male said he wanted to harm his family and himself, information passed on to Henderson Co., Emory Eagle Inn Apts. Possible sexual abuse of a child, FM 514 Cow out, CR 3367 Medical assist 47-year-old female with breathing issues.
6-11: Public service Reference delivering a message, Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Reference male wanting an address, CR 4251 Medical assist for a 65-year-old person with COPD, Hwy. 19N Items coming off a trailer, Hwy. 19S at FM 2324 Reckless driver, Emory Max-A-Mart Reference missing iPhone, Hwy. 69 near Lone Oak Cow out, East Tawakoni (ET) Old Mill Lane Male requested medical assist, Emory Hooten's LLC Burglar alarm, SO lobby Reference missing phone, ET traffic Driver wanted out of Hopkins Co., Point Locust St. and 3rd St. Someone in a vacant house, FM 2946 Female said a male will not let her leave and he had a weapon earlier, Point Max-A-Mart Male customer making the clerk uncomfortable, Point at Ave. D Possible intoxicated driver.

6-12: Emory Lennon Dr. at Sonic Burglar alarm, Point Hwy. 69 and FM 47 Reckless driver, FM 515 Medical assist male passed out and hit his head, Emory N. Dunbar Ln. Vehicle left in a yard, Public service Reference being shot at on Hwy. 19N, Hwy. 69S near Alba Reckless driver, CR 3150 Reference

incident that occurred in CR 3025, Public service Reference phone missing and now showing to be at an address on FM 515, PR 5449 Medical assist for 74-year-old male, PR 7703 Reference grandson sending nude pictures and now he is being blackmailed, FM 47 Vehicle in the ditch, Point Ave. B Disturbance, Emory Sidekick's Bar and Grill Requesting officers to get people to leave the parking lot so they could close, White Rock Rd. Possible suicidal 15-year-old male, Thousand Trails Medical assist, CR 1402 Domestic disturbance, FM 2324 Burglar alarm, CR 4254 Medical assist for a 74-year-old male, Hwy. 19N near the Lake Fork Bridge Deer hit, FM 47 and Hwy. 276 Two-vehicle accident, CR 2400 Medical assist for 76-year-old person with several issues, CR 4516 Medical assist 70-year-old male stung and having a reaction.
6-13: Emory S. Dunbar Ln. Complainant said a male has some of his personal belongings, Hwy. 19S Reckless driver headed north, CR 3200 License plate stolen off a trailer, CR 1399 Three puppies dropped off, ET Harbor View Male assaulting a female and does it all the time, SO lobby Reference a stolen vehicle, Point Locust St. Snapping turtle in a yard, Emory Lennon Dr. Christus Clinic Medical assist, Emory S. Texas St. Medical assist 75-year-old female breathing issues, FM 514 Domestic disturbance between mother and daughter, Point Meadow View Ln. Someone shining a spotlight into a residence, Emory S. Dunbar Ln. Man requested to speak to a PD officer, FM 514 Cows out, FM 515 Possible location of a phone, CR 1491 Welfare check requested on a female, CR 3503 Reference kids on mini bikes causing a disturbance, CR 3503 Issues again with the kids on mini bikes and ATVs, Hwy. 69 Point Reckless driver, Hwy. 19S

Male walking in traffic.
6-14: Hwy. 69 Medical assist male cut his arm on glass and is bleeding badly, Lake Tawakoni 15-year-old male out on the lake and needs assistance, CR 4530 Grass fire, Public service Reference suspicious activity, Hwy. 69 near Bull Creek Church Welfare check on a male, CR 3030 Male breaking into a vehicle, Emory S. Texas St. Medical assist 77-year-old female fell, SO lobby Reference two 17-year-olds living together, Point Locust St. Medical assist 70-year-old male with chest pains, ET Briggs Blvd. Medical assist 77-year-old unresponsive male, FM 47 near the dam Welfare check on a female walking.
6-15: Emory McMillan Rd. Unknown issues possible prowler, East Tawakoni Dr. Welfare check requested on a female, FM 2324 and FM 47 Motorist assist, Prisoner transport at Van Zandt Co. line, FM 2737 Suspicious vehicle, CR 1310 Burglar alarm, CR 1275 Medical assist male with breathing issues, FM 2795 Stray bull, FM 47 Medical assist for 45-year-old male, ET Egret Cir. Medical assist 78-year-old female who is choking, Medical assist female's boyfriend head-butted her and broke her nose CR 2223 Medical assist female having medication reaction, CR 3345 17-year-old female runaway, FM 275 Possible prowler, Hwy. 19N Concerns for grandson.
6-16: FM 2946 Medical assist elderly male fell and hurt his hip, ET Wright Way Domestic disturbance, CR 3380 ATV accident and two juveniles injured, ET Wright Way Domestic disturbance, ET Puckett Pass Welfare check, FM 515 and FM 779 Male passed out in a vehicle, FM 275 Grass fire, FM 3274 Grass fire, Hwy. 276 and CR 1420 Traffic and contraband found and one arrested, PR 8240 Grass fire, CR 3480 Bright Star Cow out.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Comptroller releases broadband plan

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar last week released his agency's plan to support the expansion of broadband internet access to areas with limited or no access. Hegar and his agency's Broadband Development Office received feedback through a series of town halls, virtual discussions and more than 16,000 responses to a survey. "An important, recurring theme has been the reminder that though high-speed internet may once have been a luxury, it is now a necessity," Hegar wrote in a letter to Texas legislators. "Texans need reliable, high-speed connectivity for a wide range of potential applications including public health, safety, education and modern agriculture."

Census data collected in 2020 indicates as many as 7 million Texans — nearly one-fourth of the state's population — do not have broadband access. The issue disproportionately affects rural communities, low-income families and communities of color, the report said.

The report notes the statewide plan will require additional funding. The Legislature provided \$5 million to jump-start the Broadband Development Office, and the federal American Rescue Act allocated \$500.5 million for broadband expansion. In addition, the recently passed infrastructure bill allocates at least \$100 million.

By early next year, the BDO will:

- Establish a broadband-focused, federally compliant grant program.
- Publish a broadband availability map.
- Manage recurring coordination and communication opportunities across stakeholder groups.

"Texas faces a huge challenge: Connecting over 1 million households to high-speed broadband, improving connectivity for over 5.6 million households, improving affordability of broadband for 3.6 million households and assisting 3.8 million Texans with digital literacy challenges," Hegar said.

Test scores rise slightly in three subjects

Test results released last week by the Texas Education Agency showed modest improvement in three subject areas over last year. However, they still are lower than they were before the pandemic. High school students took the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness in four subjects required to graduate: algebra, English I and II, biology and U.S. history. Compared to last year, scores rose in all but English I and II, which

were largely unchanged.

Test score results are still short of the pre-pandemic results from 2019. In algebra, for example, scores are 16 points lower than spring 2019.

"We have made some progress to date, but there is still work to be done to fully recover from the academic effects of the COVID slide," TEA Commissioner Mike Morath said.

Results for STAAR tests taken by students in grades 3-8 will be made public this week.

Ex-boy band member wrangling litter

Wearing a cowboy hat, spurs and a fringed vest, singer and actor Joe Jonas is lassoing litter in the latest "Don't mess with Texas" campaign.

The former member of the Jonas Brothers Band, whose hometown is Dallas, filmed a video in which he goes around the Don't mess with Texas office, dragging a barrel and gathering trash, according to the Austin American Statesman.

"Joe understands the pride that we have in our state and in keeping it clean for everyone to enjoy its beauty, now and in the future," said Becky Ozuna, coordinator for the Don't mess with Texas campaign. "We are thrilled to have Joe join us in bringing attention to our litter-free message through his comedic talent and timing."

The humorous video with a serious message can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/vp4hf4x>.

State launches nation's first Driving with Disability program

A collaborative effort between state agencies has led to a first-in-the-nation program that gives Texans the option to identify communication impairments, such as being hearing-impaired, on both the driver's licenses and vehicle registrations.

In addition, all Texas law enforcement agencies have access to video training modules to gain a better understanding of people with a communication impediment, which also includes autism, cerebral palsy, Parkinson's disease and other disorders drivers might have and still legally be able to drive.

"This simple addition to a driver's license or vehicle registration removes a potential barrier and can give officers the knowledge they need to help make sure everyone feels comfortable and safe," Steve McCraw, Texas Department of Public Safety director, said.

Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

FISHING REPORT

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

Lake Fork: Good. Water Stained; 75 degrees; 5.84 feet low. The bass bite is good early for about a half hour after sunrise on square bills and spinner baits on main lake points in shad patterns. During the day 3/4 ounce shaky heads or football jigs are good in 14-25 feet on drop-offs or channel swings. Jigs colors working best are green pumpkin and orange, plum or red bug. Carolina rigs are best in the same areas with a 10 inch blue fleck in 15-25 feet. If that bite slows down, down size the worm. Deep crankbaits are fair over long points and

channel swings. Citrus Shad or chart blue back XD 6 over 18-23 feet best. The full moon has the night bite turned on. The crappie bite on Lake Fork has been as hot as the temperatures this week when the winds let us get to the fish and sit on them. Brush piles, laydowns, underwater bridges and ledges in 13-23 feet have been the best areas for numbers. You can still run timber along creek channels and timber line edges for some bigger fish as well. Minnows have still been the hottest bait with hand ties and soft plastics working as well.

Lake Tawakoni: Good. Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 1.62 feet low. The white bass and hybrid striped bite is good. Fish are moving a

lot right now and require a lot of looking and moving. Slabs have been putting fish in the boat in chartreuse color. The catfish bite is wide open. Channels and blues 1-3 pounds are as good as it gets. Prepared baits are working best either in shallow water under floats or in 30-40 feet on baited holes. Crappie have been great seeing good numbers of large fish on brush piles, bridge pilings and rocks. Minnows are out fishing jigs right now. Largemouth bass have been slower than usual the last 2 weeks. The rapid warm up has them slower, but there is still a daylight bite on a frog in grass. Once the sun gets up a spinner bait or shallow crankbait near docks or rip rap will work best.

EMORY LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT				
The following is a consolidated report of the Emory Livestock Auction Inc. auctions held each Tuesday & Saturday.				
Tuesday, June 21			Head: 819 • Sellers: 151	
STEERS*		HEIFERS*		SLAUGHTER*
Under 300.....	\$100-205	Under 300.....	\$100-185	Cows \$25-92 • Bulls \$85-120
300-400.....	\$100-200	300-400.....	\$100-175	PAIRS
400-500.....	\$ 95-185	400-500.....	\$ 85-165	Top.....\$ 1000-1400
Over 500.....	\$ 80-175	Over 500.....	\$ 70-155	Low/Mid.....\$ 450-1000
Saturday, June 18			Head: 2054 • Sellers: 371	
STEERS*		HEIFERS*		SLAUGHTER*
Under 300.....	\$100-210	Under 300.....	\$100-185	Cows \$27-103 • Bulls \$75-119
300-400.....	\$100-205	300-400.....	\$100-170	PAIRS
400-500.....	\$ 95-185	400-500.....	\$ 90-165	Top.....\$ 1000-1250
Over 500.....	\$ 80-170	Over 500.....	\$ 75-155	Low/Mid.....\$ 400-1000
				OTHER*
				Stocker-cows.....\$ 60-110
				Calves(hd).....\$ 50-250
				Horses (hd).....\$ 50-1250
				Goats (hd).....\$ 45-450
* per hundred lbs unless noted otherwise				

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS
RAINS COUNTY

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

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 #	Case # 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 MELANCON, 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, Belford 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. (#8250) (Acct. No. 2125-0000-0000-40)	\$8,065.00
3	3070TX 05/06/21	0003-0300-0001-43 JUNE 03, 2022	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. NICHOLE L. CROWELL	1.325 acres, more or less, situated in the P. Adams Survey, Abstract 3, Rains County, Texas, as described in deed dated December 7, 2010, from Lillian Lavetta Harvey to Nichole Lily Crowell, in Volume 552, Page 194, Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas. (#5575) (SUBJECT TO 2021 TAXES) (LAND LOCKED) (Acct. No. 0003-0300-0001-43)	\$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 acres, more or less, situated in the P. Adams Survey, Rains County, Texas, of which 0.097 acre lies within a 80 feet wide Access Easement, as described in deed dated June 8, 2011 from Lillian L. Harvey to Herbert Lee Harvey, in Volume 557, Page 722, Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas. (LAND LOCKED) (#30361) (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 Bode Johnson Survey, Abstract 128, Rains County, Texas, as described in deed dated September 19, 1991, from Elmer E. Gordon and to Jerry Gordon, in Volume 208, Page 709, Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. (LAND LOCKED) (#2543) (Acct. No. 0128-0176-0000-43)	\$46,149.00
6	3088TX 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# TEX0309190/TEX0309191, Serial# H1CTX2N41026A/HCTX2N410260, located at 2845 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.

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

The Doctor’s band is on the stage



The Blues Doctor's Band of Greenville performed during the Juneteenth festivities Saturday afternoon, June 18, under the pavilion at Rubye McKeown Park.

Leader photo by TREY HILL

SAVVY SENIOR

Is Skin Cancer Hereditary?

Dear Savvy Senior,
Is skin cancer hereditary? My 63-year-old brother died of melanoma last year, and I'm wondering if I'm at higher risk.

Younger Sister

Dear Younger,



JIM MILLER
Savvy Senior

While long-term sun exposure and sunburns are the biggest risk factors for melanoma – the deadliest form of skin cancer – having a sibling or parent with melanoma does indeed increase your risk, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation.

Each year, around 100,000 Americans are diagnosed with melanoma, and about 7,500 people will die from it. While anyone can get it, those most often diagnosed are Caucasians, age 50 and older. And those with the highest risk are people with red or blond hair, blue or green eyes, fair skin, freckles, moles, a family history of skin cancer and those who had blistering sunburns in their youth.

Skin Exams

The best way you can guard against melanoma and other skin cancers (basal and squamous cell carcinomas) is to protect yourself from the sun, and if you're over age 50, get a full-body skin exam done by a dermatologist every year, especially if you're high risk.

Self-examinations done every month or so is also a smart way to detect early problems. Using mirrors, check the front and backside of your entire body, including the tops and undersides of your arms and hands, between your toes and the soles of your feet, your neck, scalp and buttocks.

Be on the lookout for new growths, moles that have changed, or sores that don't heal, and follow the ABCDE rule when examining suspicious moles.

- Asymmetry: One half of a mole doesn't match the other.
- Border: The border is blurred or ragged.
- Color: The mole has uneven colors, often shades of brown, tan or black, with patches of pink, red, white or blue.
- Diameter: The lesion is new or at least a quarter inch in diameter.
- Evolving: The mole is changing in size, shape or color.

For more self-examination tips and actual pictures of what to look for, see SpotSkinCancer.org or use a skin cancer detection app like MiSkin.com, MoleMapper.org or SkinVision.com.

In the spring and summer, there are also a variety of places that offer free skin cancer screenings, like the American Academy of Dermatology (spotskincancer.org) and the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (asds.net/skin-cancerscreening.aspx), which offer screenings done by volunteer dermatologists across the U.S.

Sun Protection

Even though you can't change your skin or family history, there are some proven strategies that can help you protect yourself.

For starters, when you go outside put-on broad-spectrum SPF 30, water-resistant sunscreen on both sunny and cloudy days. If you don't like the rub-on lotions, try the continuous spray-on sunscreens which are easier to apply and re-apply and less messy. Also, seek the shade when rays are most intense – between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

You can also protect your skin by wearing a wide-brimmed hat, and long sleeves and pants when possible. The best clothing options are tightly woven fabrics that help prevent the sun's rays from reaching your skin, or you can wash in an invisible shield sun protection into your clothes with SunGuard laundry additive (see sun-guarduv.com). You can even buy a variety of lightweight clothing and hats that offer maximum UV protection in their fabric. Coolibar.com and SunPrecautions.com are two good sites that offer these products.

Treatments

If caught early, melanoma is nearly 100 percent curable. But if it's not, the cancer can advance and spread to other parts of the body where it becomes hard to treat and can be fatal. Standard early treatment for melanoma is surgical removal. In advanced cases, however, immunotherapies and targeted therapies have shown positive results, or chemotherapy and radiation may be used.

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

MY TAKE ON TECH

Obsolete Help

Programs and apps on your electronic devices often update to fix bugs and add new features, or even enhance the look and feel of the app. This seems to be especially true with social media apps on Apple or Android-based phones and tablets.



JOHN KELLY
Certified Information
Systems Security
Professional

Popular apps like Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat have been regularly updated since they were first introduced. Selections and menus may have changed, and how settings and preferences are accessed and changed may have changed as well.

It is very likely that most of us have had instances where we wanted to perform a certain function in an app but cannot find how to do it in the latest app release. Or we may have run into a problem using the app. The app's own help area may be insufficient or missing the info we need. Thankfully, there is often a way to find an answer by searching online using relevant keywords. Unfortunately, there is a lot of app information on the web that is obsolete because it applies to versions that were replaced long ago. That information is not only useless, but it can waste your time before you discover it doesn't apply to the app version you are using.

If you want to do a particular thing or have an issue with an app that you use, you will probably find a lot of support areas for it. They may be official or unofficial web pages or user forums or blogs. Unfortunately, some of the results you find may not be dated, which means any how to instructions might apply to the version you are

using now, or one that has been replaced many years ago. It is your challenge to figure out if the information your search turns up applies to the app version you are now using.

My request to anyone who supports or chats about apps is to make sure comments or "how to" information include the current date that they are being made if they are not time-stamped automatically by the blog or forum. For apps that use version numbering, including the version number of the app that the information applies to would be helpful.

While I love the fact that there is so much online help available for so many different apps, I find it frustrating that often the search results don't indicate what version or date of app they apply to. However, even if the information is not the latest, it still may be helpful to you if the app has not changed that much since the information was first published. On the other hand, it may be useless if the app has changed a lot since that information was first posted.

Some browsers allow you to search for information based on date. That may be helpful in some cases but could be confusing regarding a forum or web page with thousands of postings over long periods of time.

People who maintain help pages or forums for apps should consider deleting obsolete information about specific versions long abandoned and replace them with new and changed versions. This could help make future searches for information or solutions more meaningful and relevant to getting the needed information as quickly and painlessly as possible.

John can be reached at john2645@mytakeontech.net.

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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Estate Sale – July 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., & July 2, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 312 PR 5938 in Emory. Cash & Venmo only. Furniture, books, music décor, airplane décor, sign art paintings, kitchen ware, and misc. items.

HELP WANTED

SENIOR SUITE CARE & REHAB is now accepting applications for CNAs all shifts, PRN LVNs, dietary cooks and dishwashers, housekeeping. Full/part time. Apply in person at 983 N. Texas St., Emory, TX.

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Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Retail Dealer's Off Premise License (BF) by La Miscelanea LLC located at 545 E Lennon Dr, Emory, Rains County, TX 75440. Owner/operator of said entity is Rocio Arellano.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN BURT SNYDER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF JOHN BURT SNYDER, DECEASED, were issued on June 15, 2022, under Docket No. 3199, pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to BARBARA JANE PERRY. 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 17, 2022.
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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") publishes this notice that on May 13, 2022, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75262. This notice is being published pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.51(a)(1).

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 million. 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.

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THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

Burned-out adventurer cashes in his chips

Dazed, depressed and at the end of his rope, Samuel W. Jordan wandered the streets of New Orleans on Jun. 22, 1841 looking for a place to die.

Like many volunteers who arrived too late to fight for Lone Star independence, Jordan found life in the peacetime military too tame for his tastes. Resigning his commission as a captain in the Texas Army, he took part in the Rio Grande campaign that gave birth to the short-lived republic of the same name.

Federalist leader Antonio Canales appealed to Texans in 1839 to join the struggle to liberate the northern provinces of Mexico from the dictatorial rule of the centralists, the same enemy they had defeated three years earlier at San Jacinto. To sweeten the deal, Canales offered the Anglo-Americans a fair share of the spoils, 25 dollars a month and a half league of land.

A hundred and twenty-eight Texans under the command of Samuel Jordan and Reuben Ross answered the call. They crossed the border north of Reynosa, linked up with 400 federalists and on Oct. 3, 1839 routed the overconfident centralists at the Battle of Alcantro.

Eager to sever the compromising connection with his foreign friends, Canales furloughed the Texans, who went home in a huff. He created the Republic of the Rio Grande in January 1840 only to be driven into exile two months later by a centralist counterattack.

With the exception of Reuben Ross, who had died in a December duel, the Texas troops rallied around the charismatic Canales. Three hundred Mexicans, 80 Indians and 140 Anglos led by Jordan mustered at San Patricio in June. In a matter of weeks, the Republic force numbered nearly 1,900 men.

Mariano Arista, the centralist general that had crushed Canales in March, slipped across the Rio Grande in late August with 1,100 seasoned soldiers and four artillery pieces. However, worried about his unprotected rear, he quickly doubled back to Matamoros to await the federalist advance.

Meanwhile, Canales sent Jordan and 90 Texans on a risky reconnaissance behind enemy lines. Soon after entering Mexican territory, Jordan received revised orders directing him deep

into the dangerous interior. The mysterious way Juan N. Molano materialized with the change of plans aroused the suspicion of the rank and file but not the trusting commander.

At Molano's urging and over the strong objections of his men, Jordan proceeded to Ciudad Victoria 200 miles south of Matamoros. Soon after reaching their destination came word that Gen. Arista was closing in for the kill. But before the deadly trap could be sprung, the Texans hurried to Saltillo 180 miles to the northwest.

During the long march, Molano clandestinely corresponded with their pursuer. The secret exchange ended with the snake in the grass accepting Arista's surrender terms, which included betrayal of the Texans.

Four miles from Saltillo, the federalists were met by a superior centralist contingent. The traitor Molano rode forward with a white flag supposedly for a truce talk and vanished from sight.

Moments later a federalist colonel switched sides shouting, "Viva the supreme government! Death to the Texans!" At that prearranged signal, the bulk of the Mexican troops abandoned their Anglo allies.

The Texans dismounted and took cover behind a stone wall. Repeated attempts to storm their defenses were repelled by small-arms and rifle fire. By dusk, however, they were running out of ammunition and precious time.

With a blood-curdling yell, the Texans charged the centralists on foot and broke through their lines. Before the frightened foes could regroup, they jumped on their waiting horses and galloped away.

The Texans fought their way to the border losing only four comrades on the remarkable cross-country escape. The Republic of the Rio Grande quickly collapsed, and Antonio Canales followed the example of his unscrupulous subordinates by making peace with the victorious central government.

Sam Jordan must have lost his mind in the aftermath of the misadventure. In a bizarre incident on Dec. 10, 1840, he took a swing at Sam Houston with an ax handle, but a bystander blocked the potentially lethal blow.

Jordan spent the next six months in New Orleans preparing for a private invasion of Yucatan. When the ship sailed without him in June 1841, he sank into a deep depression.

At a corner pharmacy, he bought a bottle of laudanum, a common but potent painkiller of the day that was ten percent opium in an alcohol-water solution. Returning to his dingy rented room, he gulped down the deadly mixture, closed his eyes and drifted off into oblivion.

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

LUKE CLAYTON

Catfishing, Then and Now

I have had a lifelong love of catching catfish and ... eating them! I guess my passion for catfish comes naturally. As a boy growing up on a poultry farm in Red River County, catching catfish was a way of life. Every nine weeks or so when the chickens sold, we would pack up



LUKE CLAYTON
Outdoor Columnist

the old 1950 International Pick Up with tarps, Coleman stoves, cast iron skillets, bedding, etc. and head up to a little lake in southeast Oklahoma that was chock full of channel catfish. I would begin catching bait, small perch from out farm pond, the day before. Upon arriving at our fishing hotspot, the drill was to set up camp quickly, which was easy to do, we had no tent, just tarps or, as they were called back then 'wagon sheets'. Tarps on the ground with blanket served as bedding.

As soon as camp was organized, my dad and one other paddled across the little lake in a homemade 12 foot wooden boat and set a couple of trot lines which were quickly baited with cut perch. I don't remember any rod and reel fishing there, or very little, we depended upon the trot lines to produce fish and, they always did! After the line was set, we would paddle over and tie the little boat up to a stump and watch the lines. After thirty minutes or so, we would paddle over and run them, always boating plenty of fish for that first evening fish fry which was a very big deal. Fried potatoes with a handful of chopped onion thrown in and a couple cans of pork and beans, light bread and crispy fried, very fresh, channel catfish was the evening meal. For the next couple days we fished and cooked fish and grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and stocked the cooler with plenty of catfish to carry us over until the next time the chickens sold and Dad declared another fishing holiday.

Our farm was a short walk from Pecan Bayou which is a spring fed creek with headwaters in the northwest corner of Red River county. In the spring when the creek was running, we cut poles from a switch cane patch behind the house and ran what we called set poles. The rigging was pretty basic. It consisted of a pole about 8 feet long with the old woven fishing line common back then, a weight and hook baited with cut perch. We would set about twenty of these set poles out along the creek an hour before dark and run them every hour or so for a couple hours and then again at first light the next morning. I can vividly remember walking up to that creek bank and seeing those poles with the butt end stuck in the mud and the tip being pulled down by a feisty channel catfish.

Later in life as an outdoors writer, I've had the opportunity to watch the sport of catfishing grow way beyond what I knew as a kid. I was once invited by the great Bill Dance to take his place in a boat with James 'Big Cat' Patterson and fish the World Championship of Catfishing on the Tennessee River. James and I didn't win this prestigious tournament but I did learn a lot about catching big blue catfish in a river with current. We used Santee Cooper rigs baited with skipjack herring and landed several what I

considered 'big' blue cats. Through the years, I have fished with some of the best pro catfish guys in the country. David Hanson guided on Tawakoni for years and targeted trophy class blue catfish in the cold weather months and eating size channels in the summer. I venture to guess David has guided folks to more catfish through the years than anyone.

The past few years, I have fished with one of David's friends, Tony Pennebaker who specializes in catfish, blues in the winter and channel cats beginning in late May. Tony and I have had lots of great times together on the water and I honestly don't remember ever not heading home with lots of fillets for the fish fryer. Fishing techniques differ when targeting blue catfish opposed to channels. Channel catfish will hit a variety of baits and so will blues to some degree but when targeting channel cats, it's hard to beat a good cheese baits. There is a wide variety of baits on the market today and they will all catch fish. I've witnessed many arguments about just which bait is best.

I worked with a company years ago that set out to make the 'best catfish bait on the market.' I assembled a group of guides that fished every day and each tested batches of the newly developing bait. Finally the guides and the company agreed on the 'best' formula and it became a popular bait for channel catfish. Was it the best bait on the market? The answer depends upon who you ask. But it is a very good bait that for years has accounted for many limits of catfish on many lakes.

Blue catfish will bite punch bait but serious blue catters know that fresh cut bait is best. In Texas waters, fresh shad is king for catching blues. But in states to the north, skipjack herring is the go to bait, especially in river systems where the baitfish are common.

Yes, a great deal has changed since I cut my catfishing teeth using set poles in the creek by my boyhood home and trotlines on small lakes in Oklahoma. With today's sonar, finding concentrations of fish is easy, especially when targeting big blues in the winter. And anyone can toss out a few range cubes and bring channel catfish under the boat. But one thing that has not changed is the tug of a hard fighting catfish or the flavor of a crispy catfish fillet or whole smaller fish that has been exposed to cornmeal and about 6 minutes in hot cooking oil!



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Lake Tawakoni guide Tony Pennebaker with a good eating channel catfish.

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