

RAINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Commissioners deny final plat request from Retreat at Anglers Point

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Commissioners Court met for a regular meeting on Thursday, June 23, to discuss subdivisions, update filing fees and open bids.

The meeting opened with a public hearing on sub-division policy and the court heard from local underground utility companies concerning on-site sewage installation.

Commissioners decided to look into designating the area required for on-site sewage because they cannot designate a lot size in

plats.

During the regular meeting, the court considered the final plat for Retreat at Anglers Point on Rains County Road 3220.

Commissioner Korey Young stated that the developers have met every requirement of the subdivision policy including getting an engineering firm to certify the viability of the smaller lot.

Young motioned to approve the plat with the exception for the smaller lot and Commissioner Mike Willis seconded the motion.

The motion failed as Commissioners Jeremy Cook and Lori Northcutt, along with

County Judge Linda Wallace voted against the motion.

Commissioners could not consider policy changes to the tiny home and RV regulations as no public hearing had been held. They did increase the filing fees to \$995 plus \$15 per lot for tiny home, RV and manufactured home communities.

The court unanimously approved a motion to have the Rains County Sheriff's Department request bids for a new jail console and hand-held radios with funds to be used from the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

Wallace sought and received the courts ap-

proval to begin research into securing the Rains County Courthouse and the Courthouse Annex.

The court approved the final plat for the Shaw Addition, the bond for the Lori Northcutt and opened bids for materials for the Rains County Road & Bridge Department.

All commissioners were present for the regular meeting.

The next meeting for the Rains County Commissioners Court is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Rains County Courthouse.

POPPERS IN THE PARK

Poppin' good time coming to Heritage Park on July 4th

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Women's Service Club of Emory will present Poppers in the Park on Monday, July 4, at the Heritage Park.

The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with watermelon slices, food, baked goods and drinks provided by the American Legion Post 156 and the Women's Service Club.

DJ Calvin will play patriotic music and give away prizes throughout the event. The fireworks show is set to start at dark.

Admission to the event is free, and donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of the fireworks display.

Everyone is invited to bring lawn chairs, blankets or a family picnic.

Established in 1942, the Women's Service Club of Emory was created to aid in the return of World War II soldiers and now strives to make Emory a more desirable place to live.

Having a field day with their radios



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Blake Cooper, with Joe Parker and Jim Crittenden watching over his shoulder, tunes his radio to communicate with other amateur radio operators around the globe during the 2022 ARRL Field Day on Saturday, June 25, at the Emory Volunteer Fire Department. Other members of the Rains Amateur Radio Association pictured are Michael Beem, Larry Smith and Belinda Smith.

Local couple in *The Chosen*

By **LINDA BRENDLE**
Rains County Leader contributor

The Chosen is described on its website as "a fan-supported, seven-season episodic television series that creates an authentic and intimate picture of Jesus' life and ministry, seen through the eyes of the people who knew Him." It is also described as the No. 1 highest crowd-funded entertainment project of all-time, raising \$10 million for Season 1 and over \$40 million for Seasons 2 and 3. A press release says *The Chosen* has garnered praise from critics and fans alike for its historical and biblical accuracy, playful spirit, stirring drama, genuine humor and disruptive impact.

The Chosen is offered free of charge on mobile and smart TV apps. Some income is generated for future episodes through the sale of series merchandise, but the majority of the funds comes from viewers who "pay it forward" by

donating at certain levels based on the number of episodes that will be viewed for free because of their gift. Since they believed strongly in the project, local couple Kent and Stella Larson decided to support the series.

The Larsons faithfully followed website updates and newsletters, and when a casting call for extras in Season 3 went out to funding partners early this year, their interest was piqued. Donors and immediate family members were eligible to participate and singles could bring one friend. The Larsons signed up and were accepted for the feeding of the 5,000 scene. Around the first of March Kent began to let his beard and hair grow, and they began to work on their costumes. Participants were given a choice of who they wanted to be – Jews, Greeks, Romans – and they were given a color palate based on that choice. Because of their Scandanavian and Northern European heritage, the Larsons

opted to dress as merchants from the north.

Stella found Kent's main costume online – an almost ankle length tunic of unbleached linen. Neighbor Denise Elliston added wide bands of burlap decorated with two lines of green threads at the wrists and made a matching belt to tie around his waist. For her costume, Stella found a sage green sheet which Denise turned into dress trimmed at the edges of the neck and sleeves with double rows of small metal coin-like disks. Kent wore a burnt orange scarf-like headdress that hung loose around his shoulders and was held in place by a twisted piece of wheat-colored cloth tied around his head. Stella's head covering was a muted multi-colored scarf that covered her hair and draped down in front of one shoulder. She wore a stone perfume bottle suspended on a

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Kent Larson



Stella Larson



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Rain Report

No rain recorded this week

Total for June 0.61 in
Year to date 16.42 in

Community outreach & organizations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#1440 – 4th Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Lodge on Hwy. 69

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

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

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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

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

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

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1st and 3rd Tues., 6:45 p.m., Point City Hall

RAINS COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
3rd Thurs. of every month, Rains Tax Office at 12:00 p.m.

RAINS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT
2nd & 4th Thurs., 10:00 a.m., Rains County Courthouse

RAINS ISD SCHOOL BOARD
2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Rains ISD Board Room

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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 Saturdays, July 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 8:00 a.m.-noon. Closed July 2. 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.

Rocky Point Community Center Meeting July 7

There will be a meeting at the Rocky Point Community Center on July 7, at 7:00 p.m. for anyone interested in the Center. A garage sale will be held in October to raise funds to replace the roof and items donated for the garage sale may be brought to the meeting. For more information, call Jean at 903-473-3383.

Am. Legion Breakfast Sat., July 9

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will hold a breakfast buffet on

Saturday, July 9, from 7:00-10:00 a.m. at the Post home at 215 N. Duffy St. in Emory. Takeouts are offered. Payment is by donation, which goes towards the upkeep of the home and for veterans' projects.

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.

Take steps toward financial freedom

It's almost Independence Day, when we celebrate our liberties. But there's another freedom you'll want to think of – and that's financial freedom. How can you achieve it?



BRANDON ROBERTS
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There's no shortcut. You will need to save and invest throughout your career. Put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) and other investments. And whenever you get a bonus or tax refund, try to invest some of it. You should also consider what percentage of growth-oriented investments make sense to hold in your

portfolio.

Here's another step toward financial freedom: Reduce your debts as much as possible. The less you owe, the more you can invest for your future.

You'll also want to prepare for the unexpected. If you were injured or became ill, and couldn't work for a while, you might have to dip into your savings. A financial professional can help you create a protection strategy.

It will take a concerted effort to reach your financial independence – but, like all freedoms, it offers immense benefits.

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SUDOKU

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

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THE PUBLIC FORUM

Dear Editor,

So where's the money going? That's a question residents in Rains County need to ask about how the disbursement of possibly more than \$1 million from the American Rescue Plan allotment will be utilized here. The Texas Association of Counties (county.org) has guidelines for usage on its website under the tab "Resources for County Officials." Perhaps we all need to examine where it can be used and what's restricted to ensure that the money is focused on where best the needs be met without our treading down some boondoggle.

It's a big chunk of change that comes from the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act signed in March 2021. It's not dream money, but funds to replace losses from the pandemic and stimulation dollars to invest in infrastructure. The eligibility rules are tight: support the public health response to the coronavirus pandemic; address negative economic effects caused by COVID-19 by aiding workers and families, small businesses, nonprofits or indus-

tries that were hit hard; replace lost public sector revenue; provide premium pay essential for work done during the pandemic; invest in water and sewer infrastructure; and invest in broadband.

But it cannot – repeat cannot – be used to fund a pension program, fund debt service, pay legal settlements or judgments, and deposit into a rainy day or surplus fund. It also cannot be used to offset tax cuts or backfill revenue from a tax cut. There are abundant needs in Rains County, so we are hard pressed to ensure that guidelines are followed and what is spent doesn't become folly.

Supposedly the first of two installments of funds were disbursed beginning in May, with the final payment coming in about a year. Let's hope that concepts and planning by county leaders are well underway to ensure that our dollars are utilized properly before the December 31, 2026, deadline.

Marshall Collins
Point

LETTERS POLICY

The *Rains County Leader* welcomes letters to the editor on subjects of interest to its readers. Letters should be no longer than 350 to 400 words. Longer contributions may result in your letter being edited or not published. All letters must bear the original signature and a printed name, address and phone number for verification purposes. E-mailed letters must contain a phone number for verification purposes. Phone numbers will not be printed unless requested. Unverified letters will not be printed. Contributions are limited to one letter per household per month with at least two weeks between each letter. No fictitious letters will be printed. We will not knowingly publish letters that, in our opinion, libel, slander or threaten. We reserve the right to refuse to publish any letter. Letters to the editor are the views and opinions of the writer and do not reflect the editorial position of the editor or staff of the *Rains County Leader*.

THE CHOSEN

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cord around her neck and a bracelet of small stones around her wrist. Both of them wore sandals.

During filming, the crowd had to remove anything “modern” – glasses, jewelry, socks. Kent even had to remove the metal buckles from his sandals, punch an extra hole, and tie them with a leather thong. They were allowed to carry a 1st century-looking draw-string bag to hold their modern conveniences during filming. Those who didn't have one of their own were given a burlap bag. The set for this sequence was an open meadow, and because there was no shade, most people carried umbrellas which were stowed in the bags during filming. Water, Gatorade, and snacks were readily available between takes; restrooms were plentiful; and medical assistance was available for anyone who needed it. There were also two circus tents where extras could get out of the sun, and there were a few air-conditioned areas – but seating was hard to come by.

Filming was done on the 900-acre Salvation Army Camp Hoblitzelle site around seven miles south of Midlothian. The Camp, which saw bookings drop to zero during COVID, has leased the area to The Chosen for five years. Construction to date has included a 30,000-square-foot soundstage and a historically accurate recreation of the town of Capernaum. Other areas allow creation of scenes like Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 which was filmed June 13-16. Approximately 12,000 extras were expected to be involved over four days made up of fans from 36 countries and all 50 states ranging in age from 7 weeks to 91 years.

Production of the sequence began on Monday the 13th with scenes involving the regular cast. The next two days were devoted to crowd scenes using 5,000 extras on Tuesday and a different 5,000 on Wednesday. Around 1,000 extras were brought back on Thursday. The Larsons were scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday. Participants were required to get a PCR COVID test prior to filming, and they were also given a rapid COVID test on arrival at the site. The Larsons passed both tests and received lanyards with colored dots indicating when they were to be on the set. Once they received their lanyards, they boarded forty-passenger buses which took them from the parking area to the filming area. They said that even though a huge number of people were being moved, the process was handled efficiently.

The Larsons were scheduled for the 2:30-5:30 slot. Around 6:00 pm after their session was completed, all the extras were brought back together. The Larsons were able to stay where they were which was fairly close to a camera, so we may be able to see them in the final film. At the end of the day, they waited ninety minutes to get on a bus, and their group sang hymns while they waited. When they arrived back at the parking area, Dallas Jenkins was there to meet every bus.

Tuesday was a real event day with testimonies, entertainment, music, food, and so forth, but Thursday was more of a work day. With fewer extras to deal with, though, it was better coordinated. During their time on the set, they saw the actors who played the disciples and Roman soldiers on horseback, but they didn't see any of the women cast members. They met other extras from Wills Point via California, Waco, Virginia, and more. They also ran into friends they had met online who had requested prayer for their unborn baby. One of the most unusual events happened while they were sitting in an open tent waiting to go on set. Someone came running in asking for a minister. A couple whose wedding plans had been disrupted by the pandemic wanted to get married right then. Not only was a minister located, but a harpist and several other musicians came forward, and they had a wedding on the spot.

Dallas Jenkins, the creator, director and co-writer of the series, has a degree in Biblical Studies. In creating the show, he put together a panel of expert consultants to ensure biblical and historical accuracy in the script. Jenkins wants to help people know Jesus better and love Scripture more by taking gospel accounts and adding plausible details about the lives of the biblical figures found there. He does this by adding back story and fleshing out characters who are only mentioned in passing in the Scripture. Another of his goals is to reach a billion people with the story of Jesus at no cost to them. According to an article on ChristianHeadlines.com dated May 26 of this year, the series surpassed 400 million views sometime in early May.

The Larsons' film career may not be over. There may more calls for extras in the near future, so for now Kent has trimmed the hair that is covered with the orange headpiece, but he's keeping the beard. And Stella has her dress hanging neatly in the closet, just in case. But even if the call never comes, they have already stepped out of their comfort zone and become part of something bigger than themselves – a good example for us all.

CITY GIRL

Yes, I've been to Sturgis

LINDA BRENDE
Leader Correspondent

The week before Father's Day, I changed my Facebook profile picture of a favorite picture of Dad and me. I was about nine months old which would have made him about twenty-six. You could tell that, even at that young age, I had him wrapped around my little finger – and I was pretty fond of him, too. While I was at it, I decided to change my cover photo. I chose a picture my neighbor Connie took of me and David back in 2014 during a photo shoot. You see some of the results of that day at the top of my column every week.

I'm not a very good model – I stiffen up in front of a camera – so after we finished the hard work of getting something acceptable for a head shot, Connie wanted to do some fun shots. She snapped a few pictures of us among the flowers in her front yard, and then she had us change into our biker clothes and move over to the old metal bridge on County Road 3200. In the summer, it's shaded by a canopy of trees that she said would make a great setting for photos. I'm much more relaxed when I pose with David, and the results were some of the best pictures of me since our wedding. (His pictures are always good!)

I posted my favorite of the bike shots, and although I've posted it before, it got a lot of attention. One day last week at the Senior Center, Linda Pietila said, "We got a real kick out of your biker picture, especially Rocky. He couldn't believe you were ever on a motorcycle."

"Oh, you didn't see the really good ones," I replied. Of course, then she wanted to see the good ones. I couldn't find them on my phone, so I emailed several to her the next day. One was taken in 2003 of me sitting on a Yamaha Virago 1100, the bike I learned to ride on. I was at a scenic overlook in the Badlands of South Dakota where we had ridden for the Sturgis Bike Rally. Another was of me on my new-to-me Harley Heritage Softail, the one I rode 25,000 miles in 2004 before I wrecked it.

Her return email came quickly: "Oh wow!! You two went to Sturgis! How wild! I need to hear stories about that trip! Plus, you wrecked your bike? Oooh you two have some stories to tell."

I've told the story of the wreck in the first chapter of my first memoir, but I realized that I've never written much at all about my trip to Sturgis. One of the inequities of our marriage in the early days was that David had more vacation time than I did. We went on some fun trips during my two weeks, but then he'd go riding with his buddies to the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, the Tail of the Dragon in Tennessee, the Terlingua Chili Cook Off in the Big Bend Country, and Sturgis. He had been twice before I learned to ride well enough to keep up, but by the summer of 2003, I was ready.

We let our biker friends know that we planned to go to the rally, and on July 30, the hottest part of the year, a group of seven adventurers set out from Carrollton. Our traveling companions included our next-door neighbors, James and Peggy Chaney; David's longtime friends from Louisiana, Roger Lawrence and Gary Simmons; and a fellow Biker for Christ, Tim Banks, who trailered his bike in a toy hauler so he could act as our chase vehicle. We spent two and a half days on the road before we reached Rapid City, SD where the Chaney's had reserved a finished out

basement where six of us would sleep as well as the driveway where Tim would sleep in his toy hauler. Although we had planned to camp out on the way, we ended up in a motel the first night because of an approaching storm. The second night we slept in sleeping bags on cots under the stars, another new experience for this city girl.

On the third day we made a stop at Wall Drug Store in Wall, SD, a must for anyone visiting South Dakota, especially bikers. The store has been a haven for travelers since 1931 when they opened and began offering free water for the road weary. The building features a number of haphazard add-ons that are furnished with shelves filled with an enormous amount of travel souvenirs. We finally had to drag Gary, who wanted to pick up and look at every one of those souvenirs, back to his bike.

Our hosts in Rapid City were very gracious, providing a light breakfast for us each morning before we set out. Two or three times we made the twenty-eight mile journey north to Sturgis where we saw more bikes than I've ever seen in one place as well as more leather, more tattoos, and more exposed flesh. It was, of course, a must-see, but it was noisy and crowded, and we were there to ride. We made several day trips to the Badlands, to Mount Rushmore, and to Devil's Tower in Wyoming.

After five nights in Rapid City, we headed home by way of Colorado. In the next three days we visited Estes Park, we crossed the Great Divide, and we rode half-way up a muddy Pike's Peak – the road to the top was closed because of icy conditions. From there we turned toward Texas, and it was a long, hard ride. After we crossed Raton Pass, we turned east on Hwy. 287 and began looking for a motel for the night. We should have stopped earlier! There was a wrestling convention or a rodeo or something in the area, and there were no rooms to be found. Around 3:00 a.m. our chase vehicle found one room in Dumas, Texas. The Chaney's took the room; Tim, David, and I slept in the toy hauler; and Roger slept in the truck.

We all woke up after only a few hours sleep, and our weary band continued on. About twenty miles from home, David's bike broke down. By then I was too tired to ride without him, so both bikes finished the last leg of the trip in the toy hauler. Still, that was so close to home that I wore my "I rode mine to Sturgis" patch proudly on my vest.

I've never been back to Sturgis. The next year I used my vacation time for a bike trip to the Grand Canyon, on to Colorado, back through Utah, and home. We also rode our bikes to Colorado for our daughter-in-law's ordination, and generally spent as much time on two wheels as possible until I totaled my bike in a game of chicken with a dump truck. Then a transfer to Florida and years of caregiving interfered, and I never replaced the Blue Angel. David has been back to Sturgis a couple of times since then, but he sold his bike a couple of years ago when a persistent neighbor showed up on the front porch waving a handful of cash. I don't know if we'll ever ride again, but we have ton of memories and too many stories to tell here – and we have Sturgis.

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.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Abortion officially illegal in Texas

The U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe vs. Wade effectively ends all legal abortions in Texas within the next 30 days, many news media outlets reported.

GARY BOARDERS
Texas Press Association

"Planned Parenthood and Whole Woman's Health, with clinics across Texas, stopped performing abortions following Friday's decision, due to uncertainty about how the ruling will affect the state's trigger law and a long-standing ban on abortion that predates Roe vs. Wade, officials with those organizations said," according to the Austin American-Statesman.

"Texas is a pro-life state, and we have taken significant action to protect the sanctity of life," Gov. Greg Abbott said in an issued statement.

Beto O'Rourke, Abbott's Democratic opponent in the November gubernatorial election, said on Twitter, "I will always fight for a woman's freedom to make her own decisions about her own body, health care and future."

State senator sues DPS over Uvalde records

State Sen. Roland Gutierrez, who represents Uvalde, has sued the Texas Department of Public Safety over records relating to the Uvalde school shooting that have been withheld.

"In the wake of the senseless tragedy, the people of Uvalde and Texas have demanded answers from their government. To date, they have been met with lies, misstatements and shifts of blame," Gutierrez said in a lawsuit filed Wednesday, according to the Texas Tribune.

Both state and local Uvalde officials are contesting releasing the records that could shed light on the botched emergency response to the shooting, which killed 19 children and two teachers. Law enforcement responding to the shooting waited more than an hour before breaking into the classroom to kill the shooter.

Meanwhile, Gov. Greg Abbott said his office has been transparent in providing information since the May 24 massacre, in a statement released by his press secretary: "The governor and his office will continue making all available information public, including the full results of the ongoing investigation by the Texas Rangers and the FBI. The governor wants all facts of this tragedy to be made public as quickly as possible and will do his part to achieve that goal."

Wildfire risks grow as heat wave continues

The risk of wildfire across a large swath of Texas continues as the state enters summer after enduring a hot, dry spring.

The Texas A&M Forest Service reported that last week marked the third week in a row with high-pressure weather systems dominating the state.

Above-normal temperatures and below normal rainfall are again forecast throughout Texas. As a result, the forest service reported responding to seven wildfires that burned more than 1,000 acres as of late last week. All but one had been contained – the Dempsey Fire in Palo Pinto County, which has burned more than 1,000 acres.

A total of 160 Texas counties have enacted burn bans to date.

Drunk drivers cause one in four state traffic fatalities

One in four traffic deaths on Texas roads last year were caused by drunk drivers, while more than 25,000 traffic crashes involved drunk driving – up 9 percent over 2020.

The Texas Department of Transportation has again launched its "Faces of Drunk Driving" campaign to remind motorists of the human toll a drunk-driving crash causes on the lives of both victims and survivors. The campaign features testimonials from both victims of drunk drivers and drunk drivers as well.

"Every crash and every death caused by a drunk driver is 100 percent preventable," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "We hope these personal accounts from real offenders and survivors wake people up to the consequences of drinking and driving. Always get a sober ride through a designated driver, taxi, rideshare app, or calling a friend – or simply stay where you are."

Applications to become a 'Bird City' now accepted

It's time for cities to go to the birds. Audubon Texas and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are accepting applications from communities that would like to receive Bird City Texas certification. The program, in its fourth year, recognizes the contributions that communities make to improve nature in and around where people live, work and play.

"All communities, big and small, are eligible to participate," says Richard Heilbrun with TPWD. "Bird City Texas is a great way to demonstrate that a community values nature, that they're willing to improve that nature, and that residents are encouraged to get outside and experience nature."

Certification is based on work in three categories: education and engagement, habitat management and improvement and removal of threats to birds. Community residents are encouraged to be part of the process, Heilbrun said.

Applications for Bird City certification will be accepted through Dec. 2, but applications must be started by Nov. 1. More information can be found here: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/wildlife/birding/bird-city-texas>.

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LAKE FORK ANGLERS

A paper tournament?
Well, I will win every one!

By Bruce Allen

As stated by an unknown angler of why he wouldn't want to be in our "paper" club.

In the Lake Fork Anglers, we have been doing paper tournaments for nine and a half years. And yes, there have been rumors of anglers cheating from time to time. Each incidence has been investigated and for the most part found to be untrue. One incident had to do with the boater not knowing how to properly measure a bass – mouth closed and hitting the bumper, tail pinched and swept to get the longest length. Flipping a fish is allowed. Another had to do with using a measuring ruler not specified in our rules.

But, because we require both anglers in the boat to view the fish on the stick and agree on the length, we feel that we have more than covered the basis to make sure we have a fair measuring of each fish caught.

This year starting with the First Annual Bob Robert's Memorial Shootout we are doing a boat check of all of the boaters who are fishing in the special 5th Thursday team tournament. Boaters will present their Check it Stik at 5:00 a.m. on Thursday June 30 at the SRA Park on Hwy. 154 in Yantis. They will be quizzed on how they measure a bass and then, if needed, be shown the proper way to do it. Their co-anglers will look on to make sure they also know how to properly measure a bass. Boaters who are not fishing this event will be asked to come to a weigh-in when they do fish and to bring in their Check it Stik for review and a review of the proper measuring procedure.

With the explanation in our rules and the demonstration of how we want it done, we feel that anyone who thinks they can cheat in our tournaments is going to get a rude awakening.

While I am speaking of our rules, I'd like to remind our co-anglers of the three-week rule. So, this week you fish with Felix and he puts you on fish. Next week you are fishing with Sammy, and he has nothing. As his co-anglers you cannot take him to any of Felix's spots even if it is a spot you have fished by yourself in the past. That goes for your next two boaters for a total of three weeks.

The boaters have spent time finding places to catch fish and even though they took you there in the tournament, it is their spot, not yours, to share.

This week's results

No wind at the 6:00 a.m. start was a first for us in 2022. But thankfully, we did get a nice breeze out of the north around 8:00 a.m. when the temperature was climbing.

The lake is still down about 6' and dangerous if you don't know where to drive. But seeing all the stumps exposed is a help for some. I noticed more fish were caught on square bills, big worms, and shakey head rigs.

All fish 10" and up are keepers. Only the best 5 count.

Boaters

First place went to Galen Smith of Alba with 4 bass for 13.11 lbs. with a 6.94-lb.unker.

Second place went to Randy Bunch of Lake Fork with 6 bass for 12.55 lbs. with a 3.23-lb.unker.

Third place went to Herb Powell of Lake Fork with 6 bass for 11.76 lbs. with a 4.40-lb.unker.

Fourth place went to Bill Ailes of Sulphur Springs with 3 bass for 11.64 lbs. with the 8.23-lb. boater lunker.

Fifth place went to Robert Gaylor of Lake Fork with 3 bass for 11.37 lbs. with a 4.97-lb.unker.

Co-Anglers

First place went to Tom Whitrock of Lake Fork with 2 bass for 10.42 lbs. with the co-angler lunker of 6.64 lbs.

Second place went to Scott Powell of Lake Fork with 4 bass for 6.99 lbs. with a lunker of 2.13 lbs.

Third place went to Alf Tuggle of Scroggins with 3 bass for 6.94 lbs. with a lunker of 3.62 lbs.

Fourth place went to Rick Wright of Rowlett with 3 bass for 5.66 lbs. with a 2.74-lb.unker

Fifth place went to Bruce Allen of Lake Fork with 2 bass for 3.64 lbs. with a 1.92-lb.unker.

This week we managed 48 keepers with just three skunks, less than half the keepers than last time.

If you'd like to fish at Lake Fork but don't really have the \$500 for a guide, you can 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 and Christmas on two different formats. A 5-fish limit we call LFA and a MLF style format where every fish counts, we call Hard Core. We have special tournaments and an end-of-year dinner. We are a club of 53+ seniors (mostly) and are very liberal on members taking time off for vacations and medical issues.

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- Middle East prince
- TXism: "so broke I couldn't buy hay for a night"
- cattle
- TXism: "pay" _____ never mind
- Fossil
- Wildlife Center
- arose (2 wds.)
- Oklahoma town
- pre-game exercising (2 wds.)
- disfavored group: _____ Klux Klan
- TXism: "does a _____ office business"
- groove-billed bird at Bentzen State Park
- TXism: "fisky _____ leak in a match factory"
- in Hall County on U.S. 287
- Bessinger book "Friday Night Lights" about Texas football
- "Texas Wheelers" fictional town
- Texas basic skills test (1991-2002)
- this Warren starred with TX Dennis Quaid in "Tough Enough"
- runaway with no terminal (2 wds.)
- TXism: "_____ it with kid gloves"
- Texas town where no cars are made
- famed TCU coach _____ "Dutch" Meyer (1934-62)
- this TX Martin was TV's "Peter Pan"
- people can take _____ the Alamo
- in Davy Crockett National Forest on highway 7
- TX V.T. Hamlin's comic strip "Alley _____"
- Armadillo's _____ State Fair & Rodeo
- TX Jayne Mansfield was born in Pennsylvania as Vera Jane
- Eagle Pass is the seat of this county
- TXism: "took to it like a kitten _____"
- this Handle was a Texas Ranger infighter from 1972 to 1976
- explosive letters
- newspaper income sources
- UT professor William Goetzmann won the Pulitzer for book "Exploration and _____"
- this Dean starred in "Four For Texas"
- nickname of former Cowboy assistant coach Ditka (2 wds.)
- decorate again
- dir. to Burnett from McGregor
- TX gunfighter Ben Thompson wore a _____ hat
- spoken
- big theatre in Fort Worth
- "Did so" response
- this world org. has depository library at UT (abbr.)
- Tom Kite assn.
- TXism: "Pantshade rain"
- "_____ of" (rare)
- mom's description of messy room
- Rangers & Astros leag.
- "My Gal _____"
- TXism: "got _____ on" (angry)
- TXism: "_____ the dogs" (ruined)
- TXism: "won't work _____ lazy to steal"
- TXism: "_____ a homet's nest" (cause trouble)
- "It for _____"
- TXism: "cute as a bug's _____"
- reserve funds for a special purpose
- the Mysterians only hit, "95 _____" was recorded in Texas
- TXism: "couldn't find hide _____ hair of it"
- the central idea
- they are prepared before publication
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Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of June 17-23:



DAVID TRAYLOR
Rains County Sheriff

Arrests

6-17: Martin Bocanegra, Dallas. Driving while intoxicated, \$2,500 bond.
6-17: Rachell Horrell, Tyler. Possession of a controlled substance PG 1 greater than 1 gr. less than 4 gr., Dallas Co., no bond; possession of a controlled substance PG 1 less than 1 gr., Dallas Co., no bond.
6-17: Leonard Ray Gover,

Point. Criminal mischief, \$1,500 bond; criminal trespassing, \$1,500 bond.
6-18: Kenneth Dewayne Brewer, Emory. Public intoxication, \$250 fine.
6-20: Shea Taneil Hubbard, Emory. Assault class C, \$200 fine.
6-21: Kasie Nicole Nors, Emory. Bail jumping, Victoria Co., \$2,000 bond.
6-22: Cara Sue Crouch, Lone Oak. Driving while license invalid, \$1,000 bond.
6-22: Keith Ray Crabtree, Sunnyvale. Failure to comply with sex offender registration, \$50,000 bond.
6-23: Haley D. Saunders, Emory. Disorderly conduct, not arraigned; public intoxication,

not arraigned.
There were 9 arrests for the week; 2 posted bond and were released; 1 released after time served. As of Friday, June 24, there were 7 females and 35 males in custody.

Calls

6-17: Hwy. 19N Reference harassment for about three months, FM 515 Bull out, Hwy. 276 and CR 1411 Reckless driver, CR 2470 Issues with 75-year-old male with dementia, Lake Tawakoni Boater needs assistance with stalled boat, CR 2420 Welfare check requested on a female, East Tawakoni (ET) Briggs Blvd. Issues with ex-girlfriend, Rhodes Dr. 78-year-

old female fell and needs lift assistance, Hwy. 19N near CR 3205 One-vehicle accident, Emory Lennon Dr. traffic Wanted male located for Delta Co., CR 1430 Medical assist 69-year-old male with breathing issues, FM 47 and FM 2324 Cow out, FM 275 near sand pit Suspicious activity, Emory Lennon Dr. traffic One occupant wanted by Dallas Co., ET Wright Way Issues with ex, Emory Lennon Dr. Medical assist female with low oxygen, Emory Hooten's Hardware Irate customer, Emory FM 515 and Hwy. 69 Reckless driver, Rains Sheriff's Office (SO) Jail Medical assist for an inmate.

6-18: CR 1540 Sky Point RV Park Medical assist possible heat stroke, FM 515 Possible intoxicated driver, ET Kenny's Landing Intoxicated person nearly hit the building, FM 2795 Medical assist for 23-year-old male, Hwy. 276 and FM 2737 Horse out, ET Egret Cir. Medical assist 48-year-old female with chest pains, Lake Tawakoni State Park Boater needs assistance, CR 3060 Male following a child, CR 1491 Explosion heard, CR 3345 Welfare check requested, CR 1399 Drone outside and looking through windows, Point Ave. E Medical assist female fell and possibly broke her hip, Hwy. 69 and CR 3381 Cattle out.

6-19: Emory Abbingdon Walk Apts. Medical assist for 15-year-old female, FM 514W Vehicle parked in a driveway and a male is drinking, SO lobby Reference people in a vehicle outside the Rains SO jail Medical assist for an inmate, ET Briggs Blvd. 13-year-old female ran away, Emory S. Texas St. Medical assist 16-year-old female having a seizure, CR 3324 Someone messing with a boat, Emory Airport Rd. Child locked in a vehicle, FM 2324 Burglar alarm, Emory Quick Save Domestic disturbance between mother and son, Rains SO jail Medical assist

for an inmate, Emory Rhodes Dr. Medical assist 74-year-old female with breathing issues, Emory Welfare check on male laying by Pott's Gas, Point Hwy. 69 and FM 47 Horses out, Tawakoni Dr. Possible bag of drugs in a ditch, CR 3333 Welfare check requested on a female who has been sick for five weeks.

6-20: Hwy. 19N near Lake Fork Logs came off a trailer and hit a vehicle, FM 3274 Cow out, Hwy. 19S near CR 2240 Cow out, Hwy. 19N Possible intoxicated driver, CR 4251 Medical alarm going off, Hwy. 19N Reckless 18 wheeler headed south, CR 2420 Medical assist 87-year-old male fell, CR 1475 Domestic disturbance and an intoxicated female, Point Hwy. 69 and FM 47 Reckless driver.

6-21: FM 513 Criminal trespassing, Emory west Quitman St. Medical assist male with several issues, Emory O'Reilly's parking lot Truck on fire, Emory Ravine St. Medical assist 55-year-old male with chest pains, CR 1622 Medical assist female with chest pains, FM 2946 Cow out, Emory Rhodes Dr. Medical assist 56-year-old female with several issues, FM 2946 Medical assist for 68-year-old male, Hwy. 276 Medical assist for 17-month-old child, Sky Point RV Park Medical assist for a female, Point Dollar General Clerk needs assistance closing a door, ET Wright Way Verbal disturbance, FM 3274 Suspicious vehicle with a female been there for several hours, Rains SO jail Medical assist for inmate, CR 2400 Female attempted to hang herself, Point FM 514 Extra patrol requested, CR 1525 Two calves out, FM 514E Cows out, FM 2324 and FM 47 Cows out, Emory N. Dunbar Ln. Suicidal male, CR 1330 Possible fire.

6-22: ET Wright Way Domestic disturbance, CR 2132 Loud music, FM 2946 Medical assist far a male, CR 1402 Medical

assist 85-year-old female who fell and hurt her hip, CR 1413 Medical assist for 67-year-old female with breathing issues, Emory Hwy. 19S Wilson Trailer Park Criminal trespassing, PR 7712 Unresponsive female, FM 515 Star Mart Suspicious vehicle behind the building, ET Suspicious vehicle at FM 513 and Hwy. 276, Point Dollar General Reference needing a criminal trespass served, CR 1395 Medical assist for an elderly female, Emory Barn St. Medical assist for a 90-year-old female with possible heart attack, CR 1413 Medical assist 53-year-old female with breathing issues, Hwy. 276 Traffic stop one female arrested, FM 513 Female stated that someone is chasing her, Point Max-A-Mart Minor auto accident, SO lobby Wanted person arrested, Public service Reference a male making threats to out-of-state people, CR 2370 Burglar alarm, Clark Dr. Possible animal abuse, Emory Dunbar Ln. Cats dumped, Sky Point RV Park Medical assist 65-year-old male with breathing issues, Hwy. 19S Cows out, Hwy. 19N Female assaulted and covered in blood.

6-23: CR 1626 Medical assist 78-year-old male with breathing issues, CR 2263 Medical assist call transferred to Wood Co., CR 1402 Reference bank fraud, Emory Abbingdon Walk Apts. Intoxicated female breaking glass bottles and threatening people, ET Two-mile bridge Reckless driver, Emory Rhodes Dr. Smoke coming from a barn, Hwy. 276 69-year-old male fell and needs assistance getting up, Emory Hwy. 19 and Robinson Rd. Calf out, Emory Ravine St. Suicidal male, Hwy. 276 and FM 47 traffic One arrested after contraband found, FM 2946 Burglar alarm, Public service Reference license plate issues, Emory Rhodes Dr. Medical assist for female that fell the day before.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

Grasshoppers!

Well, the grasshoppers are out and have come vigorously once again. Thankfully, our Forage Specialist with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Dr. Corriher-Olson, has some valuable information that I believe will be helpful in combating these pests.

Good luck and happy summer!
Allison Morrow
"There are about 150 species of grasshoppers in the state of Texas, but 90 percent of the damage to crops, gardens, trees, and pastures is caused by just 5 species.

Grasshoppers deposit their eggs 1/2 to 2 inches below the soil surface in pod-like structures. Each egg pod consists of 20 to 120 eggs. Egg pods are very resistant to cold and can easily survive the winter if the soil is not disturbed. Grasshoppers deposit eggs in fallow fields, ditches, fencerows, and weedy areas, as well as in crop fields and hay fields.

Eggs begin hatching in late April or early May, hatching peaks about mid-June. If spring weather is cool and dry, hatching may be delayed until July. Young grasshoppers are called nymphs. They look like adults but are smaller and do not have wings. Nymphs go through 5 to 6 developmental stages and become adults in 40 to 60 days, depending on weather and food supplies. The adult grasshoppers deposit eggs from late July through the fall. Usually only one generation of grasshoppers is produced each year.

Producers should start watching for grasshoppers early in the season and begin control measures while grasshoppers are still nymphs. Smaller grasshoppers are more susceptible to insecticides than larger ones.

Control Options:

Cultural Control: Controlling summer weeds reduces available feed for newly hatching nymphs as well as making it easier for birds to prey on grasshoppers.

Chemical Control: Grasshoppers are susceptible to many insecticides. The length of control will depend on the residual activity of the insecticides and the frequency of treatment. Controlling grasshoppers over a large area will reduce the numbers present which can re-infest a treated area. Remember, smaller grasshoppers are more susceptible to insecticides than larger ones.

Insecticides that can be used on pastures and hayfields:

Always read and follow all label instructions on pesticides!
Mustang Max (9.6 percent zeta-cypermethrin)
Karate Z (lambda cyhalothrin): Do not harvest for hay until 7 days after application.
Baythroid XL (beta-cyfluthrin)
Dimilin 2L: Dimilin must be applied when grasshoppers are about 1/4 inch. Dimilin is not effective on adults. (Generics now available)
Sevin 4F, Sevin XLR, Sevin 80S, generic Carbaryl: 14 day waiting period before grazing or harvesting.
Tombstone Helios (cyfluthrin)
Multiple products (examples include Lambda-Cy, Grizzly Z, Kendo, etc.; lambda-cyhalothrin)
Vantacor (chlorantraniliprole): For optimum control, apply to nymphs.
Coragen (chlorantraniliprole)
Besiege (chlorantraniliprole + lambda-cyhalothrin): labeled for grasshoppers and armyworms.

EMORY LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT			
The following is a consolidated report of the Emory Livestock Auction Inc. auctions held each Tuesday & Saturday. Prices are per hundred lbs unless noted otherwise.			
Tuesday, June 28		Head: 1326 • Sellers: 204	
STEERS	HEIFERS	SLAUGHTER	OTHER
Under 300 \$100-210	Under 300 \$100-180	Cows \$25-90 • Bulls \$85-112	Stocker-cows . \$ 60-95
300-400 \$100-215	300-400 \$100-165	PAIRS*	Calves(hd) \$ 30-250
400-500 \$100-180	400-500 \$ 95-155	Top \$ 900-1250	Horses (hd) \$ 50-450
Over 500 \$ 90-175	Over 500 \$ 80-145	Low/Mid \$ 450-900	Goats (hd) \$ 35-300
Saturday, June 25		Head: 2113 • Sellers: 368	
STEERS	HEIFERS	SLAUGHTER	OTHER
Under 300 \$100-220	Under 300 \$100-185	Cows \$25-94 • Bulls \$85-112	Stocker-cows . \$ 65-100
300-400 \$100-210	300-400 \$100-175	PAIRS*	Calves(hd) \$ 30-250
400-500 \$ 95-185	400-500 \$ 90-165	Top \$ 950-1250	Horses (hd) \$ 50-950
Over 500 \$ 80-175	Over 500 \$ 70-155	Low/Mid \$ 500-950	Goats (hd) \$ 40-400

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SAVVY SENIOR

How to hire an in-home helper for an aging parent

Dear Savvy Senior,
I would like to hire an in-home helper for my 82-year-old mother to assist with household chores like housekeeping, grocery shopping and driving her to the doctor, etc. But mom doesn't require any personal/physical caregiving, nor does she require any home medical care. Any tips to help us find someone?



JIM MILLER
Savvy Senior

Searching Sarah

Dear Sarah,
Getting your mother some help at home to handle some of her day-to-day chores is a smart idea that can make a big difference keeping her independent longer. Here's are some tips to help you find someone reliable.

In-Home Help

For seniors who could use some help at home – but don't need a caregiving aide for personal care – there are homemakers/home helpers you can hire that can help make life a little easier.

Most in-home helpers can assist with any number of things like shopping, running errands, transportation, light housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, arranging services (home maintenance, lawn care, etc.) and other household chores, along with providing companionship and support. And, if your mom gets to the point she needs personal/physical care like bathing or dressing, many home helpers can assist with this too.

Most home helpers are part time workers who work a few hours a day or a few days per week.

You also need to know that while Medicare does cover home health care services if a doctor orders it, they do not cover in-home homemaker/helper services.

There are two ways in which you can go about hiring someone for your mom; either through a home care agency, or you can hire someone directly on your own.

Home Care Agency

Hiring a home helper through a non-medical home care, or non-medical companion care agency is the easiest, but most expensive option of

the two. Costs typically run anywhere from \$15 to \$25 an hour depending on where you live.

How it works is you pay the company, and they handle everything including assigning appropriately trained and pre-screened staff to care for your mother and finding a fill-in on days her helper cannot come.

Some of the drawbacks, however, are that you may not have much input into the selection of the aide, and the helpers may change or alternate, which can cause a disruption.

To find a home care agency in your area, use search engines like Google or Yahoo and type in "non-medical home care" followed by the city and state your mom lives in. Or you can use Medicare's home health services search tool at [Medicare.gov/care-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare) – click on "home health services." Most home health agencies offer some form of non-medical home care services too. You can also check your local yellow pages under "home health services."

Hiring Directly

Hiring a personal assistant/home helper on your own is the other option, and it's less expensive. Costs typically range between \$12 and \$20 per hour. Hiring directly also gives you more control over who you hire so you can choose someone who you feel is right for your mom.

But be aware that if you do hire someone on your own, you become the employer so there's no agency support to fall back on if a problem occurs or if the assistant doesn't show up. You're also responsible for paying payroll taxes and any worker-related injuries that may happen. If you choose this option, make sure you check the person's references thoroughly and do a criminal background check.

To find someone, ask for referrals through friends or you can search online at sites like [Care.com](https://www.Care.com) or [CareLinx.com](https://www.CareLinx.com).

For more information on hiring in-home help for your mom, the Family Caregiver Alliance offers a helpful guide that you can access at [Caregiver.org/resource/hiring-home-help](https://www.caregiver.org/resource/hiring-home-help).

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

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

Texas hay season looks bleak
Texas Crop and Weather Report – June 22, 2022

The 2022 Texas hay production outlook appears in doubt due to high fertilizer prices and widespread drought, said Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Joe Paschal, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Corpus Christi, and Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton, said dry weather, high temperatures and reduced inputs like fertilizer have inhibited warm-season grass production across much of Texas. Hay quantity and quality are down, while the cost to produce bales is up, and weather forecasts do not look favorable.

Pockets of the state have received decent moisture, they said, but high fertilizer prices have discouraged hay producers from making applications. As a result, hay baled was expected to be of lower quality.

Paschal said prices for supplemental feed like range cubes and hay have continued to increase. Range cubes reached \$400 per ton, while round bales were starting to fetch \$75-\$80. For weeks, AgriLife Extension agents have reported \$80-plus bales in extremely dry areas of the state.

Some cattle producers around the state have been culling their herds deeper to reduce stocking rates and "mouths to feed," Paschal said. But many more face declining grazing, tightening hay supplies and below-average bale production this season.

"People are baling, but it looks like this hay season could be one cutting, maybe two," he said. "There is hay being fed now, so the hay situation could be tough."

Avoid overstocking as forage conditions decline

Paschal said hay production and grazing conditions were spotty and mirror scattered rainfall in south Central Texas from Del Rio to Kerrville and east of Corpus Christi back to the Rio Grande River. Some pockets have reported 4-7 inches, but much of that area had not received any rainfall since last fall.

Most of East Texas is experiencing abnormally dry to moderate drought conditions, according to the drought monitor map of Texas produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska. Areas in south Central Texas were showing mostly severe and exceptional drought conditions, which translates into major to exceptional crop and

pasture loss and widespread water shortages and restrictions.

Grasses and crop growth are stunted under abnormally dry conditions, and damages begin to show as moderate drought sets in, according to the center. Extremely high temperatures are exacerbating the moisture deficit for plants, including pasture grasses.

Corriher-Olson said weather outlooks suggest Texas will slip further into the drought. Weather systems during hurricane season could change that, but producers with grazing should be implementing contingency plans if they have not already.

Plan for tight supplies, test hay

Both Corriher-Olson and Paschal expect hay supplies to be tight and low quality going into winter if conditions do not reverse soon.

Drought and fertilization – each of those factors alone can put a dent in hay production, Corriher-Olson said, but both at the same time can be disastrous for both quality and yields. High temperatures also increase Bermuda grass's fiber content, making it less digestible for cattle.

Fertilizer prices have softened some, Corriher-Olson said, and producers could potentially fertilize ahead of a promising storm system that might provide moisture for a cutting. But cuttings are best at the beginning and end of the season when temperatures begin to decline.

One East Texas producer she talked to is forgoing fertilization this summer to invest input costs into cool-season forage production, she said.

Corriher-Olson said producers should be making decisions regarding stockpiled forages and hay supplies with an expectation of very high bale prices, especially for quality hay, just to cover the cost of fertilizer, pesticide and herbicide applications and diesel.

Paschal said producers should be planning for ways to stretch available nutrition – whether that is finding alternative feed like cotton seed, purchasing failed corn crops or using supplemental feeds with a limiter to reduce the number of trips to feed.

Hay production conditions are better in states east of Texas, he said, and bales are likely to be moved into Texas or cattle are expected to be moved to better pastures. He suggests cattle producers test bales for their nutritional value, whether purchased or produced. Tests can provide information that will

better guide cattle supplementation, improving the digestibility and nutritional value of that hay.

Producers can reach out to AgriLife Extension agriculture agents in their county for assistance with hay testing, Paschal said.

"It's going to be tough," he said. "There is a lot of hay cows will eat when there is nothing else, but it doesn't mean it is good. There are ways to stretch a cow's nutritional needs, but the bottom line is getting the right amount of protein and energy in her."

AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:
CENTRAL

The district experienced record-high temperatures and no rainfall. Most areas reported short moisture conditions. Dry conditions were dominating the area, and crop conditions were declining. Drought-stressed corn was maturing very rapidly. Expectations for corn were not good due to the 100-degree days and drought at tasseling/silking stages. Farmers finished oat and wheat harvests and were baling hay. Sorghum was coloring, and cotton was flowering. Stock tank levels were quickly declining. Pastures were in poor to very poor condition. Livestock were in fair condition.

EAST

Abnormally high temperatures and no rain worsened drought conditions. Pasture and rangeland conditions were poor to fair. Subsoil and topsoil conditions were short. Producers finished their first cuttings of hay with yields being far below average. Lack of rain and high fertilizer prices continued to be major concerns. Heavier-weight feeder calf prices were stronger, and slaughter cattle prices were steady. Livestock were in fair to good condition.

NORTH

Soil moisture levels ranged from moist to surplus. High temperatures set in with no rain reported. Producers reported declining pasture conditions. Wheat harvest continued. Grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and cotton were all in good shape and progressing nicely. The hot weather may begin to take a toll on crops if dry conditions persist. Cattle were in good condition. Fly and parasite problems were increasing with the hot weather. Summer pastures were doing well for now.

Obituaries

Melissa Emmons

1970 – 2022



A memorial service for Melissa Emmons, 52, of Cumby, will be held on Saturday, July 2, at 1:00 p.m., at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Cumby. Bro. Jim Moore will officiate.

Ms. Emmons died on June 19, 2022 in McKinney. She was born on February 2, 1970, to Bobby Joe Emmons and Patricia Yvonne Emmons in Greenville. She was an active member of Cornerstone Baptist Church.

She enjoyed playing bingo, spending time with her family and playing card games. She also loved fishing and shopping flea markets.

She was employed with Zurn Industries in

Commerce for several years and recently was employed by Quanex Corp. in Greenville.

Ms. Emmons is survived by her mother, Pat Emmons of Cumby; sons, Quintin Kent of Cumby and Benjamin Crowe of Point; granddaughter, Kelly of New York; niece, Dezi Rodriguez of Cumby; and numerous family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father; sister, Pamela Emmons; and daughter, Brittney.

Arrangements are under the direction of Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home.

Shirley Mae Gregory

1936 – 2022



Funeral services for Shirley Mae Gregory, 85, of Emory, were held on June 28, 2022, at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at Elm Cemetery.

Mrs. Gregory died on June 26, 2022, in Emory. She was born on December 15, 1936, to Walter Wayne Crabb and Era May Jones in Greenville. She married Alfred Kenneth Gregory on March 3, 1957, in Yuma, Arizona. They enjoyed

over 50 years together before he died in 2008. She was very family oriented. Everything she did revolved around her family.

Mrs. Gregory is survived by her daughter, DeDe Brown and husband Ron from Nevada; and granddaughter, Maddie Burke from Nevada.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Peggy Knott; and brothers, Wayne Crabb and James Crabb.

Taylor Ray Stevenson

1996 – 2022



Funeral services for Taylor Ray Stevenson, 25, of Lindale, were held on June 27, at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel in Emory. Interment followed at Emory City Cemetery.

Mr. Stevenson died on June 21, 2022, in Lindale. He was born on September 13, 1996, in Rockwall, to Brian Keith Stevenson and Tracy LeAnne Compton-Smith. He graduated from Rains High School in 2013. He grew up wanting to be in the military and proudly served in the US Army. He adored his children and was passionate about family. Family was everything to him and if you were his friend you were his family. He enjoyed fishing, sports, music and playing games.

Mr. Stevenson is survived by his fiancé, Destri Laine Danley; his parents; daughters, Marleigh

Reign Stevenson and Haizlee Kate Stevenson; sons, Cooper Layne Stevenson and Dax Wayne Miller; grandparents, Larry Compton, Vicki Nix and Barbara Lawson; brothers, Aaron Keith Stevenson and Joshua Ryan Stevenson; sister, Melody Nicole Hart; nieces, Savanna Ferry, Avery and Sawyer Stevenson and Mila Hart; nephews, Lincoln Stevenson, Jack Stevenson and Hudson Hart; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandmother, Ann "Nannie" Simmons; grandmother, Charlotte Compton; grandfather, Jerry Ray Stevenson; and aunt, Melody Lynn Stevenson.

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FISHING REPORT

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the following information for Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni Guide Service

Fork

Good. Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 1.78 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 riprap will work best. Captain Michael Littlejohn, Lake Tawakoni Guide Service

Good. Water Stained; 75 degrees; 5.99 feet low. The crappie bite on Lake Fork has been just a little bit finicky this past week. Best depths have been 13-23 feet with fish in brush and suspended on lay-downs and trees, or holding on the bottom of underwater bridges and road beds. Minnows are still the go to bait and the smaller the minnows the better for finicky fish. Same goes for your hand ties and soft plastics. Downsizing can make the difference between a slow

day and a stellar day in the heat of the summer. Report provided by Jacky Wiggins, Jacky Wiggins Guide Service. Bass are good with 3/4 ounce shaky heads or football jigs in green pumpkin and orange or June bug in 14-25 feet of water off drop-offs or channel swings. Carolina rigs are good in the same areas with a 10 inch blue fleck or LFT ring fry in bluegill color good in 15-25 feet of water. Deep crankbaits are decent over long points and channel swings. DD -22 in chartreuse and blue, TW Ghost chartreuse and blue good over 18-23 feet. Report by Lake Fork fishing guide Marc Mitchell and Jason Hoffman, Lake Fork Pro.

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The EDC will hold the public hearings in which all interested persons shall have the right to be heard regarding such proposed project incentives and expenditure of funds. The public hearings will be held at the City of Emory Development Corporation, 329 N. Texas St., Emory, Texas, 75440 on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 11:30 a.m.

Leah Drown, Admin. Assistant, Emory Development Corporation

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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Bright Star-Salem Special Utility District is accepting sealed bids for a 2006 L3830 4x4 Kubota Tractor w/loader LA 723 with a TW 72" Rhino shredder. Tractor has 567 hours. Sealed bids must be received in the District office no later than Tuesday, July 26, 2022 @ 12:00 noon. Minimum bid is \$10,000.00. The equipment may be viewed at the District office located at 238 N Osborn St in Alba. The Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Equipment is sold as is with no warranty expressed or implied.

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THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

U-boats on the prowl in the Gulf

Buried in the back pages of a Houston newspaper in July 1942 was a brief account of the sinking on the fifth of the month of a cargo ship “somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico.”



BARTEE HAILE
Historical Columnist

German U-boats were on the prowl off the coast of Texas, but there was no reason to get folks all riled up about it!

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, seashore inhabitants of the Lone Star State had a bad case of the jitters for the first time since the Civil War. The United States was at war for

exactly a month, when Galveston staged a blackout and ordered total darkness for the duration in a three-block strip along the beach.

The island was a beehive of activity in early 1942 as the military worked frantically to strengthen its defenses. Galveston Army Air Field was established by the Air Corps, while the Army stationed 2,500 troops at Fort Crockett, Fort San Jacinto and Fort Travis on Bolivar Point.

Those bastions bristled with ten and 12-inch guns as well as anti-aircraft batteries. But the enemy never came, and the only casualties were the windows of nearby homes shattered by the concussion from the test firing of the artillery.

Out in the Gulf, however, it was a different story as German submarines or U-boats stalked the busy shipping lines. At 11 o'clock on the night of Jul. 5, 1942, two torpedoes sent to the bottom a merchant ship identified by the tight-lipped military censors as “a medium-size United States cargo vessel.”

“I was standing on the starboard side of the ship with my arms on the rail looking out to sea,” seaman Earl J. Heavner recalled from his hospital bed. “All of a sudden I heard an explosion, and it knocked me back about five or ten feet.”

Most of the 42-man crew were sound asleep below decks, when the unseen sub scored a direct and devastating hit amidship. Trapped in the bowels of the doomed freighter by a raging inferno, they never had a chance.

Heavner and a crewmate scrambled up a ladder and made their way along the heaving deck to a storage bin full of life preservers. They had just slipped on the inflatable jackets, when the second torpedo slammed into the stricken ship.

The two merchant seamen dived head first into the ocean covered by a layer of fuel from a ruptured tank. Moments later the ocean burst into flames, and a swiftly spreading wall of fire threatened to engulf them.

Heavner and his companion swam for their

lives. They reached a lifeboat surrounded by nine other comrades, who also had abandoned ship, but burning oil on the sides of the small craft forced the desperate duo to keep their distance. Grabbing a bucket that miraculously floated by, they put out the fire and climbed on-board.

Meanwhile, the severely damaged cargo ship had rolled over on its port side and started to sink. Within minutes it vanished beneath the waves taking 27 hands to a watery grave.

Although the exact location was deemed a military secret, a careful reading between the lines of the brief report suggested the incident occurred inside U.S. territorial waters and probably right off the Texas coast. How else could the 11 survivors in the lifeboat have put ashore, built a fire and been picked up by a fishing boat hours before sunrise?

The marooned mariners were relieved not only by the speed of their rescue but also by the welcome sight of the trawler's latest catch. The fishermen had pulled four soggy seafarers from the drink before setting course for the signal fire.

The Gulf was the scene three weeks later of a second U-boat attack. A single torpedo sank the Mexican freighter “Oaxaca” on Jul. 26 just seven miles from Corpus Christi. In apparent anticipation of an air raid the next night, the lights were turned off at Port Aransas, Rockport, Aransas Pass and Ingleside.

Search planes and blimps from the base at Hitchcock scoured the seas for the sub without success. Then on Aug. 1 the Coast Guard got lucky.

While on routine patrol with his radioman, Henry Clark White caught the German U-boat on the surface in broad daylight 35 miles from Houma, Louisiana. Before the submarine could crash drive to safety, the pilot dropped a bomb directly on the coning tower and stuck his head out the cockpit for a bird-eye's view of the explosion.

Although no debris ever was found, White was credited with the only submarine kill by the Coast Guard during the entire Second World War. Historians believe the victim was U-166, which according to German archives was sent to the Gulf of Mexico in the spring of 1942.

As for Earl J. Heavner, it is a safe bet he returned to sea as soon as doctors declared him fit for duty. “I am going back,” he told the reporters who squeezed into his tiny hospital room. “I have been to sea for 13 or 14 years, and no enemy submarine is going to stop me.”

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



Contributed photo

There are many species of sunfish in Texas and regardless whether we call them perch or bream, they are one of the best eating of freshwater fish.

LUKE CLAYTON

All bream are sunfish but not all sunfish are bream

I'm about to open a box of worms with this week's column (pun intended). I love catching and eating what I, and most folks, call perch, or bream. Light tackle, a long shank perch hook, a box of worms and we are ready to go perch fishing, right? Come to find out, to properly categorize the fish we are targeting, we are about to go fishing for 'sunfish'.



LUKE CLAYTON
Outdoor Columnist

Sunfish, such as red ears (shellcrackers), warmouth, long ear, red breast and bluegill are all of the sunfish family, not perch as most of us have grown up calling them. I'm certainly not an ichthyologist, just a lifelong 'perch or bream' angler. I can't tell you the difference between a green sunfish and a long ear without looking at a picture, but I can give some tips on catching sunfish. If we meet on the lake and I have a fish basket of scrappy little fish, I am likely to refer to them as bream. Oh, red ears and warmouth are easy to differentiate, but others, for a layman like myself, are just bream.

When sunfish go on the beds to spawn, usually in May and into June, catching is easy. Tackle is about as basic as it gets, a long shank hook (which makes hook removal much easier than with a short shank hook), worms or crickets or even pieces of light bread, an ultralight spinning rig and you are ready to fill your fish basket with some of the best eating in freshwater.

A fly rod rigged with a small popping bug is lethal when bream are on the beds and throughout the warm weather months during early morning and late in the afternoon when they are picking bugs off the surface. During the day, sinking flies such as small Clouser minnows will continue to provide action. During the warm weather months, bream head to deeper, cooler water assuming the oxygen level is sufficient. My uncle Luke owned a fishing camp on an oxbow lake off the Mississippi River back when I was a boy and he loved bream fishing with his fly rod. But during the heat of summer, he headed out to deeper water and fished with live crickets for red ears. He would drift around until he found a school and often fill the fish basket in short order. He used to joke that if a shell cracker was as big as a bass, it would take a well rope to winch it into the boat!

Bream fishing, like most things in the outdoors can be as simple or complex as one wishes. Granted, fishing wet flies subsurface for

suspended bream with a 5-weight fly rod requires more skill than 'perch jerking' using worms below a floater but who is having more fun, the youngster with his or her spin cast rig or the fly fisher with the \$200 rod? It's all relative to one's experience level. Personally, I prefer my lightweight fly rod with a small pencil floater, bream hook and floater for much of my bream fishing. I enjoy the fight a feisty bream gives me on my 7 foot lightweight fly rod, regardless if the fish is hooked with a popping bug, live worm or cricket.

Bream fishing is popular for many reasons. Finding a place to fish is easy and most bream are caught by anglers fishing from shore. Bank fishing is available at most lakes and city ponds. Farm ponds provide excellent fishing for sunfish of all species. A neighbor of mine has a deep pond that is spring fed. The pond is the result of sand and gravel mining decades ago and it keeps a constant level throughout the year, regardless of rainfall. When it gets really hot, I enjoy getting out at first light and catching bream on surface poppers and later heading to the deeper, cooler water and continuing the action using worms or crickets.

I have a few fishing buddies that kid me about taking the time to clean bream. There are two camps when it comes to dressing and eating bream. Many bream eaters believe their fish must be gutted and scaled and fried, tail on. I grew up eating sunfish in this manner but eating 'around' the bones is definitely an art. These days, I much prefer to use a small thin blade fillet knife and removing the fillets. The resulting fillet on an average size bream is about the size of a jumbo shrimp and to my way of thinking, equally tasty. My buddies that are all about fillets from bigger fish are usually the last to pull away from the table after a big perch fry.

While I usually fry catfish, crappie or white bass in a mixture of one cup flour to two cups cornmeal, I just dust my bream fillets with flour, after lightly seasoning them with a mixture of black pepper, salt and garlic power. It takes no more than a couple minutes in hot cooking oil to turn out a crispy bream fillet. Whole bream can be cooked to perfection in 4 or 5 minutes. These little fish cook quickly and it's important not to overcook them.

Regardless if you are a veteran angler or someone wishing to just go fishing and catch lots of fish, try catching these feisty little battlers on light tackle. They are plentiful just about anywhere there is fresh water and the best is yet to come once you have them cleaned in exposed to Lake Crisco!

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July 3, 2022
3 p.m.

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