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RAINS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 1

ESD Board discusses paying firefighters, reimbursement options

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Emergency Service District held a regular meeting on Monday, November 21, to discuss ideas for paying firefighters, consider options for reimbursing departments and hear monthly reports.

During the meeting, the board heard and discussed ideas for compensating the volunteer firefighters to increase participation in the departments. They were informed a nearby department paid per run, while another placed money into a retirement account.

into options as well as determine which entity would pay the firefighters.

The board considered helping the departments with unexpected costs by transferring 25 percent of their budgets to them at the start of the year. The ESD would payout the rest of their budgets in monthly payments.

As all fire chiefs were not present for the meeting to discuss the idea, the item was tabled.

In monthly activity reports for October, Hopkins County reported 181 requests for service, with 97 transports and 61 refusals.

Board members agreed to continue to look Response time on life threatening emergencies for city calls was 5 minutes, 14 seconds, while county calls averaged 8 minutes, 8 seconds.

> Of the 97 individuals transported to a medical facility in October by EMS, 72 went to Sulphur Springs, 14 to Greenville, five to Quinlan, one to Quitman and five to other hospitals. The most common calls were for a person feeling sick, motor vehicle accidents, chest pain, breathing problems and falls.

The Emory VFD went on 13 medical assist calls, eight fires, seven good intent calls, four service calls, two motor vehicle accidents for

a total of 34 requests for service in October.

Point VFD responded to 23 calls during the month of October. The department responded to 14 fires, seven medical assists, a smoke removal and a smoke scare.

In the month of October, the East Tawakoni VFD was dispatched on 16 calls including eight medical assists, four fires, two public assists and a gas leak.

The next meeting of the Rains ESD Board is scheduled for Monday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Emory Volunteer Fire Department.

RAINS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL Wildcat basketball under new leadership



EAST TAWAKONI Short-term rentals allowed with rules

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

The East Tawakoni City Council approved an ordinance to allow short term rentals within the city limits and appointed a new council member during the regular meeting on Tuesday, November 15.

During the meeting, the council considered a group of ordinances that would allow short term rentals in the city with rules. The owner of the rental home must have a yearly license, have the home inspected for code compliance, establish a parking area not on the street and must occupy the dwelling as many days as it is rented.

The ordinances were unanimously approved by the council.

Council members were presented with the resume of Holly Calhoun and her desire to fill the unexpired term of Place 2 on the city council. She was unanimously approved to fill the empty seat on the council.

The council was presented with amendments to the ordinance concerning accessory buildings. The changes would increase the square footage of the buildings so that they would not need to be brought

Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Rains Wildcat Head Boys Basketball Coach Brandon Fields gathers his Wildcats to strategize during the varsity game against the Brownsboro Bears at Rains on Monday, November 21. Fields accepted the position at Rains High School after a two-year stint at Quitman High School.

to council for approval.

They decided that it would be better for the approval of large accessory buildings to still be brought to the council so the amendments were unanimously not approved.

Council members unanimously approved the combining of two lots on Oak Leaf Trail, two oversized storage buildings in Vintage Shores and the bid to repair the water tower in the Whispering Oaks Subdivision.

All council members were present for the regular meeting

The next regular meeting of the East Tawakoni City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of East Tawakoni City Hall.

SPOTLIGHT New Justice of the Peace moved to do public service after 9/11

By JUDY KRAMER Rains County Leader contributor

Public service and law enforcement are not new to Rains County Justice of the Peace R. Jenkins Franklin. Soon after he graduated from Texas Tech University with a BBA Management degree, he and some friends took off for Colorado to "hang around" for a while. When 9/11 occurred, he was moved to go into public service and began a law enforcement career that lasted for 11 years in Colorado. He began as a police officer and ended up as an investigator (detective).

"There were some interesting times during my law enforcement career," said Judge Franklin. "In 2009 I had the opportunity to work with "Dog the Bounty Hunter," when he was filming "The Hunt for Santa," that aired in December of that year. I was also involved in the arrest of American former professional snowboarder and skateboarder Shaun White who stole a car and vandalized some property dropped when his agent paid whatever money was asked to the victims of his crimes."

Judge Franklin grew up in Dallas and spent a lot of weekends and summers on his great grandparent's farm near Ginger, in Rains County. In 2011 he moved to Rains County where his family has lived for seven generations, and he became the owner of Lake Country Cleaners (in Emory and Mineola) for 10 years. However, he never lost the satisfaction of public service and ran a close race for Sheriff of Rains County in 2020 that he lost. He planned to run again in 2024 but instead ran for Justice of the Peace this year and won the primary election.

Judge Franklin was sworn in as Rains County Justice of the Peace on March 9, 2022, almost nine months before he was scheduled to step into the position, due to the untimely death of incumbent Judge Paul Foley.

"I hit the ground running," said Judge Franklin. "I will go to judge training in De-

at Breckenridge. He was able to have charges cember with other new judges who will not assume their duties until January. Even though I have been on the job since March, I will begin my four-year term at the same time as other judges in the new year."

> Justice of the Peace is a full-time job, but not just eight to five, Monday through Friday. Judge Franklin got a call at 9:30 p.m. on November 16 to pronounce a death and didn't get home until 2:30 a.m. the next morning. Judge Franklin's office does arraignments in the mornings. Misdemeanor arraignments must be done within 24 hours and felony arraignments within 48 hours. If an arrest is made on a Friday evening, then the arraignment would fall on a weekend.

> Justice Court is the lowest court. Besides pronouncing deaths, it handles Class C Misdemeanors, evictions, small claims, debt and jail issues. When an arrest is made in the county, Judge Franklin and his two clerks ad-

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Rains County Justice of the Peace R. Jenkins Franklin



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Community outreach & organizations

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Emory - Tues. & Thurs. 7:00-8:00 p.m., 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., 5:15 p.m., 215 N. Duffy St., Emory, 903-438-6045. Buffet breakfast - 2nd Saturday 7:00-10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RAINS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEWS BRIEFS

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. Thrift sales will be all Saturdays in November, from 8:00 a.m.-noon. Funds go to buy food for the needy and to operate the center.

Angel Trees Are Out

The Angel Trees have been delivered to City National Bank, Commercial Bank of Texas, Don's Restaurant, Sidekick's Restaurant, El Manna Restaurant, Marshals BBQ, Wild West BBQ, Brookshire's, Pott's Feed, Y'all Come Back Cafe, and Hooten's Hardware (teen tree only). Unwrapped gifts purchased for adopted angels should be delivered in large, black garbage bags to any of the above locations by November 30. For more information, call 903-268-2720. If leaving a message, leave a detailed message and phone number so the call can be returned.

Good Sam Clothes/ Point Library Bag Of Books Sale and **Coat Giveaway**

The Point Community Library is selling \$2.00 bags of books to raise funds for new chairs and shelves for the library. The library also has a supply of donated coats and jackets to be given to families in need. The library, located at 273 N 1st St. in Point, is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Carter BloodCare Blood Drive At Hooten's Hardware

Carter BloodCare will hold a blood drive at Hooten's Hardware, LLC, located at 1139 E. Lennon Dr. in Emory, on Saturday, December 17, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. To sign up, go to *https://ww3.greatpartners* .org/donor/schedules/ drive_schedule/134526. For information, more call 903-473-8788. Give a lifesaving gift this holiday season for local patients who need our help

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want the money invested within the fund. Most donor-advised funds offer several professionally managed portfolios.

Finally, you decide which **IRS**-approved charities should receive grants, when they should receive them and how much they should get.

Keep in mind, though, that once you put the money in the fund, you cannot access it for any reason other than charitable giving.

Consult with your tax and financial professionals before investing in a donor-advised fund. If it's appropriate for your needs, it's a chance to do some good - while also helping your own financial strategy

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THE PUBLIC FORUM

In regard to your "Spotlight" and Cruz to seek their help. story about Dirk Schutter, I find it quite disturbing and would like to write Senators Cornyn

Steven Camp Emory, Texas 75440

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SPOTLIGHT

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vise the person of his or her retired judge, or by judges from rights and set bond. They also a Bench Exchange where judges issue protective orders if some- cover for each other. He said be a danger to another person.

Traylor retired, Judge Franklin activities. He, his children and was asked if he was interested in possibly being appointed to finish out the two years remaining in that term. The judge decided that he was no longer interested in a position as sheriff because he was happy serving as Justice of the Peace. He is proud of the Rains County Courthouse that was renovated in 2009 and offered a tour of the magnificent, Dallas. Each week, Judge nostalgic courtroom on the upper floor during his interview. He said that the room is like something out of the movie "To Kill a Mockingbird," and that during former Judge Foley's term of office as many as 100 people would be seated during a hearing.

Judge Franklin does get time Opal, who is three. off, and is usually relieved by a

one gets out on bond who might that he spends most of his time off with his four kids while they Recently, when Sheriff David play sports and take part in other wife, Cassie, live on his great-grandparents farm where there are horses and cattle, and the kids enjoy being there. His wife spends a lot of time at the children's school in Greenville, volunteering and substituting. They don't usually travel any further than the coast on vacations and sometimes go to Franklin usually finds about five hours of his time off to check in on his Lake Country Cleaners business.

Judge and Mrs. Franklin's children are son, Myland, who is nearly ten; daughter, Essie, who just turned nine; son, Kye, who is five; and youngest daughter,



GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

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EMORY CITY COUNCIL 2nd Tues., 7:00 p.m., Emory City Hall

POINT CITY COUNCIL 2nd Thur., 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**

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J.H. Bradford - 1901-1904

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

RAINS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Emory Fire Station

RAINS COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE: Mon., Tues. and Thurs., 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m., 110 E. North St. TRANSPORTATION: To schedule a ride Call 903-474-7231

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CITY GIRL

Anna's story

Last week I shared a post I called Counting or to have it ready for an old woman when she *Complaining about counting your blessings. This* wakes up. column will be in the edition released on



Thanksgiving Day, and I want to share one of my favorite stories about gratitude from a column I shared in 2014.

LINDA BRENDLE

On Sunday, Pastor Jason Rolen preached about being thankful - your preacher probably did, too. The sermon was enlightening and inspiring, but what really stuck with me was a

comment he made in his introductory remarks: "I've always thought we should devote 364 days a year to being thankful and set aside only one day for grumbling and complaining.

This time of year, a lot of people talk about cultivating an attitude of gratitude, but sometimes the resolve doesn't last long. It takes time to develop a daily habit of being thankful. In keeping with that thought, I'd like to share a story about a lady who knew what it meant to be grateful. This true account of Anna, a woman who was born into slavery in Maryland, is used by many ministers this time of year, but it was originally told by Fulton Oursler.

Oursler remembered eating with Anna as she sat in his home with her hard, old black hands folded, "Much obliged, dear Lord, for my vittles.

"But Anna," he pointed out, "you'd get your vittles whether you thanked the Lord or not."

"Sure," she responded, "but it makes everything taste better to be thankful."

You know," she said, "an old preacher taught me to play a game about being thankful, looking for things to be thankful for. You don't know how many of them you pass right by unless you go looking for them. Take this morning for instance. I wake up and I lay there wondering what I got to be thankful for now. With my husband dead and having to work every day I can't think of anything. What must the good Lord think of me, His child? But the honest truth is I just can't think of a thing to thank him for. Then, my daughter opens the bedroom door, and the smell of coffee comes from the kitchen. Much obliged, dear Lord, for the coffee and a daughter

"Now, for a while I have to do housework. It's hard to find anything to thank God for in housework. But when I dust the mantelpiece, there is Little Boy Blue. I've had that little china boy for many years. I was a slave when I got it as my one Christmas present. I love that little boy. Much obliged, dear Lord, for Little Boy Blue.

"Almost everything I dust reminds me of something - even the pictures that hang on our cracked, unpainted wall. It's like a visit with my family who are all gone. They look at me, and I look at them, and there are so many happy things to remember. Much obliged, dear Lord, for my memory. Then, I go for a walk downtown to buy a loaf of bread and cheese for dinner. I look in

all the windows; so many pretty things." Ousler commented, "But Anna, you can't buy them. You have no money."

"Oh, but I can play - play dolls. I think of how your ma and sister would look in those dresses, and I have a lot of fun. Much obliged dear Lord for playing in my mind. It's a kind of happiness.

Once I got caught in the rain," she said, "and it was fun for me. I've always heard about people's shower baths, but I never had one. Now I have one. You know God is just giving Heaven away to people all day long. I've been to the park and seen the gardens but I like the old bush in my back yard better. One rose will fill you with all the sweetness you can stand.'

Oursler finished the story. "Anna taught me a great deal about life. I'll never forget when word came to me that Anna was dying. I remember taking a cab and standing by her bedside; she was in deep pain and her hard old hands were knotted together in a desperate clutch. Poor old woman, I thought. What had she to be thankful for now? She opened her eyes and looked at me. `Much obliged, dear Lord, for such fine friends.' She never spoke again, except in my heart, but she speaks to me every day there, and I'm obliged, dear Lord, for that."

Happy Thanksgiving, and much obliged, dear Lord, for each of my readers.

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.

TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE Giving thanks for gardening

This time of year always makes you think about what you are grateful for. In the agricultural world, it is no different. Today, I am grateful for my friend and fellow



AgriLife agent, Greg Grant, who summed up the gratitude of gardening beautifully. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do. Happy Thanksgiving and happy harvest! - Allison

Î'll be honest. Growing something to eat in Texas isn't

easy. It's often too hot, too cold, too wet, or too dry. We alternate from arctic blasts to Mexican heat waves. In addition to regular severe droughts like this past summer, Texas holds the record for the wettest hurricane in U.S. history, the deadliest hurricane in U.S. history, and the greatest 24-hour rainfall in the continental U.S. To make matters worse, we cover a diverse range of territories in Texas, almost like completely different states fused together. We range from a cold winter climate in the north to an almost tropical one in the south. We stretch from a rainfall of around 6 inches per year in El Paso to a humid 60 inches in Beaumont. And we go from very alkaline limestone soils in the Texas Hill Country to extremely acid soils here in East Texas. Fruits and vegetables are plagued with all sorts of insects and diseases plus hungry critters like crows, squirrels, opossums, raccoons, feral pigs, and deer. When we finally get the soil, water, and temperature conditions right, something else comes along and eats the produce for us. Why on earth do we garden here? Why would anybody garden here? And why, pray tell, would I try to convince somebody new to attempt such a risky venture?

Because it's magic, that's why. Thomas Jefferson once said, "No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden.' Gardening is therapy, both mental and physical. It feeds the mind, body and soul. And we get to eat the fruits of our labor, even if they don't look like shiny, pristine commercial versions. There's no substitute for the fresh home-grown taste we harvest from our gardens. And what season goes by without some new disease outbreak or contamination scare linked to mass produced produce? We have control over that in our home gardens. I'm currently eating turnips, turnip greens and mustard greens; and I just finished harvesting a row of cabbage.

It's hard to teach about growing produce to such a wide range of gardeners and non-gardeners. But I always give it my best shot. I learned to garden from my Shelby County grandfather, Rebel Eloy Emanis, and many others that cared enough to teach me.

Gardening in East Texas isn't really that tough once you learn to play by the rules. It's all about knowing what to grow, when to grow it when to feed it, and what else might want to eat it. Right now, we are in the middle of our fall gardening season, growing plants than can tolerate frosts, including broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, collards, kale, lettuce, multiplying onions, mustard, parsley, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard and turnips. If you really want to celebrate Thanksgiving, go pick something fresh from your garden and eat it. And if you don't have a garden, plant one. Come February it will be time to plant all the same cool season fall crops again. There's an Easy Gardening publication on every vegetable we can grow on the Aggie Horticulture website under "vegetable resources."

Greg Grant is the Smith County horticulturist for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. He is author of Texas Fruit and Vegetable Gardening, Heirloom Gardening in the South, and *The Rose Rustlers*. You can read his "Greg's Ramblings" blog at *arborgate.com*, read his "In Greg's Garden" in each issue of Texas Gardener magazine (texasgardener.com), and follow him on Facebook at "Greg Grant Gardens." More science-based lawn and gardening information from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service can be found at aggieturf.tamu.edu and aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu.



Hometown Banking With Your Neighbors & Friends The First Thanksgiving Day As President, on October 3, 1789, George Washington created the first Thanksgiving Day: "Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor, and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee Commercial Bank of Texas requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many single favors of Almighty God..." ACROSS 44 5/3/91 was the date TEXAS of the final one professional cowfor "Dallas" boy assoc. (abbr.) ROSSWORD two-steps 45 TXism: * Granbury's county to his own beat" 6 TXism: "pay by Charley & Guy Orbison 46 Gov. never mind* Lanham (1902-06) this k.d. & TX Roy 47 TXism: "got Orbison won a

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Obituaries

Shirley June Alexander

1935 - 2022

Funeral services for Shirley June Alexander, 86, of Alba, were held on November 19, at Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home. Marlon Alexander officiated. Interment was in Salem Cemetery, Alba. Zachary Miller, Jason Miller, Jeremy Green, Nicholas Green, Maxx Davis and Angel Flores Green served as pallbearers.

Ms. Alexander died on November

15, 2022, in Tyler. She was born on November friends. 27, 1935, in Rains County, to Ben and Marzee Almeda Parrish Alexander.

She lived in the Alba area since 1946 and was



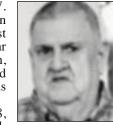
1940 - 2022

Funeral services for Kenneth W. Gowin, 82, of Emory, were held on November 21, at Miracle Faith Baptist Church. Interment followed at Dunbar Cemetery. Colin Gowin, Steve Gowin, David Gowin, Darin Gowin, Ronald Langley and Chris Cox served as pallbearers.

Mr. Gowin died on November 18, 2022. He was born on November 4,

1940, to Elmer and Rachael Wade Gowin. He was married to his sweetheart, Doris Faye Dodd, for 63 years.

He loved his church, Miracle Faith, and was baptized on May 15, 2022. He worked in the oil field, construction and managed the B&B grocery store for many years. He loved gardening, driving his tractor and riding around looking at cows. He enjoyed playing cards, dominoes and raising cane Orwosky Funeral Home.



a member of Alba Church of Christ. She worked as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels for 26 years.

Ms. Alexander is survived by nieces, Barbara Miller of Alba and Kimberley Green of Quitman; and nephews, Wayde and Desmond Sharon Alexander, and Benjamin Alexander and wife Sandra of Virginia Beach, Virginia; and many other relatives and

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Don Alexander; and infant brother, Ronald Alexander.

Kenneth W. Gowin

with his brothers.

Mr. Gowin is survived by his wife; sons, Mike Gowin and wife Kobi of Emory, Randy Gowin and wife Brittany of Emory, and Ronald Langley of Durant, Oklahoma; daughter, Rhonda Clarke and husband Wes of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren, Michael Gowin and wife Ashley, Amber, Colin, Hannah, Taylor and Katie; great-

grandchildren, Hannah, Emma, Gracie, Montana, Roper, Jessie and Brayden; brothers, Danny Gowin and wife Sherian, Larry (Bo) Gowin, and Perry Gowin, and numerous other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Wayne Gowin and Ronnie Gowin.

Services were under the direction of Wilson

Sammye Lee Cotton

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Funeral services for Sammye Lee Cotton, 43, of Wills Point, were held on November 21, at Mullin-Fuller Funeral Home in Wills Point.

Mrs. Cotton died on November 16, 2022, after battling ALS. She was born on January 1, 1979, in Garland, to Richard and Joi Anette Foster. She was raised in Emory and moved to Wills Point in 2004.

She married Robert Cotton on October 8, 2005 and they had two children. She was the telecommunications manager for the City of Garland and also worked at the McKinney Police Department as a 911 dispatcher. She worked with MĒCDA (Municipal Emergency Communications District Association) as the treasurer, and was a member of APCO (Association of Public Safety Communication Officials) and NENA (National Emergency Number Association. She held two certifications ENP (Emergency Number Professional) and

CMCP (Center Manager Certification Program). She loved boating and fishing. She loved every minute of watching her boys play sports. She was always taking selfies and making everyone laugh.

Mrs. Cotton is survived by her husband of Wills Point; her father of Emory; sons, Dillon Cotton and Cody Cotton of Wills Point; sister, Sara Foster

of Leonard; grandmother, Leta Mae Rabe; father and mother-in-law, Luke and Diane Cotton of Wills Point; brother-in-law, Michael and Honey Cotton; sister-in-law, Stephannie Saucedo and husband Ovidio of Wills Point; and many loving relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother; and grandfather, Sammy Hurst who also passed of ALS.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to ALS Foundation.

Believer's Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

"For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. I Timothy 3:13

Pastor Jason Rolen's sermon was from I Timothy and was titled "Elders and Deacons and Saints, Oh My!" He went through the qualifications of both elders and deacons.

Sunday evening we celebrated the ordinations of Patrick Covington as an elder and David Brendle and Cole Middleton as deacons.

Sunday, November 27, we will observe the Lord's Supper during morning worship. Immediately following the service, we will have a Brown Bag Lunch Fellowship. Bring your own lunch and

enjoy a meal with others from the congregation. Sunday at 6:30 p.m. we will have The Church Praying, an elder-led gathering of the church for intentional prayer.

Come on Wednesday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. to hear guest speaker Dr. James White.

Plan to join us on December 11 at 10:30 a.m. for morning worship when a special BBC worship choir will help lead in worship and the children will share the catechisms they have learned as well as a special song.

Episode 131 of the Asking for a Friend Podcast is "More on Biblical Counseling: Guest Interview with Morris Beene (Pt 2)." A link can be found under the Media tab at www.bbcemory.org.

Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

"There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?"

John 6:9 Last Wednesday evening we had delicious vegetable soup with all the fixings and donuts for dessert provided by June Brewer for our family meal. The youth met with the adults. Pastor Jerry Jackson brought a wonderful message from Ephesians titled "Pain: Physical, Mental and Spiritual."

Our Sunday morning service was very good! It is exciting to have visitors and returning visitors. Following our fellowship time, we were blessed by the testimony and the singing of Bro. Ian and Amillia Ofrecio who are preparing to be missionaries to the people of Baguio City in the

Philippines and plant churches there. Rebecca Jackson sang a special and was requested to sing it again before Bro. Jerry's message. His message was from John and was titled, "What Can You Offer?" During the invitation, the Bishop family joined our church. Praise the Lord!

Birthday wishes go to Elijah Jackson and Jim Moreau.

This is the thanksgiving season. We have so much to be thankful for, and so many things we take for granted. Now might be a good time to take an inventory of some of the things you are grateful for...the top of the list should be JESUS. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and enjoy your family.

Jesus is coming back soon. Are you ready? Have a blessed and safe week.

Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

Happy Thanksgiving! There's not a better time of the year to give God all the thanks, praise and worship we can give, than at Thanksgiving.

Our Sunday school hour began with Jake Frazier leading us in a children's chorus about the joy we have deep in our heart. After a prayer of dismissal, we went to our classes.

Our children learned about Philip whom God used to give the message of salvation to an Ethiopian man. Their craft project was to make bookmarks which they proudly displayed to our congregation.

The adult class studied about our need to continue to add to our faith that we might become strong in God's Word and well able to stand

against the trials and temptations of life. The title for our lesson was "It's A Serious Business to be a Christian."

Our worship service was filled with songs of praise and thanksgiving to God for all the many blessings He gives us. Special music was provided by Pastor Mike Frazier, Benny Thompson and Kesley Frazier.

Bro. Mike's message focused on the Apostle Paul's letters to the Corinthian church, the correlation and importance of chapters 12, 13 and 14 as they relate to the God-given spiritual gifts and their purpose and importance to our Christian

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving week.

Emory United Methodist Church

By Mary White

"And it shall come to pass, if you shall obey my commandments which I command you today, to love the Lord your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.'

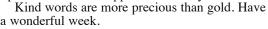
Deuteronomy 11:13 Rev. David Banks' message, titled "The Promised Land" with scripture text taken from Deuteronomy, described the essence of the Law. David gifted each of the congregation with a a wonderful week.

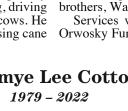
wonderful berries.

The Lord promised the Israelites a land flowing with milk and honey and pomegranates. It was a great day of worship!

Birthday wishes go to Lonnah Basham.

Pray for Lewis Hathcoat, Henry Weldon Walker, Heather Powell, Kay Leavell, Alan Spears and the Joe Applewhite family.





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Sports

RAINS LADY CAT & WILDCAT BASKETBALL Wildcats, Ladies off to slow start



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Taking it strong to the hoop, junior Prabhdeep Singh (3) goes through the challenge of the Bear defenders during the 58-43 loss to Brownsboro at Rains on Monday, November 21.

By CHUCK FITTS Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Lady Cats and Wildcats take to the hardwood as basketball season gets underway with the both teams facing tough, early season opponents.

The season began for the Lady Cats on the road in Mesquite with a 48-19 loss the Poteet Lady Pirates on Tuesday, November 8.

On Friday, November 11, the Rains varsity girls team suffered a loss to the Scurry-Rosser Lady Wildcats, 41-23.

That same night, the Wildcats opened the season by hosting the Union Grove Lions. They beat them 67 to 39, with sophomore Evan Emig scoring 18 points and the boys traveled to White Oak and suffered a 57-44 loss to the Roughnecks.

On Friday, November 18, the Wildcats were on the road again and lost to the Martins Mill Mustangs, 73-35.

The varsity girls spent the weekend of November 17-19 at the Macy Chenevert Memorial Basketball Tournament in Tyler.

They lost the first game of the tournament to the Nacogdoches Central Heights Lady Blue Devils, 55-23, on Thursday.

The Lady Cats returned to TK Gorman Catholic School in Tyler on Friday and beat the Whitney Lady Cats, 54-22, for their first win of the season.

The girls followed that win with another as they beat the Robertson Fort Worth Christian Lady Cardinals, 60-47. In the championship game of the silver bracket on Saturday, the Lady Cats brought home the trophy with a 42-39 overtime While the girls were at home, victory over the Arlington Grace

Team finishes third at Lake O' Pines

Prep Lady Lions.

On Monday, November 21, the girls traveled to Gilmer and lost to the Lady Buckeyes, 65-51.

Back at Rains on Monday, the boys lost to the Brownsboro Bears, 58-43. Junior Everett Kreck and Emig scored 11 points each in the loss.

The Lady Cats hosted the Quinlan Ford Lady Panthers on Tuesday, November 22.

The Rains Lady Cats are 3-5 for the season, while the Rains Wildcats are 1-3.

After the holiday break, the girls teams will host Muenster Lady Hornets on Tuesday, November 29.

On the same evening, the boys teams will travel to Tatum

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY The wizard behind the curtain

On Nov. 24, 1911, Woodrow Wilson met the obscure kingmaker from the Lone Star State who would make him the 28th president of the United States.

Over dinner that historic evening at his New York penthouse, Edward Man-

dell House decided the scholarly

governor of New Jersey was the ideal Democrat to break the

Republicans' 16-year hold on the

A Lone Star quartet exercised

unprecedented power in national

politics during the first seven



BARTEE HAILE

decades of the twentieth century: John Nance Garner, Sam Rayburn, Lyndon Baines Johnson and E.M. House. Of the four, only House never held public office preferring instead to work his magic behind the scenes.

Oval Office.

As the son of a wealthy Houston banker, House was educated in elite eastern prep schools. After his father's death in 1880, the youth dropped out of college and collected a handsome inheritance. He soon married and moved to Austin to be at the nerve center of state politics.

Gov. James S. Hogg faced an uphill struggle for reelection in 1892, until the diminutive 33 year old took charge of his sputtering campaign. With House at the helm, Hogg won a dramatic come-from-behind victory as the tiny tutor polished his abrasive brand of populism. For the next 14 years, House reigned supreme in the Texas wing of the Democratic Party.

The three governors that succeeded Hogg were all groomed and guided by the master strategist. After serving the customary two terms, C.A. Culberson advanced to the U.S. Senate, where he was a permanent though rarely sober fixture for a quarter century. J.D. Sayers and S.W.T. Lanham were lackluster leaders, whose mutual claim to fame was they were the last Confederates chosen chief executive.

At the end of Lanham's second term in 1907, House withdrew from state affairs to ponder the prospects on the Potomac. Bored by gubernatorial games, he set his sights on the biggest prize of all – the presidency.

In Woodrow Wilson he found his dream candidate. The Ivy League reformer and the taciturn Texan turned out to be philosophical soul mates with virtually identical visions for restructuring American society.

Despite his privileged background, House was a closet radical. In private he not only defended the rights of labor unions but advocated compulsory retirement for Supreme Court justices, a federal income tax and a guaranteed stipend for the aged. Tame proposals by today's standards, but a century ago such suggestions smacked of subversion.

Benefiting from the colonel's expert advice and extensive contacts, Wilson arrived at the 1912 Democratic national convention with a

fighting chance for the nomination. From the opening gavel, the Texas delegation stood firm in support of the dark horse, who finally captured the top spot on the ticket on the 46th ballot.

Wilson carried Democratic Texas with 73 percent of the popular vote – nearly three times the combined total of Teddy Roosevelt, William Howard Taft and socialist Eugene Debs - on his way to an electoral college avalanche. House and his cronies were generously rewarded for a job well done with three cabinet posts and dozens of key appointments.

The most important Texan declined any formal role and simply kept what he already had the ear and absolute trust of the new president. Wilson never made a major move without first checking with the colonel.

Five months after reelection as the anti-war candidate in 1916, Wilson sent the doughboys off to the European bloodbath. It was House, who convinced the cynical Allies to accept the idealistic American's Fourteen Points as the basis for the peace parley.

During the protracted post-war negotiations in Paris, domestic matters demanded the president's personal attention. A month later, he was appalled by the compromises House had accepted in his absence.

Wilson said little to his mentor upon sailing for home on Jun. 28, 1919, the day the controversial Treaty of Versailles was signed. Staying behind to wrap up the tedious details, House would never see his protege again.

By the time the colonel returned to Washington, Wilson was a bedridden invalid, the victim of a debilitating stroke. For the last year and a half of her paralyzed husband's term, Edith Wilson functioned as the unelected president of the United States.

House's repeated efforts to contact his stricken friend were foiled by the vindictive First Lady, who did not forget his fruitless attempt to sabotage her 1915 marriage to the White House widower. His letters went unanswered, and most were not even opened until the Wilson papers were transferred to the Library of Congress in 1952.

As funeral services were held for Woodrow Wilson in February 1924, a solitary figure stood outside the church in a cold drizzle. Unforgiving to the bitter end, Edith Wilson denied E.M. House the opportunity to pay his last respects.

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



Shawn junior chipping in 13 points.

In their first home game, the Lady Cats lost to the Sulphur Springs Lady Cats, 49-42, on Tuesday, November 15.

RAINS HIGH SCHOOL FISHING TEAM

to take on Eagles. The Lady Cats will compete at a tournament in Glenn Rose next weekend, while the Wildcats will be in White Oak for a tournament.

I would like to sincerely thank all the people & businesses who supported me during my 9 years of showing steers! I have been accepted by the Texas A&M Rangeland, Wildlife & Fisheries Dept., College Station. My experience in 4H, FFA & your support has helped to make that possible. Please continue to support the youth in our community!

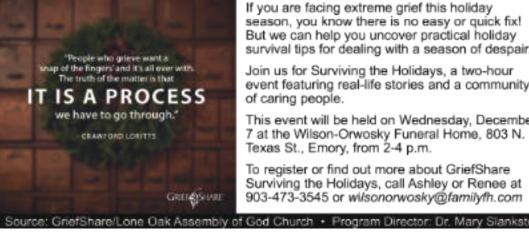
Blake Alexander



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The angler team of Grant Guidry and Brayden Juarez smile as their total catch weight is revealed during the Texas High School Bass Association tournament at Lake O' Pines on Saturday, November 19. The total placed the boat team in fourth place and helped the Rains team to a third place overall finish.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS



If you are facing extreme grief this holiday season, you know there is no easy or quick fix! But we can help you uncover practical holiday survival tips for dealing with a season of despair.

Join us for Surviving the Holidays, a two-hour event featuring real-life stories and a community of caring people.

This event will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at the Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home, 803 N. Texas St., Emory, from 2-4 p.m.

To register or find out more about GriefShare Surviving the Holidays, call Ashley or Renee at 903-473-3545 or wilsonorwosky@familyfh.com



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