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RAINS COUNTY FAIR

93rd edition of the Rains County Fair set to begin Tuesday

By **TREY HILL**
Rains County Leader staff

Get ready! The 93rd edition of the Rains County Fair rolls into town with the gates opening Tuesday evening, September 12, concluding Saturday night, September 16, with the junior livestock auction followed by a country western dance.

Exhibit buildings will be open daily from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Tues-

day through Friday, and open from 6:00 p.m. until midnight on Saturday. Tickets at the gate are \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 4 through 12. Season passes are \$15.00 for adults and \$11.00 for children ages 4 through 12.

Amusement rides will run each night from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. A different arm band will be sold for each night for \$25.00 per person.

Tuesday, September 12

All the action begins Tuesday beginning with the youth baked goods contest. Judging begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Creative Arts Building. Tuesday night is also Senior Citizens Night with seniors 65 and up entering the fair grounds for free.

Wednesday, September 13

Junior Livestock entrees are scheduled for arrival beginning at

6:00 a.m. and continuing through 6:00 p.m. Hog, lamb and goat weigh-ins will be at the fair grounds. Steer weigh-in will be at Mike Willis' farm from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The Junior Miss Rains County Pageant is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Fair Ground Pavilion. The crowning of Miss Rains County 2023 will follow shortly afterwards.

Thursday, September 14

Entries for the Ag Mechanics competition will be accepted beginning at 7:00 a.m. with a silent auction of the works beginning at 8:00 a.m., ending Saturday night after the conclusion of the junior livestock auction.

The junior livestock judging begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Livestock Arena. The steers will show first, followed by lambs, goats, dairy and breeding beef.

The Tiny, Wee, Petite and Little Miss pageants will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Fair Ground Pavilion.

Friday, September 15

The junior livestock judging concludes with the showing of the

hogs. The showing is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Livestock Arena.

Friday night is the crowd favorite and highly entertaining Mutton Bustin' contest. Competition is set to begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Livestock Arena.

Saturday, September 16

Saturday kicks off with the traditional County Fair Parade. Line up for the parade is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at the Emory City Centre, with the parade proceeding at 10:30 a.m.

The traditional chili cook-off judging will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the courthouse square. A youth floral design contest will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the Creative Arts Building.

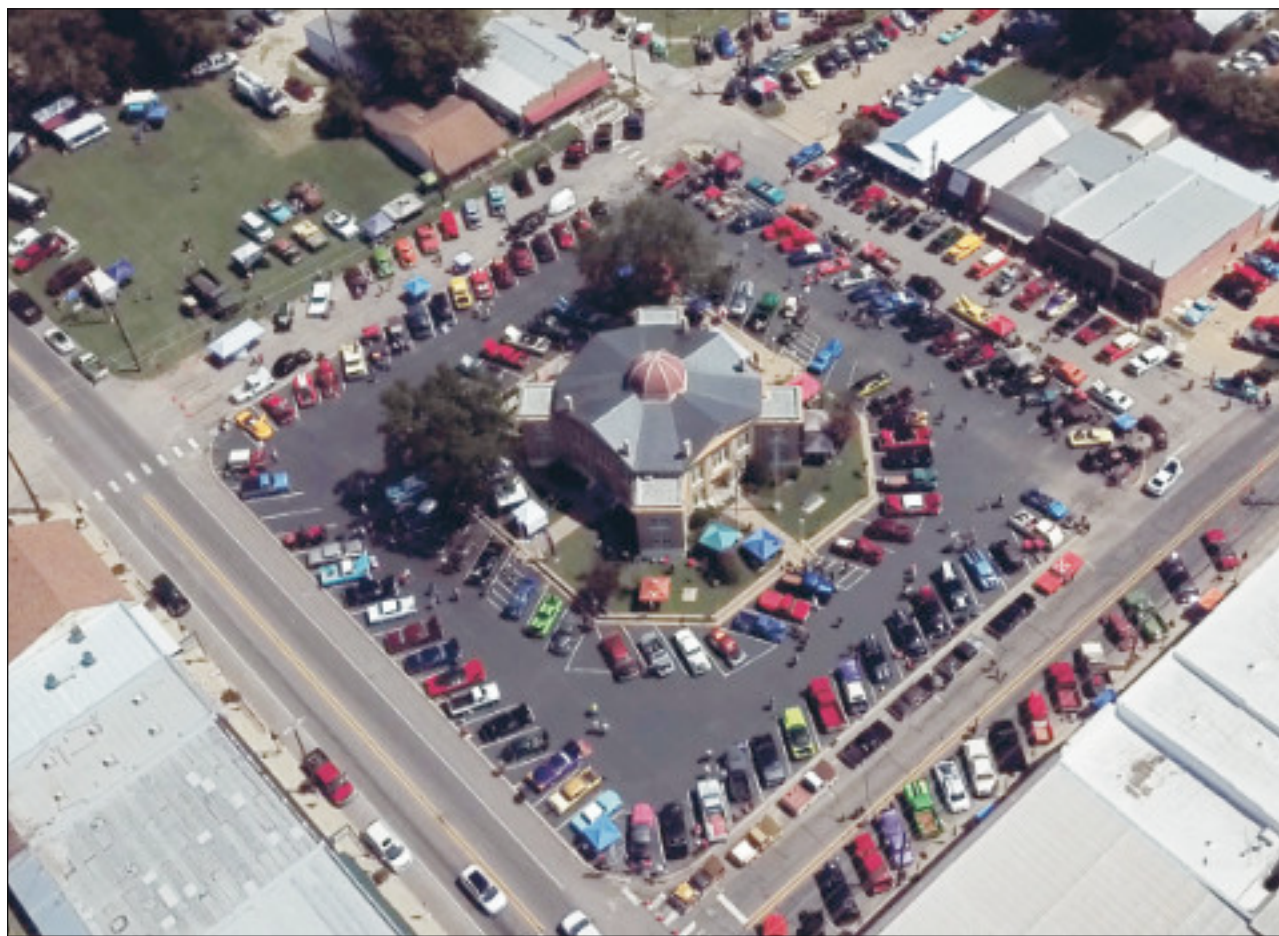
The fair concludes Saturday evening with the junior livestock auction and a country western dance. Buyer check-in for the auction is 6:00 p.m. with the livestock sale beginning at 6:30 p.m.

An adult baked goods contest will be held in the Creative Arts Building beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The country western dance will begin after the conclusion of the

CLASSICS AROUND THE SQUARE

25th annual Classics Around the Square to be held Saturday



Leader file photo by TREY HILL

An aerial view of the Rains County Courthouse Square from a previous Classics Around the Square.

By **TREY HILL**
Rains County Leader staff

Rain or shine, the 25th annual Classics Around the Square is set to be held on Saturday, September 9, at the Rains County Courthouse Square. Last year, over 300 classics took part in the show. Event organizers believe this year's event will

be just as big ... or bigger.

The event will begin Friday night, September 8, with a welcome party. Food, drinks and prizes will be served to participants.

Registration for the show begins at 7:00 a.m. and will continue until noon. Dash plaques will be awarded to the first 200 registrants. Vehicles must be 1988 or older to

participate.

Judges awards include Best Paint, Best of Show, Best Engine, Best Interior, and Best Street Driven. Awards will be announced at 3:00 p.m.

This year's show is sponsored by the City of Emory Tourism, J&R Auto Supply, JC Automotive, and A&R Collision Center.

RAINS COUNTY

Rains County jailer graduates top of class

From Reports
Rains County Leader

Rains County Jailer Lynn Adams recently completed a month-long school in which he earned top honors in his class.

Adams attended jailer school, which was administered by the Kaufman County Sheriff's Department. He graduated valedictorian of the class, and on his final exam he correctly answered 199 out of the 200 questions on the exam.

Rains County Sheriff Michael Hopkins expressed his appreciation for the hard work that Adams displayed in his attendance of the school. "Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and continued efforts," Hopkins said.



Lynn Adams

SPOTLIGHT

Brandon Roberts made the Educational Foundation of RISD a reality

By **JUDY KRAMER**
Rains County Leader contributor

Brandon Roberts is known in Emory as the financial planner at the Edwards Jones office on North Texas Street. But he has also been the "mover and shaker" who brought the Rains Education Foundation to life during the past couple of years.

"I wanted something I could be passionate about that would make a difference in my community," said Roberts. "My wife, Xan, is Director of the Mineola Education Foundation and I have seen the benefits that are a result of that organization."

Roberts was told by Rains ISD Superintendent Jennifer Johnson that people had mentioned the need for an education foundation, but nobody had stepped up to start it. So, he started reaching out to other educa-

tion foundations to see how they started. He also got help from a consulting firm that helps start such organizations. He continued to work with Supt. Johnson and other community people and put together a group, or steering wheel committee to see what they could provide.

"It took about a year before we got our 501(c) charitable designation and got the organization going," said Roberts. "Then we got a grant from Pioneer Foundation. Our first official event was the Back to School Bash this year, but we were raising funds earlier by selling reserve seating for graduation during the past two years.

Through networking we are receiving some private donations and we were able to offer our first round of Rains ISD teacher grants last No-

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Courtesy photo

Brandon Roberts (left) along with other members of the Educational Foundation of Rains Independent School District.



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Rain Report

Sun., Sept. 3 0.08 in.
Total for September 0.08 in.
Year to date 26.39 in.

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

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

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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., 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 - Food Pantry open 1:00-4:00 p.m. Mon. & Thurs.

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Miracle Faith Baptist Church

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

NEWS BRIEFS

Good Sam Clothes/ Thrift Shop Sales

The Rains County Good Samaritan Clothes Shop will be open Monday-Thursday in the building behind the public library on Hwy. 69 in Emory. Hours for Mon.-Wed. are 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., closed noon-1:00 p.m. Hours for Thursday are 8:00 a.m.-noon. Thrift sales will be every Saturday in September from 8:00 a.m.-noon. Funds go to buy food for the needy and to operate the center.

Rains County Democratic Party Meeting Sept. 7

The Rains County Democratic Party will host guest speaker Thierry Tchenko, a Democratic candidate for the US Senate, at a meeting in Emory to be held on Thursday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m., at the Rose Community Center located at 239 E. Quitman St. Everyone is invited to attend.

Am. Legion Breakfast Sat., Sept. 9

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will hold a breakfast buffet on Saturday, September 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.

American Legion Auxiliary Fundraiser

The American Legion Post 156 is holding a fundraiser with proceeds to help local veterans and their families, their high school scholarship fund, and Bonham VA Nursing Home residents. Tickets are \$5.00 each

or 3 for \$10.00, and will be available at the car show on the square, at the Am. Legion breakfast on Sept. 9, and at the Rains County Fair before 8:00 p.m. on Sept. 16. Prizes include a \$500 Grand Prize, gift cards for local businesses, and 10 gift baskets. The drawing will be held on Sept. 16, at 9:00 p.m. at the Am. Legion booth at the fair.

Rains County Republican Assembly Meeting Sept. 19

The Rains County Republican and Rains County Republican Assembly will host their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 19, at 5:00 p.m. at House of Prayer located at 1382 FM 515 in Emory. Guest speaker Christin Bentley will give an update on the Texas Legislative priority "Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids." Highlights from the last legislative session and local implementation will be discussed beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Class Of 1963 Reunion Sept. 23

The Rains High School Class of 1963 will hold its reunion on Saturday, September 23, at 4:00 p.m., at Bill Smith's Buffet (formerly AJ's Fish House) located at the intersection of Hwy. 17 and FM 515. We are few in number, invite all you know of so we can have a big turn out.

Class of 1964 Reunion Sept. 23

The Class of 1964 will have a reunion on Saturday, September 23, at 4:00 p.m., at Bill Smith's Buffet (formerly AJ's Fish House) located near the intersection of Hwy. 17 and FM 515. Pass the word. For more information, call Sue Medders at 903-413-1243.

SPOTLIGHT

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Roberts lives in Mineola where his wife grew up, but he lived in Quitman after spending the first two years of his life in Houston and Sulphur Springs. He graduated from Quitman High School in 2004, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology, and spent about ten years in that field. Then, a friend who worked for Edward Jones talked him into going to work for that firm where he has been since 2017. He works in a historical building at 132 N. Texas Street. Stories are that the building used to be a potato storage facility and the sidewalks are still high from a time when trucks loaded the vegetables from the front of the building.

At his "paying job" Roberts specializes in personal finance plans, investment, wealth management, retirement plans and education and milestone planning. He has Series seven and Series 66 licenses as well as life and health licenses. He earned his Financial Advisor Certificate in 2021.

Roberts has been married for 16 years but he and Xan dated four years before that. They were high school sweethearts. The couple has two boys. Excel is 10 and Camden is 13.

Roberts enjoys traveling and hunting with his boys for doves, deer and sometimes hogs. However, he feels like most of his free time is spent at ball fields where the boys are involved in sports. The family has four dogs and two cats.

Anyone who would like to donate to or be a part of the Education Foundation can contact the organization by email at info@futureofrains.org. The website is www.futureofrains.org.

Visit us online: rainscountyleader.com

Good news

I have some great news to share regarding the annual Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner.

First Baptist Church of Point has offered the use of their Fellowship Hall helping to continue our great work! Numerous attendees have recently asked about Our Dinner, will we be able to get together and enjoy a good meal while we fellowship with old and New Friends? I look forward to seeing prior attendees and welcome others to come join us as we give thanks for the many blessings we have received since our last gathering.

Volunteers are essential to help support our efforts. Numerous churches have made contributions of desserts and other items while sharing God's Love towards each other Fellowship Hall First Baptist Church Point

Thanksgiving Day at noon
Everyone is invited to attend!

Marvin Henson Point, Texas

What does it cost not to have life insurance?

It's probably not on your calendar, but September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. Are you aware of the benefits of owning life insurance?



BRANDON ROBERTS
Edward Jones
Financial Advisor

First, consider the risks of not having it. If something were to happen to you, could your family remain in their

house? Could your children continue their plans for higher education? Who would pay any outstanding debts you have?

A sufficient life insurance death benefit could meet all those needs. Yet, many people put off buying insurance because they don't know how much they need or what type to buy.

To determine the proper amount of coverage, you'll need to consider a variety of factors: your income, your spouse's income, the size of your mortgage and so on.

As for the right policy, you can essentially choose between two types: term and permanent. Term insurance, which is typically less expensive, provides coverage for a certain number of years and only offers a death benefit. Permanent insurance can last a lifetime and offers the opportunity to build cash value but is generally more expensive.

Take the time to learn more about insurance and how it can help protect your family. The sooner you start, the better.

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

POINT CITY COUNCIL
2nd Thurs., 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

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.

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CITY GIRL

Rain!

We had rain on Sunday for the first time in about two months, and most days in those two months saw triple digit temperatures. Even the weeds



LINDA BRENDEL
Leader Correspondent

turned brown and crunchy, and the trees started dropping leaves to conserve what little moisture they had. Perkins gave up on the upper part of his garden and drained most of his surplus water keeping his Tabasco pepper plants alive. And then God had mercy on us and sent some of the rain that has been teasing us for the last week or so to our part of Rains County.

Some significant winds came with the rain, but I can't see any damage, at least from my dry vantage point in the house. One of my hibiscus plants was blown off the porch, but other than a little spilled dirt, it wasn't hurt. At last check, we had received eight-tenths of an inch, and when I texted Perkins to see if he was able to catch any of the water, he replied with an exuberant *YES! About fifty gallons!* That will help with the fall garden he has planned.

I checked Facebook to see how widespread the rain event was. One friend who has horses said they got 1.75" and her favorite ride is "happy as a pig in slop." The mother of a teething baby posted a picture of herself behind the wheel of the car with a big smile on her face. She wrote, "Rainy Sundays and car rides make a good napping combo for Baby!" And one man posted this on Facebook: "Did I do what I just thought I did? Turned off my air conditioner!"

Linda and Rocky, who have a space at First Monday every month, were packing up when the storm hit. Thankfully their merchandise was in tubs although not on the trailer, but the awning on their RV was still extended. It was too windy to

try to retract it, so Rocky stood out in the weather holding on to it while Linda and their dog Sassy watched from the RV. After the storm passed, he was very wet but unharmed, and the awning survived with no damage.

A long online exchange on Heather Rollins Community News page began with "It's raining in Point!" Comments ranged from skeptical and disappointed to excited and even prayerful – and there were LOTS of exclamation points.

- No way.
- It's thundering and all the fixings.
- Wow, exciting! I hope it's raining at home!
- My hope is that all of you get it also! It's coming down here in Point off 1402.
- Joy of all joys. It's about time!
- Do you hear what I hear?
- It's a mirage, you are dehydrated!
- No I am not! I hope you get it to!
- Bro, it's raining cats and dogs and sheep!
- Nothing in S.S. yet.
- Oh yea! Ain't it great!
- We got rain, too .
- Finally rained here in Hogansville (6 miles east of Emory) 15 minutes ago. Sure was nice, not near long enough.
- Raining good in Yantis!
- Alright!
- Our God has blessed us this day!
- Just lost power, anyone else?
- We also have no power on First Street.
- It rained at Brookshire's in Emory!
- And in Alba!
- Hallelujah! Let it rain, Lord.
- What?
- Had some hail in Springcreek.
- Nope, Nope and Nope!
- The wind was crazy insane!
- It's raining hard in Emory off 19 North
- It's not raining at A & R
- Hailing here on 515 in

Emory - wind blowing so hard it blew patio furniture into the yard.

- It's finally raining at our house! We live at Lake Fork. I'm so thankful!
- We didn't get much rain here in Emory. Now the sun is back out.
- .41" north of Emory (Spring Creek) in 10 minutes with 40+ mph winds.
- We got a small bit.
- Yesssss!
- Emory got skipped.
- We got a tablespoon full.
- Been raining close to an hour in Quitman.
- Come and gone.
- Woohoo!
- We got sprinkles only!

After the rain, another exchange began with "Hey! How coool is it now after the rain just came thru?" Here are some of the responses:

- 72 here in Emory...feels awesome outside.
- Says 69 here at Lake Fork!
- It's 81 degrees at our house at Lake Fork.
- Got down to 72 at my house. 1.2 inches of rain.
- 74 in Quitman.
- 68 at my house!
- Time to pull out the heavy coats.
- 72 in my yard on Lake Tawakoni.

If it continued to rain through Sunday night, we slept through it. But we woke up to a wet porch Monday morning, and the forecast calls for continued precipitation until 10:00 a.m. I know the weather may have put a damper on some Labor Day plans, but I for one am very grateful.

Yet He did not leave Himself without witness, for He did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness. Acts 14:17

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.LifeAfter.Caregiving.WordPress.com>. You can e-mail her at LindaBrendle@yahoo.com.

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Milo Kulp Artist of the Week

Reported by Nataleigh Sheffield
Rains High School Journalism Department

Rains High School celebrates Milo Kulp as the artist of the week for August 28 through September 1. Milo uses graphite art design as his main focus.

"First, I usually start with the basic shapes I see, and then I

New CIS Teacher Speaks

Reported by Sammy Houchins
Rains High School Journalism Department

Mrs. Clark, a member of the national organization Communities in Schools employed through Northeast Texas Community College, has joined the Rains High School team.

"CIS's mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life," Clark explains.

Rather than being employed directly by the school, Clark is part of a partnership between

Rains High School and CIS. Her aim is to collaborate with the counselor and other members of school faculty to provide a support system for all students.

According to the CIS website, during the 2021-2022 school year, the organization provided services to 1.8 million students in 25 states. They work with 3,270 school districts and network with 11 affiliates to help children get the help they need. CIS has been in operation for more than 45 years.

Working as a CIS employee at RHS will be the beginning of

a new career path for Clark. She previously worked as a youth minister for fifteen years. She switched to teaching after having children. She explained that work as a minister would mean being away from her family for long periods of time. After eleven more years teaching, Clark began her new career with CIS, and is now three years away from earning her counseling license.

Students interested in the CIS program should reach out to Mrs. Clark in the Rains High School administration office.

RHS cheerleader ready for senior year

Reported by Halle Dunn
Rains High School Journalism Department

Amanda Rimbey, Rains High School's varsity cheerleading team captain, is beginning her senior year ready to compete in a myriad of competitions and performances.

Rimbey is responsible for planning the practices, helping organize the pep rallies and working with the cheer squad to come up with dress up days and

themes for the games.

This year will be her first year without previous cheer coach Mrs. Stephanie Wiley and she is learning new tips and tricks from the current cheer coach, Mrs. Stephanie Baldwin.

"We are basically a new team," remarked Rimbey. "We have a lot of young girls on our team."

The cheer team meets for practices two times a week to work on cheers, stunts and dances in the high school

cafeteria, all in preparation for our football games, pep rallies and UIL competitions.

Another game changer for the cheerleaders is the tailgating tradition which will be at the RHS Wildcat Stadium before every home game. Last week, Rimbey and her squad kicked off the first pep rally at 3:30 in tandem with the RHS Band.

The cheerleaders will perform at the RHS vs Grand Saline football game at Grand Saline at 7:30 p.m.

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2023 Rains County Fair Schedule of Events

Exhibit Buildings Open Daily: September 12th - 15th 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
September 16th 6:00 P.M. - Midnight

Tuesday, September 5

Creative Arts Exhibit Entries Accepted 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, September 6

Creative Arts Exhibits Entries Accepted 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.
Horticulture Exhibits Entries Accepted 3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, September 7

Creative Arts Judging (Closed to Public) 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, September 9

Commercial Exhibits Set-Up 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, September 10

Commercial Exhibits Set-Up 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, September 12

Youth Baked Goods Contest - Creative Arts Building 7:00 P.M.

- ★ Arm Band Ride Night (6:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.) - \$25.00
- ★ Senior Citizens Night - 65 and up get in FREE from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 13

Lambs, Goats, and Hogs Begin Arriving at Fairgrounds 6:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Breeding Beef and Dairy Begin Arriving at Fairgrounds 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Hogs, Lambs, and Goats Weigh-In at Fairgrounds 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Steers Weigh-In at Mike Willis' Farm 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Junior Miss and Miss Rains County Pageants 8:00 P.M.

- ★ Arm Band Ride Night (6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.) - \$25.00

Thursday, September 14

Ag Mechanics Entries Accepted 7:00 A.M.
Ag Mechanics Entries Silent Auction Begins 8:00 A.M.
Steer Show 9:00 A.M.
Lamb Show (following Steer Show) 10:00 A.M.
Goat Show (following Lamb Show)
Dairy Show (following Goat Show)
Breeding Beef Show (following Dairy Show)
Tiny, Wee, Petite, and Little Miss Pageants 6:00 P.M.

- ★ Arm Band Ride Night (6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.) - \$25.00
- ★ Ag Mechanics Show and Silent Auction continues through Saturday

Friday, September 15

Market Hog Show 8:00 A.M.
Mutton Bustin' Contest 7:00 P.M.

- ★ Arm Band Ride Night (6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.) - \$25.00
- ★ Ag Mechanics Show and Silent Auction continues through Saturday

Saturday, September 16

Parade Line-Up (Emory City Centre) 9:30 A.M.
Parade (Downtown Emory) 10:30 A.M.
Chili Cook-Off Contest - Courthouse Square (Serving Begins) 11:00 A.M.
Youth Floral Design Contest 3:30 P.M.
Livestock Sale Buyer Check-In 6:00 P.M.
Junior Livestock Sale 6:30 P.M.
Adult Baked Goods Contest - Creative Arts Building 7:00 P.M.

- ★ Ag Mechanics Silent Auction Ends at Conclusion of Livestock Sale
- ★ Country and Western Dance - (Following Livestock Sale) until Midnight
- ★ Arm Band Ride Night (6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.) - \$25.00

Sunday, September 17

Commercial Exhibits must be picked up at the Fairgrounds Noon to 2:00 P.M.
Creative Arts entries must be picked up at the Fairgrounds 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

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- TXism: "would ___ maggot" (bad taste)
- A pen name for TX Sandra Brown: ___ St. Claire
- TXism: "fence ___ (gossip)"
- TX Crowell wrote "___ I Gain Control Again"
- TXism: "___ a hog needs a packing plant"
- Jim ___ Creek
- he played for Mavs (1997-98) and Rockets (1993-94) (2 wds.)
- Dallas County was named for this Vice President (init.)
- this FM in Palestine became KOYE in Frankston
- describing a great Mav shot (2 wds.)
- TXism: "corker"
- TX Dabney Coleman old TV show: "The ___ Maxwell Story"
- Fiesta Texas theater: "Lone Star ___"
- ___ Pepper
- song about a west Texas town (3 wds.)
- TXism: "too ___ irons in the fire"
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an ___"
- TXism: "___ comforter ___ boot"
- Cowboy zealots
- TXism: "___ - walking drunk"
- TXism: "tall ___ the trough" (VIP)
- many Texans fly the Lone Star ___
- this Sam won 1945 Dallas Open
- TXism: "chew ___ a while" (think about)
- unskilled laborer
- TXism: "crooked as ___ hind leg"
- Rangers traded this Robb to Marlins in 1993
- killing
- belief in God
- hikes the football
- George H. W. headed this agcy.
- a Texas B&B?
- TXism: "welcome as a skunk ___ picnic"
- Rangers no longer have a rain ___ in Globe Life Field
- Texas film: "The ___ to Bountiful"
- TXism: "he's earned ___ spurs"
- Texas cooler (abbr.)
- TX outlaw Ketchum robbed these in the 1890s
- Cowboy Hall of Famer DT, Bob
- troubles
- ex-Astro 3B Caminiti
- TX vegetable: black-___
- Spanish FM serving Kileen-Temple
- TXism: "trapped like a ___ possum"
- 1949 film "Streets of Laredo" was a ___ make of "The Texas Rangers"
- Mr. Neiman of Dallas retail
- pamperin' place
- TXism: "___ the barrel head"
- TXism: "busy ___ -armed paper hanger"
- sediment
- ___ try, Texas
- a covering of paint
- political slogan: "Me for ___ - ___ got a dern thing against Pa" (1924)
- TXism: "sneaky as ___-sucking dog"
- TX Vikki Carr: ___ Bisenta de Castillas-Martinez Cardona
- community Dallas FM radio station
- Texas clan fights
- "Star Wars" missile defense sys.
- after lunch (abbr.)
- "brazos" in Spanish
- Spain, in Spanish

DOWN

- TXism: "___ the ___ (aging)"
- TXism: "mad as ___ on rooster"
- describing a fish
- Houston took a bullet in the ___ at San Jacinto
- TXism: "___ -armed paper hanger"
- sediment
- ___ try, Texas

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Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of August 28- September 5:



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Arrests

8-28: Timothy Carl Wood Jr. Evading arrest detention with vehicle or watercraft, \$25,000 bond.
8-29: Caitlyn Denise Wilson. Arson intend damage habitat/place of worship, no bond.
8-30: Dustin Joseph York. Theft of property greater than or equal to \$100 less than \$750, \$5,000 bond.
8-31: Courtney Eunice Barron. Public intoxication.
9-2: Steven Reed Ivy II. Public intoxication.
9-2: Michael Ray Bell. Public intoxication.
9-2: Javier Jaimes-Perez. Public intoxication.
9-3: John R. Hampton. Assault causing bodily injury to family member, \$3,000 bond.
9-5: Rebecca Ladawn McDaniel. Possession of controlled substance PG 1 less than 1 gr., \$7,500 bond.

Calls

8-28: Hwy. 276 near CR 1502 Livestock on the road; Emory

100 block CR 1308 Ambulance needed; 100 block Ave. B Ambulance needed; 500 block CR 1495 Incident; 1200 block CR 3345 Welfare check; 100 block Bass Rd. Incident; Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Complaint; 100 block CR 1690 Environmental call; Lake Fork Country Club Stolen vehicle; FM 275 Incident; 100 block Bass Rd. Incident; Emory 100 block PR 7720 Ambulance needed; Emory 700 block S. Texas St. Incident; Point 200 block Lyon Ln. Dog case; 100 Bass Rd. Incident; Hwy. 69 towards Brookshire's Reckless vehicle; Emory Accident; Emory Subject with a gun; FM 779 at CR 2250 Livestock on the road; 1000 block FM 2324 Theft.
8-29: Emory Hwy. 276 near CR 1503 Livestock on the road; FM 515 Starmart Audible alarm; 2600 block Hwy. 276 Livestock on the road; SO lobby Complaint; 700 block FM 2324 Audible alarm; 100 block Bass Rd. Incident; CR 3330 Incident; 1800 block FM 275 Ambulance needed; Kenny's Landing Incident; 900 block Hwy. 69 Welfare check; SO lobby Information; 100 block PR 5504 Incident; S. Texas St. Officer assist; CR 2746 Livestock on the road; Emory 200 block CR 1219 Ambulance needed; FM 2795 Livestock on the road; Point 3800 block FM 514 Incident; Emory 300 block W. Quitman Smoke investiga-

tion.
8-30: Point 300 block Egret Cir. Ambulance needed; FM 2737 Livestock on the road; Hwy. 19N Reckless vehicle; 100 block CR 1690 Environmental call; Emory 200 block PR Incident; Alba 4300 block FM 2795 Ambulance needed; Emory 300 block 3317 Ambulance needed; Emory Honeysuckle Ln. Theft; SO lobby Complaint concerning Rains ISD; Emory Incident; Point 200 block CR 4455 Dog case; FM 275 Accident; Point 200 block Wells St. Warrant service.
8-31: Emory 1100 block CR 2420 Burglary of residence; Emory CR 3317 Incident; Emory 200 block CR 2120 Dog case; Emory 500 block CR 3445 Ambulance needed; SO lobby Civil issue; Emory 200 block S. Texas St. Ambulance needed; Emory 200 block PR 7702 Ambulance needed; Emory 100 block Ravine St. Silent alarm; Emory 800 block CR 3309 Suspicious activity; Emory unknown address Suicidal subject; Emory 1100 block Lennon Dr. Silent alarm; Emory CR 4235 Smoke investigation.
9-1: 300 block Ravine St. Lift assist; FM 515 by Potts Gas Livestock on the road; Point 200 block 4528 Welfare check; SO lobby Incident; Hwy. 19N at W. North St. Minor accident; Emory FM 2081 Livestock on the road;

Emory FM 515 at city limits Motorist assist; Emory 400 block CR 3410 Ambulance needed; Emory FM 2946 Livestock on the road; Emory Hwy. 19S at CR 5745 Accident; SO lobby Incident; Point Ave. D Dog case; Emory Rains Pharmacy Suspicious vehicle; Emory Max-A-Mart Intoxicated driver.
9-2: Emory 6900 block FM 47 Incident; Emory 800 block E. Texas St. Accidental injury; East Tawakoni (ET) 100 block Bass Dr. Civil issue; Emory 200 block CR 4265 Noice complaint; Point Suspicious person; ET by Lake

Tawakoni Motorist assist; SO lobby Complaint; Point Max-A-Mart Suicidal subject; Emory Rains High School Motorist assist.
9-3: Emory 100 E. Lennon Dr. Silent alarm; Alba 3700 block FM 2795 Ambulance needed; 200 block Club Park Ct. Audible alarm; 300 block CR 3346 Animal pickup; ET 400 block Briggs Blvd. Welfare check; Emory 2100 block 3150 Criminal trespass; ET 800 block Briggs Blvd. Family disturbance; Emory 2100 block CR 1330 Ambulance needed; Emory CR

2795 Incident; Emory 1000 block CR 3190 Incident; Hwy. 69 near Legend's Cattle Livestock on the road; Emory near Taco Bell Incident; Point Sky-point RV Park Ambulance needed; Emory Blazin' Pizza Robbery of individual.
9-4: Emory Vet Clinic Dog case; CR 4250 Smoke investigation; 500 block CR 3445 Ambulance needed; Rains County Jail Ambulance needed; FM 275 at CR 3025 Incident; 900 block CR 1155 Structure fire; 3100 block CR 1402 Grass fire; Emory on the square Vehicle fire.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Hundreds of New Laws Go into Effect

A total of 774 new laws went into effect on Sept. 1, affecting Texans in many areas of their lives, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The new laws concern property taxes, registration fees and voting access, among other issues. Several have drawn court challenges from opponents.



GARY BORDERS
Texas Press Association

A few examples of the new law include:
 • Book vendors must create a rating system for books deemed "sexually relevant" or "sexually explicit." House Bill 900 is currently being challenged in an Austin federal courtroom by several Texas book sellers.
 Other major legislation concerning schools provides nearly \$330 million over the next biennium to increase school safety infrastructure and resources.
 • The cost of a new electric car goes up \$400 after Senate Bill 505 passed both chambers unanimously, adding a new registration fee. In addition, owners of existing electric cars now must pay a new \$200 annual registration fee, with the money from both fees going to the state highway fund, which is primarily financed by gasoline taxes.
 • Governmental entities in Texas are now banned from implementing COVID-19 restrictions, such as vaccine mandates or requiring the wearing of masks under Senate Bill 29.

Law eroding local power ruled unconstitutional

A Travis County judge last week declared unconstitutional a new state law stopping cities and counties from passing ordinances that go beyond what is allowed under state law. The ruling came just before the so-called "Death Star" bill went into effect, the Texas Tribune reported.
 The state has appealed the ruling by State District Judge Maya Guerra Gamble. Local officials across the state's urban areas blasted the law as an over-reach that prevents them from meeting local needs, such as providing water breaks to construction workers. That municipal requirement is now banned

under state law.
 Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner hailed the ruling.
 "The Governor's and Legislature's ongoing war on such home-rule cities hurts the state and its economy, discourages new transplants from other states, and thwarts the will of Texas voters who endowed these cities in the Texas Constitution with full rights to self-government and local innovation," Turner said in a statement. "This self-defeating war on cities needs to end."
 Gov. Gregg Abbott defended the bill, saying, "Texas small businesses are the backbone of our economy. Burdensome regulations are an obstacle to their success."

Paxton's impeachment trial slated to begin

The impeachment trial of suspended Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton was set to begin Tuesday, Sept. 5 in the Texas Senate. The embattled state official faces 20 articles of impeachment, including misuse and abuse of office; disregard of duty; bribery; securities fraud; false and misleading statements; and dereliction and unfitness for office, The Dallas Morning News reported.
 It would take a two-thirds vote of the Senate to convict Paxton.
 Meanwhile, The News reported some of Paxton's former employees claim he pursued perks beyond what is alleged in the impeachment articles, including trips to the Caribbean and Europe that cost taxpayers more than \$90,000 for his security detail. David Maxwell, who once headed the law enforcement division of the attorney general's office for Paxton, said Paxton once bought a \$600 sports coat from a hotel store while attending a conference and billed it to the

event's organizer.
 "He was all about money," said Maxwell, who is also a former Texas Ranger, the state's elite law enforcement division. "He always had his hand out."
 Paxton has consistently denied all the allegations against him.

Dove season sparks wildfire concerns

With dove season now open in much of Texas, officials with the Texas A&M Forest Service are urging hunters to take special care during activities that could spark a wildfire. Vehicles, trailers, all-terrain vehicles, and other equipment used for hunting and camping often cause wildfires, and bone dry conditions are especially dangerous this hunting season.
 "As Texans venture outdoors, it's important to remember just how dry the vegetation is. It doesn't take much for an inadvertent spark or carelessness to cause a wildfire," said Chis Schenk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department statewide fire program leader. "The high temperatures cause fires to spread rapidly and make it hard for firefighters to work. Please enjoy the outdoors but be careful with fire."
 Since mid-June, wildfires have burned more than 75,000 acres in Texas, according to the forest service. As of Friday, there were six active fires, most of which have been largely contained. The largest to date was the Shearwood Creek Fire in Jasper County, which consumed 3,562 acres.
 There are currently 211 counties across the state with burn bans.
 Gary Borders is a veteran award-winning Texas journalist. He published a number of community newspapers in Texas during a 30-year span, including in Longview, Fort Stockton, Nacogdoches and Cedar Park. Email: gborders@texaspress.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE INCREASE

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$ 0.078655 per \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$ 0.074914 per \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.078655 per \$100

The no-new-revenue tax rate is the tax rate for the 2023 tax year that will raise the same amount of property tax revenue for Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 from the same properties in both the 2022 tax year and the 2023 tax year.

The voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate that Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 may adopt without holding an election to seek voter approval of the rate.

The proposed tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE WILL BE HELD at 6:30 p.m. on September 11th at the Emory Fire Station.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate. However, you may express your support for or opposition to the proposed tax rate by contacting the members of the board of Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 at their offices or by attending the public hearing mentioned above.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE TAX RATES MENTIONED ABOVE CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

$$\text{Property tax amount} = \text{tax rate} \times \text{taxable value of your property} / 100$$

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

The following table compares the taxes imposed on the average residence homestead by Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 last year to the taxes proposed to be imposed on the average residence homestead by Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 this year:

	2022	2023	Change
Total Tax Rate (per \$100 of value)	0.086108	0.078655	(8.66%) or (0.007453)
Average Homestead Taxable Value	\$159,861	\$183,674	14.90% or \$23,813
Tax on Average Homestead	\$137.65	\$144.47	4.95% or \$6.82
Total Tax Levy on All Properties	\$1,013,032	\$1,090,510.03	7.65% or \$77,478

For assistance with tax calculations, please contact the tax assessor for Rains County Emergency Services District No.1 at (903) 473-2391 or rcadmail@rainscad.org.

A message for fellow Americans

I can still recall when people actually embraced diversity. Listening to the views of others they might disagree with, engaging in debate regarding the merits of the information/idea's shared. We did not consider people with opposing views to be our enemies! Where did that America go? The challenges we currently face affect all Americans be they Independents, Democrats or Republicans. How do we stitch the fabric back together that makes Us Americans? Listening to opposing views is a great starting point, allowing us to find common ground on the challenges we face as a nation. Some people feel that they are being forgotten and their viewpoints don't matter. This is not the case from an optimistic person who believes everyone's voice is relevant when we work together providing solutions to our current and future endeavors!
 Voices of reason must prevail to ensure the longevity of our Constitutional Republic.
 America is a nation of immigrants, where did your ancestors migrate from? Each and everyone looked towards America as the land of opportunities and endless possibilities for themselves and their futures.
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The Rains Wildcat defense dog piles an Edgewood ball carrier during their loss to the Edgewood Bulldogs on Friday night, September 1, at Wildcat Stadium.

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Believer's Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Romans 1:16

On Sunday we returned to Romans with a sermon titled "A Jet Tour through Romans 9." In this chapter Paul says that not all ethnic Israel belongs to spiritual Israel because they pursued righteousness by works and not by faith. God called, and still calls, a remnant of both Jews and Gentiles to believe, not based on merit or anything except His own mercy. Believers should respond with humble gratitude and a passionate

heart for the lost.

Next Sunday Pastor Rolan will review Chapter 10, and on September 10 he will resume the verse-by-verse journey through Romans beginning with Chapter 11.

A New Members' Class is scheduled for every Sunday in October at 9:15 a.m. Whether you are interested in membership in BBC or just want to learn more about the church, this class might be for you. Contact the church office at 903-474-0027 for more information.

The new season of the podcast is coming in September.

Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

Greetings from the Country Church at Point. Our services this week began with Joel Frazier leading us in an opening song and then dismissing us to our classes.

Donna Jones led our children's class in a lesson about the blind man who wanted healing from our Great Physician. Our children learned that Jesus is the friend we always need.

Our adult class began by thinking about the type of Christian you are. Are you asleep or awake? Sometimes we get too comfortable in church and fail to pay attention to the message God has for us. The title for our lesson was, "Are You Asleep or Awake?"

Joel began our worship services by leading us

in an opening song. Prayer petitions were shared and praises were given for all the wonderful things God blessed us with this past week. Donna Jones brought our morning prayer.

After more congregational singing, birthday greetings were sung to Benny Thompson. Prior to Pastor Mike Frazier's message, Benny blessed us with two specials.

Pastor Mike continued to preach from Romans with this week's message focusing on how easy it is to miss the true message of God's Word, not allowing it to sink in and bring change to our lives.

Have a great week and may God's favor be upon you.

Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

It was nice to have many visitors over the Labor Day weekend. A few Emory Baptist members had visiting extended family with them during the service.

The title of the message on Sunday morning from Philippians was "Whose Job Is It, Anyway?" There were no services on Sunday night so that families might enjoy time together.

The rest of the week was full of activities on the church schedule. Men's and Women's reading groups resumed on Wednesday. Men's reading group meets at 6:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall with breakfast and coffee provided. The women's reading group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Memorial Hall building. Both groups are reading a book called, *The Mountains are Calling* by Jarrett

Stephens. There is no cost for these books or to attend the reading groups. Sonbeam Day School resumed their classes on Tuesday and all the kiddos are excited about the upcoming year.

Looking ahead to next week, please note the events that are coming up. Emory Baptist Church will participate in the Hunt Baptist Association's Family Gathering on Sunday night, September 10, at Highland Terrace Baptist Church in Greenville. There will be two vans leaving from EBC for the event in Greenville. The first van leaves at 2:15 p.m. for the services that start at 3:00 p.m. The second van leaves EBC at 3:15 p.m. for anyone, including students attending the Youth Rally from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 5:00 p.m. and vans will return by 8:30 p.m.

Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

II Corinthians 12:9

Last Wednesday evening interim preacher Andrew Grills brought a very good message from Acts titled, "Wolves to Watch For." In our present position, we have to be on guard, as the devil will be more than happy to cause confusion.

Our Sunday morning service was excellent! We are always excited to have visitors. We enjoy our fellowship time and the wonderful congregational singing. We had a precious baby dedication for Jonathan Allen Grills. His grandfather from Tennessee, Bro. Jonathan Grills, led in the dedication. Grandparents, Ben and Robin Draper,

were also present, besides his parents, Bro. Andrew and Sharon Grills. Following the dedication, Chris Hass sang the special and accompanied himself on the guitar, before the morning message by Bro. Jonathan Grills. His message from II Corinthians was titled "God's Attraction to Weakness." It was a wonderful message. Following the service, we had our fellowship meal with a lot of good food. To top that all off ... it started raining. Praise the Lord!

Becky Kilborn does a beautiful job of keeping the fellowship hall decorated for every season and holiday. Autumn begins September 23.

Have you accepted the precious gift of salvation that Jesus died to purchase for you? It is free! All you have to do is accept it. Jesus is coming back soon. Are you ready to meet Him? Have a blessed and safe week.

Emory Methodist Church

By Mary White

"And He said to them, 'Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?'"

Luke 2:49

It was a wonderful Spirit-filled worship day with Rev. David Banks' message titled "Why Do You Do It? Is It a Job or Something more?" with the scripture text taken from Luke. David spoke on decision he had made when he was young on buying cars and the mistakes he make when he didn't think things through. Same way with a job or any decision you make in life. You'd better listen to the Holy Spirit before you make decisions. Isn't it great when we have a relationship with God He is never done with us.

We started a new Bible study on Wednesday that met at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. "What was it like to be a Christian in the 1st century?" Everyone is welcome come join us in the fellowship hall every Wednesday in September.

Our communion offering for September is for "Christmas Shoe Boxes" a mission to demonstrate God's love to children in need around the world. Birthday wishes go to Stan McNear and Doris Wilson. Anniversary wishes go to Kerry and Karen Culbertson.

Pray for Dale Ray, Dawn Woods, Laurie Barton and Sandra Farr and family.

Have a great week and thank God, for Fall is near!

Obituaries

Loy Dale Pressley Jr 1943 - 2023



Funeral services for Loy Dale Pressley Jr., 80, of Emory, were held on September 7, at Emory Church of Christ. Cody McCoy officiated. Interment followed in Colony Cemetery in Alba. Pallbearers were Winston Pressley, Matthew Hanstad, Garrett Hanstad, James Aldridge, Brandon Randall and Aiden Bolli.

Mr. Pressley died on August 30, 2023, in Winnsboro, surrounded by his family. He was born on January 30, 1943, in Ft. Worth, to Loy Dale Pressley Sr. and Dorothy Helen Foust.

He graduated from Brewer High School in 1961 and joined the United States Air Force where he served for 20 years. After his retirement from the Air Force he worked as a civilian contractor for the Air Force and later for Alyeska Pipeline.

He married his high school sweetheart, Honnie

Kaye Parker on August 28, 1961. He was a devout follower of Christ and served by running the men's group at church and reached over 300 people every Sunday through an online Sunday school.

Mr. Pressley is survived by his wife; daughter, Rebecca Pressley; daughter-in-law, Amy Pressley; brothers, Jim Pressley, Jack and Bonnie Pressley, and Jerry and Kim Pressley; grandchildren, Rachael Pressley, Rebecca and Sean Bolli, Winston and Kathy Pressley, Matthew and Kim Hanstad; Garrett Hanstad, and Honor and Brandon Randall; eleven great-grandchildren, Abigail, Aiden, Makayla, Lailah, Ramsay, Logan, Grace, Bennett, Ronnie, Owen and Pete.

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The Rains County Proposed Budget for FY 2023-2024 is on file for public review at the Rains County Clerk's Office at 220 W. Quitman Street, Emory, Texas. The Rains County Commissioner's Court will hold a public hearing regarding the FY 2023-2024 Proposed Budget on September 14 at 10:00 am., at the Rains County Courthouse at 167 E. Quitman Street, Emory, Texas.

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A copy of the proposed budget is available by appointment for public inspection at the office located at 479 E. Quitman Street Suite #100 Emory, Texas 75440. Call (903)473-2468 to schedule an appointment.

Notice to Creditors for THE ESTATE OF Dianna Lynn Howell, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Independent Administration upon the Estate of Dianna Lynn Howell, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 23rd of August, 2023 by the County Court of Rains County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to James E. Howell III within the time prescribed by law.

c/o: James E. Howell III
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of KENNETH EARL BECK, SR. were issued on 05/31/23, in docket number 3234, pending in the County Court of RAINS County, Texas, to Robert Burns, II. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:

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Sports

RAINS WILDCAT FOOTBALL

Wildcats mauled by Bulldogs



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Wildcat senior Shawn Robertson (11) cuts upfield after seeing daylight in the Bulldog defense during a 48-8 home-opening loss to the Edgewood Bulldogs on Friday night, September 1.

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Wildcat varsity football team fell behind early and lost to the Edgewood Bulldogs, 45-8, in the home opener on Friday, September 1.

The Bulldogs took advantage of turnovers by the Wildcats with five scores off of the takeaways.

Rains was held to 241 yards of total offense with 142 through the air and 99 on the ground. Edgewood amassed 431 yards of offense in the game.

Senior Shawn Robertson led the team with 68 yards on 10 runs, while sophomore Taisean Shields scored on his only run of 37 yards.

At quarterback, Robertson completed 11 of his 26 passes for 142 and two interceptions.

Senior Kaden Oakes caught four passes for 74 yards, and junior Tylin Oakes hauled in two passes for 16 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior Miguel Mares had seven tackles, while senior Kentlee Neighbors and senior Tony Fisher recorded six tackles each.

The Rains Wildcats received the opening kickoff and managed a first down when a blitzing Bulldog caused a sack fumble that Edgewood recovered.

The Bulldogs needed five plays to move the ball 51 yards for the first score of the game with a 28-yard touchdown run. Rains 0, Edgewood 7.

The Wildcats' next drive went 13 yards, but ended when a

fourth-down pass was intercepted by the Bulldogs.

Edgewood drove the ball 57 yards in four plays and scored on an 8-yard run. Rains 0, Edgewood 14.

The Rains offense moved forwards and backwards on the next drive to net no yards and punted to Edgewood.

The Wildcat defense stiffened and held the Bulldogs to 2 yards. A third down pass down the field was intercepted by Mares to set the offense at the Rains 40 yard line.

Unfortunately, Rains could not take advantage of the turnover and punted after four plays.

Edgewood managed to advance the ball 12 yards in three plays before Robertson stepped in front of a pass for an interception to kill the drive.

The Wildcats and the Bulldogs each had a drive that ended in a turnover on downs as fourth down plays were unsuccessful.

Rains offense began to get some momentum until the ball was knocked from the receivers hands and recovered by Edgewood.

The Bulldogs capitalized on the turnover by marching the ball 38 yards in eight plays. They capped the drive with a two-yard touchdown plunge. Rains 0, Edgewood 21.

On the ensuing kickoff return, the turnover bug struck again as the ball was knocked loose from the Wildcat return man and recovered by the Bulldogs.

Edgewood moved the ball 18 yards in three plays and settled for a 22-yard field goal to end

the half. Rains 0, Edgewood 24.

The Bulldogs started the second half with the ball and marched 53 yards in six plays to score on a three yard run. Rains 0, Edgewood 31.

Coming out of the half, the Wildcat offense moved the ball 54 yards down the field in six plays. The drive ended on the Edgewood 15-yard line when the ball was intercepted.

The Bulldogs struck quickly as a short pass turned into a 89-yard touchdown. Rains 0, Edgewood 38.

Rains went four-and-out, and an attempted fake punt failed when the pass fell incomplete.

Edgewood put together their final scoring drive of six plays and 39 yards that was finished off with a 19-yard touchdown pass. Rains 0, Edgewood 45.

The Wildcats proceeded to grind out a 73-yard drive that last eleven plays but was stopped a the Edgewood 3-yard line on fourth down.

The Bulldogs milked the clock with a drive that lasted 11 plays, but covered only 45 yards.

Following the punt, the Rains offense moved the ball 22 yards in two plays before handing the ball to Shields on a jet sweep. He had cut back across the field but out ran the Edgewood defense for a 37-yard touchdown. Rains 8, Edgewood 45.

Edgewood would kneel to end the game. The Rains Wildcats fall to 0-2 for the season.

They will travel to Grand Saline to take on the Indians on Friday, September 8, with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

RAINS LADY CAT VOLLEYBALL

Lady Cats notch impressive wins ahead of district opener



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

Rains Lady Cat sophomore Presley Kilgore (10) hammers a kill shot during the Lady Cats' 3-1 victory at home over the Van Lady Vandals.

By CHUCK FITTS
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains High School Lady Cat volleyball team closed out their non-district schedule with victories over Van and Sabine.

The Lady Cats hosted the Van Lady Vandals on Friday, September 1, and battled for a 3-1

victory. The set score of the match was 25-22, 26-24, 25-27 and 25-21.

On Tuesday, September 5, the team traveled to Sabine and outlasted the Lady Cardinals, 3-2 (25-22, 18-25, 25-16, 15-25, 15-6).

The Rains Lady Cats improved to 9-14 for the season

and will open district play against the Lady Indians in Grand Saline on Friday, September 8.

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Wildcat senior Miguel Mares zeros in on an open-field tackle of an Edgewood ball carrier.