

RAINS COUNTY

Commissioners hear plan for future retreat; discuss subdivision status

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains County Commissioners held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 11, to hear a presentation on a new facility coming to the county, approve agreements and discuss the status of subdivision.

Rob Kyker with Crockett Retreat Center

spoke to the court about the faith-based organizations plans to expand with a new facility in Rains County. At their current facilities, they provide a retreat for veterans, first responders and their families that is focused on using horses and horsemanship skills as a means for personal growth.

Kyker stated that, along with the retreat, an education facility would be constructed

nearby to train law enforcement personnel. He was before the court to ask for their blessing to move forward.

As it was not an item on the agenda, Rains County Judge Linda Wallace stated that the court could take no action, but would place the item on the next agenda.

The court unanimously approved agreements with RingCentral, Kologik LLC and

the new owner for the sheriff’s office radio tower.

Commissioners discussed the Red Bird Ranchettes as they had not received an updated concept plan on the illegal subdivision. The last plan was brought to the court in May of 2021 and it was denied. The item was

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Snow, freezing temperatures force closings for safety



Leader photo by TREY HILL

The Rains County Courthouse and square saw a thin layer of snow Sunday and Monday, January 14 and 15.

By **CHUCK FITTS**
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Snow and freezing temperatures forced closures of school, county offices and several businesses to start a shortened holiday week.

Temperatures in Rains County fell below freezing on Saturday, January 13, and did not rise above 32 degrees until Wednesday afternoon, January 17.

The county experienced frozen precipitation on Sunday, January 14, and snow on Monday morning, January 15. An unofficial total of about three inches of snow was recorded in downtown Emory.

While Rains ISD and Rains County offices were scheduled to be closed on Monday for Martin Luther King Day, the hazardous weather forced the school district and the county to close offices on Tuesday, January 16. They opened two hours late on Wednesday to allow for warmer temperatures.

The cold temperatures and precipitation forced several local businesses to close on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday as a safety precaution.

In a press release, the National Weather Service (NWS) of Fort Worth/Dallas stated that they expect temperatures in the area to

drop back below freezing this weekend with chances of precipitation on Sunday night, January 21, into Monday, January 22.

Their seven-day forecast page for Rains County states that Thursday through Saturday will see mostly clear skies with clouds rolling in with the cold front on Sunday. Rain is expected Sunday night through Monday night.

High temperatures forecasted for the rest of the week by the NWS predict that they will remain above freezing, but low temperatures will dip below freezing each night until Monday night.

POINT

City sells fire station, upgrades wastewater plant

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The Point City Council sold the Point Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) building to the Rains County Emergency Service District (ESD), moved forward with repairs at the wastewater plant and considered options for a hiring board during the regular meeting on Thursday, January 11.

After the consent agenda, the council considered the offer from the Rains County ESD to buy the Point VFD building from the city. The purchase would allow the Rains County ESD to take over maintenance of the property and allow for future expansion of the

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EAST TAWAKONI

Council upgrades equipment, discusses issues

By **CHUCK FITTS**
Rains County Leader staff

The city council of East Tawakoni held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16, to consider new equipment for the water department, payroll issues in the police department and an ordinance on attendance of city council meetings.

During the meeting, the council was presented with a list of equipment needed to upgrade the water department’s trucks. The new bed and equipment would be repaid to the city through a grant from the East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG). The purchase of the equipment was approved.

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SPOTLIGHT

Emory Methodist Church Pastor David Banks is making plans for local missions

By **JUDY KRAMER**
Rains County Leader contributor

Dr. David Banks has been pastor of the Emory Methodist Church since July 2021. He would like to grow the church but knows being effective and doing what God expects him to do is a slow process.

“Last year we removed our affiliation from United Methodist Church and became a new Methodist denomination,” said Dr. Banks. “Before that change we planned youth mission trips through the United Methodist Army. I worked with the UM Army on mission trips to Missouri when a river flooded, then the next year went to Alabama. It is an extremely good outreach, and we would like to be involved with it again this summer, or with another institution. I have been involved in mission trips for 20 years, and if need be, I can plan one.

Dr. Banks realized in high school that God

had something planned for him, and he realized that it might be a call to ministry. However, that did not align with things he liked to do such as camping and hunting that are usually done on weekends. When he entered Stephen F. Austin University, he originally planned on a business degree with a minor in finance. However, in his third semester he decided to change his degree plan to Rehabilitation Services and Sociology after a middle-of-the-night realization of what he was supposed to do.

“I felt that I could live out my faith and use the graces God had given me by working in these fields,” said Dr. Banks. “At the time I doubted I would be a minister, however I started spending time with a Methodist minister, took the position as a summer youth director and did a sermon. By the end of my fifth semester in college I told my parents that I was going to attend seminary and ended up at

Perkins Seminary at SMU. I lived with my grandmother at that time and her membership in Eastern Star made it possible for me to receive a scholarship for my studies. While in college and seminary I worked with at-risk kids and was chaplain at my college fraternity.”

Dr. Banks said that he was naïve when going to seminary thinking he would work out some of his questions about his faith. But he later realized that there will always be questions. Seminary afforded him the chance to take a class on a summer dig in Ashkelon near the Gaza strip in Israel (a biblical site). He said that it wasn’t just hard labor, but a way to get your hands in and make the land of the Bible come alive. He said that he was able to crawl around in the same caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.



Dr. David Banks

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Rain Report
Fri., Jan. 12 0.40 in.
Total for January 1.45 in.
Year to date 1.45 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. Dos Charros 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. 903-473-457

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., 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.

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 Miracle Faith Baptist Church

WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB – 2nd 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

GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

EAST TAWAKONI CITY COUNCIL
3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m., East Tawakoni City Hall

EMORY CITY COUNCIL
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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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 open every Saturday in January from 8:00 a.m. - noon. Funds go to buy food for the needy and to operate the center.

Am. Legion Dinner Sat., Jan. 27

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will

offer dinner with desserts and drinks on Saturday, January 27, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Post home at 215 N. Duffy St. in Emory. Takeouts are offered. Payment is by donation, which goes towards the upkeep of the home and for veterans' projects.

Rains County Democratic Party Hosts Cardell

The Rains County Democratic Party meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25, at 5:30 p.m., at the Rose Community Center, located at 239 E. Quitman Street in Emory. The guest speaker will be Simon Cardell, U.S. House of Representatives TX-4 candidate.

Consider family meeting to discuss estate plans

At some point, you'll want to share your estate plans with your loved ones – and the first step in this process may be to hold a family meeting.

During this meeting, you may want to cover these three areas:

First, explain your wishes, in a general way, regarding your goals as far as what you want to leave to your loved ones and possibly to charitable groups. Be sure to listen to your family members' questions and concerns.

Next, discuss your estate planning documents, or the ones you plan to create, including a will, living trust and powers of

attorney.

Also, talk about the roles you have envisioned for your family members in carrying out your estate plans. For example, you will need an executor for your will and a trustee for a living trust. Plus, you might mention your initial thoughts on who you'd like to serve for health care and financial powers of attorney.

You may need to hold additional family meetings in the future, but by laying the initial groundwork, you will have taken a big first step in establishing the legacy you'd like to leave.

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COMMISSIONERS

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tabled to allow further investigation into the status of the property.

The court unanimously approved the motion to leave plat recording fees as they are.

All commissioners were

present for the regular meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Rains County Commissioners Court is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Rains County Courthouse.

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building.

The sale of the building and property for \$36,747.60 to the Rains ESD was unanimously approved.

Council members reviewed bids to repair the six docks at the wastewater treatment plant. They unanimously approved a motion to fix two docks a month over the next three months as funds allow.

The council discussed implementing a hiring board for the Point Police Department similar to the board used for the Water/Sewer Department.

Mayor Dustin Briggs stated that the hiring board for the Water/Sewer Department consists of the mayor, city secretary and the three department heads. He foresees a similar board for the Point Police Department with mayor, city secretary, county sheriff, council member and citizen with law enforcement background.

The council unanimously approved a motion to table the item to allow council members to consider options for the hiring board.

The council was presented with an engagement letter for

Mike Ward to complete the 2022 fiscal audit of the city. Ward had performed earlier audits of the finances of the city and was unanimously approved to continue his work through 2023.

Council members heard a presentation on how an evidence room audit is performed and how it would benefit the city. They unanimously approved an audit of the evidence room of the Point Police Department.

The council approved the replat of property on Roberts Road and will wait for the developer to go through the process to rezone property on Industrial Blvd. They approved the replat of the property on Ave. D.

The city council had to deny the replat of property for a subdivision on Hwy. 47 as the main waterline in the area could not handle any more taps until the line is upgraded in a couple of years.

The city council for the City of Point will hold their next regular meeting on Thursday, February 8, at 6:45 p.m. in the council chambers of Point City Hall.

THE PUBLIC FORUM

Government Shutdown Threat

Dear Editor,

A government shutdown threat is just a threat. The US Federal government does not shut down 100 percent. It's a funding lapse. Federal workers and activities are deemed either essential or nonessential. Essential workers and activities are paid through the US Treasury. Benefits like Social Security and the Postal service are independent of the annual spending process. If a shutdown lasts longer than two weeks, federal employees get back pay. If a shutdown lasts under two weeks, federal employees get pay checks on time.

A government shutdown has never been a catastrophic event. Most people don't remember the last government shutdown. The first government shutdown happened in 1976 under Gerald Ford. Carter had five, Reagan had eight, Bush had one, Clinton had two, Obama had one, and Trump had one. Both parties have participated.

The real problem is that

Congress hasn't passed a budget using regular order "required by law" since 1996. The law requires 12 appropriation bills to be debated by all members of Congress. Since 1996, Congress has funded the US Government through continuing resolutions and omnibus spending bills hashed out behind closed doors by the leadership of both parties. The rank and file members are told to vote for the spending bills or risk shutting down the government. This is how the elites and lobbyists twist arms and create fear with our representatives that we elect to blatantly over spend, potentially bankrupting this country. A 34 Trillion dollar debt is catastrophic. We spend two trillion dollars on interest alone on the money we borrow to fund our overspending. This is causing a collapse of the US dollar and the loss of the dollar as the global currency. The answer is returning to lawful regular order, pass a budget, and control spending.

Lisa Kruger

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EAST TAWAKONI

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chase of the equipment was unanimously approved by the council.

Council members renewed discussions from November concerning errors in payroll for the East Tawakoni Police Department. The categorizing of pay type errors was noted as well as determination that current policy on regular hours for officers conflicted with the employee handbook.

The council unanimously approved a motion to table the matter to allow the police chief to work with the new city secretary on correcting the categorizing errors and allow correction to the employee handbook to be brought to the council.

An ordinance concerning attendance of council members to regular meetings was brought to the council, but the resolution was denied after learning that state law, which supersedes city codes, already sets rules and punishment for excessive absences from meetings.

The city had to adopt Little Oak Circle back into the city after it was determined that the

street had been dropped from 911 addressing by ETCOG. They unanimously adopted the circle back into the city.

Mike Ward presented the annual audit for the City of East Tawakoni and stated that the city would receive a "clean and unmodified opinion."

After much discussion, council members unanimously approved a motion to table action on adding hotel and short-term rentals for commercial areas of the city. The item is expected to be discussed and worked out during a workshop with the EDC on January 30 and 31.

The council ratified East Tawakoni Police Chief Rick South and Judge Joe Craig, adopted the budget for the EDC as presented and approved the hiring of the new city secretary.

All council members were present for the regular meeting.

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

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American Agenda

America's economy is doing better than any other nation in the world.

Our Inflation rate is continuing to stay around 3% others are hovering around 8% inflation rate.

ARPA funding contributions to Rains County have helped our local economy, businesses and employment opportunities for anyone willing to work. Our National unemployment rate is about 3%, yet jobs go unfilled?

Some of our better employees are generally working at a job they like, financially a Win Win situation.

Local small business owners are also looking forward to the Dollar's multiplying effects, where every dollar spent is recirculated 8-9 times within our local economies.

A steady flow of economic activity!

Entrepreneurship is providing more flexibility in the work schedule that many people are looking for.

I'm glad to see that Our Local Hospitality businesses are keeping busy, and providing more flexibility in the limited time an employee is available to work. Also Win/Win situations where all parties are receiving benefits from the flexibility .

Marvin Henson Point, Texas

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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	6			2	7			
		4				6		

CITY GIRL

Winter Visitors

Colder temperatures blew into Rains County on Saturday, and by the time church was over on Sunday, winter had moved in for a visit. And when we pulled into our driveway



LINDA BRENDELLE
Leader Correspondent

after church, another visitor showed up – but I’m getting ahead of my story. A cold front with possible freezing precipitation appeared in the weather forecast about ten days ago, and as usual when such things happen in the south, people went crazy. Conversations focused on the coming weather event as if the Apocalypse was around the corner, and businesses began to announce the extension of the long holiday weekend at least through Tuesday. Concern was expressed about whether the Texas power grid would hold up under the strain, and then there was Brookshire’s.

I usually buy my groceries on Tuesday or Thursday because of what a lot of my friends call the “old people discount” – but the prices on the three-day sale looked pretty good, so I changed my plans. On Friday when I arrived, it took twice around the parking lot to find an empty space that wasn’t crowded by a huge truck that took up more than its share of space. When I made it into the store, I was surprised to find plenty of carts, but the aisles were crowded with people on a mission. It was hard to tell if they were just taking advantage of the sale or were stocking up in preparation for being snowed in for a few days. The manager had done a good job of filling the shelves for the sale, but a few of them were already reminiscent of the COVID days of panic buying when the supply chain didn’t work so well. I had to get down on my hands and knees and almost crawl into the shelf to find the last two bags of dry pinto beans that were specially priced for the occasion.

The cold windy visitor that had been forecast had arrived by Saturday morning when David and I got ready to go to the monthly American Legion breakfast. David even went out to start the car before I was ready to leave. I give him husband points for wanting the car

to be nice and warm for his wife, but I think he mainly wanted to defrost the windshield that was covered with a thin coating of ice. The crowd had thinned out by the time we got to breakfast – I’m not yet enough of a country girl to be up and out before sunrise. But I was told that attendance was good, and there was still plenty of food for us late arrivals.

David didn’t start the car early on Sunday, but I had on enough layers that the wind didn’t hurt too badly. When we stepped out on the porch, we were greeted with our second visitor – a youngish black lab who seemed to be favoring his right front a paw. We greeted him quickly but didn’t have time for a visit. The church parking lot was almost empty when we pulled in, but by the time we got into the lesson, we had a larger class than I expected, and the Sanctuary, while not crowded, was nicely filled. Duffey skipped a couple of items on the Order of Worship, and I think Pastor Jason condensed a couple of his sermon points. They could see through the glass doors behind the congregation and were aware of what was going on outside.

We had been told that traffic on Highway 19 seemed to be moving at usual speeds so we should have no trouble getting home, but I don’t think any of us expected the wintry scene that greeted us. Jackets were zipped, hoods were pulled up, and kids ran out into the dusting of snow with the excitement those of us who have reached arthritis age don’t feel. Kent Larson, one of our elders and a former resident of Minnesota, pulled a tool out of his car that has a brush on one end and an ice scraper on the other. With a true servant’s heart, he went around clearing windshields for those of us who weren’t as well prepared.

We had no trouble getting home, but when we pulled into the driveway, the black lab trotted in behind us. He followed us onto the porch and looked expectantly at the door, but we knew letting him in risked the outbreak of a war between the species. After we finished lunch, I looked out the door, and he was curled up in Kitty’s bed that has taken up permanent residence on the porch for the use of passing strangers.

Most of them are smaller than our present visitor, though, and he was hanging out on all sides.

I found the box our printer came in and lined it with an old mattress pad, but he didn’t seem interested. I put the Kitty bed on top of the mattress pad, but he still turned up his nose, so I went back inside. He finally curled up on the edge of the pad, but I could see him shivering. I took an old blanket out and covered him and his shivering seemed to settle a bit. A little later I took him some cat food which he didn’t seem to object to. I considered putting him in the laundry room, but with the washer and dryer, freezer, rolling shelf, several pairs of work boots, and the litter box there is about 2 feet by 3 feet of floor space. There was just too much possibility for disaster, so I took him another scoop of food and another blanket and prayed that he would make it through the night.

He did. Monday morning I took him food which he ate quickly and disappeared. He seemed to be walking a little better, and I saw him walking down the road with Tinker, one of many canine neighbors. On Sunday I had contacted the neighbors whose numbers I had, and I posted a picture on Heather Rollins Community News Page. The only result was that someone thought he had been dumped, and both Emory shelters are at or over capacity. Seething at the cruelty and irresponsibility of his owner, I dried his blankets and put them by the door in case he came back. At this writing, he’s once again napping on the front porch.

On Tuesday, the sun is supposed to come out, and by Wednesday the snow should be gone, but I don’t know where my other visitor will be. There’s nothing we can do about the weather but do our best to be prepared. But if you’re not willing to make a permanent commitment, don’t get a pet. And if your circumstances change so you can’t take care of one, do whatever it takes to find a new home or a shelter. It’s the right thing to do.

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SPOTLIGHT

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Dr. Banks earned his bachelor’s degree at SFA and graduated from seminary in 1998. He married his wife, Amy, in 1996 while he was an associate youth director and then served as a hospital chaplain. After seminary he was appointed to a First UMC in Humble as Associate Pastor, and then served as Pastor in Tatum, Jewett and Onalaska. He was next called to serve in Arp and finally White Oak where he served for nine years. During his time there, 2009 to 2012, he worked on his doctorate.

Dr. Banks was born when his father was a U.S. Army recruiter in Wisconsin and his mother was a teacher. The family stopped moving from one location to

another when his father was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas and they settled in Houston. Dr. Banks spent most of his childhood in Spring, attending the Kline ISD.

Dr. Bank’s wife is a Math Recovery teacher at Rains Intermediate, and recently won an award grant stipend from Rains ISD Education Foundation. They have a daughter, Casey, who attended SFA and earned the same degree as her father. She is working in Behavioral Transformations. Their son, Ryan, is a junior at Texas A&M and a member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Band as well as the Corps of Cadets. The family attends all the home games.

Family hobbies include traveling. They have been to England, France and Italy. They also visit extended family in Virginia, North Carolina and San Antonio. Dr. Banks said another enjoyable time in his past was when he was involved in a cattle drive that he and some family members took in 2002. The drive started in Elwood, TX and ended up in Oklahoma. He said that hosts of the drive had to take down some fences and get permission from landowners to cross their property.

Dr. Banks still likes to hunt, fish, camp and was into football in high school. He is an avid Astros fan, likes the Rangers, and is also an animal lover. He said that since the Rains ISD is now on a four-day school schedule he and his wife have two-day weekends for the first time.

Coffee – Real Medicine for Your Brain

“Why, yes, I could start my day without coffee. But I like being able to remember things like how to say words and put on pants.”



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Nanea Hoffman
Here’s some good news for those of us who are coffee lovers – sometimes known as coffeeheads.

Recent research has shown that drinking coffee can help protect you from developing frightening common neurodegenerative disorders like dementia, Alzheimer’s, and Parkinson’s disease. This is great news! Coffee is good for your brain!

Coffee is the #1 source of antioxidants found in the western diet. No other food that we consume on a regular basis comes even close. Coffee is packed with antioxidant phytochemicals and polyphenols that help block oxidation in the body, and especially the brain.

Chlorogenic acids (CGAs) are potent and protective polyphenols found in coffee. They have been shown to be one of the primary compounds found in coffee that positively impacts brain function.

Two recent groundbreaking studies have shown that regular coffee consumption reduces the risk of cognitive decline and dementia later in life.

The *FINE* study (pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/16929246/) followed 600 men over the course of 10 years and found that those who regularly drank coffee had less cognitive decline than those who did not drink coffee. CGAs were noted as the key ingredient linking these brain benefits to coffee consumption.

The *CAIDE* study (pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/19158424/) followed 1,400 humans and found that drinking 6-18 ounces of coffee a day (approx. 3-5 cups) was associated with a decreased risk of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia later in life.

A research review covering 94 studies and published in the *European Journal of Nutrition* (pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/28391515/) found CGAs linked to multiple brain benefits. Coffee consumption, and the resulting positive effects of CGAs were linked to the following: stimulation of healthy neurons and the inhibition of amyloid protein buildup in the brain due to anti-inflammation compounds ingested, better blood sugar control fostering healthy nourishment streams to the brain, and improved vascular function and increased cerebral blood flow.

Caffeine from coffee can boost the production of serotonin in the body. This feel-good chemical is beneficial to mental health and regulates many brain tasks. Researchers at the *Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health* tracked 50,000 women for 25 years (jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/fullarticle/1105943). They found that drinking 4 cups of coffee a day resulted in a 20% reduced risk of depression compared to those who did not drink coffee.

A monster study of over 1 million people (pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/15522854/) linked coffee consumption to a reduced risk of developing Parkinson’s disease in men.

Another study, published in the *Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease* (pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/20182036/) found a greater pos-

itive protective effect of caffeine from coffee against cognitive decline in women more than men.

Oxidative stress and inflammation in the brain can also contribute to anxiety, depression, and memory loss. The anti-inflammatory compounds found in coffee can help to calm this stress and foster mental health.

The consistent intake of coffee appears to be a major factor relating to coffee’s health benefits. Those of us who drink coffee tend to drink it every day. We are giving our brains a daily dose of beneficial antioxidants and compounds that can help keep our brains healthy and functioning, so we can remember to put on pants.

Here’s the bottom line. Drinking coffee daily is linked to a reduced risk of Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, dementia, cognitive decline, and depression. Drink coffee.

A good cup of coffee every morning is like a hug for your brain!

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1 hangs down
5 In Concho County on U.S. 83 & 87
6 TXism: “___ sick” (none)
7 TXism: “tame as ___ dog”
8 TX Kenny Rogers sang “___ I Can Make It on My Own”
9 J.R. was shot in the final of season three of “Dallas”
16 “those” in Mexico
18 TXism: “still wet ___ ears” (inexperienced)
21 TX Nolan pitched seven ___ hitters
22 rattling sound heard by a stethoscope
23 Clyde High class
24 fill’er up (2 wds)
30 Highlands Mansion in Marlin has a stained-___ in the great hall
34 TX Tom Kite won ___ Open in 1992
35 this David was leader of Waco’s Branch Davidians
36 Humble Oil once had Esso and this brand name
37 rep for TX Matthew McConaughey
39 county west of Sabine County (2 wds.)
43 Nacogdoches old road: “La Calle del ___”
44 boycott, e.g.

45 TXism: “hard ___ nails”
46 wedding cake layer
47 Eagles & Giants to the Cowboys
49 sought to influence Texan in 1-down dir. to New Boston from Mount Pleasant
52 Texas cosmetics queen, Mary Kay

54 tasty Texas pecan desserts
55 TXism: “___ jungle” (city)
58 on old Texas XIT Ranch: “El Canyon ___ Casas Amarillas”
59 holiday egg drink
60 a Denton univ., not UNT
61 Biblical donkey

DOWN

1 where TX Ted Cruz serves
2 this Rangers’ Garcia hit 5 home runs against Astros in 2023 ALCS
3 “Whoopie II yi yo, ___ little dogies”
4 TXism: “___ beans” (in a pod)

9 TX Banks who was “Mr. Cub” (init.)
10 TX A.C. Greene book: “A Country”
11 TX Trini Lopez sang “If ___ a Hammer”
12 farm storage tower
13 “___ band” (solo performance)
14 Duryea of 1954 “Ride Clear of Diablo,” starring TX Audie Murphy (init.)
15 Love Field arrival guess (abbr.)
17 TX wheeler-dealer: Billy ___
19 legend has it that Texas “Enchanted Rock” is this

20 this bunny gives gifts
24 actor Kennedy of film “Creepshow 2” with TX Lois Chiles
25 Greek goddess of the dawn
26 TXism: “mobile mouse ___” (cat)
27 film categories, e.g.
28 TXism: “busy ___” (armed paper hanger)

29 this Denny won 1930 “Texas Open”
31 Texas fire ___
32 “-li, like “Avatar”
33 braggart, like some Texans
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Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of January 8-14:



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Rains County Sheriff

Arrests

1-10: Michael Bell, Greenville. Criminal trespass, \$5000 bond; criminal mischief, \$500 bond.

1-12: Sherri Carsner, Edgewood. Theft of property less than \$2,500 with two previous convictions; bond forfeiture; failure to display valid drivers license; failure to appear in court, no bond listed for any charge.

Calls

1-8: CR 1308 Medical assist 77-year-old female with chest pain and having a hard time breathing; CR 3130 74-year-old female needing a lift assist; Senior Suite Care & Rehab Medical assist for resident short of breath and has low oxygen levels; CR 1450 Medical assist 77-year-old female bleeding; CR 3030 Report of mail stolen out of a mailbox; FM 2737 Fraud by telephone; Rains County Sheriff's Office (SO) call Identity theft; FM 154 at FM 514 intersection Side swipe accident, unknown injuries.

1-9: CR 3480 Suspicious activity caller states that someone knocked on her bedroom window; CR 2110 Report of someone spotlighting with a gun on the county road; Tawakoni Dr. Medical assist for a male in a lot of pain; SO Disturbance between a male and woman over child custody issues; FM 515 Male states that his political signs have been stolen; Emory Dollar General Child was not brought to visitation; Brookshire's parking lot Orange truck with a 55 gallon drum is leaking gas; S Dunbar Ln. Medical assist caller fell and hurt their shoulder; PR 5501 Caller has been watching her neighbor's dogs and she believes they brought back human bones.

1-10: FM 47 near PR 5449 Abandoned vehicle; N Texas St. Medical assist 89-year-old resident has chest congestion and is dizzy; Hwy. 69 in front of Sonic Emory PD out with motorist assist; CR 1320 Medical assist 44-year-old female

with back pain and unable to get around; Rains Co. Jail Altercation in the recreation yard EMS requested; Hwy. 69 near FM 2795 Livestock in the roadway; PR 5300 Caller would like to speak with someone regarding identity theft; FM 275 Drug related concerns; CR 3310 Caller states his neighbor is on his property and is not allowed to be; SO Female has drug related concerns; West Tawakoni Warrant service; CR 4250 Someone is stealing money out of a female's bank account; CR 1525 Male has been seizing for about an hour and has been unable to come out of the seizure; CR 1525 Caller states his built in microwave caught on fire and the fire has been put out but he would like Point Fire Dept. to come look to make sure its not in the walls.

1-11: CR 1622 A representative from Glen Oaks called and said a man who was brought in by Hunt Co. would like a welfare check done on his children; Hwy. 19N Livestock in the roadway;

Whataburger Alarm call; SO call Male would like to speak with a deputy regarding some issues within his business; Brazziel Bay Welfare check; Steamboat Shores Caller states that every time his kids get on and off the bus they almost get hit by cars that are not stopping or even slowing down; CR 3328 Caller states her husband was fired from a job in Plano and they are threatening him due to wanting their tools back, caller would like to bring them here so they can pick them up; SO Female would like to follow up on her case; CR 3220 Issue between an 18-wheeler driver and a female not wanting to yield; Point Dollar General Case number needed for court because child was not brought to visitation again; CR 4530 Medical assist 77-year-old female fell and has a bump on the back of the head and is unresponsive; CR 1622 Rockwall Co. Requested a welfare check on two autistic adults and states their caretaker was brought to Glen Oaks; Mt. Vernon Colbin St. Caller states someone in Rains Co. hacked her Facebook and bank account; FM 515 Medical assist 77-year-old female in respiratory distress; FM 2946 Female states a male is claiming that she is stealing from him; CR 3236 Medical assist 72-year-old female with possible

low blood sugar is completely unresponsive; Hwy. 19N at the bridge Deputy on a motorist assist; Center Rd. Caller found a raccoon foaming at the mouth and killed it; SO Medical assist male with chest pain, high bp and has an extensive cardiac history; White Rock Rd. Report of someone in female's back yard; Hwy. 19N Caller is being followed by a two door white Ford.

1-12: North Shores Huge tree blocking the roadway; Hwy. 69 towards Point Caller states she is in the car with her friend and her friend's boyfriend, she states the male is driving erratically and swerving all over the roadway and will not pull over to let her friend drive; Hwy. 19N near the bridge Caller states a vehicle has been there since yesterday and would like someone to check on it; Prosperity Pkwy. Alarm call; Hwy. 69 past FM 515 Tire came off a vehicle and hit the caller's truck; CR 1605 Some type of cable in the roadway; PR 7423 Medical assist 34-year-old male lower back pain that gets worse when he breathes; Hwy. 19N headed south White van all over the roadway; CR 1490 Environmental investigation; CR 2330 Report of a horse that has been tied up for a month, looks healthy but has never seen anyone care for it; W Quitman St. Emory PD on a follow up; Hwy. 19S Newer red car being driven at a high rate of speed; FM 2737 Report of two dogs that ran away; CR 1164 Livestock in the roadway; FM 47 near Thousand Trails Report of a bunch of wood on the road; CR 1402 Medical assist male with cancer is throwing up blood and his oncologist is worried he is bleeding internally; Emory Max-A-Mart Extra patrol requested for a truck that's parked there; Hwy. 69 Caller would like to speak to a deputy about issues in Point; Hwy. 276 coming into Emory Reckless gray car is all over the roadway; SO Help needed for keys locked in truck; FM 2737 Medical assist male broke his ankle.

1-13: Duffy St. Medical assist caller states her daughter fell and hurt her nose; PR 7706 Medical assist male having difficulty breathing; CR 2110 Caller states her ex boyfriend is at her house banging on her windows; Airport Rd. Medical assist elderly female with blood pressure and heart

rate issues; CR 1621 Unknown medical call Hopkins Co. EMS requesting first responders; SO lobby Complaint other party didn't show up for custody exchange; Kim's Convenience Store Manager requesting an officer come view some video footage; Emory Industrial Park Blvd. Audible alarm at the American Hat Makers Co.; Hwy. 19S and CR 1155 Caller wants a deputy to block traffic as their dog was hit and wanted to move

it out of the roadway; FM 515 near FM 2795 One vehicle rollover no injuries; Egret Rd. Ambulance needed for an individual with chest pain; FM 515 near FM 2795 Caller states she rolled her vehicle about an hour prior; FM 2324 near CR 1308 Motorist assist individual ran out of gas.

1-14: Hwy. 69 near CR 3020 Motorist assist for a flat tire; PR 7701 Caller states someone's dogs are out in freezing temps;

Highway 69 near CR 4330 Two-vehicle accident; Emory Clark Dr. Caller states there are cows, dogs, chickens and other animals exposed to the weather; Axton's Bass City Suspicious vehicle CR 1280 Medical assist ambulance needed for individual with chest pain; FM 275 caller wants to speak to a deputy because their former employer is making threats towards them; Duffy St. Assaulted by a spouse.

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

Quakes prompt officials to limit disposal wells

The Texas Railroad Commission has suspended nearly two dozen permits that allow oil and gas companies to inject saltwater into the ground, which regulators say has contributed to increased earthquakes of greater magnitude in West Texas.

The Austin American Statesman reported the 23

disposal wells hold hundreds of thousands of barrels of produced water, which is a toxic brine. A 2022 report said the state generated 3.9 billion barrels of produced water from extracting oil and gas.

The RRC instructed major companies to no longer dispose of saltwater in Reeves and Culberson counties, which had seven earthquakes last year, including a 5.2 magnitude temblor that was the fourth highest in state history.

Meanwhile, the RRC has developed a framework for pilot programs to recycle produced water "safely and economically."

"Operators will apply for authorization to conduct pilot studies, and RRC will issue a permit or letter of authorization if the application meets requirements. The operators would compile data of how treated produced water can be reused in certain activities that are safe and protective of human health and the environment," the news release said.

The goal is to reduce the amount of produced water injected back into the ground, reducing earthquake incidents.

"This framework opens up the potential to use treated produced water in ways that have never been seen before in Texas, which is a win-win for conserving water resources, and protecting the environment and Texans," Wei Wang, executive director, said.

Last year was hottest ever for Texas

It likely comes as no surprise to all of us who endured last summer, but 2023 was the hottest ever recorded in Texas, according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmo-

spheric Administration and reported by the Texas Tribune.

The average temperature in the state measured 68.1 degrees last year, beating the previous 2012 record by 0.3 degrees. Every year since 2000 in Texas has been warmer than the 20th century average, said John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist. Last year was 3.5 degrees hotter than the 20th-century average in the state.

"That consistent warmth is because of climate change," Nielsen-Gammon said.

Texas wasn't alone in feeling the heat. Since federal record keeping began in 1895, last year was the fifth warmest in the contiguous United States, not counting Hawaii and Alaska.

"You can think of (2023) as kind of a preview of the future and it's not pretty," Andrew Dessler, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M University, said.

Paxton asks high court to shield him from deposition

Attorney General Ken Paxton is asking the Texas Supreme Court to keep him from being deposed in a long-running whistleblower lawsuit filed by four former employees at the agency.

The aides claim they were wrongfully fired after complaining to the FBI about Paxton's conduct concerning a prominent campaign donor.

The Statesman reported Paxton filed the motion with the high court after an appeals court rejected his attempt to avoid being deposed. That ruling allows the whistleblowers to continue their suit, which comes after a \$3.3 million settlement agreement last year imploded when the Legislature refused to pay for it.

An investigation into the whistleblowers' claims led to an investigation that resulted in the House impeaching Paxton, who was acquitted in the Senate. Paxton contends he complied with the nonmonetary terms of the settlement agreement, which included retracting a disparaging news release, and that the Legislature's refusal to fund the settlement does not warrant continued settlement talks or a trial.

"The Legislature considered and rejected OAG's request for funding, and even added a rider to the appropriations bill forbidding OAG from settling this case with taxpayer funds," the

attorneys for the whistleblowers wrote in their response.

Homelessness in Texas on the rise

Homelessness in Texas grew by more than 12 percent last year, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Tribune reported more than 27,000 Texans were unhoused when homelessness advocates conducted their annual Point-in-Time count last January, with 43 percent of those living on the streets.

Higher rents and the end of pandemic-era safety nets such as federal rent relief funds and a moratorium on evictions are being blamed for the increase. Homelessness rose in nearly every demographic group, according to the Point-in-Time estimate.

"We're in a huge affordability crisis," said Eric Samuels, president and CEO of Texas Homeless Network. "There's a lot of people out there at risk of homelessness. And if they fall into homelessness, we have a lot fewer units to help them escape homelessness."

Rabies vaccine bait airdrop marks 30 years

Planes are taking to the air in South Texas to kick off the 30th annual oral rabies vaccine airdrop, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

"Our goal is to vaccinate coyotes and gray foxes along the border to maintain herd immunity against rabies and keep new or previously eliminated rabies variants from becoming established in Texas," said Kathy Parker, project director. "We will be distributing vaccine baits over 18 border counties this year."

The project is expected to last two weeks. Vaccine baits are dropped along half mile intervals. More than 820,000 oral vaccine baits will be dropped. Since the airdrop program began, the number of animal rabies cases caused by the variants found in South Texas dropped from 122 cases in 1994 to zero cases by 2000.

There have been no human cases of rabies attributable to the rabies cases found in that region since the program began.

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) publishes this notice that on September 29, 2023, it filed its Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Amend Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) in Docket No. 55438. The filing was made in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 36.209 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.239. The TCRF will recover SWEPCO's reasonable and necessary costs for transmission infrastructure improvements as well as changes in wholesale transmission charges under a tariff approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to the extent that the costs or charges have not otherwise been recovered. In this application, SWEPCO seeks to recover its transmission capital investments from July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. SWEPCO also seeks to recover through the TCRF approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through current rates. This notice is being published in accordance with PURA § 36.103 and 16 TAC § 22.51(a)(l).

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve an increase of \$3,461,491 above the revenue requirement approved by the Commission in SWEPCO's last TCRF proceeding, Docket No. 54040 for its Texas retail customers. This amounts to a 0.86% percent increase in SWEPCO's overall annualized Texas retail revenue requirement. SWEPCO proposes that its requested rate change become effective on November 3, 2023, which is 35 days after the filing of the Statement of Intent and Application. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission.

All customers in SWEPCO's Texas retail rate classes will be affected by this change. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO's Statement of Intent and Application may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent and Application and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 55438. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Statement of Intent and Application with the Commission.

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Recovering from the freeze while avoiding unethical contractors and utility impostors

Over the past few days, plummeting temperatures and wintry weather mixtures have struck communities across Texas with many residents experiencing power outages, ruptured water lines, hail damage, fallen tree limbs, or other issues due to below-freezing temperatures. As home and business owners begin to thaw out in the coming days, many will discover a variety of problems resulting from the sudden cold snap. While some homeowners can easily handle cleanup and repair efforts, others will likely require the help of a professional. Additionally, other residents may begin to piece together facts and receipts to learn they interacted with an impersonated utility company that demanded immediate payment or a fraudulent online seller advertising winter weather and emergency products.

After significant weather events that are likely to result in property damage, Better Business Bureau typically receives an increase in reports of unethical contractors operating across affected regions. Commonly referred to as ‘storm chasers,’ many businesses offering services to residents negatively impacted by severe weather are well-respected and legitimate. However, among these groups are those who would take advantage of a homeowner in need rather than provide any meaningful service. Some common issues reported to BBB in these types of situations include:

- The contractor requires a significant deposit (over 50 percent of the total estimate) from the property owner and then continually postpones the start date until communication stops. Any effort by the homeowner to contact the business is unsuccessful, and the business’s physical location is either too distant to travel to, abandoned, a residential home for sale, or a vacant lot.
- The homeowner is approached by a contractor who claims they have excess material left over from a nearby project, and the business can pass the savings on to the homeowner if they can start work immediately. Once the contractor begins the

project, the scope of work expands far beyond what was initially estimated, and the homeowner is held accountable for paying a final bill that is significantly more expensive than they expected.

- Repairs on systems requiring specialized work (plumbers, electricians, HVAC technicians, etc.) are done by an unlicensed individual, leaving the homeowner liable if the contractor did not do the repairs correctly or did not comply with the applicable housing codes.

Property owners are encouraged to verify that the provided licenses are valid by checking with the appropriate regulatory agency. In Texas, the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and the Texas Department of Agriculture are two of the most likely agencies that hold licenses for businesses that property owners may call upon to help recover from freezing temperatures.

Decreasing temperatures also allow utility scammers to take advantage of people’s fears of being without heat during the cold weather. Be wary of texts, phone calls or emails from the utility company that services your area claiming that they will shut your heat off immediately unless an outstanding bill is paid. According to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, an electric utility company cannot disconnect a customer anywhere in its service area on a day when:

The previous day’s highest temperature did not exceed 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and the temperature is predicted to remain at or below that level for the next 24 hours, according to the nearest National Weather Service (NWS) reports.

For Texas residents who rely on a gas heating system rather than electric, disconnection of a delinquent residential customer is prohibited under these same conditions, except where there is a known dangerous condition originating from the gas being supplied to the residence.

If contacted by your utility company demanding immediate payment during freezing temperatures, remain calm and contact your utility company through the

phone number listed on your most recent bill to verify the situation.

To help Texas residents avoid unethical contractors and confidently navigate the recovery process, Better Business Bureau recommends property owners follow these guidelines:

- **Find out if you’re covered.** Your insurance policy may cover water damage due to rapidly freezing water lines, which causes a rupture. Call your insurance company immediately to report the damage and discuss how to proceed with repairs. Make sure you understand how your insurance company will reimburse your repair costs. Take plenty of photos and videos of the damage immediately upon discovering it.

- **Do your research.** After an insurance adjuster has surveyed the extent of repairs needed, you will need to find a reputable company to make repairs. Check with *BBB.org* to find a nearby trustworthy business, such as plumbers, electricians, or landscapers. Research the business online by checking BBB Scam Tracker or by typing in the contractor’s name along with ‘scam’ or ‘fraud’ in your preferred search engine.

- **Get several bids.** BBB recommends obtaining at least three quotes or estimates from separate companies to help homeowners determine a realistic project cost whenever contracting services. If one estimate is significantly less than the others, be cautious, as the business must make a profit to be sustainable. That profit may come from lower-quality products or shortcuts. Ask questions and avoid companies that require a substantial percentage of the project’s total cost upfront.

- **Get everything in writing.** Be sure all work is explained in the contract, including cleanup, waste disposal, and start and completion dates. Any verbal agreements made should be included in the contract. Be sure to ask specific questions about how the contractor handles additional costs or fees based on issues encountered during the repair process that are not covered in the initial estimate.

For more information and resources to help recover from winter weather, visit *BBB.org/Winter*.

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RAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Rains Elementary honor roll for second nine weeks of fall semester

The following are the A and A-B honor rolls for the second nine weeks of the Fall Semester for Rains Elementary School:

Second 9 Weeks All-A Honor Roll

- 1st Grade**
- Hernandez, A (N); Hill, E; Duff, K; Lively, B; Slemmons, R; Busby, W; Carista, A; Hessbrook, S; Pitre, I; Roberts, B; Bednar, A; Daves, S; Hernandez, A; Marlowe, J; McCormack, A; Warren, H; Chapman, B; Meeks, K; Newcomb, C; Yanez, A; Beaver, H; Boyd, R; Cooper, F; Harrison, K; Hood, M; Portwood, E; Smith, H; Yeley, T; Young, P; Greenhaw, A; Herriage, C; Morgan, A (M); Teague, C; Thompson, A; Thompson, J; Walmsley, C.

2nd Grade

- Bearden, A; Bednar, W; Justice, A; Ramos, M; Harms, H; Mays, B; Perea, Y; Jenkins, K; Kirby, S; Lance, L; Rabe, I; Shearrer, A; Swift, P; Daws, K; Dieken, C; Morgan, G; Phillips, J; Potts, W; Reynolds, G; Sale, A; Spence, W; Anderson, H; Boling, H; Christian, B; Cruz, E; Mays, K; Mayne, W.

A-B Honor Roll 1st Grade

- Butler, J; Cady, A; Chavez, M; Denson, C; Essary, E; Killough, T; Potts, J; Sage, Z; Trussell, K; Busalachi, A; Hill, E; Longoria, L; Reyes, J; Washburn, Z; Alexander, H; Braddock, C; Cobb, O; Crider, Z; Dryden, A; Pantoja, I; Patton, M; Silva, N; Adair, P; Drake, H; Silva, A; Veasley, J; Balentine,

- L; Dunning, C; Hunsaker, D; Paine, B; White, C; Frost, R; Brannen, K; Lorenz, K; Roberts, D; Thomas, W; Aaron, S; Brown, J; Bustos, A; Davis, H; Lara, I; Powell, C; Seymour, L; Shields, B; Shreves, M; Yeley, M.

- 2nd Grade**
- Buenrostro, A; Johnson, D; Newcomb, C (J); Reid, J; Robinson, D (W); Turner, E; Argueta, S; Brimer, L; Conner, R; Diaz, A; Garner, E; Harris, A; Kennemer, M; Nunez, F; Robinson, C; Robinson, S; Wilmany, W; Blevins, Z; Davis, A; Owen, K; Hubbard, E; Kirby, R; Noble, R; Campbell, A; Cobb, M; Freeman, N; Donley, R; Goble, J; Guerrero, V; Meeks, C; Perez, C; Shumate, F; Cabrera, C; Funk, B; Godfrey, A; Quill, K; Spann, F.

FISHING REPORT

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department released the following information for Lake Fork and Lake Tawakoni taken on January 10:

Fork: Good. Water Stained; 49-52 degrees; 1.67 feet below pool. The bass bite continues to be slow due to the cold fronts rolling through. The shallow bite is the best bite using chatterbaits and square bill crankbaits in 2-4 feet of water. The bite just off shore is fair with Carolina rigs with smaller baits in 5-7 feet of water near depth changes. Black bass are moving deep for the winter to flooded tree tops in 30 plus feet of water. Crappie are moving out to the open water in 30 plus feet of water casting small jig patterns with full sinking lines. The crappie fishing on Lake Fork continues to be really good and in the full winter pattern. The shad are beginning to stack up more out in deep timber. Look for timber along creek channels in 48-58 feet right now. Seems like the majority of the fish are between the 515 West Bridge and the 154 Bridge. We have been seeing

some single white crappie on pole timber and down in deeper Bois D'Arc trees. We are also seeing big groups of black crappie on taller trees that may be only 15-30 feet below the surface. Our best presentation continues to be pitching small hand tied jigs past the groups and swimming it over them to draw single fish off at a time. Minnows are still producing well and soft plastic baits. These crappie are feeding hard on shad right now and should respond to most any bait you get in front of their eyes. The catfish bite was a little tougher this week. Try to find areas to bait that are close to deeper water where the shad are thick. We have had good luck also in years past in shallow areas with lots of roosting trees. Seems like the areas in between are just not holding good fish right now. Getting a good baited hole going with cattle cubes or sour grain seems to be very important this winter for the channel cats on Lake Fork. You should still do well with any prepared catfish bait once you get the fish stacked up.

Tawakoni: Excellent. Water lightly stained; 52 degrees; 0.03 feet below pool. Just after the new year we are seeing lots of hybrid and stripers active on the main lake. Best baits are soft plastics including flukes and swimbaits. The trophy catfish bite is in full swing. Fish up to 60 pounds are being caught in a wide depth range including 10 feet all the way to 50 feet of water. Fresh cut gizzard shad, bluegill and drum are the best bait right now. Be sure to have a burping device if you catch fish out of deep water. The eating size catfish bite is mediocre. The prepared bait bite with punch bait and dip bait has pretty well finished. We are seeing some smaller eating size blue Catfish caught on small pieces of cut shad in all depths of water. The Crappie bite is good. Pilings and deeper brush piles are producing fish up to 2.5 pounds. Minnows and jigs are working equally good in 18-35 feet. Largemouth bass are decent in shallow water, 2-5 feet, using brush hogs and slow rolling larger squarebill crankbaits.

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THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

Life of cartoonist nothing to laugh about

by Bartee Haile
The aspiring cartoonist told his friends on Jan. 17, 1928 to go on back to Dallas without him because he had decided to stay in sunny California.



BARTEE HAILE
Historical Columnist

in 1908 but grew up in Big D graduating from North Dallas High School.

With his athletic good looks and love of the outdoors, people were always surprised to learn that Fred Avery had his heart set on a career as a cartoonist. The ink was still wet on his diploma, when he signed up for a summer course at a Chicago art institute. But after a month of still-life sketching, he packed his bags and caught the next train for Texas.

Waving good-bye to his buddies in the winter of 1928, Avery survived for several months by loading produce trucks and falling asleep to the sound of the surf. Recalling his adventure as a stranger in California many years later, he smiled, "You would be surprised how warm and soft a beach is after working all night."

Failing to find a buyer for his comic strip, the Texan went to work as an assistant animator at the Walter Lantz Studio. To him the ground-floor opportunity was strictly a necessary evil, a way to keep body and soul together until the day he made it big in the funny papers.

But that day never came, and Tex – a nickname coined by unimaginative co-workers – eventually resolved to give animation his best shot. His prospects were decidedly dim due to the freely admitted fact that he was "never too great an

artist. Most of those fellows at Lantz's could draw rings around me."

The loss of an eye in a freak office accident put Avery at an even greater disadvantage and forever changed his disposition. Gone was the life of the party with self-confidence to spare replaced by a brooding introvert with an inferiority complex.

Convinced he was finished as an artist, Avery jumped at the chance to master every phase of production. He was a dream come true for his lazy boss, who gave the eager beaver everything but his paycheck including complete charge of two cartoons in his fifth and final year with Lantz.

As soon as his debut flicks were in the can, Avery jumped ship for an all-or-nothing, one-film tryout with Warner Brothers. The classic *Gold Diggers of '49* so impressed producer Leon Schlesinger that he hired the 27 year old as his third animation director.

For the next seven years, Avery and his madcap crew worked out of a small frame building dubbed "Termite Terrace." Only in retrospect did three-time Academy Award winner Chuck Jones recognize the unique talent of his former boss. "I was as ignorant of his genius as I suppose Michelangelo's apprentices were oblivious to the fact that they too were working with a genius."

Conceding the child market to Disney, Avery appealed to older moviegoers with a frantic gag-filled pace and adult humor that sometimes flirted with the risqué. His wisecracking characters broke the stodgy mold with sarcastic adlibs and hand-held signs that poked fun at the story as well as the audience.

Avery created Daffy Duck, supposedly a native of Dallas' White Rock Lake, and transformed a couple of extras into big-time stars – Bugs Bunny and Porky Pig. Until the rabbit underwent a personality trans-

plant in *A Wild Hare* (1940), he was "just Daffy Duck in a rabbit suit." Student slang at North Dallas High inspired Bugs' trademark greeting "What's up, Doc?"

Angered by a two-month suspension for insubordination, Avery quit Warner Brothers in 1941 for the greener pastures of MGM. He more than paid his own way with an average annual output of five cartoons over the next 13 years.

Although many of his features – *Northwest Hounded Police*, *Red Hot Riding Hood*, *Slap Happy Lion*, *King Size Canary* and *Swing Shift Cinderella* to name just a few – are considered masterpieces, Avery took a backseat to William Hanna and Joe Barbera, whose *Tom and Jerry* series collected seven Oscars. To compete with his rivals, the insecure workaholic rarely went home and even put off trips to the bathroom, a self-destructive practice that on one occasion necessitated the insertion of a catheter to drain his bladder.

When MGM let him go in 1954, Avery was already burned out. While Hanna and Barbera were taking television by storm with their own production company, he spun his wheels for the next 20 years cranking out commercials.

Avery's private life was in even worse shape than his career. His marriage did not survive the drug overdose death of his son, and he lived alone in a shabby apartment.

Tex Avery drew his last breath on Aug. 26, 1980 in the same California hospital, where Walt Disney died 14 years earlier. At his funeral, he was eulogized as "a leader who never established a studio, never tried to do anything but make good films." And, most of all, he made millions laugh in a world that is not all that funny.

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Obituaries

Paul L. Butler

1938 – 2024



Funeral services for Paul L. Butler, 85, of Lubbock, will held on Saturday, January 20, at 2:00 p.m., at Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, with John Villarreal officiating. Interment will follow in Salem Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Nathan Gutschke, Jonathan Gutschke, Richard Butler, Bud Bryant, Phillip Alderson, Stu Kilzer and Connor Hoell.

Mr. Butler died on January 13, 2024, in Lubbock. He was born on April 16, 1938, in Alba, to Joseph Claude and Georgia Jewel Poston Butler. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1963. Mr. Butler worked for Lockheed Martin for 40 years as an aerospace engineer. He loved to "chew the fat" with any and everyone. He lived in Mineola for six years, before moving to

Lubbock two years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Cross of West Plains, Mo.; son, Richard Butler of Carson City, Nev.; daughters, Dawn Gutschke and husband Nathan of Lubbock, Denise Haukkala and husband Edward of Farmington, Utah, Shannon Kilzer and husband Stu of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Julie Brodie of Denver, Colo.; sister, Linnie Bryant of Hughes Springs; five grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jim Butler; and half-brother, Flois Butler.

The family will receive friends, from noon until 2:00 p.m., at the funeral home before the service.

Albert Hughie Strebeck

1935 – 2024



Funeral services for Albert Hughie Strebeck, 88, will be held on Thursday, January 18, at 1:00 p.m., at Wilson Orwosky Funeral Home in Emory. Interment will follow in Turner Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be the Dallas Police Department Honor Guard.

Mr. Strebeck died on January 9, 2024, in McKinney. He was born on June 9, 1935, in Alba.

Following his high school graduation, he spent five years working on the railroad. In 1959, he began a career with the Dallas Police Department serving as an officer. He served for 26 years before retiring in 1985. After his retirement from the police force, he continued to provide security services for various hotels.

Mr. Strebeck was also part of a bluegrass band

called The Bluegrass Texans where he played a big bass.

Mr. Strebeck is survived by his wife of 15 years, Julia; daughters, Cindie Barnett and husband Donald, and Kathy Phillips and husband Roy; brother, V.O. Jr. Strebeck and wife Nancy; sister, Leuna Jacobs; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and numerous others.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James Strebeck; sister, Ruth Jobe; first wife, Mildred Lyles; second wife, Mary Stinson; sons, Jeff Strebeck, Michael Strebeck and Ben Howard Franks Jr.; and daughter, Tami Sheree Strebeck.

A visitation for Mr. Strebeck will be held one hour prior to the service on January 18, at noon.

Sandra Kay Dodson Yager

1955-2024



Sandra Kay Dodson Yager, 68, of Greenville, Texas passed away on January 10, 2024. She was born on December 19, 1955, to Lester Lutten Dodson and Emma Linnie Deavers Dodson.

Sandy grew up in Emory, Texas. She graduated in 1974 from Rains High School and later attended Tyler Commercial College. Sandy began working for E-Systems in Greenville, Texas in 1981 and enjoyed her career there until her retirement after 25 years. On July 8, 1983, Sandy married the love of her life McKenzie "Mack" Yager. They remained married until Mack's passing in 2019. Sandy and Mack made their home in Greenville, Texas. They were an inseparable couple and enjoyed traveling together throughout their marriage and in their retirement years. They especially enjoyed their trips to Bolongo Bay in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Their love of traveling to the islands led them to renew their vows in 2003 while celebrating in Jamaica.

Sandy will be fondly remembered by her

family and friends as having a kind heart. She had a special fondness for animals, especially her pets Libby and Itty.

Sandy is preceded in death by her parents Lester and Emma Dodson, her husband Mack Yager, her brothers Wayne Dodson, and Weldon Christian.

Sandy is survived by her nephews, Jason Dodson, Jeffrey Christian and Johnnie Christian; her niece, Fran Sparks; and stepson, McKenzie Yager.

Services to honor Sandy's memory were held on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lynch Funeral Service Chapel in Greenville, with Robert Burns officiating. A visitation was held one hour prior to the funeral. Serving as pallbearers were Jason Dodson, Casey Martin, Cody Rabe, Tim Rabe, McKenzie Yager, and D. D. Young. Honorary pallbearers were Jeffrey Christian, Johnnie Christian, Billy Taylor and Blake Taylor.

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Believer’s Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

Romans 15:1

Sunday’s message from Romans was titled “The Power of the Gospel to Unite Us.” We are to follow Jesus’ example of the stronger giving up Himself for the weaker, not using our Christian freedom as a license to sin. The purpose of the church is to display the glory of God in the Gospel, and it is important for us to see that our petty quarrels are nothing in light of that Gospel.

The Student Ministry Winter Retreat is scheduled for January 26 and 27 at Camp Akiva.

The cost is \$75 per student. See Pastor Jerod Haygood for more information.

A baptism class will be held January 28. If you are interested in learning the what, why, who and how of baptism, sign up with Pastor Jason Rolen.

The Church Praying, a monthly gathering of the church for intentional prayer, will meet on Wednesday, January 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The next 55+ Senior Food and Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, February 6.

The New Members’ Class has been re-scheduled for April.

The Asking for a Friend podcast Episode #173 is titled “What’s it like growing up as a ‘pastor’s kid’?” The link is available at www.bbcmemory.org.

Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

It was a blustery, extremely cold Sunday for our commute to church. Fortunately, the building was warm and inviting.

Because of the bad weather that moved in before we expected, we decided to forgo Sunday school and just have our worship service.

Jake Frazier began our service by leading us in a couple of songs. We then shared prayer petitions and gave praise reports. Joel Frazier brought our morning prayer.

After more singing, special music was

presented by Benny Thompson, followed by Kelsey Frazier.

Pastor Mike Frazier’s message was taken from I Timothy. We looked at Paul’s encouragement and blessing on young Timothy and considered how God always is ready to bless us and encourage us to keep following His precepts even when life seems to be such a struggle.

Have a great week but be sure and check on friends and neighbors. This extremely cold weather will be sticking around for several days.

Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

As the weekend rolled around, temperatures began to fall. Then on Sunday morning during the Sunday School Small Group hour, the temperatures really fell along with the precipitation. By the end of worship, there was snow on the ground and more on the way. Bro. Richard Piles shared a message from Luke titled, “What Shall We Do?” It concerned the crowd’s response to the ministry of John the Baptist as a model for the church today. When we encounter the truth of God’s word in personal Bible study or corporate worship and Bible study, our first question should be to ask how we are to apply it to our lives. The service closed with the observance of the Lord’s Supper. There were no evening activities on Sunday night and the offices were closed on Monday and

Tuesday. The church office opened Wednesday morning. All services returned on Wednesday evening.

Intentional Christian Grandparenting and T.E.L. were canceled during the week. Family Fun Night is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Then the January Members’ Meeting is Sunday night at 6:30 p.m.

Looking ahead to next week, Backpack Buddies meets at 10:30 a.m. to pack food bags for Rains ISD students. Senior Adult Ministry Lunch and Game Day is Thursday, January 25, at noon in the fellowship hall. The Youth Winter Retreat for students in 6-12 grades is January 26-27. Find more info at emorybaptist.org and sign up at retreat.emorybaptist.org/SignUp.

Emory Methodist Church

By Mary White

Nathanael answered and said to Him “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

John 1:49

It was a very cold worship Sunday, but warm with scripture taken from John. Rev. David Banks’ new series titled “The Journey” with message titled “Is filled with surprises: Nathanael.” David spoke about how Nathanael was chosen as a disciple. Nathanael wanted to know how Jesus knew him. Jesus answered “I saw you under the fig tree.” Nathanael replied, Rabbi, you are the Son of God! (It is viewed that Nathanael and Bartholomew are the same

person). As all of the disciples were called they didn’t question Jesus they just dropped everything and followed Him. When we are called we just need to remain faithful and follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Activities this week have mostly been cancelled.

Pray for Sarah Best, Cheyenne Godwin, Charlotte Rabe, Jackie Butler, Mary King and family, Teresa Williams, and the Robert Terry family.

Stay warm for we will get through this cold weather. Please pray for the homeless and all animals. We will have warmer tomorrows.

SAVVY SENIOR

Are You at Risk of Developing Glaucoma?

Dear Savvy Senior,
What can you tell me about the eye disease glaucoma? My older brother was recently diagnosed with it and lost some of his vision, but never had a clue anything was wrong. Could I be at risk too?



JIM MILLER
Savvy Senior

Stressed Sibling
Dear Stressed,
Yes! Having an immediate family member

with glaucoma significantly increases your risks of developing it, but there are other risk factors you need to be aware of too. Here’s what you should know.

What is Glaucoma?

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that can damage the optic nerve and cause vision loss and blindness if it’s not treated. This typically happens because the fluids in the eye don’t drain properly, causing increased pressure in the eye-ball.

But the scary thing about glaucoma is that with no early warning signs or pain, most people that have it don’t realize it until their vision begins to deteriorate.

While there are two main types of glaucoma, the most common form that typically affects older adults is called open-angle glaucoma. This disease develops very slowly when the eye’s drainage canals become clogged over time, leading to blind spots in the peripheral or side vision. By

Do everything without grumbling or disputing; that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as light in the world
Philippians 2:14-15

the time you notice it, the permanent damage is already done.

Are You at Risk?

It’s estimated that more than 3 million Americans have glaucoma today, but that number is expected to surge to more than 6.3 million by 2050. If you answer “yes” to any of the following questions, you’re at increased risk of developing it.

- Are you African American, Hispanic/Latino American or Asian American?
- Are you over age 60?
- Do you have an immediate family member with glaucoma?
- Do you have diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, migraines or have extreme nearsightedness or farsightedness?
- Have you had a past eye injury?
- Have you used corticosteroids (for example, eye drops, pills, inhalers, and creams) for long periods of time?

What to Do

Early detection is the key to guarding against glaucoma. So, if you’re age 40 or older and have any of the previously mentioned risk factors, especially if you’re African American, you need to get a compre-

hensive eye examination every 18 to 24 months. Or, if you notice some loss of peripheral vision, get to the eye doctor right away.

If you’re a Medicare beneficiary, annual eye examinations are covered for those at high risk for glaucoma. Or if you don’t have vision coverage, contact EyeCare America, a national public service program that provides free glaucoma eye exams through a pool of more than 4,600 volunteer ophthalmologists. Visit AAO.org/eye-care-america or call 877-887-6327 to learn more.

While there’s currently no cure for glaucoma, most cases can be treated with prescription eye drops, which reduce eye pressure and can prevent further vision loss. It cannot, however, restore vision already lost from glaucoma. If eye drops don’t work, your doctor may recommend oral medication, laser treatments, incisional surgery or a combination of these methods.

For more information on glaucoma, visit the National Eye Institute at NEI.nih.gov, and the Glaucoma Research Foundation at Glaucoma.org.

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



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PUBLIC/LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF TEXAS

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BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

RAINS COUNTY

and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Rains County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suit(s) and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff or Constable of said County, I have on January 9, 2024, seized, levied upon, and will offer for sale the following properties, on the first Tuesday in February, 2024, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the west side of the Courthouse of the said County, in the City of Emory, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 10:00 AM, and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit(s) in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Rains and the State of Texas, to-wit:

Sale #	Cause # Judgment Date	Acet # Order Issue Date	Style of Case	Legal Description	Adjudged Value
1	2999TX 03/24/23	0014-0430-0000-43 JANUARY 09, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. DONALD REX HATHCOAT	0.33 acre, more or less, situated in the Thomas D. Brooks Survey, Abstract 14, Rains Count, Texas, as described in deed dated January 27, 1987, Earzie Hathcoa to Donal Rex Hathcoat, in Volume 257, Page 525, Real Records of Rains County, Texas. (#607)(SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT TAXES)	\$3,640.00
2	3016TX 12/08/23	0038-0250-0000-43 JANUARY 09, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. SAMMY LYNN HARVEY, ET AL	2.00 acres, more or less, situated in the John Christian Survey, Abstract 38, Rains County, Texas, as described, as Tract 1, in deed dated March 1, 1982, from jean Harvey to Elmer L. Harvey, in Volume 215, Page 659, Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. (#1090)(SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT TAXES)	\$183,578.00
3	3042TX 05/19/23	0121-0050-0000-43 JANUARY 09, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. HOLLAND W. DILLARD	All that certain tract of land situated in the Henry Howell Survey, Abstract 121, Rains County, Texas, described as 15.00 acres, more or less, in deed dated May 20, 1983, from Billy Wayne Ray etux to Holland Wayne Dillard etux, in Volume 224, Page 180, Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. SAVE & EXCEPT however, that certain 10.00 acres tract described in Volume 365, Page 702, Official Public Records or Rains County, Texas, leaving herein a residue of 5.00 acres, more or less. (#2445)(SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT TAXES)	\$77,470.00
4	3084TX 05/19/23	0050-0000-013B-43 JANUARY 09, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. KEVIN SCOTT MCDONALD	13.00 acres, more or less, of which 0.228 of an acre lies within the access roadway; as described in deed dated June 14, 2013, from Gaylord Lee McDonald etux to Kevin Scott McDonald, in Volume 561, Page 744, Official Public Records of Rains County, Texas. (#1246)(SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT TAXES)	\$132,290.00
5	3088TX 04/22/22	0151-0100-0010B-43 JANUARY 09, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOE S. MAYBERRY, ET AL	A Mobile Home Only, Label# TEX0309190/TEX0309191, Serial# HCTXSN41026A/HCTXSN41026B, located at 3845 FM 514 in the City of Point, Texas, Rains County, Texas. (#16375)(SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT TAXES)	\$35,206.00
6	3095TX 12/08/23	2125-0000-0030-40 JANUARY 09, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. WILLIAM MCDOWELL, AKA WILLIAM ALVIS MCDOWELL, JR., ET AL	Lot 3, Bullard Addition, an addition to the City of Emory, Rains County, Texas, as described in Volume 163, Page 377, Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. (#6247)(SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT TAXES)	\$46,206.00
7	3118TX 12/08/23	0087-0340-0000-43 JANUARY 09, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. BERTIE THORNTON, ET AL	All that certain tract, parcel, or lot of land known as 1.0 acre, more or less, in the R. Finley Survey, Abstract 87, and being more completely described as: bound on the North by that certain tract, parcel, or lot of land known as 9.1 acres, more or less, as described in a Warranty Deed from Bobbie Burke to Norris W. Lane etus, recorded in Volume 312, Page 36, of the Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. bound on the East by that certain tract, parcel, or lot of land known as 10.0 acres, more or less, as described in a Correction Warranty Deed from Guy Shields et. al., Trustees of the Highland Terrace Baptist Church to Wayne Melton, et. al., Trustees of the Believers Baptist Church, recorded in Volume 419, Page 124, of the Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. bound on the South by that certain tract, parcel, or lot of land known as 2.0 acres, more or less, as described in a Quit Claim Deed from Jennifer Pettiford to Florence McMillan, recorded in Volume 488, Page 387, of the Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. bound on the West by that certain tract, parcel, or lot of land known as .671 acres, more or less, as described in a Warranty Deed from Florence Blaylock McMillan et al. to Ramiro Ontiveros recorded in Volume 521, Page 818, of the Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. and being called that 1.0 acre, more or less, carried on the tax rolls of Rains County, Texas. (#1798)(SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT TAXES)	\$28,800.00
8	3124TX 012/08/23	0003-0410-0003-43 JANUARY 09, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARICELA PINEDA, ET AL	A Manufactured Home Only, located on Lot 13, Eagles Nest, Label# TEX0301683, Serial# 12648114318, Rains County, Texas, recorded in the official records of Rains County, Texas. (#33493)(SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT TAXES)	\$12,037.00
9	3154TX 12/08/23	3600-0000-0180-43 JANUARY 09, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. ROEL MARTINEZ, ET AL	5.171 acres, more or less, being all of Lot 18, Buffalo Hunter Hills, Section III, an addition to Rains County, Texas, as described in deed dated October 9, 2019, from Roel Martinez to Roel Martinez etux, in Clerk's File #2020-0187, Official Public Record of Rains County, Texas. (#9981)(SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT TAXES)	\$290,456.00
10	3209TX 12/08/23	0292-0840-0000-42 JANUARY 09, 2024	RAINS COUNTY, ET AL VS. CHARLES KIRBY MARTIN, AKA CHARLES KIRBY MARTIN, SR. , ET AL	1.00 acre, more or less, situated in the A. Spain Summerlin Survey, Abstract 292, Rains County, Texas, as described in deed dated September 19, 1949, from Willie Burchett etux to Lizzie Nelson, in Volume 109, Page 235, Deed Records of Rains County, Texas. (#5890)(SUBJECT TO POST JUDGMENT TAXES)	\$30,000.00

(any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Rains County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.) or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion of the property described above shall be sold to satisfy said judgment(s), interest, penalties, and cost; and any property sold shall be subject to the right of redemption of the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the time and in the manner provided by law, and shall be subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment(s) rendered in the above styled and numbered cause(s), together with interest, penalties, and costs of suit, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

RECENT CHANGES IN THE PROPERTY TAX CODE NOW REQUIRE PURCHASERS OF TAX SALE PROPERTY TO HAVE A STATEMENT FROM THE RAINS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR CERTIFYING THAT THE PERSON/FIRM/COMPANY PURCHASING PROPERTY AT A TAX SALE OWES NO DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES TO ANY TAXING ENTITY WITHIN THE COUNTY. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A TAX SALE DEED TO ANY PROPERTY YOU PURCHASE WITHOUT THIS CERTIFICATE.

TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR RAINS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE SALE.

Dated at Emory, Texas, January 9, 2024



Sheriff Michael Hopkins
Rains County, Texas

By _____
Deputy

Notes:

The Minimum Bid is the lesser of the amount awarded in the judgment plus interest and costs or the adjudged value. However, the Minimum Bid for a person owning an interest in the property or for a person who is a party to the suit (other than a taxing unit), is the aggregate amount of the judgments against the property plus all costs of suit and sale. ALL SALES SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL TAXES DUE ON THE PROPERTY WHICH HAVE BEEN ASSESSED SINCE THE DATE OF THE JUDGMENT. For more information, contact your attorney or LINEBARGER GOGGAN BLAIR & SAMPSON, LLP, attorney for plaintiffs, at (903) 597-2897



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PUBLIC/LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Competitive Bids are requested for the Justice Center Building Renovations of Rains County, Texas. Bids will be received at the Rains County Courthouse until Bid time at which time they will be publicly opened. Competitive Bids shall be submitted in an envelope marked on the outside with the offerer's name address, and project title Justice Center Building Renovations, Rains County, Texas. Bids must be submitted in sufficient time to be received and time-stamped at the above location on or before the published date and time of February 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. to be opened at the regular Commissioners Court scheduled for February 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. All interested parties are invited to attend. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud.
Bidding information may be obtained from the Rains County Judge's office
Rains County reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts of bids.
Judge Linda Wallace
Rains County Judge
Rains County Courthouse
167 E. Quitman St., Suite 102
Emory, Texas 75440

PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF EMORY, TEXAS THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE CITY OF EMORY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE CITY OF EMORY CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 399 N. TEXAS STREET, EMORY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE FOLLOWING:

REQUEST: BY RONNY CRAIN, RKC CONSTRUCTION TO CONSIDER A LAND USE CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY (R1) TO MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R3) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON WELLS STREET, BULLARD ADDITION, LOT 6.

A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BY THE EMORY CITY COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024, AT 6:45 P.M. THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD AT EMORY CITY HALL, LOCATED AT 399 N. TEXAS STREET, EMORY.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

City of East Tawakoni

The City of East Tawakoni is soliciting service providers for one or more Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Water Development Board and/or other sources, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, and/or Flood Mitigation Assistance. Accordingly, the City of East Tawakoni seeks to contract with a qualified service provider for management services. Please electronically submit your proposals in .pdf format via email at Mayor@easttawakonitx.com submit 2 copies of your proposal of services to the following address: Attn: Mayor Calhoun, 288 Briggs, East Tawakoni. Proposals must be received by the City of East Tawakoni no later than 2:00pm on January 30,2024 to be considered. The City of East Tawakoni reserves the right to negotiate with any and all proposers, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. City of East Tawakoni is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por peticion.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

City of East Tawakoni

The City of East Tawakoni is soliciting engineering/architectural firm(s) to assist the City of East Tawakoni with one or more Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants from the Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Water Development Board and/or other sources, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, and/or Flood Mitigation Assistance. Accordingly, the City of East Tawakoni seeks to contract with a qualified engineering/architectural firm(s). Please electronically submit your proposals in .pdf format via email at Mayor@easttawakonitx.com submit 2 copies of your proposal of services to the following address: Attn: Mayor Calhoun, 288 Briggs, East Tawakoni. Proposals must be received by the City of East Tawakoni no later than 2:00 pm on February 2, 2024 to be considered. The City of East Tawakoni reserves the right to negotiate with any and all proposers, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit proposals. City of East Tawakoni is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Servicios de traducción están disponibles por peticion.

PUBLIC/LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS BUYING PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF THE SHIRLEY WATER SUPPLY CORP.

Shirley Water Supply Corp. urges any prospective buyer to verify with the manager at the office, located on FM 1567, east of Hwy. 19, north of Emory, Tex., or south of Sulphur Springs, Tex., whether or not water is available at the tract of land in question.

Shirley Water Supply Corp.
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF

KENNETH EDWIN LUNDBERG, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Kenneth Edwin Lundberg, Deceased, were issued on January 10, 2024, under Docket No. 3273, pending in the County Court of Rains County, Texas, to LYNDA FERN WARREN.

Claims may be presented as follows:
Representative,
Estate of Kenneth Edwin Lundberg,
Deceased
c/o Philip D. Alexander
Number One Planters Street
P.O. Box 38
Emory, Texas 75440

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED January 10, 2024.

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