

# Regional Champions!

## Historic Lady Cats punch ticket to San Antonio

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
Rains County Leader staff

The Rains Lady Cat basketball team will make the school’s first appearance in the UIL Class 3A State Tournament after wins over Tatum and Winnsboro in the Regional tournament in Prosper.

In their first time at the Region 2-3A tournament last weekend, the Lady Cats took control early with suffocating defense and opportunistic offense to establish a 30-17 halftime lead over the Tatum Lady Eagles on Friday, February 23, at Prosper High School.

They never ceased the pressure and beat the Lady Eagles, 64-40, continuing the list of historic firsts with a trip to the regional finals.

Sophomore Presley Kilgore led the Lady Cats with 17 points, while senior Jasey Campbell scored 15 and senior Haley Robertson contributed 12.

On Saturday, February 24, the #3 Lady Cats took on the #4 Winnsboro Lady Raiders at Prosper High School in the Region 2-3A finals.

The Lady Raiders were looking for their third straight trip to the Class 3A State tournament and fourth in five years. However, the Lady Cats continued the defensive pressure they are known for while hitting six threes to build a 16-point lead at halftime.

Winnsboro came out in the second half and cut the lead to nine points by the fourth quarter. Rains never faltered and punched their first ticket to state by beating the Lady Raiders, 69-56.

Campbell led the team with 13 points, but Robertson, sophomore Kenzy Thompson and freshman Jaycee Phillips each scored 10 points in the victory.

According to archives on the UIL website, it will be the first trip to state for the Rains girls basketball team. The archive does note that the Emory Lady Cats qualified for the state tournament in 1953 and 1956, but both teams lost in the first round.

The Rains Lady Cats will open the Class 3A State tournament against the Shallowater Fillies on Thursday, February 29, at 3:00 p.m. in the Alamodome in San Antonio.

If they win, the Lady Cats will play on Saturday, March 2, at 10:00 a.m. for the Class 3A title.



Leader photo by CHUCK FITTS

**Top – The Rains Lady Cats celebrated their 69-56 win over the Winnsboro Lady Raiders in the title game Saturday afternoon, February 24, in Prosper to become the Class 3A, Region II Champions.** The victory secures the top spot in the Class 3A State Tournament to be held Thursday and Saturday, February 29 and March 2, in the Alamodome in San Antonio. Bottom, left to right – Senior Jasey Campbell (13) skies for the easy layup. Sophomore Caroline Piles (3) runs away from a Lady Raider player. Lady Cat Head Coach Laura Jenkins shows off her new accessory after winning the regional title.

### RAINS COUNTY

## Court considers request for farmer’s market on courthouse square

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
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The Rains County Commissioners Court held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 22, to discuss allowing a farmer’s market on the courthouse square, update a resolution and accept a donation of ammunition to the Rains County Sheriff’s office.

During the meeting, a request to use the Rains County Courthouse square for a farmer’s market was presented to the court. Rains County Judge Linda Wallace stated that the topic had come before the court before, but they had not moved forward due to liability insurance needed for such an event near a major thoroughfare.

Commissioner Corey Young asked for an opportunity to talk with the county attorney on the possibility, while the group looking to do the monthly event stated that they would

contact area counties and cities to determine how they deal with the liability issue.

Commissioners considered an update to the resolution in support of the Barrett Solar Project, LLC.

The cost for the new thermal drones for the Rains County Sheriff’s office and Emory Volunteer Fire Department was incorrect so the updated resolution showing correct cost was unanimously approved by the court.

The court unanimously approved a motion to accept a donation of 1000 rounds of 9mm ammunition to the sheriff’s department from an anonymous donor.

Commissioners accepted the engagement letter from Scott, Singleton, Fincher and Company to perform the 2022-2023 audit of the county.

The commissioners were presented with

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### ELECTION 2024

## Early voting for March 5 primary ends Friday, election day Tuesday

By **CHUCK FITTS**  
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Early voting in the March 5 primary continues until Friday, March 1, in the election’s office at the Rains County Courthouse Annex.

As of press time, 501 residents had voted early in the Republican primary, while 44 residents voted early in the Democratic primary.

The election for sheriff of Rains County is the only contested race in the Republican primary. Michael Hopkins is seeking election to the office that he was appointed to in October of 2022 by the Rains County Commissioners Court. Jamison “Jamie” Beck seeks election to the office after being the Chief of Police for the City of Point for almost two years.

Uncontested races in the Republican Primary for Rains County include Jeremy Cook

for County Commissioners of Precinct 1, Corey Young for County Commissioner of Precinct 3, Allen Davis for county constable, Sheila Floyd for County Tax Assessor-Collector, Robert Vititow for County Attorney, Eddie Northcutt for 8th District Judge and Keli Aiken for 354th District Judge.

Area elections affecting Rains County have incumbent Cole Hefner, Jeff Fletcher and Dewey Collier seeking election to represent District 5 in the Texas House of Representatives in the Republican Primary. No candidate is running for the office in the Democratic primary.

Angela Paxton will run unopposed for Texas State Senator of District 8 in the Republican primary while Rachel Mello will run unopposed for the same office in the Democratic primary.

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No rain recorded this week.  
Total for February . . . . . 2.72 in.  
Year to date . . . . . 7.31 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](mailto: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. 903-473-2457

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

**LAKE COUNTRY NEIGHBORS** – 1st Thurs., 11:30 a.m., [www.lakecountryneighbors.com](http://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](mailto: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 SOCIETY** – 3rd Sat., 1:00 p.m. Meadows Cultural Center, Rains County Public Library

**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.  
**TRANSPORTATION:**  
To schedule a ride Call 903-474-7231

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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 February from 8:00 a.m. - noon. Funds go to buy food for the needy and to operate the center.

### Tri-County Beef And Forage Conference

The Tri-County Beef and Forage Conference will be held on Friday, March 1, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at the Rains County Fairgrounds. The cost is \$30.00 per person, which includes lunch. Three CEU hours will be given. Topics will include Using Soil Fertility as Weed Control Mechanism; and Beef Cattle Management Decision Making, etc. Contact 903-473-4580 with any questions or to RSVP.

### BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

## Hit by Hail? BBB Advises Storm Victims to be on the Lookout for “Storm Chasers”

A line of severe thunderstorms dropped hail on many communities in East Texas this week, causing damage to many homes and vehicles. East Texans are no strangers to storm damage, but that does make us targets for fly by night contractors looking to take advantage of storm victims. Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises residents to be on the lookout for storm chasers who show up unannounced, offer to repair storm damage for a low price, require advance payment and make big promises on which they have no intention of delivering. BBB reminds consumers to be on the lookout for shady contractors looking to take advantage of storm victims.

“Encountering high winds, thunderstorms and the occasional tornado are a part of living in East Texas,” said Mechele Agbayani Mills, President & CEO of BBB Serving Central East Texas. “That means it is important to be wary of fly-by-night repair businesses who are ready to pounce on storm victims as soon as the weather breaks.”

BBB offers the following advice to homeowners before hiring a contractor:

**Check with your insurance company** about policy coverage and specific filing requirements. Save all receipts if temporary repairs are necessary.

Although you may be anxious to get things back to normal, **avoid letting your emotions get the better of you.** Don't be pressured into making an immediate decision with a long-term impact. Be proactive in selecting a business and not re-active to sales solicitations.

Take time to **shop around** and get at least three estimates based on the same specifications and materials. Check out references that are at least one year-old and verify licensing with local agencies.

Be wary of door-to-door workers who claim to have

### Am. Legion Anniversary Celebration Sat., Mar. 2

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will hold a 20 Year Anniversary Celebration honoring the day the Post was chartered. The celebration will be held on Saturday, March 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Post home at 215 N. Duffy St. in Emory. There will be booths, a bouncy house, games and prizes for the kids, and guest speakers. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available.

### Am. Legion Breakfast Sat., Mar. 9

Rabb Brothers Memorial American Legion Post #156 will hold a breakfast buffet on Saturday, March 9, from 7:00-10:00 a.m. at the Post home at 215 N. Duffy St. in Emory. Takeouts are offered. Payment is by donation, which goes towards the upkeep of the home and for veterans' projects.

**left-over materials** from a job “down the street” or who do not have a permanent place of business. If sales people go door-to-door, check to see if your community requires them to have solicitation permits.

**Require a written contract agreement** with anyone you hire. Be sure their name, address, license number, if applicable, and phone number is included in the contract. Read and understand the contract in its entirety, and never sign a blank contract. A copy of the signed contract is to be given to you at the time of signature.

If one estimate seems much lower than the others and it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Many fly-by-night contractors' below-cost bids seem attractive, but these contracts often are uninsured and perform substantial cancellation fees or liquidation damages are required if the homeowner decides not to use the contractor after insurance approval of the claim.

**Never pay for work in full in advance.** The Better Business Bureau recommends a consumer never pay more than half before the contractor starts repairs and don't pay the remaining balance until you are satisfied with the work. A good guideline is to pay by the rule of thirds: pay one-third deposit, one-third when the job is 50% complete, and one-third once the job is completed.

**Hire locally whenever possible.** Chances are, if the company is not from the area, they are less likely to come back and make a repair should you find something they missed.

Remember, great businesses are out there. Always look for the BBB seal; it's the Sign of a Better BusinessSM. Start with companies you can trust by going to [bbb.org](http://bbb.org). To report fraudulent activity or unscrupulous business practices, please call BBB at (903)581-5704 or use BBB Scam Tracker.

## COMMISSIONERS

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the final plat for Young Meadows on RC 3417 and they unanimously approved it. The court unanimously accepted into the minutes of the meeting the continuing education requirements of Commissioner Jeremy Cook, the report on the ARPA from Grantworks and the minutes from the previ-

ous court meeting.

Commissioner Lori Northcutt was absent from the regular meeting.

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

## PRIMARY

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Other statewide races include Railroad Commissioner and several judgeships.

The election for Congressman to represent District 4 in the United States Congress has incumbent Pat Fallon and Don Horn on the Republican primary ballot and Simon Cardell on the Democratic primary ballot.

Other national offices on the primary ballots in Rains County include the United States Senator for Texas and President of the United States.

The Republican ballot includes 13 propositions approved by the Texas Republican Executive Committee.

Residents of Rains County can vote early at the elections office in the Rains County Annex at 220 West Quitman Street in Emory. Polls will be open for early voting from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each weekday through Friday, March 1.

The primary in Texas will be held on March 5 with polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Rains County residents will be able to cast a ballot in the primary at eight voting precincts throughout the county on March 5 including:

Voting precinct 101 in the Rocky Point Community Center at 2134 South Hwy. 19.

Voting precinct 102 in the East Tawakoni Community Center at 288 Briggs Blvd. in East Tawakoni.

Voting precinct 203 in the Bright Star Church Community Center at 1399 RS CR 3480.

Voting precinct 204 in the Rose Community Center at 109 Ravine St. in Emory.

Voting precinct 305 in the Della Blanton Memorial Hall at 200 RS CR 4370.

Voting precinct 306 in the Emory VFD Fire Station at 1205 West Lennon St. in Emory.

Voting precinct 407 in the Point Community Center at 241 S. First St. in Point.

Voting precinct 408 in the fellowship hall for the First Baptist Church of Point at 985

Industrial Blvd. in Point.

All voters will need to present one of seven approved forms of photo ID at the poll to cast a ballot in the election. The seven forms of approved photo ID are:

Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety(DPS).

Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by the DPS.

Texas Personal Identification Card issued by the DPS.

Texas Handgun License issued by the DPS.

United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph.

United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph.

United States Passport.

If a voter does not possess one of the forms of acceptable photo identification listed above and the voter cannot reasonably obtain such identification, the voter may fill out a Reasonable Impediment Declaration form at the polling location.

Along with filling out the form, the voter must present an original or copy of one of the following supporting forms of identification:

A government document that shows the voter's name and an address, including the voter's voter registration certificate.

A current utility bill.

A bank statement.

A government check.

A paycheck.

A certified domestic birth certificate.

A document confirming birth, admissible in a court of law which establishes the voter's identity.

For more information about the election, contact the Texas Secretary of State's office at 1-800-252-8683 or visit the website, [www.vote texas.gov](http://www.vote texas.gov).

For information about the local elections, contact the Election Administrator at 903-473-5009 or visit [www.co.rains.tx.us/page/rains.Elections](http://www.co.rains.tx.us/page/rains.Elections).

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This is a relevant question to ask of All Americans who believe in Democracy!

History will repeat itself when we fail to learn the true history of America and the world .The good , the bad and the ugly.

Democracy cannot be safe from an extremist movement without the participation of people who will continue to support and Defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and Domestic! How did the German people and the world fare, when the German people bought into the lies of a madman?

America and the World could again be threatened and terrorized by a madman leading an extremist movement perpetuating a loyalty test to their leader and not fieltly to the

Constitution of the United States.

Fellow Americans this is how Democracy dies!

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](http://www.sudokuoftheday.com) for further tips and help about how to play - and good luck!

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CITY GIRL

On the road again

By Linda Brendle  
Yes, David and I are traveling again, this time with our friends Robert and Fawncyne. Our ultimate destination is the Creation Museum and the Ark



LINDA BRENDLE  
Leader Correspondent

Encounter - which brings me to the reason we were invited along on this adventure. When I heard Fawncyne talking about their travel plans, I shared our sad tale of how COVID had interrupted our trip to the Ark in 2020. We were already on our way to Kentucky and were overnighing in Louisiana with David's sister when we heard the news that the Ark was closing for a while. I ended my story by saying we still hoped to go some day. "Why don't you go with us?" asked Fawncyne, so we did!

The itinerary included a trip to Frisco to watch a grandson play in a basketball tournament, and instead of taking two cars and meeting in Kentucky, we tagged along to Frisco, too. We left on Friday after lunch, and the excitement started almost immediately. We were were about five minutes from the house when Fawncyne realized she had forgotten her coat, so we made a quick swing back to pick it up.

We were traveling in Fawncyne's bright red Dodge Charger with a V-8 Hemi, and Robert was trying to make up the time we lost in going back for the coat. At least that was what he told us after he got pulled over for exceeding the posted speed limit. But I guess we didn't look like a bunch of party animals, so the officer let us of with a gentle reminder to slow down a little.

We made it to Frisco without further incident and checked into the Homewood Suites. We got a discount for being with the basketball group that, as Robert noted, took our room rate from "ridiculous" to "just too high." But it was a nice room, and the complimentary breakfast buffet was really good.

Robert's daughter-in-law had arranged free passes for the entire group, including us tag-alongs, to go to a basketball game. We watched the Texas Legends, the G League affiliate of the Dallas Mavericks, play the Stockton Kings to a nail biting 135 to 133 win that had the crowd on its feet. It was a fun evening even for two basketball illiterates like us.

On Saturday, Fawncyne lent us her car while they went to the tournament. We drove to Carrollton for a delicious lunch and a wonderful visit with former neighbors Peggy and James. We loved seeing our

friends and catching up, but we didn't love the traffic and are happier than ever to be small town residents. We returned to the hotel and found a victory celebration going on - "our" team had won the tournament.

Sunday morning was a time for more congratulations as David celebrated his 21st birthday for the 55th time! After breakfast we went to our rooms to gather our luggage, and when we came back down, the group had gathered to sing Happy Birthday to the birthday boy. Even the desk clerk came out from behind the counter to join in the singing! We stopped for lunch in New Boston, and when Robert told our waitress it was David's birthday, she brought him a complimentary piece of cheesecake. When we got back to the car, a group from the church had left a voice mail version of Happy Birthday. I think he felt completely loved and special.

Now we're halfway to our destination and have stopped for the night on the eastern edge of Memphis. If the next week is as much fun as the last forty-eight hours, you're going to be hearing a lot more about this trip.

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Smartphone Zombies and the Electronic Crack Pipe

I hate my smartphone. For years I carried a dumbphone. Were it not for the ridicule I endured from my slew foot friends, I would have traded up sooner, but I've never been one to bend to peer pressure. Make fun of me for carrying a dumbphone - I'll carry it for another five years. But my friends finally



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tired of teasing me, so I made the leap a few years ago. At the time I was involved in some serious feral hog trapping (we had a hog infestation out at the ranch). The convenience of having a smartphone with a good camera in my pocket was seductive. I wanted to document my hog trapping progress. I also quickly learned to appreciate the mobile device that lets me monitor the news, catch baseball highlights, and watch YouTube videos on hog trapping. So now you can count me among the smartphone minions stumbling throughout North America and around the globe. But I still hate my phone.

I dislike being tethered to it, accessible and connected all the time.

Continuing research is showing that our phones are changing our brains, making us sad, bored, and unable to focus. Unable to go anywhere without them, many of us are literally addicted to our phones. Your smartphone is like an electronic crack pipe. It fosters addiction.

This addiction comes from dopamine. Dopamine is a feel-good chemical that makes you happy. When you are engaged with your phone (receiving notifications, laughing at TikTok videos, scanning social media, getting likes on Instagram, etc.) you are receiving frequent triggers that cause your body to release dopamine. We like these hits, and smartphones give us an unlimited supply. Carrying your smart-

phone is like having a pocket full of peanut M&Ms that you can eat anytime you want. This consistent release of dopamine stimulates the neurotransmitter pathways in our brains. All you must do to get this neurological impact is to be on your phone. We scroll through our phones seeing hundreds of images, and like eating potato chips, we can't seem to stop. The billionaire tech nerds call this a feedback loop. Frequent phone checking makes you check your phone even more.

Constant phone use desensitizes us from normal, healthy, everyday organic stimuli. Good things that give you dopamine hits become less exciting. Healthy activities that trigger dopamine release include spending time with your spouse, children, and friends, being outdoors, petting your dog, enjoying good food, hobbies, exercise, sports, and any activity that you enjoy.

Excessive phone use also decreases our attention spans, making it more difficult to focus and harder to delay gratification. Your brain learns that the longer you must wait for a dopamine hit, the less value it has. People who use their phones more are conditioning their brains to seek immediate gratification and constant pleasure. This can lead to *Anhedonia* - the inability to feel pleasure of any kind. Phone addiction can cause depression and make you sad, really sad.

So, the question is, are you addicted to your smartphone? Ask yourself these questions. Would you rather look at your phone instead of interacting with your spouse, your kids, or friends? Does engagement with your phone affect your mood? When you see someone having a good time do you feel sad, or jealous? Are you happier if you get lots of likes on a post? Sad if you get few? Are you spending increasing time on your phone? Do you get withdrawals or anxiety when you are away from your phone for any length

of time?

If you do have a phone addiction, there is some good news. Our brains are capable of neuroplasticity - the ability to heal and rewire our damaged connections. Like smartphone rehab, you can heal your phone addiction and still benefit from its use.

Consider the following (all of these will help your brain heal as you become less dependent on your phone).

Limit your phone time. Restrict phone use to a narrow window of time (say 1-6 hours a day). This will let your brain re-adapt, re-wire and heal itself.

Limit physical access to your phone by turning it off and putting it away at a certain time and place. Store it away from you and only retrieve when needed. Consider things like phoneless family meals.

Make your phone boring or less appealing - use grayscale or change your home screen photo to something you don't like to look at (use a smiling pic of Barry Manilow and you'll never want to pick up your phone).

Consider using your phone only for texting and calls and use your computer for online activity.

For practical purposes, life in our modern George Jetson world makes it almost impossible to function without a smartphone. But just because the intricacies of modern life require that we carry these contraptions, it doesn't mean that we have to live in bondage. We can use our phones in moderation and avoid addiction. Put your phone in a drawer and pet your dog instead. You will be happier for it...

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How can women bridge the "retirement gap"?

March 8 is International Women's Day, a day for celebrating the accomplishments of women around the globe. But many women still need to make up ground in one key area: retirement security. Women's retirement challenges are due to several factors, including a wage gap, longer life expectancies and time away from the workforce

to care for children and elderly parents.

To help close any retirement deficit you may face, contribute as much as you can afford, for as long as you can, to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Also, try to build an emergency fund containing several months' worth of living expenses. With this fund available, you might not have to dip into your retirement accounts to pay for unexpected costs, such as a major home repair. Finally, maximize your

Social Security benefits. If you can afford to wait until your full retirement age before collecting, your checks will be much bigger. If you're married, you might help yourself by coordinating your benefits with those of your spouse.

It's unfortunate, but women still must travel a more difficult road than men to reach retirement security. But making the right moves can help ease the journey.

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Homesteading, Back to Basics conference to be held March 23

Wood County Master Gardeners is hosting the "Homesteading, Back to Basics" Spring Conference on Saturday March 23, 2024. The event is free to the public and will be held at Quitman High School from 8:00

a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The special guest speaker is Holly Ross with additional breakout sessions on various topics. Door prizes and raffle tickets are available. There will be a plant and herb sale along with an auditorium full of

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ACROSS

1 TXism: 'jumpy as \_\_\_ on ice'

5 Saturday is a cowboy's \_\_\_ day

6 TX Mildred "Babe" Didrikson

7 Austin band: "Asleep \_\_\_ the Wheel"

8 Texas fire \_\_\_

9 inner Fort Worth suburb: \_\_\_ City

15 director Preminger

16 TXism: "grabbin' at straws"

18 detests

21 "copying" company

22 "Wreck it Ralph" song: "When \_\_\_ You Again?"

27 party-giver

28 "\_\_\_ on" (tell somebody else)

29 Austin's "Tree-Folks" encourage people to \_\_\_ tree

30 TXism: "she could sell ice cubes to \_\_\_"

32 noted TCU coach: "\_\_\_ Dutch" Meyer

33 "let \_\_\_ bygones"

36 TXism: "ain't \_\_\_ lick of sense"

37 this agcy. administers soc. security

38 TXism: "he \_\_\_ bill of goods" (lied)

39 biblical shouts of praise

41 golf peg

42 TXism: "short as \_\_\_ eyebrow"

45 clean and tidy

46 Texas legendary "no hitter" pitcher (init.)

47 TXism: "\_\_\_ walking drunk"

48 maker of caulks and sealants

49 he is \_\_\_ to his state (a fine Texan)

52 Del Rio FM station

53 \_\_\_ Colony, Texas in Denton County

54 this Desmond played with the Texas Rangers in 2016 playoffs

55 TX Perot's 1st naval officer rank (abbr.)

DOWN

1 "Honest \_\_\_"

2 this Farley founded Boys Ranch in Oldham County in 1939

3 city in Texas and Georgia

4 TXism: "you can take \_\_\_" (certain)

8 foot digit (2 wds.)

9 TXism: "\_\_\_ bark on a tree" (cheapskate)

10 TXism: "honest \_\_\_ the day is long"

11 3rd largest political party in U.S. (abbr.)

12 university before it was Texas A&M-Kingsville (4 wds.)

13 antimony \_\_\_ are processed at a smelter in El Paso

14 TX Tommy Lee Jones 1978 film: "Eyes of Laura \_\_\_"

15 Galveston has the "International \_\_\_ Festival" (evergreen shrub)

16 office furniture

17 works hard to do something (2 wds.)

18 locals hired to be in a crowd in a film

20 TXism: "useless as party \_\_\_ to a pig"

22 Texas singer of "Is Anybody Goin' to San Antonio" (init.)

23 first Texan moon-walker, Bean (init.)

24 "no" votes in the Texas legislature

25 gold or silver brick, e.g.

26 rustled cattle, e.g.

28 \_\_\_ and pans

31 cow sounds

34 "Hook ' \_\_\_ Horns" or "Gig ' \_\_\_ Aggies" on the Gulf in Jefferson County: "\_\_\_ Rim State Park"

37 TXism: "He's still got some \_\_\_ in his garters" (able)

40 TXism: "\_\_\_ as a pin"

43 on banks of the Rio Grande: "Santa \_\_\_ National Wildlife Refuge"

44 a bolt to a cowboy

50 this Tom pitched for the Astros in the 1993-94 season

51 soft drink created in Waco: \_\_\_ Pepper

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# Sheriff's Report

The Rains County Sheriff's Office took the following reports of activity during the week of February 19-25



MICHAEL HOPKINS  
Rains County Sheriff

### Arrests

— James Robert Smith, Point. Assault Class C, \$500 surety bond.  
— Lee Danny Relinger, Point. Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, bond not set yet; terroristic threat of family/household, bond not set.

### Calls

**2-19:** CR 2370 Report of a possible scam; CR 4261 Neighbor dispute; Hwy. 19 Reckless driver; CR 3381 Harassment charges requested; Roma's Italian Restaurant Suspicious vehicle; CR 1654 Welfare check on a Hunt Co. Deputy; Hwy. 67 near FM 47 Motorist assist; CR 3030 Medical assist 80-year-old female with stomach issues; Max-A-Mart Keys locked in a vehicle; Emory Family Dollar Two-vehicle accident, no injuries; CR 2310 Medical assist 83-year-old female fell and broke her elbow; Whataburger Medical assist male not feeling well; CR 3328 Person on a go cart threatened to kill male's

dogs; Hwy. 276 Older white vehicle going into oncoming traffic; CR 3330 Caller needs to speak to a deputy.

**2-20:** Emory Dollar General Suspicious male; Hwy. 69 Medical assist 19-year-old male is sick and in a lot of pain; Emory Dollar General Grass fire next door to the store on FM 515; FM 514 Point officer requested to come out; FM 2324 Deputy checking the welfare of some animals; Sheriff's Office (SO) lobby Male needs a deputy to sign papers; Hwy. 69 Reckless vehicle headed south; Planters St. Medical assist female was pushed onto the ground and may have a possible concussion; FM 513 going into Hunt County Possible drunk driver; Abbington Walk Apts. Kids running above the caller's apartment and he tried to file a complaint with the landlord already; S 1st St. Six gunshots heard;

**2-21:** Northcutt Addn. Semi stuck in the ditch; Hwy. 69 Caller states there is a wire across the entrance of his property along with crime scene tape; PR 7423 Medical assist caller possibly having a heart attack; CR 4481 Deputy on a follow up; CR 3335 Male states his brother is running a tiller in the yard because he is mad at his dad; CR 3025 Medical assist 87-year-old female with high blood pressure low heart rate and blurry vision; Duffy St.

Deputy out on a paper service; Hwy. 69 Alarm call; CR Briggs Blvd. Medical assist 76-year-old male has a high fever and is having a hard time getting around; Planters St. Caller states there is a loose peacock at the church; E Lennon Dr. Keys in a vehicle; CR 2120 Male got threatening letters from his neighbor; CR 2120 Male states the female was on his property again after being issued a criminal trespass warning; CR 3200 Female states her neighbor is burning and it is windy outside; Airport Rd. Male states he got a letter wanting him to pay for a warrant out of Rains Co.; CR 1621 Female states that her runaway child out of Tyler may be at this location; Hwy. 276 near the Family Dollar Female states that she was assaulted and that he took off on foot.

**2-22:** Pueblo Rd. Hunt Co. requested assistance finding a male and female; FM 515 at Hwy. 69 Vehicle vs pole, unknown injuries; Point Dollar General Alarm call; Duffy St. Deputies out on a paper service; Hwy. 276 near CR 1410 Livestock in the roadway; CR 1280 Deputies out on a paper service; CR 1430 Deputies out on a paper service x2; Max's Package Store Caller is having an issue with a customer; CR 1219 Welfare check; CR 2181 Medical assist 78-year-old male is dizzy, is breathing and

alert; Lee Ivie Ln. Male has cut his leg with a skill saw; CR 1219 Environmental investigation; Smith Cir. Abandoned property; Hwy. 69 near CR 4310 Small grass fire; CR 2110 Juvenile has been making threats to harm himself; Emory Park Caller states she believes someone is deceased in their vehicle; CR 3235 Caller states there is a vehicle sitting on the side of the road and the driver appears to be asleep; Point Dollar General Mother did not bring the child for visitation; PR 6374 Male states that his neighbor's dog will not stop barking; CK's Kitchen Medical assist male was choking, states they got it out but he is still having trouble breathing; FM 2946 Caller states there is a person walking around the property; CR 1534 Female states she hears a male and female fighting near her; Pecan Dr. Medical assist female states her mother needs to go to the hospital.

**2-23:** PR 7704 Woman stated she needs someone to come out and hung up, did not give a house number or any further information; Hwy. 19N Dead deer in the middle of the road; CR 2350 Livestock in the roadway; CR 3380 Female states her neighbor's dogs got in her trash last week and scattered it everywhere; Lennon Dr. Female states her ex-boyfriend locked her out of the storage she pays for, states she just wants her belongings;

CR 3380 Dogs got into the caller's rent house's trash; CR 2610 Male would like to report his wife's sister for doing drugs; Clark Dr. Medical assist 52-year-old female is having severe stomach pain; CR 1490 Two dogs chasing female's donkeys; Hunt Co. Advised a possible stolen vehicle may be headed to Rains Co.; Brookshire's Keys locked in vehicle; CR 3235 Caller states there is a vehicle driving up and down her road and pulling into people's driveways; CR 3345 Male states if anyone reports a baby calf in the area it will be his; N 1st St. Caller would like to put the restraining order back on her ex-boyfriend; CR 3333 Female states someone is using her address to sell things online; N Texas St. Welfare check on a male that has made suicidal statements; CR 1155 911 hang up; FM 2946 Abandoned vehicle with possible popped tire; PR 7704 Woman states she needs someone to come out and hung up, did not give a house number or any further information;

**2-24:** Hwy. 19 coming into Emory caller states someone is getting really close to their car and turning their lights off; CR 3380 Female states she locked her keys in her home; 2nd St. Medical assist 68-year-old male, possibly having a stroke; CR 1425 Livestock in the roadway;

CR 3425 Medical assist 69-year-old male doesn't feel good; Hwy. 276 Livestock in the roadway; PR 5111 Medical assist 31-year-old male, diabetic is unresponsive; Hwy. 19 Black Escalade going over 100 mph coming into town; W Lennon Dr. Power line down; N 1st St. Caller states that someone broke into the storage unit; N Texas St. Medical assist guest fell and hit their head; CR 3335 Male is at the callers house and is high on drugs; FM 515 Medical assist caller states there is a woman lying on the side of the road and is seizing; CR 2181 Male would like to speak with a deputy in regards to a camper he bought and the female is now harassing him; Oakleaf Tr. Two large dogs fighting; CR 1412 Male states a male tried to stab him and his mother; Hwy. 69 Reckless driver; N Texas St. Silent alarm; CR 4250 Caller states their little sister is having a hard time breathing.

**2-25:** CR 1425 Livestock in the roadway; FM 47 Livestock in the roadway; Hwy. 19N Emory PD Motorist assist; CR 3200 Livestock in the roadway; CR 2430 Medical assist male fell 6 ft. onto the ground; Hwy. 69 Alarm call; CR 3346 Bald eagle is struggling to swim; S first St. Someone is shooting in an open field; E North St. Two people sitting in their truck for 25 minutes.

## STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Early voting for the March 5 primary election ends Friday

Early voting in the March 5 primary election ends Friday with a host of candidates on the ballot in both parties, including president, U.S. Senate, all 38



GARY BORDERS  
Texas Press Association

Texas U.S. representatives, all 150 Texas House representatives, and down to local races for district attorney, sheriff and other positions.  
Check with your local elections office for more information or go to [votetexas.gov](#).  
A record number of Texans are registered to vote ahead of

the primary election, according to Texas Secretary of State Jane Nelson. More than 17.9 million people are registered to vote in Texas, which is one million more than were registered ahead of the March 2020 primaries.

The increase is being attributed to population growth and does not necessarily mean a higher voter turnout. Brandon Rottinghaus, a University of Houston political science professor, said most people "register to vote out of reflex," the San Antonio Express-News reported.

"Just because a person's registered doesn't mean they're going to vote," Rottinghaus

said. "They may be registered for all kinds of reasons that are disassociated from their desire to actually go vote."

#### It may be time to say adios to El Niño

El Niño, the weather pattern that has brought wetter and cooler weather to the state over the past several months, appears to be weakening, giving its counterpart, La Niña, a 55 percent chance of returning soon, according to the Houston Chronicle. The result could be a drier, hotter summer, if February's weather is any indication.

All across the state, temperatures in February are the warm-

est they have been since 2017, the Express-News reported. That might mean the state will have a hotter summer than usual, but not necessarily, according to meteorologists. Out of the past 25 years with a warm February, above-average temperatures were recorded in 18 of the following summers.

Meteorologist Anthony Franze says the state probably will not experience record temperatures like Texans endured last summer, but it isn't likely we will get a break this summer from intense heat.

#### Wildfire season just around the bend

The Texas A&M Forest Service on Friday responded to seven new requests for assistance on wildfires, with last week being the warmest and driest of the dormant winter season. However, as of Sunday there were no active wildfires burning as the spring wildfire season approaches.

East Texas is experiencing some of the most significant drying as it has already been more than 10 days since the last significant rainfall, the forest service said. The highest danger for wildfires is in South Texas and along the I-35 corridor. Red flag warnings are in effect for Rocksprings, Del Rio and Eagle

Pass, as well as counties along the Rio Grande. Burn bans are in place for 60 of the state's 254 counties.

A dry cold front swept across the state late last week, bringing temperatures down but also providing high, gusty winds and dry air. South, Central and far West Texas remain in severe or extreme drought, according to the National Weather Service.

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The new owners will be Wayne Carroll (Mineola resident), Kyle McCain (Krum resident) and Robert Worley (Emory resident). The new manager will be Austin Swope, an experienced gun range manager and firearms enthusiast. Austin, with his wife Bailee, will work hard to provide you with great service and strive to meet your gun needs.

The plan is to continue to offer a high quality indoor gun range experience, a good selection of handguns and rifles, along with ammunition and all other shooting supplies. Our prices will be competitive and if we do not have your particular choice in guns or supplies, we will do our best to find them.

The hours will be 10 am to 5:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. Special shooting times can be arranged with advance notice.

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### Retribution against one's enemies

Americans and other people around the world have been shown what Retribution Is.

Alexi Navalny was a fierce opponent to the ongoing Russian corruption being allowed by Vladimir Putin.

Alexi knew what was ahead of him when he voluntarily returned to Russia to face charges for inciting peaceful protests against Putin and his cronies in their scheme.

Putin Is Responsible for Navalny's death in a Siberian prison.

As an American do you still support a presidential candidate who is vowing retribution against any and all perceived enemies who have ever wronged him? Are you or someone else on the enemies list for retribution?

Potentially up to half of American citizens would likely be identified on the list for Retribution!

A candidate for President of The United States should be speaking and conveying a positive outlook for you, your family/ friends and your fellow Americans. Our Country!

Yes We are facing challenges in our lives and with our country's leadership.

We have allowed our elected officials to become stars in their tryout for The Apprentice. The challenges we're facing remain unsolved due to their antics. Poor legislative leadership.

If you want entertainment vs. policy these apprentices are the best examples of failing leadership cast in the saga "American Apprentice, who is the biggest sycophant."

Donald Trump is the stars director for their performances for an audience of one.

Nikki Haley is actually giving some insight into her policy positions to address challenges we face as Americans. More information please.

Wow, a Republican presidential candidate who isn't speaking of retribution or how much they are being victimized by a government they are running to become a part of?

Many Republicans are now facing a big decision on who will be their Republican Party nominee. Nikki Haley is sharing a positive message during her campaign stops.

The other candidate only talks of retribution against his enemies.

In my opinion:

Donald doesn't want to be President for All Americans only for his supporters and authoritarian leadership around the world.

Donald Trump Vladimir Putin

Brothers in arms

One who continues his retribution

The other is longing to commit retribution against his enemies/wrong doer's. Sadly though some of the apprentices are Putin Loving American elected officials. Consuming and propagating Russian Propaganda which is detrimental to our Constitutional Republic!

"The End of Democracy " CPAC 2024

Navalny was a fierce critic of Putin.

Alexi could energize fellow Russian's to speak out, demonstrate against Putin's corruption and it's many impacts on the Russian people. Putin doesn't want to lose his authoritarian rule.

Alexi Navalny stood up for his fellow Russians therefore he had to be permanently silenced allowing Putin to remain in power.

Once an Authoritarian

Always an Authoritarian

No one is interested in being Authoritarian for One day, unbridled power is too hard to give up for an authoritarian !During a speech before CPAC attendees were introduced to the new Latin American Dictator and other Dictators were given the podium where previous CPAC conventions revolved around key core Republican Values.

I still miss the Republican Party Values of my Grandfather's GOP.

Power comes at a great expense for many politicians in today's MAGA Republican leadership roles.

The loss of their own

Self Respect Honesty and Integrity are just the beginning of the expense they will incur Almost forgot :

"Their Loyalty Pledge "includes Bending the knee and Kissing the ring

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THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

Elvis comes to Texas and goes home the King

by Barte Haile

Eighty-eight thousand paying customers packed the Astrodome on Mar. 3, 1974 for Elvis Presley's two sold-out performances, his last at the



BARTEE HAILE  
Historical Columnist

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. "He went off to Texas and came home famous," Elvis' mother once marveled early in her son's incredible

career. The Lone Star State was not only his launching pad to stardom, but also where the King of Rock and Roll got his second wind.

Elvis was fresh out of high school and just 19 years old, when he signed on as a regular with the "Louisiana Hayride," a popular country music radio program broadcast from Shreveport to loyal listeners in 13 southern states. Unlike the purists at the "Grand Ole Opry," who snubbed the newcomer after his one and only appearance, the "Hayride" warmly welcomed the white boy from Memphis who sang black rhythm and blues.

Elvis faithfully fulfilled his Saturday obligation in Shreveport and spent the rest of the week looking for work in Texas. A good night's take in those days was \$75, which had to be split three ways after gas and expenses, but he gladly would have performed for free.

In Gladewater Elvis sang his heart out from the back of a flat-bed truck on a baseball diamond, while an oil camp recreation hall near Hawkins put a roof over his head. The earliest known film footage of the future musical monarch in action was shot at Magnolia Gardens in Houston.

Between October 1954 and early 1956, Elvis played nearly 200 gigs in 57 Texas towns. Buddy Holly and the Crickets

were the opening act for several engagements at Fair Park Auditorium in Lubbock, and the rising star made two stops in 1956 at Waco's Heart O' Texas Coliseum. His Fort Worth venue was the old Cowtown Coliseum, site of the world's first indoor rodeo in 1908.

By the time Elvis returned to Houston in June 1956 for a standing-room-only encore at the City Auditorium, *Heartbreak Hotel* and an April guest shot on the "Ed Sullivan Show" had made him a nationwide sensation. Four months later, screaming fans filled the Sam Houston Coliseum to the rafters for his two high-energy shows.

A Texas songwriter contributed the breakthrough ballad *Heartbreak Hotel*. Mae Boren Axton, born in Bardwell and raised in Fort Worth, was inspired by a suicide's farewell note that contained the phrase "I walk a lonely street." Elvis achieved the unforgettably eerie effect that gave the melancholy song such a unique sound by recording it in a stairwell.

Rock and roll was controversial in those days, satanic music according to strait-laced critics, and the swivel-hipped singer with the seductive voice was the devil's disciple. Some communities took stern and sometimes bizarre precautions to protect impressionable youth. In San Antonio, for example, rock and roll was banned from jukeboxes at public pools to keep the kids from dancing together in swimming suits.

Dallas police were out in force for Elvis' 1957 concert at the Cotton Bowl, and hysterical young women kept them busy. Many had to be peeled off the eight-foot fence surrounding the stage, while others fainted from the excitement and had to be carried to first-aid stations.

For his *Hound Dog* finale, Elvis jumped off the stage and got down on all fours on the football field. To the delight of the crowd and the horror of the

cops, he grazed on the grass to the refrain of his canine theme song.

Elvis received his draft notice the week before Christmas in 1957. He rejected special treatment, that would have let him spend his enlistment entertaining the troops, in favor of serving his country as an ordinary soldier.

Private Presley was sent to Fort Hood for basic training and later lived for six months in a modest frame house off base. When Gladys Presley took sick on a visit to Killeen, Elvis drove his mother to Temple and put her on a train back to Memphis. But she died within the week, and her devoted son never got over the loss.

During the 1960's, the only place millions of Elvis fans could see their idol was at the local picture show. But his film career gradually ran out of gas, and "Change of Habit" released in 1969 was his 31st and last movie.

The next year, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo offered Elvis the much-needed opportunity to shake off the road rust and get back in the touring saddle. But when only 16,000 showed up for the Friday matinee, the crestfallen crooner feared the worst.

That evening Elvis looked out his hotel window at the traffic jam clogging every asphalt approach to the Astrodome. "Well, I'll be damned!" he declared with a giant grin. "I guess I still got it after all." He sure did as his six shows drew 207,000 to the Dome.

Elvis Presley played his last date in the Lone Star State at Memorial Auditorium in Austin on Mar. 28, 1977. Five months later, the King was dead at 42 – the exact age that he had fatalistically predicted for so long.

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EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

GoBus Wins AdWheel Marketing Award from the APTA

(KILGORE) – The East Texas Council of Governments' rural transit system, GoBus, is proud to be a recipient of the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) annual AdWheel awards, which recognize excellence in marketing and outreach efforts by transit providers nationwide.

The APTA AdWheel Awards fosters creativity and innovation within the public transportation industry, highlighting best marketing practices that contribute to the betterment of public transportation. The selection process involves evaluations by industry experts for creativity, impact, community engagement, and overall effectiveness. "I am proud of our Communications, Human Resources, and Transportation teams for collaborating effectively to address an ongoing staffing need within our agency. To receive national recognition for these efforts means a lot to me and all of us here at ETCOG!" said ETCOG Executive Director David Cleveland.

ETCOG received the award in the Special Event subcategory for the Best Marketing and Communications on Workforce Development. The award acknowledges team effort in hosting a one-day hiring fair dedicated to GoBus Operator positions. The event featured comprehensive activities, including on-site interviews, video highlights, and bus tours, providing prospective candidates with a glimpse of transit operations and a seamless hiring process for human resources. This recognition celebrates our

commitment to workforce development and highlights the success of ETCOG's strategic marketing and communication initiatives in attracting top talent.

"We are honored to receive this prestigious APTA award," said ETCOG Communications Director Lindsay Vanderbilt. "This recognition is a reflection of the dedication and creativity of our team and the collaboration across our agency to solve transportation hiring challenges."

A member of the ETCOG communications team joined other award recipients and marketing experts to share details on their award-winning campaigns and projects at the APTA Marketing Workshop held February 12-14, 2023, in New Orleans, Louisiana. APTA is a nonprofit international association of over 1,500 public and private sector member organizations and is the only association in North America that represents all modes of public transportation, including bus, paratransit, light rail, commuter rail, subways, waterborne services, and intercity and high-speed passenger rail

About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts, and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development.

Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services, and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region. [www.etcog.org](http://www.etcog.org)

About GoBus

ETCOG's rural transportation system, GoBus, is available for all rural residents to access safe, reliable, and friendly public transportation. GoBus provides daily local service within Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood counties, and the non-urbanized areas of Gregg and Smith counties. GoBus provides trips from the rural areas into the urbanized areas of Longview or Tyler on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Book a trip by calling 800-590-3371 to speak with our dispatch office. Find out more about GoBus at [www.GoBusTransit.com](http://www.GoBusTransit.com).

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Obituaries

Marshall Thomas Burton

1957 – 2024



Funeral services for Marshall Thomas Burton, 67, of Alba, were held on February 28, at Wilson-Bartley Funeral Home, Alba, with Chaplain Robert Stovall officiating. Interment followed in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, Alba. Serving as pallbearers were Keelan Swoape, Dale Floyd, Matt Short, James Short, Shawn Newland and Charles Myer, Jr.

Mr. Burton died February 24, 2024, in Tyler. He was born February 15, 1957, in Dallas, to Grady Eldred and Elsie Evans Burton. On May 31, 1980, he married Linda Terry in Edgewood. They moved from Saginaw to the Alba area in 2002. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Alba and "Anchors of Hope Ministries." He was a truck driver for 33 years and drove for Walmart the last 10 years of his trucking career. He loved his grand babies, his wife, and his three

girls (in this order). He also enjoyed trucking and traveling with his family.

Mr. Burton is survived by his wife of 43 years of Alba; three daughters, Dotty Thornton and husband Bill of Alba, Ellie Burton of Chatsworth, GA, and Jessica Myers and husband Charles of Alba; brother, Glenn Burton and wife Therssa of Dallas; sister, Jody Short of Corinth; grandchildren, Zachary Thornton and wife Lana, Jaxson Thornton and fiancé Pressi, Travis McTaggart, Brielynn Myers, and Evelynn Myers; great-grandchildren, Alex Wet-tach and Bear Butler; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Shirley Whitley; and niece, Chelsea Moore.

Memorials can be made to the Alba Food Pantry, c/o First Baptist Church of Alba, 219 Holley St., #200, Alba, Texas 75410.

Robert Earl Dyer

1967 – 2024



Memorial services for Robert Earl Dyer, 57, of Alba, will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., at Amazing Grace Fellowship Church, Alba, with Bro. Byron George officiating, under the direction of the church and family.

Mr. Dyer died on February 22, 2024, at his residence in Alba. He was born on January 27, 1967, in Mesquite, to Charles Eugene and Georgina Cutler Dyer. On September 29, 2018, he married Jamie Dianne Chapman in Athens. They moved from Wolfe City to the Alba-Golden area five years ago. He was a member of Amazing Grace Fellowship Church. Mr. Dyer graduated from West Mesquite High School, class of 1985, and from the Dallas Art Institute with a Culinary Degree. He was at home in the kitchen as well as under the hood of a car. He was a member of the Teamsters Union Local

745, employed at Solvay in Greenville.

Mr. Dyer is survived by his wife, Jamie Dyer of Alba; mother, Georgina Buffington and stepdad, Roger of Wolfe City; two daughters, Amber Dyer of Commerce and Mackenzie Slaten of Grand Prairie; four brothers, Ronnie Dyer and wife Sheila of Mabank, Charles Lee Dyer and wife Renia of Caddo Mills, Kyle Buffington and wife Kerri of Princeton, and Brian Fullen of Point; sister, Michelle Delozier and husband James of Maryville, Tenn.; two grandchildren, Daedyn and Aaliyah; and numerous other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; brother, Richard Dale Dyer; and grandmother, Iris May Barker.

The family requests that memorials be made to [jdrf.org](http://jdrf.org).

Nellie Faye Turner Carter Niemeyer

1925 – 2024



Funeral services for Nellie Faye Turner Carter Niemeyer, 98, were held on February 26 at Woosley Baptist Church. Interment was in Prospect Cemetery and followed by the Order of Eastern Star Graveside Service.

Mrs. Niemeyer died on February 21, 2024, at Hunt Regional Medical Center in Greenville. She was born on October 21, 1925, in Rains County, to Henry Clay Turner and Mary Elizabeth Levacy.

Mrs. Niemeyer was a registered nurse and retired after 28 years of nursing in the ICU at the Greenville hospital. She graduated from Point High School in 1945 as valedictorian of her class. She loved the Texas Rangers and watched them every chance she could. She enjoyed gardening and traveling with friends. She dedicated herself to serving at her church and participating in civic community activities.

Mrs. Niemeyer is survived by daughters, Mary Conner and husband Doug, Dorothy Carter, and Alice Wenzel and husband Scotty; grandchildren, Cori and Jeramy Slemmons, David and Cathleen Conner, and Michelle and John Turk; great-grandchildren, Kyle Schellinger, Beau Schellinger, Bailey Conner, Rome Slemmons, Miles Turk, Cassidy and Steven Collins, and Rylee Slemmons; great-grandchild, Teagan Collins; sister, Mary Lou Harris; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Rolen Carter and William Niemeyer; six brothers; and three sisters.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Prospect Cemetery Association (PCA) 3964 Hwy. 276, Point, Texas 75472.

Jacque "Shirley" Harris

1945-2024



March 13, 1945 - February 20, 2024.

A memorial service for Jacque Shirley Harris was held on February 23, at Wilson Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel.

Shirley Harris, nationally renowned Western Artist, wife, mother, sister, grandmother and long time Emory resident has been called home by the Lord. Shirley answered her heavenly call in peace, surrounded by family and friends. A Dallas native, Shirley called Emory home in 1973 to raise her family. As her children became older, Shirley began to develop her talent for painting. As a hobby she won several contests to include a painting used for the cover of the Contel Phone Book. In the early eighties she entered the professional ranks, breaking down walls for women artists in the male dominated Western Art genre. Her work can be seen in galleries all over the country and purchased at auction. She was active on the "Gun Show" circuit where she marketed her work earning the respect and friendship of some of the leading Western Artists in the world. Her agent often commented how her cash flow outpaced her male counterparts by selling "while you wait" personalized 5x7 paintings of outhouses. Unwittingly, she made Willie Nelson wait in line like everyone else at the Austin Gun Show. Outhouses gave her notoriety. She called it her coca cola money. She was loved and esteemed by all on the circuit.

Shirley was known for her loving heart and unwavering spirit for life. She was owner of the Broken H Gallery in Emory for over 30 years where she gave art lessons to children and adults. Several of her students won Blue Ribbons at County and State fairs. She participated in the Rains County Art League of which she was a founding member, the Garden Club, the Women's Service Club and championed the Christmas on the Square project from 1988 to 1999. She and her husband were co-owners of the Wilson Harris

Funeral Home in Emory. In later life Shirley retired to provide full time care to both her ailing husband and mother-in-law. All this while battling Chrons disease from age 17 which resulted in over 5 major surgeries. Case studies done on her battle with Chrons impacted therapies to control this disease today with medication. This legacy will live forever.

As a matriarch, Shirley has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Known to the grands as "Oley" she was beloved and known for her faith in Jesus, love of dogs, exceptional storytelling, fashion sense and of course her hair and nails.

Ultimately Shirley was a follower of Jesus Christ, actively acknowledging Him as her Lord and Savior. She was member of Emory Baptist Church and active in her Sunday School class and small group bible study. She is known for her trademark advice to all believers; "It's OK, the Lord Knows what He's Doing."

Shirley was preceded in bereavement by her husband Phil T. Harris of 55 years; her mother-in-law, Reene Harris; her parents, JW and Jaque Stevenson; her brother, Jim "Jimbo" Stevenson; and grandson, Matthew Shedd. She is survived by her children, Reene Harris Shedd and husband David, Phil T Harris Jr and wife Margo; sister, Jean Moize and husband Bill and sister, Sarah; lifelong friend, Nancy Wilson; grandchildren, Kelsey (Shedd) Varner and husband Zach, Zach Harris and fiancé Melissa, Jordan (Shedd) Story, and AJ Harris and wife, Alexandra; great-grandchildren, Matt, Scarlett, Kelsea, Eliana, Amelia, Clare, Eli, Eden, Sabrina and Emmett; beloved Chihuahua, Jackson. And numerous nephews and nieces.

Shirley has a pure soul and the Holy Spirit burned bright within her. She was a blessing to all who knew her. The life she lived in this world will always be revered and never forgotten. Rest in Peace.

*Paid obituary*

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him.

I John 3:18-19



Believer’s Baptist Church

By Linda Brendle

“Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.”

Romans 16:15

On the final Sunday of Great Commission Month at Believers’ Baptist, Pastor Jerod Haygood preached a sermon from Romans called “It takes all of us working together.” In the Kingdom and Gospel work, locally and around the world, we all have a role to play, regardless of our backgrounds. God’s diverse people must work together for the

glory of Jesus and the good of others. A special mission offering was taken, and the Lord’s Supper was celebrated.

A young adult (18-30) Sunday School class will begin next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Jason and Stacy Rolén will teach “Living Out Loud.”

Church Connection Fellowship will begin in March. Watch for more information coming soon.

The Asking for a Friend podcast Episode #178 is titled “The Indomitable Brainerds” with Mack Tomlinson. The link is available at [www.bbcmemory.org](http://www.bbcmemory.org).

Emory Baptist Church

By Ronnie Witt

It has certainly been a busy week around Emory and Rains County. The community is abuzz with news of the Rains ISD Lady Cats basketball team advancing to the state tournament. EBC took a moment to recognize the members of the team who were in worship Sunday morning even after such an exciting Saturday afternoon. We also recognize and appreciate the other team members who were in their respective churches on Sunday, as well. Several EBC folks were in attendance at the games over the weekend and many will be making the trek south to San Antonio to cheer on the Lady Cats there.

Bro. Richard Piles’ sermon from Luke on Sunday morning was titled “Following Jesus.” In

it, Jesus called His disciples from their fishing nets to follow Him and “catch men.” Sometimes certain aspects of following Jesus may seem counterintuitive, but it is always worth it. In the evening, Bro. Richard shared a message from Deuteronomy titled “The End of Moses.” After the sermon, EBC held the February members’ meeting.

Over the week, Backpack Buddies met on Tuesday to pack food bags for Rains ISD students to have over the weekend. Looking ahead to next week, join us on Sunday morning for Friend Day High Attendance Day. Then, on Monday, the Senior Adult Ministry is taking a trip to Oklahoma City and Pawhuska, Okla. Stop by the hallway bulletin board to pick up a flyer.

Emory Methodist Church

By Mary White

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

Psalms 116:1

Rev. David Banks brought Sunday morning’s worship message titled “Prayer’s Pathway: God Listens” with scripture text taken from Psalms. It was such a wonderful day of praising the Lord. David spoke about how listening is crucial in both faith and life. In fact, listening is a means of understanding and connecting with God as He

heals, redeems and re-connects us to Him. But the best part of it all is God listens to us. Check out Psalm 116.

Birthday wishes go to Asa Calhoun, Aaron Calhoun, James Haley.

Pray for Christine Barnes, Mary Eversult, and Adam and family.

I guess the ground hog was correct, spring is here. I don’t want to jinx us so I’ll take that back.

Have a great week and as always be kind.

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Country Baptist Church

By Donna Boughton

It was a great day to be in the house of the Lord. Our Sunday School hour began with Jake Frazier leading us in a song about our need to surrender all of ourselves in service to God. After a prayer of dismissal, we went to our classes.

Donna Jones led our children in a wonderful study about the one lost sheep. Our Shepherd notices when just one lost sheep strays and is quick to go looking for that sheep to bring it back to the fold.

Our adult class continued to study how we are to be participants in the special dream God has for us. This week’s lesson was titled, “Just Say Yes!”

Jake continued to lead our worship service in several congregational hymns. Pastor Mike Frazier shared a special song from his past that evoked assurances to us that our relationship with God is

real. Right before the message, Kelsey Frazier brought our special music and did an excellent job.

Pastor Mike’s message continued from the book of 1 Timothy. The message focused on how the heart of the Gospel became established as truth. The Apostle Paul encouraged Timothy to hold to the truth of God’s Word and not to be misled by the false prophets and those preaching another gospel. Paul’s message is still appropriate for today, as we too, must cling to the truth of God’s Word.

Continue to pray for the elections, this country, and all those who will be traveling to San Antonio to watch the girl’s basketball team play. Continue to pray for those that are grieving loss of loved ones, those that are suffering with illnesses and those that are lonely. We have much to be thankful for, but we never want to forget those who are struggling.

Bright Star Baptist Church

By Glenda Galyean

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field: the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Matthew 13:44

Wednesday evening Pastor Andrew Grills brought an encouraging message from I John in regard to “Confirmation of Salvation.”

Our Sunday morning was very good! We appreciate our visitors. The children’s choir, led by Becky Kilborn, did an amazing job singing. One of the children actually wrote the last verse. We were blessed by Freddie Harvey singing the special before the message. Bro. Andrew’s message from Matthew was on “The Parable of the Hidden

Treasure.” A lady joined the church.

We will have our first of the month fellowship meal next Sunday; and we will observe the Lord’s Supper in the evening service.

We have a youth event scheduled for March 8. The ladies have a cake decorating class scheduled for March 9.

Are you ready? Daylight Savings time begins March 10. Spring Forward!

Come join us as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Birthday wishes go to Allen Grills.

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Best Electric Toothbrushes

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The New York Times Wire-

cutter, another popular product reviewing service, rates the Oral-B Pro 1000 (\$40) as the best electric toothbrush followed by the Philips Sonicare 4100 (\$40).

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If flossing has become challenging too, a good alternative to traditional string floss are floss picks. These are disposable plastic-handle tools that have floss threaded onto them, which makes them easier to hold and use. DenTek, Oral-B and others sell packages for a few dollars or check out the Listerine Ultra-Clean Access Flosser, which comes with a toothbrush-like handle for a better reach.

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